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River Rouge welcomes new banking institution Monroe County Community Credit Union

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Monroe County Community Credit Union (MCCCU) is officially a part of the City of River Rouge. Formerly known as the River Rouge Municipal Credit Union, the institution merged with MCCCU earlier this year, and is still located in the city hall building. With that, the Rouge branch remains the only banking or credit union association located within the municipality.

offered at the River Rouge branch,” said Kate Hall, Marketing Manager for MCCCU. “They are certainly ready for new members as well. Prior to merging with us, they weren’t able to offer Visa credit or debit cards, but now all affiliates can take advantage of mortgages, auto/personal loans, and all of the other goods and services MCCCU has to offer.”

As of June 2014, MCCCU provides benefits to members

“A lot of our existing members work in that area, so they’re now able to utilize the services

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Vice President Joe Biden to Deliver Remarks at the Detroit Branch NAACP’s 60th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner



Leon C. Richardson, President and CEO, ChemicoMays, LLC and Pamela Rodgers, President, Rodgers Chevrolet, members of the 60th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner leadership team along with Detroit Branch NAACP Executive Director, Donnell R. White and Detroit Branch NAACP President, Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony.

The Detroit Branch NAACP welcomes Vice President Joe Biden as the keynote speaker at the 60th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner. The

Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Cobo Conference Center in Detroit.

“We are extremely pleased that Vice President Joe Biden

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Police Violence Coverage Takes Mental Toll

By Jazelle Hunt - NNPA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Police have killed at least 369 people in the first four months of 2015, with 103 Black Americans – 28 percent – making up a disproportionate number of

the victims, according to Ferguson protester project, Mapping the Police.

But a growing number of medical experts say the dam-

age inflicted extends far beyond the number of actual victims.

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As I watched the violent happenings over the last few years, I ask myself, what's love got to do with it. Everything. Matthew 22:39 says, And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Wow what a concept! Would you shoot, beat, terrorize or hurt yourself? I don't think so. Would you do those things to your family members or would you want those things done to your mother or son? It puzzles me without end that

people can treat people badly. When someone wrongs you, I remember the Bible verse, Exodus 14:14, The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. I know that is hard to do, but you must do it. It will cut out some of the violence that is going on and it will keep your blood pressure down. Normally, my Exodus 14:14 kicks into place as soon as someone tries to wrong me. I say try, because the other verse rings in my head Genesis 50:20a But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good...

I treat everybody fairly and with a smile, but the events of last Friday had me pull out all of my verses. It took me about 24 hours (which is long for me) to get to my Exodus 14:14 and my Genesis 50:20a in my heart. They might have decided to do something to me with evil intentions, but God, used it for good.

When I was wasting time thinking about how to get them, I had to remember, let God fight my battle; he will take care of it. So I went back and forth and landed on the theme from my favorite movie 'What love got to do with it? Don't do anything to me that you wouldn't want done to your family members.

I pray that I added a few more minutes to my life, by relying on my bible verses. Ms. Jerelean Tally, the oldest person in the world says, "Treat people the way you want to be treated." I pass that on to you this week.

Whoosa!

Gina Steward
Publisher

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MAY 5TH

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:
 - o Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
 - o Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
 - o Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
 - o Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES []

NO []

**Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff named
Chair of SEMCOG's Road Safety Task Force**



Mayor LeRoy Burcroff

LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor of Romulus, has been named Chairperson of the Road Safety Task Force of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

In making the appointment, SEMCOG Chair Kathy Vosburg, Macomb County Commissioner, noted, "Mayor Burcroff is a new mayor eager to be involved on a regional level. He will bring a fresh approach to road safety and the many issues surrounding this very significant topic. We welcome the opportunity to have him involved at SEMCOG."

SEMCOG's new Road Safety Task Force will provide input and guide development of a Road Safety Plan for Southeast Michigan that identifies the region's key safety needs and guides investment deci-

sions to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. Task force members will provide input on the key elements of the plan, including traffic safety challenges, regional recommendations, and follow-up implementation. The task force's first meeting is Wednesday, April 29, 2015, beginning at 10 a.m. in SEMCOG's office (1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit 48226).

LeRoy Burcroff, a lifelong resident of Romulus, has served his community in a variety of posi-

tions – planning commissioner, city councilmember, and mayor. He believes that integrity-driven leadership, outstanding customer service, safe neighborhoods, financial stability, and a business friendly city administration are important focus areas for cities.

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A Shocking Observation about Blacks

By James Clingman - NNPA Columnist



"America leads the world in shocks." Those immortal words were spoken by the late Gil Scott-Heron during the Nixon "H2O Gate" era. Forty years later, Black people lead the world in shocks. We are shocked every time a Black person gets killed or abused by a police officer; we are shocked at the absence of indictments and convictions for those acts; we are shocked that our government will only give these acts lip-service; and we are shocked by the endless rhetoric, excuse-making, and rationales put forth as a response to Black lives being treated like they don't matter.

We are so shocked that we continue to roll out the same old tactics, chant the same phrases, and make idle threats that we know we will not fulfill. We are shocked that society will not change this endless parade to the graveyard for Black men especially. We are also shocked at the rate of our deaths and the nonchalant attitudes of those who kill us. And we are shocked by the fact that even though these killings are caught on cameras, there is still no punishment for the perpetrator.

Rodney King's butt-whuppin' was caught on camera in 1992, and so was Nathaniel Jones killing in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2003. Heck, White folks photographed the lynching and burning of many Blacks over 100 years ago. Why are we so shocked now? I have come to the conclusion that we just like to be shocked. It's like the old tale of a boy constantly hitting himself in the head with a hammer. When asked why he did that, he replied, "Because it feels so good when I stop."

Do we really want this lunacy, this evil, this abuse to stop just so we can catch our breath for a little while, and then return to business as usual? One thing for sure is that it will not stop simply because it ought to, as folks always imply when the news reporter poses the question, "What you think about the latest incident of police abuse?" Inevitably, as was the case in the latest abuse in Baltimore, a sister said, "It's got to stop." Others chimed in and said the same thing, as was said in the case of Eric Garner, John Crawford, Ezell Ford, Oscar Grant, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, and many of the others I could name.

Let me try this again, after so many years of saying the same thing. The vast majority of the problems Black people face in this nation can be solved through the utilization of economic power. That's what runs this country and, therefore, that's what gets desired outcomes. The lack of economic power results in a perverse weakness and subordination of any group of people. Thus, Black folks are always shocked at our position, our mistreatment, and our dependency on the very political entities that care very little, if at all, about us. That's backward and wrong-headed thinking.

If Black folks in Baltimore or anywhere else want to be empowered to the degree that politicians finally move beyond merely saying what they think we want to hear, to doing what we need done for our security and progress, we must make drastic changes in our behavior. Our reactions to all the killings and beat-downs have been so predictable, so much so that the authorities know they just need to wait us out for a while, like the Eric Garner case, and we will go away. They know the shock value of their actions is impotent and only temporary.

