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New lofts bring renewed appeal to Downtown Lincoln Park

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



If you've driven down Fort Street over the past several months, the newly constructed Lincoln Park Lofts have undoubtedly captured your attention. Located within the formerly abandoned theater in the heart of downtown Lincoln Park, the project features two buildings

equipped with thirty-eight, beautifully assembled lofts aimed at providing "permanent, affordable, energy-efficient family living". Residents are offered 1, 2, and 3 bedroom spaces, all of which contain washer and dryer units, full bathrooms and brand new amenities. Select lofts are

designated for formerly homeless tenants, while all others belong to qualified occupants who are either project voucher based, or meet income eligibility requirements for subsidized rent rates. As part of an initiative headed

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1 in 4 Michigan Kids Now Lives in Poverty



Childhood is less fun and games and more of a struggle for nearly one-quarter of the state's kids, who are growing up in impoverished households, according to the 2015 Kids Count in Michigan report

LANSING - Nearly one-in-four Michigan children is growing up in poverty, an increase of 35 percent over the past six years, according to the latest Kids Count in Michigan report.

The 2015 report finds that the economic recovery is not reaching the state's youngest and most vulnerable residents.

Jane Zehnder-Merrell, Kids Count Michigan project director with the Michigan League

for Public Policy, says despite unemployment being down, 35 percent of young children in the state now qualify for food assistance, and nearly half of Michigan school children now are eligible for free and reduced priced lunches.

"When you think about it, average life spans in the U.S. are now around 70, and what happens in those first 20 years is going to shape, in large de-

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City of Inkster and the Inkster Tax Increment Finance Authority Announce Grand Opening of New Inkster Justice Center

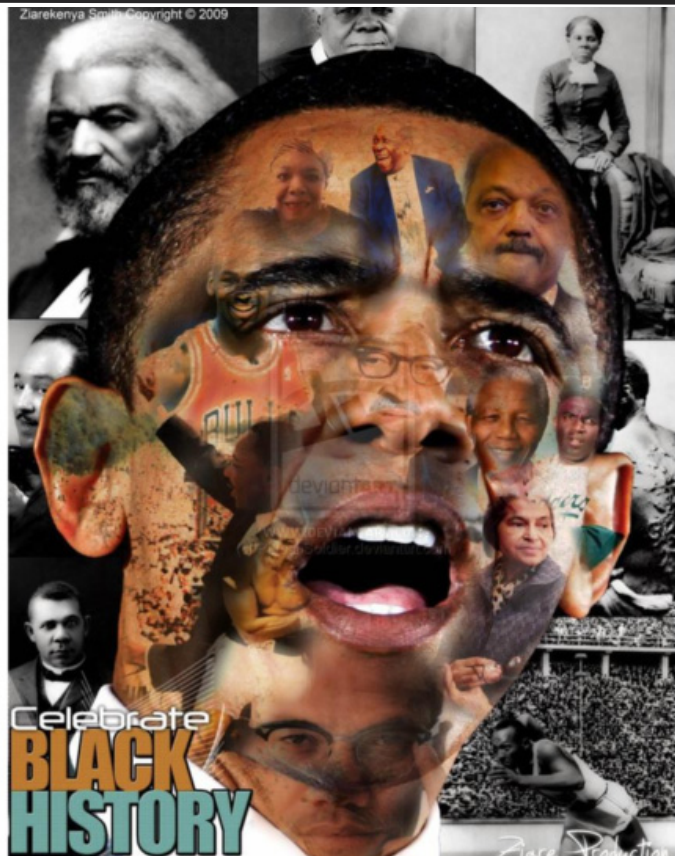


INKSTER- On behalf of the Inkster Tax Increment Finance Authority Board, Mayor Hilliard

Hampton, 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson, City Manager Richard Marsh, Jr.,

Chief of Police Vicki Yost, and the Inkster City Council, we

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CALL TO ACTION

Start talking and get tested
HIV Awareness is Key



Are you having a conversation about HIV with your partner? Stop and think about it, have you asked the person that you are intimate with about their HIV status? You haven't!? Why not? If you can ask them what they had for dinner or what movie they want to go see, then you should be able to ask them "What is your HIV status? Or ask them when was your last HIV test? If you can ask these questions, then you should not be taking your relationship to the next level. It's your life that you are protecting. My Call to Action this week is to encourage you to have that conversation with your mate. Once you have the conversation, then get tested. If you haven't gotten an HIV test within the last year, I am encouraging you to get tested.

