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Supreme Court to Decide Pollution Standards for Black Communities

By Jazelle Hunt -NNPA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – As fossil fuel companies and environmental groups fight over the future of American energy, people of color suffer the casualties.

The latest battle is occurring in the Supreme Court with National Mining Association v. Environmental Protection Agency and its accompanying cases, in which coal mining companies and coal-fired power

plants have sued the EPA over new regulations on the air pollution that overwhelmingly settles on communities of color.

The suit focuses on the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) the EPA issued to coal- and oil-fueled power plants in 2011. It's the first-ever federal rule to limit toxic air pollution from coal- and oil-fired power

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Wayne County hosts 31st annual Marshmallow Drop



Join Wayne County Parks as we celebrate the 31st annual Marshmallow Drop on Friday, April 3, 2015. Marshmallows will be dropped at two Wayne County Parks' locations: Elizabeth Park in Trenton at 9 a.m. and Nankin Mills in Westland at 11 a.m.

"The annual Marshmallow Drop is the start of many fun, free, family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks each year and I am happy we

can provide these opportunities for our residents and visitors," said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. "Going on 31 years, it has become a tradition for families from across the metro Detroit area," Evans added.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from the

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Work to begin soon on Jefferson Bridge

Gina Steward



River Rouge Commissioner Daniel Cooney stands by the Jefferson Bridge in the up position

With less than four months on the job, Wayne County Executive, Warren Evans, has put the wheels in motion to get the Jefferson Ave. Bascule Bridge back in working condition. An in-depth plan has been worked out that begins with bid solicitation beginning April 3 and construction beginning on June 3, 2015. The date that the bridge is schedule to re-open for traffic would be in May 2016.

Executive Evans says that he

is completely committed to getting the bridge fixed and back in service as quickly as possible and he regrets that the bridge project is causing such a disturbance to the citizens

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Welcome to Romulus "Outlets of Michigan"!

New outlet mall set to open next year

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



"Outlets of Michigan", located at Vining and I-94 in Romulus, is set to open next year. Headed by the Paragon Outlet Partners and New England

Development, the posh 360,000-square-foot center will house approximately 90 different retail stores, though specifics on participating ven-

dors remain unknown. "They're still in the process of negotiating with potential ten-

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McDonald's is giving 90,000 workers a raise



McDonald's plans to increase hourly wages by more than 10% for roughly 90,000 workers -- a move that follows in the footsteps of retail giants Walmart (WMT) and T.J. Maxx (TJX) and new state minimum wage laws across the country. Effective July 1st, McDonald's (MCD) starting wages will be at least \$1 an hour more than the minimum wage set by local law, the fast-food chain announced Wednesday. All employees up to restaurant managers will get a pay bump as well. The result: the fast food giant projects that its average hourly wage will reach more than \$10 an hour by the end of 2016 -- up from \$9.01 currently. The new average will be \$2.75 above the federal minimum wage. There's a catch -- The raise only applies to the 1,500 McDonald's-owned restaurants in the U.S. It doesn't apply to workers at the franchise-owned stores, which make up about 90% of the McDonald's restaurants in the country and the bulk of its workforce. However, there are other perks for all 750,000 workers at any McDonald's location. Here's a look at the new offerings: Free high-school completion: McDonald's said it will pay for employees at any company or franchise-owned location to take classes required to earn a high-school diploma through a national program. Financial assistance for col-

lege: The chain also said it would assist with college credits and tuition assistance, though more details were not immediately provided. Classes for non-English speakers: The company will also expand its offering of free English language classes for workers. Paid Time off: Starting in July, full- and part-time employees with at least one year of experience who work at a company-owned location will begin to accrue paid time off. An employee who works an average of 20 hours a week, for example, would earn about 20 hours of paid time off in a year. New CEO Steve Easterbrook said in a statement that the pay raise, along with the boost in benefits, was in response to employee surveys and is aimed at improving its business. "We know that a motivated workforce leads to better customer service so we believe this initial step not only benefits our employees," he said. "It will improve the McDonald's restaurant experience." Related: Wal-Mart ups pay well above minimum wage The news comes on the heels of a wave of good news for low wage workers, who have staged protests across the country demanding higher pay. In February, Walmart said it would institute a series of pay raises for workers so they will receive at least \$9 an hour this month and \$10 an hour next year. The parent company of T.J. Maxx, Marshall's and Home Goods made a similar announcement the same month. Meanwhile, minimum wage hikes went into effect this year in 20 states, including South Dakota, Nebraska, Alaska and Alabama and Washington, D.C.

Bridge

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and business owners of River Rouge. This letter received was good news to River elected officials, especially Commissioner Cooney, who is the Commissioner of Bridges in the City of River Rouge. He has been working hard to get someone to commit to work on the

bridge project. He said, "It's time to restore the traffic flow in and through our community." The bridge connects the citizens of River Rouge to Detroit and the Downriver community to the waterfront and local businesses.

The Jefferson Ave. Bascule

Bridge was damaged in May 2013. The 45-year-old operator allegedly was intoxicated when she lowered the bridge as a 670-foot freighter carrying 23,000 tons of iron ore was passing underneath. The Jefferson Avenue Drawbridge over the Rouge River is one of a few that have operators at the bridge site.

Volunteers needed for a baseball league



Return the summer to the way it used to be. If you remember playing baseball during the summer months while you were

growing up, then you understand the need for young men and women to step up for the youth of today.

Coaches, team moms, people for field prep and administrative help are needed to help expose our kids to baseball.

If you are interested call 313-949-3133 to add your name to the list. Your skill

set doesn't matter, just your ability to show your support for the kids.

Kids will be encouraged to play T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Little league. Kids starting at the age of 4 will be assigned a team to play on. Girls and boys are welcome. Stay tuned for a sign-up day.

NEWS FROM LANSING

Kosowski Introduces Legislation to Allow Adoption Leave



State Representative Robert Kosowski LANSING — State Representative Robert Kosowski (D-

Westland) introduced legislation to allow employees in Michigan to receive paid time off to care for a newly adopted child. House Bill 4223 would require businesses with 50 employees or more to provide two weeks of paid leave so that parents can care for their new child.

"With roughly 3,000 children ready to be adopted in the Michigan foster care system, we should be doing everything

we can to make the adoption process easier," Kosowski said. "Allowing time off work can help ease the transition for parents and children alike." HB 4223 stipulates that an employee will receive his or her normal benefits, while contributing the same portion of the cost, and have the same job upon return, or one with similar seniority, pay and benefits. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Trade.

Tax Foreclosure Deadline Extended



State Representative Stephanie Chang 6th House District

Yesterday, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office extended the deadline for owner occupied homes facing tax foreclosure to respond to May 12, 2015. If you know of someone facing tax foreclosure, please encourage them to call (313) 224-5990, email taxinfo@waynecounty.com or visit www.waynecounty.com/pta/ to find out how much is owed. Free legal assistance is available through the generous ef-

orts of the United Community Housing Coalition and Michigan Legal Services. Call our office at (844) 672-4264 to get additional assistance.

