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Romulus Celebrates Black History Month



Students and community came out for the Soul Food Dinner
Photo by Roger Kadau

ROMULUS – Several events are planned throughout February to commemorate Black History Month in Romulus.

“Come Unity” Annual Soul Food Dinner

Held this year on Tuesday, February 6th, this free soul food dinner for the community has been the unofficial kickoff to Black History Month in Romulus for more than 20 years. The event is co-organized by Reverend Rita Talley and her daughter, Romulus City Councilwoman Tina Talley in partnership with Romulus Community Schools, Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the City of Romulus.

Held at Romulus High School, the dinner will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. (an hour earlier than in previous years) in the Cafeteria with a special Black History program following at 6:00 p.m. Southern style soul food, is the theme of cuisine being served with all dishes being cooked and prepared by

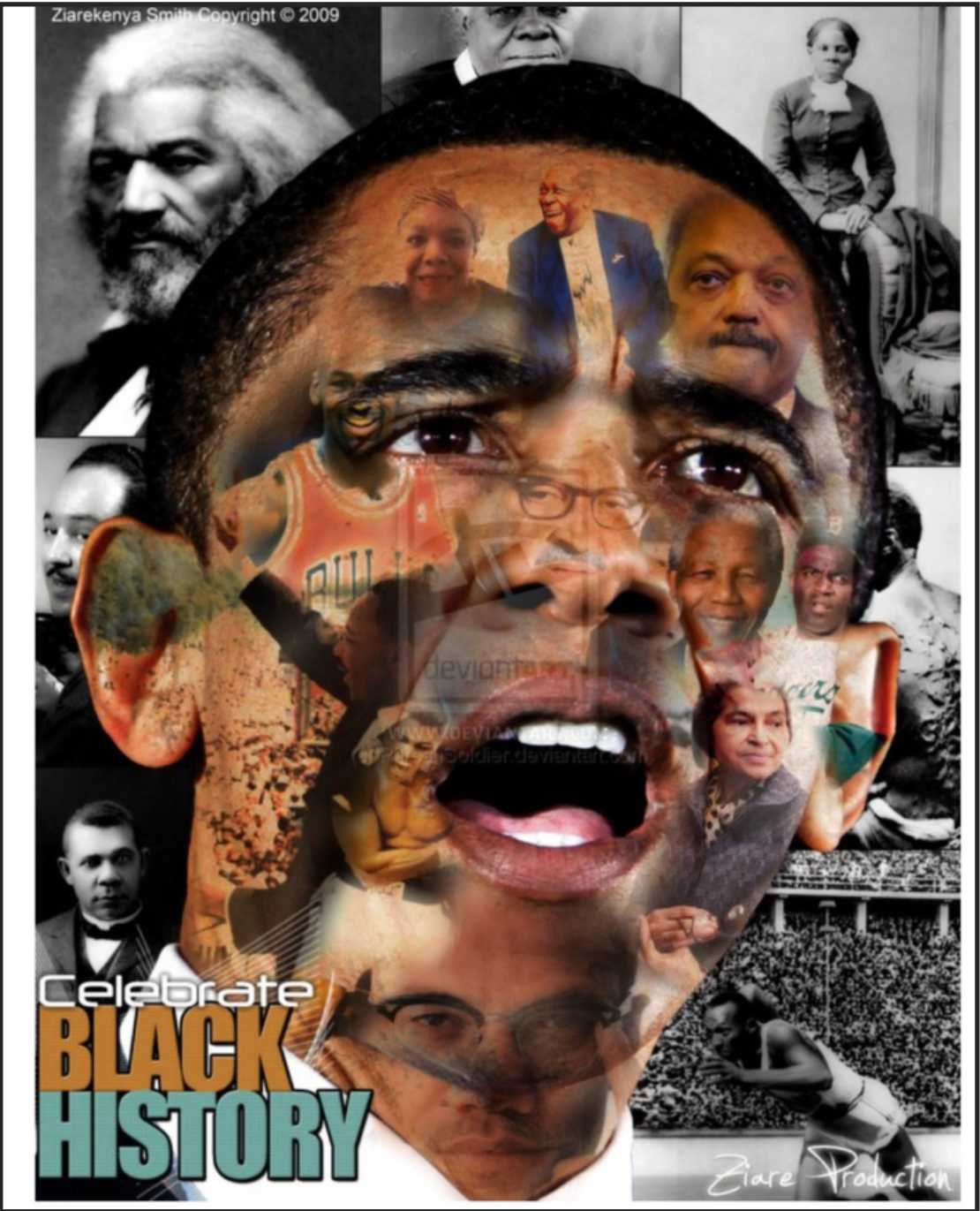
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The importance of the Black Owned Business to the community



Black Americans are just 13 percent of the U.S. population, and yet, we're on trend to have a buying power of \$1.4 trillion by 2019.

A recent study from Nielsen showed that African-Americans' buying power reached \$946.6 billion in 2010 and is projected to climb to \$1.4 trillion in 2019. The average Black-owned business grosses only about \$72,000 per year, according to the U.S. Census and the national average for other minority businesses is \$179,000 per year and a whopping \$490,000 per year for non-minority businesses. Over the past few weeks, we have compiled a 100 Black Owned Business Listing. The list is comprised of Black-owned businesses from around the Metropolitan Detroit area. The reasons I wanted to compile the list tri- fold.

First I wanted to show that there is strength in numbers. I'm sure you have heard the saying 'out of site out of mind'. If you don't see Black owned

businesses with a store front, you might assume that there are not many black businesses in your community....but there are.

The second reason is to show youth some HOPE. Being an Entrepreneur is an option that isn't taught in most schools. The curriculum includes a college preparatory plan and a trade school plan, but not an 'Own your own business plan'. In that case, we, the business owners can be the curriculum that the students can come to for instructions. Many students graduate from high school not realizing that they have a gift that can result in a business that will help sustain their family.

The third reason I decided to compile this list of 100 Black Owned Businesses is to help create wealth for the business owners. Yes, I said wealth. Webster's defines wealth as the value of all the property, possessions, and money that someone or something has. Our ability to help others attain wealth will directly affect the amount of wealth that we ourselves will accumulate. If you are the CEO of your own business, contact us at telegram@telegramnews.net or 313-928-2955 and join the list of 100 Black Owned Businesses that will be listed in the February 22nd issue of the Telegram News.

