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Mayor Nolen shares his vision for the City of Inkster, Part I

By: Gina Steward - Special to the Telegram



Byron Nolen Mayor of Inkster

In the Telegram Newspaper's goal of sharing information from each Mayor in our coverage area, we sat down with Byron Nolen, the Mayor of Inkster. He is in his first term as Mayor and was excited about sharing his thoughts and philosophy with us.

TN - What has been your biggest challenge since becoming Mayor of Inkster? Nolen - Changing the mindset

of the people. They need to think bigger to get them to buy into a vision of our city changing, being different and being a more attractive city so people who don't live in the city to want to come to Inkster.

Most people are caught in the past. They remember when Inkster was doing well like other small cities when the economy was great. They were making money in the 80's and 90's when people was working in the automotive industry and they want to return to that, not realizing that we are not going back to that. That era is over. So now, things are different. You have to have some sort of skillset or technical skills in order to get those great jobs. You have to do something to have a skill.

TN - When you wake up; what reinforces your decision that being the Mayor of Inkster vs continuing as an lawyer? IN 2017 STATE OF BLACK AMERICA REPORT, BLACKS SHOW SLIGHT GAINS

By Lauren Victoria Burke (NNPA Newswire Contributor)



Morial speaks during the "2016 State of Black America" launch event at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

In their annual State of Black America report, called "Protect Our Progress," the National Urban League (NUL) suggested that the nation should invest in a "Main Street Marshall Plan" that would solidify gains made by Black Americans during the Obama Administration.

The plan includes many policy ideas the NUL has proposed in

previous reports including funding for expanding pre-K, increased Pell grant funding, increasing the minimum wage, and funding for summer jobs.

"During the Obama era, the economy added 15 million new jobs, the Black unemployment rate dropped and the high school graduation rate for African Americans soared. Now that progress, and much more, is threatened," said Marc Morial, the president and CEO of the National Urban League, during a brief press conference about the release of the 2017 report.

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Why do we Celebrate Memorial Day?



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



On Monday, May 30, Americans will celebrate Memorial Day. The Federal holiday that is observed annually on the last Monday of the month is highly anticipated by all, for various reasons. To students, it signifies the

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25th District Court Judges, Gregory Clifton and Judge David J Zelenak attended an event at Ecorse High School to discuss the drug problem that is taking the lives of people in the communities of Ecorse, River Rouge and Lincoln Park



Loving families needed for local kids in foster care May is Foster Care Month in Michigan



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LANSING, - Nearly 13,000 Michigan children of all ages need loving foster parents while the state works to reunite them safely with their biological parents or find them permanent adoptive homes.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in May is highlighting the crucial role that foster families provide in protecting children who were abused or neglected. Gov. Rick Snyder proclaimed May as Foster Care Month.

To show support for these foster families, and the thousands of children in foster care, MDHHS is encouraging Michiganders to change their profile picture on Facebook to show their #IFosterCare heart: https://actionsprout.io/FE72F6.

"We hope others will join us in raising awareness about the great need for foster families in Michigan," said Nick Lyon, MDHHS director. "We are always looking for more foster families so that we have the best fit to meet the unique needs of every child. Our state is fortunate to have foster families who selflessly provide stable and safe care for these children."

In addition, MDHHS's Foster Care Navigator program is featuring some of the many outstanding foster parents and kinship caregivers all month on its website at www.fcnp.org.

May is also a good time to recognize adoptive families, employees of state and private agencies, the courts and community and faith-based organizations for the support they provide to children in foster care and to their biological and foster families.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent can call a Foster Care Navigator at 855-MICHKIDS. Navigators are experienced foster care parents who can answer questions and guide prospective foster parents on their journey. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome or by texting MDHHS FOSTER to 64468 to receive updates about fostering.



LANSING — State Rep. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) said today that she hopes the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold Detroit Salt Co. to strict pollution requirements control tonight after they conclude their public hearing on the upgrades the company wants to do at its rock salt plant.

"I am always concerned when there is a proposed increase in air pollution, however slight, in my district because of the public health effects," said Chang. "I am glad that the Detroit Salt Co. includes numerous protections to minimize the air pollution at its salt mine. I hope that their MDEQ permit can be strengthened further to limit the fugitive dust at the facility as much as possible, because Southwest Detroit residents live very close by and could be negatively impacted by the particulate matter - very small particles that can enter into people's lungs."

State Rep. Chang Hopes MDEQ Strengthens

Pollution Abatement Requirements for Detroit Salt

Detroit Salt Co. wants to modify its operations at its salt mine to increase production of rock salt from the current 1.7 million tons per year to 2.5 million tons per year. The company also wants to build a bagging plant at their facility to receive, process and bag the rock salt. They would add four

new conveyors to transport the rock salt and two new rock salt storage buildings. Rock salt that is not stored in one of the buildings would be stored in an outdoor pile.

"Fugitive dust from facilities like Detroit Salt frequently create highly localized hotspots of particulate matter pollution, which can cause serious health problems for nearby residents," said Nicholas Leonard, from the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center. "We don't think the draft permit does enough to address that issue, and we'd like to see the permit require Detroit Salt to adequately limit its fugitive dust."

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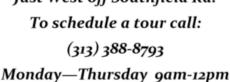
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OPINION

It's time to close the

divide

FLINT RESIDENTS STILL SUFFERING, FORGOTTEN, ABANDONED



Three Years Since Discovery of Tainted Water, Little Has Changed

Residents of Flint, Michigan have very little to celebrate, three years after the water crisis in the city made national headlines.

