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Michigan Law and What's Best for Dogs Forced to Live Outdoors



Dog Owners Can Face Fines, Community Service, and Prison for Failing to Provide Minimal Shelter

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Michigan law (MCL 750.50) states the minimum standards for dog houses. It defines a dog house as "an enclosed structure with a roof and of appropriate dimensions for the breed and size of the dog. The doghouse shall have dry bedding when the outdoor temperature is or is predicted to drop below freezing." Failure to provide this or a barn, garage, or other "sufficiently insulated and ventilated" structure is a violation of the law. This failure is a misdemeanor that could result in:
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• Facing east and away from the wind

Better Shelter:
Doghouses inside weather-resistant shelters are superior

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The City of River Rouge Graduates From Project Rising Tide

Written By Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



Governor Rick Snyder presents River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler with a Compass during the graduation ceremony, also in photo Community Development Director - Karl Laub and Business Owner Orowa Jaward

Project Rising Tide is an initiative devoted to the economic growth to the state of Michigan. Project Rising Tide is backed by the Talent Investment Agency, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the Talent and Economic Development (TED), and a score of egar organizations.

The state of Michigan has been been on a statewide effort to rebuild. The Glove is quickly becoming a tourist fan favorite. Due to a slew of factors ten cities have been chosen to be remodeled under PRT's influence. Newberry, Central Lake, Grayling, Evart, Harrison, Sandusky, Charlotte, Paw Paw, Hillsdale, and last

but not least River Rouge.

A new wave a business and talent is expected to hit these cites amongst the success of PRT. The main goal for the cities mentioned, is to use the odds against them to build up and branch out. The Michigan

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Barack Obama Voted America’s ‘Most Admired Man’ for the 10th Straight Year

By: Nicole Hyatt



*Barack Obama may no longer be president, but for the 10th year in a row he's still the "most admired man" in America, according to new survey data from Gallup. The annual poll, taken every year but one since 1946, asks respondents to name their most admired man and woman, as well as their second choice. Obama topped the competition with 17 percent of the vote. Donald Trump followed with 14 percent. After Trump was Pope Francis (3 percent) and the Rev. Billy Graham (2 percent), with several other political, spiritual and business leaders being named, including Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, Tesla CEO Elon Musk and the Dalai Lama. Musk and Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos appeared on the list for the first time. On the women's side, Hillary Clinton was named the most admired for the 16th year in a row, with 9 percent of mentions. The former secretary of State and presidential candidate has been named most admired more than any other man or woman in polling history, according to Gallup, who notes that her 2017 polling numbers were the lowest in the past 15 years,

making it unlikely for her to hold the top title for much longer. Also on the list were former first lady Michelle Obama, with 7 percent, followed by Oprah Winfrey, with 4 percent. First lady Melania Trump, Queen Elizabeth II, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Beyoncé Knowles and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley all made the cut. A quarter of respondents could not name a man or woman they admired most, according to Gallup, and about a tenth named a relative or friend. Meanwhile, Trump is one of few incumbent presidents who have not been named the most admired among all Americans. Last year, Obama topped the list with 22 percent, while Trump garnered 15 percent. The 2017 results fell along party lines, with 35 percent of Republicans naming Trump as their most admired, and only 1 percent naming Obama. Among Democrats, 39 percent named Obama, and 3 percent picked Trump. Independents picked Obama over Trump for their most admired by a 3-point margin. The survey was conducted Dec. 4-11 among 1,049 adults and has a margin of sampling error of 4 percentage points.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

House Dems Call for Immediate Action on Fund to Compensate UIA Victims

More than 48,000 workers falsely accused of fraud lost millions of dollars



State Rep. Kevin Hertel (D-St. Clair Shores),



State Rep. Darrin Camilleri (D-Brownstown Township)

LANSING — For nearly a year, House Democrats have called for restitution for individuals who were victims of the mismanaged Unemployment Insurance Agency. During that time, Gov. Rick Snyder has been adamant that victims should only be reimbursed for the principal, interest and penalties — nothing else. This week, Gov. Snyder reversed course, admitted responsibility and agreed that a fund should be created to provide UIA victims with damages to get their lives back on track. While Lansing Republicans chose to adjourn rather than take action to establish this fund or allocate resources, Michigan House Democrats remain committed to working families and called for immediate action on legislation to address this issue when they return to session in January. "You should never be penalized for a mistake someone else made. I am glad that Gov. Snyder is finally taking responsibility for the mismanagement

of the UIA system and has committed to taking action to help falsely accused Michiganders rebuild their lives," said state Rep. Kevin Hertel (D-St. Clair Shores), a member of the bipartisan UIA workgroup that met beginning in February to write the package of UIA reform bills sent to the governor for his signature this week. "I was pleased we were able to come to a consensus on how to fix our UIA system so that no one will be in this situation ever again, but until we create a fund and dedicate resources to helping UIA victims get their lives back, we haven't done our job. I look forward to working with the governor to ensure that families are made whole when we get back to Lansing in January." Fighting for the Michiganders who were harmed by the Snyder-Schuette administration has been a top priority for House Democrats all year. State Rep. Darrin Camilleri (D-Brownstown Township) introduced legislation earlier this

year that would have fully reimbursed victims for damages including expenses incurred because of the false fraud allegations, lawyer costs, bankruptcy and foreclosure expenses, and late fees. Republican lawmakers, however, refused to let his bill receive a hearing. On Wednesday, Rep. Camilleri offered an amendment to a supplemental appropriations bill, to take \$50 million from the Unemployment Insurance Agency's existing Penalties and Interest fund to pay damages to claimants. House Republicans refused to adopt his amendment, denying Michigan workers wronged by the Snyder-Schuette administration a chance to be made whole. "Since the day I took office, I've been fighting for Michigan's working families. That's why I've introduced legislation and amendments to keep more money in hardworking Michiganders' pockets, where it belongs. That includes making sure that families who were harmed by false fraud allegations are fairly compensated," Rep. Camilleri said. "When working people do better, our entire state benefits, and that's why we're going to continue fighting for them the way we've done all year — addressing pocketbook issues like lowering the cost of prescription drugs, giving Michigan businesses and workers a leg up and urging investment in high-quality schools."

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CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY

20NAACP Calls for UN Investigation into Allegations of Enslavement of African Migrants in Libya



BALTIMORE (November 29, 2017)—The NAACP is calling for the United Nations to fully investigate ongoing media reports of the horrific enslavement of African migrants in Libya. “We are calling on our government, which has a high level of influence and power within the United Nations, to work with the UN General Assembly and other related NGOs to push forward a process to investigate these horrendous crimes against humanity allegedly ongoing in Libya. We also call on them to create basic protections for the migrants trapped in Libya and other African nations who at the risk of life and limb, are attempting to make their way to a better life,” said NAACP Board Chairman Leon W. Russell. According to a recent news report in the Washington Post, nearly 400,000 to a million African migrants are trapped in Libya.