Gina Steward
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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Wayne County Treasurer offers taxpayers a free mobile app to pay delinquent tax bills, payment plans



DETROIT – Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree has introduced a new mobile app that allows people to pay their delinquent tax bills or payment plan installments via a free mobile app that accepts credit cards or checks, it was announced today.

"We are very pleased to offer a mobile app that will give Wayne County taxpayers even greater convenience in paying their tax bills or payment plans," said Sabree. "Our alliance with the DivDat Kiosk Network allows us to offer this mobile app at no cost to taxpayers and it is free to use. Anyone with a smartphone can download the app."

The mobile app complements the nearly 50 kiosks deployed throughout Metro Detroit. Residents can keep their receipts on their phone, and it provides

an account access bar code that can be quickly scanned at a kiosk if someone wanted to use cash – providing for a faster transaction than typing in an address or account number.

"We encourage Wayne County taxpayers to pay their taxes on time or to enter into a payment plan," said Sabree. "My office has gone to great lengths to make paying as convenient as possible. Our goal for 2018 is to have zero owner occupied homes in the auction, and the mobile app provides yet another payment channel for taxpayers."

Sabree said the Treasurer's Office began deployment of delinquent tax collections in August of 2016. Residents can pay their delinquent Wayne County, current city of Detroit taxes, DWSD water bills and DTE Energy bills on the kiosks. He added that the Treasurer's office has secured more than 100,000 transactions since joining the program.

"Taxpayers who use the app will help us reduce the cost of tax collections. We are exploring even more ways to use technology to make paying

taxes as convenient as possible."

Anyone can download the DivDat Kiosk Network mobile app by going to their favorite app store online with a Wi-Fi connection. Type in DivDat and select "get" and download the app and follow simple instructions to use the app for multiple payment applications.

It is important for people to note that only bill payment account numbers are stored on your phone with the app. All payment information related to credit card or checking accounts are not stored on your phone for enhanced security purposes. Users will be able to see their payment history but not the credit card or check information. Users can receive an email or text receipt for payments. Please visit www.DivDat.com or Treasurer.WayneCounty.com for more information. To ask a question, please email the Treasurer's team at taxinfo@waynecounty.com or call 313-224-5990.

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Michigan Liquor Control Commission
Suspends Three Sons Enterprises -
5740 Grand River - for 270 Days

January 29, 2018 - At the Michigan Liquor Control Commission hearing yesterday in Southfield, MI, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) ordered the suspension of the liquor license and permits held by Three Sons Enterprises located at 5740 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI.

Under MCL 436.1903(1), the Commission is required to impose a suspension or revocation of the liquor license if a licensee is found liable for three or more violations of MCL 436.1801(2) -- sales of alcohol to minors and sales of alcohol to visibly intoxicated persons -- on different occasions within a 24-month period. The most recent violations that caused the penalty hearing include:

- On July 13, 2016, the licensee sold or furnished alcohol to a 20-year old minor.
- On Aug. 6, 2016, the licensee sold or furnished alcohol to a 20-year old minor.
- On Dec. 30, 2016, the licensee sold or furnished alcohol to a 20-year old minor.
- On May 12, 2017, the licensee sold or furnished alcohol to a 20-year old minor.

At the hearing yesterday, after consideration of everything in the file and on the record, and after deliberation, the Commission ordered:

A 270-day suspension, starting Friday, February 5, 2018.
Not concurrently with the 270-day suspension -- and immediately after the 270-day suspension concludes -- the licensee shall serve a three-day suspension that was ordered because of their most recent violation that they haven't served yet.
On or prior to the last day of suspension, the licensee shall appear before the Commission at a show cause hearing so the Commission can determine the status of the license and consider what, if any, additional actions should be taken against the license, whether it be suspension, revocation, or any other action.

Three Sons Enterprises has been licensed by the MLCC since May 20, 1996 and has been found responsible for a total of ten violations in that time. In 2016, the licensee was found responsible for failure to cooperate with law enforcement during the course of an investigation of the licensed premises. The licensee closed the business and placed the licenses and permits in escrow on September 15, 2017.

"Part of the Commission's legal responsibility is conducting these penalty hearings in order to suspend or revoke licenses, but also to make sure the health, safety, and welfare of the public is protected," said MLCC Chairman Andy Deloney. "According to the state liquor control code, the Commission is required to suspend or revoke a license in a situation like this. After reviewing the file and considering the entirety of the record, the Commission felt that this suspension was appropriate."

For more information about the MLCC, please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/lcc>

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It's back!
XFL to return in 2020

By Jim Abeare



It is coming back.
World Wrestling Entertainment's Vince McMahon is going to bring back The XFL in 2020.

This time it is supposed to be more football and less gimmick.

No "He Hate Me" as a name on the back of the Jerseys.

The XFL's timing could have an impact on the NFL's next labor relations talk.

If the new league has a successful first season, L players could use it as a bargaining chip in future negotiations.

The XFL will start off with 8 teams across the country.

Back in the original league in 2001, the league had teams in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, along with teams in Memphis, Birmingham, Las Vegas, and Orlando.

I would probably include St. Louis and San Antonio.

McMahon might even forgo

WHAT DO YOU SAY??

the traditional broadcast networks and put the games on a streaming service.

The WWE has it's own streaming service. The teams will have a 40 man roster. The teams will be owned by the league. Most of the players will be undrafted college players, along with players from the Arena League and the Canadian Football League. Competing football leagues do not usually make it.

The CFL has been around for ever. But the World Football League and the United States Football League lasted only a couple years.

In the case of the USFL, Donald Trump, owner of the New Jersey Generals, got greedy and wanted to go head to head with the NFL in the fall.

All I care about is that we get more football.

I was one of the few that actually watched the original XFL.

I actually liked the scramble for the ball to start the game.

I hope Vince McMahon uses this two year lead in to fix what was wrong and creates a successful spring league.

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February 12, 2018 - 7:00pm
Christian Faith Ministries
27500 Marquette Garden City
Everyone is welcome
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In The Spirit

Does your inside match your outside?



