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Beyond Reducing Prison Population, Can Prop. 47 Reduce Crime?

New America Media, News Report, Anna Challet



Young man released from jail is happening more often in California

With the Trump administration pushing a tough-on-crime, lawand-order approach to criminal justice reform at the federal level, the work of reducing prison populations may fall to states - and California is ahead of the curve.

form advocates, the conversation isn't just around shifting away from mass incarceration. The question now: how to go beyond sentencing reform and do the work of making communities safer and the families within them stronger.

In California, among justice re-

Sentencing reform - Page 19A

Judge Relents, **Mistrial Declared in Cosby Sex Assault Case**

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)

River Days come to Detroit this weekend



The 2017 River Days will be held June 23- June 25th on the beautiful Detroit riverfront. This one of a kind festival takes place along the Detroit

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William G. Milliken State Park. River Days is a celebration of Detroit's RiverWalk with activities on land and water. Expe-

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Bill and Camille Cosby after

NORRISTOWN—Saturday a mistrial in Bill Cosby's sexual morning, County Judge assault case. Steven T. O'Neill finally bent to the will of the jury and declared

"The legacy remains intact," Cosby - Page 2A

Minority Male Community College Collaborative

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Cosby trial

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said Andrew Wyatt, the longtime spokesman for the legendary entertainer. "For Gloria Allred and all those other lawyers, tell them to go back to law school and take another class."

Wyatt continued: "The legacy hasn't gone anywhere, it's intact, [Bill Cosby] feels vindicated."

Jurors deliberated for more than 53 hours, several times asking to have testimony reread, before declaring a second time that they were hopelessly deadlocked.

The judge, who seven times previously denied mistrial requests made by the defense, finally gave in and declared the mistrial.

Cosby, 79, had maintained his innocence even rejecting a friendly plea deal offered by prosecutors just before the trial started in early June.

"I'm innocent. I'm not going to plea to something I did not do," Cosby said, during an exclusive interview with the NNPA Newswire. As he walked out of the courtroom on Saturday, still a free man, he again thanked the Black Press for being fair. "Thank you for everything. Thank you for your fairness. I'm going home."

Cosby's wife, Camille, released a statement blasting the judge and prosecutors.

"How do I describe the District Attorney? Heinously and exploitive ambitious. How do I describe the judge? Overtly and arrogantly collaborating with the District Attorney," said Camille Cosby. "How do I describe the counsels for the accusers? Totally unethical." Camille Cosby described mainstream media as, "blatantly vicious entities that continually disseminated intentional omissions of truths for the primary purpose of greedily selling sensationalism at the expense of a human life."

Camille, like her husband, went on to thank their lawyers, their staff and Wyatt.

The judge has asked that prosecutors file a new case within 120 days; District Attorney Kevin Steele said he would. Camille Cosby also said in the statement that she was grateful for the jurors, "who tenaciously fought to review the evidence; which is the rightful way to make a sound decision."

The statement continued: "Ultimately, that is a manifestation of justice, based on facts, not lies. As a very special friend once stated, 'truth can be subdued, but not destroyed."

Neither Cosby nor his team would address the district attorney's statement that he would seek another trial in this case.

Brian McMonagle, Cosby's lead defense attorney who proved his reputation as one of the best in the business, thanked the jury and judge in court.

After a brief statement that was read by Wyatt, Cosby and his team hopped into a waiting SUV and drove away from the Montgomery County Courthouse, certainly hoping to never see it again.

"Mr. Cosby's power is back," said Wyatt. "He has been restored."



Dave Pagel R-Oronoko State Representative

LANSING - State Reps. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) and Dave Pagel (R-Oronoko Township)are introducing a pair of bills recently in the Michigan House that would allow Michigan residents who maintain a home and meet the definition of residence in Michigan, but may not be citizens or able to prove lawful presence, to access operator's licenses or state identification cards. This group includes not only undocumented workers and immigrants, but also elderly people, particularly those of rural origins whose births may not have been properly recorded or whose records were lost, U.S. citizens born abroad to American families (common in military families), and foreign adoptees.

"Every day in this state and in my district, which includes Southwest Detroit, thousands of people get in their cars and drive without a license or insurance. This is not because they want to break the law, but because Michigan law will not



GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Chang, Pagel Introduce Bills to Allow Residents

Driver's Licenses, ID Cards

Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) State Representative

allow them to obtain driver's licenses. It is bad policy and a danger to anyone driving on Michigan roads," Rep. Chang said. "My bill would ensure that all Michiganders are subject to the same standards, training and testing before they get behind the wheel. It will allow residents who are currently unable to get licenses to be able to go to work, drive their children to school, attend church, and go grocery shopping without fear that they will end up in jail simply for driving."

Currently, 10 states plus the District of Columbia have laws to permit some form of legal driving without proof of immigration status.

"To me, this is an economic issue as much as it is a social justice or public safety issue," Rep. Pagel said. "Fruit and vegetable growers in Michigan rely heavily on migrant workers to harvest our crops and to work in our packing sheds. These hardworking families liv-

ing in our state desire the ability to legally drive and to purchase insurance. This legislation is an important effort to make this possible, supporting both a safer Michigan and our agricultural community." Rep. Chang's bill, House Bill 4794, states that the Michigan Department of State shall promulgate rules in cooperation with law enforcement, immigrants' rights groups and other interested parties to non-commercial issue a driver's license to applicants who satisfy all other requirements for a license under the Michigan Vehicle Code other than proof of legal presence. Rep. Pagel's bill, House Bill 4795, states that the Michigan Department of State shall promulgate rules in cooperation with law enforcement, immigrants' rights groups and other interested parties to issue an official state personal identification card to an applicant who is unable to submit sufficient documents to verify his or her identity and legal presence as required by Public Act 222 of 1972.

"Immigrants contribute socially, culturally and economically to our state, regardless of their status," explained Susan Reed of the Michigan Immigrant Rights Coalition, a group in favor of the bills. "We support access to licensing and identification that recognizes immigrant rights and includes immigrants in drivers' responsibilities."

Statement from State Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) on the passage of the MPSERS reform legislation from the House:



4647.

"We are already facing a teacher shortage in Michigan, and this legislation will further erode our ability to attract quality talent — without which we cannot properly prepare our students to become the thinkers, leaders and workers of tomorrow. We are compromising a retirement system that was designed to give educators a reasonable allowance to cover their cost of living in their senior years, yet now we've deemed that an unworthy venture. Who will suffer most? Our children. "There are currently 26 school districts in financial debt, and among the myriad struggles they already face, it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to retain the talent they need to pull their students out of the political guagmire they have been dragged into. Some of my colleagues are willing to hold hostage the future of our

state's children to score political points on this front, while simultaneously backtracking on another critical one: jobs.

"This body has spent a great deal of time tweaking tax incentives for corporations for job creation. When our good teachers have fled, and our children are unable to receive an education that qualifies them for those jobs, who exactly will they have been created for? Businesses are about making money, they're going to hire those with the talent worth their expense. If this trend continues, that talent will not be found in our schools. "We should be good stewards of Michigan's financial stability. We've seen enough of what partisan ideology can do to our state. It is time to stand together and work toward a more perfect union for the future of Michigan's greatest asset, our children."

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"As a former teacher, I have a responsibility to speak as a legislator not only on behalf of my constituents, but on behalf of those with whom I shared in calling and service for so many years. This pension bill is fiscally irresponsible, does nothing to address legacy debt, and continues to place the burden on schools and our children, and that was why I urged my colleagues passionately to vote no against House Bill

WHAT DO YOU SAY??

OPINION

Congressional Black Caucus Presses Trump Administration On Hate Crimes

Written By Nigel Roberts



o far the Trump administration has largely ignored the surge in domestic terror that targets minorities. Black lawmakers say that must change. They want federal law enforcement agencies to make fighting hate crimes a priority.

The Hill reports that the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) is urging the administration to increase its effort to investigate and prosecute hate crimes against minority groups. Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-La.), the CBC's chairman, wrote a letter addressed to the heads of the FBI. Justice Department and Homeland Security.

Richmond tells the department heads that they must "proactively" investigate and prosecute every hate crime, which began to surge during Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

The congressman writes Trump "employed that starkly divisive rhetoric" to connect with members of the GOP base who have a propensity for racial or religious bias. He notes that Trump supporters attacked African Americans, Hispanics, Muslims and immigrant



rights advocates at campaign rallies.

Now that Trump is in the White House, many of those individuals feel "emboldened" to act on their hatreds, he adds.

Indeed, the Southern Poverty Law Center recorded 1,094 bias incidents since Trump won the election. There's evidence that about 37 percent of those incidents have a Trump connection, such as a reference to his campaign slogan, according to the organization.

