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Local cities to receive funds to fight blight

Ecorse, Inkster & River Rouge included



LANSING – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced that over \$75 million in federal funding will be divided among 12 cities, including Detroit, to combat blight and continue driving Michigan's economic revitalization.

The program, proposed by the

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), is funded under the U.S. Department of Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund program. In October, the U.S. Treasury approved MSHDA's reallocation of \$75 million to its blight elimination program.

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City of Ecorse Seeking Qualified Police Officers and Firefighters

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Mike Moore
Director of Public Safety

The City of Ecorse is currently accepting applications for part-time police officers and firefighter/EMT workers.

In order to be considered, interested applicants must possess a two year degree in criminal justice/relatable fields, or have acquired an equivalent combination of education and job related experience. Candidates are also required to reside within the State of Michigan, and must successfully pass a comprehensive background investigation, medical exam, drug screen and credit history checks.

For duly appointed Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief Michael Moore, the search for new police and fire department members couldn't have come

Police -2A

Detroit Rescue Ministry Hosts Annual Christmas Party

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Members of Ford Motor Company are on hand to distribute coats, gloves, house shoes to the kids at the luncheon, Telegram staff and Blessed 2 B Giving helped prepare gifts with 'Gifts from Jesus'

Last week, the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry hosted its annual Christmas Party for families in need of assistance during the holiday season.

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company and held at the

DRMM banquet hall, the free event was organized to provide families with meals and entertainment in commemoration of this joyous time of the year. Along with members of the downriver based "Blessed 2B Giving Foundation" and staff

from the Telegram Newspaper, more than twenty Ford employees were present to assist with the day's festivities.

In addition to delicious food, at-

Mission - 8A

Fish & Loaves receives \$50,000 from Walmart Foundation



Taylor, MI — Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry received a \$50,000 grant to help

feed the hungry and upgrade technology. The grant – which was given to the non-profit or-

ganization through the Wal-

Pantry - Page 15A

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CALL TO ACTION

*It's always a season
for giving!
Share your love*



Each year during the month of December, I focus one of my columns on giving during this season. It normally goes like this..... "What if people gave all year like they do during the Christmas season? How much happier the world would be.?. Well, what I realized was that I was singing the same song to the same choir. Have you ever done that? You keep saying the same thing over and over and you keep getting the same result, but it isn't the result that you are looking for. I realized that maybe I need to change the message. I have decided to revise the message. Each year, I say to you, Christmas is not the only time that people need stuff, but I never gave you options where you could. That's where I will change the message for this year. There are many opportunities where you can give throughout the year. Here is a sample of some opportunities where you can be a blessing to people throughout the year.

- Give school supplies to local schools throughout the year,not just at the beginning of the school year
- Give socks to the Homeless, Homeless shelters or to schools
- Give blankets or sheets to homeless shelters
- Provide soap, and other toiletries to those in need
- Provide toothpaste and tooth brushes to schools

- Donate books to the local libraries and homeless shelters
 - Donate your time to volunteer in the community
 - If you are young, volunteer at the senior centers, If you are older, volunteer with youth groups
 - Donate money to groups/organizations that dedicate their time to helping others
 - Give of yourself to be a mentor, or donate to organizations that have a mentorship program
 - Open up your home to help house children that are in the system and provide them a loving family.
- I'm sure there is something in the list that touches your heart and encourages you to give. If you spread your giving throughout the year, we would be able to put a smile on people's faces for twelve months verses just for one month. Well, I hope the year 2015 is filled with the season of giving all year long. If you do your part it will be.

Police

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at a better time.

While financial hardship left Ecorse without a City Administrator for some time, recent adjustments have allowed for the Public Safety department to finally move forward in the hiring of new personnel. From Moore's perspective, this move to alleviate staff shortages is not only beneficial to public safety, but also positively impacts current full-time police officers and firefighters around the area.

"I'm looking to hire about ten people, and these part timers will work as a supplement to our full time force," he said. "We're so short down here that we often have problems with overtime... Since we work twelve hour shifts, a lot of the time we have to order people in to work a double shift, or we're forced to call someone in from home. I don't really think that's fair. But it will be a lot easier to have a part time list where you can say, 'Hey, anyone want to work?' Now we won't have to worry about these kinds of problems."

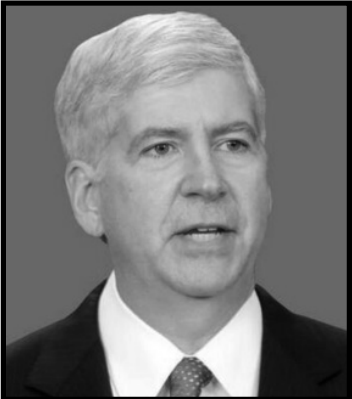
In addition to the requirements listed above, Moore maintains that all applicants must be certified with relevant experience. Dual proficiency and cross training is also a plus.

If you would like to view a full job description for the vacant police/fire positions, please visit ecorsemi.gov. Resumes and applications must include work experience and five professional references.

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NEWS FROM LANSING
Dramatic drop in unemployment
rate serves as an inspiration
to move forward
Rate drops to 6.7 percent; lowest since
April 2006

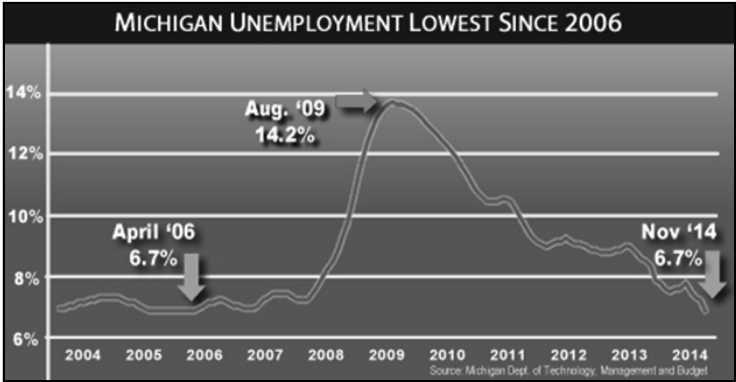


LANSING. – Gov. Rick Snyder today issued the following statement after the announcement that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November fell four-tenths of a percent to 6.7 percent. The rate is the lowest in the state since April 2006.

"It's exciting to see the continued improvement in our unemployment rate – the lowest in more than eight years -- because it shows the foundation

we've built for economic success is strong and there are more and better jobs for Michiganders. More than 303,000 private sector jobs have been created since December 2010, showing how far we have come as a state. But it also should inspire us to reach even higher and go even further.

"There is more we can do. Our goal should be to building upon the rock-solid foundation we've established. We know that there are thousands of good paying jobs available here in Michigan. We know that a key part of an environment for success is having a well-trained workforce. And we know we can be a national leader in creating opportunities for students and adults to gain in-demand skills that can fill the jobs of today and tomorrow. Our goal is to see that the gains we are acknowledging today extend long into the future."



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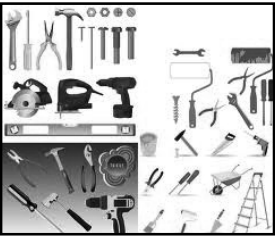


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To Be Equal
Our 10-Point Plan for Police Accountability
Marc Morial

By Marc H. Morial. - NNPA Columnist



"...a country's conscience sometimes has to be triggered by some inconvenience, because I think a lot of people who saw the Eric Garner video are troubled, even if they haven't had that same experience themselves, even if they're not African American or Latino."