Paid Sick Days & Economic Justice Town Hall

In February, my colleagues and I introduced House Bill 4167, which would ensure that all Michigan workers have access to earned paid sick leave. Come share your comments and stories about how you or your family would be impacted by paid sick leave legislation. Have you ever faced a situation where you couldn't afford to stay at home sick because your employer didn't offer paid sick leave? Are you a small business owner who believes healthy and productive workers are good for business? We want to hear from you! What other economic justice issues are critical for House District 6? This town hall is being held in partnership with other commu-

nity organizations. Wednesday, April 15, 6 - 8 p.m. IBEW Local 58, 1358 Abbott St. in Detroit. Refreshments will be provided. Contact my office at (844) 672-4264 or stephaniechang@house.mi.gov

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The State of Black America – Part 1, Education

By Marc H. Morial - NNPA Columnist



"What the people want is very simple: they want an America as good as its promise." - Texas Congresswoman Barbara C. Jordan

There's no other way to say it. Black America is in crisis.

Over the past year, we have been bombarded with headlines that continue to drive home the long-standing challenges faced by Black and Brown communities in our nation. From the killings of unarmed Black males at the hands of police officers to the introduction of new voter suppression laws that make it more difficult for people of color to exercise their constitutional right to vote, it is clear that for many in our nation, equality under the law remains dangerously out of reach.

But beyond the headlines, anecdotes and agenda-fueled debates lie the real numbers – all facts, no chaser.

Last week, the National Urban League released the 2015 State of Black America report – "Save our Cities: Education, Jobs + Justice." The report is the 39th edition of the National Urban League's annual analysis of Black and Latino equality in America, and for the first time, this year's report is available in an all-digital format available at www.stateofblackamerica.org, where visitors can find the e-book, Web Series, select data, videos, articles and other frequently updated features (as well as download a free copy of the 2015 State of Black America report until March 31).

This year's report again includes the Equality Index™, in its 11th year for the Black-White Index and its sixth year for the Hispanic-White Index – measuring how well Blacks and Latinos are doing in comparison to their White peers in five categories: economics, education, health, social justice and civic engagement.

What we've found is that while strides have been made in our communities, tremendous gaps continue to leave us with a crisis in education, jobs and justice.

There are tremendous challenges before us, but the good news is that they are not insurmountable. For the next few weeks – and beginning with education, I will explore the findings of the 2015 State of Black America, and better still, suggest solutions to these challenges.

As our nation enjoys historically low dropout rates, the highest high school graduation rates in history and more students of color studying on college campuses, we must also contend with the reality that school districts serving the highest percentage of low-income house-

holds spend fewer state and local dollars in those districts than ones that have fewer students in poverty.

In addition, a lack of consistent education standards and equity and excellence at scale means that the quality of education that our children receive is far too often dependent on their zip code or how much money their parents make. Without a new formula for school funding that puts the dollars where the need is greatest, the education achievement gap will grow to the detriment of our nation as we educate a workforce incapable of meeting the challenges of tomorrow.

To underscore the National Urban League's commitment to education and our belief that quality education is a key driver to opportunity, for the first time in the report's history, we have included a state-by-state Education Equality Index™ and ranking. This index examines state-level racial and ethnic disparities in K-12 education, documenting Black and Hispanic achievement gaps in all 50 states and the District of Columbia in comparison to White students.

Key findings from the Education Index include:

The smallest gaps were commonly found in states with relatively small minority populations and where test scores were relatively low for each group – White, Black or Hispanic. Higher graduation rates for Black and Latino students were also found in states where these groups are a smaller share of the population. On average, larger gaps were found in states with large urban areas home to large populations of people of color living in highly segregated neighborhoods with high rates of concentrated high poverty. With inequitable resourcing and the disproportionate impact of factors such as poverty and teacher quality, African American and Latino children consistently fair worse in reading/math proficiency.

We have also included essays that feature commentary from leading figures and thought leaders in politics, the corporate arena, NGOs, academia and popular culture. This year's contributing authors who highlight education include Sacramento Mayor and President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Kevin Johnson, NEA President Lily Eskelsen García and best-selling authors "The Three Doctors" (Dr. Sampson Davis, Dr. Rameck Hunt and Dr. George Jenkins).

This report is more important than ever. It is important because armed with data, we can all go back to our cities and create relevant plans to address stubborn problems. It is important because we, as a nation, cannot expect to sustain growth and compete globally while millions of our citizens are denied the opportunity to become productive citizens because of misguided policies or neglect. It is important because America can only be as good as its promise if that promise is kept to all Americans.

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.



When John-Telford-the Detroit Public School Board's appointed pro bono interim Superintendent, I met on February 7, 2013 with U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education Tony Miller in my office in the Fisher Building to debrief him on how the 1999 state takeover of DPS in the name of "reform" had been an abject failure. I informed him that the takeover was also unfair at the outset, since DPS had enjoyed a \$114 million surplus and its MEAP scores were then at the state mid-point and rising. This contrasts starkly with DPS' \$327 million deficit at the time of Emergency Financial Manager Robert Bobb's departure twelve years later, when its scores were the nation's worst—and it contrasts tragically with its true current deficit of more than \$400 million. Those still-abysmal scores nevertheless improved considerably in 2012, and they would have risen still more had hundreds of DPS' best teachers not been released on bogus ten-minute evaluations. At the Board's request and those of a host of other community petitioners, including the Sugar Law Center and Helen Moore of Keep the Vote, No Takeover, the U.S. Attorney General was to have looked into both recent and long-term injustices visited upon DPS, which was to have included an investigation of our legislature's passing and our governor's signing Public Act 436, a reinstatement of the virtually identical (and thus illegal) PA 4—the Emergency Manager law which Michigan's citizens had voted against on Nov. 6, 2012. It was hoped that in the meantime, the Michigan Supreme Court would overturn

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Telford's Telescope: DPS' takeover by the state: Unwarranted & unfair

By Dr. John Telford

this unconstitutional new EM law—or else that it would exempt DPS from PA 436 entirely, since the 1999 takeover was unjust. The old PA 4 facilitated the creation of the gang-infested, bankrupt, and educationally non-achieving "Educational Achievement" Authority in Detroit, to which then-Emergency Financial Manager Roy Roberts blithely gave away fifteen schools in 2012.

Throughout 2012, I tried to adhere to Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John Murphy's order to collaborate with EFM Roberts in administering DPS, which was then governed by the old Public Act 72 that a partisan appeals court judge had resurrected. In his August 8, 2012 order (which also adhered to PA 72), Judge Murphy put me in charge of academics and the EFM in charge of finance. However, Mr. Roberts ignored that ruling, so the Board took him back to court on February 20, 2013 with Judge Annette Berry, who then re-emphasized that I would administer academics and Roberts would supervise the financial side of the house. Throughout March, 2013, I did some fast groundwork to set the stage for the anticipated arrival of the Feds. For those previous several months, I had found it close to impossible to collaborate with an EFM who wouldn't cooperate. One example of this lack of cooperation occurred on January 9, 2013, when Mr. Roberts wrote a letter to me and then-Board president LaMar Lemmons which he circulated to the media and to all DPS staff declaring his intent to rescind the Board's move to appoint four volunteer administrative staff members to report to me, including my assistant superintendent Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, a former DPS teacher and now a state representative. The appointments were to be synchronized with the

implementation of a plan which I had crafted to downsize the central office administration.

