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Obama Talks Climate In Florida Everglades For Earth Day



President Obama speak from the Everglades

The leader of the most economically developed nation in the world told fellow Americans on this cloudy, muggy south Florida afternoon that "climate change cannot be edited out of the conversation," as some would like it to be. He spoke from the imperiled Ever-

glades wetlands about the way that climate change threatens the US economy.

President Obama addresses climate change in Everglades National Park, April 22, 2015

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Inkster Officer charged with assault and misconduct in Floyd Dent case

Local community leaders and city officials hold press conference

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Bishop Walter Starghill, Minister Earl Truss, Rev. Joseph Stephens, City Manager Richard Marsh, Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Rev. George Williams, Rev. Thurell Hudson and Rev. John Hearn

Earlier this week, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced that Officer William Melendez will face felony charges for the January assault of Floyd Dent. The now-former Inkster policeman faces a total of fifteen years in

penalties for misconduct in office mistreatment of a prisoner and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. On Tuesday, city leaders and local organizers gathered for a formal press conference, where Mayor Hilliard Hampton

stated that elected officials were only informed of the situation after televised news reports surfaced two months later. As a result, the Inkster City Council recently launched an independent investigation

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Gov. Rick Snyder signs bill lowering cost of Detroit debt repayment



LANSING. – Gov. Rick Snyder today signed legislation that will reduce the amount of interest the city of Detroit will pay on its financial recovery bond repayments.

"We need to ensure Detroit's debt is repaid under the terms of the bankruptcy to allow the city to continue its recovery," Snyder said. "The savings from

lower interest costs will allow Detroit to reinvest in critical areas like public safety and municipal services."

Senate Bill 160, sponsored by state Sen. Darwin Booher, is a technical fix putting a statutory lien on Detroit income taxes to increase the credit worth of Detroit's bonds. This change will help secure exit financing related to the bankruptcy, which could save between \$20 and 30 million over the life of the bond. In addition to the cost savings, it is expected to improve the bond rating.

The bill is now Public Act 17 of 2015.

For more information on this and other legislation, visit www.legislature.mi.gov.

Congressman Conyers and Senator Ben Cardin Reintroduce the end racial profiling act of 2015



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, at a press conference in front of the U.S. Capitol, House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) announced he will reintroduce the End Racial Profiling

Act of 2015 (H.R. 1933). Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) has introduced the Senate companion. Rep. Conyers was joined by House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Ranking

Member Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA), House Judiciary Committee Member, and Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CPAC), Hilary

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NEWS FROM THE LANSING

Senator Hoppgood and Rep. Pagan Call for Public Hearing to Address Radioactive Fracking Waste



LANSING – Senator Hoon-Yung Hoppgood (D-Taylor) and Representative Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) today called for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to hold a public hearing to further address local concerns on the potential disposal of radioactive waste from hydraulic fracturing operations in Michigan landfills. Dozens of concerned citizens attended a DEQ presentation to the Van Buren Township Board last night, indicating the need for a hearing for public comment.

“This was a great opportunity for the community to hear about the issue, but last night only scratched the surface of the thousands of local residents and business owners who will be affected. With the high turnout last night, there is a clear need for the DEQ to hold a true public hearing to address local citizens’ questions and concerns,” said Senator Hoppgood. “As other states are tightening regulations and turning away this radioactive waste, why are some Michigan officials so eager to roll out the red carpet for it? The DEQ must continue to engage local citizens, answer questions like these and let everyone involved weigh in.”

Last night, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) gave a presentation to the Van Buren Township Board meeting regarding the disposal of radioactive fracking waste at Wayne County disposal facilities. DEQ staff and members of the Techno-

logically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (TENORM) Disposal Advisory Panel presentation summarized the panel’s recommendations. The presentation was given as part of the Van Buren Township Board meeting, but it was open to the public and nearly 50 residents attended and stayed until late in the evening to listen in as well.

“While I appreciate the DEQ’s presentation to the township board and attendees last night, I believe all residents who will be directly affected by this waste disposal deserve to have their say at a true public hearing,” Rep. Pagan said. “Disposing of radioactive waste in our neighborhoods can pose significant risks, and people have a right to know what those are and what the DEQ plans to do about them.”

In addition to calling on the DEQ to tighten fracking waste regulations, Hoppgood and Pagan are also working to address the threat legislatively. They have introduced Senate Bill 277 and House Bill 4469 respectively to regulate radioactive fracking waste storage in Michigan and ensure that landfills and other facilities could not accept waste that exceeds 50 picocuries per gram. This measurement is nationally recognized as a uniform safety number for limiting radiation exposure associated with this type of waste and is currently a rule adhered to by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

NEWS FROM THE LANSING

Military Mothers to be Honored with New Knezek Legislation
Joint Legislation would designate February 1st as “Blue Star Mother’s Day”



State Senator David Knezek



State Representative Tom Barrett

LANSING – (D-Dearborn Heights) introduced legislation alongside Representative Tom Barrett (R-Pottersville) that would designate February 1st of every year as Blue Star Mother’s Day in Michigan. Such an act would honor “Blue Star Mothers” - those women who are the mothers or caregivers of members of the United States Armed Forces. Most notably, the legislation, Senate Bill 222, has been introduced with unanimous support of all 38 members of the Michigan Senate.

“It’s easy to forget that a deployment not only weighs heavily on our military members, but their families as well,” said Knezek. “This legislation would recognize and honor all the military mothers out there who sacrifice so much while their sons or daughters are serving our country at home and overseas.”

Blue Star Mothers are identified as mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, and female guardians of those who serve or have served our

country in the military, guard, or reserves. Their mission is to support each other and their children through the rigors and hardship of military service while promoting patriotism here at home.

“Representative Barrett and I have had many conversations about our experiences serving overseas. As the only two Iraq War veterans in the Michigan Legislature we know and value the important role that our mothers played through the love and support they gave us both overseas and when we made the transition home.” said Knezek. “I’m of the per-

sonal opinion that the burden of having a loved one serve in the military is nearly, if not more, difficult than serving yourself. It is my hope, and the hope of Rep. Barrett, that we can recognize and honor all of the Blue Star Mothers who help ease that burden.”

“I’m so proud that an organization like this was founded in Michigan. These women support each other and our troops while promoting patriotism, and we should make every effort to recognize their efforts and sacrifice,” Rep. Barrett said. “The organization focuses on our troops, our veterans and the families of our heroes.”

Sen. Knezek, a former United States Marine, and Rep. Barrett, an officer in the Michigan National Guard, remain the only two Iraq war veterans serving in the Michigan Legislature. Senator Knezek introduced Senate Bill 222 and Representative Barrett introduced House Bill 4347 to create the Blue Star Mother’s Day designation.

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Holding the Loretta Lynch Nomination Hostage

By Charlene Crowell - NNPA Columnist



Loretta Lynch

It is ironic that April is Fair Housing Month and the U.S. Senate has yet to schedule a vote on the nomination of the first Black woman to become the nation's Attorney General. Nominated on November 14, the nomination of Loretta Lynch has lingered longer than the seven previous attorneys generals combined.

The delay is even more disturbing because Lynch was previously and unanimously approved by the Senate – twice – to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Representing the interests of 8 million people residing in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and Long Island, Lynch won a number of Wall Street financial fraud cases.

That kind of leadership and experience would rightfully continue the fights for fair housing and a stop to predatory lending. As with any organization, the tone is set at the top. At the Department of Justice (DOJ), the successor to outgoing Attorney General Eric Holder will determine whether aggressive enforcement of laws designed to provide equal access to housing and credit will be sustained.

In 2015, 47 years since passage of the Fair Housing Act, DOJ's actions prove we are still seeking justice in housing – especially in instances where consumers of color have been denied fair and equal treatment under the law.