— President Barack Obama in an interview with BET Networks

The phenomenon we have seen in America since the announcement of the non-indictments of officers in the killings of Michael Brown and Eric Garner is new to a generation, but not to the nation. Young people have always helped to fuel historic social change. We must not forget – 50 years ago, it was young people on that bridge in Selma, Ala. young people sitting-in in Greensboro, N.C.; young people riding Freedom buses all over this nation, challenging conventional laws and the status quo; and young people like Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney losing their lives in Philadelphia, Mississippi. A multicultural band of young people, united with historic civil rights organizations, legislators, clergy, and everyday Americans who decided that it was time for our country to do better and be better, have been the impetus for so many of the changes we've witnessed as a nation through the decades.

Millions of Americans have now taken to the streets and to social media not because the problems that have caused the outrage just began yesterday, but because sometimes difficult circumstances present a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring about historic change. Now is that time. Now is our time.

This conversation and the subsequent action that will result from it will continue because we remain committed to the idea that these cases – Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, John Crawford, Marlene Pinnock and others – do not end where they are. In addition to the opportunity for the Justice Department to conduct independent investigations, we each have an opportunity to participate in our great democracy by helping to ensure that the America of tomorrow is better than who we are today.

For our part, the National Urban League has developed the following 10-Point Justice Plan for Police Reform and Accountability. We believe that these action steps will be a major step forward in helping to repair police-community relations in cities across America, in significantly reducing inappropriate use of excessive force by law enforcement, particularly against unarmed citizens and in holding police accountable for misconduct:

- 1.Widespread Use of Body Cameras and Dashboard Cameras
- 2.Broken Windows Reform and Implementation of 21st Century Community Policing Model
- 3.Review and Revision of Police Use of Deadly Force Policies
- 4.Comprehensive Retraining of All Police Officers
- 5.Comprehensive Review and Strengthening of Police Hiring Standards
- 6.Appointment of Special Prosecutors to Investigate Police Misconduct
- 7.Mandatory, Uniform FBI Reporting and Audit of Lethal Force Incidents Involving All Law Enforcement
- 8.Creation and Audit of National Database of Citizen Complaints against Police
- 9.Revision of National Police Accreditation System for Mandatory Use by Law Enforcement to Be Eligible for Federal Funds
- 10.National Comprehensive Anti-Racial Profiling Law

We know the problems before us – now let's work towards solutions.

10 Strange But True Christmas Crimes



Tis the season — for crime? Many criminals see the holiday season as their opportunity to cash in. But while many of the crimes committed around Christmas center around theft of presents, there are a few that are so strange that they definitely deserve a special place on Santa's naughty. Here are 10 strange but true Christmas crimes:

1Stolen Baby Jesus: What's stranger, stealing a doll depicting what many believe is the son of God, or using GPS and high tech cameras to protect the display? Regardless of your belief, stealing an important religious symbol for no other reason than to vandalize seems like a very Grinch-esque activity. But then again, having a good excuse to ask Santa for an advanced GPS system has its perks. If you see a vandal robbing a nativity scene of Baby Jesus, and the GPS tracking system hasn't already done it for you, report the incident to authorities.

2Wal-Mart Stampede: People really go wild over Christmas gadgets and gizmos. So wild, in fact, that they behave like wild animals and stampede into large retail stores hoping to get the best deal on the coolest new items. But recently this trend has taken a decidedly less innocent turn, as workers and bystanders have been trampled by frenzied shoppers. This Christmas, remember why we really celebrate the holidays and get your shopping done in a decidedly less deadly fashion.

3Stolen Christmas Trees: This may be the only time of year where stealing a tree repre-

sents an attractive and potentially profitable opportunity for a criminal. It's no surprise that the rates of petty theft and robbery rise during the Christmas season, but Christmas trees? Really? If you see a tree being stolen from a commercial lot, do your civic duty and report the criminal to the authorities. They'll be out in force this year cracking down on a truly bizarre crime.

4Drunken Parade Float Driving: Everyone enjoys the Christmas parade. But when this parade float driver sped past another float and raced towards Main street, police knew something was wrong. The driver turned out to be drunk, and the story turned out to be one of the most bizarre Christmas crimes in history. This season, be careful with the eggnog, especially if it's your job to drive the Christmas float the next day.

5Nativity Scene Vandalism: Not believing in Santa Claus is one thing. Venting your rage upon carefully crafted nativity scenes by writing satanic symbols with spray paint is another. Watch out this year because police are out in force to protect these displays of peace and love from any number of criminal Grinches.

6Frosty Stabbing: Frosty, after surviving 2 initial stabbing attempts finally succumbed to his wounds while the perpetrators were tracked down and charge with — vandalism? Yes, Frosty may have been a 12-foot tall inflatable snowman, but does that mean he deserves to be repeatedly stabbed? Absolutely not. The teenage perpetrators were caught in this case, but around Christmas this type of vandalism often goes unsolved.

7Christmas Tree Cannabis: The Christmas tree is one of the most iconic symbols of the holiday season. In this bizarre turn on a Christmas classic, the Christmas tree was made entirely of illegal marijuana. While it may have looked similar to a normal tree, setting it on fire may have some interesting effects on those nearby. Perhaps it's not the best idea to use your illegal drugs as your celebration of the holiday season.

8Cannabis Christmas Card: In this strange story, a woman visiting her boyfriend in prison wanted to surprise him with a heart-felt Christmas card. The catch? The card contained a heaping helping of illegal marijuana, which is generally frowned upon in prison. After being caught, she may have an opportunity to join her boyfriend behind bars next holiday season.

9 Naughty Santa Claus: Children really enjoy telling Santa what they want for Christmas, and adults enjoy the idea of Santa perhaps just as much. But when Santa starts telling dirty and offensive jokes at the work place (not the North Pole), Santa is going to get a nice pink slip for Christmas. Merry unemployment, Santa. And a happy new harassment charge next year!

10The Santa Claus Bandit: Yes, you read that right. A man who looked suspiciously like Santa Claus had become one of the most prolific bank robbers in recent memory before being caught and arrested. We always knew that Santa was independently wealthy, but we never guessed that this was what funded his North Pole operation.

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Terminology: What's in a name?

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Shakespeare penned words for Juliet Capulet: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

In other words, no matter whether you call it a rose, it's still a rose. Sometimes we rename or re-phrase things to make them sound more politically correct, gentler, or less threatening. No matter what we call something, it is what it is.

I recently spoke to a doctor about a new phrase I learned of at a conference in San Diego. "Instead of saying someone is in 'denial', let's just say they have 'extreme hope.'" I went on to explain how telling someone they are in 'denial' is almost equivalent to telling them they are crazy or that they need a reality check. If you call it 'extreme hope', it's more well received. It just sounds better. It's like when

people say, 'she passed away' instead of 'she died.' Nevertheless, the outcome and facts remain the same.

We are really funny and serious about our word choices. The wrong word can easily offend us while another word can make us feel warm and fuzzy. Sometimes deciding on how to say something can be like walking on pins and needles. Be careful.

Names are tools used for identification. Words are used to describe things. Creative people are strategic in using names and words to create certain images and ideas. Some manipulate habits and decisions by using certain words. We have to learn to see things for what they really are, not just what they are called or how they are described.

'Tis the season. We experience it yearly, when Christians raise Cain about Christ being removed from Christmas when signs read: "Season's Greetings" or "Happy Holidays." No matter what you call the season, nothing changes the fact that Christ was surely born. People may opt not to acknowledge or celebrate it, but the fact remains. Renaming a holiday does not make Jesus any less real.