On April 25, as citizens of the bluecollar city, located about one hour from Detroit, marked the third anniversary of the announcement that over 100,000 men, women and children had potentially been exposed to high levels of lead in the drinking water, the suffering continues.

The health crisis arose shortly after officials decided to switch drinking water sources to the Flint River. Before long, thousands began to suffer from illnesses linked to the contaminated water, including an estimated 12,000 children who have been exposed to dangerously-high levels of lead. And while an estimated 15,000 children in the city will soon receive extra money for nutritional foods that can limit the effects of the lead exposure, that assistance will not be extended to families who left the city-even though their children may suffer from health problems related to the lead-contaminated water.

That decision, made by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, has not been well received. For now, qualifying families will receive a one-time payment of \$420 for each eligible child —funds that come from \$7 million in additional food assistance from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.

But for those like one former Flint resident and mother who moved barely a stone's throw away for the Vien Truong, the director of Green for All said that the #FixThePipes campaign has raised \$10,000 to fix Flint homes. With several celebrities signing on and asking their followers to give their support, including Van Jones, Common, Russell Simmons and most recently hip-hop artist Big Sean, she expects to see the level of donations increase.

"Every dollar we collect brings Flint families one step closer to clean bathing and drinking water," said Truong, who estimates that the bill for removing lead-contaminated pipes is \$10,000 per home. "Many don't know that over 8,000 city residents now have tax liens [on their homes] for refusing to pay for poisonous water," Truong said. "It's outrageous that three years later, families living in Flint still don't have clean drinking water. Lead has poisoned over 300,000 people. Meanwhile, companies have left, restaurants have closed, property values have declined and investors have gone elsewhere. We have to make people remember and help."

Truong continued: "With President Trump promising to cut the EPA budget by one-third, Americans need to understand that what's happened here in Flint will one day become the norm. One can intellectualize this all they want but studies show the disproportionate number of landfills, toxic facilities and dumps are more often located near the dwellings of low-income families or near places where people of color reside. No one speaks for them. Race remains a prevalent factor."

One young activist who has served as the face of the Flint water crisis, nine-year-old Amariyanna Copeny, also known as "Little Miss Flint, joined other protesters during the "Stand Up to Trump" rally outside the White House last month, criticizing President Trump for breaking his promise to address the problem. lines last year after she sent a letter to President Obama inviting him to come see the damage caused by the lead poisoning. Obama replied and visited the city, even meeting with the youthful activist.

In many cases, the stories of suffering from Flint residents seem to be unbelievable in a country like America, given its level of resources. One senior citizen who has lived in Flint since 1963 says she feels abandoned and confused particularly after receiving a water bill for \$1099.09 which officials from the water department alleged was issued to her because she had been "undercharged."

"I've written letters, I've gone to the city's Board of Review, I've called on my city councilmember—I've gotten nowhere," said Mary Huddleston, a 76 year-old widow who lives alone and says she barely uses any water at all.

Huddleston continued: "I keep making payments each month just enough to keep the water on so I can flush my toilet, but I don't wash much and only shower once a week. My hair began coming out from using the shower so I have to do it with bottled water that the city gave us. One day my water bill was \$151. Then, after new meters were installed, it jumped to over \$1,000."

Huddleston has been diagnosed with several respiratory illnesses and said that she believes the illnesses are a result of drinking and using the contaminated water.

"I feel like I'm being forced to pay other folks' bills—and for water that's still contaminated," said Huddleston.

Since a federal state of emergency was declared in January 2016, Flint residents have been instructed to use only bottled or filtered water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and bathing. Earlier this year, officials said the water quality had returned to acceptable levels.

However, residents continued to be told that they should use bottled or filtered water until all the lead pipes have been replaced something that won't be completed any sooner than 2020— in another three years.

"Flint will soon become a ghost town," Huddleston said. "But I can't go anywhere. I have nowhere to go. They talk about all this money being donated to help us. I don't know where it's going, but I sure haven't gotten a call."



By Jim Abeare

Ever since ABC and Disney cancelled Tim Allen's "Last Man Standing", over right's fees, please, my inner Republican has been coming out.

You don't cancel your network's number three show, and probably Friday's number one show over right's fees.

But you might use that as a excuse to cancel a show that doesn't match up with your political bent.

ABC and Disney, notoriously liberal. Tim Allen and "Last Man Standing" leans conservative.

Worse of all, Tim Allen is famously pro Trump.

We can't have that on network tv, can we?

Brings to mind what I saw on Facebook last weekend, "28 Reasons to Start Ignoring your Conservative Family and Friends".

Excuse me?

We really want to shut out half the population that we don't agree with?

What are liberals afraid of? Ideas?

Some conservative ideas are correct. Some liberal ideas are correct.

The job is to bring both sides together and get something that works for everyone.

Not to start shutting out and censoring family members and friends for having conservative ideas.

Besides, we all have common enemies to rally around, like Iran, North Korea and Ohio State.

The students at Notre Dame that walked out on Vice President Mike Pence only showed ignorance and disrespect for opposing ideas. Not open mindedness that colleges are supposed to teach.

It's time to work together and get things done, both sides have an equal say.

It's time for more important things in life, family, friends and the upcoming football season.

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sake of her young child's health, the dollars won't be made available.

"If I had moved to another state, I could understand being treated differently. But moving just 15 minutes away, I feel like it's unfair," said Ariana Hawk in an interview with the Detroit Free Press.

Meanwhile, a fundraising campaign has been launched by California-based Green for All—a climate and economic justice organization that focuses on poverty and pollution to create an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. "On the campaign trail, he promised he would fix Flint. Unfortunately, this was one promise that he failed to keep—just like his promise to 'Make America Great Again,'" Truong said.