Richmond points to several recent examples reported widely in the media, including the fatal stabbing of a young Army officer, Richard Collins, by a suspected neo-Nazi days, before the soldier's college graduation ceremony.

He also underscores the nooses found at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Earlier this month, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) renewed his call for the House Homeland Security Committee to take action against domestic terrorism. That came in the aftermath of fatal stabbings in Portland, Oregon, in an appar-

ent anti-Muslim incident. Thompson's first call for action came after a White supremacist fatally shot nine African-American worshippers at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S **OFFICE WORKS HARD TO** REDUCE FORECLOSURES

Since my election as Wayne County Treasurer nearly one year ago we have taken aggressive steps to prevent foreclosures in Wayne County. Contrary to some recent media reports reflecting special interests, there's simply no incenforeclose tive to on homeowners anywhere in Wayne County. The assertion we are counting on foreclosures to balance the county budget is absurd.

We are doing everything we can to reduce foreclosures, help people get into payment plans and obtain the financial aid and advice they need to be productive homeowners in our greater community.

Without question, the foreclosure issue is a major one in Wayne County and may well be unprecedented anywhere in the nation. Wayne County and its largest city, Detroit was impacted by the Great Recession and subsequent largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. History - all following decades of decline in population due to evaporating jobs in the automotive and related industries and globalization. No other region has been affected by similar economic shock waves. I cite these issues to provide context to the challenging dilemma of the continuing foreclosure problem.

From my perspective, we have a firm grasp on the challenge and can demonstrate great progress in foreclosure reductions. We are optimistic that the worst is behind us. Let's look at just the past few years:

In 2015, some 28,000 properties were auctioned due to foreclosures.

In 2016, we were able to reduce the number of foreclosures to 13,900.

We are working to reduce the number of properties in the auction in the fall of 2017. The office of the Wayne County Treasurer has less than 10,000 properties scheduled to be auctioned.

options to prevent foreclosures.

Supported and attained new legislation for the Interest Rate Reduction program allowing homeowners to reduce their interest rates on delinquent taxes for 18% to 6%.

Enrolled thousands of homeowners in monthly payment plans.

Joined a kiosk network to allow people to make payments in their neighborhoods in a safe, convenient manner with no "convenience fees." (This has increased collections, reduced overhead and stabilized payment programs).

Engaged homeowners in Taxpayer Saturdays and Talk with the Treasurer sessions throughout Wayne County to educate residents on all of the options and resources available to help them stay in their homes.

Cooperated with the State of Michigan and Federal Government in the Step Forward program to bring additional resources to help.

Commissioned a door knocking campaign for over 6,200 properties in Detroit. Securing and boarding up unoccupied structures that are open to trespass and pose a safety hazard.

One of the root causes of property tax foreclosure is poverty, which is compounded by a lack of education, job training and employment opportunities. Our office will continue to fulfill our statutory duties and collect taxes and enforce the law while doing everything possible to help people stay in their homes.

The Great Divide

By Jim Abeare



If the shooting at the Republican baseball practice proved anything it is how divided the country actually is.

Also how dangerous some on the left has become since Trump was elected.

People, let's take a chill pill and relax for a moment.

We can't just attack each other because we have different views.

We are supposed to be on the same team, not trying to sabotage each other.

Government is so divided that each side is actively working to make sure the other side fails.

That is not the way to make sure the country succedes.

Only by both sides working together are things going to work.

Take a football team. Only by the offense and defense working together will the team win.

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So come on people, let's stop fighting each other and work together.

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Richmond writes in his letter to the department heads that federal hate crimes statutes are effective tools to achieve the mission of protecting people.

"Surely there is no greater cause of a government than to protect the lives of its citizens, particularly those uniquely vulnerable to hate, intolerance, and violence," he adds.

Lt. Richard Collins III

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Road Blocks

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



You have a plan or a road map to lead you on your designated journey. You move forward and things are going well. Suddenly you run into an unexpected road block. Whenever you run into a road block, the most common reaction is frustration. Road blocks force you to change your plans. Road blocks force you to stop.

When you run into an obstacle, that's not so bad. You can maneuver around an obstacle. But a road block is a 'NO, you are absolutely not going that way.' When we run into road blocks that stop us, we usually want to kick, scream, protest or demand that the road block be removed so that we can go about our way.

Think about why road blocks are put in place to begin with. Road blocks are set up to for our protection. Why do we protest against something that is put in place to protect us?

Sometimes we want to make things happen in life and God will put something in the way to make us hold off. We often say it's the devil trying to hold us back, when sometimes it is really God trying to protect us from something we need to leave alone.

Persistence and determination are wonderful qualities. I like

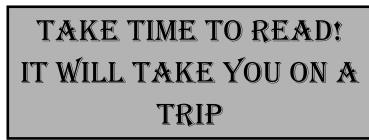
people who know how to make things happen. However, we need to be able to discern when it's time to let a thing go and turn around and go the other way.

Read Numbers 22. Balaam was a renown prophet. When Balak had a problem with some foreigners out of Egypt populating his city, he wanted them out [v. 11]. Balak called on Balaam to drive them out. Then God came to Balaam and said not to go curse the people because they were blessed people [v. 12]. Balaam was obedient and complied. He told Balak God said not to go [v. 13]. Balak was not pleased, so he sent for Balaam again. Balaam refused again, but then the Lord gave him permission to go with restrictions [v. 20]. Balaam felt like he had the green light to go ahead on his journey.

In route, Balaam's donkey stopped because he saw an angel with a sword. Balaam didn't see the angel and he got so mad at the donkey, he hit it twice in a fit of rage [v. 23-25] for stopping in the middle of the road refusing to move forward. Finally, the donkey had to set Balaam straight and explain why he would not move. The donkey was trying to save Balaam's life. It's interesting that Balaam, being a prophet, could not see what was really going on.

Don't be too quick to get angry at the road blocks in your life. They could be saving your life. Are there situations in your life that are like donkeys. Don't beat the donkeys. Trust God with the road blocks in your life.

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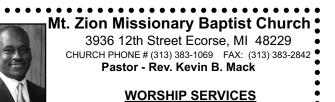
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Spiritually Speaking: Are You a Card-Carrying Christian?

By James Washington (The Dallas Weekly/NNPA Member)



Once one takes up the standard of this revolutionary thinking, once you commit, once you decide to live humbly and mercifully in love and forgiveness, isn't it interesting the kind of attention you attract?

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings." —1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV).

Looking around the world today, it would be naïve not to recognize that religious persecution is still a critical component of man's inhumanity to man. Real and fake news will show you that people all over the world are being annihilated for the God they worship. We sometimes take for granted the religious freedom we have in this country and I believe that has lulled us into a false belief that being a Christian is easy. Well it's not. It's empowering. It's enlightening. It's eternal. But it is not easy. The good news is we are not alone and never have been. Living for God is probably the best realty check. Its reward is an inner understanding of the workings of the universe that affords one the idea that physical life is temporary while the spiritual is eternal. Many of us believe in life after physical death. The faithful have some insight into this. Life as we know it can be cruel. We have come to think that eternal life is just the opposite. Rationalizing the difference is where and when faith resides. Is it any wonder then that belief in a deity that invites humility, demands love and recognizes mercy is cause for ruthless and radical reaction among those who would live otherwise? Is it any wonder that love for Christ Jesus invites the wrath of Lucifer in all of his forms? That spiritual card we carry as Christians indeed needs to be worn as a red badge of courage, because courage is what it's going to take to withstand the ridicule and violence of this world, as well as the scorn of those who would tempt you with the weaknesses of your passions. And lastly, courage is a prerequisite for the certainty of death that will befall all of us.

If life after death is a fact that most can agree upon, then I believe it stands to reason that our membership card is most assuredly a ticket into a kingdom of blood and faith preserved for believers; the same believers who are shunned and persecuted and murdered today and yesterday in the name of God. I continue to be moved by the acts of faith in the Bible where mere acknowledgement of one's beliefs in the Son of God invites certain death. This is not ancient history; not if you profess Jesus is still Lord. May God bless and keep you always. The Dallas Weekly is a member publication of the NNPA. Learn more about becoming a member at NNPA.org.



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River Rouge is 1 of 26 Michigan Communities Recognized for Sustainability Achievements

LANSING - More than two dozen Michigan communities were recently honored in the statewide Michigan Green Communities Challenge for commitment to sustainability projects, from green infrastructure improvements to renewable energy projects.

The Michigan Green Communities Network (MGC) celebrated 26 communities during a June 6 event in Muskegon on clean energy and environmental leadership.

The Network aims to connect community leaders through training, education, and communications. The MGC is a partnership of the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties, and Michigan Townships Association.