Removing Jesus' name does, for some, take away the remembrance and honor. But some of us do that anyway with our behavior and focus on so many things other than

Jesus. We have to intentionally reflect at this time of year and at all times on Who came to save us. This season and during Easter, Jesus gets some extra spotlight attention from the general public as well at the church. Whether we agree or disagree, it is true that Jesus becomes more in topics of conversation during this time. If you represent Him, as always, make the best of it.

I don't know who I will offend if I say, "Merry Christmas" and I don't know who I will offend if I say, "Happy Holidays." It seems like either way, I will offend someone. I wouldn't mean any harm, but someone will be displeased with my word choice. No matter how you feel about either phrase, guess what? Jesus was born to a virgin mother in Bethlehem. I acknowledge it all year long.

No matter how I'm greeted, I will still believe! Blessings and peace on earth! "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

BIBLE VERSE

Isaiah 9:6 -
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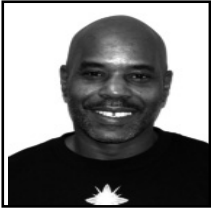
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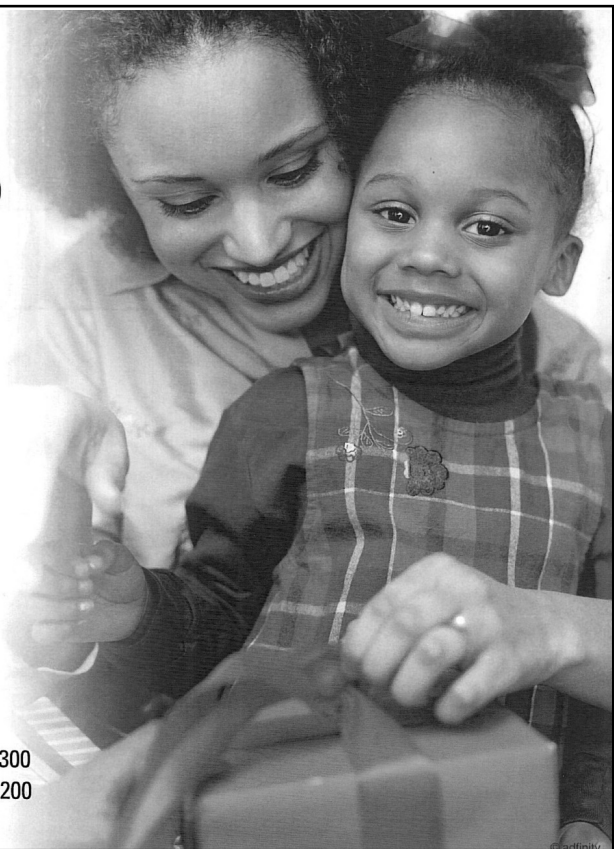
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Remembering Bill Bonds

By Butch Davis



Bonds was called home this Sunday pass leave many memories who watch him on TV. I myself had a chance to work with him when he visit Broadcast House in Southfield to do a commentary or special at the station during the time I did my internship in 1998-99 as he was always ready to chat or teach. I got to know him better at the Christmas Party giving by the DSBA (Detroit Sports Broadcasting Association) in recent year.

We all at the Telegram News give our condolences to the Bond Family and all who knew him at Channel 2 and 7. Visitation is Thursday at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Clawson. A sharing of memories service is 7:30 p.m. tonight. A funeral Mass is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at Holy Name Catholic Church in Birmingham. A visitation at the church starts an hour earlier. For us Bill was so much more than the face on TV, he was the one that change the way the news was given in Metro Detroit as he remain one talented anchorman,"

I remember when I was growing up the two television channels I would watch were WKBD 50 (for the cartoons) and CKLW (Swinging Time and Bozo the Clown). However, Bill Bond hit the scene 1963 to 1968, and then returned in 1971 until 1995. Good or bad, people started to watch the news more in Metro Detroit. Bonds told the audience who watched the tube the reason

the cops, in the wee hours of Sunday, July 23, 1967 raided that blind pig on 12th street, starting the Detroit Riot, the seminal event in this city's history, was because the owners of the bar had not paid them off. Now that's a hell of a story! That raid started the riot and the riot changed Detroit forever and that made Bonds the person to watch, as he was never shy when telling a story.

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Are you Feeling More Stressed than Blessed This Holiday Season?

Farmington Hills - The winter holidays are a time of enjoyment and relaxation... right? For so many of us, however, a stress-free holiday season is one gift that just never seems to materialize. But this year, as the holidays fast approach, there are many tools and tricks that can allow you to enjoy all the gifts the holiday season has in store—without getting stuck in the stress of the season.

“The first thing to tackle is perfectionism,” says Carolyn Daitch, Ph.D., international author and expert in anxiety and stress management, and director of the Center for the Treatment of Anxiety Disorders. “I frequently say that perfection is the enemy of the good. All too often anxiety arises around the thought that we have to make things perfect: the dinner for the extended family has to be exquisite, the house glisteningly clean, and the presents you give need to be the perfect expression of your care. This holiday season, give yourself the gift of recognizing that a good, well-meaning effort can be good enough. You don’t have to strive for perfection. Rather, honor yourself for your effort, and allow and even welcome the imperfections.”

Once we relax our expectation of perfection, it’s also easier to allow others to step in and lend a hand. Many of us are familiar

with the sentiment: if you want a job done right, you’d better do it yourself. In keeping with that thought, delegating tasks can bring up stress and worry as you’re putting the results of a task in another’s hands. But when we embrace the idea that a well-meaning effort can be good enough, anxiety can soften.

Second, when you are doing tasks or chores, give yourself the gift of doing them mindfully. This means staying in the moment as you engage in an activity, really focusing on what you’re doing and allowing yourself to be present in the here and now. “One of the best stress busters I know is mindfulness. When you have a lot of things to do and you don’t know which ones to do first, put those thoughts on mute and focus on one activity. Really get into the moment and the experience of that activity. For example, when you are wrapping presents notice the colors of the paper,” says Carolyn Daitch, author of "Anxiety Disorders: The Go-to Guide for Clients", "Affect Regulation Tool Box" and "Anxious in Love."

A third common area of stress that can be managed is potential family tension. Are you worried about that tension between your mother-in-law and your sister? Inviting close family friends to come share in the extended

family’s get-together is a great way to diffuse tension that might otherwise arise if guests weren’t present. Or what about that co-worker who isn’t making it home to visit family this holiday season and would otherwise be spending the holidays alone? Inviting others to share in your family celebration can be a gift to all involved.

Last, but not least, you can restore a sense of calm to your body. When the stress builds up, take a moment to pause. “Everybody knows about taking a few breaths, but not everyone knows how to breathe in the best way to calm their feelings of overwhelm. It is very important to make sure that you exhale significantly longer than your in-hale. By making sure that your exhalations are long, you are telling your nervous system to relax, and then it is much easier to think with perspective,” says Dr. Daitch.

Also, give yourself permission to take a little time for yourself to relax. Often going on holiday “vacation” means attending to a long list of household chores and holiday-related tasks. Make sure you do something that you enjoy—a hot bath, or reading a chapter of a good book. Allow yourself to sit down to watch that movie with the kids rather than snatching the down-time to clean the kitchen. Relax into the holidays this season!



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Judge Elect Greg Clifton had the honor of swearing in the members of the Ecorse School Board during a special meeting last week. Re-elected to another term were Darren Johnon April Akerman-Miller and Phylis Cook. The newly elected members of the school board are Kelia Freeman McPhaul and Lori Bruce.

The board members all pledged to work together and keep the positive momentum going that the Ecorse School District is currently experiencing.