Since 2010, according to Vanita Gupta, Acting Assistant Attorney General, DOJ's Civil Rights Division has reached settlements in 18 lawsuits charging discrimination in mortgage lending, pricing discrimination, racial steering and redlining affecting both large and small numbers of consumers. These cases have been as large as the \$335 million settlement with Countrywide that brought a measure of justice for 200,000 borrowers who were targets of discrimination and shared \$335 million in relief. Wells Fargo, one of the nation's largest banks, paid more than \$184 million to thousands of victims of steering and pricing.

Other actions have affected far fewer victims, but still led to monetary compensation. For example, eight Brooklyn families who were sold homes at inflated prices by a developer, United Homes, shared a \$1 million settlement.

In addition, HUD officials advise that in FY 2014, its Fair Housing

Assistance Program partner agencies received 8,468 complaints alleging discrimination based on one or more of the Fair Housing Act's seven protected classes: race, color, national origin, religion, gender, family status, and disability. Enforcement actions resulted in almost \$33 million in compensation for victims and victims' funds. The two top reasons cited in these complaints were disability and race. The combined fair housing efforts of DOJ and HUD have forced substantial settlements for those who have violated the law.

Even so, more housing litigation is pending. For example, in November 2014 the National Fair Housing Alliance, a consortium of more than 220 private, non-profit fair housing organizations throughout the nation, expanded a racial discrimination complaint filed against U.S. Bank. The original lawsuit, filed in 2012, alleged multiple fair housing violations in the neglect of bank-owned foreclosures in communities of color. The amended complaint now adds the cities of Cleveland, Columbus, Grand Rapids, Kansas City, Minneapolis, and Muskegon to those already filed for Atlanta, Baltimore, Denver, Dallas, Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, Memphis, Milwaukee and other locales.

With these and other housing issues, it is inexcusable for the Senate to delay a floor vote on the Lynch nomination. The upper chamber has a constitutional duty to 'advise and consent'. Fortunately, a few members of the majority have indicated their commitment to vote for the delayed nominee.

On February 26, the day that the Senate Judiciary Committee voted on the Lynch nomination, its former chair and longest-serving member, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said, "The case against her nomination, as far as I can tell, essentially ignores her professional career and focuses solely on about six hours that she spent before this committee on January 28. I do not believe that is a proper way to evaluate any nominee's fitness for any position."

Mike Calhoun, president of the Center for Responsible Lending agreed adding, "Lynch has impeccable credentials, distinguished experience, and her values have shown she is committed to independent and fair application and enforcement of our laws, and in particular, protecting working American families from economic and consumer violations of our protections. It's time for this to end and for this extraordinary candidate to be confirmed."

Loretta Lynch and the nation are waiting – still.

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Earth Day

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On a limestone slab that separates the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, a population of 2.6 million people and 19 million annual visitors must share diminishing resources as the ocean waters rise. Miami is the #1 city in the world at risk for asset loss from increasing sea level, and #9 in the world for the threat of migration, yet every minute, investors and governments mint real estate dollars at a risk to the general population. Europe and South America both have substantial stakes in this development.

Parks return 1000% on investment (wh.gov) Climate change is already affecting the region. The large peninsula of Florida is one of those low, flat areas where the open spaces and roads not normally part of the swamps now flood even when the sun is shining. By 2100, the rising oceans may eventually submerge most or all of the Everglades, including one of our most popular national parks. Intrusion of ocean salt water into fresh water aquifers underground could damage entire ecosystems—even those now inhabited by humans. This week, the Miami Herald reported that scientists meeting in Broward County revealed new research which showed that projections from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have been exceeded.

As we noted in an earlier article, Governor Rick Scott's administration has reportedly forbidden state environmental officials to mention the climate issue. (Nonetheless, the climate-friendly renewable power market in Florida could be set to grow in a big way with 1.5 gigawatts swelling out of Hanwha's record-setting Q.ANTUM solar cells.) On Saturday, President Obama devoted his entire weekly radio talk to the subject of climate change. He cautioned:

"The Everglades is one of the most special places in our country. But it's also one of the most fragile. Rising sea levels are putting a national treasure—and an economic engine for the South Florida tourism industry—at risk."

By going to mangrove and egret and alligator country today, President Obama de facto spotlighted one of the American locations most vulnerable to sea level rise. His attention has challenged presidential candidates to reveal their own thoughts. The issue of government censorship remains widely politicized despite a few denials, and Wisconsin has recently muzzled officials as well. Sandy Dechert covers environmental, health, renewable and conventional energy, and climate change news.

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Despicable No More

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Naaman was a mighty man of valor, by military standards, but he was not a man of God. He did not worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Yet, when he was in need of healing (of leprosy), a servant girl who did worship God, reached out to help him.

She offered some unsolicited advice to someone she could have easily held resentment toward. After all, he had removed her from her homeland and enslaved her. That alone was enough to make her mad at him, not to mention that he did not even have the same religion.

Nevertheless, the God in her, wanted to see this mighty man healed. The servant girl kept her words simple and sincere. She did not get into a long drawn out theological debate with him. She did not beat him with her Torah or try to make him feel 'less than' because he did not serve her God.

She offered a suggestion, and for some reason, he listened and acted upon it. When it was all said and done, he ended up completely healed. Read 2 Kings 5.

After Naaman was healed, he became a believer. He acknowledged God saying, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand...(v.16)" Naaman went on to acknowledge his previous worship in the House of Rimmon (v.17, 18). This is viewed as reprehensible be-

cause the idol of Rimmon represents a fallen angel or demon. Naaman asked for forgiveness (v.18) and Elisha told him to go in peace (v.19).

So God healed an idol worshipper? Well, Naaman listened to the woman of God who served in his home. The way she carried herself must have given her this amazing credibility in his eyes. He was obedient even though he became reluctant. He had to be talked into it a bit by his companion, but eventually, he was completely obedient and was healed. When God healed him, his conversion took place.

I tell this story this way to say this: We cannot be so quick to write people off because they don't practice what we practice. We are not to be influenced by them, but we should be ready for when an appropriate time arises to reach out and offer our God to them. I say appropriate, because if done at the wrong time or with the wrong attitude, it might not be received and will not go over well.

Watch and pray. Be ready for opportunities to lead someone to God. Don't be mean or refuse to interact with someone with a different belief. We don't know why they believe what they believe or how they ended up there. When we judge, we cut off the opportunity to be a blessing to them. Even if we don't like the way they have treated us or even if they robbed us from something, we should still want healing for them and desire that they come to know the true God. If they resist or refuse, that's on them.

Do all things done in love and with integrity. You never know how God is going to move or touch the heart of someone, even someone who participates in despicable acts.

Janine Folks

Gone but not Forgotten Shia C. Lewis



Shia Collette Rogers Lewis, age 63, Born October 3 & 13, 1951; Baptized October 19, 1952 and Died Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Shia is preceded in death by her father Rayfield Rogers, Sr. and sister Rosalind Rogers. Shia leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Velma Bishop Rogers

of River Rouge, MI; children, Gregory Lewis, Jr. (Kim) of Groveport, Ohio; daughter, Kimberly Lewis, Farmington, MI; brothers, Rayfield Rogers, Jr. (June) of Wyandotte, MI; Juan Rogers (Benita) of Redford, MI; sisters, Alicia Rogers Cowan of Detroit, MI; Cynthia Rogers Thomas (Elgin) of Woodhaven, MI; Tonya Rogers Brantley (Richard) of Southgate, MI; Sheribia Rogers of KY; grandchildren, Jaren Lewis, Jalen Lewis, Isaac Rogers-Lewis, and N'Shia Franklin; and a host of nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Celebration of life already took place on Monday, April 20, 2015. In lieu of flowers, the family will accept donations. Please send requests to PO Box 307792, Gahanna, OH 43230.

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National Christians In Action seeks to continue services for local youth in the City of Inkster

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



George Williams, president of NCIA, assists children at the Summer Youth Garden

In an effort to reach disadvantaged families throughout the Inkster area, National Christians In Action (NCIA) was formed in 1987. For nearly three decades, major outreach initiatives like Women to Women, Boys to Men and Project Better—a now discontinued after school program—have created mentoring and tutoring opportunities for various children in the community. Even greater, the group's annual Summer Enrichment Program continues to reach countless youth during the summer months—though this year's program remains in question due to a lack of funding.