Have you ever caught yourself in a lie? Have you ever caught yourself playing the role of a Christian while not having the heart of a Christian? The problem with playing a role is, sometimes you may forget your lines and the true you will start to take over. We must grow from just doing the right things to doing the Godly-right things for the Godly-right reasons. Paul talks about the inside matching the label we wear on the

outside. It's good to be obedient in doing the right thing. Our challenge is to pray up to the point where we are honest with God first, and through our Lord we will become honest with ourselves and therefore honest with the people we encounter. When we don't have a heart for God's people, they can read through "church talk" and "church programs." We must be honest with God about why we are doing the so-called good things we do, so He can work on our hearts. We struggle with who we should be verses who we are everyday. It's only through the strength of God can we achieve the distinction of having the Holy inside be the same as the Holy outside.

Pastor Mark Zockheem
United Church of Faith
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Psalms 125:1

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In photo - Inkster Mayor Pro Tem - Timothy Williams Rev. Williams and Rev. Sample

IT'S TIME TO READ A BOOK!!

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MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

Westland Library Embraces Technology and the Community

By: Renee Summers - Telegram News Intern



Youth section at the William P. Faust Library in Westland

As part of the Telegram's series to highlight local public libraries and their services, we turn this week to the City of Westland.

The William P. Faust Public Library in the city of Westland is fairly new. The facility opened in 1996 and is named for the late state senator who served in the Michigan Senate from 1967 to 1994. Faust was an ardent advocate for libraries and was influential in obtaining funding for the building of the city's library. Following a life of service, Faust passed away in 1995.

The 25,400 square foot library, located south of Westland Mall, is part of the city of Westland. As such, the library offers an array of services to all facets of the community, not merely those who may be in need of books or research assistance. The library's website, www.westlandlibrary.org, features a community tab which lists information and resources available to residents. The information includes listings of

local theaters and recreation venues, child care services, resources for the homeless, and resources for senior citizens.

The library itself serves as a hub for family-friendly activities and cultural events. In addition to storytimes and book clubs for children and teens, the library features movie nights, a writers' group and a knitters group which meets monthly. The youth librarians host storytimes at Biggby Coffee and spend time introducing young children to the world of books at various local pre-schools. Also for adults, the library offers drop-in classes for computer and tablet use and also for job seekers. Other upcoming workshops for adults include diabetes prevention and control and navigating the world of online dating. Library Director Sherri West says the library's service to the community and the programs offered are its most unique asset.

"We've been fortunate," adds adult services librarian Jennifer Roth, "the community has

been so supportive."

Technological conveniences offered to the community by the library include downloadable books, films and music, wireless printing, and a new addition, Mango, a six-week foreign language program, which offers instruction in up to 70 languages. The library also offers online reservations and check out for materials.

The Friends of the Westland Library offer used books and other materials for sale at the library. Beginning on February 9, the Friends will host a used book sale which will run through Sunday, February 11. DVDs, CDs, magazines and records will also be available for purchase. Prices begin at 10 cents. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The William P. Faust Public Library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland. The library phone number is 734-326-6123 and its website is www.westlandlibrary.org.

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Westwood Selects Finalists for Superintendent Position

The Westwood Community School District's Board of Education announces that current Superintendent Sue C. Carnell, PhD, is retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. As part of its process to find her successor, the Board conducted a thorough superintendent search and narrowed the field to two finalists.

The two finalists are Dr. Stiles Simmons, current Superintendent of the Baldwin Community Schools in Lake County, Michigan, and Mr. Greg Roberts, a current High School Turnaround Principal for the Eastpointe Community Schools, in Macomb County, Michigan.

Dr. Simmons will be interviewed by the Board on Monday, February 5, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m. and Mr. Roberts will be inter-

viewed on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m. A community reception will be held prior to each finalist's interview at 6 p.m. The receptions will give the community a chance to meet the finalists, and ask questions about their vision for the District.

All interviews will take place at the Equilla Bradford Administrative Center, 3335 S. Beech Daly, Dearborn Height, Michigan. The meetings are open to the public, and the community is invited to attend.

Westwood Community School District is a public K-12 district located in Dearborn Heights, Dearborn and Inkster, Michigan. Westwood has caring, dedicated staff and programs suited to prepare students for college and career including STEM (Science,

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BLACK HISTORY MAKERS

Mamie Phipps Clark

Using Science to Accomplish Legal and Social Change



Mamie Phipps Clark and her husband Kenneth Clark

It is February and time to remember some of the notable people who have given us reason to observe Black History Month. This week, we look to the world of science.

Mamie Phipps Clark was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1917. According to the online journal, the Encyclopedia of Arkansas (www.encyclopediarkansas.net), her parents were Harold Phipps, a physician and native of the British West Indies, and Kate Florence Phipps, who assisted her husband in his practice. She attended segregated elementary and high schools, graduating in 1934 and win-

ning a scholarship to Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Her intention was to study math and physics, but she encountered resistance because of her gender. While as Howard, she met Kenneth Clark, a student who was studying for his master's degree in psychology. He encouraged young Mamie Phipps to switch her major of study to psychology. The two married in 1937.

She graduated from Howard in 1938, earning her Bachelor's Degree. She then entered Howard's master's degree program in psychology. Her mas-

ter's thesis, completed in 1939, was titled, "The Development of Consciousness in Negro Pre-School Children." With assistance from her husband, Clark demonstrated through experiments that young black children, when given a choice between a white doll and a black doll, preferred the white doll. She found that young black children became aware of their racial identity around age three, but also acquired a negative self-image. According to author Wini Warren, author of Black Women Scientists in the U.S., the scientific findings by Clark and her husband determined that racial self-identification of black children and the resulting negative self-image was the result of larger society's negative views towards Blacks.

Mamie Phipps Clark's work on the negative self-image of black children as a result of segregation and racism had a direct impact on legal and social change in the United States. Her work was viewed with respect in the academic world and the findings were later repeated and verified by other scientists. But the influence of Clark's work does not end there. In 1954, the United States Supreme Court cited Clark's research as expert testimony as it deliberated on the case Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. The court declared the doctrine "separate but equal" in regards to education to be unconstitutional by reason of the feeling of inferiority which developed in the African-American students.

Clark entered the doctorate program at Columbia University and in 1944 became the first African-American woman to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree in psychology in that university's history.



Little boy choosing the white doll in the study about self image

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Harper Woods

There will be a city council meeting February 5, 2018 at city hall, 19617 Harper Ave., at 7PM.

Romulus

City Council Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

Taylor

City Council Meeting

There will be a city council meeting February 6, 2018 from 7-9PM in the council chambers of city hall, 23555 Goddard Rd.