Also sworn in that evening was Jordyn Watson. Jordyn already has her eye on politics. She was elected President of her third grade class on the same day that her grandmother Phyllis Cooke was elected to the Ecorse School Board.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



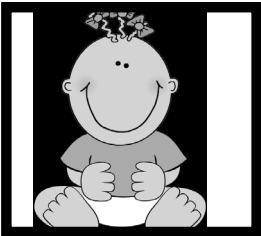
Jordyn Watson holding her certificate along with grandmother Phyllis Cooke and 25th District Judge Elect Greg Clifton.

Christmas Tree

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Mission

From Page 1A



Markus Agee (Blessed 2B Giving) Shelby Jefferson and Gina Steward (Telegram Newspaper) and new volunteer Storee Gardner take a photo with Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus.

gram, which allows for volunteer donors to provide gifts for children to be opened on Christmas Day. During the event, bags of wrapped toys, hats, gloves, coats and other essentials were distributed to kids to help them through the winter months. Last year alone, DRMM reported successfully providing more than 100 low income families, and 350 children with gifts for the holidays.

For Markus Agee, founder of “Blessed 2B Giving”, volunteering at events like DRMM’s Christmas Party represents the true meaning behind the holiday season.

“I enjoy giving back because growing up, I didn’t always have a good Thanksgiving or Christmas,” Agee said. “I didn’t have both of my parents in my life as a kid, but when my grandmother took custody of us we always had a good holiday. I like to give back because

I think that everyone deserves to be happy, especially during this time of the year.”

As families kept busy enjoying the festivities of the day, Santa and Mrs. Claus dropped in to spread some holiday cheer. Local musician Al Bettis also stopped by to provide the audience with a live performance of songs from his “It is Beautiful” album. To top it all off, Carl Rig-

gins led the DRMM choir in several seasonal selections to entertain the capacity crowd.

All in all, the DRMM provided a fun filled day filled with laughter, love, joy and cheer, allowing for families across the Detroit Metropolitan area to carry the happiness of the holidays with them for the rest of the year, and into 2015.

But while it was clear that those attending the event undoubtedly left with a sense of gratitude, the volunteers helping to make it all possible were affected just as much.

“The best part about giving back was seeing other people taking the time out to contribute to the community,” Smith said. “It was also great to see all of the smiling faces...I could tell that people there were extremely happy that they were going to be able to have a good holiday season.”

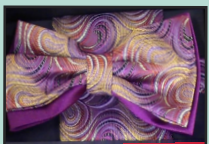
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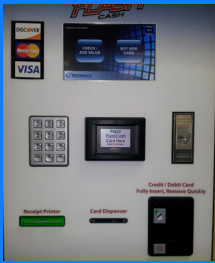
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Seasonal Temporary Jobs Help Workers Earn Cash and Find Permanent Positions



(StatePoint) The holiday season helps put millions of people to work in jobs that may begin as temporary employment, but often turn into permanent employment, according to Express Employment Professionals, which having employed nearly 400,000 people in 2013, is the largest franchised staffing company and second largest privately held staffing company in the United States.

Last year, online super-stores hired thousands of temporary workers to meet the demand of the millions of shoppers who visited Internet storefronts for their holiday purchases. Express Employment Services expects the 2014 holiday season will be no different. Many retirees, teens, stay-at-home moms and others find seasonal temporary employment ideal. Additionally, employed people often take on temporary seasonal work as a second job to earn extra holiday cash.

But temporary holiday employment is only part of the story. While seasonal employment is nothing new, what is unique about recent seasonal hiring is a growing trend of temporary holiday work becoming permanent. According to a recent study on seasonal employment by Express Employment Professionals, 39 percent of survey participants foresaw their desired seasonal work as being a potential avenue for a permanent position. Major companies agree that

seasonal employment is a good entry point for permanent workers.

As any shopper knows, the wallet doesn't feel the holiday hangover until after the Christmas tree hits the curb. That's when many Americans will find value in working seasonal jobs.

"Employers will be looking at their temporary employees this holiday season to see which ones merit a full-time, permanent position. In many ways, a seasonal job is like an extended interview. So, if you have any interest in becoming a permanent worker, take advantage of your holiday job and show how hard-working and committed you really are," says Bob Funk, CEO of Express Employment Professionals and former chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Funk adds that while hours may vary for those hired through a staffing company, an Express associate works an average of 37 hours a week, with 60 percent of them hired for a full-time position following the initial assignment.

"With over 19,000 open jobs available, the kinds of positions we find vary considerably. In addition to our current holiday openings, we consistently are hiring for industrial, retail and fulfillment, office services, engineering, manufacturing, information technology, accounting, and sales-based

positions," Funk said.

Through the years, the term "holiday temp jobs" has also changed. What used to mean a little extra cash at Christmas has turned into opportunities for workers to be hired in fall through New Year's.

For more information about seasonal work opportunities, visit ExpressPros.com.

"There are many great ways to earn cash this year and possibly a permanent job. I encourage job seekers to take advantage of these opportunities," Funk says.



Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make
His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His love

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Basketball Schedule

By Butch Davis

This weeks Varsity High School basketball schedule will be the last before Christmas Break so get out and support the Girls and Boys at the gym or recreation center near you.

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/18,4:00 PM
Detroit Western International at Detroit Henry Ford
Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit Southeastern

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/19, 4:40 PM
Detroit Henry Ford at Romulus

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/19, 5:30 PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Detroit Winans Academy

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/19,6:00 PM
Allen Park Cabrini at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
Melvindale at Detroit University Prep
Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies at Dearborn Henry Ford

Dearborn Fordson at Livonia Clarenceville
Dearborn Advanced Tech at Newport Lutheran South

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/19, 7:00 PM
Romulus Summit Academy at Brownstown Woodhaven
Ecorse at Flint Beecher
Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Lincoln Park
Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/18, 5:30 PM

Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Detroit West Side Academy

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/18, 6:00 PM
West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy at Dearborn Advanced Tech

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/18, 7:00 PM
Taylor Trillium at Southfield Bradford
Livingston Christian Schools at Taylor Baptist Park
Gibraltar Carlson at Taylor Truman
Ypsilanti Community at Wyandotte Roosevelt
Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Belleville
Romulus Summit Academy at Carleton Airport
Redford Union at Dearborn
Redford Thurston at Dearborn Edsel Ford
Riverview at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Brownstown Woodhaven at Dearborn Heights Robichaud
Ann Arbor Central Academy at Dearborn Hts Star International

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/18, 7:30 PM
Lincoln Park at Detroit Catholic Central

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/19, 6:00 PM
Dearborn Riverside Academy-West at Ann Arbor Central Academy

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/19, 7:00 PM
Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn Fordson
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Ecorse

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/19, 7:30 PM
Allen Park Cabrini at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/19, 9:40 PM
Detroit Western International at Romulus

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/20, 12:00 PM
Romulus Summit Academy at Detroit Denby

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/20, 12:20 PM
Taylor Preparatory at Melvindale

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/20, 2:00 PM
Detroit Community at John F Kennedy HS
Taylor Trillium at Pontiac

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/20, 4:00 PM
Detroit Jalen Rose at Dearborn Henry Ford

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/20, 7:00 PM

River Rouge at Grand Rapids Union

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/21, 8:00 PM
Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit DEPSA Early College

The Playoffs are in the Lions Hand

By Butch Davis



Detroit Lions DeAndre Levy and Ndamukong Suh gang tackle Minnesota Vikings halfback Matt Asiata
Photo taken by Lakeisha Harvey