“Exploiting people for free and cheap labor is inhuman and must be addressed immediately,” said Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO. “The NAACP strongly urges the United Nations to immediately step in to prevent this type of exploitation from continuing.” In a September report on the situation in Libya, Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said, “We cannot even guess the scale of the abuses inflicted on migrants in all these hidden places, untouched by the rule of law. The situation of migrants crossing Libya was appalling during Gaddafi’s era, but it has become diabolical since.” The UN High Commissioner also mentions a previous report issued last December that, in his words, “detailed the horrendous violations and abuses faced by migrants in official and unofficial detention centres in Libya.” The Commissioner continued, “The report received some attention at the

time, but memories are short when facts are inconvenient. Nine months later, the situation has, if anything, grown worse. Allegations pour in, far beyond our capacity to verify them. Reports of bodies in the desert, in the forest, on the beaches. UN human rights staff contact the morgues in various towns, which complain they do not have enough space to store all the bodies. Some migrants die of thirst, hunger or easily-cured illnesses, some are tortured or beaten to death while working as slave labour, others are just casually murdered.” Millions of Africans in search of better economic opportunities have utilized Libya’s proximity to Europe as a staging ground for illegal and unsafe transport to Europe, which leaves them at the mercy of rogue militias and other groups seeking to exploit their situation for monetary gain and other nefarious means.

Trump’s first year

By Jim Abeare



Trumps biggest problem seems to be his over tweeting and golf every weekend. To be fair, if it was President Obama that tweeted he would be praised as being in-tuned with the people. The Affordable Care Act repeal went down in defeat twice. But he got his tax plan through, though the personal tax cut should be permanent not last ten years. His Supreme Court choice went through and he has cut regulations on business which has seemed to help the economy moving forward. He still has work to do and most of what he does will be opposed by Democrats, the political elite and the major media. Trump has the opportunity to be a good, not great, President. He just needs a chance.

The year is almost over and people will soon start critiquing his first year. Let me be among the first. As someone who didn’t vote for Donald Trump or supported him in the election (I still hold a grudge against him for what he did with the United States Football League) I think I can be fair. First of all I voted for Gary Johnson, neither Trump or Hillary were getting my vote. But Trump has surprised me by becoming an effective administrator, even if he is under attack by both Republicans and Democrats, both of whom are still upset that a non-political elite became President.

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It has been such an honor and a privilege to share parts of my life, heart and soul with you over these past 16 years. You have journeyed with me through a lot. From the birth of the bookstores in 2001 I began to try out my wings and you were there with me. In 2003, when my son fell gravely ill and I wanted to quit writing the articles, at least until he got well, you were with me.

Instead of retreating into a dark corner to sulk, I braved my son's illness and writing these articles was healing and therapeutic for me. As I fought against being pulled into a pit, I wrote to inspire myself out of the dark and I hope I was able to lift and carry someone up with me. Thank you for being there to read and allow me to share my heart and heal.

As I left the bookstore and moved on to help my son recover, I kept on writing. When I decided to go to school and study Clinical Pastoral Education and started a new career as a Children's Hospital and Hospice Chaplain, you were there. I am grateful for my mom and dad who supported me. My children taught me a lot about life and they were often my inspiration for writing too.

Most of all, it was you who kept me going. My thoughts of you and how you identified with me many times. The people I met in hospitals and hospices gave me things to process about life. My relationship with God evolved and deepened as I developed. We have shared losses, witnessed tragedies, we have been hurt, we have cried and experienced some difficult times. But we made it!

Through it all, we have still seen the goodness of humanity and triumphs over many adversities. We have seen the good in people. We have learned and grown. We have seen, felt and experienced God.

It has been a joy to watch current Publisher, Gina Steward, take the Telegram Newspaper to new levels as she continues to ascend to new heights. No matter what I am doing or where I am, I will always be a cheerleader for the Telegram because it has played an important role in my life.

Writing articles every weeks was my lifeline. It was something I needed to do like I needed to breathe. There was a time when I could not imagine or fathom the thought of not writing these articles every week.

But life changes and I suddenly found myself busy and focused on other things. The season has matured and I continue to evolve. 16 years and 3 months later, I feel like it's okay for me to move on.

So as we close out this year, we also close out a chapter in time. If you need to hear my voice, just go grab an old issue. My articles are also available in book form. You can join my email list by emailing me your email address to mystarbio@gmail.com or visit www.mystarbio.com.

Thank you everyone. God bless you and Happy New Year 2018. Cherish. Be well and prosper.

Thank you Janine, for your dedication and support of the Telegram Newspaper Your words and kind heart helped me on many occasions. Gina Steward

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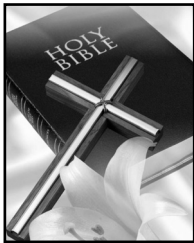


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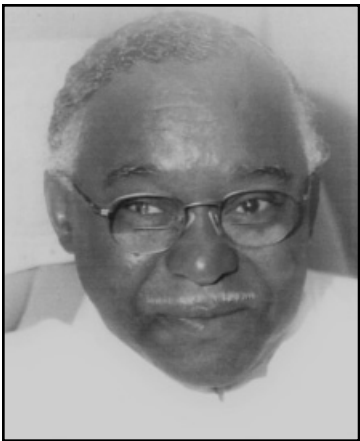
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KENNETH HATHORNE, SR
AUG. 8, 1932 - DEC. 9, 2017

Kenneth was born in Prentiss, MS. He traveled to Florida and became a chef and then moved to Michigan where he often cooked for several Motown artist.

He was married to his wife Johnnie Mae for 43 years before she died. They had 18 children. Kenneth was a great father, fisherman and hunter. He also found love a second time and was married for 18 years to Shirley Hopkins. He was a Deacon at International Gospel Center.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Trinity Chapel Funeral Homes 1939 S. Fort St. Detroit.



ROSE HORHN

MAR. 19, 1940 - DEC. 2, 2017

Rosa was born in Hernando, MS. She graduated valedictorian of her class in 1958 and moved to Detroit to work in merchandising. She worked for 30 years in healthcare and retired from Henry Ford Hospital as an operating room surgical technologist. She enjoyed studying the bible, traveling and collecting and selling antiques and clothing.

She was a dedicated mother and grandmother. She leaves to cherish her memory; her sons, Alvin (Mardella, Robin-Bernard and Walter III, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two younger sisters- Joyce Burton and Carrie Moss, and her youngest brother Tommy Moss.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home 16540 Meyers Detroit.



CORA GREGORY

JUN. 19, 1952 - DEC. 6, 2017

CORA PARNELL-GREGORY was

born in Sledge, MS. She graduated from Inkster High School after moving here in 1969. She earned her BS in Social Work from Eastern Michigan University.

