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Robichaud honors inaugural inductees for the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Graduates of Robichaud gather to celebrate and honor their high school success

Robichaud High School selected 27 honorees to be inducted into the inaugural RHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Initiated by Robichaud's new Athletic Director Jason Malloy, the Hall of Fame was established to honor key contributions made by past sports figures, while continuing to build pride at the high school. Inductees were selected by a committee of seven former coaches and players, as well as alumni and school adminis-

trators whose influence at the school dates all the way back to the 1960's.

"As someone who went to this school, I wanted to celebrate our athletes from the past," Malloy said. "I was coached by Robert Yauck Sr., who had been here from the early 1970's all the way through my senior year in 1998. And then Monte Dennard was my basketball coach. Having my own personal experiences here, I wanted to do something for our

former athletes at this school. So that's why we decided to come together and start the inaugural Hall of Fame."

Nominations were first solicited last summer during Robichaud's annual Alumni Picnic, and were also accepted via online balloting. Inductees were required to have graduated at least ten years ago, and were placed into four different categories: Student Athlete, Coaches, Red and Black, and Alumni. During the ban-

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Romulus Camera Operators embody the meaning friendship

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Linda Gurniak and Cathy Johnson are a mutually dynamic duo.

Whether they are off recording the latest city council meeting or shooting the hottest event in town, the two official camera operators for the City of Romulus emit a chemistry that can be sensed from a thousand miles – most of which can be attributed to a personal friendship that dates back nearly thirty years.

"We first met as shuttle drivers

at the airport, and we would drive around in circles playing dodge-a-car," Johnson said chuckling. "At times we have our differences. Some days I can be very mellow and she can be very bossy, then we switch up; but we have so much fun working together. We really have an important job

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Taxpayers encouraged to E-file, be vigilant about identity theft

The Michigan Department of Treasury is now processing 2014 MI-1040 Individual Income Tax Returns. All forms and instructions for the 2014 tax year have been posted on Treasury's website at www.michigan.gov/incometax.

Treasury is again encouraging taxpayers to file their Michigan tax returns electronically. E-filing is the easiest, most efficient way to file your return and receive your refund. Last year, more than 80-percent of all Michigan income tax returns were filed electronically.

Taxpayers can access information about e-file, including free e-file opportunities, by visiting www.MIfastfile.org. Free e-filing is available to thousands of taxpayers, based on adjusted gross income, age, or active military status. Other, low-cost e-file opportunities are available as well.

The Department is also reminding taxpayers to be vigilant about identify theft, as it relates to the filing of potentially fraudulent income tax returns. Last year, Treasury intercepted thousands of potentially fraudulent income tax returns, stopping approximately \$100 million in potentially fraudulent refunds.

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Black History Month is everybody's History Month



Black History Month is everybody's history month. In the multicultural society that we currently live in, we must know about the lives, cultures and relationships of all races and nationalities. We are all intertwined with each other with threads that come from our ancestors. In the past our world was segregated to not encourage interaction, but now, interaction is needed.

When corporate executives make decisions about the survival of their company, they now take into consideration the thoughts and decision making of all races. They study the buying habits of women, men, children, races and nationalities. The money that African Americans spend on a yearly basis makes the life of African American important to everyone. The success that many African Americans have reached in the entertainment, sports, political and education arena demon-

strate the power and important role that we play in the world.

The problem that I see is that many African Americans don't recognize their greatness and the potential that they have to be successful. A question I often ask is, How is it that big corporations and their contractor friends are making so much money by building and filling prisons based on whether kids can read in the third grade? If parents encourage their kids to be great and learn to read well by the third grade, then the tables would be turned. As you see, the prison industry is betting that African Americans won't realize their potential and the corporations will be financially rewarded as the much needed negative interaction continues.

My call to action for this Black History Month is for all parents and grandparents to make sure the youth in their lives can read well by the third grade. I'm not a betting person, but if I was, I would put my money on Black. It time for greatness to be realized and passed down.

Happy Black History Month!

**Gina Steward
Publisher**

NEWS FROM LANSING

**Reps. Introduce Auto Insurance Reform Legislation
Bill would prohibit insurers using credit checks to determine premium**



State Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo



State Representative Alberta Tinsley-Talabi (D-Detroit)



State Representative Tom Cochran (D-Mason)

LANSING – State Representatives Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) and Alberta Tinsley-Talabi (D-Detroit) announced a legislative package today that would reform Michigan insurance law and protect consumers. House Bill 4116 would enforce that overcharges to policyholders must be reimbursed. HB 4117 prohibits determining a person's rate by certain factors, including their form of employment, education, credit history or residency. HB 4127 outright prohibits insurers from using credit scores to determine premiums for drivers in Michigan. Michigan has some of the highest insurance premiums in the Midwest.

"A person's credit score has absolutely nothing to do with how they drive, but their score can dramatically affect their auto insurance rate – this is simply unacceptable," Gay-Dagnogo said. "Our plan would protect consumers and prohibit auto insurance companies from using a person's credit score in determining insurance premiums."

Tinsley-Talabi was pleased to join Gay-Dagnogo in drafting

this legislative package, having previously sponsored HB 4116 and 4117 on Jan. 20. Both represent areas of Detroit, where residents have paid an average 165 percent more than the rest of the country. Prior to serving in the legislature, Gay-Dagnogo was a staffer for the Detroit City Council while Tinsley-Talabi was a member.

"The cost of automobile insurance in Detroit has proven to be a financial hardship for far too many Detroit families," said Tinsley-Talabi. "Money spent on insurance is a cost that deprives families of needed items and makes it extremely difficult for them to manage their auto insurance payments along with

the rest of their household expenses."

State Representative Tom Cochran (D-Mason), a former fire chief and Democratic vice chairman of the House Insurance Committee, co-sponsored HB 4127. He realizes that because of unfair practices like using credit scores, people are driving without insurance.

"This is a threat to public safety," Cochran said. "In the event someone is in an accident but doesn't have insurance, others involved in the accident are put at risk as well."

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Use It Or Lose It

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Most likely, you have heard the phrase, 'use it or lose it.' If you have something, use it. If you don't use it, you risk having it taken away. That's what I thought of when I read this verse: "For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath" (Mark 4:25).

For clarification, I read it in several versions and translations trying to get the full and accurate meaning. I like the way the New Living Translation says it: "To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them" (Mark 4:25).

I believe this principle applies to many things, including gifts. Using a gift is a way of showing your appreciation for that gift. It makes the giver of the gift feel good when they see you using what you have given them. When you make good use of the gift, the giver is willing to give you more! This is because they can trust you to use it like you always have. When you

don't use a gift, that's like being ungrateful and you will actually starting losing and should not expect more (because you did not use what you had).

It's like the parable of the talents and sowers. We have to make good use of what we are given and not squander blessings or God-given opportunities. The more we use what we have, the more we are blessed with so we can bless even more. It's growth, expansion. We cannot grow if we are not using our resources wisely or properly.

It actually reminds me of the Law of Attraction. If you've ever studied it, you know what I mean. You get more of what you do. When you are grateful, you get more things to be grateful for. When you give more, you get more to give. When you do good, more good comes. When you are positive, more positivity comes. It's contagious and expansive.

On the other hand, negativity breeds more of the same. Stinginess and greed do not bring prosperity. When you are stingy, you usually end up with even less.

Pay attention to yourself and your own behavior. Are you making the most of what you have? When you allow God to teach you, He can do even more with you. When you use the gifts and talents God has given you, He will give you even more.