"Our city doesn't have a lot of money for kid's activities outside of the recreation complex," said Rev. George Williams, NCIA founder. "We've applied for money from Wayne Metro, but it's on a reimbursement basis so we have to hold a fundraiser to raise money for our summer program. That will probably occur in May or June, and then we will host a Salute to Outstanding Women event as another way to bring in extra funds." For Williams, who seeks to "spread the love of Christ by helping others", projects like the Summer Enrichment Program are much needed to keep local youth active and out

of trouble. With that, NCIA remains readily proactive during the summer months—whether volunteers are venturing into local playgrounds to mentor kids, or providing a safe haven via food drives or art classes for children and families to enjoy. Overall, Williams maintains that more citizen engagement needs to take place to keep youngsters on the right path to success. "A lot of people say that our children are bad and that they get into a lot of trouble, but we have to create places where they can go after school and during the summer to keep them focused," he said. "We live in a community where people don't always have the ability to teach their kids how to read or write, so we have to

create substitute programs for that to happen. We really need quality people to come together in Inkster and say, 'Let's work with these children to show them the ways that they need to go'." Though Williams and other NCIA volunteers continue to dedicate their lives to the community, current financial strain may soon lead to the organization's dissolution. For Williams—a lifelong area native whose passion for the city and its children remains ever-present—advocacy for youngsters in the City of Inkster will continue despite what may happen in the future. "God is good; he has never let us down," he said. "We've been around for twenty-eight years, but we're definitely at a crossroads where we don't know whether or not we can continue to function because of cost issues. If we don't get any major support we just may be through."

"If you do a survey in the community, you'll see that we've helped many people and we've certainly made a difference over the years. Our mantra has always been: 'Love is the reason why we do what we do'. Whatever happens, we will continue to be soldiers for God in order to build a better community in the City of Inkster." For more information about National Christians In Action, or to support the organization, please visit www.nationalchristiansinaction.org.




George Williams with NCIA members at water park

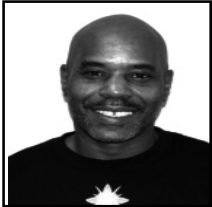
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At 0048hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of E. James to investigate a shooting of a dog. A 36 year old male states at approximately 0035hrs he heard a woman screaming. When he went outside he saw an older female in the area of Brownlee and E. James screaming and a Pit-Bull barking at her and acting as though he would attack her. He states began clapping his hand to get the dog's attention and when the dog looked at him the dog took off running. He began talking to one of his neighbors and headed back to his residence when the Pit Bull lunged at him in a aggressive manner and that when he pulled and discharged his hand gun at the dog. The dog stopped and stayed on the sidewalk near the home. Animal control arrived on scene and the Pit-Bull was alive and transported to Affiliated Veterinary, 15220 Southfield Rd, Allen Park, MI.

Animal Control made contact with the Commander Officer on the desk and authorized the veterinarian approval for treatment. The 36 year old males CCW and license was verified and the handgun was taken into evidence along with a loaded magazine that came back No record.

April 15, 2015

1335hrs officers were dispatched to the 1st Block of West Pleasant on a Domestic Dispute. A 65 year old female and 59 year old female were arguing with one another. The 65 year old states the other came home drunk and started to argue with her after they both were upstairs talking and suddenly she jumped on her

and began choking her and they ended up fighting in the kitchen. The female states she had her left arm on the door frame when the other female grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed her in the left shoulder area. The female then left the apartment. Officer observed the knife on the last step of the stairway leading to the apartment. The female was placed under arrest for Felonious Aggravated Assault. She was transported to the police station where she was booked, allowed to make a phone call then housed. The knife was also taken and tagged as evidence.

April 14th, 2015

At 1145hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Batavia on a Domestic call involving a baby. Officers drove in the area and heard a 23 year old male screaming. The officer knocked on the front door. The male opened the door and closed it behind him, then opened the door to the porch, while holding an infant in his arm and sat down in the doorway. The male states he and his 22 year old girlfriend got into an argument over \$10.00 dollars that he could not find. The girlfriend opened the door and started yelling how he had just beaten her. The officer advised her to close the door and go back inside. He threw her to the ground and choked her clinching her by her neck. Officer observed red marks all over her neck. The girlfriend complains that the boyfriend beats her everyday. The boyfriend was arrested for Domestic Violence and placed into the patrol vehicle. He was booked allowed to make a call then housed.

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Inkster Police Chief Vicki Yost and City Manager Richard Marsh

Council. "We acknowledge Prosecutor Worthy's decision, and will cooperate as requested," Hampton said. "Like the Prosecutor, neither I nor the Inkster City Council were made aware of this incident until hearing news reports on March 23rd... We have no authority to discipline or authorize any employment action against the police department or Officer Melendez, but we endeavor to take action to ensure that the circumstances of this incident are never repeated. As a result, the council passed a resolution to investigate the circumstances surrounding the assault of Floyd Dent, and have ordered the City Manager and City Attorney to provide a detailed account of their involvement and response to the incident. They have five days from today to respond in writing." Worthy also indicated that prior to local media reporting, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office remained unaware of the events; though Inkster Police Chief Vicki Yost refutes those claims. "On January 30th the IPD submitted a warrant request and we indicated that patrol car

video was available," Yost said. "Additionally when the prosecutor requested the video, it was made available to her office that same day. It was made available prior to the airing of the story...there was no intention to hide or conceal." Following the January 28th incident, where dash cam footage shows Melendez a total of sixteen times in the head during a routine traffic stop, drug charges were filed

against the 57-year-old Inkster resident for alleged crack cocaine possession—though Dent insists that the drugs were planted in his car. Nevertheless, Worthy also announced that "in the best interests of justice, the Possession of Cocaine case against Floyd Dent will be dismissed." City Manager Richard Marsh also commended Inkster citizens for their patience during this troubling time. "Inkster citizens are a step above the fray; they've allowed the process to take its course and have handled a difficult situation very responsibly," Marsh said. "The demonstrations and civil protests were nonviolent, and became a model of how it should be done around this country."

UPDATE:

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Romulus Mayor - LeRoy Burcroff

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Mayor Burcroff reading to kids at elementary school

The “Getting to know our elected officials” feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week we chatted with Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff about his decision to go into public service, the most rewarding aspects of his current position, future improvements for the city, favorite pastimes/hobbies and much more.

How long have you served as the Mayor of Romulus?

I was officially elected in 2013. Prior to that, I served on the city council for 16 years.

So far, how would you rate your first term?

I think it's been great; I would give us an “A” for our first year report card. We came out of the gate with an aggressive 100 day plan, and a decision to under promise and over deliver. In looking at the commitments we've made so far, we were able to tackle all of them with the exception of one. Also, the city successfully found creative ways to open parks and bring back recreation without an increase in taxes. There's a lot more to do in the coming years, but it's a start.

What influenced your decision to pursue a mayoral position?

I've been here my whole life, and during my time as a councilperson I felt like we needed to find a leader who could turn our city around. Coming from a business background, I also felt that city government could learn about structure, accountability and results from that particular industry. Overall, I wanted to move our city ahead by leaps and bounds, so that's what motivated my decision.

Since taking over as mayor, what kind of feedback have you received from residents?

We conducted a survey to see how residents felt about the direction our city is taking. An overwhelming number of those surveyed indicated that we are

definitely on the right track.

What future improvements are in the works?

When I was first elected, one of the biggest concerns expressed by residents was development along Vining and Wick Roads. We've been going after that aggressively, and a planning commission site plan has been approved for a new outlet mall in that area. We still don't have a shovel in the ground because the Federal Highway Administration is reviewing a possible entryway off of Vining, but we're looking to have that started soon. We are also looking to upgrade Goddard Road, while enforcing/improving ordinances around the city. There are some major initiatives being worked on for 2015; our goal is to stay focused on getting the job done.