The Fraser Institute released an article titled, "External shocks and political parties' attempts to 'buy' votes can affect levels of economic freedom," that noted, "Economic freedom is one of the main drivers of prosperity, resulting in improved wealth, health, and education for individuals and their families." said Herbert Grubel.

"...external shocks (think wars and revolutions, economic depressions or recessions) prompt the public to gravitate to political parties promising change and dramatic new directions... Changing public views allow progressive politicians to buy votes by creating a narrative that government is better at looking after citizens than citizens are at looking after themselves. That inevitably leads to larger government, more regulation, higher taxes, and crony capitalism," Grubel said.

Extrapolating from that article, I would say that Black folks have come to depend on politicians for so long now that even when our people are killed by police, we run to them to solve the problem. It's not going to happen until we wield power with our dollars and our votes. The "external shock" necessary to prompt political parties to appropriately respond to our needs must be felt by them rather than by us. That shock must be one that reverberates throughout the corporate board rooms, the halls of Congress, and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue: No more business as usual!

Free Comic Book Day is Saturday, May 2

By Jim and Marianne Abeare



Free Comic Book Day is celebrated annually in comic book stores across North America and all over the world on the first Saturday in May. It celebrates a true American art form.

It is also a day when comic book stores actually give away comics made especially for this event. Some of the books this year include the Simpsons, Dr. Who, a new Avengers and a reboot of my favorite, Captain Canuck.

This year Marvel is using the day to help promote the release of the new Avengers movie opening on Friday, May 1.

Comic collecting is a hobby that can be passed down from one generation to the next. Dennis Barger, owner of Quick Stop Comic Shop in Lincoln Park, one of the local stores participating in Free Comic Book Day, is looking forward to this special event.

It brings in people that wouldn't normally go into the stores with the promise of free comics. Once inside the stores people can get hooked.

Though things aren't all that well for the print comic industry. In an open letter to the comic book industry January 27, 2014 Mr. Barger wrote, "I would guess that we have around 120,000 actual people reading comic books today. Judging from the attrition rate that we are losing readers, we need 12,000 a year to start reading comic books and getting hooked on visiting the stores that remain. When you consider that there are roughly 2,000 comic shops that number means each store needs to be making six new readers a year."

To get those new readers you have to reach today's young children who might get their first taste of comics this weekend.

On May 2, comic book stores will also help kick off Children's Book Week (May 4-10, 2015), the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading, by giving away over two million comics to younger readers on Free Comic Book Day! With over two dozen kid-friendly titles to choose from on Free Comic Book Day, there is surely a free comic book avail-

able to help every young reader get into the joy of reading! All during Children's Book Week, comic shops, bookstores, libraries, and community groups will host events in every state including storytime, author appearances, displays, and more! The Comic Book Store in our area that we found celebrating both Free Comic Book Day and Children's Book Week was Green Brain Comics in Dearborn.

Free Comic Book Day brings in people that wouldn't normally go into the stores with the promise of free comics.

Once inside the stores people can get hooked. I have been going every year since its conception in 2002, with my son Josh. Now that he is 19 and we go together with my wife, more as a family day. I have "Pennyised" her and she enjoys going almost as much as I do.

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Despicable No More

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



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 threaten 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.

"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 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.

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37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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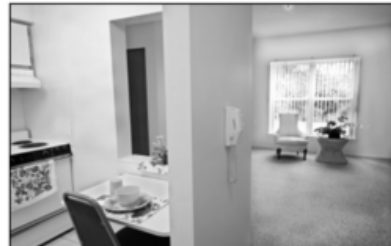
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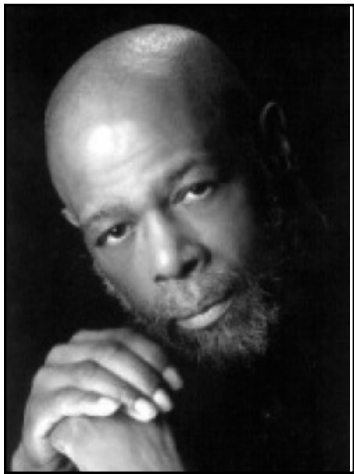
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Spiritually Speaking: Bringing Sin to the Party? Woe!

by James Washington
Special to the NNPA from The Dallas Weekly



As believers we think we have a lot on our plates. From our perspective however, that shouldn't mean we're challenged beyond our capacity to fulfill God's destiny for us. It just means we have a purpose; God's. The more we understand and internalize this, the more we see and appreciate the individual blessings in our lives. What I'd like to call your attention to now is a statement from Jesus' mouth to your reality. Now make a note. I am hanging out in that forgiveness thing. This time it's not forgiving yourself I'm talking I'm talking about. It is God's forgiveness and grace about the sins we commit.

Nowhere in the bible can I find an expectation by God that you won't sin after you are saved. To the contrary, the expectation is that you will. God's

grace and Christ's blood have taken care of that for you and me. We just need to keep the appropriate perspective regarding sin and prayer and let God know our confession is genuine. The point I want to bring to your attention is when Jesus says your forgiveness ain't happening. Luke 17:1 says, "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to the person through whom they come." This one stunned me and I thought I'd pass it along to you. '...but woe to the person through whom they come.' This kind of redefines friendship and fellowship, don't you think?

This statement doesn't absolve the sinner from the sin, but it does put a huge burden on the one bringing the sin trying to convince his or her Christian family member that it's okay to partake. The consequences of this act appear to be catastrophic. You guys know I believe for anyone to truly hurt you, they have to be close enough to you to kiss you. Can you say Judas? My point is you cannot plead ignorance on this one. God won't let you. Woe is waiting. This verse continues to illustrate how you should respond to one who sins against you. You forgive. Period! The verse is also clear as to your

role in the body of Christ. Don't bring sin to the party and try to convince others it really is okay to engage in it. Eve did that and we all know how that turned out.

So remember this. You are forgiven and you are to forgive. I don't believe I follow a God of confusion. This is pretty simple. But let's not get it twisted. This can be a trap as in entrapment. Don't fall for it. Do not ask your friends and family to wallow in your 'oh woe is me.' That's an indication of a lack of faith or, a lack of belief that Jesus has indeed fulfilled scripture. The alternative is His 'oh woe is you.' As always it's your choice. It always has been and always will be.

May God bless and keep you always.


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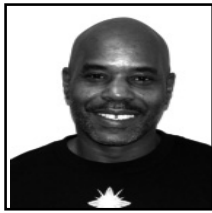
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April 22, 2015

At 0936hr, an officer was dispatched to the House of Auto Parts, 260 Haltiner Street, on a report of a firearm found inside of a vehicle. The 56 year old male worker states that the store recently purchased a 2004 Chevrolet Impala from All American Towing as a Scrapped Vehicle. But when he checked the trunk he observed an black Hi-Point Semi-Automatic, 40 caliber, wrapped in a black plastic bag under a spare tire. He removed the firearm and made it safe without thinking about fingerprints. Officers checked the vehicle for evidence or sign of criminal activity and found a prescription bottle with information on the outside. The handgun was checked in LEIN and came back No Record. The weapon was taken as evidence and tagged.