Challenge, The original launched in 2009, emphasized energy efficiency projects. In 2016, MGC network members, with support from the C.S. Mott Foundation, revised and relaunched the MGC Challenge. Program benefits include creating a roadmap for sustainability initiatives; establishing benchmarks for your community's progress toward sustainability initiatives; and the motivation of comparing and competing with other Michigan communities. The Challenge competition occurs annually, but is available year-round as a tool for communities to

benchmark sustainability.

River Rouge received the Bronze Certification for established a revolving energy fund to support energy improvements at the public library.

"Clinton Township is honored to achieve a silver certification from our first MGC challenge," said Elizabeth Vogel, deputy supervisor for Clinton Township. "We are proud of the work we have accomplished, especially storm water runoff mitigation efforts achieved by investments at the Township Civic Center. Indeed, these 'green' infrastructure investments will improve water quality in the Clinton River and benefit the health of residents."

As part of the Michigan Green Communities Challenge, participating local governments were awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze certifications. In this year's Challenge, communities involved in the program had the chance to win one of three prizes. The City of Traverse City received the randomly-drawn \$3,000 prize for being a new participant. The City of Grand Blanc received the randomly-drawn \$3,000 prize for returning participants. Additionally, Muskegon County received a \$1,500 prize for "most-improved community" for making the most progress from the 2016 to 2017 Challenge.





48217 Zip Code **Air Sampling** Station **Open Community** Informational Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 6 pm New Mt. Hermon Baptist Church 3225 Deacon Street Detroit MI 48217

Presenters will discuss air sampling data collected between January 2017 and April 2017. The air monitors have been collecting samples of heavy metals, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) among others. This is the second community informational meeting since the monitoring station was sited at New Mt. Hermon in August 2016. A third community informational meeting will take place in late September 2017.

For those cities that are having elections this year; Upcoming **Elections: CITY PRIMARY ELECTION** ~ August 8, 2017 Deadline of Registration -Monday, July 10, 2017 **CITY GENERAL ELECTION** ~ November 7, 2017

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dearborn Heights

City Council Meeting Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

Detroit

Drop in Ceramics

Drop in every Monday and Friday for a ceramics class from 11:30AM - 3:30PM at the Farewell Recreation Center, 2711 E. Outer Dr. For ages 50 and older.

Line Dance

Join us every Monday and Thursday from 1-3PM for a line dance class at the Farewell Recreation Center, 2711 E. Outer Dr. For ages 50 and older.

Introduction to Ballroom

Join us every Tuesday for an Introduction to Ballroom class from 1-3PM at the Farewell Recreation Center, 2711 E. Outer Dr. For ages 50 and older.

Chess Class

Join us every Tuesday for a chess class from 3:30-5:30PM 1-3PM at the Farewell at Recreation Center, 2711 E. Outer Dr.

Ecorse

NAACP Community Viewing The NAACP is hosting a community viewing and panel discussion of the Documentary "13th" at Ecorse Community High School (27385 Outer Drive). Doors open at 1:30PM. The screening begins at 2:30PM.

Inkster

Beautification & Clean-Up-June 24, 2017

Join your Council People and community members for the 2nd Clean Up of the Summerbeginning at 9am at Booker **Dozier Recreation Complex** 2025 Middle Belt Inkster, MI 48141

Summer Music Series Thursday, June 22, 2017

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

ORIGINAL CITIZENS OF SOUTHWEST DETROIT: Thursday, May 18th at 6pm at

This event features the RJ Spangler and Larry Smith Jazz Quartet. Lawn of the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library 2005 Inkster Road Inkster, MI 48141 Event takes place from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM For more information contact: 313-563-2822

Lincoln Park

Lincoln Park Farmers Market June 25, 2017 at 11AM there will be a community farmer's market at the Fort and Southfield parking lot, next to Painters Supply.

Romulus Farmer's Market

June 28, 2017 from 11AM-4PM, join us for a Farmer's Market at the Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St. This event repeats through September.

Taylor **Farmer's Market**

Join us June 30, 2017 from noon until 7PM at the Sheridan Center Open Air Pavilion (12111 Pardee Road) for our Farmer's Market. The market will occur throughout summer and will conclude September 29.

Westland

Westland Farmer's Market

The Westland Farmer's Market will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion located at 1901 N Carlson. The Market will take place every Thursday from 3-7p.m. The Market is being held through October.

Wyandotte Mom 2 Mom Sale

Join us Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the Yack Arena (3131 Third Street) for a mom 2 mom sale. Early Bird entry is \$2 and will allow entrance beginning at 8AM.

City Council

Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7PM, city council will meet in the council chambers of Wyandotte city hall (3200 Biddle Ave., Ste. 300).

Farmers Market

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TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER

Rainbow PUSH Expands Partnership with North American International Auto Show



Reverend Jesse Jackson to Bring Message of Unity and Equality to Global Audience

DETROIT, PRNewswire-US-Newswire/ -- The Rainbow PUSH Coalition announced today it will be expanding its partnership and presence at the 2018 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), held annually in Detroit on the third Monday in January. Since 2014, the team at Rainbow PUSH Coalition, led by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., its founder and president, has worked closely with NAIAS in the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday that occurs at Cobo Center during the auto show.

"Honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and spreading his powerful message of equality and peace to the thousands of international press and executives attending one of the world's greatest auto shows will be truly impactful," said Rev. Jesse Jackson. "Dr. King challenged us to live beyond his dream. He was an advocate of social, political, and economic justice. Dr. King died so that all lives would matter." On Monday, January 15, 2018, during NAIAS Press Preview, Rev. Jackson, Rainbow PUSH Coalition and Grammy awardwinning artists will participate in this memorable event. This year's celebration is on the eve of the 50thAnniversary commemorating Dr. King's untimely death on April 4, 1968 and the 25th Anniversary of the historic passage of the National Holiday in 1983.

"We are honored to have Rev. Jackson, Rainbow PUSH Coalition and iconic entertainers take our global stage and provide inspiration to the over 5,000 journalists from more than 60 countries, executives and thought-leaders in attendance for Press Preview," said Ryan LaFontaine, 2018 NAIAS Chairman.

Dance Crazes

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DETROIT -- Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree is pleased to announce that his office has chosen to extend the June 7, 2017 deadline for a special program to reduce interest rates for homeowners at risk of foreclosure from 18% to 6%.

The Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA) program for 2017 has been extended to June 28, 2017.

"This is a great opportunity for people to reduce interest rates saving money and saving their homes," said Treasurer Sabree. "We thought it was a highly successful program last year and we worked hard to have it reinstated for 2017 by legislative action. We are voluntarily extending the program until June 28 to give as many people as possible an opportunity to sign up and avoid foreclosure."

In the program, homeowners are eligible to enter into payment plans at a reduced interest rate — 6%, compared to the usual 18% — and pay delinquent taxes. The result is a reasonable monthly payment amount that will help hundreds of families stay in their homes. The reduced interest plan is available only to those who own their primary residence.

The program is extended to reduce foreclosures in Detroit and Wayne County with numerous properties at risk for unpaid 2014 property taxes.

The program was announced by Treasurer Sabree, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan in April, the Interest Reduction monthly payment agreement -- which had expired in 2016 -- has been reinstated in 2017 under a bill signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. The new program, which also reduces the interest rate to 6 percent from 18 percent, took effect in April.

Beaumont Health Supporting Crisis Text and Chat

Beaumont Health has provided a gift of \$40,000 to support expanding the Crisis Text and Chat service at Common Ground.

A Resource and Crisis Helpline telephone service is free and available 24-hours per day, seven days a week. However, due to limited funding, text and chat service has only been available from 4 p.m.-10 p.m., Monday through Friday. Beaumont's gift will more than double the current coverage, expanding the text and chat service to 4 p.m.-2 a.m., seven days a week.

"Providing an avenue for troubled and confused youth to reach out for support will help prevent tragedies such as teenage suicide," said David Wood, M.D., chief medical officer, Beaumont Health and a longtime supporter of Common Ground. "Teenagers are often more comfortable and feel 'safer' texting than speaking with someone on the phone. Our hope is that the expansion of the text and chat line will save lives." Common Ground's 24-Hour Resource and Crisis Helpline added text and chat service approximately five years ago to reflect societal shifts in communication. The Oakland Community Health Network is the primary funder of the Resource and Crisis Helpline. Common Ground has a stated goal of providing text and chat service 24/7 and hopes the Beaumont sponsorship will serve as a springboard to secure additional funding. The benefit of text and chat is to provide a lifeline to those seeking crisis support, but who prefer not speaking on the telephone, or are in situations which do not permit them to do so safely. Expanding the hours will provide greater access to crisis intervention services, particularly to those in greatest risk age group of 10-14 years old.