With spring and summer approaching, does the city have any fun events in store?

A lot of our traditional events will continue, but I've also worked on a fireworks celebration that will take place with help from private sponsors. Last year we had a Veterans parade that tied in with a rededication of the War Memorial; we will continue that in 2015. There are also some long term Romulus employees battling cancer, so volunteers will raise money for those families on May 9th as a way to give back.

What do you enjoy most



LeRoy Burcroff
Romulus Mayor

about being the Mayor of Romulus?

I really like helping people. It's always thrilling to assist a customer in the business world, and while the circumstances here are quite different, there are also several similarities. We're not selling products in city government, but we are providing a service where a taxpaying resident walking through our doors will expect to receive adequate assistance. That kind of mentality really drives me; I'm trying to build a culture here.

What values should elected officials/city employees bring to the table in order to effectively serve residents?

In Romulus, we're a family; just like any family we follow a set of important core values. We need to be open and honest with each other; if there's a problem it has to be fixed. We also bring a can do attitude, innovative solutions and a healthy balance to the table. We try to make sure that our employees have time to spend with their families so that they can maintain a positive outlook, while also knowing that we do care about them. Also, it's important to make sure that everyone feels like they are a part of the family, and that they always know what's going on in citywide operations.

Do you engage in any hobbies/special interests in your leisure time?

I love spending time with my wife, my three kids and my grandson. I like to hunt, fish and engage in outdoor activities. I'm a member of Community United Methodist Church here in Romulus. Once a month, I also do what we call “Dates with Dad” where I spend time with each of my kids and my grandson separately. During those days, my calendar is clear and I NEVER cancel our activities together. We certainly look forward to our time with each other. When I say that family comes first, I truly mean it.

HOROSCOPES

APRIL 16 - APRIL 22, 2015

ARIES

You have made many friends through a social network you've been involved with. Continue to cultivate those friendships this week. Long distance phone calls are worth the money. Your actions will speak much louder than words this week. Prove your love and your friendship. Others might need convincing.

Soul Affirmation: My imagination is the source of my happiness.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 21, 30

TAURUS

This is no time to try to be neat. Continue with your messy thinking. Others might not know how things fit together but your faith allows you to work without a plan this week. Faith will guide you through the chaotic mental atmosphere that surrounds you this week.

Soul Affirmation: I give extra attention to my mate this week.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 29, 37

GEMINI

Call a family member and ask for advice. You know the one to call –the same person who has been level headed in the past. Your head is not as level as it should be. Move forward not on your own understanding. Allow advice to have a great affect on your decisions.

Soul Affirmation: I find peace in communing with nature this week.

Lucky Numbers: 29, 40, 55

CANCER

Your suspicions will give you misleading information. Now is a time for trust. Base the trust on the fact that nothing is in danger. No matter what the outcome of current affairs you are going to come out wiser and better.

Soul Affirmation: I release internal pressure by enjoying the beauties of the world around me.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 26, 34

LEO

Ponder your intimate thoughts when you feel that you would rather have stayed in bed. Treasure the remembered image of a friend and play the image over and over to uplift your sleepy spirit.

Soul Affirmation: I make a special effort to bond with old friends.

Lucky Numbers: 34, 36, 39

VIRGO

Give yourself a break this week. Coast! You might not feel it but you are on the top of a hill. You don't have to work to move forward. Just let your momentum carry you. Smile and things will get done. Spend some time on the phone taking care of social obligations and social diversions.

Soul Affirmation: I try to smile more often than usual this week

Lucky Numbers: 8, 15, 20

LIBRA

This week you're likely to notice that your relationship with you

lover has been elevated into a strong friendship as well. Play up the friendship side this week. Don't feel inhibited when the two of you are alone. Act and speak freely. You will be pleasantly surprised at the reception your lover/pal gives you.

Soul Affirmation: I open myself up for a glad surprise.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 23, 45

SCORPIO

It is true that the universe provides but you are part of the universe and so you have to be a provider for yourself this week. Willful activity is the key this week. Ego matters. Pursue it because you want it and are good enough to get it. Make the changes necessary to add dynamism and excitement to your body of affairs.

Soul Affirmation: This week I forgive myself for everything that has happened.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 34, 52

SAGITTARIUS

You definitely need to ease up on your work schedule and immerse yourself in some good quality quiet time. You have forgotten what it is like to relax hiding behind all those seeming necessities. Let it go. Smell the roses take a stroll in a real or imaginary garden. Chill!

Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 52, 54

CAPRICORN

Your popularity is at a personal peak this week! Be sure to pick and choose among your social engagements so that you gather the best from the most. Financial matters, along with family members, will stir your interests in feathering your nest. Your smart business sense will make the most of an unusual opportunity. In your personal life, let your softer emotions speak.

Soul Affirmation: I focus on long-range financial security this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 31, 42

AQUARIUS

This week is better than last for financial goals. Put on the thinking cap. Think about money. There is a solution to money problems hidden in the way you conduct your home life. Make the adjustment. Reap the reward.

Soul Affirmation: I change who I am by changing where I am going.

Lucky Numbers: 21, 39, 43

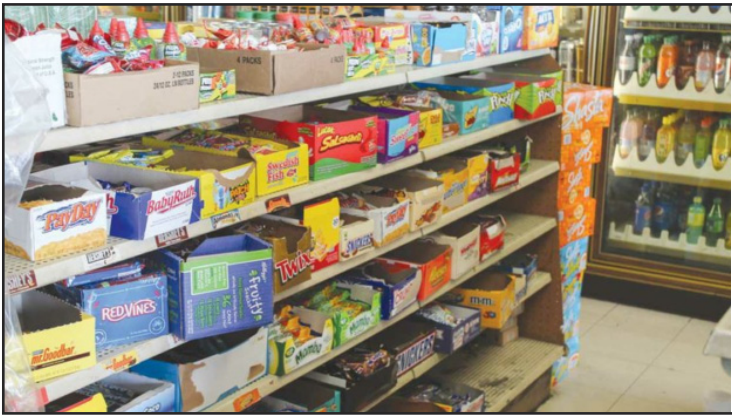
PISCES

Think about small stuff. Be petty. Know that details are important. Look not at the bigger picture. Go to the trenches. Get fine points taken care of. Step-by-step movement will help with the grand designs that you are seeking to manifest.

Soul Affirmation: I remain adaptable so I can deal with changing

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Marketing Unhealthy Foods Unfairly Targets Children



It's another David and Goliath story.

A small group of South LA parents, alarmed about companies advertising unhealthy foods to their children, has banded together to draw attention to the problem.

The parents recently roamed their own neighborhoods, shooting pictures of fast food restaurants, grocery store soda displays and candy at the checkout stand.

Virginia Parks, one of the parent-photographers, is a woman with a mission.

Virginia's photos and those of other parents will be on display during a program focused on the marketing of unhealthy foods Thursday, April 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC) Phoenix Hall. Speakers will talk about the dangers of unhealthy foods. They will describe the marketing that makes these foods so attractive to children and difficult for parents to resist.

The parent-photographers will be present, talking about their children, unhealthy foods and their experiences documenting the marketing of these unhealthy foods. The project, called PhotoVoice, enables parents to voice

their concerns.

Virginia and the other parents are members of the Choose Health LA Kids Parent Collaborative. Choose Health LA Kids is a childhood obesity prevention program of the County Department of Public Health funded by First 5 LA and implemented by South LA Health Projects and 19 other agencies.

When Virginia's 4-year-old daughter, Ashlee, entered preschool at the Children's Institute this fall, Virginia joined the parent committee and attended a presentation by Choose Health LA Kids staff.

When Virginia learned the parent collaborative addresses the challenges of unfair marketing practices, joining was an easy decision. She says the main reason she got involved was "to try to change some things for the better for our kids. To give a voice for our kids. Being healthy is so important. There are so many illnesses. I want my kids to be around for a long time."