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1st Timothy 3:15b

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The River Rouge Power Plant Nature Area was one of 60 programs recognized at the recent Symposium as meeting the strict requirements of Corporate Lands for Learning certification. In addition, 241 programs received Wildlife at Work certification. Certification requirements are strict and require that programs apply for periodic renewal. Wildlife at Work certification recognizes outstanding wildlife habitat management efforts at corporate sites, and offers third-party validation of the benefits of such programs. Corporate Lands for Learning certification provides programs with third-party recognition for educational programs. There are currently 659 Wildlife at Work and 168 Corporate Lands for Learning programs worldwide.

Formed in 1988, the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) promotes and certifies habitat conservation and management on corporate lands through partnerships and education. WHC's programs take corporate sustainability goals and objectives and translate them into tangible and measurable on-the-ground action. Through a focus on building collaboration for conservation with corporate employees, other conservation organizations, government agencies and community members, WHC programs focus on healthy ecosystems and connected communities. WHC-assisted wildlife habitat and conservation education programs are found in 44 states, the District of Columbia and 12 other countries. To learn more, visit www.wildlifehc.org.

DTE Energy (NYSE:DTE) is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide.

BALTIMORE, MD—Employees at DTE Energy's River Rouge Power Plant Nature Area received international recognition for their contributions to wildlife habitat conservation and education at the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) 26th Annual Symposium, Celebrating Corporate Conservation. DTE Energy demonstrated its commitment to environmental stewardship and conservation education by achieving Corporate Lands for Learning certification at the River Rouge Power Plant Nature Area.

"The Wildlife Habitat Council connects corporations, conservation, and community to create habitat and increase biodiversity. The projects being honored today are the best examples of our model at work," said Margaret O'Gorman, WHC President. "Congratulations to DTE Energy for its successful efforts towards habitat enhancement and biodiversity."

The conservation education program at DTE Energy's River Rouge Power Plant Nature Area connects with learners across the education spectrum. The employee-led education team uses a five-acre parcel adjacent to the plant to provide the community with a local wildlife habitat in a heavily urbanized and industrialized environment.

"DTE Energy is honored to receive this recognition for our commitment to the environment and the communities where we live and serve," said Frank Warren, DTE Energy vice president, Fossil Generation. "We also appreciate the

time and energy that our River Rouge Power Plant employees dedicate to the conservation education program. The results truly benefit DTE and all of our neighbors."

To further awareness and use of the Nature Area, the team at River Rouge Power Plant partnered with Detroit Public Schools' Office of Science and Michigan Alliance of Environmental and Outdoor Education to host two teacher workshops in May and June 2014. The education team also hosts regular visits from nearby at-risk high school students at the Beacon Day Treatment Center. The students designed and planted a native wildflower demonstration garden, removed invasive species to preserve the garden's educational and ecological function and regularly monitor wildlife activity. This school year, students are working on designing interpretive signs for the Nature Area to educate future visitors.

Area Boy Scouts also use the site to fulfill merit badge requirements. Scouts helped build bat and bluebird boxes, learned about camouflage as an adaptation for survival and engaged in other activities in working toward the Wildlife Conservation Pin and Bird Study Merit Badge. The education team at River Rouge Power Plant Nature Area also is developing site-relevant curriculum for school-age students and plans to repurpose a shipping container, converting it into an all-weather outdoor classroom. In addition, the team will hold an annual open house to inform the community about local wildlife, particularly the threatened eastern fox

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Principal Mokdad is making big moves at River Rouge High School

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



At the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year, Michael Mokdad was introduced as principal at River Rouge High School.

Since classes commenced in September, students have enjoyed a plethora of fresh opportunities. New elective courses are now available in web design, culinary arts, drama, and STEM, and a Dual Enrollment Program has been introduced in partnership with Wayne County Community College.

"The Dual Enrollment Program has been very successful," Mokdad said. "We have 80 students taking it this semester, so hopefully we can have around 150-200 by next year. Students will be able to earn an associate's degree by the time they graduate from high school. Those classes will also transfer to any other college if they decide to pursue a bachelor's degree."

While maintaining recently es-

tablished programs, including the Inquiry Bridge Program and Common Assessment tools, future additions are also in the works. A new recording studio is under construction to allow for the creation of music production courses, and a health clinic will soon be built on school premises. With these changes in place, Mokdad believes that the school is on the right track towards guiding students in the right direction.

"We're definitely improving on everything," he said. "While everyone is cutting down on arts, we have a fine performing arts academy here, several clubs, world class athletics, and several after school activities for our students. We also offer Project 180 and the Manhood Project, and of course we have Mr. Tarence Wheeler, who continues to bring a lot of celebrities and special events to the high school. We have a great team here, and we're working together to create a model of what people may look at and say that they want for their students too."

Though Mokdad continues to make a massive impact at River Rouge High School, he revealed that the field of education was not his original calling. After graduating from Southwestern High School, he attended the University of Florida and Wayne State University to pursue a career in

engineering, but ultimately decided that he wanted to take a different path in life. After making a transition to Detroit Public Schools, he served as Interim Principal and Assistant principal for 22 years. In 2014, Mokdad landed his current position—a move that has made an impact on his life for the better.

"Even though I made a lot of money in engineering, it wasn't personal enough for me," he said. "It just wasn't as fun. I love working with people, plus I enjoy working with students. "My favorite part of the job is having a student come back after many years to thank me because I've influenced their lives. I really enjoy interacting with the kids on a daily basis, and I have a good rapport with all of them. It's always a fun environment to be in."

In the future, Mokdad plans to sustain the culture of a fun academic learning environment at River Rouge High School, while also bringing in more students who can benefit from everything that the district has to offer.

"Anyone interested can visit our website at riverrougeschools.org to view all of our curriculum and transportation options," he said. "I also encourage them to come here and take a tour of the place. Everything you can think of, we have it here. So definitely come and pay us a visit."

HOROSCOPES

FEBRUARY 12 - FEBRUARY 18, 2015

ARIES

You know, the dream that you say you'll "get to" when the time is right. This week the time is exactly right. Get the plan started that will lead to the realization of that dream. Talk it over with significant others so that they can add their strength. Make the dream their dream too.

Soul Affirmation: I love the options that are presented to me.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 41, 55

Lucky Numbers: 1, 50, 53

LIBRA

Everything that goes around will come around for the universe is balanced. We all need to bear our crosses and accept the fate that is destined for each of us. The will of God is good and we will receive as He gives. This week is a week for finding joy in little things.

Soul Affirmation: I let love teach me more about life.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 23, 46

SCORPIO

This week have faith in what you know can happen and rededicate yourself to achieving your dreams. Be sure to remember and respect who you are as the week unfolds. Love yourself for who you are this week and this will give you a clear perspective on what you can become.

Soul Affirmation: I celebrate the high energy that engulfs my life.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 32, 51

SAGITTARIUS

Give yourself a chance to experience a different side of your personality this week. Keep from getting bored by doing a little acting. Choose a character who would be more effective than you in the situation in which you find yourself. Be that character. Play the role. Enjoy it.

Soul Affirmation: The value I place on myself is the value that others see in me.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 20, 30

CAPRICORN

You are a person of action. Believe in your ability to get things done and you will find things so easy to do. Put things into perspective and obstacles will become opportunities. Put your plans into practice with confidence and your list of things to do will get done one by one.

Soul Affirmation: Hope brightens my mornings, faith sustains my nights.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 25, 27

CANCER

If you are unhappy with your situation this week, you have all the power you need to change it! Don't procrastinate any longer.

You can make the improvement now! Don't worry about what others are thinking. Just do what is good for you.

Soul Affirmation: Love is my reward for giving love.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 33, 55

LEO

The universe is balanced and our lives will be filled with triumphs and tribulations. Don't fret when you face turmoil this week. Deal with it head on and stay undeterred. Keep straight on the path you are traveling and you will reach the place where you are meant to be.