Lego Club

Join us for Lego Club February 5, 2018 from 6-7PM at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee). This event is for grades 1st-5th. No registration required. Just come and build!

Computer Basics

Visit Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee) February 7, 2018 from 10:30-11:30AM for a computer lesson in creating an email. Call 734-287-4840 to sign up for this free event.

River Rouge

City Council Meeting

There will be a city council meeting February 5, 2018 at city hall, 10600 W. Jefferson Ave.at 7:30PM.

Wayne

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 8-10PM, there will be a city council meeting at the Wayne city hall, 3355 S Wayne Rd.

Westland

The Gallery at City Hall (36300 Warren Rd.) will feature an art exhibition celebrating Black History Month all through February. There will be a free public reception Friday, February 2, 2018 from 4:30-7:30PM. Join us for outstanding art, music, food, and beverages.

City Council Meeting

February 5, 2018 there will be a city council meeting at the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., beginning at 7:00PM.

Blood Pressure Screening

Stop by the Friendship Center (1119 Newburgh) for a blood pressure screening from 10-11:30 AM this February 8th.

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City Council Meeting

February 5, 2018 there will be a city council meeting at the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., beginning at 7:00 p.m.

BOOKS IN THE HOOD REVIEW

By - Xavier Jones Media Specialist

Unspoken Chronicles of A Sidechick, A Poetic Memoir



Tajhae - Wonderful! The attention is new to me, I'm not used to getting attention from a crowd. Despite how I'm feeling it's always a blessing. I created a platform in which I can speak on my experiences. People saw that, now they want me to speak my truth to the masses. It's amazing. But I can't say I didn't expect for it to happen!

Telegram - How do you suggest men read and understand your poetic memoir.

Tajhae - After reading it I would hope black men have a different perspective on the black woman sitting next to them. A refreshed perspective on how you treat her, respect her, talk to her and how you view her. It's just as important for men to take a look at themselves after reading and digest its meaning.

Telegram - Where did the title and content of this book come from?

Tajhae - My actual experiences of being a "mistress" when I was sixteen years old. But that's not what the book focuses on. At eighteen I realized that it's more than a title or set of behaviors. But a mindset. Settling for less than what you deserve, low self esteem. Some situations expressed in my book reminds me of general ideas felt by side chicks. Once I turned 18, I had an experience that prompted me to not only speak my truths in regards to my experiences in "situationships" after that. I have endured emotional abuse, physical, verbal abuse, and sexual abuse. I took the time (and still am) to reflect and introspect on how my childhood and adult experiences led to the Wombman I am today.

Telegram - Explain the Sankofa symbol?

Tajhae - An ancient symbol from Ghana that represents learning from the past to create a better future.

Telegram - Who did you write this book for?

Tajhae - Firstly for myself. Secondly for my peers. Young women and men in their twenties who are ready to speak their truths. A lot of us suffered through traumatic experiences growing up, and never had an outlet or platform to express it.

Tajhae can be reached for booking, or book sales at.

www.AuthorTajhaeBarr.com

Tajhae Barr is certainly a fighter in the black woman's fight. The 2013 graduate of the Academy of Business and Technology has been on her best business behavior. She's started off the year with a running head start.

She's released her first book. Unspoken Chronicles of A Sidechick A Poetic Memoir. Tajhae is using her platform to share her experiences and speak her truths. Spreading the message of healing and self love across the state of Michigan. The poetic memoir has even been sent to customers out of state. Success is quickly catching up to the local

author.

Unspoken Chronicles of A Sidechick A Poetic Memoir focuses on healing trauma. Tajhae address trauma from childhood. Trauma from daddy issues, abuse, sexual assault, and all of the depression that comes with it. Tahjae shares how these experiences made her the person she is today, and how telling the story helps her heal.

The story is told in the most unique way. Poems dance around creative pictures and sketches on the pages. Splashing the information to readers in a real and relatable fashion. A way that can't be told by any other writer on any other planet. Tajhae told me it would be even impossible for her to reduplicate the style of the book.

Tajhae's sixty five page debut comes with free writing space in the back so healers can reflect. This small poetic memoir definitely packs a punch. The cover is simple but breathtaking. An unknown woman is relaxing on a Sankofa symbol, she's wearing a nice dress and enjoying a nice glass of wine.

Everyday Tajhae is healing, learning and working on herself. Her next book Unspoken Chronicles of A Woman. Will be coming out after she gets the time to navigate the world and find herself.

Tajhae is a sweet young lady who radiates positive vibes. Her vibrating personality has earned her keynote speaking slots, appearances, and a cult following of young black women who are ready to heal and support each other. I've had the pleasure of meeting with Ms. Barr to discuss the book.

Telegram - How does it feel to be a new author whose success and status skyrocketed so quickly.

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Why it’s important to observe Black History Month

By Regina Edmondson |



In the United States, the month of February is observed as Black History Month or National African American History Month, and we use the month to remember the important contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout our nation’s history. The celebration can be felt nationally and worldwide as many organizations, cities, states and countries host events that educate on the rich culture, and memorable figures of African American history. As a new month of remembrance begins, let’s consider the important reasons why Black History Month is observed each year.

Celebrate with knowledge

Carter G. Woodson was the sole individual responsible for creating Negro History Week in Washington, D.C., in February 1926. To Woodson, the black experience was too important

simply to be left to a small group of academics, and believed that his role was to use black history and culture as a weapon in the struggle for racial uplift. His goal was to ensure that school children be exposed to black history. Woodson chose the second week of February in order to celebrate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass

The development of Black History Week to a full month was proposed by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969, and they held their inaugural celebration one year later, in February 1970. Quickly following that event, schools followed suit, creating clubs, playing host to lectures and more, all of which is still seen today.

In 1976, the bicentennial of the

United States, President Gerald R. Ford expanded African American week into a full month. He said the country needed to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of African Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” This holds true today when all too often only the most negative aspects of African American communities get highlighted. We are overwhelmed with images of rowdy athletes and reality are examples of the success of black people. And we are subjected daily to unfair stereotypes and assumptions from a culture that is still learning to accept us.

Black History Month is an integral part of our nation’s tradition in which we continue to promote positive examples of poignant historical events, exemplary leaders and steps towards societal change. This remembrance is not only deeply meaningful for the African American community, but imperative for the greater understanding of national and world history.