The Detroit lions are in first place, believe that. Yes, with a 16-14 victory over the Minnesota Vikings, the Lions claimed their 10th victory in the season’s first 14 games and improved to 10-4. The win marks the first time the Lions reached 10 wins in the first 14 games of the season since the Lions started10-4 in 1991. In addition, Detroit won for the 7th time at home this season with a victory over Minnesota, which gives the Lions a 7-1 home record in 2014. A 7-1 home slate this year marks the best home record for the Lions since 1995 (7-1). The Lions also claimed their fourth win vs. NFC North teams this year with two to play in the season. Detroit owns a 4-0 record thus far against NFC North opponents. This marks the second time since the 2002 re-alignment and the second-straight season that the Lions have won four games vs. the NFC North. Head Coach Jim Caldwell became the first Lions head coach in his first season with the club to win 10 games since Potsy Clark led the Portsmouth Spartans to an 11-3 record in 1931. A 10-win season by the Lions this year is the second-most, surpassing Bobby Ross’ 9-7 campaign in 1997, led by a Lions head coach in his first season with the team. A win over the Vikings gives Caldwell his third 10-win season in his four years as an NFL head coach. He led Indianapolis to records of 14-2 in 2009 and 10-6 in 2010.

The Lions Defense were the hero in this game against the Minnesota Vikings as two interceptions, one by Safety Glover Quin seeing that in the second quarter he intercepted a pass at the Detroit 33-yard line and returned it 56 yards to the Minnesota 11-yard line. The interception occurred with the Vikings driving and the Lions trailing 14-0. The Lions would score a touchdown two plays later. In addition to also Cornerback Darius Slay diving interceptions in the quarter a big key in game the Lions offense were able to take the turnover and convert it into points. By overcoming a 14-0 deficit in the Lions 16-14 win over the Vikings; Matthew Stafford now has six career comeback victories when trailing by 14+ points at any point in the game. Stafford completed 17-of-28 passes for 153 yards and 1 touchdown in the Lions’ win. Stafford did not throw an interception against the Vikings and has now gone three-straight games without an interception for the first time since December 2011. Nevertheless, Wide Receiver Golden Tate led the Lions with seven receptions for 38 yards and scored the team’s only touchdown on a 7-yard score in the second quarter. Tate now has 7+ receptions in eight games this season for the hometown Lions. However, the 10-play winning drive, which started at the Lions own 20-yard line, covered 65 yards and culminated with a 33-yard field goal by Kicker Matt Prater. Prater connected on 3-of-3 field goal attempts in the Lions’ 16-14 win over the Vikings and accumulated 10 of the team’s 16 points in the win. Prater made a 33-yard field goal with 3:38 left to play in the fourth quarter to give the Lions the lead that they would hold on to the rest of the way. Let me also note the two important plays made by the Lions defensive end Jason Jones as he sacked the Vikings Quarterback Teddy Bridgewater and also blocked a field goal a Viking field goal late in the game to help in the Lions comeback victory.

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Now We Got a Revolution: Classic Songs of Liberation, Protest and Resistance

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Over the course of history, music has existed within the American cultural landscape as an invaluable agent of protest and resistance. From slave spirituals to rhythm and blues, soul, jazz, funk and hip hop, black artists have frequently utilized the art of song to openly challenge racial and socioeconomic disparities affecting people of African descent in the United States, as well as other oppressed populations around the world.

Just as mass demonstrations continue to commence in Ferguson, New York City, and across the land following grand jury decisions not to indict police officers for the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, contemporary performers are busy releasing new songs of liberation and resistance to rally the conscious mind of the people. In the wake of this revitalized crusade for racial justice, here are seven classic protest songs to encapsulate the energy sweeping our nation in the unceasing fight towards social change.

1. “Revolution (Pts. 1 and 2)” by Nina Simone (1969)
“Singin’ about a revolution, because we’re talkin’ about a change.

It’s more than just evolution, well you know you got to clean

your brain.

The only way that we can stand in fact, is when you get your foot off our back.”

Nina Simone’s 1969 rendition of “Revolution” is a raw, uncompromising answer to the pro establishment version of the recording released earlier that year by The Beatles.

In opposition to John Lennon’s reactionary take on social revolution, Simone’s searing vocals boom with a sense of urgency deeply rooted in ideologies of black power, cultural nationalism and self-defense. With an audacious tone of authority, the song evokes a radical consciousness that only the “High Priestess of Soul” can deliver. As our country continues to work towards holistic transformation in 2015, let us remember Nina Simone’s rallying call for a complete demolition of the evils of hatred and racial bigotry in America that continue to plague our society in modern times.

2. “Strange Fruit” by Billie Holiday (1939)

“Southern trees bear a strange fruit, blood on the leaves and blood at the root.

Black bodies swinging in the

southern breeze, strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees.”

Lauded by “Time” magazine as the “Song of the Century”, “Strange Fruit” is a masterpiece still regarded as one of the greatest protest recordings of all time.

Through the delivery of haunting metaphorical imagery, Billie Holiday’s poignant condemnation of the All-American tradition of lynching became the first of its kind to tackle the atrociousness of mob violence in the Jim Crow south. With recent waves of violence waged against unarmed black men across America, many argue that the meaning behind “Strange Fruit” may hold just as much relevance today as it did during the 1930’s.

3. Inner City Blues (Make Me Wanna Holler) by Marvin Gaye (1971)

“Crime is increasing, trigger happy policing
Panic is spreading, God knows where we’re heading.”

Released as the final single from Marvin Gaye’s landmark 1971 What’s Going On album, “Inner City Blues” vividly portrays the pained reality of struggling to survive in inner city America.

As riots commenced in major urban centers throughout the late 1960’s, black inner city youth conveyed a growing disconnect between their struggles and those typically addressed by middle class leaders comprising the Civil Rights Movement. Within “Inner City Blues”, Marvin Gaye grants a voice to those frequently overlooked by the American power structure as he takes

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ASK ALMA

No Wedding Invite



Dear Alma,

A colleague has invited me to her bridal shower, but so far I’ve received no invitation to the wedding. I’ve known for about six months that the wedding would be out of state at a resort. Her family has groused about it being so far away. I doubt a wedding invite is forthcoming. She is not a young street urchin. She’s a seasoned professional. She is aware of social etiquette. Am I really supposed to hop to a bridal shower with gift without an invite to the main event?

Uninvited

Dear Uninvited,

Oh, my sweetness, did you say “street urchin?” LMBO, I am on the floor! I must admit, my brain is split down the middle on this one. On one side, it sounds like you’re offended,

and if we were following the dictates of social etiquette, yes, you would be right. If you receive an invitation to the bridal shower, you should also receive an invitation to the wedding. Then again, there are always exceptions, like if the person is a colleague and you never spend time together outside of work. Most times the employees agree to throw a shower or take up a collection for a gift. Now the other side of my brain is thinking, especially in this economy, that you should be glad your colleague didn’t invite you to her destination wedding. Along with her gift, you’d be forking up airfare, hotel charges, plus related expenses – for someone who isn’t your sister, best friend, college roommate or first cousin. I’d suggest you go to the shower, yes, with an affordable gift in hand and have a great time. Anybody who uses “street urchin” in a sentence is clearly, long overdue for a vacation.