Soul Affirmation: All is well and so I let it be.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 21, 47

AQUARIUS

This week think of yourself in ways that you have not thought of yourself recently. Find in the closet of your spirit another set of clothes.

Put them on and wear them like they are your everyday apparel. Reinvent yourself and act as if the new is usual.

Soul Affirmation: I feel like the star that I naturally am.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 49, 52

VIRGO

Your inner beauty is one of your greatest assets. This week take full advantage of this gift you received from God. This week hold in consciousness the truth that you are specially crafted from His hands. Allow a cheerful disposition to radiate through you.

Soul Affirmation: I happily help to clear up a mess made by others

PISCES

You are a person of many talents and skills. People around you count on your abilities to keep things running smoothly this week.

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Soul Affirmation: I do good unto others and enjoy doing it.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 17, 22

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Black History Month Magic Vision Trivia

1) The parents of Colin Powell immigrated from what country?

- A.) Barbados
- B.) Jamaica
- C.) Haiti

2) What major U.S. city elected the first African American Mayor in 1967?

- A.) Cleveland
- B.) New Orleans
- C.) Atlanta

3) What is Tiger Woods' real first name?

- A.) Elmer
- B.) Samuel
- C.) Eldrick

4) What is the name of the great Civil Rights leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize and was assassinated in 1968?

- A.) Martin Luther King Jr.

B.) Malcolm X

5) What is the name of the first African American who served on the U.S. Supreme Court?

- A.) Barack Obama
- B.) Thurgood Marshall

6) What is the name of the woman who helped over 300 escaped slaves flee to freedom in the North via the Underground Railroad?

- A.) Rosa Parks
- B.) Harriet Tubman

7) Jean-Baptist-Point Du Sable was a Haitian-French pioneer who founded the settlement that would later become which large U.S. city?

- A.) New York City
- B.) Chicago
- C.) New Orleans

8) What is the name of the slave who sued for his freedom & lost, in a major

Supreme Court case before the Civil War?

- A.) Dred Scott
- B.) Nat Turner

9) The first black player in the NHL was Willie O'Ree. What team did he play for?

- A.) Toronto Maple Leafs
- B.) New York Rangers
- C.) Boston Bruins

10) Which track & field star was the first athlete to win 4 gold medals in an Olympic Games?

- A.) Jesse Owens
- B.) Carl Lewis
- C.) Michael Johnson

11) Which African American basketball star made history becoming the first woman to dunk during a pro game in 2002?

- A.) Michelle Snow
- B.) Lisa Leslie
- C.) Teresa Weatherspoon

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BLACK HISTORY QUESTIONS

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Check back next week for the answers and the next round of questions

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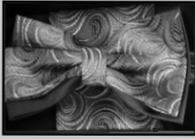
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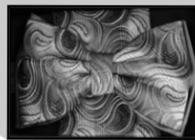
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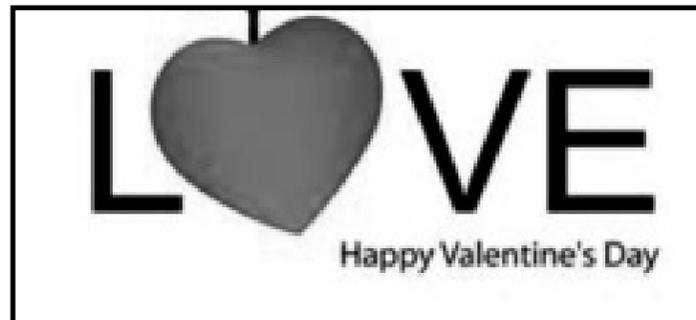
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FORTY UNDER 40 2015



Shelby Jefferson, 28

Shelby Jefferson is a blossoming journalist, and currently works as a staff reporter for the Telegram Newspaper. As an intellectual activist, writer, and poet, she has made it her life-long mission to explore the world and its many treasures through art, culture, education, mentorship and the incessant pursuit of knowledge. Shelby discovered her dual passion for journalism and African-American Studies dur-

ing her freshman year in college. Throughout her tenure at Bowling Green State University, she served as a student writer for a multicultural on-campus newspaper, and also completed an internship at Sojourner's Truth Newspaper in Toledo, Ohio. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Africana Studies in 2009, and later began as an intern and freelance contributor for the Telegram – eventually advancing to become the publication's official reporter in October of 2014.

Shelby's career objective is to utilize her platform as a writer to educate and empower, while providing a representative voice for those whose experiences are too often excluded from the narrowed lens of mainstream media coverage. She frequently uses her articles to analyze and present a broad spectrum of themes including race and representation, contemporary arts and culture, race and gender identity in sports, as well as popular culture, music and film. She is currently working on a novel, and a children's book about President Barack Obama. In time, Shelby aspires to expand her craft to include academic research, and plans to create an online blog centered on race, gender and cultural commentary. Her ultimate goal is to become a leading contributor for renowned publications like The New York Times and Essence Magazine, and she lives by the words: "We have to talk about liberating minds as well as liberating society." –Angela Davis

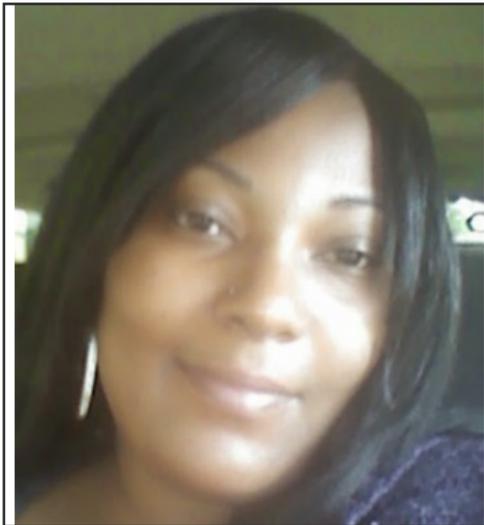


Krystal Steward 23

I have be very active in my community. In June of 2014 I put together a fundraiser basketball game for the American Heart Association. I was able to raise \$3800 from ticket sales, raffles, and sponsors. With that being my first event and it being so successful I definitely plan on doing another one for 2015. Along with that I'm also a business womam. In 2012 I created

Sweet Treatz. We are a company that makes your desired sweets such as signature cupcakes, not your ordinary cookies, chocolate covered strawberries and this year we are starting to make fondant cakes. I always wanted to have my own bakery in a fast past area. I really didn't expect Sweet Treatz to be such a success, but it is and I'm very thankful and blessed for it. Although having a bakery was my dream, I never wanted it to be my career. As a kid I wanted to be a doctor, at that age I didn't really know it was so many different kinds. All I knew is that's what I wanted and I would do anything to get it. As I grew older my dream career never changed. I realized I wanted to be an anesthesiologist. Which is a doctor that puts you to sleep before surgery. I took the medical assistant program in high school and graduated with honors and received my medical assistant license. After high school I graduated from Baker College with my LPN license and an Associates in Science. Now I'm headed to Mercy College to get my BSN in Nursing and finally start Med school. My determination is unreal and nobody will never understand my drive to be successful. My mom is a independent person and my father is a hard working business man. Luckily I got both genes from my parents, and they say nobody's perfect.

My motto is, "To get what yu want in life you have to work hard."



Alexandria Wright, 31

I'm a single mother of 4. Being a single black mom is a great accomplishment itself. I was raised in a single parent home, in which I observed first hand a strong black woman. I had a very rough childhood, and God saved me, and blessed me with this strong black woman. My teenage were a little rocky because I suffered from a disease I call "teenageritis". What's that one may ask? Most teenagers go through a moment in their life where they don't want to follow the rules, make bad decisions, and attempt to be adults before their time. I had this disease and

ended up becoming a teenage mom, that decision changed my life forever.