"Little Miss Flint" first made head-

WHAT DO YOU SAY??

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D. Kevin McNeir, the editor of The Washington Informer, reports on the Flint water crisis, three years after the tragedy made national headlines.

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You Can Fly

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



The other day, I was driving up a road called Windhaven Parkway. As I was driving, at about 30 mph, I noticed something small running across the street in front of me. It was tiny and low to the ground, but just big enough for me to see it running.

From a distance, I thought it was a gecko. It was running pretty fast, trying to avoid getting hit by oncoming traffic, including me.

As I got closer, I noticed that it was not a gecko at all. It was a bird! Then all I could wonder is, "Why is this bird running, when it can fly?"

I wondered if the bird had an injured wing or something that prevented it from flying. But the way it was running, it did not appear to be injured. That question kept running through my mind all day. I thought about how the bird could have avoided unnecessary

stress and danger by simply flying over traffic instead of running through it, putting itself at greater risk.

This bird had greater abilities, but did not employ them. It made me wonder: "How often I have failed to use certain abilities that could have made things easier? How many

times have I run when I could have flown?"

Sometimes we don't fly because we forgot we have wings. Maybe sometimes we are afraid to use our wings, thinking they won't work properly. Or maybe sometimes it's just convenient to do something simple. I don't know. I can't imagine why a bird, who was born to fly,

would choose to run across a busy road. Why do we as people, sometimes not use our gifts or function on our highest possible frequency?

Let's be introspective. Ponder that. Think about your highest abilities. Make sure you are using them, ALL of them. Do not operate beneath your privilege and abilities. I want you to FLY!

You have privileges and abilities. Be aware of them and use them to the fullest. You have an anointing from the Holy One (I John 2:20). You have been rescued from darkness (Col. 1:13). You have access to the Father, AKA Creator of the Universe (Eph. 2:18). You

are not considered a slave, but a friend of God (John 15:15). God knows you personally (Jer. 1:5). God is always with you (John 14:17).

Make sure you are aware of these things and that you use them to your advantage in life. Don't put yourself in harm's way, by not using your privileges. Don't run when YOU CAN FLY! God bless you.

Janine Folks

Minister. Writer. Author. Chaplain Inspired to write; Writing to inspire



15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 (NIV)



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Romulus Relay for Life next weekend



Join residents and community groups for the Relay for Life. Why Relay For Life?? With so many worthy causes why choose Relay For Life? Relay For Life is a unique experience for all who participate. We all pitch in for fundraisers for individuals that we know, many of us donate to charities that address specific cancers like Breast Cancer or the Chad Tough foundation. So why Relay For Life? RFL con-

tributes to all of those charities either directly or indirectly by utilizing the funds raised to provide services for anyone experiencing a cancer event. No matter what type of cancer, ACS resources are available. Second, the event binds all of us together. Cancer doesn't care if you're Republican, Democrat, Atheist, Baptist or Catholic. Cancer doesn't care if you are 2 or 82 years old.

RFL brings people from all walks of life together for a common cause, to fight a common enemy. We can offer support, advice, and celebrate our victories together. This event is 24hrs long, much like someone fighting cancer we don't quit, all day, all night, we give it all we have-together! It is ironic that we fight this dreadful, frightening disease by being joyful. We create a fun filled, family friendly event that raises vital funding. RFL is FUN! The first Romulus RFL event theme is "Relav Around the World". Each team is encouraged to set up their site based on a country that has meaning to them... it will be fun to see the heritages of our residents displayed at Relay! There are already plans for Canadian and Mexican sites. What country will YOUR team represent? Each hour the "lap theme" changes too (we will provide this list in upcoming newsletters). For instance, the "Halloween lap" where teams pass out candy and residents young and old can "trick or treat" at Relay! There are contests at Relay; tug of war, volley ball, dance off, cook offs, anything is possible. Join the planning

committee to help plan these! At dusk, we take time out to remember all those stolen from us by cancer and to honor those who have won the fight or are still fighting. The Luminaria ceremony is a profound tribute you will never forget. RFL is one of the largest charitable events in the world, the programs funded impact all of us in some way. Now Romulus has the chance to do our part. For more information visit www.facebook.com/RelayFor-LifeRomulusMichigan/.



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Students from Ann Visger Academy are advocates for the Environment



The students were very confident as they spoke among adults and other youth

This past Thursday, students from Ann Visger attended a SEMIS Coalition Community Forum Conference at Eastern Michigan University. There were over 250 people and many students from The event gave the stu-

other school were in attendance. The goal was to raise awareness and spread word of their website; students4greatlakes.weebly.com.

dents to address the group and voice their opinions in support of EPA funding. The new budget from the President of the United States has plans to cut the funding.

State of **Black America 2017**

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By the metrics the report used to assemble their data, the 2017 State of Black America report concluded that:

• The overall equality index for African Americansis 72.3 percent, up from 72.2 percent the year before;

• The social justice index for Black Americans dipped from 60.9 percent to 57.4 percent;

• The health index for Black Americans grew from 79.4 percent in 2016 to 80 percent in the 2017 report.

Morial also suggested that recent activism against many of the Trump Administration's proposals, including massive cuts to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, have been delayed or blocked completely.

"Because of the vital work of the Urban League and other civil rights activists the administration has backed off of many of their first massive proposed cuts," said Morial. 'These cuts would be a mas-

sive move backwards for African Americans."

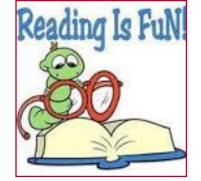
Morial has a familiar ask: A \$4 trillion investment in education, infrastructure and job training. The "Main Street Marshall Plan" is one of the most detailed proposals impacting African Americans put forward by any civil rights organization in the U.S.