Cora married Charles Gregory in 1975. Family was extremely important to her, as was church and work. Cora joined Faithway Ministries Inc., where she served as Trustee, a member of the Pastor's Founder Month, birthday and the annual picnic committees.

She was employed as a manager with Michigan Works where she enjoyed helping others with job training/referrals and other career building opportunities.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Charles; her mother, Mary; her children, Greg (Melanie), Tiffanee (Shawn), Shawntez (Lena) and Tishona (Lonnice); her stepchildren, Charles Jr. and Jeri; her sisters, Sherlie, Joyce and Alberta (Michael); her brothers, Larry (Laurie) and Marvin (Inger); 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home 4670 Inkster Rd in Westland



REV. LYNFORD OWEN ALLEN
JAN. 19, 1943 - NOV. 29, 2017

REV. LYNFORD OWEN ALLEN was born in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica West Indies. Rev. Allen came to the United States under a student sponsorship program supported by Pastor John Hearn of Westland, MI. He moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1966 where he simultaneously attended high school in the evening and college during the day. He earned his high school diploma at Booker T. Washington High School and Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from Carver Bible College.

During his educational years, he worked for Pastor Hearn during the summer and school breaks. Rev. Allen met his sweetheart, Ida Allen and they moved to Michigan in 1970. There, he became a licensed minister and member of People's Community Baptist Church. Prior to his death in 2017, he was re-instated by Pastor Duckworth as a member of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. Allen was a highly skilled carpenter and could fix just about anything that required attention. He is survived by his wife Ida Allen and his three daughters: Katricia Allen, Chastity (Greg Anderson) Allen and Angelineta Williams, Jerome Allen (son/grandson); sisters: Prudence (Olga) Jackson, Madge (Vincent) McDonald and Joy (Allen) Dacosta; brothers: Melvin Allen and Roy Allen; and a host of family and friends.

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TIMOTHY CHARLTON
AUG. 14, 1953 - DEC. 7, 2017

Timothy Wayne Charlton was born in Bluefield, West Virginia.

After graduation from high school, Tim served two years in the United States Marines Corp, he moved to Detroit, Michigan. In 1977, Tim joined the Wayne County Sheriff Department where he worked for 30 years before retiring in 2007.

For over 23 years, Timothy was a faithful member of Saint City COGIC where he served in many capacities. He loved to sing and continued to do so until his death. Timothy loved his family; his church family; his Pastor and First Lady.

He would do anything to make sure they were taken care of. He touched the lives of so many with his smile and his words of encouragement.

Timothy leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 21 years Shelia A. Charlton. Sons: LeShawn Charlton (Berenise), Brandon Charlton (Lashonta). Daughter, Ashley Charlton and one step-daughter Jasmine Stephens. Four sisters: Janice Harris, Edna Thomas, Tina (Willie) Hunt; Lynona French, Sisters--in-love: Brenda Charlton; Helen Johnson Scott; Betty Charlton; and Cathy Kendrick. Three brothers-in-love; Eddie Stephens Jr. (Deamaire); Arthur Henderson and Bobby Henderson. Mother-in-love, Rev. Lee Belle Brooks; and his father-in-love, Eddie Lee Stephens Sr. (Francis). Five grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

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FLORENCE ANDERSON
APR. 7, 1919 - DEC. 12, 2017

Florence Althea Anderson born in Columbia, S.C. Around the age of 8 years old, her mom moved them to Ann Arbor. Florence graduated from Pioneer High School in 1938.

In 1943 Florence Smith married Robert Anderson and they moved to Inkster. Florence retired from Wayne County General Hospital in 1982. She loved her sister Catherine and she loved the Detroit Pistons.

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word of the week

Demagogue

[dem-uh-gog, -gawg]

Noun: a political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular desires and prejudices rather than by using rational argument.

Ex. Sentence: President Trump has been described as a demagogue in recent history.

Origin: mid 17th century: from Greek dēmagōgos, from dēmos ‘the people’ + agōgos ‘leading’ (from agein ‘to lead’).

What's the Point?

Find and circle all of the things with points that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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TELE- FASHION

Meghan Markle's stunning fashion since she started dating



Meghan Markle and Prince Harry after announcing their engagement

Meghan Markle has taken the world by storm, and not just because she's engaged to Prince Harry. Of course, that doesn't hurt. Much like her soon-to-be sister-in-law Kate Middleton, Markle's fashion choices are of central discussion. Balancing the modesty of British royalty with the trends of today is no easy feat, but Markle has proven she's up to the challenge. Not only that, but she also far exceeds public expectations, and even creates her own trends worthy of imitation. According to The Hollywood Reporter, fans looking to emulate Markle's fashion have already crashed websites and depleted inventory in mere moments. Do Markle's outfits truly merit the frenzy they cause? There's only one way find out — and that's to see for yourself. Read Mackage.com describes the coat they sell as "a maxi length, cashmere blend wool coat with a semi-fitted silhouette and subtly asymmetrical collar. Double-button closure with contoured panel at front, buttoned at collar for an elegant fit. Angled welt side pockets with leather trim. Classic epaulettes and buttoned cuff" and retails for \$750. Read More: <http://www.thelist.com>

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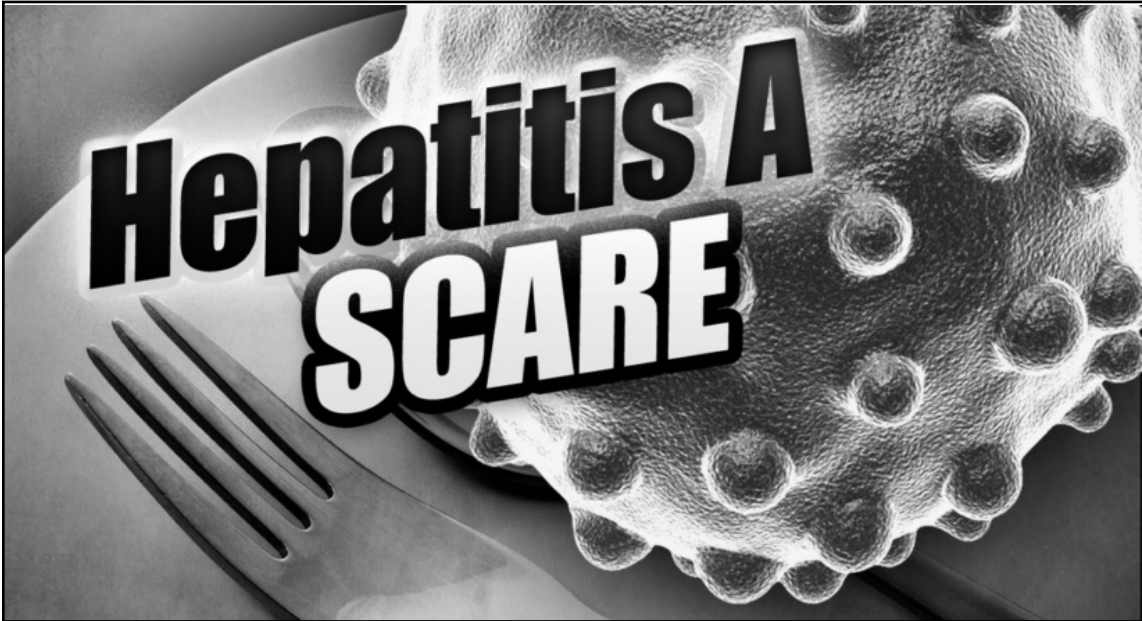
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Hepatitis A; A Scare in Southeastern Michigan