The Telegram Newspaper along with VODI (Voices of Detroit Initiative) and the Wayne County Health Department will host a HIV Testing Day on Monday, February 23, 2015. The testing will be held at the Telegram Business Center 10748 W. Jefferson Ave. in River Rouge. Testing will begin at 11:00am and end at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Confidential Testing is FREE and staff will be on hand for education and counseling. Stop by if you have questions that need answering and to get testing. There will be other Health Care providers

on hand to provide other services to the community. If you have any questions, please call the Telegram office at 313-928-2955.

The following article sheds some light on the importance of communication when it comes to HIV and preventing the spread of this preventable disease.

Start Talking. Stop HIV., a new phase of CDC's Act Against AIDS initiative, seeks to reduce new HIV infections among gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men* by encouraging open discussion about a range of HIV prevention strategies and related sexual health issues between sex partners. Effective partner communication about HIV can reduce HIV transmission by supporting HIV testing, HIV status disclosure, condom use, and the use of medicines to prevent and treat HIV.


Though they only represent 2% of the overall population, gay and bisexual men—including those who inject drugs—account for over half of the 1.1 million people living with HIV in the United States (57%, or an estimated 657,800 people), and two-thirds of all new HIV infections each year. A 2011 study in 20 U.S. cities with high AIDS prevalence found that 18% of gay or bisexual men had HIV. That's about 1 in 6 men. Of those men, 33% did not know they had HIV.

Your life matters and staying healthy is important.

No matter the type of relationship, communication can be key to finding the right prevention strategy that works for you and your partner.

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gree, what happens in the next 50," she points out.

The data also show reports of child maltreatment on the rise, but Zehnder-Merrell says there are some bright spots.

She points to the decline in teen births, a reduction in the number of children in out-of-home care, and an increase in the percentage of fourth graders reading proficiently.

In 2011, the state's Earned Income Tax Credit, which goes to families struggling to make ends meet, was cut by 70 percent.

Michigan voters will choose whether to restore it on the May 5 ballot, and Zehnder-Merrell maintains approval would be a positive step.

"Looking at the numbers around child poverty, it's clear that we need a strong safety net," she states. "The recovery has not touched families with children in any real way."

Along with a stronger safety net, Zehnder-Merrell says she feels the only way to break the cycle of child poverty is with a two-generation approach.

"You can't help children without helping their parents - not in any really sustained way," she stresses. "A lot of low-income parents don't have the skills and education that they need to get the jobs that are now going unfilled in Michigan."

While Michigan had eliminated financial aid grants for adults attending public colleges and universities in recent years, Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal does restore \$6 million for that purpose.



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NEWS FROM LANSING

Senator Hopgood Invites Local Residents
to Coffee Hours

Flat Rock, — State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D–Taylor) is inviting members of the community to join him at two upcoming coffee hours to discuss state and local issues of concern. Sen. Hopgood represents the new 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township, and Westland. The coffee hours will provide opportunities for citizens to meet Sen. Hopgood and share their thoughts about current events in Lansing and the local community.

Senator Hopgood's March Coffee Hour will take place on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

MARCH COFFEE HOUR:

WHO: State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D – Taylor)
WHERE: Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St.,
Belleville, MI 48111

WHEN: Friday, March 20, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

For additional information regarding these events, contact Senator Hopgood's office by calling 517-373-7800, by e-mailing to Senhhopgood@senate.mi.gov or visiting his Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SenHopgood>.



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CHILD WATCH

Girls In Justice

By Marian Wright Edelman



I'm grateful for a powerful new book, *Girls In Justice* by artist Richard Ross, a follow up to his moving earlier *Juvenile In Justice*, which combines Ross's photographs of girls in the juvenile justice system with interviews he gathered from more than 250 detention facilities across the United States. If a picture is worth a thousand words, the deeply disturbing photographs speak volumes. Ross uses the power of photography to make visible the hidden and harsh world of girls in detention. These heart wrenching images coupled with the girls' ages and life stories should move us to confront the cruel and unjust juvenile justice system in our nation.