It was that moment where I would be responsible not only for myself, but another human being as well. Thank God I have an amazing family and support system! I went on to finish high school, and graduated with a baby, got my first job at Mc Donald's moved to my very own apartment, and attended college. I am currently a Henry Ford Community College graduate, and I am working towards owning my own daycare facility, while furthering my education to become a social worker.

I want to leave everyone with a quote I live by. "The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It's about what you're made of not the circumstance". When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty just trust Him, because he will either catch you or he will teach you how to fly.



Melandis Hines

Education: Masters in Business Management and Human Resources Management from the University of Phoenix

Bachelor of Behavior Arts and Science Specializing in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University

Community Involvement: Wayne Westland Board of Education, Elected Precinct Delegate 2nd Term, Honorary Vice Chair of the 13th Congressional District, Secretary of the Michigan Progressive Caucus, Member of

the Justice Caucus, Parent Teacher Organization, Wayne Westland Transitions Committee, Detroit Society of Human Resources Management, Director of a Praise and Mime Ministry, Served as a Inkster Reserve Police Officer.

My greatest accomplishment is winning a seat on the Wayne Westland Board Of Education, I have been a student in the Wayne Westland Community School District from Kindergarten and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. It is an honor to serve in the school district where my son also goes to school. GOD has blessed me with favor to have excellent relationships with Congressman John Conyers Jr., Westland Mayor William Wild, Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Wayne Mayor Abdul Al Haidous, numerous City Council Members, County Commissioners, State Representatives, and US Senators to



Kimberly Willis

Kimberly is a wife and a mother. Originally a native of Romulus, MI., Kimberly is a branch manager at Credit Union ONE's Waterford lo-

cation. Kimberly has worked in the banking industry for over 12 years. Kimberly has an earned B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Kimberly is actively involved in the city of Romulus serving at her church (Pentecost MBC) helping facilitate the youth ministry (HYPE for Christ) and is the overseer for Daughters of Destiny, a small group for teenage girls who love God. Kimberly has worked with AmeriCorps and the Boys and Girls Club of America.

One thing that Kimberly lives by other than her love for God and family, is her optimism.

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Daisy Truss, is an "Inkster girl" that is a proud graduate of Inkster High School and alumni of South Carolina State University who presently serves as the NAACP of Western Wayne County 1st Vice President. Employed by the Inkster Family Literacy Movement, she is their Outreach Coordinator. Her responsibilities include promoting IFLM through social media, establishing and strengthening relationships

with other organizations throughout the community, and facilitating parent and child interactive play groups. She has worked in business administration and early childhood education for several different organizations including Bowater Incorporated, Right to Life of Michigan, Children's Outreach, and Wayne Metro Head Start. Other work experience includes working at GM Motorsports as a Nascar diversity intern and Banco de la Mujer in marketing and early childhood education.

Also secretary of Wayne Road Church of Christ in Romulus, where her dad serves as an elder and minister, she is passionate about her faith, education, books, literacy, children, civil rights, and the city of Inkster. Her mantra is the scripture Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."



Kyle Bartell

Growing up in the city I've always spent a lot of time outdoors. From playing sports, organizing block clubs, boarding up vacant homes, fixing up inner city parks and installing benches at bus stops. I'm an advocate of community based projects and place making activities. Attending Wayne State University I majored in

Urban Studies. With the passion of building a better Detroit I was eager to start giving back to my city in a unique way. I'm co-founder of Sit On It Detroit with my partner Charles Molnar. We build bookshelf benches at bus stops in Detroit. Our benches serve as not only a place to seat while they wait for the bus but an outdoor public

library filled with books. In addition to using reclaim wood from abandoned homes that's reprocessed to build [SOID] benches.

We currently have over 25+ [SOID] benches at bus stops and parks in Detroit. 1 [SOID] bench overseas in Brussels, Belgium. Sit On It Detroit was nominated Innovative Exemplary award by Transit Riders United. Last fall we've started a co-curricular program through Wayne State School of Medicine [Aesculapians Honor Society] medical students volunteering while receiving college credit.

Furthermore we do custom reclaim woodwork for can seen around the city.

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- Thomas Magee's Bar
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- Go Cycle [Rochester]
- Source Booksellers
- The Collective (West Village Detroit)
- Heidelberg project



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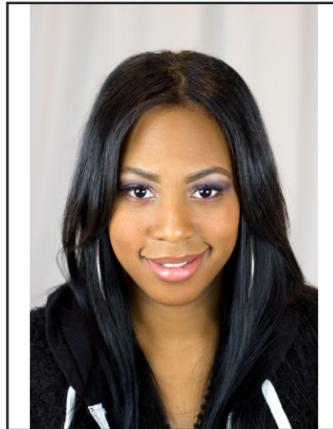
A product of the inner city. Family was victim to drug related circumstances and moved around frequently before eventually relocating from Detroit MI to River Rouge MI. Fell in love with poetry and hip hop at an early age. Inspired by various genres of music, hip hop proved to be the most influential. Realizing how much the art was misunderstood led him to develop ventures that will one day change the negative image and influence that some people currently feel the

hip hop genre is responsible for.

Currently on tour developing resources to help ALL communities negatively effected by multiple problems including cancer, pollution, hunger, crime and police brutality to name a few. Appointed to the River Rouge Planning Commission to help develop a new Master Plan for the city. Proof that Hip Hop is NOT the problem in SOCIETY.

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Dominique Rhodes

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan Dominique Rhodes is an everyday revolutionary. She is a hip-hop artist who performs under the name "Nique Love Rhodes," and she is also a youth advocate and entrepreneur. Being heavily influenced by individuals such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Maya Angelou, Queen Latifah, Tupac Shakur, and Bob Marley,

Dominique attributes her confidence, ambition, and work ethic from her mother and fa-

ther, Katie and Anthony Rhodes, who encouraged her to always dream big, be kind to people, and serve others.

Deeply connected to her spirituality, Rhodes believes that everyone has infinite potential and responsibility to make a great impact on this world and in the lives of those who dwell here, therefore everyone is an "everyday revolutionary." She is a graduate of Spring Arbor University with a Bachelors degree in Urban Ministry, which consisted of concentrated studies in philosophy, theology, urban sociology, and psychology. Dominique currently serves as a case manager, facilitator, and mentor at Westland Youth Assistance. As a hip-hop artist, she has independently released an album titled Against All Odds, has been nominated for multiple Detroit Music Awards, held numerous of live performances with her band "The NLR Experience," including internation-

ally at the North by Northeast Music Festival, and had her original song "Rise Up" licensed for use by the NFL Network.

Dominique has been honored to speak at perform at many community engagement events such as the City of Westland's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration regarding the power of mentoring, as well as conferences such as the American Musicology Conference, 2013's Hip-Hop Literacies Conference at Ohio State University, and most recently had her music presented as a lecture on women in hip-hop at Saginaw Valley State University.

She is the CEO of two companies, Speak Out Loud Entertainment, and NLR Dreams, Incorporated. Please visit www.iamNLR.com to keep up to date with all that Nique is doing in her community.

Dominique's motto for life is "Be revolutionary."



Jewell Jones

Jewell Jones has been working in the community his entire life, all over the state, and country. He has been awarded numerous awards and I'm sure he will be awarded many more. Down through the years, he has remained on a political trajectory from Student Council to working on the campaigns of Hilliard Hampton for Mayor and State Representative, and also David Knezek for State Representative and State Senate.

Maybe, we will see him run for office himself soon! Additionally, Jewell is a member, and usually the youngest, of various boards, forces, and organizations, including Inkster Task Force, the Inkster Chamber of Commerce, Senior Deacon's Board (United Deacon's Council) at his church – the Spiritual Israel Church & Its Army.