On January 24, 2013, Mr. Roberts and I had hammered out a compromise to enable two of these staff—former DPS administrators Claude Tiller and Robert Thomas—to continue to function pro bono as Ombudsmen to the benefit of DPS students, parents, and staff, but the next day he reneged. Because he had been able to defy Judge Murphy's order, and because he had then similarly defied Judge Berry's February 20 order, and because Lansing had reinstated the legislation that the state's voters had rejected, our next option was to bring in the U.S. Attorney General in the hope that he would come with a commitment to get the democratically elected Board back in full charge of the district—but he never came. The Board's only recourse now to regain its rightful authority and restore that of its duly appointed Superintendent is its pending array of relevant multi-issue appeals in Federal Court.

For ten contentious months in 2012-2013, interim Superintendent John Telford shared legal leadership of the Detroit Public Schools with Emergency Financial Manager Roy Roberts. The March 28, 2013 enactment of PA 436 enabled the Emergency Manager to fire him—and he immediately did.

Get Dr. Telford's crusading books at www.AlifeontheRUN.com, hear him Sundays at 4:30 on WCHB Newstalk1200, e-mail him at DrJohnTelfordEdD@aol.com,



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SISTERHOOD

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



“How good and pleasant it is for [sisters] to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 37:4). Where there is unity, there is strength.

I often hear women say that it is difficult to get along with other women. An aunt once told me, ‘women don’t to dress to impress men, they dress to impress other women.’ It’s almost like there is this secret competition going on. It can be subtle and sometimes it is blatant.

Perhaps the sister rivalry stems from our innate desire to be the preferred apple of our Father’s eye. Some Daddy’s girls have a hard time sharing their Dad. When we realize that Father has enough for ALL of us, we will not feel threatened by our sisters’ successes or closeness to Him.

Knowing that God takes pleasure in seeing us getting along, it should compel us to unite. Sisterhood is a powerful force that ought to trump the differences that threaten to separate us.

When our sister is different, it doesn’t make her worse or better, it means just that, she’s different. When the Martha’s of the world have issues with how we do things, we have to trust God to help her understand (Luke 10:38-42).

We have to surround ourselves with women like Elizabeth, who make our ‘baby’ leap (Luke 1:41)! We need sisters who welcome us, identify with us, listen, understand, encourage, impart wisdom, celebrate and nurture what God has placed in us. We need sisters who keep us lifted in prayer, accountable, sharpened and challenged to rise. Sisters authentically ‘rejoice when we rejoice and weep when we weep’ (Romans 12:15).

Sometimes we have to love our sister enough to release her to pursue her own destiny (Ruth 1:12, 15) Sometimes we have to love our sister enough to refuse to leave her side (Ruth 1:16, 17). We need our sisters when we have everything, when we have nothing, when we struggle and when we are strong.

Near or far, we need sisterly love, forgiveness and support. It goes beyond biology. Sisterhood is spiritual. The bond of sisterhood transcends time and space and it gives us synergy making the world less threatening. Always make sure you are part of the solution. Love you sisters and experience the POWER of sisterhood.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Romulus Ministerial Alliance
host their annual Good Friday Walk and Service on Friday, April 3, 2015.

The walk will begin at 11:30 at the Historical Park and proceed down Godard Rd to Romulus Welsyn Church. Good Friday Service will begin at 12:00noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Rev. Arthur Willis at 734-728-1390.

Pentecost Missionary Baptist Church
35625 Vinewood Romulus

The Pentecost Youth Department - HYPE invites all youth and young adults to their Annual Lock In on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the Romulus Recreation Complex located at 35765 Northline Rd. Registration and Check in begins at 8:00pm. The Lock-In will run from 8:00pm - 1:00am. Activities include youth service, basketball, volleyball and swimming.

Tickets can be purchased at the church or onsite.

Youth Pastor - LaThomas Willis can be reached at 734-728-1390 or for more information visit the church’s facebook page Pentecost Missionary Baptist Church

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To pick up an application and/or general information, contact Executive Director William D. Phillips at (248) 506-4004

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CHARLES OTHO JOHNSON
Jan 26, 1948 – Feb 24, 2015
Mr. Charles Otha Johnson was born in Eufaula, Alabama.

Charles Otha Johnson was a Master Plumber who worked for the State of Michigan at Clinton Valley Hospital until he retired. Charles was deeply concerned about black men being socially conscious, responsible and empowered in and of themselves and often took them under his wing.

He leaves to treasure his memory the eldest and the only remaining of the Johnson children, Annie McBurrows (Hiram). Two daughters, LaKecia Bernice Hudson (GeoRico) and Si'Mikia Peterson; one son Keontae' DeOnglio Edmondson; 8 grandchildren Mali-aka O. Niyea, Mantize Wilson, Davon Anderson, Bianca Peterson, Britney Peterson, Knoah D., Knyla D., and Knazir D.; one great-granddaughter and a host of cousins and friends.
Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes. (Chapelchimes.org)



ADOLPH BURNELL GILKEY
June 15, 1941 – Feb. 27, 2015

Adolph (Sonny) Burnell Gilkey was born in Stephens, Arkansas.

Adolph attended Inkster High

School in Inkster, Michigan. Adolph served his country in the Armed Services. "Sonny" as he was affectionately called, loved to sing. His favorite group was the Temptations. He "LOVED" to fish, hunt, play pool and gamble.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a son, Adolph (Jasmine) Collins; his loving mother Geneva Gilkey; two grandchildren: Adolph Collins Jr. and Brooklyn Geneva Rose Collins; six siblings: Otha Lee Gilkey, Chester Gilkey, Lionel (Vicki) Gilkey, Valerie Johnson, Debra Thomas, Anthony (Carmen) Gilkey; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins all who he loved.
Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes. (Chapelchimes.org)



EVELYN LITTLE
Dec. 15, 1937 – Mar. 1, 2015

Evelyn was born in Tennessee. At the age of twenty, she moved to Inkster (now Westland). Evelyn started working at Ford Motor Company in the early 1980's.

Evelyn has been a role model to her family. She was loyal, giving, a wise counselor, expressed the importance of family, loved people, love to laugh, but she did not play!

She leaves to mourn her death, a loving husband and companion Hezekiah: four daughters, Mattie (Robert) Orr, Shelia (Neil) Haney, Deborah Hill, Sandra (Wallace, Jr.) Little-Bowie; one son Albert Hill, Jr.: 14 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren; one sister Willie Mae Porter, and a host of nieces and nephews, Mia, Barbara, Nicole and the neighborhood extended family.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes. (Chapelchimes.org)



DOUGLAS EDWARD COOK
Jan. 29, 1959 – Feb., 27, 2015
Douglas graduated from Robichaud High School in 1977. While there, he enjoyed playing basketball. Shortly after high school, Douglas began his journey in life as he began working for General Motors Corporation, retiring after 27 years of service.