These girls are ours: our neighbors, our children's classmates, our daughters and granddaughters, sisters, cousins, and nieces — and, for some young children, our mothers. *Girls In Justice* begs the questions: Why are so many girls, especially girls of color, confined in our nation's detention facilities? And what are we as a society going to do about it?

We must all work tirelessly to give hope and a fair chance to these girls and all children by promoting policies, programs, and supports that help them and their families, especially those most at risk. We must combat systemic problems that contribute to family and community dysfunction and wreak havoc on developing children including girls; we must dig beneath the surface and examine the root cause of girls' "offenses" and why injustice saps the hopes of so many young lives on our watch.

In 2013, one in five girls in the United States was poor, and girls of color were disproportionately poor. From birth to young adulthood, children — especially poor children and children of color — encounter multiple and cumulative risk factors that often result in their being funneled into the prison pipeline through the juvenile and criminal justice systems and locked up behind bars. Such massive incarceration is sentencing millions of children to social and economic death. The pipeline to prison is lodged

at the intersection of poverty and race and is intolerable in a professed society of opportunity.

While twice as many boys as girls are arrested, girls are the fastest growing segment of the juvenile justice system. As girls rock the cradle they rock the future, and we must pay attention to both girls and boys to ensure the development of healthy families.

Girls of color and poor girls face special challenges before they enter the juvenile justice system, during their confinement, and when they return to their communities after release. At the front end, racial disparities and the lack of appropriate treatment and support that run through every major child-serving system negatively impact their life chances by pushing more children into juvenile detention and adult prison. These include limited health and mental health care; lack of quality early childhood support experiences (including home visiting, Early Head Start and Head Start, child care, preschool, and kindergarten); children languishing in foster care waiting for permanent families and shunted through multiple placements; and failing schools with harsh zero tolerance discipline policies, mostly for nonviolent offenses, that suspend, expel, and discourage children who then too often drop out and do not graduate.

Girls in the system often encounter a unique set of challenges. Almost three quarters of them have been sexually or physically abused. Most are arrested for nonviolent offenses such as truancy, running away, or alcohol and substance use which can often be linked to severe abuse or neglect. These nonviolent offenses, or status offenses, would not be considered offenses for an adult. Poverty has an impact: although the trauma of sexual violence and abuse affects many girls, poor girls often lack adequate supports to keep them from juvenile detention.

Victimized girls often face more trauma and stigmatization by being held in juvenile detention facilities instead of diverted to appropriate community-based alternatives. Whether confinement is temporary or longer term, programs and personnel are often not equipped to deal with their unique needs and sometimes exacerbate the trauma. Reports are rampant of confined girls being emotionally, physically, and sexually abused, isolated, separated from their babies, unable to visit their family members regularly, and humiliated through common practices like pat downs.

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would like to announce that there will be a Grand Opening Ceremony and Open House celebrating the opening of the newly built Inkster Justice Center. The Justice Center now houses the Inkster Police Department and the 22nd District Court.

City Manager Richard Marsh, Jr. stated "The citizens of Inkster deserve to be proud of their city buildings. The employees who serve the citizens deserve to work in a facility that compliments their professionalism and makes them proud to be a part of our team. This project has been a long time coming, and I am truly excited that the citizens of our city have a court and a police department that they can be proud of!"

The event will take place on Tuesday March 3rd, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and the public is welcome. There will be tours of the facility and members of the media will have an opportunity to speak with city officials about this exciting step forward for the city of Inkster. For further media inquiries you may contact City Manager Richard Marsh, Jr. at 313-563-4234.

LOCATION:

Inkster Justice Center
26279 Michigan Avenue
Inkster, Michigan 48141

It is way past time for every adult to take responsibility for reducing the number of girls and boys behind bars through prevention and diversion programs and community supports both before and after detention. And it is way past time for adults of every race and income group to break our silence about the pervasive breakdown of moral, family, community and national values, to place our children first in our lives, to rebuild family and community, to model the behavior we want our children to learn, and to never give up on any child.

We do not have a "child and youth problem" in America. Rather, we have a profound adult problem. It is time for adults to address it and to give all of our children true justice: hope, opportunity, and love.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

What are your girls doing?