Currently, Jewell is in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), on full scholarship, while also just being selected to go to Romania in Europe for a one-month mission. He has also been pulling together people and resources to help jumpstart, revitalize, and strengthen businesses and organizations, namely for young people, but he seems to be willing to help out anyone who comes his way. Ever since he returned from the Congressional Black Caucus's Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. (traveled

with Mr. George Fowler, one of Senator Carl Levin's Aids), he got a bit more active trying to address issues and resolve them effectively. He's been doing quite a lot in Inkster, and other communities, and I'm just waiting to see what he has in store next!

Motto(s): "Always do good!"
"Stay hungry. Stay foolish" – Steve Jobs

The deadline for nominating your choice for the last five spots for the 40 under 40 Black History Series is Wednesday, February 18 at 4:00pm. Send to telegram@telegram-news.net or Telegram 10748 W. Jefferson Ave. River Rouge, MI 48218



HISTORIC VALENTINES AT LINCOLN PARK MUSEUM



Leslie Lynch-Wilson, president of the Lincoln Park Preservation Alliance, is shown holding a photograph of cousin Norma Waters and one of her century-old valentines

The Lincoln Park Historical Museum will present a talk by Leslie Lynch-Wilson, president of the Lincoln Park Preservation Alliance, on the history of valentines, highlighting her family's collection of historic valentines begun more than a century ago. These were collected and saved by her grandmother's cousin, Norma Waters, as a girl and young woman growing up in Pennsylvania. Waters died at the age of 26 in 1920, a single woman working as a nurse in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The fam-

ily's collection has been well-preserved in beautiful condition through many generations and is currently on loan to the museum where it is on exhibit through March. Lynch-Wilson will speak at 2:30 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Saturday February 14 at the museum. The museum will also be a stop on the Lincoln Park DDA's 'Chocolate Walk' that afternoon. Located at 1335 Southfield Road, Lincoln Park. 313-386-3137 or lpmuseum@gmail.com for more information.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Community Calendar and Collaboration Initiative

Community organizations are invited to attend a get-together to create a 2015 community calendar of events and establish a network of collaborative efforts and ideas.

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Bring your organization's calendar of events for 2015 as well as ideas for joint community activities, programs, services, and/or fundraisers.

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From Page 1A

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Hall of Fame

From Page 1A



Current Bulldogs show their school spirit

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Malloy, an All-American line-backer who received a full ride football scholarship to play at Western Michigan University, also served as one of the inaugural inductees – an accom-

plishment that instills a great deal of pride within him as a fellow Bulldog.

"Understanding the tradition of RHS and its athletics over the years, and being one of the first people inducted into the Hall of Fame is very humbling," he said. "I was in this building from 7th grade all the way through my senior year, so I spent a lot of time here. It was truly an honor and phenomenal accomplishment to have my peers and former coaches vote for me."

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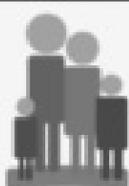


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 CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN
 At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the Court Room of City Hall on January 20, 2015 Meeting called to order at 7:34p
 The following Commissioners were present:
 Mayor Bowdler in the Chair
 Present: Campbell, Pruneau, Perry, Pierce, Ward
 Absent: None
 Excused: Cooney
 15-14 Approval of minutes
 15-15 Suspend regular order of business to for swearing in ceremony for new Fire Marshall/Fire Chief
 15-16 Voucher approval
 15-17 Building permit approval
 15-18 Approval of contract between City of River Rouge and Police Command Officers
 15-19 Approval to pay DCC dues
 15-20 Approval to pay DCC dues for Police/Fire/Drano
 15-21 Approval for repairs to animal shelter
 15-2 Approval to buy and sell 44 E Henry
 15-23 Approval to accept charitable donation of property
 15-24 Motion to adjourn
 A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.
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 In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the February 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.
 APPROVED:
 Approval of the agenda
 Approval of Consent agenda.
 Approval of two Board of Review appointments.
 Approval of a first reading for Medical Marijuana facilities.
 Felicia Rutledge

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE
 CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Outlets of Romulus – Wick and Vining Roads
 Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015** for the purpose of considering variance requests for **BZA-2015-001; Outlets of Romulus**. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.
 The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider variances from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:
 1. **Impervious Surface Coverage** (Section 7.04(a)) to allow total impervious lot coverage to exceed 75%.
 2. **Parking Space Requirements** (Section 14.01(f)(6)) to allow the amount of parking to exceed that allowed by greater than 10%.
 3. **Parking Space Dimensions** (Section 14.02(b)(4)) to allow the dimensions of the parking spaces to be reduced from 10 feet by 20 feet to 9 feet by 18 feet.
 4. **Lighting Levels** (Section 13.05(b)) to allow the footcandle level to be reduced from the required 3 foot-candles to 1-foot candle.
 5. **Light Pole Height** (Section 13.05(e)) to allow light pole height of 40 feet; 25 feet is allowed.



The subject property is located at the southeast corner of Wick and Vining Roads. DP #82-80-058-99-0002-703 and #82-80-058-99-0003-702. The property is zoned RC, Regional Center. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
 All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.
 Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
 City of Romulus, Michigan
Publish: February 12, 2015

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE
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 ORDINANCE NO. 15.08
 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 ARTICLE WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 22-223 THROUGH 22-229 OF ARTICLE VIII SNOW EMERGENCIES, OF CHAPTER 22 TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES.
 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
 PUBLISH: February 5, 2015
 February 13, 2015

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE * CITY OF ROMLULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Excused: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Robert Dickerson, Chief of Staff

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-029 2A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 12, 2015.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-030 2B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on January 12, 2015, 6:00 p.m. study session, General Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014; 7:15 p.m. study session, Quarterly Investment Review.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden announced the Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held at the Romulus Civic Center, 11111 Wayne Road, on Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For further information, call 734-326-3936. Mr. Barden then called Wayne County Commissioner, Al Haidous, from the 11th District to the podium. Commissioner Haidous said he hopes to do very well for the citizens of Romulus as commissioner and he introduced his assistant, Pam Dobrowolski, liaison to the City of Romulus

4A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to accept the chairperson's report.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:

15-031 5A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to concur with the administration and extend Bid 14/15-06 to the successful bidder, Applied Imaging, in the amount of \$6,401 for a Ricoh MP C4503 multi-function color copier for the Community Services Department/Mayor's office.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15- 032 5A1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a 36 month supply and maintenance agreement with fees of \$.0059 for mono copies and \$.055 per color copy.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15- 033 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to award Bid 14/15-14, two Panasonic Toughbook 19 laptop computers with backlit screens for the City of Romulus Fire Department, to the lowest bidder, Rugged Depot, in the amount of \$5,565.70.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15- 034 5C. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to award Bid 14/15-15 for the acquisition of four (4) 2015 Ford Explorer XLT sport utility vehicles for the City of Romulus Police Department, to the lowest bidder, Jack Demmer Ford, in the amount of \$114,897.76.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15- 035 5D. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and approve the anticipated 2015/2016 CDBG allocation and proposed projects.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15- 036 5E. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-13, to recognize additional cost recovery revenues as well as set up a budget for Accumed's recovery billing costs.

FUND/DEPT.		CURRENT		AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMEN	BUDGET
General Fund				
Revenue				
101-3410-511.69-66	Fire Dept. Cost Recovery	10,000	5,000	15,000
Expense				
101-3410-734.77-30	Fire Operating Contractual Services	0	5,000	5,000
To recognize additional cost recovery revenues as well as setup a budget for Accumed's recovery billing costs.				
*Note - this has no effect on the General Fund Fund Balance				

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. Clerk's Report:

15-037 6A1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to schedule the 2015 city-wide garage/yard sale dates for Thursday, May 14th through Sunday, May 17, 2015 with rain dates May 28th through May 31, 2015.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-038 6A2. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to approve the city clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, to attend the Master Academy from Tuesday, March 24th thru Thursday, March 26, 2015; and deputy clerk, Barb Fitzgerald, to attend the MAMC Institute from Sunday, March 15th through Friday, March 20, 2015; both in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment:

Gina Wilson-Steward, owner of the Telegram Newspaper, commented that she is very grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as the official newspaper for the City of Romulus for the past thirty days.