Within this zestful life, Douglas met the apple of his eye, Ms. Betty Buyck this relationship lasted 30 years.

Douglas enjoyed life, being with family, making you laugh and doing that famous DANCE he always did Douglas leaves to cherish his memories, one daughter, LaShaun Donald; five step-children; two grandchildren; five sisters: Frances G. Cook, Delores Green, Karen Harris, Cheryl Cook and Fern Cook-Iwelunmor (Raymond) and the apple of his eye, Ms. Betty Buyck; and a host of family and friends that he also loved.
Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes. (Chapelchimes.org)



VERA MAE CAMPBELL
Oct. 2, 1926 - Mar. 20, 2015

Vera was born in River Rouge and graduated from the River Rouge School system. She was a dedicated member of Few's Memorial CME Church where she served on many auxiliaries. Vera married David Campbell Sr. on April 24, 1945. She was known for skillfully attending her beautiful flower gardens. She is most remembered, loved and respected by her children for being able to make each one of them feel as if they were an only child. She leaves to cherish her legacy, her children, Brenda (John), Frederick "Bucky" (Erma), Patty, Linda (Joseph), Vivian, Joyce, David Jr. (Paulette), Phillip (Duschanka) and Stanley Sr. (Vickie), nineteen grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren, three brothers, Theodore (Fanny), John (Dorothy) and Charles (Margaret), sister-in-law Darrylin and a host of family and friends.
Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home.



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ARIES

Confusion exists over some question, and every time you think you've got the answer, circumstances will change and new information will come to your attention. Don't worry, things are going to clear up and work out. Take it easy. Change the question.
Soul Affirmation: I make myself an inspiration to others this week.
Lucky Numbers: 12, 19, 20

TAURUS

Communications flow smoothly this week and your word is golden. A wild idea for money making could come to you, but you should let the strictly material walk on by. Stick to your current plan and use your imagination for ways to up-level your spiritual outlook.
Soul Affirmation: I celebrate freedom of mind this week.
Lucky Numbers: 33, 42, 49

GEMINI

A party or gathering with friends from the past will give you the opportunity to see how much you are loved. You've made tremendous strides and accomplished much in your life, so be pleased with yourself this week. Pass some of your wisdom along to others.
Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.
Lucky Numbers: 40, 48, 55

CANCER

An afterglow will surround you this week if you summon it up from your subconscious, and you may not feel like getting immediately into work-mode on several days this week. It's okay to go with your feelings; the world will wait for a little while. Treasure happy moments.
Soul Affirmation: My smile gives light to everyone I meet this week.
Lucky Numbers: 9, 21, 38

LEO

Your mind will be extra busy this week with thoughts of new projects and the things you want to get done. Best course of action is to clear up pending and overdue items. You'll have a clean slate in no time and will feel genuinely content and ready for the new stuff.
Soul Affirmation: Light from my soul shines in many directions.
Lucky Numbers: 11, 13, 51

VIRGO

You should know by now that trying to be in two places at once is very taxing to your nerves! Slow down a bit and trust that you'll get what needs to be done accomplished. Give yourself a head start on all road trips so that have time to enjoy the view. Love promises much this week. Accept the promise.
Soul Affirmation: My mood is created by the company I keep.
Lucky Numbers: 12, 19, 36

LIBRA

A friend from the past could suddenly appear in your life. This could be a highly beneficial reunion for both of you. Let bygones be bygones, and renew this friendship. Love isn't used up just because it's shared.
Soul Affirmation: My blessings come through others this week.
Lucky Numbers: 8, 24, 53

SCORPIO

Drive the speed limit this week or you could wind up with a ticket. Why rush? Serenity is available if you only stop and listen for it inside of you. Discharge your usual obligations with dignity and silently count your blessings.
Soul Affirmation: Friendships are the shock absorbers on the bumpy road of life.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 52, 53

SAGITTARIUS

Trust! –that's what you need to do. Sure people lie sometime but when you know their hearts you know what to expect and therefore you're not deceived. Be prepared for lots of compliments this week. Most of them will be sincere, so plan to accept them gracefully. You may be planning a summer trip. Make it a nice getaway
Soul Affirmation: I take a chance an new beginnings.
Lucky Numbers: 22, 28, 29

CAPRICORN

Live free and large, and cherish good friends. Financial matters are highlighted during working hours. Everything to do with your money, or money under your care, goes smoothly. A party invitation arrives. . . say YES!
Soul Affirmation: I open myself up to the good news that wants to come ot me.
Lucky Numbers: 33, 46, 55

AQUARIUS

Creative mental energy makes this a banner week for you. An ambition that you thought you had left behind years ago suddenly resurfaces, and you'll see similarities between what you are doing now and what you dreamed of back then. Enjoy!
Soul Affirmation: Laughter is strong medicine against any disease.
Lucky Numbers: 34, 46, 55

PISCES

No need for rowdiness, wild ones! You can make your point without jumping up and down and waving your hands and arms in the air! Speak your wisdom softly, gently this week, so that others can hear it and benefit, smooth one!
Soul Affirmation: Wearing three different hats is easy for a person like me.
Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 39

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell is down to work in his office

The “Getting to know our elected officials” feature is designed to provide access into the minds of local public figures. This week, we spoke with Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell who chatted with us about why he chose to run for office, the most enjoyable aspects of his current position, necessary improvements within the City of Ecorse, what defines a good elected official, and much more.

I know you’re a native of the Ecorse area. Where did you attend high school? College?
I went to the old Ecorse High School. And I attended Kent State University where I majored in criminal justice.

What career path did you pursue after completing your degree?
I went on to become a police officer, and did that for 24 ½ years.

What led you to run for mayor?

I was on the school board for over 15 years, and I honestly got tired of seeing what was going on in the community, and how people were being misrepresented. Ecorse was also under an emergency financial manager, and I just didn’t like that. I thought something was wrong, and someone had to lead us in the right direction

How long have you served as the mayor of Ecorse?
I’ve been mayor since November of 2013.

What do you enjoy most about your position?
I enjoy getting things done from the beginning to the end for the betterment of the community. And also satisfying our citizens; if they’re happy, then I am too. One of the best feelings is when someone comes up to me and says, “I didn’t think you were going to respond to my problem”. I

know I can’t satisfy all of our citizens, but I do try.

What do you see as the biggest problem facing your city today?
The main problem is too much of being stuck in the old way of things. Our other issue is the fact that our revenue tax base is slowly dwindling. You have to bring in housing and jobs because when you bring work into the community, people can now start to afford homes.

In addition to your mayoral duties, do you currently hold any other job/career positions?
I’m a security guard at a hospital. I do that Monday through Friday from 6AM- 2PM.