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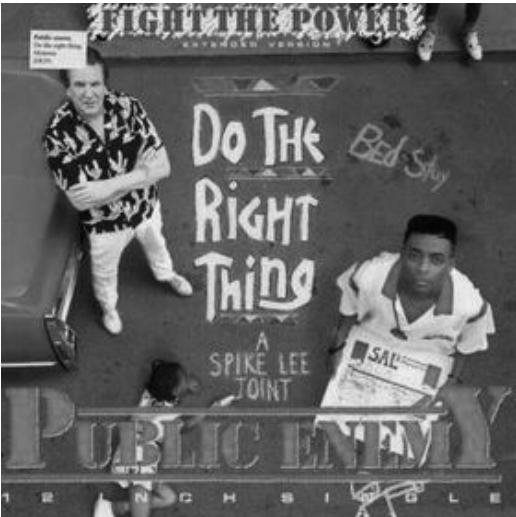


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Music

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listeners on a firsthand journey through a number of central issues ranging from undignified living conditions, to dire poverty and police brutality.

Today, as we bear witness to events taking place in cities from Ferguson to New York City, it remains evident that so many African-Americans still bear witness to the strain and frustration of surviving urban city life-an experience that would make even the best of us want to holler, and simply throw up our hands.

4. "Fight the Power" by Public Enemy (1989)

"What we got to say, power to the people no delay
To make everybody see, in order to fight the powers that be."

Birthered out of the confines of Reagan era conservatism, "Fight the Power" is a fiery hip hop anthem that continues to transcend the ages.

As the leading single from Spike Lee's classic film "Do the Right Thing", the songs blaring, funk inspired sound is accompanied by Chuck D's defiant lyrics of rage as he declares an unequivocal war against racial oppression, cultural appropriation and class based exploitation. Galvanizing, exhilarating, and overtly political, "Fight the Power" is an unapologetic revolt against the U.S power structure waged by those who often find themselves placed outside of the margins.

As a new generation of activists continue to demand social reform against the façade of a post racial America, Public Enemy's words of rebellion never cease to remind us that apathy and conformity will never bring about

a new social order. In the definitive words of Flavor Flav and Chuck D, we must continue to fight the powers that be in 2015, and beyond.

5 "Triptych: Prayer/Protest/Peace" by Max Roach and Abbey Lincoln (1960)

In the wake of the burgeoning Civil Rights Movement, jazz drummer Max Roach's politically charged manifesto, We Insist! Freedom Now Suite, unleashed seven epic songs of protest for the world to take in. Still perhaps the most notable is the ever evocative "Triptych: Prayer/Protest/Peace" featuring Roach's wife-singer and activist Abbey Lincoln.

In a song divided into three different segments, Lincoln's blood curdling screams heard throughout the "Protest" portion of the track remains as one of the most unforgettable moments ever recorded. Roach's aggressive, steady pounding of the drums, paired with Lincoln's anguished shrieks capture the rage and deep rooted resentment harbored within a race of people oppressed for hundreds of years in America.

As individuals currently exercise their constitutional right to rally against injustices in this country, "Triptych: Prayer/Protest/Peace" stands as an authentic representation of the multiple stages of emotional conflict one may endure when forced to protest oppressive conditions.

6. "Sound of Da Police" by KRS One (1993)

"The officer has the right to arrest, and if you fight back they put a hole in your chest!"

Using vocal simulations of traditional police sirens ("woop, woop, that's the sound of the police"), KRS One's debut solo single provided an in depth analysis on the historical distrust of law enforcement officers within the African-American community.

Against the backdrop of the crack epidemic and the "War on Drugs", "Sound of Da Police"

was a bold response to racial profiling and police brutality within black inner cities. Today, as protesters demand an immediate end to police violence and highly militarized occupation of urban neighborhoods, the unfortunate reality remains that even in the 21st Century, many people of color can still relate to KRS One's lyrical scrutiny on the sound of the police in black America.

7. Curtis Mayfield-(Don't Worry) If There's a Hell Below, We're All Going to Go (1970)

"Hurry, people running from their worries
While the judge and the juries, dictate the law that's partly flawed."

In pursuing a new artistic direction following a successful stint with The Impressions, Curtis Mayfield's "(Don't Worry) If There's a Hell Below, We're All Going to Go" delivers an apocalyptic warning on the troubled state of race relations in America.

With the tracks heavy horn/string arrangements, Mayfield's smooth, yet anger filled vocals articulate disintegrating optimism amongst many black people who harbored previous hopes for a renewed America during the early 1970's. Through unrepentant criticism of Richard Nixon, drug culture, and the systematic failures of the U.S. criminal justice system, Mayfield sends a clear message that if America crumbles due to her vile discriminatory ways, all people-regardless of race, class or gender-will plunge into the depths of despair right along with her.

As racial conflict continues to divide our country, Mayfield's cautionary tale only reminds us of the undying wounds sure to drive our nation into the trenches of self-destruction if they continue to go unhealed.



HOROSCOPES

DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2014

ARIES

You've done a lot of things in life that no one has agreed with at the beginning. Finding agreement this week will be difficult, but it should not deter you from moving forward. Feeling sorry for your loneliness will discolor what you are doing. Be happy that you are alone.
Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.
Lucky Numbers: 3,18, 31

TAURUS

Eternal optimist, eternity is now. Get in touch with your hopefulness and be a beacon to others. Try not to be taken in by promises made by others or promises you've made to yourself. Concerning your own affairs, avoid contemplating lofty subjects and seeking long ranged solutions.
Soul Affirmation: Time is the greatest peacemaker of them all.
Lucky Numbers: 6, 28, 39

GEMINI

Some say optimism is fantasy. Suppose the good thing you're optimistic about never comes. This week you'll know that the joy of anticipating it is joy enough. Just the certainty of coming goodness is present goodness. The joy of tomorrow is available this week.
Soul Affirmation: This week is the week the Lord has made. I rejoice in it.
Lucky Numbers: 22, 36, 38

CANCER

You might be looking into the buying or selling of a piece of property, and this week seems to be a favorable week for this type of negotiation. Be careful with the intricacies of the matter. Pay attention to details or it could cost you a great deal later.
Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.
Lucky Numbers: 14, 21, 35

LEO

Your multi-tasking abilities will kick into high gear this week. While it's sometimes difficult for you to know how to handle a particular situation, this week you'll know the perfect answer. Everything good is unfolding!
Soul Affirmation: New intuitions create new plans and a new cast of characters.
Lucky Numbers: 7, 8, 25

VIRGO

Your self-discipline helps you to do more this week. People will be watching as you zip around with style and grace! Broaden your cultural horizons by trying new foods and meeting new people. You'll be pleasantly surprised!
Soul Affirmation: I am patient with all that comes my way this week.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 5, 9

LIBRA

Sociable, lovable you! You can have a wonderful week this week if you hook up with like-minded friends. You'll find that many are on your wavelength this week. Appreciate your ability to bring people together.
Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.
Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 29,

SCORPIO

You'll be full of good ideas this week, so make sure you write down the ones you don't have time to put into action. You'll want to share your thoughts on a grand scale, and your mind will seem truly universal to you. Try to be patient with those who are staggered by your brilliance.
Soul Affirmation: Light from my soul shines in many directions.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 9

SAGITTARIUS

This week let your gentle spirit shine through. Your rough and tumble side is not appropriate for the relationships that you'll encounter. Someone will need your understanding and sympathy. Give it with sensitivity.
Soul Affirmation: My life itself is my greatest creation.
Lucky Numbers: 30, 39, 44

CAPRICORN

You're faced with a formidable task but when you defeat it, you'll take big steps toward a goal. Weigh in and give it your best. Your energy is high. The task looks larger before you start. Compromise with a partner. The immediate future promises love.
Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the spirits of people whose spirits are akin to mine this week
Lucky Numbers: 33, 34, 52

AQUARIUS

Yield to the harmony that lies below the surface of any seeming disagreement. Serenity is more important than your sense of righteousness. Questioning the motives of others will make your mind too suspicious to benefit from the unclear way in which love will present itself this week.
Soul Affirmation: Freedom of mind is the greatest gift for me this week.
Lucky Numbers: 14, 53, 54

PISCES

Your intuition is showing, and you may surprise yourself as much as you surprise another by making a sudden intuitive leap and saying what you feel. You may feel as if you can read a certain someone's mind. Use your gift for good..
Soul Affirmation: I let my luck work for me.
Lucky Numbers: 10, 23, 46



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CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the December 15, 2014 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Consent agenda.