COUNCIL CORNER
Recycling & Environmental
community meeting



Join Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López for the District 6 Recycling & Environmental community meeting on Wednesday February 25, 2015 from 6 - 7:30 pm

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For more information, call my office: 313-224-2450 or email u s : CouncilmemberRaquel@detroitmi.gov

LIBRARY NEWS

In honor of Black History Month, the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library presents
"Celebrate!

The Music of African Americans" with a live performance by the renowned jazz ensemble, Straight Ahead! Seating is limited for this historical event at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library on Saturday February 28, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

Straight Ahead is a ground breaking jazz group with strong inventive instrumentalists and vocalists with roots in the Detroit music scene. The group is well known for their eclectic

approach to creating music. Straight Ahead has shared the stage with Nina Simone, Kem, Tony Bennett, Jean Luc Ponty, Stanley Clarke, and George Duke among others. These Grammy nominated recording artists have traveled throughout the United States, the Caribbean and Europe.

Please welcome Straight Ahead's performance at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library on Saturday February 28, 2015 at 1:30 pm. The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road; Inkster; MI 48141—one block North of Michigan Avenue. For more information please call the library at 313-563-2822 or visit www.inksterlibrary.org.

Romulus Public Library Presents a series of
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Meet Author John Kozak for author talk & book signing. John Kozak's book "Through the Eyes of Rose: A Mother's Flight to Freedom in a Memory Mosaic" is a true account of his mother's harrowing escape from Communist occupied Czechoslovakia with her two children.
March 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library

Astute Artistry will present and demonstrate Special Effects Make-up for eighteen and over. Space is limited for this program.
March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library

Hot Reads for Cold Nights Adult Winter Reading Program Wrap up party. For those who participated in the reading program come for treats and a raffle and book discussion.
March 23, 2015 at 6:30 p. m. at the Romulus Public Library

Detroit Institute of Arts Presents "Through Her Eyes", viewing the work of women artist in the DIA collection.
March 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

All Programs subject to change. Please register by visiting the Library or by phone (734) 942-7589. Space is Limited.
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Suddenly

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



The thing about suddenly is that you don't know when it's coming. It's so spontaneous that you don't have time to brace yourself. You can know something is coming, but you don't always know exactly when it will arrive. No matter how much you plan, prepare and ready yourself, the suddenly can catch you by surprise. Pleasantly, I hope.

Sometimes we wait for it and wait for it. We ask, pray and wait. We ask again and pray some more. When we don't see progress, we wonder what is wrong. In reality, progress is usually taking place and we haven't noticed, or the progress is so gradual, we don't see it happening.

The cares of life generally distracts us from seeing the step by step process. Sometimes we notice small milestones as progress unfolds. Much of the progress takes place behind the scenes where we cannot see with out eyes. But by faith, we know that change and growth is happening.

the growing seed, found in Mark 4:26-29. "Jesus went on to say, "The Kingdom of God is like this. A man scatters seed in his field. He sleeps at night, is up and about during the day, and all the while the seeds are sprouting and growing. Yet he does not know how it happens. The soil itself makes the plants grow and bear fruit; first the tender stalk appears, then the head, and finally the head full of grain. When the grain is ripe, the man starts cutting it with his sickle, because the harvest time has come."

The rate of speed for development between sowing and harvest time varies. We sow seeds and go about our business. We are aware that the seed is in the ground. As we do our day to day activities, provided that our soil is good, the soil is working on developing our seed. Then one day, voila! Suddenly. A fully ripened product is ready. Fruit. Blessing.

Suddenly doesn't really happen suddenly, all the time. Suddenly is usually the end result of a longer process. It's a culmination of things working together and when the time is right, it appears fully grown and ready for harvest. Some suddenly's take years. Some take months, weeks, days or maybe moments. At the appointed time, when it's fully grown and ready, you will have your suddenly.