Beaumont Health

Beaumont Health is Michigan's largest health care system, based on inpatient admissions and net patient revenue. A not-for-profit organization, it was formed in 2014 by Beaumont Health System, Botsford Health Care and Oakwood Healthcare to provide patients with the benefit of greater access to extraordinary, compassionate care, no matter where they live in Southeast Michigan. Beaumont Health has total net revenue of \$4.4 billion and consists of eight hospitals with 3,429 beds, 174 outpatient sites, nearly 5,000 physicians and 36,000 employees and 3,500 volunteers. In 2016, For more information, visit beaumont.org.

WEEK OF JUNE 22 - JUNE 28, 2017

Wayne County Treasurer

Eric R. Sabree Extends

Interest Rate Reduction Program

through June 28, 2017 for

Taxpayers Facing Foreclosure

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Common Ground

Common Ground is a nonprofit organization that has served as an expert on mental health issues and crisis intervention since 1971. For more information, please visit www.CommonGroundHelps.org or call 248-456-8150.

Local, State Officials Monitoring Bird Deaths Along Jefferson Ave.

Ring-billed gulls are protected species



LANSING — State Rep. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) said today that she in communication with staff at the Michi-Department gan of Quality Environmental (MDEQ), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), city of Detroit Sustainability Office and the Detroit Audubon Society after hearing concerns from House District 6 constituents about the large number of ring-billed gulls, many of them juveniles, found dead on Jefferson Avenue near the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The ring-billed gulls have chosen this area to nest, and there is a larger number of gulls in the area compared to previous years (about 10,000 compared to about 5,000 in past years). "The Department of Natural Resources conducted necropsies on Tuesday morning," said Rep. Chang. "The information I received from the DNR indicates 'there was no evidence of trauma on any of the birds examined. Body condition was adequate with slight to moderate dehydration. Samples were collected to rule out avian botulism, West Nile virus, avian influenza, pesticides and metals toxicity. Tissues were also submitted for histopathology (microscope examination). While most of these tests are relatively quick, final results may take days to weeks."

The extreme heat over the past few days as well as the increased traffic on Jefferson Avenue because of the closure of southbound I-75 may be contributing factors to the large number of bird deaths.

"There is nothing out of the ordinary in terms of recent air quality emissions or the operations at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, according to MDEQ staff," said Rep. Chang. "I will remain in contact with MDEQ on this issue and have requested air emissions data to personally review."

The city of Detroit has taken the appropriate action so far and is pursuing other steps to address the situation to help the birds. "Nature area" signage has been added to the road, and the General Services Department will be adding additional fencing today to prevent the gulls from coming onto the roadway. This species of birds is federally protected, so it is illegal to move the nests. Many agencies and nonprofits are exploring opportunities to protect these birds.

"Several groups are planning potential rescue efforts and if residents are interested in helping, they can contact the Detroit Audubon Society, Friends of the Rouge River or the Michigan Humane Society," said Chang.



Memorial Students Present Parks with Bat Houses



GARDEN CITY - Last summer there was much talk about the Zika virus and concerns about it coming to the northern states, including Michigan. The first and second grade HAP (Honors Ac-Placement) celerated classes Memorial at School decided to find out how they could help. With the help of their teachers, Dr. Ann Ferrier and Ms. they Kelly Depriest. learned that the Zika virus was transmitted by mosquitoes and that bats can eat up to 1,000 mosquitos per hour each night. The

students decided bat houses would be a good thing for our city.

With the help of the Garden City Kiwanis and with supplies donated by Home Depot, the kids built 21 bat houses that are being distributed throughout the city. Several of the bat houses were presented to Dan Plamondon, the Director of the Garden City Parks and Recreation Department, to be installed at Garden City Park.

"I'm sure the park will be

the perfect place for these bat houses," said Plamondon, "and we thank the students from Memorial School for being proactive in helping their community."

The students presented a bat house to Garden City Schools Superintendent Derek Fisher at a recent School Board meeting. Bat Houses are also being put up around schools in town and by members of the Garden City Kiwanis.

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WEEK OF JUNE 22 - JUNE 28, 2017

Rocky Horror Picture Show at State Wayne Theater



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Summer Reading/Unicef Kid Power"

WESTLAND - Six library youth staff at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland are teaming up with UNICEF Kid Power to make this year's Summer Reading theme "Build a Better World" a reality! The library ladies are dividing into three teams to compete in a friendly competition to see which team can reach the largest step goal between the start of Summer Reading on June 17th and the end of Summer Reading on July 29. For each step taken while wearing the UNICEF Kid Power bands the ladies will help to unlock lifesaving food packets for kids in need around the world. This year's Summer Reading program strives to teach children to build a better world by respecting and helping others, taking care of the environment, constructing, and of course...reading. Kids birth to age 12 can stop by the library to sign up for the Summer Reading program and watch the ladies' progress! The UNICEF Kid Power bands will be given as prizes at the end of the summer so that kids can continue the task of building a better world." For more information please call the Library at 734-326-

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Ecorse students learn about environmental justice and their place in the community



Students create a work that the community can appreciate as much as they do

Today the students at Ecorse High School participated in an end of the year project that they had been planning since October. Our students at Ecorse Community High School (ECHS) partnered with DTE Eco works and SEMIs (Southeast Michigan Stewardship Initiative) out of Eastern Michigan University. The students focused on their place (how they fit into the community), environmental justice, and community. Together they formed the Ecorse Green Team. The team researched Environmental issues in our area, they surveyed the community for things they loved about the community, and things they wanted to change. The students wanted to design an outdoor classroom that would allow them to go outside have classes, eat lunch, and relax when time permits.

Today they began a work that the school hopes will not only continue at ECHS but also to start at all of the schools in the district. The students took ownership in their school community because it was important to them. Students do not tear down what they help create. The picture above gives an

idea of the work they started. When you are in the community, please take the time to go on the Outer Dr. side of the school and admire the students' hard work! If you see the students please congratulate them on a job well done! Thank you to Principal McPhaul for his support through this process. Some of the students who participated are De-Williams, Keyshawn rick Smith, Latesa Young, Jesus Esqueda, Emilio Nino, Joseph Waeghe, Ryan Brown, Alexis Cardiea Perry, Howell, Donovyn Daniels, Tania Thomas and Gloria Seams.

Sabbath School host Arts In the Park

By: Britney Rivers - Telegram Intern



On Friday, June 9th Sabbath Middle School hosted the 3rd annual Art in Park. This event featured student-created artwork which included paintings, drawings, sculptures, and collages.

The event also featured food, crafts, games and a special guest, rapper and comedian Eastside Ivo. The event was a success and many River Rouge students and community members attended the event. The Telegram was given the opportunity to interview the principal of Sabbath Middle School Brandon C. Cox and the art teacher, Jakika Calhoun.

Brandon C. Cox - Principal of Sabbath Middle School What is the inspiration and significance behind Art in the Park?

I believe that Art in the Park is a wonderful time to get the community together and showcase the wonderful talents of our students. We have a grant with Eastern Michigan University which allows our students to integrate art into our core curriculum classes. Every Friday, student teachers from EMU come and lead our students in Math, Science, English, and History integrated lessons.

What prompted this event to be annual?

"The event was so successful the first year that we decided to have it every year. Showing the public how talented these students are can intrinsically make them feel better and more confident. Art allows them to open up and express themselves."

Jakika Calhoun - Art Teacher at Sabbath Middle School How can art impact students?

Some students understand learning in a more visual aspect. Integrating art with core subjects such as math, science, english, and history can help students understand the content a little better.

Art also allows students to use both the right and left side of the brain and gives a balance in education.

How can art impact the community?

Art is everywhere, whether it's natural landscape artwork or artwork created by hands. Art effects the community by beautifying the environment.

The telegram also interviewed a 2017 River Rouge High School graduate, Pysces Booker. We asked him about his experience at Art in the Park.

"This is my first time at the event and I think the art is awesome. I really like it. Art is very important for creative expression and it's nice that these middle schoolers have an opportunity like this. I will definitely be back next year.

Integrating art into the core curriculum can help students express themselves and grasp the material more easily. Art can act as an outlet for students to creative whatever they choose, while simultaneously learning academic information. The famous artist Picasso once said, "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls."