Virginia also attended a Choose Health LA Kids cooking demonstration at the school. "I learned that it's important for our kids, even for us adults, to eat healthy. I learned that eating lots of unhealthy foods can make people too heavy and can lead to dia-

betes and other illnesses. It's important to stay active and to eat more fruits and vegetables. This came as a shock to me—what certain foods can do for you," Virginia said.

Ads and toy give-aways for unhealthy foods upset Virginia. She and her children see them on TV and wherever they go. "The advertisements have them begging and bugging us parents for those foods," she said.

Virginia took a number of photos. One shows a McDonald's toy display encouraging parents to purchase Happy Meals.

"The toys are important to any child. This month there's a new children's movie called 'Home.' It's about a girl and a little alien." Virginia and her daughter saw the movie. "The next day the McDonald's ad was on tv. McDonald's was giving away toys shaped like a little alien. Ashlee sees the McDonald's TV advertisements. The toy draws them in."

Choose Health LA Kids' overarching goal is to prevent childhood obesity through a variety of strategies. If the obesity epidemic remains unchecked, experts say, one-third of all children born in the United States in the year 2000 could develop diabetes during their lifetimes. Obesity can lead to other significant health problems as well.

In 2009, companies spent \$113 million on packaging and in-store marketing targeted at youth. This did not include other forms of marketing, such as promotional signs in Little League fields; contests and toys marketing candy, foods and beverages; apps; company-sponsored "advergames" and more.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Inkster Library names Volunteer of the Year



Left to right: Collin Mays, Aide to Senator David Knezek
Mary F. McClendon, Legislative Aide to Wayne County Commissioner
Richard LeBlanc Denise Bearre, Director Leanna Hicks Public Library
Oliver "GABE" Henderson, Volunteer of the Year
State Representative, Julie Plawecki

At a volunteer celebration Monday April 20, 2015, Mr Oliver "Gabe" Henderson was named Volunteer of the Year by Library Director Denise Bearre. Mr. Henderson has been volunteering at the library for quite awhile. He helps keep the grounds clean, and has assisted the staff and patrons by taking pride in the library and the area.

Along with the Volunteer of the Year Award, six other volunteers were awarded Certificates of Recognition from the Library, Senator David Knezek's Office, State Representative Jule Plawecki, and County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc's Office.

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Racial Profiling

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Shelton, NAACP Bureau Director and Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy, Jennifer Bellamy, Counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Tamika Mallory and marchers from NY's Justice League 250 mile March 2 Justice from New York City to Washington, D.C.

"The killing of Walter Scott – arising from a traffic stop – along with the deaths of Freddie Gray, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, and Sean Bell, Tamir Rice, Oscar Grant and many more highlight the fact that racial profiling remains a divisive issue in communities across our nation." said Rep. John Conyers. "We know a majority of police officers perform their duties professionally – but several recent incidents of police-involved violence have severely damaged the ties between community and law enforcement to the degree that federal action is needed to being addressing the core issue. This is a systemic issue plaguing men of color in America, stigmatizing them from youth throughout adulthood. The bill introduced by Sen. Cardin and I would make for the first time, use of racial profiling a federal offense. By ending use of racial profiling in police tactics and prioritizing community rions, we can cultivate community focused; smart policing that rebuilds trust in law enforcement."

The End Racial Profiling Act has a multi-pronged approach to healing the rift between community and law enforcement. It will eliminate the well documented problem of racial profiling by establishing a prohibition on the practice and mandating retraining and data collection by federal law enforcement agencies. The legislation also provides grants for the reinforcement and/or development of effective, positive policing practices. For the first time, this bill will make federal

cause of action for racial profiling, meaning victims will be able to seek redress in a court of law.

"Tragic events in Baltimore and New York, North Charleston and Ferguson, and elsewhere around the country have shown us that federal legislation finally ending racial profiling is essential. While the vast majority of law enforcement work with professionalism and fidelity to the rule of law, we can never accept the outright targeting of individuals based on the way they look or dress," said Senator Cardin. "As a matter of practice, racial profiling just doesn't work and it erodes the trust that is necessary between law enforcement and the very communities they protect. I am proud to stand once again with Rep. Conyers in introducing this legislation. We share the wish that it wasn't necessary in America today."

"It is difficult for our faith in the American judicial system not to be challenged when we cannot walk down the street, drive down an interstate highway, go through an airport, or even enter into our own homes without being stopped merely because of the color of our skin. The End Racial Profiling Act will help stop this insidious practice and to begin to restore the confidence of communities of color throughout the United States in federal, state and local law enforcement and thus restore the necessary trust and integrity necessary to be effective," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee.

Added Rep. Judy Chu, "The recent spate of unarmed civilians shot and killed by police is truly alarming. But while more stories have made their way into na-

tional headlines in recent months, we know that these are not exceptions, but rather common experiences that communities of color face all too often. And that will not end until law enforcement officials are trained to see minorities as people, not threats. That is why I am proud to support the End Racial Profiling Act. This important bill will grant protections to victims of profiling and mandate that federal law enforcement officials receive adequate training to finally put an end to this ineffective practice. Through smart legislation like ERPA, we can end the mistrust bred by profiling and ensure that no one feels unsafe, unequal, or un-American because of the way they look or the faith they practice."

"We carried the End Racial Profiling Act on a journey by foot from NYC to Washington, DC to send a message that change must come and police departments must engage in transparency and accountability. The work begins today and we will continue to mobilize and organize communities to end police brutality, end racial profiling and demand government invest in our communities," said Tamika Mallory, co-chair of the March2Justice and board member of The Gathering for Justice.

"Biased profiling not only ruins the trust between law enforcement officers and the communities they are hired to protect and serve, but in too many cases, the practice of racial profiling has led to injury or death," said Hilary Shelton, the Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau and the Senior VP for Policy and Advocacy.

Rep. John Conyers, Jr. and former Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) originally introduced the End Racial Profiling Act in 2001 with bipartisan support. Rep. Conyers has reintroduced the legislation every Congress since.

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The Detroit Lions Prepping for 2015-16

By Butch Davis



Martin Mayhew

EV President of Football Operations and General Manager The new season has begun for the Detroit Lions as they began their offseason-conditioning program this past Monday with strong attendance as usual. However, according to the team, strong safety James Ihedigbo was the only player absent from Monday's workouts, nonetheless, all other players arrived at team headquarters in Allen Park. The first month of the official offseason is mostly spent in the gym, as strength and conditioning coaches are the only ones who can work with the players. Nevertheless, the brain trust of the Lions are putting their heads together as this year's annual draft will take place in

Shy Town (Chicago at 8:05pm next Thursday night). OK, who would you pick in the No. 23 spot and why? The 2015 football draft will not only be leaving the familiar location of New York City for Chicago, however everything about it will be transformed into an entertainment experience for fans both in the city and at home. Many of the familiar components of the draft will be housed in the historic Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, while the aptly named Draft-Town will take much of the fun outside and among the fans that are hanging on each pick. For the first time ever, teams will make their picks in tents along Michigan Avenue in "Selection Square." Next to their familiar team tables, all 32 NFL clubs will be represented with a distinct space that celebrates the culture of their franchise and the fans that root the team on. In addition to the nuts and bolts of the draft going on at the two sites, fans will be free to explore many of the numerous other activities going on in Grant Park and the adjoining Congress Plaza from April 30-May 2. Now, for the record here are

the players the Lions lost. Running Back Reggie Bush, Full Back Jed Collins, Tight End Kellen Davis, Defensive Tackle Nick Fairley, Offensive Tackle Corey Hilliard, Offensive Guard Garrett Reynolds, Defensive Tackle Ndamukong Suh and finally the Detroit Lions traded on April 16 Defensive End George Johnson and a seventh-round draft pick to Tampa Bay in exchange for a fifth-round pick in the draft later this month. The Lions upgraded their pick from 231st overall from Baltimore to 168th overall from New England. In addition, here are the players acquired during the off-season for the Lions, Defensive Tackle Haloti Ngata trade from Baltimore Ravens, Defensive Tackle Tyrann Walker via the New Orleans Saint, and Cornerback Josh Wilson via the Atlanta Falcons. Currently the real football practices begin May 26 with the commencement of organized team activities, another optional event. The first mandatory activity is minicamp, which begins June 16. So Telegram News Pro Football Fans, You are all caught up and now, "you're on the Clock."