April 20th, 2015

At 1747hr, officer were dispatched to the 200 Block Frazier Street on a report of females with baseball bat threatening residents. Officer arrived and observed the females get out of a parked 2002 Buick and run into a home across the street. A 22 year old female states that a 20 & 24 year old female were threatening the family and her with a baseball bat. She states she was afraid and could not leave the house because of the threat of violence from the females. Officer went over and knocked on the door but the females refused to answer, so the officer went to the vehicle to check for information and found the vehicle had an Improper Plate and identified the owner of the vehicle. The fe-

males finally came out and was questioned by the officer but refused information about the incident. The vehicle was impounded and towed by Old Man Beavers Garage & Towing. One of the females was issued a violation for Disturbing the Peace and Acts/Threats of Violence and the other was issued for Fraud Tab and No Insurance.

April 20th, 2015

At 0438hr, an officer was dispatched to the Police Station Lobby for a Felonious Assault complaint. A 18 year old female stood in the lobby with dried up blood in her hair And three staples on the left side of her scalp. She states incident began when she went to see her 18 year old friend who lives in the 100 Block of Charles Street. While she was there a few more people stopped by and decided to hang out. One of the individuals went by the name of "Mike". The male is 6 feet tall, with a thin build, with short red hair and a tattoo on one of his arms. She stated he had a condition where it appeared that his sternum was protruding from his chest. She did not know him other than knowing his grandmother lives in the area. While everyone was hanging out Mike became upset because he lost some pills and accused her of taking the them. Mike pulled out a handgun and struck her several times on the side of her head. When he left the area she called her father who came and took her to the hospital to receive medical attention. So much for just hanging out!

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are currently en vogue in the media, with images of the victims' last moments on loop hour after hour. And each incident adds a fresh layer of offense – from Deputy Robert Bates in Tulsa, Okla., who was charged with the manslaughter of Eric Harris but allowed to vacation in the Bahamas after the court hearing, to Officer Dante Servin in Chicago, found not guilty for Rekia Boyd's murder because the prosecutor deliberately filed lesser, inappropriate charges.

"The repetitive nature of this, the fact that this is chronic... Chronic experiences of racial discrimination, and I'd include vicarious discrimination, can influence mental and physical health outcomes," says Amani Nuru-Jeter, associate professor of public health at University of California-Berkeley and researcher on racial health disparities. "I'm not saying it's the same as post-traumatic stress disorder, but we do some similarities in how people cognitively respond."

Other depressive or schizophrenic symptoms (such as paranoia or emotional numbness) can emerge, as well as physical health problems such as cardiovascular disease. On an individual level, racism in general has gradual, but potentially life-shortening effects on the mind and body.

These effects can be even more acute for those who make their Blackness the most important part of their self-identity, and/or those who internalize the racism against them.

"We found that it's associated with 'cellular aging,'" Nuru-Jeter says, referring to a body of public health research to which she has contributed. "We used a measure called telomeres, which are biological indicators of the age of the cells in our bodies and indicate premature biological aging."

On a communal level, being under the threat of police violence backed by the authority of the local, state, and sometimes national government, is enough of a burden on its own. When this oppression stretches from the mundane to the life threatening – such as the discriminatory fines up and the National Guard deployment in Ferguson after Officer Darren Wilson was not indicted – it is easy for Black communities to fall into a sense of hopelessness.

Violence

The more a community feels bound by the same identity (be it racial, socioeconomic, or otherwise), the more deeply the effects of chronic racial discrimination are felt.

"There's also collective racial identity. There's [an academic field] called social capital...and in that, there's a concept called bonded social capital," Nuru-Jeter explains. "Identity can increase solidarity. For example, what we saw in Ferguson was an outcry of, 'We're tired of being treated like this, we're raising our voice to say Black lives do matter to us.'"

There's also the matter of images. Some media outlets have routinely reported on the victim's past crimes and encounters with the justice system, and used either an old mugshot or image of the victim dead or dying to accompany their coverage.

Some outlets have come under fire for what many consider insensitive treatment of the deceased. One Change.org petition specifically asked ehe Washington Post to stop using victim mugshots in covering police violence. After some outcry on social media, CNN began to air a blurred version of the footage of Walter Scott's killing, as captured by bystander, Feidin Santana.

Nuru-Jeter points to neuroscience research involving FMRI scans (which map both brain activity and structure) that show how images or films can create a vicarious experience for the viewers.

"Some of these studies show that the same parts of the brain light up compared to when people have their own experience. I'm extrapolating here, but the suggestion is [there]," she says, especially for people who see themselves and their loved ones represented in the victims on TV.

As police killings continue to be a hot topic in the news – and as police departments continue to use lethal force in their interactions with civilians – it is likely that media coverage of this violence will continue. Nuru-Jeter highlights two ways to protect one's self and loved ones from the mental toll of these tragedies.

First, having strong racial identity can be a buffer, if it is experienced in a proud way. By focusing on Black pride, and drawing strength from the positive aspects of the Black American experience, individuals and communities can balance out the painful parts.

Finally, supportive people and systems are key for overall wellbeing.

"What happens when we see a constant message of devalued Black life in society? One way people can cope with this is to share the experience, and not hold it in," she says. "Even if you're not getting individual support, simply being a member of a group [as in protest] can help. 'There's strength in numbers' counts as a cliché, but I think the evidence is there to support that."

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Freedom Fund Dinner

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has accepted our invitation to come to the City of Detroit in celebration of the 60th Annual Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner," says Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony, President, Detroit Branch NAACP. "As many may recall our first speaker was the Honorable Justice Thurgood Marshall. It is historically inspiring that 60 years later a tradition of excellence and outstanding achievement in the cause of freedom and justice will be continued by our Vice President. We invite everyone to share in this historic moment."

The theme for this year's dinner, "Celebrating Freedom: Measured by Practice, Treasured by Sacrifice," pays homage to 50 years since the historic march in Selma (Bloody Sunday) that

paved the way for the signing of the Voting Rights Acts of 1965.

"General Motors is honored to support the Detroit Branch NAACP and all that it does to promote diversity and inclusion in our community," says Mary Barra, CEO, General Motors Company and 2015 Fight For Freedom Fund Dinner Senior Corporate Chair. "We salute Reverend Anthony and his team for their efforts. We are also excited to have Vice President Biden deliver remarks and witness firsthand the comeback and teamwork throughout the City of Detroit."