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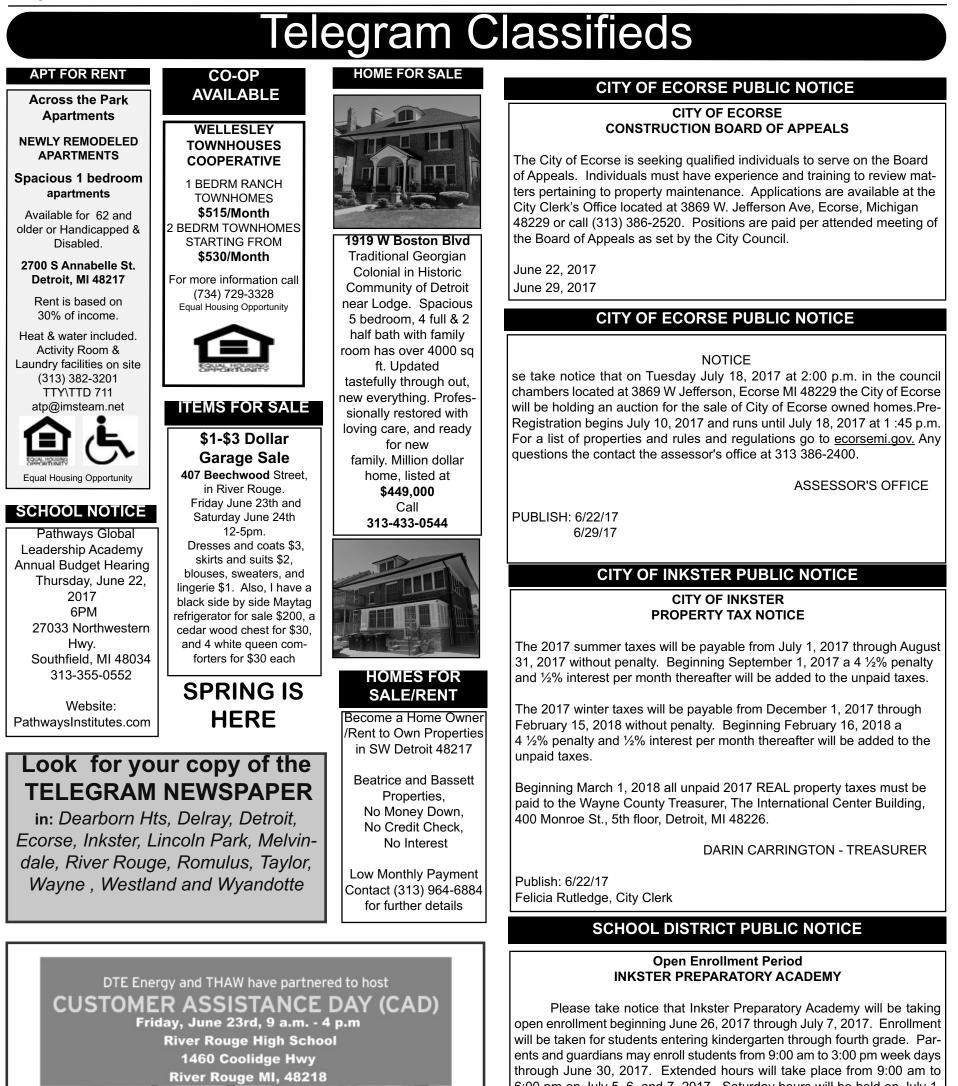
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drawing will be held if necessary on August 15, 2017 should the number of applications exceed the number of spaces available for any grade level.

6:00 pm on July 5, 6, and 7, 2017. Saturday hours will be held on July 1, 2017 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enrollments will be taken at Inkster Preparatory Academy, 27355 Woodsfield, Inkster, MI 48141. A random

June 15 & June 22

SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed 2017 - 2018 Budget

Please take notice that on June 28, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Inkster Preparatory Academy, 27355 Woodsfield, Inkster, MI 48141, the Inkster Preparatory Academy Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the school's proposed 2017 - 2018 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2017 - 2018 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2017 - 2018 budget is available for public inspection at the school from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. The proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the school by calling 313-278-3825 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to request assistance.

June 15 & June 22

A Big Week for Pistons

By Butch Davis



Robert Davis - Activist

Tom Gores, the billionaire investor and owner of the NBA team Detroit Pistons, announced in November at Cass Technical High School that his team would leave their suburban home, the Palace of Auburn Hills, and join the Red Wings at the downtown arena. However, a lawsuit that seeks to block the use of public school funds for the Detroit Pistons' move from the suburbs to the Little Caesars Arena under construction downtown could "kill" the project and trigger a municipal bond default, the city's attorney said this past Monday.

Community activist Robert Davis' lawsuit asks a federal judge to stop the capture of funds from millages for Detroit schools and county parks to pay for a \$34.5 million headquarters and practice facility for the Pistons. The millage funds are being used for a different purpose than voters intended, depriving Davis and co-plaintiff Etta Wilcoxon of their right to vote, according to the lawsuit filed June 1th in U.S. District Court.

Now the arena is already under construction at this time of the announcement and the sports ground is being modified to accommodate the basketball team. The Detroit City Council was set to vote this past Tuesday on the additional \$34.5 million in bonds for the Pistons. Nevertheless, U.S. **District Judge Mark Goldsmith** said he would issue a written opinion on Davis and Wilcoxon's request for a temporary restraining order. Andrew Paterson, the attorney Davis representing and Wilcoxon said in court, "I think



Tom Gores - Owner

it's unusual. But that doesn't mean it doesn't involve the right of the citizens of Detroit to vote," he told the judge this past Monday.

The question is again should the citizens of Detroit be allowed to vote on school currencies to go to the Detroit Downtown Development Authority to help pay for Little Caesars Arena, still under construction, and a new downtown headquarters for the Pistons. Late this past Monday, federal Judge Goldsmith denied an emergency injunction that required to block millions in public funding for the Little Caesars Arena and the Pistons' move to downtown Detroit, saving it could have caused "catastrophic damage" to the city. In his opinion, federal Judge Goldsmith said the plaintiffs ultimately failed to establish why an emergency injunction was needed. "The loss of anticipated commercial activity connected to the Detroit Piston's downtown presence would be regrettable, but the loss of the city's hard-won creditworthiness caused by defaulting on existing bond obligations would do catastrophic damage to the status quo," Goldsmith said. Now the Detroit City Council this past Tuesday set to approve the additional \$34.5 million in bonds for the Pistons.

In the meanwhile, the Detroit Pistons who have the 12th pick in todays NBA Draft have a lot of changes to make. Donovan Mitchell, guard, Louisville. Mitchel is an incredible athlete who knows how to use that to defend and the 6'10" wingspan helps there, too. He can create his own shot however will



D. Etta Wilcoxon - Attorney

work off the ball, this part of his offensive game needs development many who watch at the combine have said. That said he and Kantavious Caldwell-Pope if the Pistons paid him more money could form a strong guard defensive pairing in Detroit. Maybe if available 6-6 Luke Kennard of Duke can be the answer. The Pistons got to see Kennard up close in a workout last week and he looks to be one of the best 3point shooters in the draft, hitting 43.8 percent as a sophomore last season. Again he has good size at 6-6 and addresses the Pistons' greatest need from last season. However his value is not just in spot-up shooting; he's also an excellent creator off the dribble and driving to the basket and that a huge need for the Pistons.

In closing, several players performed below expectations in 2016-17 for various reasons, including health issues, and Andre Drummond was part of that group. Drummond had been dealing with a breathing issue in his left nostril since the 2012-13 season and had surgery this off-season to fix the problem. Drummond is confident his defense will vastly improve this season as well as his overall game since he can breathe properly now.

Yes we the people will have all summer long to discuss and watch the changes to the Detroit Pistons basketball team as they move to there new house in downtown Detroit, unless there's more fighting with the natives of the Detroit political scene.

A conversation Cass Tech's Foot Ball Coach, Thomas Wilcher

By: Daelyn Davis - Telegram Intern



Last week I had the chance to sit down and talk with Thomas Wilcher (Cass Technical High School Head Football Coach) and we were able to discuss what makes this program one of the most outstanding and dominant programs in the country!

Q: What are your goals for your team over the summer? Wilcher: My goals for the team over the summer are mainly to unify them and try to make them a little more conscious of what it takes to be a Cass Tech football player.

Q: What made you want to take on a coaching role? Why do you coach?

Wilcher: What made me want to coach is that people kept putting me in the position to. Every since then I kept having success so it kept pushing me and pushing me so that's where I am now.

Q: The last 6 years Cass Tech has been on top, what have you been doing year after year to make this such a dominant program?

Wilcher: I think it's the attitude that these kids try to embrace. The attitude they try to duplicate each year player to player. It's not about coaching it's about the ability to get the kids to do what needs to be done, that's where the coaching comes in. Being a coach isn't always about the Xs and Os it's about the mental attitude. If graduating seniors? Wilcher: We do what we do every year... next man up! That's it, that's all we can do. We got to get them prepared.

Q: Do these kids know what it takes to get to the college level or do you instill it into them?