How can Ecorse residents initiate improvements throughout the city?
They have to get involved. We can’t do it by ourselves, so we need their eyes and ears in order to know exactly what’s going on. And people don’t complain enough about what the problems are, so they need to do that more so we can know where the issues lie.

In your opinion, what qualities are necessary for a good elected official?
I think one of the needed qualities is education. You also have to make sure that your heart is in it, and that you’re not in it for yourself; you have to be in it for the people.

What is your family status? Do you engage in any hobbies/special interests in your leisure time?
I’m married, and I have four kids. In my free time, I like to travel. My favorite place to visit is Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For whatever reason I fell in love with that city. As a matter of fact, I think I may move there once I retire.

Outlet Mall

From Page 1A

ants, so we don’t know the details yet,” Romulus Economic Developer Tim Keyes said. “But if you look at the tenant list for a number of different malls these developers have across the country, they will be going after similar vendors.”

“Outlets of Michigan” will be conveniently placed off of I-94, and could attract consumers from as far out as Toledo, Ohio, in addition to passengers passing through Detroit Metropoli-

tan Airport. The project will also create hundreds of retail jobs, and is already creating a buzz amongst local residents and prospective shoppers from surrounding areas.

Developers are currently awaiting approval for the construction of a driveway central to Vining Road, however plans to break ground are set for mid-summer. A projected grand opening has been set for the fall of 2016.

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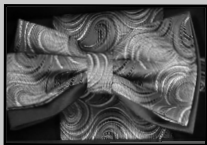
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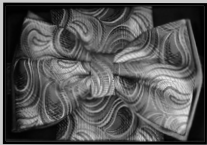
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Panther Pride Leadership Program participants prepare for Annual Ball

It is with great elation that we to announce the 2nd Annual River Rouge High School Cotillion Ball, which will feature approximately 30 of our top performing high school students.

For the past three months, the students have been participating in the Panther Pride Leadership Program, attending special professional de-

velopment and life skills classes during and after school. Their edifying moment will culminate into a celebration for the community on Saturday, April 25th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Downriver Italian American Hall, 646 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI.

The students are entering the final stretch of the program and are completing

ballroom lessons in preparation of their celebration. Tickets are available at the River Rouge School District's Superintendent's Office located at 1360 Coolidge Hwy ! The cost is \$20.00 for those 13 years and above and \$12.00 for children 12 years and under (children 3 and under do not need a ticket). For more information call 313-297-9600.

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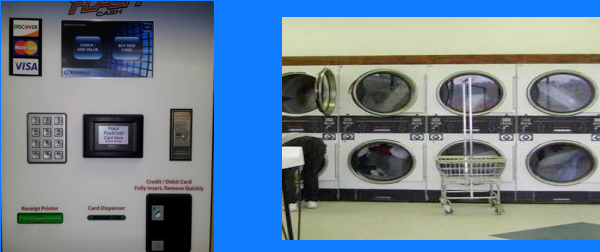
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LIBRARY NEWS

Family Story Time at Romulus library celebrates Easter



Children participated in the Family Story Time this week and completed Easter crafts after listening to Easter stories read by Telegram publisher, Gina Steward. Parents participated to make sure all kids had a great time dying eggs and painting their very own cardboard Easter Egg.

Other activities scheduled at the library for this month include:
•Tuesday, April 14 @ 6:30 pm: Family Story Time (Earth Day themed)
•Wednesday, April 15 @ 10:30 am: Ready to Read Story Time
•Saturday, April 18 @ 1:00 pm: Teen Movie & Craft-“The Hunger Games: Mockingjay-Part 1” (PG-13)
The Romulus Library is located at 11131 Wayne Rd call 734-942-7589 for more information

Inkster library host
Movie Madness Week!!!
Celebrate Spring Break by joining us
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Monday, April 6th through Saturday, April 11th

The library will be showing the following fun movies!

Mon., April 6th - "Planes" will show at 1:00p.m.
Tues., April 7th - "Ender's Game" will show at 1:00p.m.
Wed., April 8th - "Madagascar" will show at 1:00p.m.
Thurs., April 9th - "Hunger Games" will show at 1:00p.m.
Sat., April 11th - "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" will show at 10:00a.m.

The Leanna Hicks Public Library is partnering with The Library Network and Gleaners for the month of April to collect food. The campaign is called "Food For Thought." This is the library's second year collecting food for the local food pantry. In 2014, over 150 lbs of food was collected.

April's book club will be on Tuesday April 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm. This month's reading selection is: Motor City Shakedown by D E Johnson. It is a mystery set in 1910's Detroit, and shows some of the workings of the Auto Industry at the time as well as some Mafia involvement. Join us to discuss the book!

Once again, the National African Business Association is partnering with the Leanna Hicks Public Library to have Financial Literacy Classes. The Classes will begin Wednesday April 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm and will be held on Wednesdays and Tuesdays for six weeks.

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Principal Hall seeks to bring greatness to Romulus High School

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Principal Hall with students reviewing paperwork for college

Principal Flinnoia Hall III entered the 2014-2015 academic year as a newbie at Romulus High School. Since beginning his new position in June, students and staff have embarked on a quest to reach for their full potential at every level. “This generation is really big on hashtags, so we came up with #returnt greatness as our motto,” Hall said. “That’s been our push this entire school year, and we’re definitely getting there.” Having served as a principal in Saginaw, Detroit and Flint Public Schools, Hall assesses that the Romulus’ “tradition of being a high academic environment, as well as a close knit community” factored in with his decision to make the transition to the area last summer. Those values, paired with a realization that the campus represented a place where he could personally bring his children, also played a part in introducing his daughter to the Romulus. “My daughter is a sophomore honor student and an athlete here,” Hall said. “I’m the principal, but she does know that she has to put in work just like everyone else. I’ll see her in

the hallway and say, “Hall you better hustle to class.” Everyone will laugh, but if she’s late to class she’s going to get a detention, or any other penalty in effect for that day. She’s a really great sport about it, and she really enjoys it here at Romulus.” As both a father and an educator, Hall holds a clear understanding of meeting both the academic and social needs of every student. With that, Romulus has a special program geared towards educating students on the dangers of illegal substance use, and will also restore a teen health center on campus. Academically, the



Flinnoia Hall III

school has continued its Early College and Dual Enrollment Programs, in addition to providing a number of exciting elective options, from health occupation and marketing to finance and entrepreneurship. Furthermore, their top of the line culinary arts program allows for participants to prepare meals for faculty and fellow classmates, while permitting students to eat lunch at an on-site restaurant called the Eagles Nest. And with a slew of extracurricular activities that include world class athletics and a superb National Honor Society, Hall believes that Romulus High School is on the right track towards #returnt greatness. “We’ve had an awesome year so far,” he said. “I’m a student centered administrator, so right from the beginning, I’ve been working on building a rapport with the staff and students. There have been a lot of other pluses as well. At the early part of the year, our students were at over a million in academic scholarships. We have a solid debate program, so this year we hosted a regional for the first time in history with rave reviews. There are also some new initiatives that I can’t reveal at the moment, but we’re definitely working on them. “There are so many wonderful teachers out there, so I believe that a kid can get a decent academic education almost anywhere. But at the end of the day, you have to ask these questions: Does a student their principal? Does their school environment address common every day issues, such as bullying? You get that at Romulus High School because we are accountable for ourselves, and we also take care of one another. There’s definitely a family like atmosphere here.”