"These main streets are in big cities and in small towns...they are where this nation's poor and middle class live," said Morial. "We need action and not rhetoric."

A special about the State of Black America will air on TV One on May 31.

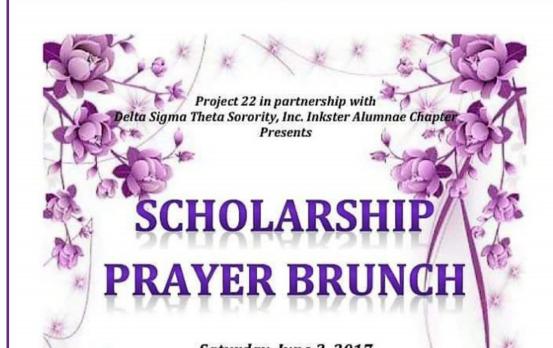
Learn more about the 2017 State of Black America report http://stateofblackamerica.org.

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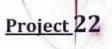
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Mayor Nolen

Mayor Nolen receiving an award from attorney Lisa Martin at the Western Wayne County NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner

Nolen - We always want to feel needed. Being the Mayor of Inkster you are definitely needed because there is so much work to be done. I was a lawyer for about 20 years and I became a good lawyer. There are many lawyers out there. Many of the past mayors hasn't been able to move the city forward. I wake up saying I have to get it done, because I don't know who else can get it done. Once I get it done and rebuild the city, then I can hand it off and all they have to do is maintain. That will make it easier for the next person to keep the city growing for years to come ...

TN - Now that the Inkster charter has been changed, how has your workload and day to day function has changed?

Nolen - Be careful what you wish for. It's long days; but you have to be there. They were somewhat dysfunctional as an organization and they didn't have leadership. I don't think the City Manager form of government provides leadership, especially when he or she is not part of the community. Not only do you have to lead and be part of the community, attend non-profits, dinners, banquets, meetings and talk to kids, you have to run the day to day. I was making \$8,000 a year as a part-time mayor and that wasn't sufficient for the time that you put in. Now, I'm there from 8:30 to 5 and on Mondays, I'm there until about 9. I'm going to stuff a couple days during the week, 2 - 3events on Saturday and sometimes on Sunday when they

owners are reaching out to me saying, "I need somewhere to go. I have money to invest and I want to be in a place where I am wanted." We are underdeveloped and the City owns property on Michigan Ave.. Our plan is to rebuild the city and build up Michigan Ave and give people a reason to come to Inkster.

TN - What prepared you for this position?

Nolen - Life experiences. I grew up in Inkster. My mom and my dad are here along with my family. The community helped raise me. You go off to school, you learn a lot of different things. You learn about business, you learn psychology, you learn about African American History and build yourself up. Then you go out into the workforce and see how things really work. Some times people treat you well, sometimes they don't. Then you bring all that home, apply it and make that work for your citizens.

I graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and University of Michigan.

TN - What do you see the problem for people not getting ahead in life?

Nolen - If poor people can get themselves together and stop talking about Republican and Democrat and just open their mind and see what is going on, they can do something about it. But as long as they are fighting amongst themselves and buying the rhetoric that is being dealt to them, we will always stay in this situation. The situation for many is, they

don't have any health care, they don't have a job and they are broke. I believe everyone should have an opportunity. We have to teach our kids to compete and they have to be better than somebody at something and you have to decide to do better. If not then you are going to be broke. My mother thought me that I have to be twice as good as the next person. CRIME ALERT -POLICE DEPT. BLOTTER FOR WEEK ENDING May 20, 2017

May 15th, 2017

At 0426hrs, officers went to a home in the 500 Block of Campbell Street for a report of people fighting in the living room. Upon arrival Officers observed a male and female sitting on the porch and got up and went inside the home and closed the door behind them. Officers attempted to make contact several time but the occupants refused to answer the door. The male owner was seen inside. Officers received a call from the location earlier for an unwanted party and when they arrived they were told there was no problem.

May 14th, 2017

At 1310hrs, an officer responded to a report of a Disturbance involving a Motor Vehicle Accident. When officers arrived they observe a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer in the middle of the street facing westbound. The Blazer appeared to have struck a 2003 Chevrolet Impala that was now parked on the north side of Neiman Street, on the grass, off of the sidewalk facing west. The vehicle had front end damage and was occupied with two children properly restrained in the back of the vehicle. There was another child in the front seat who had already exited the vehicle. The 34 year old female driver and mother of the children stated she and her children were not injured. And stated she took her eye off the road for a moment and struck the Impala. A check with LEIN showed her driver's license was expired. A short time later her 34 year old husband arrived on scene started questioned why his vehicle was being impounded. Then the husband started in on the officer telling him he didn't have a right to search his vehicle. Ok, STOP! First of all he was not involved with the incident and he should have not approach the scene. Secondly, to question why the vehicle was being impounded or anything else, unless that officer gave him an okay. Officer's Safety is key He was asked to help get his children and leave the scene. He walked towards Jefferson and turn around and began shouting the officer didn't have a right to search his vehicle. He was advised several times to leave the area. At one point he called someone on his cell phone and made a snide comment about the Command officer on the scene. He was placed under arrest for Disorderly

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want you to come to church. It's a seven day a week job. About 50 - 60 hours a week easy. And if you don't go, they get upset, they got a problem and they hold a grudge.

TN - What are two things that you would change about the city?