Wilcher: We try to instill it into them because they don't really know what it takes. I just try to let them know what it takes to be that next level player and try to make sure those guys just embrace what I'm saying. Don't stay the same person every day, do something to get better. You need to improve every second that you possibly can.

Q: What type of mentality do you like to bring to this program?

Wilcher: I'm a competitive person. I want somebody that's going to go out there and fight before anything. I don't care what you're doing you must fight for it. Don't ever just say hey I got it. Fight for it every single day. We have an attitude where whatever you want you have to be able to go take it. You got to earn it and you got to deserve it.

Q: How important is academics to your program?

Wilcher: The program is all about academics. The school is based around academics, you must have a certain GPA to play here and you need a

YES, \$	Start my Subscription TODAY!!	you have the Xs and Os down packed that's one thing but it's all about having a mental atti- tude a winning attitude driv- ing you. Q: What are you going to do to replace the void of the
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Water Quality Report

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We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The City of Ecorse Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday at Ecorse City Hall, 3869 West Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse, MI 48229. For more information about your water or the contents of this report, contact the Ecorse Water Department at 313-386-2520. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the US Environmental Protection Agency at <u>www.epa.gov/safewater</u>.

Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

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>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
Π	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
ттнм	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromoochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
μmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.

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The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high", based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

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Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2).

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Water Quality Data

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community. The community-specific information is presented in a separate table above. The following tables show all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2016. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing.

The City of Ecorse Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of Ecorse performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

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If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to two (2) minutes before using tap water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewatre/lead.at_1-800-426-4791.

Public Participation

Each and every month the Great Lakes Water Authority Board meet at the Water Board Building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. These meetings as well as public hearings are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the GLWA meetings residents are encouraged to visit the GLWA website at <u>www.glwater.org</u>.

CITY OF ECORSE AND GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY (GLWA) FACTS

The City of Ecorse is the third oldest community water system that receives their water from the City of Detroit. Ecorse has been a customer of DWSD since 1904. Only the communities of River Rouge and Hamtramck have been customers longer than the City of Ecorse.

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Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	ntaminants Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemica	ls – Moni	itoring at P						
Fluoride	5/16/201	6 ppm	4	4	0.55	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/16/201	6 ppm	10	10	0.53	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Pr	oducts -	Monitoring			tem Stage 2 l	isinfection B	y-Products	
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	8/30/201	6 ppb	n/a	80	26	0.50-80	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	8/30/201	6 ppb	n/a	60	12	0.50-60	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfection - Mor	itoring in	Distributio			nent Plant			
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	JanDec 2016	, bbw	4	4	0.65	0.53-0.79	no	Water additive used to control microbes.
2016 Turbidity – Mo	nitored e	very 4 hou	rs at Plan	t Finished	Water Tap			
Highest Single Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit violation of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%) Violation yes/no								
0.29 NTU				100%	,		no	Soil Runoff
Furbidity is a measu	re of the d	oudiness of	water. W	e monitor it	because it is	a good indicati	or of the effect	ctiveness of our filtration system.
lanuary – March 20	16 Microb	iological C	ontamina	nts – Mon	thly Monitori		tion System	
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG			MCL		Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
otal Coliform Jacteria	0	monthly	samples	rm bacteria		0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
. col/ Bacteria	0	total col	e sample a iform posit positive.	nd a repeat tive, and on	sample are e is also fecal	0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.
014 Lead and Copp	er Monito	oring at Cu			A/-		_	
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
	2014	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
ead	2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	86.6	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
ead opper						nd copper leve	is below the	given 90th percentile value. If the 90th
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Regulated Contaminant			Trea		Typical Source of Contaminant							
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	actual TOC	e Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the Lual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured ch quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.										
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Combined Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	Erosion of natural deposits						
	1101.0											
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL			Level Detected		Source of Contamination					
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	1		5.41 Erosion of natural deposits							

The Great Lakes Water Authority monitored for Cryptosporidium in our source water (Detroit River) from our Southwest Water Treatment Plant during 2016. Cryptosporidium was detected twice in our source water samples. A follow-up water sample was collected from the treated water and Cryptosporidium was not found to be present. Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immunocompromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water

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City-Wide Yard/Garage Sale Dates

June 2, 3 & 4, 2017

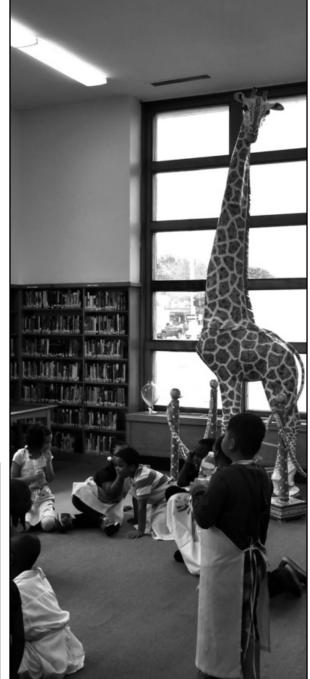
July 7, 8 & 9, 2017

August 4, 5 & 6, 2017

All permit fees will be waived during these dates. Please note that all signs advertising a sale MUST be removed at the end of the day on Sunday evening

Ecorse Public Library gets new piece of Art Work

Submitted by Anthony DeCuir



Mark Alexander Kalis is a local artist installing an original artwork thirteen foot paper mache giraffe sculpture at the Ecorse Public Library. With the help of the Ralph J. Bunche Academy Principal he enlisted the assistance of some twenty six local second and third graders. Their participation however included more than assisting the simple act of assembling this threepiece sculpture.

On a roughly three and a half by seven foot primed panel, there was drawn a giraffe that lacks its familiar patterning. Just a simple contour outline of a giraffe. And after their helping with the assembly, each child dipped his or her gloved hands into their choice of primary colored paints and apply their handprints onto the "empty" giraffe thereby creating a pattern of hands that will produce upon the giraffe its new pattern.

after the sale ends. Residents will be subject to an enforcement of sign ordinance if the sign(s) are not removed in a timely manner.

Thank you



Dated and signed by all in attendance and a "team picture" was taken with this piece of art. It will serve as souvenir to be displayed later at their school. The obvious goal here is to create, execute and provide to the kids and others a fun and positive experience. But as importantly, this endeavor created a visual vignette of community that embraces and emphasizes the intrinsic values of art, education, literacy diversity, peace and positivity.

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MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
Ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
ND	Not Detected	
ГT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromaecetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
ГТНМ	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
pCi/L	Picocuries per liter	A measure of radioactivity
n/a	Not applicable	
Mmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water
С	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0 degrees and boils at 100 degrees under standard conditions
>	Greater than	

The community-specific information is presented in a separate table above. The following tables show all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2015. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing.

The City of River Rouge Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two (2) minutes before using the tap water for drinking or cooking.

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of River Rouge performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses and

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July of 2008, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2).

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

Water Quality Data

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community.

can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to two (2) minutes before using tap water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewatre/lead.at 1-800-426-4791

Public Participation

Each and every month the Great Lakes Water Authority Board meet at the Water Board Building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. These meetings as well as public hearings are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the GLWA meetings residents are encouraged to visit the GLWA website at www.glwater.org.

The City of River Rouge and the Great Lakes Water Authority are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. Please contact us with any questions or concerns about your water.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE AND GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY (GLWA) FACTS

The City of River Rouge is the oldest community water system that receives their water from the Great Lakes Water Authority. River Rouge has been a customer of DWSD/GLWA since 1900. The City of Hamtramck and the City of Ecorse rank as the second and third oldest customers of the Great Lakes Water Authority/DWSD. The City of Ecorse became a customer of the City of Detroit in 1904, four years after the City of River Rouge.

TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER - INKSTER WATER REPORT

Southwest Water Treatment Plant

	2016 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables											
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water				
Inorganic Chem	icals - Moni	itoring a	t Plant Fir	hished Wate	er Tap							
Fluoride	Discharge from tertilizer and aluminum factories.											
Nitrate	5/10/2016	ppm	10	10	0.53	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.				
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products												
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water				
Total Trihalomethane s (TTHM)	8/30/2016	ppb	n/a	80	25	0.5-80	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.				
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	8/30/2016	ppb	n/a	60	5.1	1.0-60	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.				
Disinfection - N	Ionitoring in	Distribu	ition Syst	em by Trea	tment Plant							
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water				
Total Chlorine Residual	JanDec. 2016	ppm	4	4	0.65	0.53-0.79	no	Water additive used to control microbes.				

	of the ck			Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Wate						
	of the ck			100%			no	Soil Runoff			
	Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the efforts of the effort of										
January - March 2016	Microbi	ological	Contamin	ants – Mo	onthly Monito	ring in Distrib	ution Syster	n			
Regulated M Contaminant	ICLG			MCL		Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Wate			
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	monthly a	samples	m bacteria		0	no	Naturally present in the environment.			
E. coli Bacteria	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.					0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.			
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2014 Lead and Copper	Monitor	ing at Cu									
	Test Date		Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Wat			
Lead 8	8/2014	ppb	0	15	3.9	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.			
Copper 8	8/2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	54.3	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.			
The 90th percentile valu 90th percentile value is a						and copper lev	els below the	given 90th percentile value. If the			
Regulated Contaminant				Treatmen	t Technique			Typical Source of Contamina			
Carbon (nnm) 8	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.										