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I am reminded of the parable of

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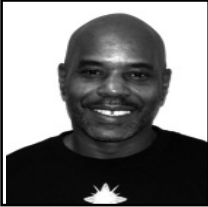
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JEAUNE D. JENKINS
May 27, 1980 - Jan. 11, 2015

Affectionately known as Jay. In high school, she participated in the co-partnered Novi-Walled Lake Culinary Arts program. After graduation, she pursued her dream to become a video game designer and enrolled in the Computer Web Design program at Virginia College in Birmingham, Alabama; leaving in 2000 to give birth to her son Jadavian. Eventually returning to her love of cooking, Jeane completed the Culinary Arts program at Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) in Kalamazoo, MI and recently landed her dream job as a Chef.

Cherishing Jeane's memories are her life-partner Tanisha Mullins; her son Jadavian Jenkins and his father David Harris III; her father James Cornell Jenkins (Elisa); her mother Dedra Eileen Jenkins (Stephen); her grandparents James Jenkins, Jr. and a host of family and friends.

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

BARBARA MAE BURNS
Feb. 18, 1943 - Jan. 12, 2015

Barbara Mae Burns was born on February in Jackson, Mississippi. She graduated from Inkster High School in 1961. She worked at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital as a Nurse Aid. After working a couple of years at St. Joseph she was offered a Nurse Aide position at Wayne County General Hospital where she retired after working 15 years there.

She loved to cook and bake cakes. She received well earned love, respect and admiration from all the people she helped and encountered. She will be continuously loved and missed.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory one son: Damon Keith Burns; daughter: Renee Kamala Burns; two sisters: Sheryl Ann Burns and Betty Jean Carter; five grandchildren: Dashaun, Marquis, Rejon, Donald and Marketa and a host of family and friends.

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PERRY WILLIE LANG JR.
Oct. 19, 1931 - Jan. 15, 2015

Perry Willie Lang, Jr. was born in Ecorse, Michigan. As a child,

Perry could make the best go-carts in the neighborhood not to mention his sling shots. After graduating from Ecorse High School, he was inducted into the U.S. Marine Corp, during the Korean War. When he returned from service, he went to trade school at Ford Motor Co., and became a journeyman electrician. Perry loved the outdoors and photography. Perry was very active in the community. He loved Ecorse; even after he moved to Inkster, he spent most of his time in and around Ecorse. He was an inactive Mason, a charter member of the Ecorse-River Rouge Lions Club and other local groups.

The loving family left with so many memories consist of: his wife of 57 years, Kathleen; daughter, Melanie Denette; son, Perry Alexander, grandchildren: Troy, Clifford, Sade, Candice, Michael and Perry; daughter-in-law: Christina; sister: Agnes Otha Logan; and brother: Jesse Lang (Patricia) and many friends and family.

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EUGENE LANDYON, JR.
Sept. 15, 1994 - Jan. 17, 2015

Eugene Alexander Landyon Jr. was truly loved and adored by everyone who came into contact with him. His smile was infectious and his beautiful teeth were one of his best features and he knew it!

Eugene grew up in Inkster and graduated from Oak Park High School. He decided to follow in his father's footsteps and pursue a job in the automobile industry. He was employed at Quality Team One.

Growing up, Eugene had several interest: football, cars, motorcycles and ladies and the ladies loved him back! Eugene was very kindhearted. There was nothing that he would not do for his family and friends, especially his cousins. He never backed down from anything, even if it appeared that he couldn't succeed at it; that never stopped him from trying.

Eugene leaves to cherish his lov-

ing memories: mother: Lahoma Ann Johnson; father: Eugene Alexander Landyon Sr.; brother: Jaden Johnson; sisters: Dorrenzeittia Taylor and Suprena White; grandmother: Ora B. Johnson; godmother: Rayshawn Henderson and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

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ODALIE DAWN BARNETT
Dec. 5, 1962 - Jan. 18, 2015

Odalie "Lee" Dawn Barnett graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Southgate, Michigan in 1981. Following high school, she joined the United States Army where she faithfully served until 1984 until her honorable discharge. Years later, she would receive her certificate of completion from Dorsey Business School in Business Administration.