Nolen - Make the City more diverse if I could wave a magic wand. But I think it's changing already. I think Dearborn is bursting at the seams and Dearborn Heights people is moving west. The middle class and working class is looking for another place to go and they are choosing Inkster. Ford is investing money into Michigan Ave. and they want it to have a different look. So business

Part II of the interview with Mayor Nolen will be in next week's issue of the Telegram.



Conduct May 19th, 2017

At 1029hrs, a 41 year old female entered the police station lobby for a Juvenile Runaway complaint. She states her 14 year old daughter went to school at River Rouge High School and never came home after the end of the school day. She contacted the school and learned her daughter was in school that day. She stated at 2100hrs on 05/15/2017 she watched a video on Facebook of a fight located at Sabbath School and observed her daughter along with other juveniles at the scene videotaping the fight and posting it on Facebook. She states her daughter left the scene with a suspect driving a white Ford Focus. She haven't heard from her daughter.

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Memorial Day

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end of the school year and the start of a long lazy summer break. For adults, the holiday is a reminder to firm up vacation plans and host barbecue parties.

What gets overlooked in all this excitement is the real purpose of the holiday, which is to honor and remember the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives to protect and defend our right to freedom. Though the two often get mixed up, Memorial Day is different from Veterans Day, which is celebrated to honor all living veterans for their sacrifices and contributions.

The holiday was first observed as "Decoration Day" on May 30, 1868, by General Logan, the National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. He believed that a day to commemorate the country's fallen heroes would help unite citizens still recovering from the American Civil War waged between the Northern and Southern States from 1861-1865. Logan and 5,000 other participants celebrated the occasion by placing flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Photo Credit: library.duke.edu By 1890, Decoration Day had become a fixture on the calendar in all Northern States. The Southern States, however, declined to join and instead, selected a different day to honor their Civil War heroes. It was only after World War I when the holiday was extended to honor all dead military personnel that Decoration Day began to be celebrated nationally. Though the name "Memorial Day" began to surface as early as 1882, it did not become popular until after World War II and was not declared official by Federal law, until 1967.

The tradition of wearing red poppies on this day began in 1915 when American professor Moina Michael sold a few to her friends and co-workers to raise money for service persons in need. Madam Guerin, a French woman visiting the US loved the idea so much that

she adopted it in her home country to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. In 1921, Guerin joined forces with the Franco-American Children's League and the poppy fundraising endeavor went national in both, France and America. Unfortunately, the alliance lasted only a year. Not one to give up, Guerin convinced the USbased Veterans of Foreign Affairs (VFW) to take up the cause. Today, VFW "Buddy Poppies" as they are now called are assembled by disabled, needy, and aging veterans, helping them earn a living.

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Memorial Day was declared an official national holiday in 1971. But instead of May 30, lawmakers decided that the celebrations should be held on the last Monday of May, to enable Americans to enjoy a three-day weekend. Though that has been a good idea, it has also resulted in the day losing some of its significance. Concerned that Americans would forget why the day is celebrated, in December 2000, former US President Clinton signed 'The National Moment of Remembrance Act.' The law requires all Americans to observe a minute of silence at 3:00 pm (local time) to honor the heroes that have sacrificed their lives for the safety and freedom of the country.

So this Memorial Day, break away from the fun activities at 3:00 pm, and take a minute or two to thank the brave men and women who are no longer around to enjoy the day with their families.

Happy Memorial Day!

LOCAL MEMORAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Most City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

TRASH PICKUP IS DELAYED ONE DAY THIS WEEK FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLI- TIMATE SACRIFICE

ECORSE

The Ecorse Historical Society would like to honor and recognize its Veterans for their service to our country during this Memorial Day Service, May 29th at 11 a.m. at Dingell Park. Please come to Ecorse's City Hall and fill out an application.

INKSTER

Monday, May 29, 2017, The 48th INKSTER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE begins at 12noon. The parade route begins at Michigan Ave and I n k s t e r rd and goes to the area by the

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"Precious GEMS" are the young ladies, grades 4th-8th which will be a part of Camp Inspire. They will be presented with the opportunity to experience a 5-week summer camp geared towards the positive aspects of social media, i.e. technology, and allowing them to visit Silicon Valley, San Jose, California which is the birthplace of Facebook, Google, Twitter, many other "tech companies."