Tigers, Best in the MLB

By Butch Davis



The two newbies, Detroit Tigers pitcher Alfredo Simon who pitched this past Monday and Shawn Greene pitching this past Sunday are 6-0 and have given up less than 6 runs in their 6 starts.

J.D. Martinez and "hot as a fire cracker" left fielder Yoenis Cespedes hit consecutive RBI single's in the seventh inning, and Tigers bullpen pitcher Joba Chamberlain got New York Yankees hitter Jacoby Ellsbury to hit into a crucial double play in the eighth, helping the best team in all of the major league our home town Detroit Tigers to a 2-1 victory over the Yankees this past Monday night (As of Tuesday morning, Tigers record is 11-2). Nick Castellanos extended his hitting streak to eight games after going 1x2. The afternoon before the Tigers claimed the rubber game of their three-game series vs. the White Sox with a 9-1 win on this past Sunday afternoon at Comerica Park. Yoenis Cespedes belted a pair of home runs including his first career grand slam, and drove in six runs in the win, while Victor Martinez was 3x3 with three runs scored, a double and a RBI. Ian Kinsler also added two hits and scored a run. Shane Greene started for Detroit and improved his record to 3-0 after allowing one run on five hits with four walks and three strikeouts in 7.0 innings. Greene, who was traded in the off-season from the Yankees to Detroit, struck out three. "I was doing my best to throw strikes. When I

wasn't throwing strikes and I was putting guys on base, the defense was turning two," Greene said. "They make it a lot easier when they're doing that." Greene had his streak of not allowing an earned run snapped at 21.0 innings after Jose Abreu hit a RBI triple in the sixth inning this past Sunday afternoon. Greene is the first Tigers pitcher to start a season with three starts of 7.0-or-more innings, while allowing one-or-fewer earned runs since Jack Morris in 1984. Through three starts, Greene has a 3-0 record with a 0.39 ERA (23 inning pitched/one earn run), 12 hits allowed and 11 strikeouts this young MLB 2015 season. Now for the record the two newbies, Detroit Tigers pitcher Alfredo Simon who pitched this past Monday and Shawn Greene pitching this past Sunday are 6-0 and have given up less than 6 runs in their 6 starts. By the way, Tigers: Trainer Kevin Rand said RHP Justin Verlander had an MRI recently, however it didn't show anything beyond the original diagnosis of a right triceps strain. Verlander has not pitched this season. The Tigers take on the Cleveland Indians for three games this weekend at Comerica Park before hitting the road to Minnesota and to Kansas City.

Mayweather-Pacquiao ticket sales almost ready -- with knockout prices



Tickets to the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight are finally going on sale, but they are priced so that only financial heavyweights will be able to afford them, one of the fight promoters said Wednesday.

While the face-value of the tickets will start at \$1,500, the median price is expected to be more than \$11,000 on the secondary market, according to price tracker SeatGeek.

The fight between welterweight superstars Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao will be on May 2 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. It is expected to be a brawl and a financial blockbuster. Don't even think about getting a ringside seat without a \$250,000 line of credit with the casino.

The cheapest ticket on the secondary market is currently at about \$5,000, and floor seats are priced at \$50,500. To put that in context, fans paid a median price of \$3,290 on the secondary market to see the Super Bowl this year.

said Bob Arum, Pacquiao's promoter.

The promoter said he wasn't worried that the steep prices would keep fans away.

Tickets are finally going on sale after a lot of back-and-forth about the contract for the fight, said Arum. The contentious negotiations still need final signatures, he said.

It's uncommon for tickets to go on sale so close to the fight date.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2015 Special Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Publish: 04-23-2015

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS ORDINANCE NO. 15-004

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE V TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, DIVISIONS 1 AND 2, SECTIONS 46-203 through 46-236 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Romulus City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 15-004 for the purpose of repealing Chapter 46 Article V Division 1 Sections 46-203 through 46-236, known as the Transient Merchants of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. This will take effect April 23, 2015.

The complete text of the repeal is available for public review at the City of Romulus City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: 03-23-15
Second Reading: 04-06-15
Published/Effective: 04-23-15

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS ORDINANCE NO. 15-005

ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II CHAPTER 26 FOOD AND FOOD HANDLERS, ARTICLE I, SECTION 26-3 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Romulus City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 15-005 for the purpose of amending ordinance Part II, Chapter 26, Food and Food Handlers, Article I, Section 26-3 of the Code of Ordinances. The amendment will take effect on April 23, 2015.

The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Romulus City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMMC, City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 15-006

CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A - ZONING AMENDMENT 1.218

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 7 BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 7.03 (c); ARTICLE 17, SITE PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES, TABLE 17.02 AND SECTION 17.03(b)(2); ARTICLE 19.03(b)(3)b. OUTDOOR DISPLAY; ARTICLE 22, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SECTION 22.03(e); AND ARTICLE 24.19 DEFINITIONS, SPECIAL EVENT of the ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given THAT THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-006 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING APPENDIX A- ZONING, AMENDMENT 1.218. The amendment will take effect on April 23, 2015.

SECTION 1. Article 7 Section 7.03(c), amended.
SECTION 2. Article 17 Table 17.02, amended.
SECTION 3. Article 17 Section 17.03(b) (2), amended.
SECTION 4. Article 19, Section 19.03(b) (3), amended.
SECTION 5. Article 22 Section 22.03(e), amended.
SECTION 6. Article 24, Section 24.19, amended.

The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Romulus City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Introduced: December 8, 2014
Second Reading: April 6, 2015
Published/Effective: April 23, 2015

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2015

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe,

Excused: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-112 2A. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 6, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

15-113 4A1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to table 35606 Bibbins from Demolition List 14-01 for sixty days, owner is in the process of bringing the structures up to code.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-114 4A2. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to approve the demolition of structures and removal of all debris from 7385 Colbert, 35960 Vinewood, and 6210 Cordell. (Demolition List 14-01)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-115 4A3. Moved by Roscoe seconded by Makowski to recognize Pearl Varner as the 30th Romulus Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff voiced appreciation to all who helped with the Hometown Heroes event.

He presented certificates to Roger Staten, Sr. (labor and trades employee of the month) and

Kim Burton, (administrative employee of the month) for March, 2015.

Rendell Wooden, Elections Clerk in the City Clerk's office won the Star Program award.

15-116 5A1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to recognize Roger Staten, Sr. as the labor and trades employee of the month for March, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-117 5A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to recognize Kim Burton as the adminis

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-118 5A3. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to authorize the mayor to send letters of support regarding "open fair skies" to Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Fox, and Secretary of State, John Kerry.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-119 5A4. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Bill Clark.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-120 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to adopt the Amendment to Agreement for the pavilion work at the Thomas J. Coleman Center Park through 2014/2015 CDBG funds.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-121 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with DTE for the street lighting LED Upgrades in Phase 1 of the Goddard Road reconstruction project from Romaine to the railroad tracks in the amount of \$129,438.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-122 5C. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Diane Banks Lambert and the re-appointment of Chris Dunn, Charles Lindenmuth, Edna Talon-Jemison, Heather Mahon, Doug O'Leary and Samer Sulieman to the Beautification Committee with terms to expire on June 2, 2016.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-123 5D. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to approve the appointment of Daniel McAnally to the Officer Compensation Commission with a term to expire on June 24, 2018 and Carole Bales with a term to expire on June 24, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-124 5E. Moved by Crout, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration to appoint Durice Green and re-appoint Chris Dunn to the Romulus Housing Commission with terms to expire on February 26, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-125 5F. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve the appointment of Lucinda