Radionuclides 2014							
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	no	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL		L	evel Detected		Source of Contamination
Sodium (nom)	n/a	n/a			6.41		Erosion of natural deposite

The Great Lakes Water Authority monitored for Cryptosporidium in our source water (Detroit River) from our Southwest Water Treatment Plant during 2016. Cryptosporidium was detected twice in our source water samples. A follow-up water sample was collected from the treated water and Cryptosporidium was not found to be present. Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immunocompromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised industo to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water

Springwells Water Treatment Plant

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
norganic Chemica	ls – Monitor	ring at F	Plant Finis	hed Water	Гар			
luoride	5/10/16	ppm	4	4	0.50	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
litrate	5/10/16	ppm	10	10	0.34	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Pro	oducts - Mo	nitorin	g in Distri	bution Syste	em Stage 2 [Disinfection	By-Products	3
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes TTHM)	8/30/2016	ppb	n/a	80	25	0.50-80	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
laloacetic Acids (HAA5)	8/30/2016	ppb	n/a	60	5.1	1.0-600	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant Residu	uals – Moni	toring i	n Distribu	ition System	by Treatme	ent Plant		
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
fotal Chlorine Residual	JanDec. 2016	ppm	4	4	0.74	0.67-0.81	no	Water additive used to control microbes
016 Turbidity – Mo	nitored eve	ry 4 ho	urs at Pla	nt Finished	Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU			Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)					Major Sources in Drinking Wate
0.33 NTU			99.7 %					Soil Runoff
urbidity is a measure of	of the cloudine	ss of wa	ter. We mor	nitor it because	e it is a good in	dicator of the e	ffectiveness o	f our filtration system.

		-				in Distributio		
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL				Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples				0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.			0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.	
2014 Lead and Cop	per Monitor	ing at C						
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Wate
Lead	8/2014	ppb	0	15	3.9	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	8/2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.0543	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
The 90th percentile val value is above the AL a					e lead and cop	per levels below	the given 90th	percentile value. If the 90th percentile
Regulated Contaminant		Treatment Technique						Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic		The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal					vas	Erosion of natural deposits

 Contaminant
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 Source of Contamination

 Sodium (ppm)
 n/a
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 Erosion of natural deposits

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This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.

Please call the River Rouge Police Dept. 842-8700

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ASK ALMA Marriage & Money

Dear Alma,

I love my wife and we have a great marriage. She's beautiful, funny, spontaneous and easy to get along with. I can handle her good and her bad except for one thing. She spends like crazy! Her clothes fill up two closets in our home and extends to the basement, depending on the season. She has shoes she's never worn and clothes that still have the tags on them. At some point we need to save towards our retirement and other obligations. I'm tired of living paycheck to paycheck to vacation back to paycheck. I've talked to her about it and she promised she'd stop her outrageous spending, but lately I've found bags of clothes in the guest room closet and the trunk of her car. Obviously, she's still spending. I can also see the charges that continue to pop up on our credit card statement. I can't believe she's trying to hide what she's buying now. How can I insist that she stop spending short of threatening a divorce? I love my wife and I don't want a divorce, be we can't go on this way. Any suggestions?

For the Love of Money ~ you know I'm pattin' my feet humming the O'Jays, right! It's helping me get my mind fixed and ready to answer your question, LOL. Some say it's the root of all evil, money that is, I'm not sure if I agree. I think people are the root of all evil and money is an accessory. money.... and sex....sex and money, Honey, the more you get the more you want, that's what a preacher once told me. But I digress, LMBO.

An addiction to spending is a tough place to be. If she's hiding bags as you say, I see it safe to assume, she's lost control or she thinks you really don't mind her spending.

The two of you obviously need to start a household budget. You also need to discuss who will oversee it and how it will be determined. Will you put everything in one account, or will you opt for a mine-yours and ours bundle? There is no right or wrong way to do it. As long as you're in agreement on what's best for the two of you. Also agree to allow for spending money and you both have to stay within those allocated funds. That part requires a commitment, a bond of trust that can't be broken.

It won't be easy, you two need a serious sit down. Lay all your facts and concerns on the table. This is not a scolding regarding her spending, but a joint discussion about your future. Figure out and be honest where she lands between overspending and compulsion. If she's a shopaholic, please, seek professional help. If she's overspending because she thinks you guys have money to burn, it's time to come up with a financial strategy.

There's an amazingly thorough money management column, written by Rodney Brooks for USA Today. He also has a book on Amazon titled, Is a Million Dollars Enough? It would benefit you guys to check it out. Again, agree to write down your financial goals and commit to them. I love that you stressed the love you have for your wife. Take a lesson from Rodney and learn new ways and methods, together, on how to manage your money. Good luck!

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rience all the RiverWalk has to offer, from the tall ships, jet-ski demos and riverboat tours to live music, sand sculptures, kids activities, delicious eats and much more!

For the past 10 years, River Days has served as the official kickoff to summer for many Metro Detroiters. In 2016, GM River Days presented by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort drew 150,000 people to the shores along the Detroit River for a family-friendly three-day weekend of music, activities, food and fun.

In 2017, the Detroit riverfront will host forty national and local musical acts, including headline acts Ann Wilson of Heart, The Isley brothers featuring Ron Isley, 112, and Joe offering a wide variety of music for all tastes. The festival also features our returning Flagstar Bank Kids Zone which features FREE live theatre, music, face painting and arts and crafts, outdoor activities from the Michigan DNR, a carnival midway with more than 25 rides and games, a Pepsi Taste of Detroit food court, buskers/traveling entertainers, a Friday night bike night and several water-related activities, including popular tours on the U.S. Coast Guard cutter, an air show by Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum, rides

Detroit River Days

on the Diamond Jack River Boat tours and live jet ski demonstrations.

This one of а kind festival takes place along the Detroit Riverfront - from the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Terminal & Dock just west of the GM Renaissance Center, to Rivard Plaza and the William G. Milliken State Park. River Days is a celebration of Detroit's RiverWalk with activities on land and water. Experience all the RiverWalk has to offer, from the jet-ski demos to live music, sand sculptures, delicious eats and much more!

Admission to GM River Days is \$3 before 3pm and \$5 after 3pm to support the non-profit Detroit RiverFront Conservancy. GM River Days is FREE to enter on Friday between 11am-5pm.

Any one between ages of 13 and 17 need to be with a parent/guardian/family member OR an adult 25 or over at all times.

Any one age 12 and under need to be with а parent/guardian/family member OR an adult age 21 and over at all times.

SAVE THE DATE **INKSTER SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The location of this year's Jazzfest is the old City Hall 27331 S. River Park Dr. Inkster area. The festival will be on Inkster Rd north of Michigan Ave. on July 8th & 9th

The line up is as follows Saturday July 8th 130-230- DJ Maestro 230-300-Angie Star from 105.9 Mason and Coco Morning Radio show-old school vs new school dance contest First Groove 3-4

4-5 Straight Ahead

- 5-7 Kimmie Horne

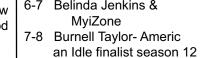
3-4 Rev. Walter A. Steen and bless 4-5-The Davis Singers 5-530 One Accord 530-6-Alex Brown 6-630 **Clarence Jackson** 630-730- Toni Booker 730-8-30 Sean Hardin

8-30-9 Daryl Beebe Elder Marvin Miller

The event will have food/Merchandise vendors on both days, a kids zone with bouncers, kiddie rides and raffles etc.