Additionally, Rev. Anthony announced this year's special awardees. They are:

- Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Michigan, 13th District), who will receive the James Weldon Johnson Lifetime Achievement Award;
- Attorney Benjamin Crump, who will receive the Ida B Wells Freedom and Justice Award;
- Kary Moss, Executive Director, ACLU – Michigan, who will receive the Mary Church Terrell Freedom and Justice Award;
- Jessica Care Moore, Artist, Activist and Creator of Black Women Rock, who will receive the Great Expectations Award; and
- Kevin Tolbert, Executive Director, UAW-Ford, National Programs Center, who will receive the Great Expectations Award.

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When: May 1st at 7:00 PM
Where: Mike Modano Ice Arena

Cost: Presale Tickets: Adults-\$8.00, Children and Seniors-\$6.00

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Day Out With Thomas: The Celebration Tour 2015
When: May 2nd and 3rd; May 9th and 10th

Where: The Henry Ford Museum
Cost: \$36.75, \$34.2, \$30.50, \$11.75

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 17th Annual Ford Freedom Awards
When: May 5th at 6:00 PM
Where: Max M. Fischer Music Center

Cost: \$40.00; \$35.00 for members

Mother's Day Laugh Fest starring Monique

When: May 8th at 8:00 PM
Where: The Masonic Temple
Cost: \$110.00, \$89.00, \$65.00, \$49.00

George Benson
When: May 8th at 8:00 PM
Where: Sound Board at Motor City Hotel

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WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPERS

Barbershop Talks brings a celebration of local fathers to the Inkster area

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Attendees gather for a photo op following a recent Barbershop Talks session (Photo by Jeremy Cranford)

Last November, Inkster native Joshua Howard created Barbershop Talks, a monthly forum celebrating committed fathers throughout the area. Hosted by Starfish Family Services' Parenthood Program (where Howard serves as Case Manager Assistant), the event continues to grow in popularity amongst young dads and members of the larger community alike.

"In terms of clinical and social services, we often see a lot of events taking place that are geared toward mothers," Howard said. "Barbershop Talks really began as a strategy to figure out how I could get more young fathers to come out and receive assistance through our programming."

Barbershop Talks takes place on the third Monday of every month at the Booker T. Dozier Recreational Complex in Inkster. With Howard acting as moderator throughout the three hour long event, attendees are granted resource assistance while engaging in open dialogue about various topics pertaining to the challenges of fatherhood. In addition, children receive complimentary haircuts while parents socialize, watch sports and indulge in free food. For Howard, this type of positive

programming is much needed for fathers in the Inkster area. "This event truly allows for men of all ages to work together," he said. "If you come to Barbershop Talks, you'll see that the older generation is sitting down with younger people who really need some interaction with older males. It's very rare to hear about a whole group of men doing something positive, so I think that's an important change to bring to the City of Inkster."

For Howard, a 2008 Inkster High School graduate and creator of the nonprofit organization Youth Equals Success (Y.E.S.), personal efforts to bring even more changes to the city will continue. As a previous coordinator for the Inkster Peace Rally in 2013, he remains no stranger to local organizing—further explaining his mission to reestablish a citywide cleanup of local parks, in addition to an Inkster Public Schools Alumni Picnic/ Inkster vs. Robichaud basketball game during the summer. Overall, Howard's passion for the area and active engagement in the community seems to confirm that Inkster is certainly in good hands for the future.

"I tell people all the time that I'm truly naïve in believing that I can change the world," he

said. "In order for me to do that, I strongly believe I can start here in Inkster."

If you wish to attend Barbershop Talks, please contact Joshua Howard at 313-563-5005, ext.: 5237. Signups must be completed by 12PM on the day of the event.



Josh Howard speaks to fathers and other participants during the monthly event (Photo by Jeremy Cranford)

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Left to right Councilperson Kim Howard, State Representative Julie Plawecki, Library Aid Joan Carlton. background counselors hard at work

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This event was attended by State Representative Julie Plawecki, and City Councilpersons Kim Howard and Timothy Williams.

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Romulus Citizens for Social Change and grassroots coalition delivered over 3600 cases of water to Flint



Romulus - On Saturday, April 18, 2015 Virginia Williams, President of the Romulus Citizens for Social Change, joined by dedicated supporters including Johnny Williams, Ezra Brandon, and Sharon Walker, delivered 3,600 cases of waters to Flint residents. Williams' group spearheaded a diverse coalition which includes elected officials, local businesses, labor unions, faith leaders, students and everyday citizens who are responding to the water crisis in Flint. Williams continues to collect water for the people of Flint. Williams says she was "motivated by media reports that told how General Motors was able to separate from the Flint River system to protect their automobiles from corrosion while the people of Flint were left on a tainted and unhealthy water system." She added, "I am so thankful to the people in Romulus, Inkster, Taylor, Belleville, Ecorse, River Rouge and neighboring communities across Downriver and Western Wayne County who have stepped up to help our fellow Michiganders in Flint during their time of need."

This volunteer campaign continues to grow. Romulus High School Principal Mr. Hall and

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Congratulations are in Order Nate Oats is new Buffalo Head Coach

By Butch Davis



Nate Oats was named the new head coach of the University of Buffalo men's basketball program on April 11, 2015 after spending two seasons as the top assistant and recruiting coordinator for the Bulls. Prior to joining the Bulls, Oats completed 11 seasons as head coach at Romulus High School in Michigan,

Congratulations are in order as this person travels to the University of Buffalo men's basketball program from Romulus High School in Michigan, where he taught and coached one of the top high school basketball programs in the region. In his two seasons as an assistant coach under Bobby Hurley at University of Buffalo, Nate Oats helped lead the Bulls to a 42-20 record, back-to-back MAC East Titles, a MAC Regular Season Title, a MAC Tournament Title and UB's first ever trip to the NCAA Tournament. Oats was also responsible for recruiting Justin Moss, the 2014-15 MAC Player of the Year. So when Hurley was hire the new basketball coach of the University of Arizona State Nate Oats was named the new head coach of the University of Buffalo men's basketball program on April 11, 2015 after spending two seasons as the top assistant and recruiting coordinator for the Bulls. Prior to joining the Bulls, Oats completed 11 seasons as head coach at Romulus High School in Michigan, winning the school's first state title in 27 years in 2012-13 and finished the season 27-1. He was named the 2013 Detroit News State Coach of the Year, the Detroit Free Press State Coach of the Year, and BCAM State Coach of the Year. "After hours of conversations with Nate, it became very clear to me that the best candidate to lead our men's basketball team was already on campus," said University of Buffalo Athletic Director Danny White. "Nate has tremendous experience as one of the finest coaches in America at both the

collegiate and high school levels, and played an absolutely critical role in elevating our program to the NCAA Tournament, for the first time ever, in just two years. I am extremely confident that UB men's basketball will continue to grow and reach new heights under Nate's leadership. To be sure, Alumni Arena will be an electric environment again next year as these talented student-athletes fight to defend their Mid-American Conference Championship!"