Engage the community

By reliving and remembering history, we create awareness of the struggles and challenges that African Americans overcame in this country. This

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Young lady performing a breathing test for asthma

Today CMS Energy announced that they will be pulling the permit proposal which would have expanded their methane gas powerplant in the South end of Dearborn, MI. The methane gas power facility, run by Dearborn Industrial Generation or DIG, proposed the expansion to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality late last year. They cited additional capacity for energy generation at peak heating periods and indicated at least part of this energy would be exported on the energy grid.

On January 16, community residents came out in the hundreds to voice their concerns. Residents explained that it was already difficult to breathe in S. Dearborn and adjacent SW Detroit-- and this plant would be an addi-

tional burden of air pollution. Not only would the plant cause an undue burden on people, but the company failed to provide due diligence in modeling air pollution and overestimated costs for pollution controls. We never even saw an Environmental Justice analysis.

US Representative Debbie Dingell [D-Dearborn] told the Detroit Free Press: "We need to ensure that we can provide reliable, affordable energy to all Michiganders, but the need for clean air for our communities is equally important." The real thanks is due to all the countless people who worked tirelessly to put pressure on MDEQ and Consumers to say NO to more unfair contamination!.

By: Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition

Southfield Physician's Controlled Substance License Summarily Suspended for Overprescribing

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) served an order summarily suspending the controlled substance license of Southfield physician Solomon Adu-Beniako. The Michigan Public Health Code provides for summary suspension of licenses when the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action.

LARA also served an accompanying administrative complaint on Adu-Beniako, alleging that he prescribed controlled substances without good faith and failed to maintain effective controls against drug diversion.

LARA's complaint indicates that Adu-Beniako frequently prescribed commonly abused and diverted medications to patients. Some patients traveled more than 200 miles to his medical office to obtain controlled substances.

Governor Rick Snyder's Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force called for a more comprehensive enforcement program against licensed health professionals and facilities who participate in overprescribing and over dispensing. Accordingly, LARA created a permanent Drug Monitoring Section which fo-

cuses on identifying, investigating, and pursuing appropriate disciplinary actions against individuals who overprescribe or divert controlled substances, and individuals and facilities who over dispense controlled substances.

An order of summary suspension is a temporary measure to protect the public and not a final determination that a licensee has violated the Public Health Code.

For more information of LARA's regulation of health professions in Michigan, please go to michigan.gov/healthlicense.

For more information about LARA, please visit michigan.gov/lara

? This information has me thinking. How many other offices are having their licenses suspended. If this information is interesting to you, please call the office and let us know. 313-928-2955

Black History

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proven perseverance will serve as inspiration for the diverse community of Aurora, CCA and the rest of America. February has become a time designated for reflection, open dialogue, interdisciplinary education, and shared advocacy initiatives. Every race is connected to the rich history of this nation, and by celebrating Black History Month everyone can be included in a tradition of acknowledgement, inclusion and community engagement.

Inform the youth and reflect on the past

Although we have an African American president, many young people are not aware of the sacrifices and struggles that those before them have made to be where we are today. We can't take this accomplishment as an end point, however. We should use this opportunity to reach even greater heights. It's easy to take the rights we have for granted if we don't remember the determination that earlier generations showed, all of us have the potential to forget them. As the world continues to diversify with groups of many different origins, cultures and creeds, it is as important as ever to celebrate the histories that make up the collective account of our nation. It is important that we reflect and celebrate the monumental contributions and use them as a platform for future growth.

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OBJECTIVES

A) To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or to areas which meet the minimum requirements for CDBG eligibility of at least 42.39% low/moderate income persons.

B) To eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis.

C) To maintain, improve and develop affordable housing and infrastructure for all persons throughout the entire community.

D) To reduce negative environmental impacts.

E) Improve the residential environment by promoting the stabilization and/or long-term revitalization of neighborhoods with balanced housing opportunities, neighborhood improvements and economic development.

F) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.

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A Public Hearing is scheduled before Mayor and Council to listen and take public comments on proposed CDBG projects on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 10600 West Jefferson Ave.

Interested persons are invited to comment on projects you would like to have funded by this program. We encourage your participation. If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend the meeting please write or call the City Clerk's Office (313) 842-5604, 10600 West Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, MI 48218.

Michael D. Bowdler Mayor

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the River Rouge, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 15th, 2018, at 6:00PM., in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Civic Center, 10600 W. Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

Amendment to the Zoning Map: Proposed rezoning of the parcels fronting Burke Street from Pine Street to Oak Street to Green Overlay. The proposed green overlay zoning will allow for light industrial uses, including medical marijuana growing facilities.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission, City of River Rouge, 10600 W. Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan 48101.

Published: January 29, 2018

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*NOTE: Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2018 at 10:30 at the Hyacinth Court Location, 460 ½ Lenoir Court, River Rouge, MI. 48218

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Inkster, Wayne County 2018-2019 Proposed Final Statement and Public Hearing Notice Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00pm and February 19, 2018 and at 6:00pm to consider submission of the 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The hearing will be held at Inkster City Hall in Council Chambers located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI 48141. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and approve final projects and funding level for Inkster's allocation of the 2018-2019 Wayne County CDBG Program funding as follows:

| Activity | Location | Funding |
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| Administration | City-Wide | \$21,000 |
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The estimated amount is based on the 2017—2018 funding allocation less 10% for Demonstration Projects. The above activities meet HUD's National Objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income persons and aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. To submit comments, please contact Sharde Fleming at 313.563.9764.

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Local Basketball this Week

By Butch Davis



River Rouge Panthers and Ecorse Red Raiders took to the court last week. All time competition and rivalry continues. Rouge wins 47 to 23.

We’ve crossed the midpoint of this boy’s basketball season, and the week to come might end up one of the most memorable of the winter. In addition the final month of this girls basketball season, the first league championships are being clinched and the first conference tournament brackets are filling in. Please get out and support a basketball game in a neighborhood near you.

Here are the games in the Telegram News reading area near you. Home teams are in **BOLD PRINT**.

- Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/1
7:00 PM, Allen Park Cabrini vs. West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy
- 7:00 PM, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy
- Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/2
7:00 PM, Dearborn vs. Redford Thurston
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Divine Child vs. Detroit Loyola
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Fordson vs. Romulus
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. Livonia Clarenceville
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy vs. Arts & Technology Academy of Pontiac
- 4:00 PM, Detroit Cass Tech vs. Detroit Renaissance
- 7:30 PM, Ecorse vs. Harper Woods
- 7:00 PM, Lutheran Westland vs. Center Line Macomb Christian
- 7:00 PM, Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech vs. Detroit University Prep Science & Math
- 7:00 PM, River Rouge vs. Detroit University Prep
- 7:00 PM, Riverview vs. New Boston Huron
- 7:30 PM, Taylor Preparatory vs. Taylor Trillium
- Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/3
- 4:30 PM, Grand Rapids Christian vs. Detroit Cass Tech
- Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/6

- 7:00 PM, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Bloomfield Hills Roeper
- 6:00 PM, Canton Preparatory vs. Dearborn Hts Star International
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn vs. Belleville
- 6:30 PM, Dearborn Advanced Tech vs. Detroit Westside Christian
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. Romulus
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Dearborn Heights Annapolis
- 7:30 PM, Ecorse vs. Hamtramck
- 7:00 PM, Garden City vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford
- 7:00 PM, Lutheran Westland vs. Novi Franklin Road Christian
- 7:30 PM, River Rouge vs. Detroit Henry Ford Academy Creative
- 7:30 PM, Taylor Preparatory vs. Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech
- 7:00 PM, Taylor Trillium vs. Detroit Community
- Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 2/1
5:30 PM, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy
- 7:00 PM, Brownstown vs. Woodhaven Gibraltar Carlson
- 7:00 PM, Monroe St Mary Catholic Central vs. Flat Rock
- 7:00 PM, Riverview vs. Grosse Ile
- 7:30 PM, Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Clarkston Everest Collegiate
- Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 2/2
- 7:00 PM, Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt
- 7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. Belleville
- 6:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Dearborn
- 6:00 PM, Ecorse vs. Harper Woods
- 7:00 PM, Lincoln Park vs. Southgate Anderson
- 6:00 PM, Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech vs. Detroit University Prep Science & Math
- 6:00 PM, River Rouge vs. Detroit

- University Prep
- 7:00 PM, Romulus vs. Dearborn Fordson
- 4:30 PM, Taylor Preparatory vs. Dearborn Hts Star International
- 7:00 PM, Taylor Truman vs. Taylor Kennedy
- 7:00 PM, Trenton vs. Allen Park
- 7:00 PM, Westland John Glenn vs. Wayne Memorial
- Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 2/5
7:00 PM, Carleton Airport vs. Riverview
- 6:00 PM, Dearborn Hts Star International vs. Dearborn Advanced Tech
- 6:30 PM, Detroit Cristo Rey vs. Detroit Jalen Rose
- 6:00 PM, Westland John Glenn vs. Pontiac Academy for Excellence
- Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 2/6
7:00 PM, Allen Park vs. Taylor Truman
- 7:00 PM, Belleville vs. Dearborn
- 5:00 PM, Dearborn Advanced Tech vs. Detroit Westside Christian
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- 7:00 PM, Romulus vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood
- 7:00 PM, Southfield Christian vs. Lutheran Westland
- 7:00 PM, Taylor Kennedy vs. Southgate Anderson

Let’s Make a Deal

Detroit Pistons get new player

By Butch Davis



Blake Griffin
The new Detroit Piston

The state of the Detroit Pistons is as follow, the Pistons are 19th in the league in home attendance this season, despite playing in a brand new building, Little Caesar’s Arena, that they shared with the NHL’s Red Wings and that served as a symbol of a re-emerging, new downtown Detroit. In addition, the Pistons have lost eight straight after a strong start to the season and are four games out of the loss column for the final playoff spot in the east. By the way Stan Van Gundy is in the fourth year of a five-year contract he signed, as coach and chief exec, to clean up the mess the Pistons had become. His clock is ticking.

Despite the facts that loom, Van Gundy makes a move this past Monday that to many fans is a huge puzzle. The Pistons ship away Avery Bradley, Tobias Harris, spare parts and a potential lottery pick to acquire the Los Angela’s Clippers strong forward Blake Griffin as the Pistons have committed a king’s ransom — five years (including this one) and \$173 million to a player who is three years removed from last ranking among the elites. Griffin posts good numbers, certainly. No one would complain about 21.6 points, 9.3 rebounds and 4.2 assists a game however Van Gundy has just banked the future of his team on a player who has missed one-third of his team’s games since the 2013-14 season.

It’s the following list that raises red flags, though Griffin had a bad bone bruise to his left knee, a meniscus tear in his left knee and started his career

by sitting out his first season with a broken left kneecap. He went through a strained MCL injury in, you guessed it, his left knee that cost him a month this season. The guy obviously has a bum left knee, and the net result of all this has been 99 games missed in the past four years. Wait there’s more; Griffin has suffered a hand injury that stemmed from a fight with a team employee.

How does Griffin fit with Drummond? Well, he probably doesn’t. And that’s even when he is healthy, which, recent history shows, he won’t be very often. Hey you remember Greg Monroe when he and Andre were paired up? Nevertheless the Pistons need a leader or should I say, an “Alpha Dog” in the locker room. Griffin will bring leadership to a team that has zilch.

“We’re pleased to welcome Blake Griffin, Willie Reed and Brice Johnson to the Detroit Pistons,” said President and Head Coach Stan Van Gundy. “Blake has been an All-NBA performer, he’s a five-time all-star and a player that commands attention whenever he’s on the floor. His presence will help us offensively and his size gives us another rebounder and weapon in the paint. Willie Reed and Brice Johnson are two young players that give us size and depth. On the flip side, I thank Avery Bradley, Tobias Harris and Boban Marjanovic for their efforts and wish them the best moving forward.”

Now for the record the Clippers have agreed to send the star power forward to the Pistons for Tobias Harris, Avery Bradley, Boban Marjanovic, a future protected first-round draft choice and a future second round draft choice. The Clippers are including Brice Johnson and Willie Reed in the trade. Now will you go to a Pistons game since they have a superstar? Is Blake romance with Kendall

Jenner in jeopardy? With it be a long distance relationship or will Kendall make trips to Detroit to keep her Man? Stay tuned.