Approval of four Board Appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals and Property Maintenance Board.

Denial of a second reading to add language for Business Registration.

Approval of a second reading to the Zoning Code of Ordinances to add language to permit the City to assess and levy fees for remediation.

Approval of a lease with D-N-D Enterprises.

Approval of a lease with Konica Minolta.

Approval to enter into a Service Agreement with MML to conduct a job classification study.

Approval to hold a public hearing on January 5th, 2015 for a revision of the CDBG funding allocation.

Approval to hold a public hearing for the 2015-2016 CDBG application.

Approval of a resolution to seek support for Inkster residents to keep land-lines.

Felicia Rutledge

City Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE Public Notice

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ECORSE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION 4, WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AT SECTIONS 2-244 THROUGH 2-250, OF ARTICLE V FINANCE AND TAXATION, OF CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR A PROPOSED MULTIPLE FAMILY PROJECT FOR PERSONS OF LOW OR MODERATE INCOME TO BE FINANCED OR ASSISTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT.

A copy of this ordinance is posted outside the City Clerk's office and outside the Council Chambers at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229. Also a copy of this ordinance can be viewed at the Ecorse Public Library at 4184 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Dana Hughes

City Clerk

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RIVER ROUGE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE

River Rouge Housing Commission

Located at 180 Visger Rd., River Rouge, MI 48218 will be accepting applications for our Public Housing units all sizes from January 7, 2015 until January 28, 2015 between the hours of 9am until 2pm on Wednesday's only. We will give out one application per family only.

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Michael J. Sloan, PHM

Executive Director

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POLICE BLOTTER

December 7th, 2014

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December 4th, 2014

At 0943hrs, an officer responded to 10152 West Jefferson, the Rouge Car Wash, only to find a 29 year old male driver in the back area of the parking lot, with his tractor trailer, facing south bound and stuck between the building. The driver took a Tractor with trailer attached and pulled up into the back of the car wash attempting to turn around. The space was not big enough and he could not maneuver the tractor and became stuck between the build, smashing against the fence and wall barrier for the trash dumpster. The driver states he was confused about where he was and the wheels locked on him and wasn't turning. There were multiple tire marks indicating a tire was spinning not smudging or smearing from no t turning or being locked. The driver states he did not work for a

truck company and he owned the truck and was working for a temporary service. He was issued a citation for Damaged to Property.

November 29th, 2014

At 0400hrs, officers went to Sumby Senior Housing to investigate a possible Drug Overdose.

Upon arrival, a 63 year old male standing in the lobby took the officer to his apartment. A 45 year old female lied on the bed in the living room unresponsive, with no pulse. The Wayne County Medical Examiner was notified and would arrive on scene a short time later. The male stated the female was his girlfriend and she came to his home for a visit on the 28th after being gone since November 24th, 2014. The male states this incident began when his girlfriend came over to go shopping on "Black Friday" and just hang out. He states she went into the bathroom and stated that she wanted to take a shower and stayed in there for about an hour. He got worried and tried to get her to come out to make sure she was okay. When she finally opened the door he states she was just standing there and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. He tried offering her food to eat but she refused and did not want to go anywhere. Then the girlfriend complained about being hot so he cut on the air conditioner. They laid down on the bed and watched a movie. Later when he tried to wake her, she was unresponsive. He thought she was just resting. The male stated she had been using Heroin and "crack cocaine" for the last three years and believed she use them while she was in the bathroom. Prayers go out to the family. She was someone's mother, sister, aunt or friend has passed away. RIP.

CITY OF ECORSE HELP WANTED * HELP WANTED CITY OF ECORSE

The City of Ecorse is seeking qualified **part-time police officers**. Applicants must possess a two year degree in criminal justice or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Other requirements:

- Be a resident of the State of Michigan
- Possess a valid Michigan driver's license
- Have obtained valid MCOLES certification or certifiable
- Must be able to successfully pass a comprehensive background investigation, medical exam, drug screen and credit history checks
- Preferred FF I & II certification

See full description at ecorsemi.gov. Resumes and applications must include work experience and five professional references. Send resume and application to The City of Ecorse, 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229 and Attention: Public Safety Director

The City of Ecorse is seeking qualified **part-time firefighter/EMT**. Applicants must possess a two year degree in criminal justice or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Other requirements:

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Possess a valid Michigan driver's license
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Must be able to successfully pass a comprehensive background investigation, medical exam, drug screen and credit history checks
- Be legally eligible to be employed in the US
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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ECORSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Ecorse City Council, at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, Jan. 6,2015 in the Albert Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan, 48229. The purpose ofthis hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed use of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Funding.

It is estimated that approximately \$2,000,000.00, will be received through the CDBG Program funded through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are available for projects that benefit low to moderate income persons.

The proposed 2015-2016, CDBG Fund Allocations are as follows:

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Administration

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The estimated amounts reflect the 2014 allocation. The 2015-2016 funding levels may be reduced as a result of new census data and an overall reduction in federal grant funding.

Individuals or groups wishing to make oral presentations or submit prepared statements pertaining to the CDBG Program may do so at the Public Hearing. Interested parties who are unable to attend the Public Hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City of Ecorse Clerk's Office located at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, MI, 48229.

People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation at this meeting should contact the office of community development at (313) 386 2400 or the office ofthe City Clerk at (313) 386-2520, at least three (3) business days in advance to request mobility, visual hearing or other assistance.

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Blight

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“This is another important step in Michigan’s comeback, which has become a national example for what can be accomplished when federal, state and city partners work together with a shared vision to solve a problem,” Snyder said. “As a result of this collaboration, these cities will be better places to live, work, play and invest.”

- The communities are:
- Detroit, \$50 million (\$47.4 million in second-round funding combined with \$2.6 million in reserves from the first round)
 - Lansing, \$6 million
 - Jackson, \$5.5 million
 - Highland Park, \$5 million
 - Inkster, \$2.25 million
 - Ecorse, \$2.19 million
 - Muskegon Heights, \$1.8 million
 - River Rouge, \$1.3 million
 - Port Huron, \$1 million
 - Hamtramck, \$952,000
 - Ironwood, \$675,000
 - Adrian, \$375,000

“This partnership demonstrates a commitment to revitalizing our cities and to addressing the damaging effects caused by vacant and blighted properties,” said U.S. Treasury Deputy Secretary Sarah Bloom Raskin. “Removing blighted properties is an important step in stabilizing neighborhoods, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to assist hardest hit communities around the nation.”

The funding increases to \$175 million the amount of Hardest Hit blight program dollars committed to Michigan for reducing foreclosure, stabilizing the housing market and improving the economy. In 2013, Snyder kicked off the largest residential blight elimination effort in state history when he an-

nounced the nation’s first U.S. Treasury-approved program. It allowed MSHDA to use \$100 million of its Hardest Hit Fund allocation for blight elimination in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Pontiac.