"I want to thank President Tripathi, Danny White and our entire administration for giving me this opportunity to lead the men's basketball program," said Oats. "I also want to thank Coach Hurley for giving me this opportunity two years ago and the players for helping me get to this current position. I have witnessed the potential of not only our team, however also the entire athletic department over the last two years and I can't wait to continue to coach these young men. We are starting to establish a great tradition of success here and I am extremely excited about getting to work with the coaching staff and players in order to focus on carrying that tradition forward into the future."

Other prior honors of Coach Oats include 2009 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Class A Coach of the Year, the 2008 Detroit Free Press Metro Detroit Coach of the Year, and the 2005 Detroit News Metro Detroit Coach of the Year & Detroit Free Press Metro West Coach of the Year. In his time as head coach of Romulus High School in Michigan he led the team to a 222-52 overall record and seven straight conference championships while going undefeated in conference play in the past four consecutive seasons. The team was ranked in the top 25 nationally on three different occasions (2010, 2011, 2013) and made the Michigan Class A Final Four five times. More importantly, he oversaw a program that had a 100 percent graduation rate and 40 of his 42 seniors at Romulus continuing on to college. Joining Nate is his wife Crystal whom both is the proud parents of three girls, Lexie, Jocie and Brielle. Congratulations Nate Oats new head coach of the University of Buffalo men's basketball team.

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Tigers Back in First Place

By Butch Davis



The Tigers swept a three-game set when these teams met up in Cleveland earlier this month however at this point the Detroit Tigers has lost four straight games after an 11-2 start. "I don't know if I would call anything a trend at this point," Tigers' manager Brad Ausmus said. "We've had a lot of low-scoring games, and a few high-scoring games mixed in. Obviously, you're never happy with a game like this one." that he said after a 13-1 lost to the Cleveland Indians. Nevertheless, Detroit snapped a four-game slide this past Saturday, as Victor Martinez knocked in three runs to help the Tigers to a 4-1 win. Rajai Davis went 2-for-4 with a walk, stole three bases and scored three of the Tigers' runs, while Miguel Cabrera walked four times -- three of them intentional. Alfredo Simon (4-0) won his fourth consecutive start to open the season, limiting the Indians to a run on six hits and two walks in 6 2/3 innings. Detroit, meanwhile this past Sunday, turns to lefty Kyle Lobstein, who is 1-1 with a 3.27 ERA. Lobstein absorbed the loss on Tuesday against the New York Yankees, however pitched well, surrendering a run and three hits in six innings of a 5-2 defeat. "Falling behind

hitters is what got me in trouble, especially that first inning," Lobstein said, "and then I left one pitch up that was hit pretty well. Overall, though, I think I settled in nicely. I'd like to throw more strikes than that, try to get deeper in the game, but overall I was able to make some pitches to get out of some jams." Lobstein has faced the Tribe twice this year in which Miguel Cabrera this past Sunday is continuing his hot start against the Cleveland Indian in April. Cabrera homered and drove in three runs and the Tigers beat the Indians 8-6 this Sunday past. Cabrera has three homers this season, all against Cleveland, and nine of his 13 RBIs this season are against the Indians. He is batting .377 for the season. Lobstein (2-1) picked up the win, allowing three runs and six hits in seven innings. He walked two and struck out four and kept the Indians from scoring more than one run in any inning. Tigers are now on the road to play Minnesota (3 games), Kansas City (4 games), and the Chicago White Sox for three games. By the way, as of this past Monday the Tigers are in first place a half a game in front of the Kansas City Royals in the America League Central.

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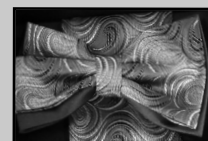
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ECORSE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE

April 28, 2015

FILE NO.: Relocation Services

FORMAL BID NOTIFICATION
Moving Services

The Ecorse Housing Commission (EHC) requests sealed bids from qualified firms to provide **moving services** from Ecorse Housing Commission to various scattered site locations within a 50 mile radius of the Ecorse Housing Commission.

The Formal Bid Package, which must be used in submitting a bid, may be picked up, at the Ecorse Housing Commission, 266 Hyacinth, Ecorse, Michigan 48229 between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, (313) 381-9393, BEGINNING Friday, May 1st, 2015.** The Ecorse Housing Commission reserves the right to waiver any irregularity in any bid, or to reject any and all bids, should it be deemed in its best interest.

PLEASE NOTE:

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Sealed bids will be **due** in the EHC Procurement Division Office, 266 East Hyacinth, Ecorse, Michigan 48229 on or before the due timeline at **2:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2015.**

Sincerely,

Nicole Cloyd
Procurement Manager

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 as amended, for Aerostar Manufacturing, 28275 Northline Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

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Romulus, MI 48174-1485

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
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(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above items.

(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid **must use the forms provided by the City.** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the **MITN system @ <http://www.mitn.info/>**.

(3) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:30 P.M., **Monday, May 18, 2015.** At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

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(4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities.

(5) Bids shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids.

(6) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the ITB documents and all required endorsements.

(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.

Please Publish: Thursday, April 30, 2015, The Telegram Newspaper

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the April 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Approval of the agenda.
Approval of Consent agenda.
Approval of a Special Events Policy.
Approval of a contract between Inkster Housing and the City of Inkster.
Approval of FY15 Budget Amendments.
Approval of a contract with Allen Brother's PLLC for legal services.
Approval of support of the Inkster Summerfest.
Approval of support by Proclamation for Jearlean Talley.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

Credit Union

from ten different regions, with River Rouge becoming their first branch to exist outside of Monroe County. Though the initial merge kicked off with some minor glitches, the credit union's newest location is now ready to deliver maximum services to every member. "No merger runs perfectly, so we did experience some initial challenges with internet connectivity at the new branch," Hall said. "We finally got that ironed out about a month ago. We didn't anticipate the issue, but everything is resolved and we're ready to service the members in that location." As the only institute of its kind in the city, local residents will certainly benefit from the many services offered at MCCCU. Overall, with more than sixty years of service in the community, Hall maintains that potential members should definitely consider the branch as their financial institution of choice. "We're very active in Monroe, and

we're starting to become very much involved in River Rouge as well," she said. "We really adhere to the credit union mentality of "people helping people", and we make sure to keep our members first to help them become financially stable and grow within our community. In comparison to traditional banks, we have to follow the same kinds of rules but we're able to look at the entire picture. Instead of giving a member a hard "no", we're usually looking to work with people to address their concerns. Overall, we're a little more flexible than your average chain bank."