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- 7:00 PM, Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. Lincoln Park



The Horror of Modern Slavery

By: Steven Malik Shelton



Many people assume that slavery ended in the United States with the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment to the constitution, yet slavery in America, and throughout the world, is very much alive and well. The tragedy of sub-Saharan African refugee/captives in Libya has been exposed and photographs and video footage of men, women and children being exploited and abused has caused a ripple of shock and outrage in the civilized world. Yet there are many manifestations of captivity as well as the slavery (whether for labor or sex trafficking) that always accompanies it.

In the United States modern slavery is a hidden and extremely covert activity and is therefore able to hide in plain sight. Reportedly, there are over 150,000 enslaved individuals in North America. And this number does not include those that are in prisons or in jails. Some are exploited as agricultural workers. Others are forced into prostitution, and many are forced to work in mines, factories, and even nursing homes and restaurants. As in any criminal enterprise, modern slavers and human traffickers prey on those that are perceived as more vulnerable and easier targets. And this usually includes women, children, and those who arrive in the country illegally. Modern slavery is often difficult to identify because there are few glaring signs, and unlike ancient and chattel slavery, the chains that bind them are not blatant and physical, but mental and circumstantial and therefore much harder to detect. Contrary to what many people think, sex trafficking is not reserved for mature women but often target the very young (some no more than seven years old) because they are easier to capture, control and can be exploited for longer periods of time. Areas of southeast Michigan (particularly the cities of Detroit and Southfield) are hotspots for human trafficking and sex

slavery. “Michigan is number two in the nation,” revealed Detroit police chief James Craig in a recent news conference. “It is only exceeded by Nevada. When I first learned this, I was somewhat surprised. I would’ve thought it would’ve been California first and then maybe Nevada. We also know that most of the complaints about sex trafficking are emanating from our strip clubs, and the local motels. Not just in the city, but in the region. This has been one of our focuses, and it will continue to be one of our focuses.”

In recent years there’ve been several sweeps by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Suspects were arrested and some of the victims were juvenile girls that had been forced by pimps and traffickers into selling their bodies. “In southeast Michigan there have been unspeakable cases with tragic outcomes that have impacted the lives of families and communities due to human trafficking,” said Oakland County Commissioner, Janet Jackson. “It is time that we work to shed light on this issue.” Although police and government officials are at the forefront of the fight against human trafficking, they need the community to play an integral part in its abolition if it is to be significantly and adequately curtailed. And, sadly, on a global scale modern slavery and trafficking in human beings is still very much with us today in many forms, and experts warn that it is more prevalent (though much harder to detect) than in the past.

In the United States, as penalties for the conviction of the selling of illegal drugs became more severe, criminals turned to the sex trafficking industry where convictions were often more difficult to prove and where (until recently) the penalties for it were far less. However, in the final analysis, it is strong families and communities that are the first bulwark against human trafficking and the ugly industry of human

bondage.

Here are some of the tell-tale signs that may be indicators of this activity:

- *Is the suspected victim accompanied by another person who seems controlling (possibly the trafficker)?*
- *Is the person rarely allowed in public (except for work)?*
- *Does there seem to be physical or psychological abuse?*
- *Does the person seem submissive or fearful?*
- *Is someone else collecting the person’s pay or holding their money for safe keeping?*
- *Is someone prohibiting the person from socializing or attending religious services?*

People should also be suspicious if the person has little or no personal possessions including identifying documents, such as a passport or driver’s license.

There are also ways to identify nefarious activities that suspected people may be involved in by utilizing something as accessible as a web search. “There are several different social media web sites that some of the victims may be showcased in,” said Detective Jeff Manson, who works in the Detroit Police Department’s sex crimes unit. “If you are concerned that there may be someone that’s being victimized, you can easily go on those sites and find out. And if you think a person may be a player in a sex trafficking ring or some other criminal activity; you can put their phone number in and Google it and the information will pop up, and it will also show their picture.”

If you suspect human trafficking call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or go online at www.humantraffickinghotline.org. Or contact the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force at www.mhttf.org. You may also call the Detroit Sex Crimes Unit at 313-596-1950

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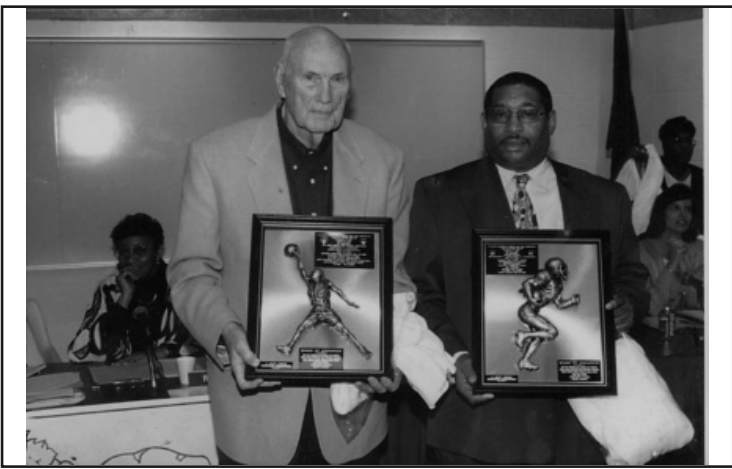
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Photo Contest Week 4



Winner for Week 4 - Is Tyra Pierce

Pictured from left to right: Lofton Greene - Rouge Basketball Coach, Benny Benford - Rouge Football Coach, (seated) School Board member Regina Wilson

Romulus - Black History Programs

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local churches and volunteers. All are welcome to wear their favorite African attire. Donations are accepted on behalf of the Romulus Middle School Student Activities Fund.

To volunteer or to help with cooking, please contact Rev. Talley at (734) 595-6330, or Tina Talley at (313) 408-3637.

4th Annual Romulus Black History Bus Tour Featuring Stops on the Underground Railroad

Tour-goers will make stops around the City, highlighting Romulus’ rich history including sites that were locations for the Underground Railroad and others that were important to the Civil Rights movement within the City.

Tour will be held Saturday, February 17th, boarding at 10:00 a.m. in the Romulus City Hall parking lot and should last approximately 3 hours.

Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP by calling the Mayor’s Office ASAP as seats are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis at (734) 942-7571. For those not able to attend, a

narrated video of the tour is available on the City’s YouTube channel and local Comcast Cable.

Great Migration of African-Americans – Goin’ Up North. Children’s Program with Miz Rosie

Rosie Chapman, a.k.a. Miz Rosie, is a teacher, performing artist, author and school social worker who thrills audiences of all ages with storytelling. Her interactive performances are truly educational and entertaining.