8. Unfinished Business:

15-039 8A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to award the permanent newspaper bid and

name The Telegram Newspaper as the official City paper for calendar year 2015.

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

Nays – Choate, Crout.

Motion Carried.

9. New Business:

Councilwoman Abdo asked Commissioner Haidous to look into the traffic signal light at I-94 and Wayne Road as it does not work properly. Mr. Haidous said he will check on that right away.

10. Communication:

15-040 10A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Donlee Dyer.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to approve Warrant 15-02 in the amount of \$316,170.22.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 26, 2015.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The City of River Rouge is currently seeking applications for Part-Time Police Officers to create an eligibility list. Applicants must be 21 yrs of age, a high school diploma, or GED and Associate Degree. Must have proof of valid MCOLES certification as a Certified Officer. Applications may be obtained Mon-Fri 9:00am until 4:00pm, March 10th-31st at the

River Rouge Police Department
10600 West Jefferson Avenue
River Rouge, Michigan 48218
(313)842-0069

**NAACP Western Wayne County Branch
announce their
2015 Honorees for Freedom Fund Dinner**

LIVONIA, MI,— The NAACP Western Wayne County Branch will host their 2015 NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on Saturday, February 28 from 4:00pm – 7:00 p.m. (Seating will begin at 3:30 p.m.) at Burton Manor Banquet Center located at 27777 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia, MI .

for a Youth Ticket. Each ticket includes a one year NAACP membership

Sponsorship and advertisement opportunities are available:

About NAACP Western Wayne County Branch:

NAACP Western Wayne Branch is pleased to announce their Honorees for their 2015 Freedom Fund Dinner. The Lifetime Achievement Honoree is Mayor Hilliard Hampton; The Great Expectation Honoree is Jewell Jones and the Freedom and Justice Honorees are Isaac Robinson and Fatima Abdrabb.

The NAACP Western Wayne County Branch represents 18 cities: Allen Park, Belleville, Brownstown, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, New Boston, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Romulus, Sumpter, Taylor, Wayne and Westland.

Our theme for this year is: "Embracing Diversity, Engaging our Community and Restoring the Village".

If you have any questions, concerns or want more information, please contact NAACP Western Wayne County Branch by phone 313.677.4710 or 313.949.3133 email: wwcnaacp@gmail.com, or via fax 313.928-3014 or follow us on facebook at western wayne county naacp.

Wayne County Sheriff, Benny Napoleon is the Keynote Speaker.

Ticket prices for this spectacular event are \$100.00 for Adult Ticket and \$50.00

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This Week's Varsity High School Varsity Basketball

By Butch Davis

It getting close to the end of the regular season for Girls and Boys varsity basketball so want don't check out a basketball game in your neck of the woods, Here are this weeks high school varsity basketball games in your area for 2/12/2015-2/18/2015. Enjoy!

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/12, 4:30 PM
Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies at Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/12, 4:30 PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Dearborn Henry Ford

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/12, 6:30 PM
Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner at Dearborn Advanced Tech

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/12, 7:00 PM
Carleton Airport at Grosse Ile
Monroe Jefferson at Riverview
River Rouge at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/12, 7:00 PM
Gibraltar Carlson at Brownstown Woodhaven
Ann Arbor Central Academy at Inkster Peterson Warren Academy
Taylor Truman at Lincoln Park
Melvindale at Taylor Kennedy
Southgate Anderson at Trenton
Allen Park at Wyandotte Roosevelt
Riverview at Carleton Airport

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/12, 7:30 PM
Dearborn Hts Star International at Harper Woods
Waterford Our Lady at Allen Park Cabrini
Southfield Christian at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/13, 5:30 PM
River Rouge at Detroit University Prep Science & Math
Detroit Allen Academy at Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Highland Park Renaissance Academy

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/13, 6:00 PM
Southfield Christian at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Dearborn Riverside Academy-West at Detroit Cristo Rey

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/13, 7:00 PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Allen Park
Romulus at Belleville
Dearborn at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Redford Thurston at Dearborn Heights Crestwood
Garden City at Dearborn Heights Robichaud
Taylor Kennedy at Melvindale
Taylor Baptist Park at Plymouth Christian
Trenton at Southgate Anderson
Cornerstone Health/Technology HS at Taylor Preparatory
Lincoln Park at Taylor Truman

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/13, 7:00 PM
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Dearborn
Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies at Detroit Allen Academy
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn Fordson
Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Garden City
Taylor Trillium at Taylor Preparatory
Plymouth at Westland John Glenn

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/13, 7:30 PM
Capital Home School Athletic Program at Christ the King
Madison Heights Bishop Foley at Dearborn Divine Child
Sterling Heights Parkway Christian at Taylor Baptist Park
Flint Beecher at River Rouge

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/14, 5:00 PM
Taylor Truman at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/14, 6:30 PM
Taylor Truman at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/16, 7:00 PM
Monroe at Taylor Truman

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/17, 4:30 PM
Dearborn Riverside Academy-West at Dearborn Advanced

"Black History Month"

African-Americans have played a significant role in Golf

By Butch Davis



PGA Champion Tour Player Jim Thorpe and Telegram News Butch Davis at the Dearborn TPC tournament in the year 2001.

From the time when John Shippen was breaking barriers at the 1896 U.S. Open to Tiger Woods shattering virtually every PGA Tour record of significance, African-Americans have played a significant role in the development of golf down through the years. Golf is not just a male sport, nor is it just a sport where the image of the ever-present white male golfer should always come to mind, however in my travels, golf is a sport that many African-Americans seem to enjoy. You may ask who is John Shippen? Well, John Matthew Shippen Jr. one of nine children of Eliza and John Shippen Sr. an African-American Presbyterian minister who had moved his family to the reservation in 1888 from Washington, D.C. At age 15, young Shippen was introduced to golf. A year later, he was employed as a caddie at Shinnecock Hills, where he also elevated his career and in so doing became recognized as the first American-born

golf professional. At Shinnecock Hills, he was a teacher, club repairman and served on the maintenance crew.

In 1896, a 17-year-old Shippen, encouraged by his club, entered the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills. Joining him was his friend, Oscar Bunn, a Native American who was not employed as a professional. Many Scottish and English golfers signed a petition, threatening to withdraw from the Open if Shippen and Bunn remained in the field. Theodore Havemeyer, the President of the United States Golf Association (USGA), declared that the U.S. Open would be played, even if Shippen and Bunn were the only entrants. The Open back in those day was a one-day, 36-hole event, began with a field of 35 players. Shippen posted a 78 to share first place after the opening round. However, his title hopes ended at the 13th hole in the final round, when his drive strayed right

along a sandy road and he eventually made an 11. He finished tied for sixth in that U.S. Open, earning a \$10 prize.

How about a name you do recognize such of Joe Louis Barrow, one of the greatest boxing champions in history whom may have retired from the ring in 1951, but he kept fighting for diversity in golf, a game which he had fallen in love with decades earlier. In 1952, the former heavyweight champion received a sponsor exemption from Chevrolet to play in the inaugural San Diego Open at San Diego Country Club. As Louis's son, Joe Louis Barrow Jr., recounted in 2012, the automaker had no idea that there existed a "Caucasian-only" clause in PGA of America by-laws. Louis and others put together a petition and delivered it to the California governor, Pat Brown, who declared that the clause was unconstitutional. The PGA eventually permitted Louis to play as an exempt amateur. Louis, the first African-American to compete in a PGA-sanctioned event, missed the cut but made a powerful case for the inclusion of minority players in the sport, leading to the removal in 1961 of the Caucasian-only clause. The PGA also granted an honorary membership to Joe Louis Barrow Sr, better known as Joe Louis, the legendary world heavyweight-boxing champion who became an advocate for diversity in golf.