Hepatitis A has been sweeping across southeast Michigan since August 2016 in what public health officials said is one of the largest outbreaks to occur in the U.S. since a vaccine was widely introduced two decades ago. Nearly 600 cases have been reported in the state. Twenty people have died. The Token Lounge was inspected Dec. 13 and is working with health officials in their investigation, according to the Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness. The health department is offering vaccines to employees. The Detroit Health Department was also investigating two separate cases of hepatitis A in food workers at two restaurants in Detroit. The first is a worker at Firewater Bar and Grill located at 6521 John R. Street. The second person works as a crew member at Little Caesars Pizza located at 12712 Fenkell.

Hepatitis A attacks the liver and causes symptoms such as abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dark urine, clay-colored stool,

fever, chills, and yellow skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms occur between 15 and 50 days after exposure and can last for several weeks to months. The disease can be fatal. Officials say the best way to avoid the spread of hepatitis A is to get vaccinated. People should always wash their hands with soap and water after using the bathroom or changing a diaper, as well as during food preparation and before eating food. Additionally, people should avoid consuming undercooked or raw shellfish, and should not prepare food for others if they are sick. . Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun, Director and Health Officer of the Health Department said in a statement, “The Detroit Health Department has been working diligently to make sure we are identifying cases of hepatitis A in the city, and working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, hospitals, physicians, and community partners to increase awareness and encourage vaccination.” Vaccination is the best way to prevent this illness. But you should also always

wash your hands well with soap and water after using the bathroom and preparing food or drinks for others. Stay home from school or work if you are sick, especially with a diarrheal illness. Those who are most at risk for this illness include people who share injection and non-injection street drugs, have sexual activities with someone who has the illness, or are homeless. AnyOne who lives with someone with hepatitis A, or cares for them is also at high risk for contracting the illness.

County officials are encouraging all residents to get vaccinated. For people without insurance coverage, a vaccine is available at the Wayne County Health Department Clinic at 33030 Van Born Road in Wayne. More information is available by visiting www.michigan.gov/hepatitisoutbreak, or by calling Wayne County at 734-727-7078.

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5 ‘Healthy’ New Year’s Resolutions Worth Giving Up



(StatePoint) While most New Year’s resolutions are well-intentioned, sometimes they look better on paper than in practice, actually doing more harm than good. Here are five so-called “healthy” resolutions worth giving up in 2018, as well as better solutions.

Resolution 1: I’m going to take up permanent residence in the gym. Working out is an important piece of the weight loss puzzle, but moderation is key. Studies suggest that too much exercise can lead to a number of issues like hormonal imbalance, fatigue, insomnia and even depression. Many people also report experiencing a drastic increase in appetite after extreme bouts of physical activity, which can lead to overeating and negate the weight-related benefits. Plus, if you exercise so intensely that you’re injured or sore for days, it will be difficult to sustain this otherwise healthy habit.

Resolution 2: I’m saying goodbye to fats completely. Fatty foods have gotten a bad rap. The reality is there are good fats and bad fats. In humans, fat helps support normal growth and development, provides energy, allows for proper cellular function, provides protective cushioning for organs, and helps with absorption of certain vitamins. Bad fats are found in foods like meat, butter, lard, cream and trans fats (found in baked goods, fried foods and margarine) and can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease. Aim to replace these with good fats, which are associated with a decreased risk of chronic disease. Good fats include plant-based oils like olive and canola, avocados, nuts, seeds, and dairy,

since these also offer the nutrition your body needs.

Resolution 3: I’m going to skip breakfast to cut calories. According to The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, if you’re skipping breakfast, you’re doing something wrong. Research shows breakfast helps support brain function, energy and mood. And research suggests that people who eat breakfast consume fewer calories throughout the day, weigh less and have fewer risk factors for heart disease. Just a few reasons to load up in the a.m.

Resolution 4: I’ll just crash diet to lose the weight. Crash diets don’t work and many people who do them end up just gaining the weight back.

“Sustainable weight loss should not involve hunger or deprivation,” says Mandi Knowles, dietitian for South Beach Diet. “Your weight loss efforts should include sensible changes that are easy to follow.”

Find a weight loss plan that’s convenient and lets you know with confidence that you are losing weight the healthy way. Plans like South Beach Diet teach portion control through a low-carb, high-protein approach with meals delivered to your door.

Resolution 5: I’m going to stop snacking. Snacks can account for more than a quarter of one’s daily calories. But if you munch on nutrient-dense foods (high in vitamins, minerals and fiber and low in calories), you’re more likely to maintain a healthy weight, according to the “National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.” So, snack wisely.

For more weight loss tips, visit palm.southbeachdiet.com.

In the new year, ditch extreme diets and exercise schemes. You’ll find more success with sustainable health and wellness habits.

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on December 5, 2017

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

The following Commissioners were present: Present: Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward Excused: Campbell

17-301 Approval of minutes from 11/21/2017

17-302 Voucher approval

17-303 Building permits approval

17-304 Approval for insurance policy for 2018

17-305 Approval of Wayne County Annual permits

17-306 Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on Nov. 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:50p

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

The following Commissioners were present: Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Pruneau Ward Absent: None Excused: Perry

17-280 Approval of minutes from 10/17/2017

17-281 Approval of minutes from 10/27/2017

17-282 Voucher approval

17-283 Approval of building permits

17-284 Approval of business licenses

17-285 Approval of the Indigent Defense Compliance Plan for 25th Dist. Court

17-286 Approval to amend the air handler contract

17-287 Approval to go to bid for the replacement of ceiling in Council Chambers

17-288 Approval of zoning board appointments

17-289 Motion to adjourn at 8:35p

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on Nov. 21, 2017

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

The following Commissioners were present: Meeting called to order at 7:05p Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau Ward

Absent: None Excused: None

17-290 Approval of minutes from 11/17/2017

17-291 Approval of Compensation Committee minutes

17-292 Voucher approval

17-293 Approval of overtime figures

17-294 Approval of building permits

17-295 Approval of DCC annual dues

17-296 Approval of DCC mutual aid dues

17-297 Approval to go to bid to replace ceiling in court room

17-298 Approval of sale of vacant lot at 310 Burke

12-299 Approval to set public hearing date for zoning changes

17-300 Motion to adjourn at 8:03p

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson City Clerk

Dog Safety

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to those outside. Weather-resistant shelters can include barns, pole barns, basements, enclosed porches, garages, sheds, and three-season rooms (i.e., Florida rooms). It is illegal to rely solely on weather-resistant shelters. They must also contain doghouses.