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on April 7, 2015
Meeting called to order at 7:51pm

The following Commissioners were present:

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Pruneau, Mayor Bowdler in the Chair
Absent: None
Excused: Perry, Ward

- 15-75 Approval of minutes of 04/17/2015
- 15-76 Approval of minutes from special meeting 03/31/2015
- 15-77 Voucher approval
- 15-78 Business license approval
- 15-79 Building permit approval
- 15-80 Approval to hold a Public Hearing on 04/21/2015 for CDBG fund allocation
- 15-81 Approval to support the Senior Alliance
- 15-82 Approval of door-to-door canvassing by Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 15-83 Approval of a supervised committee to build the new playground at Belanger Park
- 15-84 Approval to accept the FDCVT grant
- 15-85 Approval to accept the overtime figures for 03/22/15 – 04/04/15
- 15-86 Approval of the Mosquito Control Plan
- 15-87 Approval to accept the proposal from Advanced Pest Management
- 15-88 Motion to adjourn

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

Patricia Johnson City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on March 12, 2015
Meeting called to order at 10:00am

The following Commissioners were present:

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pruneau, Ward Mayor Bowdler in the Chair
Absent: None
Excused: Pierce, Perry

- 15-51 Approval to accept the FDCVT grant from the State of Michigan
- 15-52 Approval of the grant for the Public Lighting Upgrade
- 15-53 Approval of the grant for the Air Handling Upgrade
- 15-54 Approval of a 50% reduction in the assessed value of all commercial properties
- 15-55 Motion to adjourn

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Patricia Johnson City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on March 4, 2015. Meeting called to order at 11:36am

The following Commissioners were present:

Present: Campbell, Perry, Ward Mayor Bowdler in the Chair
Absent: None
Excused: Cooney, Pierce, Pruneau

- 15-42 Approval to sell vacant 30ft lots for \$100.00
- 15-43 Approval to sell vacant lot at 330 Visger
- 15-44 Approval to table the sale of 97 Oak and 84 E James
- 15-45 Approval of minutes of Feb. 17, 2015
- 15-46 Voucher approval
- 15-47 Approve business license for Fuller Sounds and Rouge Fuel Stop
- 15-48 Approval of building permits
- 15-49 Approval to enter into executive session
- 15-50 Motion to adjourn at 12:45pm

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Patricia Johnson City Clerk

Poetry Month

“The Black Goddess”

By Tamara Morrison - Intern University Prep High School



but it wasn't that important
and they not in our history books
but what about Harriet, and Ser-
ena, and my girl Assata Shakur

only ones that can carry their
weight
but what about the feminist
and don't forget your brothas
but your rebuttals for us come a lit-
tle too late

my love for colored girls can never
be truly be expressed
but what about #blackout
and #blackgirlsrock
but when will you pay us for the
rest

what about the oppression we suf-
fer all year long
from the media
to the education system
and the dehumanizing in every
song

so for all the oppression that she
suffer without being heard
I speak for my sista
I fight for my sista
I die for my sista
so her dream will never, ever be
deferred

she stood out like green lipstick
but she so ghetto
and so ugly
but somehow she is still majestic

making soul food out of the master's
scraps
but she so lazy
and never work for nothing
but we still wanna know how she got
her hips to move like that

they manage to change the world

Maya Angelou

By Myrna Brazell

Woman, Woman, a Beautiful
Creation.
Woman, Woman, A Phenomenal
Woman was she.

As Strong as the Rock and the River
she wrote about,
As Tall and Unwavering as the Tree.

Maya Angelou is her name, but she
was in no way seeking fame,
It just came at the mention of her
name.

Although her voice was stilled for a
while,
In due time God said, My Child,
I made your mouth you know,
Now open your mouth and let the
words flow.

I do have a plan for your life and
there's much for you to say and do.

Your poetic words will help brighten
someone's day.
Your words will encourage children
and inspire President's along the
way.

From the meek and lowly in
Africa.
Where she met with famed
Nelson Mandela, who like
Maya did Rise,
She was also there with Martin
and walked by His side.

President Clinton called upon
her to honor him and the nation
with a poem,
And she humbly received the
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from President Barack Obama.

Maya Angelou, Poet, Author,
Teacher, Actress, Playwright,
Activist, Mentor, Mother

A Phenomenal Woman – Loved
– Missed.

**“The Righteous shall flourish
like the palm tree (be long
lived stately, upright, useful
and fruitful): they shall grow
like a cedar in Lebanon.”
Psalm 92:12 (The Amplified
Bible)**

Five Easy Ways To Go Green

By: Willie Brake - All About Technology



Now that Earth Day has passed and you're convinced that going green is good, let me show you how to implement greener practices in your own space. Listed below are five easy things you can do right now to make a big impact on reducing your environmental footprint.

1. Use Sleep Settings on Computers to Reduce Electricity Use

All computer operating systems have power-management settings that allow computers to go to sleep or stand-by mode when not in use and reduce the amount of electricity they use.

The utilization of sleep setting dramatically cuts the amount of electricity your computers uses, and it saves you on average \$50 per year per computer.

Recommended sleep settings:

Monitor/display sleep: Turn off after 15 minutes or less.

Turn off hard drives/hard disk sleep: 15 minutes or less.

System standby/sleep: After 30 minutes or less.

2. Switch to Energy-Efficient Lighting

Lighting is the single largest electricity use. One of the simplest ways to save energy and money is to switch to energy-efficient lights. Fortunately, alternatives to traditional incandescent lighting don't require you to sacrifice lighting quality or brightness, and energy-efficient lighting costs have been steadily dropping.

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) and light emitting diode (LED) lights typically use 25 percent to 80 percent less energy than traditional incandescents. LEDs are by far the most energy efficient and they last much longer. LEDs have been reported to last 50,000 hours, while incandescents burn out after 1,200 hours.

CFL and LED lights all fit in to standard incandescent light fixtures, so they are very easy to use. LED lights have recently overtaken CFLs in cost-effectiveness. While LED bulbs are more expensive to buy, they are less expensive over time because they use much less electricity, last much longer, and are more durable.

3. Change Settings on Your Printer to Print Duplex

Paper is still an incredibly wasted resource. If you print double-sided, it significantly reduces the amount of paper you buy and also waste. In this decade, it is projected that Americans will throw away more than 4.5 million tons of office paper. Worldwide, we're deforesting an area equivalent to the size of England each year.

Setting your computer to print double-sided is very easy with a printer that has duplexing or you could opt to do it manually by turning the paper to the other side and clicking on the print button.

4. Buy Refurbished Computers and Extend the Life of Computers

Refurbished computers are second-hand computers that have been fully tested, returned to factory specs, and warranted.

Using refurbished computers or keeping your existing computers extends the life of IT equipment to its full potential (seven years or more). Computers contain precious metals, toxic materials, and other non-biodegradable materials. If you use this equipment for six or seven years rather than three or four, the environmental impact for even a fraction of the estimated 2 billion computers now in use in the world will be immense.

5. Get in the Cloud

Cloud computing is managed IT software or services that reside on the Internet, and are available at no cost, pay-per-use, or by subscription or monthly fee to users. The services you use are provided by someone else and managed on your behalf. Examples that you may be familiar with include Gmail, Skype, and Microsoft Office 365.