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-126 5G. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to authorize free dumping of non-hazardous trash at the DPW for Romulus residents on Thursday, May 28, 2015 and Friday May 29,

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:

15-127 6A1(a). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve the demolition of structures and removal of all debris for three of the four tabled properties on Demolition List 14-01. The properties approved for demolition are: 7385 Colbert, 35960 Vinewood, and 6210 Cordell. The property excluded from demolition is 35606 Bibbins.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-128 6A1(b). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to let for bids for a demolition contractor to demolish and remove all debris for the following properties on Demolition List 14-01:- 7385 Colbert, 35960 Vinewood, and 6210 Cordell. (Excluded from demolition is 35606 Bibbins.)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – Abdo, Choate.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-129 6A2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to schedule a study session on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 pm to discuss state-mandated changes to the City's F.O.I.A. Policy and also, changes to the entertainers and Dancers Ordinance to raise the age of applicants to 21 years of age. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-130 6A3. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to schedule a study session on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm to discuss amendments to zoning ordinances – industrial districts. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that the lock box is no longer in place and that any water or tax bill payments are to be mailed to the City of Romulus

7. Public Comment:

Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, expressed appreciation for the Hometown Heroes award she received for her volunteer work for the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Ms. Waters, from the Sisters Network (breast cancer survivors) announced a walk benefitting the organization will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Chene Park, telephone 313-438-3639. Virginia Williams, Romulus Citizens for Social Change, asked for help to distribute water to the residents of Flint.

8. Unfinished Business:

9. New Business

10. Communication:

15-131 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 15-07 in the amount of \$1,858,191.76

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 13, 2015.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON MAY 5

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION City of Romulus, Michigan

May 5, 2015 Special Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON **TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The following STATE proposal will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
 - Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
 - Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
 - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
 - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted? **YES [] NO []**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Clerk's Office, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI, telephone 734-942-7540.

All electors who are registered with the City of Romulus Clerk are eligible to vote at this election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Romulus Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

- 1, 7 & 10 Romulus Middle School, 37300 Wick Road
- 2 & 4 Halecreek Elementary School, 16200 Harrison Road
- 3, 8, & 9 Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road
- 12 Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road
- 5 Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road
- 11 Barth Elementary School, 38207 Barth Road
- 6 West Village Estates, 7040 Shawnee Dive (formerly known as Rudgate)
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Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

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- Are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial.
- Have been assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where you are registered; or
- Are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ECORSE,
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Special Election will be held in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, Michigan on:

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

STATE PROPOSAL – 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City of Ecorse Special Election will be held at the following Polling Places:

- PRECINCT NO. 1** St. Andre Bessette Parish Center, 27700 W. Outer Drive
- PRECINCT NO. 2** Downriver Pennsylvania Club, 3648 W. Jefferson
- PRECINCT NO. 3** Ecorse Manor, 4560-9th Street
- PRECINCT NO. 4** John F. Kennedy School, 27225 W. Outer Drive
- PRECINCT NO. 5** John F. Kennedy School, 27225 W. Outer Drive
- PRECINCT NO. 6** Ralph J. Bunche School, 503 Hyacinthe
- PRECINCT NO. 7** Ecorse Housing Commission, 266 Hyacinthe

****all Polling Places are handicap/voter accessible****

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places for said City of Ecorse Special Election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, May 5th.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Testing of the Voting Equipment will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

Absent voter applications and ballots may be obtained through the City Clerk's office. The office of the City Clerk will be open on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee ballots.

DANA HUGHES
CITY CLERK

Published April 23, 2015

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE

To any Owner of Lands Situated Within the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing and all dead grass and brush on any land within the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan, must be cut down, destroyed and removed on or before the first day of May, 2015 to prevent such weeds from going to seed or blossom, as the case may be, and to prevent such dead grass and brush from becoming a fire hazard.

Failure to comply with this notice on or before the above mentioned date shall make any party so failing liable for the actual costs incurred by the City for cutting, destroying and removing said noxious weed and dead grass and brush by said City.

A statement of said cost shall be mailed to the owner and occupant, if any. If the statement is not paid by 1/1 following the cutting season, the unpaid sum shall be placed on the tax roll and be charged against the parcel or property involved.

Dana Hughes
City Clerk

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April 23, 2015

RIVER ROUGE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT: River Rouge Housing Commission
2013/2014 Capital Funding Program
Roofing Replacement

OWNER River Rouge Housing Commission
180 Visger Road
River Rouge, Michigan 48218

ARCHITECT Seuriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc.
48869 Garfield Road
Macomb, MI 48044
Telephone: (586) 532-8388
Facsimile: (586) 532-8377

PROJECT DESCRIPTION River Rouge Housing Commission Project 4-Roofing Replacement

The project consists of roofing, gutter and downspout removal and replacement at Project: 4, fourteen (14) multi-family housing Buildings, located at three (3) sites, Kleinow Avenue, Superior Court, and Lenoir Court, in River Rouge.

Walk-Through Date: Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 10:00am

Location: 460 1/2 Lenoir Court
River Rouge, Michigan

Bid Due Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 2:00pm

Location: 180 Visger Road
River Rouge, Michigan

INVITATION Sealed bids will be received by the River Rouge Housing Commission, and will be publicly opened and read immediately after due date time. Bid Proposals will be received at:

River Rouge Housing Commission
180 Visger Road
River Rouge, Michigan 48218
Attention: Mr. Michael J. Sloan
Executive Director
Office: (313) 382-1414
Fax: (313) 382-0228

BIDDING: In order to receive consideration, make bids in strict accordance with the project manual and include, with the Bid Form, the following:

- a. Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders HUD-5369A
- b. Non-Collusive Affidavit
- c. Bid Bond
- d. Section 3 Implementation Plan

BIDDING DOCUMENTS Proposals shall be made according to the contract documents as prepared by Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc.

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Gov. Rick Snyder: Michigan's unemployment rate near national average, but state has greater goals

Michigan will be a national leader developing talent, creating jobs

LANSING – Gov. Rick Snyder today issued the following statement after the announcement that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March fell to 5.6 percent. The rate has now been cut in half from 11.2 percent in December 2010, and is one-tenth of a percent behind the national average.

"We have momentum as Michigan's unemployment rate continues to drop. In December 2010, Michigan's unemployment was nearly 2 percent above the national average. Today, we are one-tenth of a percent behind. In the last year, just two other states can show a larger drop in unemployment.

"That shows how far we've come, but doesn't reflect where we want our state to be. Merely reaching the national average shouldn't be our goal. We're on a path for Michigan to be a national leader in terms of developing talent. Michigan will be a place where companies look to grow and continue creating more and better jobs. But we also will be an example for leaders in other states as they look to as they look for ways to build a talented workforce so everyone has the opportunity to reach their potential and be successful."

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Ecorse Road west of Inkster
Mid Michigan Crushing and Recycling**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015** for the purpose of considering a temporary use request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a temporary use request in accordance with the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Temporary Use** (Section 22.03(e)) to allow for a concrete crushing operation until November 15, 2015. .

The subject property is located on the south side of Ecorse Road west of Inkster Road. DP#80-045-99-0008-008 and DP#80-045-99-0008-009. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 13, 2014 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Five Things Families with College Bound Students Should Consider



visiting the doctor so you can provide that information at your appointment.

- **Financing College:** College may be one of your family's biggest investments to date. Whether that describes your family or not, there's no doubt about it, higher education comes with a big price tag. It's never too late in the process to seek out new financing options, even if your child is already away out school.

From filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, to exploring private loans, free online resources can help guide you through the process. Check out resources designed for college-bound students and their families, such as Wells Fargo's "5 Steps to Financial Aid" video series, which offers helpful advice on finding a scholarship, applying for loans, and more from "Mr. Fellows, your wiser college advisor," at www.WellsFargo.com/fivesteps.