Best Shelter:

Dogs are safest when indoors with the family, especially if they are small or have short fur. Even one night or a break from the cold can help save a dog's life.

MHS Stats:

The Michigan Humane Society's Cruelty and Investigation Department responded to:

- 2017, as of Dec. 24
 - 627 complaints of no shelter
 - 1,263 complaints of no food, water, or shelter
- 2016
 - 926 complaints of no shelter
 - 1,366 complaints of no food, water, or shelter

Adjustment Period:

Dogs must adapt to extreme cold. Owners can help by moving their dogs to a

weather-resistant shelter for 12-24 hours. See "Better Shelter" above for examples.

Extreme Limits:

15-20 degrees for all dogs, big and small

Common Mistakes:

- Blankets, coats, and sweaters can kill. This results when these garments soak up snowmelt. When this water freezes it further chills dogs, leading to hypothermia, frostbite, and death.
- Avoid toxic ice-melt products. These products can stick to paws, allowing pets to lick and ingest their chemicals. These chemicals are poisonous, so owners should instead choose non-toxic ice melts.
- Snow and snowmelt can freeze to animals' fur and feet. Owners can make their dogs warmer and more comfortable by removing this buildup right away.

Warning signs:

- Shivering
- Cold to the touch
- Red ears or tail, especially at the tips
- Digging in the snow as if to create a bed
- Laying in the fetal position (i.e., curling up into a ball)

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

3 Simple Ways to Give Back This Season



(StatePoint) Want to give back to your community during the holidays, but it's just not in the budget? With total holiday sales forecasted to hit over \$1 trillion this season, it's good to know that there are plenty of ways to give back without spending another dime.

Sometimes, the items you already own and don't need anymore can make a big impact for others. Here are three charitable ideas that will help you clean house while making someone else's holiday season much brighter.

Give the Shelves a Shake
Whether it's that box full of novels in your garage that you haven't touched since you moved last, or a stack of Dr. Seuss your kids have outgrown, you likely own a bunch of books that are simply gathering dust. Give the gift of literacy and entertainment this season! Make a pile of books your household no longer wants and donate it to a local library or shelter where your books can be enjoyed by others in the community. You can also do an internet search for your city and 'holiday book drive' to find other worthy causes close to home.

Tidy-up Your Tech Drawer
Double your giving impact by recycling your old smartphones and tablets at a local T-Mobile store through its #GivingTWOgether Phone Drive. Through December, the recycled value of your device, after costs, will be matched and donated to Feeding America and Team Rubicon. What's more, T-Mobile is pledging a minimum matching donation of \$1,000,000 to be split equally between the two charities. That's enough to buy at least 5,000,000 meals for hungry families and deploy 5,000 veterans to serve communities affected by disasters.

According to recent EPA estimates, more than 135 million cell phones are trashed each year. Don't toss it! Even old flip phones could net more than 600 meals to people in need or buy critical equipment for a disaster relief strike team member. Plus, anyone can participate, even non-T-Mobile customers. To see learn more about the T-Mobile #GivingTWOgether Phone Drive, visit www.t-mobile.com/ways-to-give.

Gift Your Glasses for Good
Anyone who wears glasses knows just how easy it is to accumulate old pairs of frames and lenses that no longer fit your style or meet your prescription needs. Now's the time to fish those frames out of your drawers: many optometrists and local organizations like Lions Clubs collect prescription glasses and donate them to charities that work within your community. You can also donate online through organizations like New Eyes who send your glasses to those in need, worldwide (www.new-eyes.org/recycle.) The gift of good vision can completely transform someone's life and expand their educational and professional opportunities.

This holiday season, it's easier than ever to make a difference without an impact to your budget.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Please take notice that at its regular meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following schedule. All regular meetings of the City Council begin at 7:00pm in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt Rd, Garden City, Michigan 48135. (734) 793-1660, unless otherwise noted.

Monday	January 8, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	January 22, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	February 5, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	February 19, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	March 5, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	March 19, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	April 9, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	April 23, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	May 7, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	May 21, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	June 4, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	June 18, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	July 9, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	July 23, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	August 6, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	August 20, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	September 10, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	September 24, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	October 8, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	October 22, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	November 5, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	November 19, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	December 3, 2018	Council Meeting
Monday	December 17, 2018	Council Meeting

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, MI

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR: AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF INKSTER CODE OF ORDINANCE; COLLECTION BINS

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on January 16, 2018, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. To be considered are proposed amendments to the City's Code of Ordinance pertaining to Collection Bins

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider amendments to the City of Inkster Code of Ordinance, being Sections 1102.01 thru 1102.11, that would have the following effect:

To regulate the method of use of Collection Bins to ensure appropriate location(s), as well as health and safety, eliminate blight, hazardous conditions to pedestrians and vehicle traffic. To establish penalties for violators.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, the City of Inkster Code of Ordinances is available for review at the City Clerk Office, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning Monday, January 8, 2018. All meetings of the City of Inkster City Council are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster, City Clerk, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through January 16, 2018 4:00 p.m. Information may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 313-563-9770.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster Clerk's office at 313-563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk
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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR: The ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF INKSTER
CODE OF ORDINANCE; MURAL REGULATIONS

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on January 16, 2018, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. To be considered are proposed amendments to the City's Code of Ordinance pertaining to Mural Regulations

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider amendments to the City of Inkster Code of Ordinance, being Sections 155.253 thru 155.256, that would have the following effect:

Establish an ordinance to regulate the location, construction and manner of display of murals preserving aesthetic appeal within the city and to promote appropriate visual expression and define what constitutes a mural and to provide penalties for violations.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, the City of Inkster Code of Ordinances is available for review at the City Clerk Office, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning Monday, January 8, 2018. All meetings of the City of Inkster City Council are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster, City Clerk, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through January 16th, 2018 4:00 p.m. Information may be obtained from the City Clerk's office at 313-563-9770.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster Clerk's office at 313-563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk
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No Defense, No Wins