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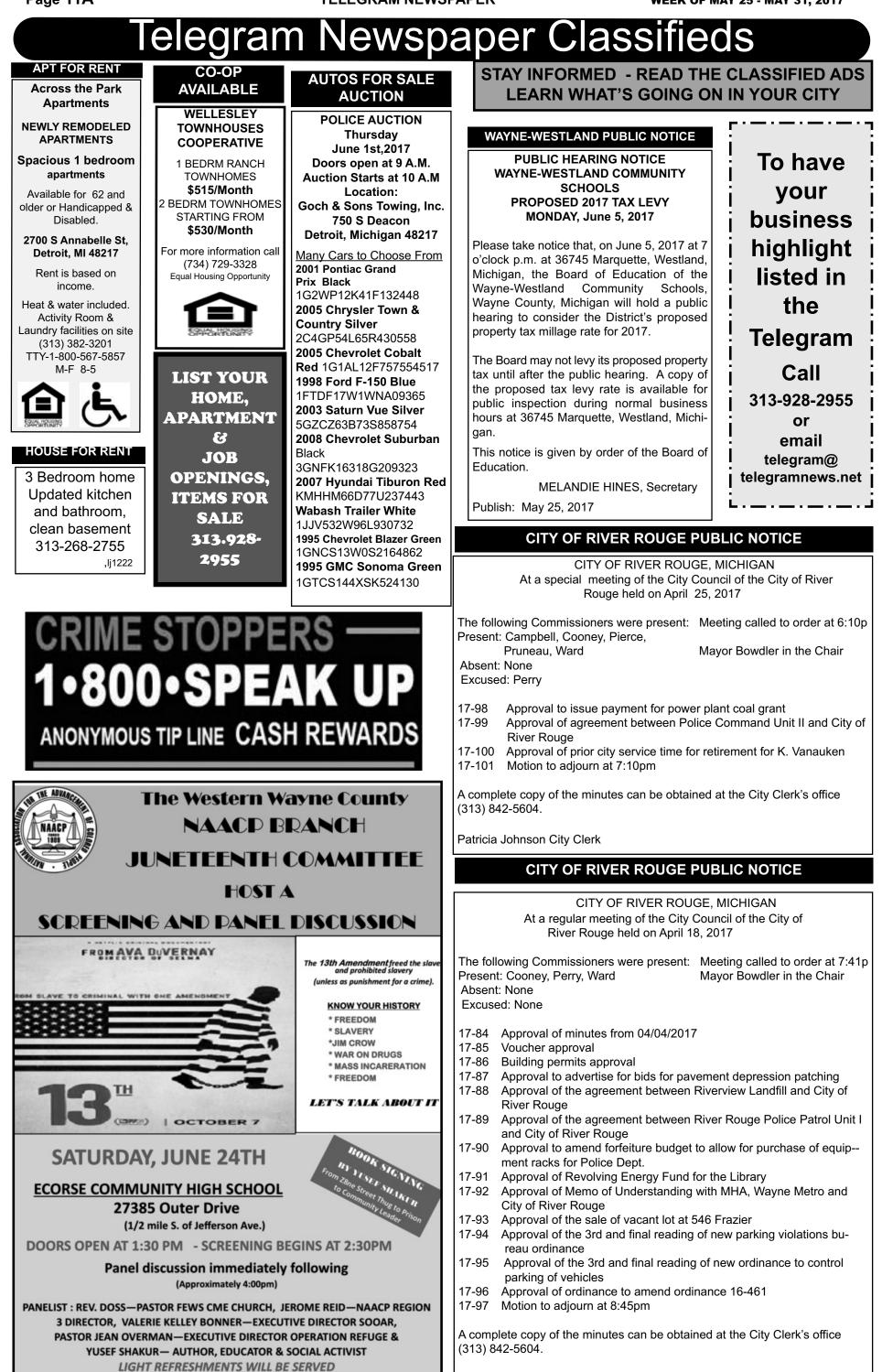
Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 29, 2017 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM at the City Hall located at 6000 Middlebelt Road Garden City, MI 48135 Everyone is invited.



River Rouge Police Chief Deborah Price says the City of River Rouge is taking their streets back and the change starts with you!.

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	17-85	Voucher approval					
	17-86	Building permits approval					
	17-87	Approval to advertise for bids for pavement depression patchin					
	17-88	Approval of the agreement between Riverview Landfill and City River Rouge					
	17-89	Approval of the agreement between River Rouge Police Patrol and City of River Rouge					
	17-90	Approval to amend forfeiture budget to allow for purchase of ecoment racks for Police Dept.					
	17-91	Approval of Revolving Energy Fund for the Library					
	17-92	Approval of Memo of Understanding with MHA, Wayne Metro a City of River Rouge					
	17-93	Approval of the sale of vacant lot at 546 Frazier					
	17-94	Approval of the 3rd and final reading of new parking violations reau ordinance					
	17-95	Approval of the 3rd and final reading of new ordinance to contination parking of vehicles					
	17-96	Approval of ordinance to amend ordinance 16-461					
	17-97	Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm					
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Ecorse Football Coach and Athletic Director prepare Student Athletes for life

By: Daelyn Davis - Telegram Intern



Coach Chanterius Brock and Athletic Director Keith Stephens

I had the chance to sit down with Keith Stephens (Athletic Director) and Coach Chanterius Brock (Football Head Coach) at the great Ecorse High School. We were able to discuss how they are moving forward and preparing their student athletes for this upcoming season and how they plan on constructing stellar student athletes for the next level.

Q: What is your goal for your team over this summer?

Brock: Just to do everything we can to get better every day. We need 100% participation and to just build on the little momentum we were able to build coming out of last year. We should be a little bit better in terms of personnel and depth but the main goal is to get better every day and build up the camaraderie we must build up that brotherhood aspect and set ourselves up for success in the fall.

Q: What are you doing to prepare your kids for the college level?

Brock: The main thing is exposure, exposing them to what the expectations are. Making sure they understand what the college coaches and college life is like. The way we do that is getting them on campuses as often as possible and get them out of town as often as possible. So what I'm trying to do is expand their horizons and basically expose them to the fact that they belong at somebody's University. Also we try to simulate the college world academically with grade checks and study table.

against all odds. We realized that building a program is a marathon and not a sprint. I'm looking forward to helping our young men grow, just not on the field in terms of wins and losses but in their maturity and actually guiding them to become great young men.

Q: What is your main goal as the athletic director?

Stephens: My goal is to first off support the ones working hard every day on the ground with our student athletes. Secondarily, support our student athletes and whatever their needs may be to help prepare them for the next level and most importantly enhance their student athlete experience here. So I want to build on our academic support as well as our athletic support here so we have a program that build students who are ready to be student athletes at the next level. We really have some great coaches here so I just want to support what they do to the best of my ability.

Q: How big are you on academics in your program?

Stephens: Student athlete, the first word is student. We don't live in the day and age where you could coast through and show up for football season and play and disappear for six months and then come back next football season and play. It doesn't work like that anymore. You have to be on track to graduate. You have to pass your credits the prior semester and you have to stay on task during the currents semester to participate. We are trying to prepare people to be successful at the next level wherever that may be. So, if I allow you to be lazy academically then I am not preparing you to be successful.