Cloud computing is regarded as a generally green IT field because it tends to decrease the amount of IT infrastructure that a person needs; computing power is shared and concentrated more in high-efficiency datacenters and less in the millions of home and office computer networks. Willie E. Brake is a Computer Expert at All About Technology, a Certified Disability Owned Minority Business Enterprise and Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher, based in Detroit, Michigan.

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Money Smart Week at Public Service Credit Union



State Representative Erika Geiss enjoying the company of Romulus elementary students during Money Smart Week.

In celebration of Money Smart Week, on Wednesday, April 22nd Public Service Credit Union was honored to have State Representative Erika Geiss come and speak to students from Romulus Elementary School. Representative Geiss spoke to the kids about financial responsibility and education. The children were also given a tour of several departments of the credit union where each department engaged the children in fun activ-

ities and gave them insight on how the credit union operates. After the completion of their "hands-on" experience in the credit union, we invited the students to a pizza lunch, where they enjoyed several other activities after lunch and given gift bags as they headed back to school. Public Service Credit Union visits 4 elementary schools in Romulus weekly for the past 8

years teaching the students about financial responsibility and how the students can operate their own PSCU branch. This fun and educational event took place at the main branch of Public Service Credit Union in Romulus.

Public Service Credit Union is headquartered in Romulus, Michigan serving members for fifty-six years.

HOROSCOPES

APRIL 29 - MAY 6, 2015

ARIES

You are often superb at exercising good judgment and rational decision-making. Yet sometimes you are rash. Flip to the observant side of your mentality this week. You will soon find yourself in a situation where there will be strife if you are not careful.

Soul Affirmation: A cheerful soul should be wrapped in a cheerful package.
Lucky Numbers: 18, 36, 44

TAURUS

Just to prove to yourself once again how lucky you are you should fly into the face of bad predictions. Gamble this week in business, relationships, love - something. Remain truly confident that things will come out in a way that will satisfy you.

Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 28, 37

GEMINI

Move through your social environments and festive occasions this week without stopping even for a little while to listen to rumors. Rumors are often untrue. And for goodness sake believe only good things about friends and your lover.

Soul Affirmation: I keep my eyes open for business opportunities this week.
Lucky Numbers: 15, 30, 45

CANCER

Keep focused. Your energies are likely to be spread out this week. Your attention is likely to be pulled in many directions. Let yourself be seduced by the things that interest you most. Concentrate on your affairs. Others need you, but they can wait.

Soul Affirmation: I find a source of strength in someone I love.
Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 21

LEO

Being stubborn won't get the job done. Work with others so they can work for you. Your ideas are not always the best ideas, so don't push them too hard this week. You might find yourself in an awkward position with no allies. Give in to your emotional needs and don't be afraid to let you guard down.

Soul Affirmation: I let go and let my spirit take control.
Lucky Numbers: 20, 42, 54

VIRGO

This week will bring a tendency to dwell on a past betrayal. Your feelings of suspicion are well founded. However, do not personalize it. Work against the harmful act but not against the person who committed it.

Soul Affirmation: I am what I consistently do.
Lucky Numbers: 5, 6, 23

LIBRA

Look forward to excellent financial news based on something you're likely to do this week. Wow! It's about time. This week

might be an excellent week to window shop for a dream vacation or luxury purchase. You can even window shop in your imagination for the best possible dream vacation location!
Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.
Lucky Numbers: 8, 18, 44

SCORPIO

In the spiritual realm appearance is not important but in the physical realm looking good matters a great deal. Love has a foot in both realms. It is your challenge to balance the spiritual and physical aspects of love this week.

Soul Affirmation: Slow and steady is an enjoyable way to go.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 13

SAGITTARIUS

Stand up and get ready. Be a public speaker this week. Any subject you choose is ripe for your "rap." Spin the tale. Tell the story. People will be fascinated by the way you see things. They'll be impressed. Watch out for a jealous friend when attention is on you!

Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.
Lucky Numbers: 24, 32, 53

CAPRICORN

Be as sharp as you can be this week. Make being alert a personal challenge. Watch carefully for details that might otherwise escape your notice as you search for the best way to get things done at work. Be steadfast in your determination and don't be pulled into conflict with coworkers.

Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me.
Lucky Numbers: 12, 23, 27

AQUARIUS

What do you do when you're not as lucky as usual? Slow the game down. Risk less. Bet conservatively in all areas of your life. Restrain yourself. Give the job at hand your attention. Live in the present and enjoy what is rather than in anticipation of what luck might have brought.

Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.
Lucky Numbers: 27, 41, 52

PISCES

Like-mindedness is going to be hard to achieve among your coworkers, but there are likely to be a few who see things as you do. Choose carefully and find someone to walk with you on this week's journey. Some words of encouragement might be needed to enlist the person you choose.

Soul Affirmation: My needs will be met if I just ask.
Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 14

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THE ROMANTICS, SPONGE HEADLINE TAYLOR SUMMER FESTIVAL CONCERT



The ROMANTICS



SPONGE

Legendary Detroit rock group THE ROMANTICS, along with special guest SPONGE, will headline the concert offerings at the 2015 Taylor Summer Festival.

The four-day festival runs June 25-28 and includes the Masco Taylor Summer Festival Fireworks Display (free 10 p.m. Saturday, June 27), carnivals, vendors, a family fun zone and much more!

The Romantics and Sponge will take the stage in the Sheridan Open Air Pavilion inside Heritage Park on Friday, June 26. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m. with an opening act at 6 and Sponge taking the stage at 8 and The Romantics at 9:30. Heritage Park is located at the corner of North Line and Pardee roads in Taylor, west of I-75 and east of Telegraph Road.

The concert will offer a limited amount of VIP seating, where individual tickets will be \$30 (advance only) and include the

concert, drink tickets and free food. There will be a general admission (standing only) area located behind the VIP seating for \$5 per person in advance, \$10 at the door.

Concert tickets are on sale at the Taylor Recreation Center, 22805 Goddard Road, Taylor, MI, 48180, and online ay through Brown Paper Tickets (<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/>). The recreation center is open 6 a.m. until noon and 4:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Romantics started in 1977, adopting the name because they formed on Valentine's Day. They achieved popularity during the first half of the 1980s on the strength of the band's songs and music videos. The group's record debut was the 1978 single, "Little White Lies" / "I Can't Tell You Anything," followed that year by the single "Tell It to Carrie" / "First in Line." All

of these were re-recorded later for the first LP, and that album yielded the hit "What I Like About You," which reached No. 49 in the U.S., No. 12 in the Netherlands and No. 2 in Australia, where the band was especially popular.

The Romantics' original lineup consisted of lead vocalist, rhythm guitarist and harmonicist Wally Palmar; lead guitarist and backup vocalist Mike Skill; bassist and backup vocalist Rich Cole; and drummer and lead vocalist/drummer Jimmy Marinos. Palmar and Skill were considered the band's primary tunesmiths. Palmar, Skill and Cole remain with the group today, and have been joined by Brad Elvis.