By Butch Davis



In recent games, including last Friday's 104-101 win over the New York Knicks, the Detroit Pistons (18-14) have lacked defensive intensity coming out of halftime. They came out flat in Wednesday's disappointing loss at Dallas and suffered a near-collapse Dec. 17 in a win over Orlando. "We haven't come out with the right mindset and right energy the last three games," Stan Van Gundy said after Sunday's practice. "We've talked about that, and hopefully we'll do a better job." In the 114-110 victory against Orlando, the Pistons took a 17-point halftime lead. Also Van Gundy said. "I think Reggie Jackson is at his best when he's in attack mode and then taking his jump shots as they present themselves. When he's thinking jump shot first, I don't think he's nearly as hard to guard as when he's in attack mode." Jackson admit-

ted to the challenge of adjusting to a more diverse offense, one less reliant on his pick and rolls with Andre Drummond, earlier in the season. However his production was better then. Van Gundy tried calling more pick and rolls for Jackson against Dallas when the offense ran up on the rocks, nevertheless that didn't produce the desired results, either. Yes when the Pistons lost their seventh straight game last week to Denver and scored just 84 points two days after scoring 81 in losing to Boston, Van Gundy tinkered with the offense and saw immediate results in consecutive wins over Atlanta, Indiana and Orlando as the Pistons averaged 107.7. Another key to the Pistons is that in November, Tobias Harris was averaging 19.1 points on .474 shooting and .467 from the 3-point arc. In 11 December games, those numbers have plunged to 14.7, .401 shooting average and .359 from the three point line. However what's especially noticeable is that the Pistons fail to play good team defense in the second half of games and yes especially in the third quarter of many games in the month of December, and that is noticeable by the coaches and fans alike.

Another Year of Lions not making Playoffs

By Butch Davis



All some upset Detroit Lions fans wanted for Christmas is for head coach Jim Caldwell to be fired. This comes after the team's disappointing 26-17 loss to Cincinnati on December 23, 2017. The loss eliminates the Lions from the playoffs with one game remaining. Yes, the Lions had their season essentially end Sunday with a loss to Cincinnati that borders on unexplainable. Detroit couldn't make the big play, struggled on offense and couldn't make crucial stops on defense in a game that Detroit had to win for postseason future, instead, the team lost. Caldwell's job has been in question since the middle of the 2015 season, when the Lions started out 1-6, leading to the firing of his offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. Less than two weeks later, the team president and general manager were gone too. Indeed, Caldwell survived that season and was retained by new general manager Bob Quinn after he spent week learning about the head coach he inherited. Even last season, when the Lions made the playoffs, there were questions about Caldwell's job security because of how it ended with four straight losses to playoff teams when the team should had won the NFC North Division last season. The Detroit Lions upper management signed Caldwell to an extension this offseason. He seemed safe. Then earlier this month, after two straight losses where the Lions never led, the "multiyear" extension turned out to be only one year guaranteed. Yes, We all saw the Lions comeback in the game this past Sunday, when Tion Green's 5-yard touchdown drive put the Lions ahead 17-16 early in the fourth quarter, however, defensive penalties extended Cincinnati's drive that led to Randy Bullock's go-ahead kick with 4:42 left. Given one last chance, Detroit self-destructed with a holding penalty, a false start and a short punt, allowing the Bengals (6-9) to finish it off in front of a half-empty stadium. It was an appropriate finish for Detroit, which opened the season 3-4 and repeatedly wasted chances to move to the forefront of the playoff chase. Question, do you think it's time for Jim Caldwell to go?

CRIME ALERT - POLICE DEPT. BLOTTER FOR RIVER ROUGE

December 25th, 2017

At 1339hrs, an officer was dispatched to a home in the 100 Block of Catherine Street on a Malicious Destruction of Property complaint. The 56 year old vehicle and home owner of his 2008 Dodge Caliber. He states he parked his vehicle in the rear of his home at 1600hrs and later on when he went to get in his vehicle at 1330hrs he observed the driver side front window shattered from the outside of the vehicle. A brick was located on the front passenger side of the car on the floor. The owner also stated nothing was missing from the vehicle.

December 23rd, 2017

At 1904hrs, an officer was dispatched to the police station lobby to take an Assault complaint. A 28 year old male states he works for Xfinity /Comcast on December 19th, 2017 at 2015hrs he was working at a home in the 2nd Block of El Street when he was approached by two males who appeared to be in their 30's, wearing skull caps. One grabbed him while the other grabbed him and began punching him. A neighbor came outside and yelled for the males to stop and they fled. They was unable to get him tablet and he was ordered by the company to report the assault.

December 23rd, 2017

At 1711hrs, an officer was dispatched to the police station lobby for an Assault & Battery complaint. A 23 year old male on December 23rd, 2017, at 1700hrs he was in front of a home in the 1st Block of West Henry Street when he was assaulted by a 34 year old male, accompanied by a 39 year old male. He states there was a verbal argument between himself and some volunteers handing out Christmas presents to give to the children. He states there were several volunteers in several vehicles passing out presents. He states he was accused of cutting off someone with his vehicle while he was driving to a location. He states he was in the front yard of a home when the younger male walked up behind him, wrapped his arms around him and pull him out of the yard and back to his vehicle. His vehicle was parked in front of a home. He states once he was taken to his vehicle the male picked him up and slammed him to the ground. And once he was down the two males repeatedly punched him in the face with closed hand fists. He states when he was free drove up to the police station to make the report.

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My sister’s to fat to be in my wedding

By Alma Gill (NNPA News Wire Columnist)



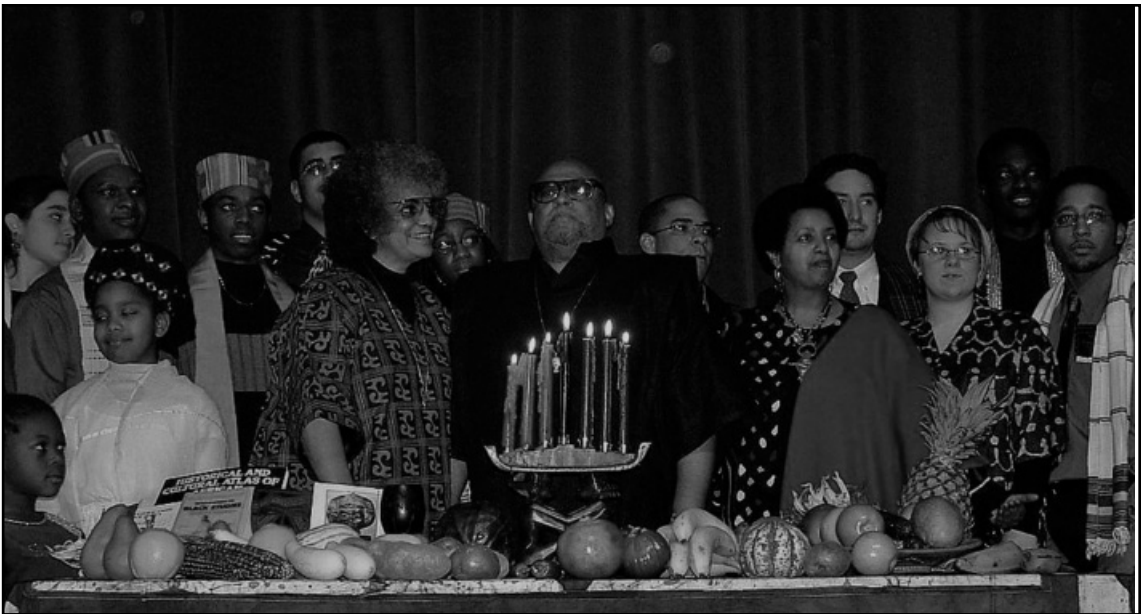
Hey Ms. Alma, I’m getting married and I want everything to be perfect. We’re getting married at my childhood church and I got the reception hall I wanted. Everything is falling into place perfectly except one thing. My sister is in the wedding and she’s fat. I love her but I can’t help but feel like she’ll mess up my wedding photos. How can I excuse her from the wedding party without hurting her feelings? What would you suggest?
K.K.; New York