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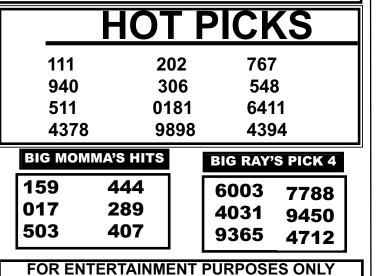
830-1030- Alexander Zonjic and friends along with Serriux 1030-Fireworks!!! 1045-1130- 313 Band

Sunday July 9th 11am-1pm- Pastor Joseph A. Stephen- New Birth Baptist **Church-Family and Friends** day service Rev.Willie J.Cooper and Evangelist Barbara J. Cooper of Gospel Experience **1440AM WMKM** 1-130- Alicia Turner 130-2- Beverly Thompson 2-230 - Miracle 230-3- GODs Harvest

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Sentence reform

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California's Proposition 47, now in its third year of implementation, has reclassified a set of nonviolent felonies as misdemeanors (crimes like simple drug possession, petty theft, and shoplifting). The law is retroactive, so individuals can apply to have their sentences reduced or their records changed, and the savings from a reduced prison population are to be used for crime prevention measures. like mental health and drug treatment programs.

According to Hillary Blout, a staff attorney with the Oaklandbased nonprofit Californians for Safety and Justice, more than 18,000 fewer people are incarcerated due to Prop. 47, and a quarter of a million Californians have applied to have their criminal records changed.

Prop. 47 has come to represent a monumental shift in a country with the highest incarceration rate in the world, where 1 in 12 adults are saddled with a felony conviction, Blout says. And there's now more than \$103 million in savings to be allocated to community-based crime prevention programs around the state.

It's funding for which there is a dire need, according to Blout – more than 80 percent of California counties have no residential drug treatment programs, for example.

Alameda County Public Defender Brendan Woods says that California's focus on prevention and treatment provides a deep contrast to the approach at the federal level. Attorney General Jeff Sessions recently instructed federal prosecutors to pursue the most serious charges they can in their cases, and doubled down on harsh sentencing measures like mandatory minimums.

Amika Sergejev is the director of prisoner re-entry at Young Women's Freedom Center in San Francisco. Sergejev herself was paroled about two years ago after having served seven years in state prisons.

When she paroled, she needed a couch to sleep on and ended up in the Bay Area because of family. As a condition of her parole, she was required to go into a treatment program where she was the only woman in a group of men who were primarily there for help with anger management. "As a female that had been through all kinds of trauma in my early life, I was required to sit in a room full of men working through their issues," she says, pointing to the broader need for more comprehensive re-entry services that are tailored to the needs of different populations.

While Sergejev now has a job working in re-entry, she says, "My case is a special case, and I'm blessed and lucky, but this is not what everyone's re-entry looks like. Quite often we're dealing with the systems that got us into prison in the first place – a lack of housing, continual struggles with poverty, drug addiction."

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ferent restrictions that people with criminal convictions have to deal with: "They're denied the very things that are needed for stability. They're denied general assistance, they're denied access to public housing, they're denied access to jobs."

These sorts of barriers impede public safety rather than improving it, Blout says, by increasing the odds that individuals will reoffend. The state's overall recidivism rate hovers at around 65 percent.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Oakland City Council have declared that June is "Second Chances Month," and has announced a series of events that will provide people with felony convictions with re-entry services like employment assistance, as well as legal assistance with reducing or expunging criminal records that fall under Prop. 47. One such event will be the Oakland Family Festival on June 24th at Sunnyside Park.

Of the \$103 million in savings to be distributed, Alameda stands to receive some \$6 million, which the county's Health Care Services Agency will use for a new re-entry program focused on people with mental health and substance use disorders.

CRIME ALERT - POLICE DEPT. BLOTTER FOR JUNE 18, 2017 RIVER ROUGE

June 18th, 2017

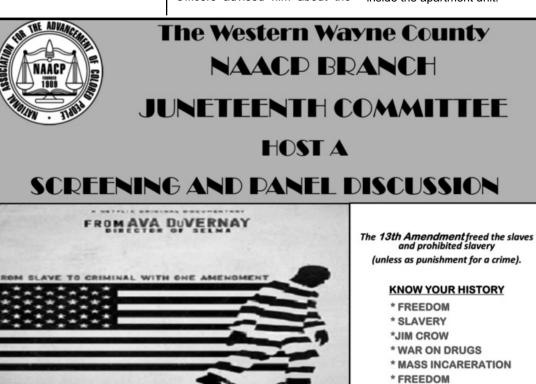
At 2336hrs, an officer was patrolling the area of West Jefferson near West Pleasant, when he was behind a white 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix, and observed a strong odor of 'marijuana" emitting from the vehicle. The officer followed the vehicle for a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and could still smell the odor and effected a Traffic Stop at West Jefferson & Walnut Street. As the officer approached the vehicle he could still smell the odor of cultivated and burned marijuana and made contact with the 18 year old male driver. The vehicle was occupied with three individuals in which the officer asked if they had been smoking. A male passenger sitting in the rear seat behind the driver stated they had smoked earlier. The officer then asked if there was any other marijuana in the vehicle. A 17 year old male passenger sitting g in the front passenger seat stated he had marijuana under his seat. The officer and K-9 unit detained all occupants and searched the vehicle. A baggie of marijuana and digital scale was observed in the center console of the vehicle. Both males were issued. for VPHC.

June 17th, 2017

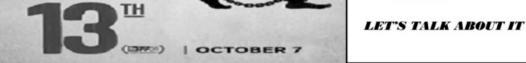
At 1840 hrs. Officers were dispatched to Memorial Park on a report of a male being assaulted. Officers arrived and observed a 32 year old male bleeding from his face and notified Rapid Response. Officers asked other citizens standing in close proximity what happened, and they heard a 45 year old male yelling and swearing who appeared to be intoxicated. Officers advised him about the yelling and language, after noticing so many children in the area that could hear him causing a disturbance. He was placed under arrest for Disorderly Person/Public Intoxication. The male that was bleeding refused rescue and told officers that he was trying to help the other male fight off two other males that approached him and he doesn't even know how things got started.

June 16th, 2017

At 0335hrs, an officer was on patrol and stopped at a Red light, when another vehicle pulled up alongside of him and the male driver told him that in front of a home in the 100 block of Maple, was a white colored Lexus parked in front of a home with the door wide open and two females that appeared unconscious and face down. There was a pool of what appeared to be vomit just below one of the female's face in the street. She was unconscious while officers could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. Officers attempted to get a response from the female to no avail. After a few verbal command telling them to wake up, one finally did. The officer asked if she had been drinking all night and she replied yes. Officers noticed plastic cup with a clear liquid in it in the center console area. Officers checked and it was intoxicants. Rapid Response arrived on scene and evaluated the female and transported her to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. The female driver was issued for Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle and release on the scene and she went inside the apartment unit.



These issues are ones that California has yet to more widely reckon with. Blout notes that there are almost 5,000 dif-



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NAACP ANNOUNCES 108th NATIONAL **CONVENTION**,

'STEADFAST and IMMOVABLE' COMING TO BALTIMORE JULY 22-26TH



BALTIMORE - The NAACP, America's oldest and largest national civil rights organization, has announced its 108th annual convention, beginning Saturday, July 22nd through Wednesday, July 26th at the Baltimore Convention Center, One W. Pratt St.

Embracing the theme, "Steadfast and Immovable," the NAACP will be headed back to its headquarters city to set policies, programs and plans of action for the coming year, while also moving to address today's challenges collectively-notably the current climate of economic uncertainty and political unrest. The organization's national convention each year attracts some 8,000 members, supporters, branch delegates and staff, local youth activists and organizers, legislators, business leaders and celebrities all coming together to engage, network, share strategies, successes and key learnings with the purpose of driving the NAACP's agenda forward.

"This year's convention takes place at a pivotal time for our country, and for our Association," said Leon W. Russell, chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors. "These are changing times, and today, we find ourselves in a new period of turmoil as a nation. We are facing a budget that threatens to gut critical funding for education, a rollback in Civil Rights enforcement, and a rollback in health care reform that will take affordable care away from 23 million Americans, all while we witness unprecedented efforts to suppress the votes of black and brown people, young people and progressives who would work to see this nation become more inclusive and just." he continues. "Our theme for 2017 reminds us that as an organization, our intent is to fulfill the vision and mission of our founders, and we will leave Baltimore united and committed to making our nation a better place for all," said Derrick Johnson, vicechair of the Board of Directors.

inars, committee meetings, workshops, exhibits and panel discussions, augmented with inspiring keynote addresses from key NAACP leadership, civil rights and faith leaders,

media, youth and political influencers.

Other highlights will include the NAACP ACT-SO (Academic, Cultural, Technical and Scientific Olympics) final competition and awards, Wednesday's highly anticipated Freedom Fund Banquet, plus a health pavilion, retail expo, veterans' luncheon and a diversity career fair. More information about the 2017 NAACP National Convention, including a detailed schedule of events may be found by visiting www.naacpconvention.org. And, applications from journalists and news organizations for media credentials are welcomed, and may be submitted for processing by visiting http://action.naacp.org/page/s/press-credentials-baltimore before the deadline, July 12, 2017.



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