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Pitching Must Get Better, Hitting Must Be Timelier By Butch Davis



As of this past Monday the beloved Detroit Tigers are onefourth into the season with a record of 21-22. Now let me give credit where credit due Michael Fulmer was fantastic this past Monday night as the Astros struck early against Fulmer (5-2) when George Springer of the Astros drew a leadoff walk before scoring on the double by Jose Altuve to make it 1-0 with one out in the first. That lead would last the entire game as the Tigers lose to the best team of all of major league baseball the Houston Astros 1-0. Again let me give credit to Fulmer Houston got five hits combined in the second through fifth innings, however, wasn't able to string enough together to put Fulmer in a bind.

Although the Tigers could be doing worse than 21-22, they're nonetheless saddled with a laundry list of problems that could doom them to a third straight October-less season.

Beside Fulmer the Tigers starting pitching must do a better job of holding teams at bay in the earlier innings as in most of the games they have not done. Nevertheless the home team Tigers are trying to fix the problem within the organization as have made moves this past Monday. Anibal Sanchez wants to be in the Detroit Tigers rotation and he will work for it. Brad Ausmus' team announced on Monday that the righty had accepted his optional demotion to Triple-A Toledo to work for his comeback to the rotation. Anibal drove the decision while he wants to try a comeback to the Detroit Tigers' rotation. Anibal had two sides to himself on Spring Training where he just allowed one run in his last 18 innings pitched with just five hits allowed in his last four starts after he earned 14 runs in his first four outings in the Spring Training. After that, he was unable to win the job as a fifth starter against Matt Boyd. Sanchez worked out a mechanics issues back in the Spring Training and made some adjustments that worked in his final outings back in

MHSAA Regional Track & Field Results

By Butch Davis

The MHSAA 2017 Boys and Girls Regionals in Track & Field is in the books.

At the 2017 MHSAA LP Region at Canton-Plymouth, Wyandotte High School did well placing fourth in the overall team standing. Other schools of interest in the Telegram News reading area are as follow. MHSAA LP Regional 13-2 at Monroe Jefferson High School, Grosse Ile and Romulus tied for sixth place. Note Romulus placed number one in the Varsity Men's 4x200 Relay with a time of 1:31.62. Congratulations to Jason Parmely, Kaevon Merriweather, Pierre Brown and Trey Armstrong-Anderson. River Rouge men's placed eighth in team competition and number one in the Varsity Men's 4x100 Relay with a time of 44.43. Congratulations to Keyron Williams, Branden Woods, Reggie Pearson and Keyon Williams. In the Varsity Men's 100 Meters Finals 1) Pierre Brown Romulus, 2) Keyon Williams, River Rouge, 3) Trey Armstrong-Anders Romulus and 4) Keyron Williams River Rouge.

In the Varsity Women Team Scores (17 Events) Romulus place fourth. Events of interest in the Varsity Women's 200 Meters Finals, leisha Davis placed second of Romulus. Varsity Women's 400 Meters, leisha Davis, placed first for Romulus with a time of 59.47. Varsity Women's 4x100 Relay, Romulus place first with a time of 51.13. Congratulations to Ellisa Blackmon-Todd, Kenedi Hall, Destiny Armstrong-Ande and Mee'Ya Robinson. Varsity Women's 100 Meters Finals leisha

past Tuesday, hasn't even reached the big money yet. He's making \$18 million for a second year in a row. Up next is a \$24 million salary in 2018 and \$25 million salaries in 2019 and 2020.

On this continuing road trip the Tigers must put together some wins, as this season is one-fourth done, however, the pitching staff must be the main pizzazz in order for the team being able to contend for post-season. Now I have not forgot about the Tigers hitting woes, as it must improve as well. Detroit's only hit this past Monday was a single by Mikie Mahtook with one out in the third on a night the Tigers tied a season high by striking out 14 times. The team's only base runner after Tyler Collins was Victor Martinez, who was plunked with one out in the seventh. However Houston still faced the minimum in that inning when J.D. Martinez grounded into a double play to end the seventh. By the way, Detroit designated hitter Victor Martinez returned from the paternity list this past Monday after the birth of his daughter Camila Victoria last Friday in Florida. He went 0 for 2. That's about the extent of the bright side.

Davis and Mee'Ya Robinson of Romulus place second and third. Varsity Women's 100m Hurdles Finals, Itaija Thomas of Romulus place second.

At the Whitmore Lake Regional Congratulations to Terria Fisher, Dearborn Heights-Robichaud, Tasheina Heaven, Taylor Prep and Mikayla Trumbla, of Allen Park-Cabrini place one, two, and three in the Girls 100 Meter Dash. Girls 200 Meter Dash. Terria Fisher of Dearborn Heights Robichaud placed First. Girls 4x100 Meter Relay Dearborn Heights Robichaud place first with a time of 51.28. Congratulations to Shaquetta Woods, Kierra Rice, Mariah Harris and Terria Fisher. Girls 4x200 Meter Relay Dearborn Heights Robichaud place first with time of 1:49.14, Congratulations to Shaquetta Woods, Armisha Rooks, Mariah Harris, and Kierra Rice. Girls 4x400 Meter Relay, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Congratulations to Shaquetta Woods, Armisha Rooks, Mariah Harris, and Terria Fisher. Boys 400 Meter Dash, Cameron Underwood of Dearborn Heights Robichaud finished first. Bovs 800 Meter Run, Nick Hammond finished first from Riverview-Gabriel Richard.