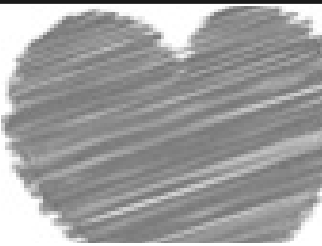
Miz Rosie will be coming to the Romulus Public Library on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to share the story of African-Americans moving north through songs and poetry.

This activity is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

All ages are welcome and no sign-up is required. For more information, visit or call the Library at (734) 942-7589.

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Tasha B. Love

“Talk to Tasha”

“Reality Check”

Dear Tasha,

I have a female cousin who has been dating a guy for over a year now. Her prior relationship left her broken hearted and struggling to find herself again. In this current relationship, she seems happy, as she’s always talking about how he cares and loves her, buys her nice things and is tentative to her needs; mentally and otherwise. Although, I had never met him and only seen him a few times when he would drop her off at my place, I was happy for her and could see that she was returning to a better mental state. I was her personal cheerleader, and hoping that the relationship would eventually build into something that she desired. But, that all changed after my boyfriend and I started hanging out with them. It didn’t take long for me to see who really wanted the relationship and it wasn’t him. He was very condescending, demanding and verbally abusive to my cousin. It made me sick to watch her dote over him and take his abuse. Everything was about him; what he wanted, where he wanted to go and I could not believe that she would stand for this type of behavior. After, I shared my concerns with her, she finally spilled the beans and shared that he had hit her on a few occasions. My fear is, my cousin is in love with a man that means her no good and he will eventually hurt her to the point of no return. How do I get her to see this relationship is toxic and will not flourish into anything positive?

Signed,
Concerned Cousin

Dear Concerned Cousin,

They say, blood is thicker than water and I can see the blood runs deep in your veins, but will it in hers? However, in this

case, you have every right to be concerned about your cousin. The only problem is that she doesn’t see the problem, because she is blinded by all the kind things he does for her and the attention he gives her; mentally and otherwise. Albeit, his kindness is paired with abusive and controlling behaviors, which is unhealthy in any relationship. So, I say to you; you’ve played the part of cheerleader, now it’s time for you to play the part of the coach and the game you’re coaching, is called: Reality Check! She needs to realize her worth as a woman and find strength within, learn to love herself and you can support her with pointing out how he treats her. It appears she trusts you enough to confide in you and values your opinion. However, this will be a thin line you will have to walk, as you don’t want her to run directly into his arms and avoid communicating with you all together. She needs to understand that verbal abuse and controlling behaviors are signals of domestic violence and one doesn’t have to be married to be in a domestic violence relationship. There are lots of warning signs; and he has already begun to show some serious signs: putting his hands on her. However, she has made the first step by confiding in you and this is an opportunity for you to have a heart to heart and express your concerns and fears. If she agrees, have her make a list of attributes of what she wants in a man, define those attributes and compare them to what she has been experiencing in the relationship. This could be her reality check. You have been supportive, encouraging and most of all, a loving cousin.

Talk to Tasha @ TashaBLove2018@gmail.com

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American culture from the Middle Passage to today unveils the real history of America. All cultures should be celebrated and elevated in the history books.”

The Heck Rabi Playwriting Festival will be held in the Studio Theatre at the Hilberry, February 1 to 3, 2018, and “The Colored Museum” plays February 2 to 18, 2018 at the Hilberry Theatre. Tickets for both events are available today by phone at (313) 577-2972, online at www.theatreand-danceatwayne.com, or by visiting the box office at 4743 Cass Avenue at the corner of Hancock Street.

A convenience fee of \$2 per ticket is automatically added to your ticket when purchasing online. Additional fees may be required per order.

The Studio Theatre at The Hilberry is only accessible via stairs.

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DETROIT – The Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance is excited to present two unique and exciting productions this February: The Heck Rabi Playwriting Festival, and George C. Wolfe’s “The Colored Museum”. Enjoy three brand new works, showcasing the talent of young up and coming play writers for one weekend only at the Heck Rabi Playwriting Festival. Then, commemorate Black History Month with “The Colored Museum”, which takes audiences through 11 “exhibits” chronicling and satirizing African American history and culture. With the Heck Rabi Playwriting Festival, Theatre and Dance at Wayne is proud to premiere three brand new plays: “Lucida” by Cody Robison, “Steps” by Wesley Cady, “Orange-Ade” by Kayla Von Mundy.

Since 2000, the Studio Theatre at the Hilberry has hosted the festival, encouraging emerging playwrights to submit their original works. Each year, six to seven semi-finalists are chosen out of all submissions. The plays are then read at a workshop where they are critiqued by a panel of judges. Then, at the Festival in February, the three finalists’ plays are produced for a live audience.

“The Colored Museum” by George C. Wolfe, consists of 11 thought provoking and satirical “exhibits” exploring the African American experience both past and present. Vignettes range from satirizing popular African American plays

like “A Raisin in the Sun”, to popular culture elements like African American hair and the models that grace the cover of Ebony Magazine. Director Billicia Hines is ready to tackle this exciting challenge. Of the work, she says, “I am so excited to have an opportunity to direct a play by George C. Wolfe. I love the way that he grapples with such serious subjects in a satirical way.

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5 Ways to Create Ambiance in Your Home



(StatePoint) If your home interiors lack charm, don't worry. These five simple additions and updates can add ambiance and character to your home.

1. Use bold colors. Colors have the power to create specific moods. To ensure a welcoming atmosphere, make sure you select shades wisely. The science behind color psychology can help you choose paint, upholstery and more. Warm colors like red, orange and yellow make people feel more cozy and intimate. Cooler colors like grey and green are better for invoking calm, and are used to make a room feel more spacious.

2. Add a touch of soft-

ness. Use plush, cozy materials, such as decorative pillows and throws to create inviting places to sit. Soften hard surfaces like wooden or tile floors with area rugs. Add some warmth to hallways and narrow foyers with runners.

3. Breathe new life into spaces. Indoor plants can give life to an otherwise stagnant living area. For those not blessed with a green thumb, consider artificial plants. High-quality options can look very realistic and will save you time on care and maintenance. Or, for variety, add a simple vase to the kitchen table and brighten up the room with a new bouquet of fresh cut flowers each week.

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