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By Butch Davis



Detroit Western International wins the 2015 State Championship Title with an undefeated season

The school that is more known for its baseball prominence, PSL champion Detroit Western International added the title of MHSAA State Basketball Champion for the first time in school history as Josh McFolley a 6-foot senior guard, scored 19 in a 62-59 victory over Saginaw Arthur Hill Saturday afternoon in the Class A state championship game at Breslin Center.

McFolley, who transferred from Mount Clemons along with 6-8 Gerald Blackshear, scored 10 of his points during the third quarter, eight during a pivotal 8-2 run to close out the quarter to open up a 41-34 lead. Arthur Hill came back to pull within four at 47-43 with just under three minutes left when sophomore Brian Bowen made two free throws following a

technical foul and Mr. Basketball runner-up, senior guard Eric Davis, followed by banking in a 3-pointer. However, McFolley made two 3-pointers during the final 1½ minutes of the third, the second from on top of the key from 25-feet out with 20 seconds left. Blackshear who finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds assisted McFolley continued to

make big plays in the fourth. In addition, 6-3 junior forward Karim Murray had 15 points, seven during the final 1½ minutes, including a three-point play to give Western a 10-point (54-44) lead while fouling out Davis.

In the end Detroit Western International Head Coach Derrick McDowell was boogying across the Breslin Center floor

in celebration. "It's very seldom that I show emotion, however to be honest with you it means a lot to me personally," McDowell said. It's was the fourth time he has coached a MHSAA state championship game as previously he appeared as a coach for Detroit Redford. McDowell shouted in exhilaration "I finally got it."

Last day to Register to vote in the Special May Election is April 6th.

MSU in the Final Four



The Michigan State Spartans played seven other overtime games, losing five of them including the Big Ten tournament final to Wisconsin; however, this last game the Spartans play was the jackpot. Yes, MSU had overtime to play and this time, overtime gave them the Final Four ticket to Indianapolis, Indiana. Poor free thrown shooting was a big key in why the Spartans did not finish the Louisville Cardinals in regulation play, nevertheless, huge rebounding on the offensive and defensive boards and clutch outside shooting gave them the Spartans confidence to complement their push to the "NCAA Men Basketball Final Four" this weekend.

The Spartans' 76-70 overtime win over Louisville in the East Regional final is the thrilling culmination to the journey.

There are more games to play a chance to take a swing at teams that were look forward to still be around.

Yes indeed Duke will be a hand full with a variety of weapons. Freshman Justise Winslow, big man Jahlil Okafor besides their two guards, Quinn Cook and Tyus Jones. However, if MSU stay close in intensity such as they did against Oklahoma when the team as poor as they shot free thrown all year long, make their last six in a row to win the game on the way to obtain the chance to play the game against Louisville enable their team to win the East Regional Championship. In addition, show the outstanding confidence to complement their energy to overcome the disbelief that said it would no way the Spartans basketball team much less the Spartans Nation should be in Indy in the first place as they are the only team that was not rank number one in there regionals (MSU rank seventh in the east regionals). The team from East Lansing is the underdogs, however, David overcame Goliath, and this Saturday with the right confidence and energy the Michigan State Spartans can defeat their enemy, the Duke Blue Devils.

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6 by TKO. Amateur Champion Rico O'Quin, also signed to AG Promotions, will make his pro debut that evening. Other fighters on the evening's bill include Lanardo "Pain-Server" Tyner, Vernon "Iceman" Paris, Robert O'Quin, and Ed "Thoroughbred" Williams.

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Winners of the Mayor’s Fitness Challenge recognized during Romulus Council meeting

By: Gina Steward



Photo by Roger Kadam
(left to right) Amy Schultz - 2nd place, Amy Ambrose- 1st place, LeRoy Burcroff - Mayor (City of Romulus),- Andy MacKay - General Manager (Romulus Athletic Center), husband and wife team Cinda Scully- 3rd place and Matt Scully- 1st place

The Romulus Mayor’s Fitness Challenge is an eight week weight loss contest based on the total percentage of body weight lost. The challenge ran from January 12th – March 9th and featured a total of 278 “contestants” that together lost a total of 1,057 lbs.

The Mayor’s Fitness Challenge is timed to help keep people in tune with their New Year’s resolutions to lose weight.. The Romulus Athletic Center (RAC) General Manager Andy MacKay said “The program encourages people to have a healthy lifestyle.”

the men’s and the women’s divisions won prizes. First Place winners were: Men-Matt Scully– 33 lbs(16.34%) and Women - Amy Ambrose– 46 lbs (17.62%). First place winners won a free one year family membership and unlimited fitness classes for that one year period, with a retail value of \$959.

Second Place winners were: Mike Oliver– 41 lbs (10.59%) Women - Amy Schultz– 27 lbs (14.14%). Both Second place winners won a free individual 1 year membership, valued at \$281.

Men -Dan Setser– 21 lbs (10.4%) - Women - Cinda Scully– 28 lbs (11.91%). The winners won 30 free fitness classes, valued at \$180. The numbers in parentheses is the percentage of individual weight loss.

Honorable Mentions include: Men - Ryan Denison– 45 lbs, Kristopher Andrew– 22 lbs, John Pych– 17 lbs, Denver Profit– 14 lbs, Tom Curiston– 12 lbs. Women - Terri Barks– 21 lbs, Lorene Profit– 15 lbs, Michelle Rourke– 22 lbs, Linda Sliwinski– 17 lbs, Perna Brown– 15 lbs. Congratulations to all the participants.

The top three finishers in both The 3rd place winners were

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 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, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski to accept the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-073 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meet
ing of the Romulus City Council held on March 2, 2015.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Abstain – Roscoe.
Motion Carried.

2B. No special meetings were held on March 2, 2015.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:
Mayor Pro-Tem Barden announced that the Eagles Girls and Boys Basketball Teams
won district championships. Hazardous waste pick up will be held at Romulus City
Hall on April 4, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

4A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to accept the chairperson's report.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff announced "Clean Sweep" will be held on May 9, 2015.
DPW Director, Roberto Scappaticci, and Purchasing Director, Lynn Conway, gave a
presentation regarding the rubbish bid. Councilman Wadsworth reiterated that there
would be no tax increase for at least the ten year period of the rubbish contract.
Councilwoman Abdo asked if there would be parking restrictions on garbage pickup
day and the answer from Waste Management was no.
Mayor Pro-Tem commented that Waste Management pays taxes in Romulus and is
very involved in the community.
Joseph Munem, from Rizzo Environmental Services, requested City Council to
delay the vote on the rubbish contract so he could present more information to
Council. Scott Cabauatan, Republic Services, a bidder for the rubbish contract,
thanked Roberto Scappaticci and Lynn Conway for facilitating the bid process.