Dear KK,
Clearly you just exited the

bridal bus at the intersection of naïveté and foolishness. Are you serious, really? I understand when you’re planning your wedding, there are many rivers to cross, but I’ve got to ask sweetie, have you lost your oars? This is a special moment that should include the people who love you, no matter how tall or wide. Love comes in all proportions, you’ve got to know that. Scratch perfection off your to-do list. Stop judging your sister based on her size and be grateful you have her in your life. Your priorities need adjusting. Stop using reality TV and music videos as a barometer for what you should value in life. Lean in close and hear me when I say, fat is better than dead. Twenty years from now at your anniversary party when you’re forcing your kids to watch your wedding video, for the umpteenth time, your sister’s size won’t matter.

How Kwanzaa Has Redefined The Winter Holidays For Black Folks

For African-Americans, Kwanzaa is not just any “Black holiday.”



On Dec. 26, millions throughout the world’s African community will start weeklong celebrations of Kwanzaa. There will be daily ceremonies with food, decorations and other cultural objects, such as the kinara, which holds seven candles. At many Kwanzaa ceremonies, there is also African drumming and dancing. It is a time of communal self-affirmation – when famous black heroes and heroines, as well as late family members – are celebrated. As a scholar who has written about racially motivated violence against blacks, directed black cultural centers on college campuses and sponsored numerous Kwanzaa celebrations, I understand the importance of this holiday. For the African-American community, Kwanzaa is not just any “black holiday.” It is a recognition that knowledge of black history is worthwhile. History of Kwanzaa Maulana Karenga, a noted black American scholar and activist created Kwanzaa in 1966. Its name is derived from the phrase “matunda ya kwanza” which means “first fruits” in Swahili, the most widely spoken African language. However, Kwanzaa, the holiday, did not exist in Africa. Each day of Kwanzaa is devoted to celebrating the seven basic values of African culture or the “Nguzo Saba” which in Swahili means the seven principles. Translated these are: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics (building black businesses), purpose, creativity and faith. A candle is lit on each day to celebrate each one of these principles. On the last day, a black candle is lit and gifts are shared. Today, Kwanzaa is quite popular. It is celebrated widely on college campuses, the U.S. Postal Service has periodically issued Kwanzaa stamps, there is at least one municipal park named for it, and there are special Kwanzaa greeting cards. Kwanzaa’s meaning for black community Kwanzaa was created by Karenga out of the turbulent times of the 1960’s in Los Angeles, following the 1965 Watts riots, when a young African-American was pulled over on suspicions of drunk driving, resulting in an outbreak of violence.

Subsequently, Karenga founded an organization called Us – meaning, black people – which promoted black culture. The purpose of the organization was to provide a platform, which would help to rebuild the Watts neighborhood through a strong organization rooted in African culture. Karenga called its creation an act of cultural discovery, which simply meant that he wished to point African-Americans to greater knowledge of their African heritage and past. Rooted in the struggles and the gains of the civil rights and black power movements of the 1950s and 1960s, it was a way of defining a unique black American identity. As Keith A. Mayes, a scholar of African-American history, notes in his book. “For black power activists, Kwanzaa was just as important as the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Kwanzaa was their answer to what they understood as the ubiquity of white cultural practices that oppressed them as thoroughly as had Jim Crow laws.” Overturning white definitions Today, the holiday has come to occupy a central role, not only in the U.S. but also in the global African diaspora. A 2008 documentary, “The Black Candle” that filmed Kwanzaa observances in the United States and Europe, shows children not only in the United States, but as far away as France, reciting the principles of the Nguzo Saba. It brings together the black community not on the basis of their religious faith, but a shared cultural heritage. Explaining the importance of the holiday for African-Americans today, writer Amiri Baraka, says during an interview in the documentary. “We looked at Kwanzaa as part of the struggle to overturn white definitions for our lives.” Indeed, since the early years of the holiday, until today, Kwanzaa has provided many black families with tools for instructing their children about their African heritage. Current activism and Kwanzaa This spirit of activism and pride in the African heritage is evident on college campus Kwanzaa celebrations – one of which I recently attended. (It was done a few days early so that students going on break could participate.)

The speaker, a veteran of the Nashville civil rights movement, spoke about Kwanzaa as a time of memory and celebration. Wearing an African dashiki, he led those in attendance – blacks and whites and those of other ethnicities – in Kwanzaa songs and recitations. On a table decorated in kente cloth, a traditional African fabric, was a kinara, which contains seven holes, to correspond to the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. There were three red candles on the left side of the kinara, and three green candles on the right side of the kinara. The center candle was black. The colors of the candles represent the red, black and green of the African Liberation flag. The auditorium was packed. Those in attendance, young and old, black and white, held hands and chanted slogans celebrating black heroes and heroines, as diverse as the civil rights icons, Rosa Parks and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Jamaican musician Bob Marley. It was a cultural observance that acknowledged solidarity with the struggles of the past and with one another. Like the black power movements, such as today’s Black Lives Matter movement, it is an affirmation of “Black folks’ humanity,” their “contributions to this society” and “resilience in the face of deadly oppression.” Karenga wanted to “reaffirm the bonds between us” (black people) and to counter the damage done by the “holocaust of slavery.” Kwanzaa celebrations are a moment of this awareness and reflection. Frank Dobson, Associate Dean of Students, Vanderbilt University

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Rising Tide

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Joseph Gruber -Downriver Delta -Vice President and Kerri Walker - CEO The Guidance Center along with Govenor Rick Snyder

Photo by Xavier Jones

Economic Development Corporation supported venture is designed to keep local leaders in charge. Together, teams collaborate on money saving tactics and focus on identifying cities priority areas.