Formed in 1991, Sponge has proven to be one of the Motor City's heaviest hitters after gaining international notoriety with their debut album "Rotting Piñata," with hits like "Plowed" and "Molly (16 Candles)." The band found itself receiving airplay on radio stations from coast to coast and in the MTV rotation. Both "Plowed" and "Molly" hit No. 5 on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts, catapulting "Rotting Piñata" to Gold and ultimately Platinum status.

Sponge's follow up CD, the critically lauded "Wax Ecstatic," scored additional Top 10 Billboard hits including "Wax Ecstatic" and "Have You Seen Mary?" The band's music was also featured in popular movies "The Craft," "Chasing Amy," "Mall Rats" and "Empire Records." Sponge's star rose with network appearances on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and the "Conan O'Brien Show."

The combination of The Romantics and Sponge should have Taylor rocking on June 26.

Find updates on the 2015 Taylor Summer Festival on the following locations online:
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ASK ALMA

He didn't know he had a child, aaah, what?



Dear Alma,

A friend of mine is engaged to her fiancé of 4 years, she recently found out that her fiancé has a child that he never told her about or talked about. This happened before they got together. He said he didn't want to say anything because he didn't want to hurt her or didn't want it to ruin what they have, he has had no contact with the child or mother since it happened but now it has come out because he has to pay child support, apparently the mother didn't want him involved in the child's life. She is feeling like she can't trust him anymore or even go forward with dealing with the situation, he has stressed how sorry he is and he couldn't find a way to tell her. Should she move forward with him or just move on and let it go?

Hmmm that was a stretch, even for the Rubber Band Man. I wonder how quick he was able to come up with that on, not long I'd surmise. His answer sounds overwhelmingly familiar. You know how we do when trying to offer up an empty resolution. We answer a question with a question. It's one of the oldest tricks in the book. And you, oh wait, your friend, is sitting there ready to receive it. God bless you Honey. Personally, I'd end it. But I'm not you, or your friend and if she really wanted to leave, she'd already be gone. When a person is ready to bounce from a relationship, they don't tell a soul, except the confidant who's helping

them break away. When one decides to go, there is no turning back. Your mind's set and your bed's made ~ there's no room for discussion. In-Tay-Who, back to your package, lets open it up. You've worn these shoes before and where did they lead you? Right back to the intersection of Lied2me Again & Heartbreak Blvd. TBT, you're not lost, this is a familiar place. Hold on, don't think I'm just picking on you. We've all occupied space here at one time or another. Your man, ah, this kind of man will always bring his shortcomings and gift them to you. You know why? Cause you'll rewrap that bad boy into the fantasy you want it to be. Now with that said, let's take a left, leaning towards a positive possibility and see what we can discover. You, oh yea, your friend is obviously one of those women who deliver that "ride or die" kinda love. Stop right here, I'd like to offer an alternative, how about we celebrate the "ride and live" kinda love - for yourself. That's the type of love that requires him to bring his truth and lay it all on the table. How about you insist that he disclose everything to you and tell you why he walked away. Be it unemployment or immaturity, you deserve to know. After he takes FULL responsibility the two of you can start to work on this together, along with all of life's challenges you'll face as man and wife. This is huge, make no mistake about it. The chains of deception are broken and in need of delicate repairs. Seriously speaking, hold him accountable and help him to do right by his child. It's gonna get a lot worse before it gets better. Stay focused and devote yourself to the commitment of your new family. When it feels like you just can't take another step, remember "regular" can sometimes just be an option at the gas pump, LOL. Lawd have mercy, that aint nothing but the truth.

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The Master Plan

How the National African Business Association plans on transforming Western Wayne County through Inkster



Members of the National African Business Association gather for an evening

Back in December 2013, Akindede Akinyemi, O. Rerhi Onomake, Samba Johm and Kemo Barrow started discussing the need for a strong African business association that would serve the local African community in Metro Detroit in three ways. Those three ways were business and economic development, public policy and global education. They had conference calls every week and begin to put the plan in motion. By March 2014, the National African Business Association was born.

12 months later the National African Business Association is making a huge impact with the local African community not just in Metro Detroit but in Michigan. Based in Inkster, Michigan, the National African Business Association primary focus is to support African and Caribbean based businesses through grants, small business loans, micro-financing, government relations and economic development. The organization has made significant strides over the past 12 months and is still continuing to push forward with their massive economic development plan called the Inkster Renaissance where the organization hopes to create an "Africa of the West" concept

with new African and Caribbean based businesses in technology, retail and hospitality.

The National African Business Association is a solution-oriented association that is always producing either strategies or recommendations for stakeholders in the community to improve their conditions. For example, when the Inkster Public Schools were dissolved in 2013, the National African Business Association came up with a concept called the Global Education Zone. According to the group, global education zones are public, private and charter schools that allows high school students from other countries to attend these schools as F-1 visa students. Because these foreign students are not U.S. students they have to pay the school tuition but the global education zone must be able to provide boarding/housing for international students (through their non-profit partnerships). The group's intention is to help restore education in the City of Inkster with both domestic and international students to create a cross cultural experience that will benefit the community at-large.

Another key thing the National

African Business Association is working on is the upcoming InkTown Community Development Corporation (CDC). This component will focus on housing cooperatives, small business development along Inkster Road south of Michigan Avenue and the establishment of a community development financial institution (CDFI). The CDC will also be in charge of establishing a co-op grocery store on the South side of Inkster.

Most importantly, the association is targeting African immigrants to settle in the City of Inkster as a means to help repopulate the city as well as

bring new ideas and new businesses into the local community. As a result, Onomake was appointed to the Inkster Tax Increment Finance Authority Board. Also, Onomake, along with Akinyemi, were appointed to the Inkster Downtown Development Authority. Their long-term goal on DDA is to help establish a Cultural Arts District and small technology hub to Inkster.

The National African Business Association works with government leaders from the local to

the federal levels of government to help establish public policy that will benefit and empower the community at-large but most importantly create a voice for Africans that has long been void in political circles here in Michigan.

The association offers financial literacy classes in six week cycles at the Inkster Public Library. They are also launching the Inkster Farmers Market starting Saturday, May 9, 2015 and will run every Saturday until September 19, 2015 from 9:00am-2:00pm at St. Clement Episcopal Church located at 4300 Harrison, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Also, the association will host a tour of Inkster with various African leaders in Metro Detroit to showcase what Inkster has to offer.

The National African Business Association offers one-on-one business trainings, business, real estate and economic consulting as well as lessons on doing business in Africa as part of the group's international trade component with Africa.

For the record, the National African Business Association not only represents Inkster but the entire Western Wayne County region. While they represent their African and Caribbean base in these local communities they also want Inkster to be the capital of Western Wayne County with a diverse community that anchors new economic development so families can live safely and in peace.

For more information on the National African Business Association contact them at 734-221-0125 or by e-mail at nabatoday@gmail.com

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