Like present golfer Tiger Woods who had his up and downs professional and personal he was not the first black golfer to have troubles. Jim Thorpe 13-time winner on the Champions Tour (also known as the Senior Tour) when he started in 1999 and who I had the pleasure to cover in 2001 in addition also had three victories on the PGA Tour had a run in with the law. Thorpe was sentenced to a year in federal prison after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor counts of failing to pay more than \$2 million in back taxes, interest and penalties April 1, 2010. In his brief media session I talk to Thorpe who showed no bitterness and appeared humbled. He has acknowledged that he did not file income tax returns from 2002 to 2004 and suggested that he got poor advice. However, now he back playing the game he loves so well and also has taken as much time needed to teach and mentor as many young African-American the game of golf in addition to the game of life.

There are many unknown and unsung black women in the world of golf, whether they are out on the links hitting eagles, birdies or bogies, or whether they are behind the scenes as teachers and mentors to young up-and-coming black girls who aspire to be golfers. In 1963, tennis great Althea Gibson becomes the first African-American to compete on the LPGA Tour. In cover basketball I got know and meet Ms. Eve Wright who is the Vice President and Associate General Counsel for the Miami HEAT and the American Airlines Arena. In her position, Ms. Wright advises on a wide variety of legal issues pertaining to marketing and promotions, concerts and events, corporate sales, merchandising initiatives and player-related matters. Ms. Wright previously served as the Senior Director of Business

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Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/17, 5:00 PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Detroit DEPSA Early College

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/17, 5:00 PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Dearborn Riverside Academy-West

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Gibraltar Carlson at Taylor Kennedy
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Trenton at Wyandotte Roosevelt
Romulus at Ypsilanti Arbor

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/17, 7:00 PM
Taylor Truman at Brownstown Woodhaven
Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn
Redford Union at Dearborn Edsel Ford
Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Dearborn Heights Robichaud
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies
Adrian at Romulus Summit Academy
Lincoln Park at Southgate Anderson
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Taylor Baptist Park
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Trenton
Ecorse at White Lake Lakeland

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/18, 7:00 PM
Allen Park at Melvindale

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/18, 7:00 PM
Melvindale at Allen Park

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/18, 7:30 PM

Camera Girls

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Camera Operator Linda Gurniak

because we are able to let people know what's going on in our city."

Initially meeting in 1987, Gurniak, who holds a degree in telecommunications from Eastern Michigan University, eventually roused her counterpart's interest in videography (which perfectly supplemented Johnson's pre-established attraction to photography). Several internships later, both women progressed to their current positions in Romulus' Cable and Media Department – a job that has kept them enjoyably busy for more than a decade.

"There's at least two things for us to cover every week," Gurniak said. "But next week, we have four nights of different events, so we're going to be extremely busy this entire month. We film so much around the city....Everything from the Martin Luther King walk, to Daddy/Daughter Dances and the opening of the new Dog Park. I'm retired from my other job, so I'm always available to take on as many tasks here as I can."

In balancing a plethora of wide ranging responsibilities (which also includes occasional editing and lighting duties), Gurniak and Johnson always work diligently to keep citizens informed throughout the city. Residents have 24/7 access to the municipality's YouTube channel, which streams city council meetings and a community news show featuring footage of special events personally recorded by the camerawomen. And to top it all off,

their vibrant outgoing personalities, combined with their delightful interpersonal connection, arguably makes them the most captivating duo in the City of Romulus.

"We like having fun and having a good time, but we also take our job very seriously," Johnson said.

"What's really great about this job is meeting and interacting with people, and using our creativity along with our work behind the camera," Gurniak said in agreement. "She and I both have different aspects of creativity, so she may see something she likes, and I may see something completely different. But it always comes together well."

While Gurniak and Johnson perform a commendable job as camera operators for the City of Romulus, what may be most admirable is the fact that these two friends – whether they are toting cameras on location or just shooting the breeze during a night out on the town – exhibit a connection that thoroughly demonstrates their commitment to the true meaning of friendship and everlasting sisterhood.

"If Linda is in the middle of filming, and someone is trying to walk out in front of her camera, I'm going to do my best to keep them away from that camera," Johnson said. "We really work well together, and of course, we always make sure to look out for each other. I think that is always very important...We definitely feed off of one another."



Camera Operator Cathy Johnson

Golf

From Page 13A

Affairs for the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), a non-profit corporation that promotes women's golf through the LPGA Tour and LPGA Teaching and Club Professional memberships. As Senior Director of Business Affairs, she developed sports marketing opportunities for corporate sponsors to leverage their affiliation with the LPGA in order to reach their target markets; presented strategies to activate golf association relationships and identified strategic brand extension and revenue generation opportunities. Additionally, Ms. Wright managed the LPGA's international trademark portfolio and retail licensing business. During her tenure with the LPGA, Ms. Wright also served as the Senior Director of Legal Affairs and Director of Legal Affairs for the LPGA. In those positions, she was involved in several facets of the organization, including corporate governance, LPGA tournament contracts; sponsorship, licensing and retail merchandising initiatives; all legal matters related to LPGA.com; trademark management and foreign trademark prosecution; and television broadcast initiatives. She still today takes time to addresses audiences on life as an NBA Executive and how to move up the road to success and achievement.

Charles Luther Sifford who recently passed away on February 3, 2015 was a professional golfer who was the first African American to play on the PGA Tour. He won the Greater Hartford Open in 1967 and the Los Angeles Open in 1969. He also won the United Golf Association's National Negro Open six times, and the PGA Seniors' Championship in 1975. For his contributions to golf, Sifford was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2004. He was awarded the Old Tom Morris Award in 2007, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2014, and an honorary doctorate from the University of St Andrews. However, in 1964, Pete Brown becomes the first African-American player to win a PGA-sanctioned event, the Waco Turner Open. He also wins the 1970 Andy Williams San Diego Invitational. 1975, Lee Elder becomes the first African-American to play in the Masters. He misses the cut, but goes on to win four times on the PGA Tour and eight times on the Champions Tour. Elder also was the first African-American to play in the Ryder Cup. Finally, Calvin Peete who has won 12 career PGA Tour victories and was the most prolific African-American winner until Tiger Woods came along.

Indeed, Golf is not just a male sport, nor is it just a sport where the images of the ever-present white male is able to play, nevertheless, like football and basketball; African-Americans have played a significant role in the development of golf down throughout the years.

(Thank You PGA for your time and info for this article)

**STOP BY ONE OF THE
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40 Under 40 Celebrity Spotlight: Kerry Washington

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Kerry Washington poses for March issue of In Style Magazine

"Just as we must ensure that 'we the people' includes all Americans – regardless of race, class, gender and sexual orientation – we must also work to ensure that the stories we tell, the movies we make, the television we produce, the theatre we stage, and the novels we publish are inclusive in all those same ways." – Kerry Washington

Before Kerry Washington 'handled it' every Thursday night as the star of ABC's hit drama series 'Scandal', she had already made an impressive mark on the world through the accrual of an expansive big screen portfolio – from her breakout role as a spirited teenage mother in the hip romance classic 'Save the Last Dance', to riveting performances alongside Jamie Foxx and Forest Whitaker in 'Ray' and 'The Last King of Scotland'. Now one of the most coveted actresses in Hollywood following her meteoric rise to popularity as Olivia Pope – primetime TV's most powerful political fixer – Washington continues to distinguish herself as a woman of many titles: Exemplary Artist. Humanitarian Activist. Innovative Style Maven. And Influential Trailblazer.