To be considered for graduation from PRT, participating communities must complete their master plan. Maintain the skills learned and apply them to adapting to our fast paced world. Ultimately the city must used what was given to it to grow independently and assist other cities in need.

The city of River Rouge kicked off it's tenure PRT in October of 2016. It's problem areas were identified as branding, crafting a communications plan, a site analysis and perfecting a

DDA/TIF plan. Rouge recently graduated from PRT with honors. Governor Rick Snyder personally visited the rising city to present an award to Mayor Michael Bowdler, and thank the people of Rogue for being such willing participants.

From sports, politics and community outreach River Rouge has been in a constant cycle of growth and redevelopment. Mayor Bowlder showed pride in his city as he reviewed the numbers. 347 people have received employment through Michigan Works. The numbers are forever on the rise due to the job fairs Michigan Works host for the city. LED lighting has been installed throughout the city. Which will save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Jobs are flowing like

water. Renovations for the Gordy Howe Bridge are coming up. The jobsite is about a mile from our own bridge and will employ up to 5000 workers. Bringing a new influx of new faces to the business in River Rouge.

The police department has received money for new equipment and vehicles, the fire department is receiving funds for a new truck. River Rouge Police Department also plans on training residents for dispatch and jailers. Allowing the more experienced officers to be on the street. Creating a more comfortable relationship between community and cops.

This is the first step for River Rouge. In no time the city will be the bustling metropolis it once was.

SENIOR NEWS

Resolve to Better Organize Your Medical Information in the New Year



(StatePoint) A fresh new year presents a great opportunity to reorganize your medical information and files as part of a greater effort to prioritize your health and wellness in the coming year.


From veterinarian bills to your children's dental x-rays, these tips can help you get all your ducks in a row.

- **Be Discerning:** While most paperwork related to medical treatments is important and worthy of saving, there are some items that can be tossed. Be discerning or you will quickly be overwhelmed. Keeping a shredder on hand can eliminate any concerns you may have about discarding potentially sensitive material.
- **Make it Convenient:** It's all too easy to skip filing paperwork until it gets out of hand. Keep your filing cabinet near your home's landing area where mail comes in, so you can handle each item as it arrives.
- **Make Labels:** Clear, concise labeling is a must where effective filing and organization is concerned. Check out tools that simplify this process, such as Casio's KL-120 Label Printer, which features a QW-

ERTY keyboard and a 16-digit, two-line LCD display with 24-character sizes. For added visual ease, use color coded file folders or labels to sort by year or member of the family.

- **Lock it Up:** It's always a good idea to securely store sensitive personal information. Consider using a filing cabinet that locks. Just remember where you put the key!
- **Take Notes:** Whenever you visit the doctor, be sure to bring a pad of paper and something to write with, or a device on which you can jot down notes quickly. Be sure to date and label your notes and consider filing this along with any other information received from the health care provider that day, so that it's easy to refer to, as necessary.
- **Learn Your History:** If you are not well-acquainted with your family's medical history, resolve to learn it. You never know when an accurate record will come in handy.

Getting your medical information organized may seem like an annoying chore at first. But once you have a system in place, maintaining it will be smooth sailing.



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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Romulus Community Celebration

Monday, January 15, 2018

Schedule of Events:

7:30 am - Meet at Romulus Middle School

8:00 am - Community March Begins

8:00 am - Continental Breakfast in the Romulus High School Cafeteria. (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Romulus)

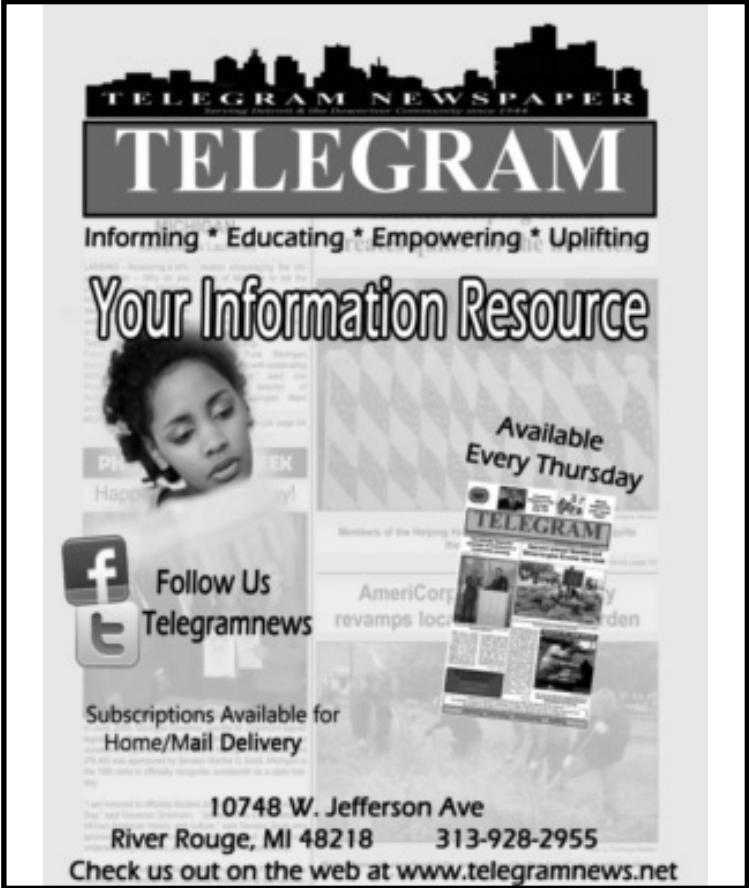
9:30 am - MLK Celebration in the Romulus High School Auditorium

Please contact Rev. Arthur Willis, Committee Chairman, at (313) 701-2423 or Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545, for more information

**Keynote Speaker, Loren D. Townes Jr., B.S.B.A. Washtenaw Community College*

The City of Romulus, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Community Schools Invite the Community to Celebrate!

Please join us at 8:00 am for the Community march from Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Rd.) to Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road). (Shuttle Service provided from RHS to Middle School from 7:00 am to 7:45 am)



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The Community of River Rouge host Annual No Kid Without A Christmas 2017

Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



There was a Santa Claus sighting around the streets of River Rouge. Twas the Saturday before Christmas. With the help of Bridgette and Michael Bowlder. The Mayor's office and an ace squad of volunteers. Santa set up his workshop in River Rouge City Hall for the No Kids Without a Christmas community gift give away.

This is the third year Santa has cruised the streets of Rogue. With each passing year, the event continues to grow deeper in the community. Over three thousand dollars was spent on hats and gloves. Over three hundred children registered. On estimate over six hundred kids received good tidings from Mr. Claus.

Only the team at the North Pole could predict how it's going to work out next year. Let's all keep our eyes and ears open and look out for what's next.



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