- **Staying in touch:** You're busy. Your kid is busy. But

regular check-ins with your student can help you know that everything is going well. Set up a weekly appointment to chat by phone and get the scoop -- just make sure your student's phone plan allows for sufficient texting and calling.

- **Money management:** For many students, college is the first time they will gain some financial independence. Set your kids up for success by teaching them how to establish a workable

budget. A checking and savings account designed for college students can help them stay on track. You can review money-management tools for college students at www.WellsFargo.com.

Don't let the transition to college catch your family off guard. Parents can make the transition easier for students by striking the right balance of "letting go" and staying involved.

(StatePoint) Transitioning to college life can be difficult on both students and families. From new expenses to a new lifestyle, being prepared for what lies ahead can help you avoid common bumps in the road.

Here are five things families with college-bound students should consider:

- **Getting involved:** Being away from home and making new friends can seem daunting. Encourage your student to get involved in school activities and events. From joining the campus paper to running for student government, there are a range of extracurricular

opportunities that can lead to new friendships, help students maintain an active calendar and round out one's classroom education.

- **Health and wellness:** Late nights spent studying instead of sleeping, as well as crowded dorm rooms, can be a prescription for colds and flu. Check out on-campus and local health care options before your student gets sick. No one wants to scramble to research medical options when he or she isn't feeling well. Many campuses offer student insurance. See what makes the most sense for your family. Locate a nearby pharmacist before

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From Billie Holiday to Miles Davis: 8 timeless covers of classic jazz songs

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



April is Jazz Appreciation Month, a time to celebrate a musical genre deeply embedded in the fabric of the American soundscape. As part of a long tradition, jazz artists often perform varying interpretations of songs recorded by other musicians; still for many fans, certain renditions will forever reign as personal favorites. Whether you're a jazz aficionado or a novice listener, here are eight awesome covers to round out the perfect playlist for any music lover.

Song: "You Go To My Head"
Original Artist: Teddy Wilson and His Orchestra featuring Nan Wynn (1938)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: Billie Holiday (1938)
"You Go To My Head" has been performed by a number of jazz greats, but Billie Holiday's emotive sound and superb vocal phrasing, paired with the romantic sophistication of the song's lyrics, make this the crème de la crème of all existing renditions. As we continue our centennial celebration of her timeless sound, Lady Day's take on this pop-jazz standard further validates her place as one of the most influential vocalists of all time.

Song: "Naima"
Original Artist: John Coltrane (1960)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: Pharoah Sanders (1987)
"Naima" was first recorded in 1959 as a loving ode to John Coltrane's then wife Juanita Naima Grubbs. Nearly three decades after its release, saxophonist Pharoah Sanders skillfully blends the ballads slow, evocative arrangements with elements of free jazz in an expressive tribute album to the iconic "Trane"—with reverent, serene vibes sure to bring out the inner romantic in any listener.

Song: "Watermelon Man"

Original Artist: Herbie Hancock (1962)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: Mongo Santamaria (1963)

During a memorable jam session at a Cuban nightclub, guest piano player Herbie Hancock—joined by Mongo Santamaria and his band—broke out with an impromptu performance of his blues centered masterpiece "Watermelon Man". Months later, Santamaria recorded a new version of the tune, incorporating quantities of jazz, R&B and Afro-Cuban percussion to produce a Top 10 hit on the pop charts in 1963.

Song: "Good Morning Heartache"

Original Artist: Billie Holiday (1946)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: Chris Botti featuring Jill Scott (2005)

Doing justice to a Billie Holiday classic is no easy task, but Chris Botti and Jill Scott manage to do just that in this lovely cover of "Good Morning Heartache". It can be said that Scott's vocal performance never truly reaches the full altitude of pain and loss imparted by the great Lady Day. Nevertheless, her resounding soprano, supplemented by Botti's soft, melodic grooves on the trumpet, bring a contemporary feel to this timeless jazz treasure.

Song: "Round Midnight"

Original Artist: Thelonious Monk (1944)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: Miles Davis (1957)

"Round Midnight" is regarded as the most recorded standard ever written by a jazz musician. In this unique interpretation, Miles Davis—joined by a stellar band that became known as the 'First Great Quintet'—reads the song's harmonic beauty with a muted trumpet in

an exquisite performance for the ages. First debuting at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1955, Davis's take on Monk's eternal work of art indisputably ranks among the most definitive versions of all time.

Song: "Endangered Species"
Original Artist: Wayne Shorter (1985)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: Esperanza Spalding featuring Lalah Hathaway (2012)
Renowned saxophonist Wayne Shorter first composed "Endangered Species" as a catchy instrumental filled with 80's funk vibes and electronic rhythms. In comes Grammy Award winning bassist/vocalist Esperanza Spalding to revamp the track in 2012—adding original lyrics to the composition about environmental abuse and its looming threat to Mother Earth. Lalah Hathaway's sultry vocals easily ride the soprano sax section, while Spalding's angelic voice perfectly enhances her pulsating genius on the bass. At the end of the day, this fly, groovy cover undeniably demonstrates that jazz music is indeed still alive in the 21st Century.

Song: "Breezin"

Original Artist: Gabor Szabo (1971)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: George Benson (1976)

Hungarian guitarist Gabor Szabo first recorded this Bobby Womack composed tune in 1971. Five years later, George Benson revived the smooth guitar led track as the hit title song to his album 'Breezin'—a landmark LP that ultimately peaked at #1 on the Jazz, Pop and R&B Billboard charts.

Song: "Afro Blue"

Original Artist: Mongo Santamaria (1959)

Shelby's Favorite Cover Version: Robert Glasper Experiment featuring Erykah Badu (2012)

In 2012, Robert Glasper Experiment teamed up with songstress Erykah Badu to fuse facets of jazz, neo soul and hip hop into a new millennial interpretation of "Afro Blue". Polished and atmospheric, the song's distinctive flutes and intricate piano chords, paired with its hip, sweepingly soulful grooves are sure to leave even hardcore jazzheads jamming to this innovative rearrangement of a Latin Jazz standard released more than fifty years ago.

ASK ALMA

Marriage & Money



Dear Alma,

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

Confused

For the Love of Money ~ you know I'm pattin' my feet humming the O'Jays, right! It's helping me get my mind fixed and ready to answer your question, LOL. Some say it's the root of all evil, money that is, I'm not sure if I agree. I think people are the root of all evil and money is an accessory. What I also know foshow is, couples have a hard time col-

laborating when it comes to money.... and sex....sex and money, Honey, the more you get the more you want, that's what a preacher once told me. But I digress, LMBO.

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

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

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

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

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KROGER STORES AND MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY TEAM UP TO FEED PETS IN NEED



DETROIT – Forty-one Kroger stores will host a spring Pet Food Drive from April 15 to April 28 to benefit the Michigan Humane Society's (MHS) pet food bank and help keep families together. A pet food donation bin will be placed near the exit of each participating location for donations of dry and canned dog and cat food. Customers can pick up these pet food items while they are there to do their own shopping and conveniently donate the pet food after checking out. MHS will distribute the pet food at no charge to qualifying low income pet owners who otherwise might have to give up their companions. The MHS Pet Food Bank relies on donations from the public.

"The ability to assist struggling families in keeping their beloved pets through programs like our pet food bank is priceless and only possible through the generosity of the community," said Matthew Pepper, Michigan Humane Society President and CEO. "We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Kroger and their customers to help prevent pets from going hungry or losing

their home."

Currently, more than 2,100 families depend on the MHS pet food bank and other services that help keep families together such as an annual series of low-cost Protect-A-Pet vaccination and microchip clinics in Detroit, and more.

"Kroger welcomes the opportunity to help low income families feed their companion animals through the Michigan Humane Society Pet Food Bank," said Brandon Barrow, Community Affairs Manager, The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "We will kick off a sale tomorrow on our entire line of pet foods and supplies to assist customers with their donations to the Michigan Humane Society while helping them care for their own animals."

Kroger offers a complete assortment of pet food, treats and accessories, with special sale pricing continuing through Sunday, April 19.

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