“Strategically allocating this additional funding will help extend the positive effect of our anti-blight efforts to new areas of the state,” said Wayne Workman, acting executive director of MSHDA. “It will further stem the tide of foreclosures, stabilize property values and help revitalize these communities. We are proud to play our part in laying the groundwork for future economic success.”

The eligible cities were chosen by MSHDA based on an evaluation system that included residential housing vacancy rates.

MSHDA met with the selected cities in October to discuss the process for submitting strategic blight remediation plans, designating at-risk areas within city limits, estimating project costs and establishing a timeline for the work.

Each blight partner must spend 25 percent of all funds in the first six months, 70 percent of funds within 12 months, and 100 percent within 18 months. U.S. Treasury requirements state that any remaining funds as of Dec. 31, 2017, must be returned to their office.

Michigan’s new \$75 million anti-blight funding comes from the \$498 million the state was allocated in 2010 as part of the Hardest Hit Fund program, designed to help homeowners in states hardest hit by the housing crisis.

Pantry

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Walmart Foundation’s State Giving Program – will support the organization’s hunger relief program, allowing the purchase of additional food to assist more households and individuals in the neighboring communities it serves. The grant was made possible through a partnership between Fish & Loaves and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency. Fish & Loaves serves the communities of Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor and Woodhaven.

“We are so grateful for the support of the Walmart Foundation. This generous funding will allow us to not only purchase nutritious food such as protein and dairy which are often very expensive, but to allow us to build a consistent supply of food,” said Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas, President, Fish & Loaves. “We also would like to thank the local Walmart stores in our area, for their ongoing support of our fighting hunger initiatives throughout the year.”

The grant was presented to Fish & Loaves during a check presentation ceremony held today at its Taylor office and warehouse, located at 25670 Northline Road. Fish & Loaves was founded in 2008 and has assisted nearly 9,900 households. Distributing more than 2.4 million pounds of food annually, Fish & Loaves is a “client choice” food pantry, allowing families and individuals to “shop” in a setting organized like a grocery store. This allows for a sense of dignity, higher client satisfaction and less waste. The food pantry is currently the largest of its kind in the Metro Detroit area and serves as a national model for food pantry services.

The timing of this grant could not be better, given the holiday season and the rising demand for food assistance this winter. The cost of food purchased through Gleaners from the USDA has gone from 10 percent to 18 percent. This is an increase of 80 percent for USDA purchases. The hundreds of volunteers at Fish &

Loaves are grateful this holiday season to be able to provide adequate, healthy food choices to those struggling with hunger.

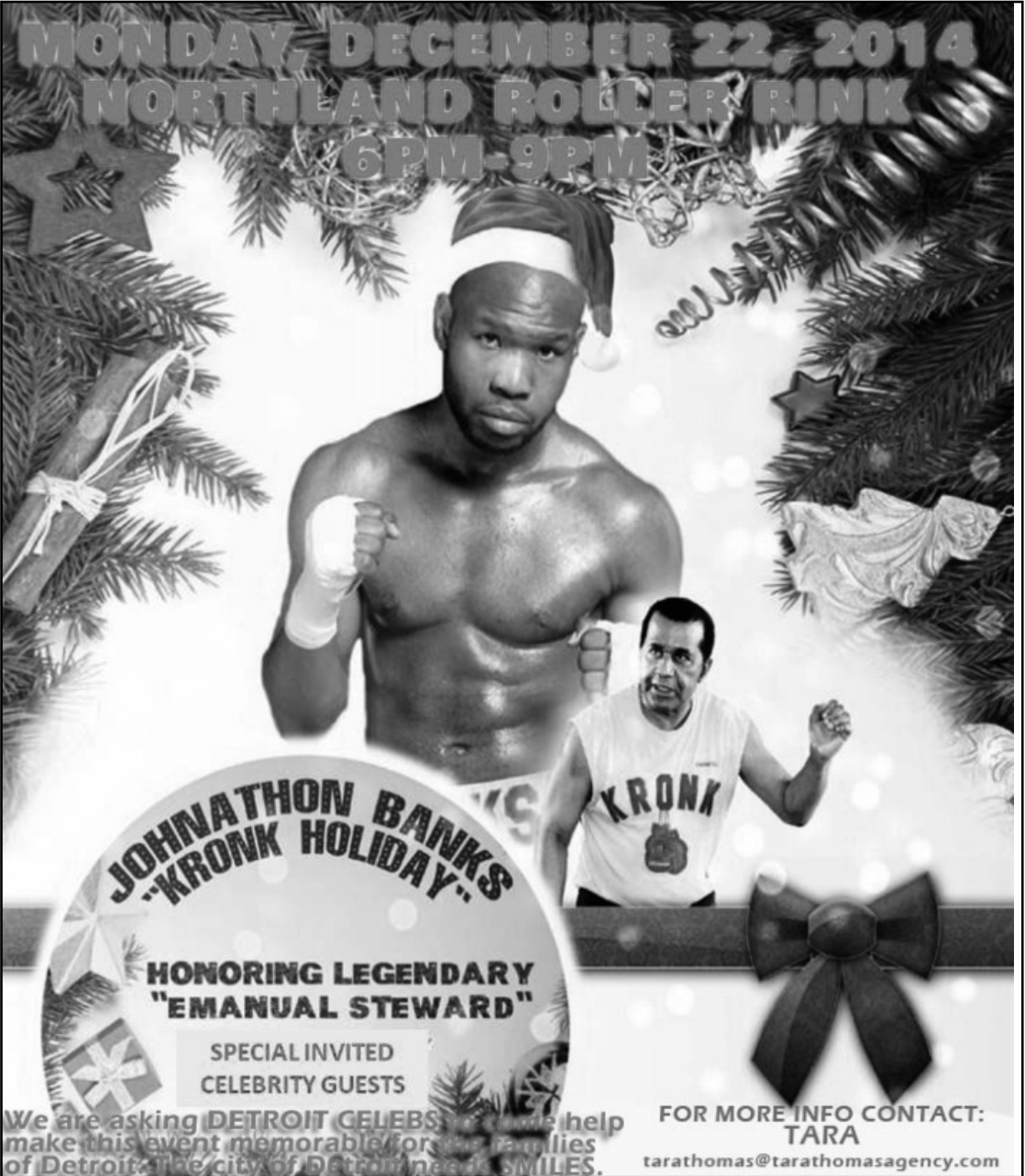
“The Walmart Foundation is proud to be supporting Fish & Loaves, and is committed to helping those in need in the communities we serve,” said Shelly Lehman, Market Manager, Walmart. “Through this grant, we are hopeful that residents in the Downriver area will benefit from increased food choices to enhance and improve their lives.”

The contribution to Fish & Loaves was made possible through the Walmart Foundation’s Michigan State Giving Program. Through this program, the Walmart Foundation supports organizations that create opportunities so people can live better. The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program strives to award grants that have a long-lasting, positive impact on communities across the U.S.



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L to R Rev. Julius Collins, Mayor Michael Bowdler, Ebony Elmore, Janice Rogers, and Zyaire Gordon


On December 16, 2014 Aunty Diva's in home daycare along with Rev. Collins (Christian Community Outreach Ministry) presented the city with a gift at their year end Council meeting. The "I want my City to be..." Bulletin board was donated to the City by The Guidance Center and was completed by its residents at the daycare Annual "It Takes a Village" Youth Fest (August 29, 2014). This board is what our residence imagine our future city and will be on display at the City Hall building.

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Vivian S. McClary
Jan. 11, 1938 - Dec. 4, 2011

55 years in Funeral Service

This month we reflect on our loss, but yet we are so thankful that she lived.



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