15-074 5A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the
family of Fred Hay.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe,
Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-075 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to award RFP 14/15-20 for a ten-year con
tract for the automated curbside cart pick up and disposal of solid waste, recy
clables and other related disposal services, goods, and yard waste to the lowest
qualified bidder, Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. contingent upon final contract
language approval by City Attorney.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe,
Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-076 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter
into a contract with DTE for the installation of light fixtures in the amount of
\$67,447.00 and an additional \$8,650.00 for lighting services along the Wayne Road
sidewalk.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:
Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that the last day to register to vote for the May 5,
2015 State Special Election is Monday, April 6, 2015. Absentee ballots will go out
the week of April 1st.
City-wide yard sale will be held May 14 through May 17, 2015.

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment:
Resident spoke of the need for a grocery store in Romulus.
Resident spoke about the new shopping center that will be located at Vining and
Wayne Road.
Mr. Greve, from Waste Management, thanked Council for their support.

8. Unfinished Business
Councilman Wadsworth announced the annual Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon will be
held on May 8th.

9. New Business:

10. Communication

15-077 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 15-05 in the amount of
\$709,887.09.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the
Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

1. 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 March 9,
2015.

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 14-01

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. EST. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

- 35606 Bibbins (single-family residential structure & shed) 20A31 BL6 LOT 31 BLOCK 6 THE JUNCTION SUB BLOCK 6 T3SR9E L17 P34 WCR.
- 7385 Colbert (single-family residential structure & garage) 11B33 LOT 33 ECORSE COMMUNITY PARK SUB 1 T3S R9E L57 P34 WCR.
- 35960 Vinewood (single-family residential structure & garage) 05C123 TO 125 LOTS 123 TO 125 ALSO S 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY GRAND PARK SUB T3S R9E L14 P96 WCR.
- 6219 Cordell (family residential structure, garage & two metal sheds) 01K14 LOT14 MARVIN GARDENS SUB T3SR9E L79 P74 WCR.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on April 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall located at 10600 West Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan there will be a Public Hearing before the River Rouge City Council to consider the following budget amendment to the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

Reallocate \$29,820 .00 from Fire Rescue Payment to Infrastructure road improvements through CDBG.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said proposed CDBG budget amendment. Written comments may be submitted up to the meeting time and should be addressed to the City Clerk at the above address.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson
City Clerk
City of River Rouge

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By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



From dance and fitness classes to jewelry making and arts and crafts, the Booker Dozier Complex in Inkster offers a variety of activities geared toward local youth, adults and senior citizens. With spring and summer steadily approaching, why not get out there to explore some of the new recreational options available for residents of all ages?
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Pollution

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plants, which would be required to reduce emissions by upgrading their facilities to more public health-friendly systems.

Very few power plants run on oil, but the United States relies on coal for nearly half of its electricity. Leading coal mining corporations assert that the EPA should not be allowed to issue such regulations without first considering the upgrade and compliance costs they impose. In other words, the plaintiffs want to continue manufacturing without the available community health safeguards, arguing that these regulations present an unfair financial burden and infringe on their ability to make profits.

Coal-powered facilities spew literal tons of pollutants into the air each day. This cocktail of toxins causes cancer, chronic heart conditions, ADD/ADHD, and respiratory diseases ranging from asthma to lung cancer in the surrounding communities. Mercury, in particular, is a neurotoxin—long-term exposure is known to cause fetal birth defects, brain damage or delayed development, emotional disturbances and psychotic reactions, and more.

“Sixty-eight percent of African Americans live within 30 miles of these coal-fire power plants,” said Jacqui Patterson, director of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program. She said that African American children are two to three times as likely to miss school, be hospitalized, or die from asthma attacks than White children. She said, “For us, it’s very much a civil rights issue if certain communities are being disproportionately impacted by the pollutants that come from these coal plants.”

The NAACP is one of several groups backing the EPA in the suit. The NAACP’s accompanying report titled, “Coal Blooded: Putting Profits Before People,” grades and ranks nearly 400 coal plants around the nation. It also documents the 75 worst-offending facilities, the worst-offending companies, the toll on local communities, and the national and global implications if the emissions from these plants are not improved.

“A total of four million people live within three miles of these 75 failing plants...out of these four million people, nearly 53 percent are people of color,” the report reads. “Living in

such close proximity to coal plants has serious consequences for those communities. Coal plants are single-handedly responsible for a large proportion of toxic emissions that directly poison local communities in the United States.”

According to the report, the top five plants with the worst environmental justice performance were: Crawford Gen. Station and Fisk Gen. Station in Chicago; Hudson Gen. Station in Jersey City, N.J.; Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee, Wis.; and State Line Plant in Hammond, Ind. Most of the top offenders are in the Midwest, which houses 32 percent of all of the nation’s coal-powered energy plants. Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Virginia, and Colorado are home to the most failing plants.

In addition to severe health problems, the Black communities will bear the worst of the effects of climate change that result from unchecked air pollution.

“Indeed, Hurricane Katrina and the tornadoes in Pratt City, AL have already vividly demonstrated that the shifts in weather patterns caused by climate change disproportionately affect African Americans and other communities of color in the United States—which is a particularly bitter irony, given that the average African American household emits 20 percent less [carbon dioxide] per year than the average white American household,” the report states.

“The six states with the largest proportion of African-Americans are all in the Atlantic hurricane zone, and all are expected to experience more severe storms as a consequence of global warming.” EarthJustice, a nonprofit environmental justice organization, estimates that the MATS regulation would reduce mercury emissions by 75 percent, preventing up to 11,000 premature deaths, nearly 5,000 heart attacks, 130,000 asthma attacks, and more than 540,000 missed work days each year. Some power plants have already adopted the latest methods for reducing impact on human health; the MATS regulation would require all power plants to match the best-practicing plants’ emission levels by a certain date.

The Supreme Court heard arguments for the case last week in a 90-minute hearing. A decision is expected by summer. “Fifty percent of all coal-fired power plants are 40 years old or older. The coal industry is trying to protect its old clunkers,” said Lisa Garcia, vice president of Litigation for Healthy Communities for EarthJustice, and chief advisor to the EPA on the creation of the mercury standards. “Interestingly, no one is saying, ‘don’t build it.’ Everyone is basically saying, ‘we can do this better.’ So you can operate and make your profits, but we can also do it in a healthier way that protects communities.”



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Marshmallow

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I'd have to say I'm glad this re-

lationship is over and no, you don't need him as a friend. Friends don't deliver hurt and pain; friends show up with tissue and support. Nobody wants to admit it, but it's hard to love yourself more than the one you love when they instantly break your heart. Love's not like a cell phone, you can't turn it on and off ~ or put it on silent when it's convenient for the situation. Sounds like you still have feelings for him and if you can't have him as a lover, you'll consider allowing him to be your friend. Don't! You can forgive him, but don't forget. My "Ask Alma" super girl powers tell me that you're beautiful, smart and worthy of someone who will give you his best. You've spent enough time allowing Robocop to block your blessings. Unpack your big girl bloomers and let him bounce! Surround yourself with friends and family who love and support you – everybody else has got to go. You're living with lupus, God bless you! You ain't got time for no foolishness. Lupus didn't give you a choice, but you can chose to have devoted, faithful, compassionate friends and relationships that'll bring you joy. Don't be afraid of not having him in your life. He doesn't hold your happiness in the palm of his hand. Your light of happiness lives inside of you, under your control, 24/07.