In securing her career defining role as Olivia – the hardnosed, enviously chic D.C. crisis manager whose unbounded influence extends all the way from the Pope & Associates boardroom to the depths of the Oval Office – Washington made his-

tory as the first African American woman to headline a major network television show in nearly 40 years, and remains the only black female since 1995 to receive a Primetime Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series. And Washington – a perpetually "best dressed" style icon whose effortless on screen display of Olivia's Pope's designer wardrobe prompted a series inspired clothing line at "The Limited" – has remarkably piloted 'Scandal' into its status as a leading wonder in American popular culture. Even more impressive than this: the actresses' influence extends far beyond the range of the silver screen.

The 38-year-old Bronx native – who notably holds a dual bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology from George Washington University – is also one of the most outspoken social activists in the entertainment industry. A staunch champion of women's and minority rights, Washington served as a pivotal contributor during both of Barack Obama's presidential election campaigns, and was a featured speaker at the 2012 Democratic National Convention. In 2009, she was appointed to the President's Committee of the Arts and Humanities, and is also an active ambassador for domestic violence and finan-

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BRAZILL CONSTRUCTION

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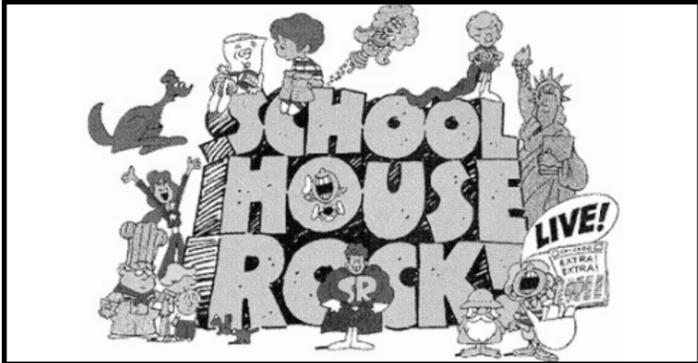


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School House Rock Live! comes to the Music Hall



Childsplay brings the hit cartoon series Schoolhouse Rock to life on stage. The TV show, which presented academic subjects through megahits like "Conjunction Junction" and "Just a Bill," has received a bit of a makeover as Childsplay premieres an updated sound to the popular hits. "One of the things I really wanted to do was put a little

more "rock" into Schoolhouse Rock," said Director Anthony Runfola. "While this production will still feature a wide cross section of musical styles and the original melodies are all still there, we have given the music a fresh perspective." The show is Saturday, February 28, 2015. For more information or tickets visit www.musichall.org

Wayne State students to perform August Wilson's Fences

The Bonstelle Theatre is excited to welcome local guest director Lynch Travis as its 2014-15 season continues with Fences, the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play by August Wilson. Playing February 13 - 22, 2015, Fences follows an African American father and his son as each struggle through unfulfilled hopes and shattered dreams in the 1950s.

Written in 1983, Fences is the sixth play in August Wilson's ten-part "Pittsburgh Cycle" and explores the evolving African American experience while examining race relations during the 1950s. The story centers around Troy Maxon, a former Negro League baseball star who was excluded from the major leagues during his prime. Now a Pittsburgh garbage man, Troy harbors a lingering bitterness that threatens his relationships with his wife and his son, who wants his own chance to play ball.

Tickets are \$15 - \$20, with student rush tickets available for \$10 on the day of the performance. Tickets are available for purchase by calling 313-577-2960, by visiting www.bonstelle.com, or by visiting the Wayne State University Theatre Box Office located at 4743 Cass Ave. on the corner of Hancock St.

ASK ALMA

My Wife is Imprisoned by an Old Love



Dear Alma,

I found emails my wife has been writing to an old boyfriend who's now in jail. He will be locked up for a long, long time. At first I wasn't all that concerned, but now she's sending him pictures. I found out because I read her email when she's not home. I saw where she told him, "I can't wait to get you letters" and "I wonder if you're looking at my pictures and thinking about me." Even though this man is in jail, it still affects me just as if she was writing to someone out in the streets. Am I being petty, or am I right in thinking that she is disrespecting me. I love my wife, but this really makes me wonder.

From, Mr. Wondering

Dear Mr. Wondering,

And wonder you should, but there's more than a few apps on disloyalty downloaded on your cell phone. Why are you checking your wife's email when she's not home? After addressing that, you can move on to your issue with the inmate.

Nope, you're not being petty.

You just need to nip this rusty nail in the bud. It seems to me something was cockeyed before you caught sight of those emails. I'm not excusing her behavior, because infidelity is selfish and, yes, disrespectful. But some parts to this story you aren't telling me.

Tell her why you're reading her email, and then ask her about her contact with him. Make sure you both honestly talk about both sides to this situation. Speak the truth to each other, not just saying words you think the other wants to hear.

Equally important, listen to each other.

If she makes this about you and the emails, then she's not ready to own her unfaithful behavior. Yes, you were wrong, but she's wrong too, and both issues need to be admitted, confronted and discussed.

Give purposeful thought to what you two want out of your marriage. Since he'll be locked up, as you say, for a long, long time, both of you can work at this and take the necessary steps to rebuild your commitment, reminding each other that your devotion is crucial to saving your union.

And don't forget to apologize to each other.

It is my hope that you two will find your way back to seeing each other through new eyes - eyes of forgiveness, blinking with compassion and winking with desire.

Alma

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cial abuse awareness through her work with the Allstate Foundation Purple Purse project, as well as the global organization V-Day. To honor her commendable achievements as both an artist and public leader, Washington was awarded the Phoenix Award for commitment to social advocacy from the Congressional Black Caucus, and was included in Time Magazine's annual list of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2014.

As one of the most popular megastars on the planet, Kerry Washington – through her archetypal talent and passionate authenticity as an actress – has shattered television's glass ceiling in her portrayal of Olivia Pope as a powerful, yet delicately flawed African-American heroine who remains a cutting edge boss in a field typically saturated by racism and patriarchal dominance. With that, she has continued to break barriers, while subsequently blazing a path for the existence of other successful network dramas that currently feature black female lead characters – from ABC's 'How to Get Away With Murder' starring Viola Davis, to FOX's newest hit sensation 'Empire' with Taraji P. Henson. In the 21st Century, where on-screen representations of race and gender should comprehensively reflect the dynamics of our ever-changing world, it remains clear that Washington – as a groundbreaking actress and tireless social advocate – will forever be hailed as a fearless champion of artistic excellence and a model proponent of social justice for countless generations to come.

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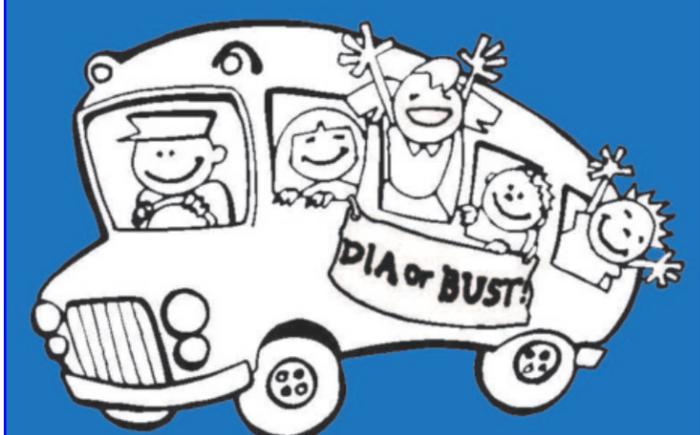
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