The Boys and Girls Track & Field Finals with take place on June 3th at the following schools in the Lower Peninsula. D1-East Kentwood HS, D2–Zeeland HS, D3-Comstock Park HS and D4-Houseman Field.



Q: What are you most looking forward to this upcoming season?

Brock: Just growth, we were blessed to pull off a playoff berth last year going up

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March. However, they didn't work at all during this season.

Yes he started the year out in the bullpen and he did not do so well. He allowed 21 earned runs in 21 innings pitched and nine home runs in 11 outings, where he doesn't allow any runs just in four of them. Before he was demoted, on Monday, he had a 9.00 ERA. Anibal is not the only pitcher that has something to prove, Jordan Zimmermann still has time to live up to the five-year, \$110 million contract he signed with the Detroit Tigers in November 2015. He's served one year and not even two months. The right-hander's first start of 2017 went well, as he allowed just one run in six innings against the Boston Red Sox back on April 8. However it's been one disaster after another in seven outings since then, and the string has jacked up his ERA to an ugly 6.25. Zimmermann, turn 31 this

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No matter who's to blame, Dad needs help with alcoholism.



Dear Alma.

Around six months ago, I to see clues that started something was going on with my husband. I started going through his wallet and cell phone because I thought he was having an affair. I was right. I almost fainted when I found a phone in the trunk of the car with pictures of him and another woman. All of the calls were to the same number, which made me believe it was her number. I hit the button and she answered the phone.

When she said hello, I hung up. I put the phone back and didn't tell him. I love him and am trying to keep my marriage. He hasn't said anything about my phone call. Do you think I should mention it? My ego is just about gone and all I want to do is stay in bed. I wish I had not looked in the trunk. I do not know if I should stay or go or why I'm confused on what to do.

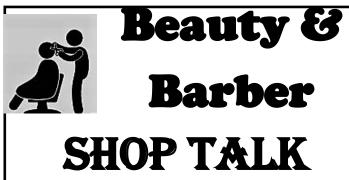
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Dear Reader,

You're not confused sweetheart, you're heartbroken. You're dejected, sad and depressed. Your husband is having an affair and you don't want to confront him because you're scared he might leave you. Let that truth simmer for a minute, then drop it. If not addressing it is an option, learn to live with it. My question to you is, why did you go searching for what you weren't ready to find?

Should you mention it, you asked. Really? If you need me to answer you Sweetie, continue to entertain that rubber ducky in your dirty bath water. Email me back when you're ready to pull the plug and do something about it. Let me know when you're ready to clean up your mess, redress your problems and restore your self-worth.

That's when I'll have amazing, life affirming advice to share. Honestly, if I took the time to answer you, you wouldn't hear me. Cause truth-be-told, right now, on this day, you love him more than you love yourself. (Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail. com.



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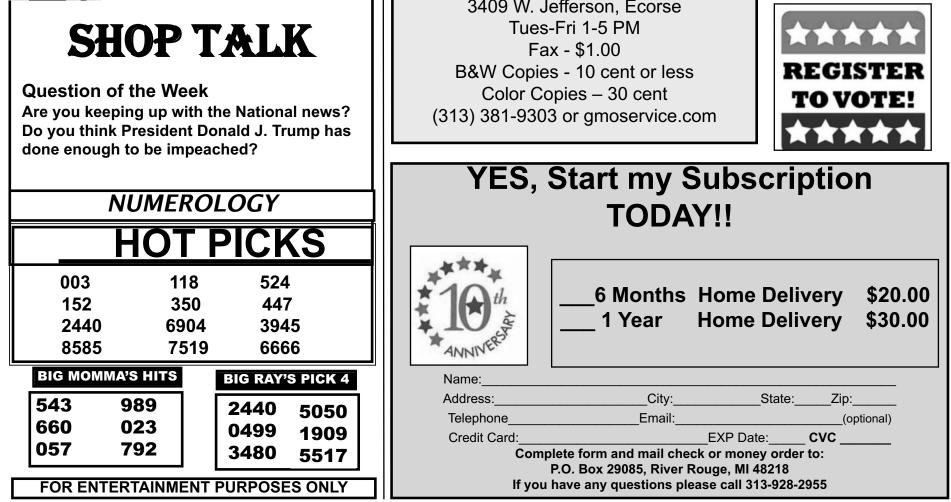
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Wayne County Clerk, Cathy M. Garrett, Honors Staff at 2017 Employee Appreciation Award



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On April 25, 2017, Wayne County Clerk, Cathy M. Garrett, hosted a staff appreciation dinner and awards ceremony to honor their ongoing achievements.

Employees nominated their fellow peers for the "Excellence in Customer Service Award" (ECS) or the "Outstanding Work Performance Award" (OWP).

While the awards were designed around a peer-to-peer nominating process, many employees in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC) also surprisingly nominated members of their management team, designating them recipients of "The People's Choice Award."

In addition, Clerk Garrett presented three individuals with the "Unsung Hero Award," as these individuals consistently go above and beyond their job duties, often multi-tasking other roles within their own positions.

"Throughout my time as the Wayne County Clerk, we have accomplished a lot – through good and bad times in Wayne County," said Clerk Garrett. "We have often been asked to do more with less, so this event was just one small way of showing the employees of the Wayne County Clerk's Office how much they are valued well beyond their work."

Although this isn't the first awards ceremony given by Clerk Garrett, this year's event took place at Byblos Banquet in Dearborn, MI, and also featured live music and a dance floor. Over 100 employees attended, and this is a yearly commitment from Clerk Garrett.



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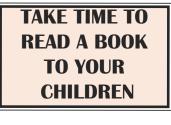
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