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March 21, 2015

MARCH 21, 2015

At 2300hrs, officers were dispatched to the 400 Block of Lenoir Street for an Armed Robbery that had just occurred. Upon arrival officers spoke to a 27 year old female who states she was robbed at gun point by two unknown males. She states the males ran into a housing unit in the 500 block of Superior Street. Officers used a canine unit to assist. After several minutes a vehicle pulled up and parked at the rear of this location. Six people exited the vehicle and were about to enter the premises when officers asked if anyone was at home, and the reply was yes. The 42 year old female stated that it was her 18 year old son. Officers asked permission to check around and was given the okay.

When officers checked the son he happened to match the description of one of the robbers. While walking to the patrol vehicle the victim seen the young male and yelled "that one of the robbers". The youth was handcuffed and placed in the patrol vehicle. A check with LEIN showed he was clear. The victim was asked again if he was one of the robbers and she stated "no that's not him". Then the victim explained what happened to her. She states incident began while she was sitting in the vehicle, a 2007 Chrysler, along with her mother and four children in the back seat. She noticed two males lingering outside near her place, suddenly they vanished. Suddenly one appeared at the driver's side door and he was aiming a handgun telling the driver to open the door and get out. She told him the door wouldn't open. The suspect and his accompish robbed her and took her money and fled.

Romulus police follow-up

On Monday a resident complained about the traffic on Harrison south of Eureka before council. The following morning I went to the area at which time I observed several traffic violations in a matter of minutes. I immedi-

At 1024hrs,, an officer went to a home in the 100 Block of Burke Street on a report that a female locked herself in the bathroom and possibly overdosed. Officers arrived and made entry into the house only to find the 29 year old female standing in the kitchen. The female appeared week and lethargic. The officer asked her what was wrong and she told him she took a bunch of pills and didn't want to go on. She states she took whatever was left of her Benadryl and steroids. There were three empty pill bottles. Healthlink was notified and arrived on scene and she was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for psychiatric evaluation

March 26th, 2015

At 1207hrs, an officer was monitoring traffic in the area of Genessee near Pine when he observed a 1999 Dodge van traveling on Pine. Officer had prior knowledge that the driver of that vehicle was suspended and vehicle had an Expired Plate. The officer conducted a Traffic Stop on the vehicle and upon checking placed the 26 year old under arrest. While conducting a pat down officers felt plastic bags in the sleeves of his hoodie. The male told the officer he had Marijuana on him and when asked if he had a Medical Marijuana Card the male replied "no". The bags were removed from his sleeve observing a green leafy substance inside. Each bag was weighed 80 and 10 grams. A Botanical Field Test was done and was a positive hit for "Marijuana". The male was transported to the police station where he was booked, allowed to make a call then housed. The Marijuana was tagged as evidence.

ately met with the command staff and came up with a plan of action.

Over the next 2 days officers issued 17 traffic citations. Officers will continue aggressive enforcement in the area.

Excessive force used during arrest
Man beat by Inkster Police officers



Dent being held down in choke hold and beat by officers

The released dash cam video of a traffic stop gone bad shows another incidence of white police brutality towards an African American man. On January 28 around 10:00pm the police camera showed Floyd Dent a 57 year old Detroit man, run a stop sign near South River Park Drive and Inkster in Inkster, MI. The police execute what should have been a routine traffic stop, until Dent opens his car door. The video shows the police officers approach Dent's car with their guns drawn. The officers pull Dent from the car and immediately take him down and subdue him. The video shows one officer repeatedly hitting him in the head, while another officers tazered him.

Onsite at the traffic stop were Inkster police officers, Inkster Auxiliary Police officers and members of the Michigan State Police force. Dent was taken into police custody as blood could be seen on his head and shirt. Dent was initially charged with assault, resisting arrest, and possession of cocaine, insisting they found cocaine beneath the passenger seat of his Cadillac. Dent has maintained that the drugs were not his and says police planted the drugs at the time of his arrest. District Judge, Sabrina Johnson, after reviewing the tape, tossed the assault and resisting arrest charges. He has a April 1 court date on the drug charge.

Police Chief Yost has turned

the case over to the Michigan State Police department and the officer seen beating Dent on the video has been assigned to desk duty during the investigation. Several press conferences and rallies have been held to voice outrage of the actions of members of the Inkster police department. The citizens are



One of many protest held in the City of Inkster

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Cooking Club to begin (Let's talk about food)

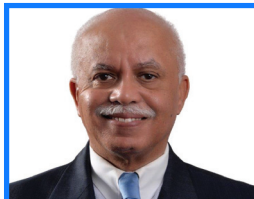
Ben Goode founder of Benny G's Barbeque will be hosting a Cooking Club that meets once every month starting Wednesday, April 15 at 12noon at the Telegram Newspaper. At these

meetings we will discuss different recipes as well as share dishes that we love.

Each month will have a themed focus, which will be voted on and discussed at every meeting.

Ben Goode said, "Whether you love to eat or love to cook, you, I guarantee you will not be disappointed in your decision to join us for our festivities that resolves solely around food."

For more information call 313-354-3717 and ask for Ben.

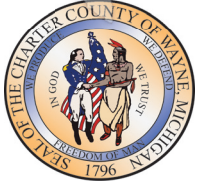


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Dearborn Firefighters to host annual raffle for 2015 Chevrolet Camaro

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



On April 28th, the Dearborn Fire Department will host its annual car raffle at the Dearborn Performing Arts Center. The event supports the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive, a nonprofit organization providing "fundraising for support services for child burn survivors and their families, as well as burn prevention and fire safety education to children, parents and caregivers". The grand prize recipient will receive a 2015 Chevrolet Camaro, or \$40,000 in winnings. Other prizes include a trip to Las Vegas, a flat screen television, and Detroit Tigers/University of Michigan football tickets. "The Dearborn Firefighters Burn Unit has been doing this for the past 50 years," Captain Steve Worden said. "We see so many bad things happening

every day, so it makes us feel good to be able to help other people—especially sick and burned kids. 100% of the proceeds will help these children and other families in need. It's a great cause, and all participants will have a shot at winning 25 great prizes." Raffle tickets are \$50, and can be purchased at any of the five Dearborn Fire stations, including the location in Melvindale. All participants may use their tickets for admittance into the raffle party, which will include food, an open bar, live entertainment and door prizes. Doors will open at 6:30 PM, and drawings will begin at 9:00 PM. The Dearborn Performing Arts center is located at 15801 Michigan Avenue. For additional information, please contact Captain Steve Worden at 313-478-6761.

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