She worked for Immigration and Naturalization, where she remained until she medically retired in 2008. Although Odalie never married nor bore any children, she always had a nurturing, mothering soul. She was loved and cherished by many.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two sisters Angela Johnson (Joseph), Yvonne Greene (Michael); adopted brother Vernon Williams (Arlene); two nieces, Danielle Johnson and Mikayla Greene; three nephews, Keenan Johnson, Michael Greene II and Alexander Greene; aunts and uncles; a host of cousins and extended family and special friend, Henry "Hank" Harrison.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

A Hero in Our Midst: Standing Among the “Greats”

By Chloe Cruz - Intern



Rev. Norflette Mersier (91 years old) displays the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal he received from President Barack Obama

February is a month dedicated to celebrating the successes and sacrifices of African Americans throughout the course of history. We are all familiar with those well-known figures that are mentioned in our history books, rightfully credited for helping pave the way for equal rights and opportunities - but the everyday heroes in our midst often go unrecognized.

One of those unsung heroes is Rev. Norflette Mersier (age 91) of River Rouge. Though you may not know his name, he is no less a hero than those like Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. Many times throughout his lifetime, he has earned the privilege to stand among the “Greats”, those who acted selflessly and with honour in the face of overwhelming odds and obstacles.

Rev. Mersier was among a group of men who bravely fought to earn respect and their rightful place in the U.S. Marine Corp. As a Marine at Montford Point Camp in North Carolina, he was among the

first African American allowed to enlist in the U. S. Marine Corp. The camp was built to neighbour Camp Lejeune, the military camp for whites, which is stilled in operation in North Carolina today. The 19,000 African American Marines based at Montford Point Camp suffered countless, demeaning acts of racism. Rev. Mersier persisted and suffered tremendous physical and mental abuse by white Marines. He and his fellow African American Marines battled their own private war as they fought for acceptance and recognition for their efforts in serving their country. Eventually, their efforts would help pave the way for integration of races in the U. S. Marine Corp.

Rev. Mersier served as a Montford 'Pointer' for four-and-a-half years. He enlisted at the age of 19 in 1942. He was a rifleman in the Corp and was soon deployed to Okinawa in 1945. He rushed the island in the second wave of gunfire early on Easter morning in 1945, a day which began a

battle which lasted over 80 days and resulted in over a 100,000 casualties for the Japanese and over 50,000 casualties for the Allies. Through his years of service, he earned the rank of Corporal, but in a system that segregated African Americans from the white Marines who had their own ranking system.

"We had always been servants to the white people, but now we were standing out on our own," says Rev. Mersier when asked how it felt to be in a place with a group that was clearly segregated. "When I first went into the Marines, the sergeant kept referring to us as 'you people'. I didn't understand this. I asked him what he meant. The man replied 'well, you people [the black Marines] are different'." Rev. Mersier acknowledged that this did not waiver his determination to help defend his country. During his travels with the Marines, Rev. Mersier recalls always being thanked for his service. He feels that the difficulties he endured made him stronger, and he credits God with enabling him to persevere.

Eventually, the Montford Point Marines were recognized for their personal struggles and their service to their country. On June 27th, 2012, in a ceremony at the White House, they were awarded U.S. Congressional Gold Medals by President Barack Obama. Rev. Mersier and the other African American Marines from Montford Point Camp served their country and fought to ensure the freedom of all Americans, though many of their freedoms were slow in coming. This month, during Black History Month, let us recognize those unsung heroes like Rev. Norflette Mersier of River Rouge, for with their unwavering fortitude, they have truly earned their place among the “Greats”

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HOROSCOPES

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ARIES

Allow yourself to live your dream this week. Don't second guess your instincts or desires and you will find you are already the person who you always knew you could be. Be courageous as you set forth to fulfill your goals. If doubt knocks, lock the doors and windows of your heart.
Soul Affirmation: I make sure people understand that I am on their side this week.
Lucky Numbers: 2, 12, 14

TAURUS

Trust your special knowledge of yourself and the universe and use that knowledge as a guide this week. Not everyone will trust in you know to be true. Do not let their lack of faith shake your belief in yourself. Knowledge of external processes is not nearly so important as knowledge of yourself this week.
Soul Affirmation: Doing good this week is the key to feeling good.
Lucky Numbers: 9, 19, 20

GEMINI

It's not always what you know, or even who you know that paves the road to success. Sometimes it's just being in the right place at the right time that counts. Be prepared to answer when opportunity knocks this week. Accept your good fortune graciously, and share it with others.
Soul Affirmation: I go within myself to find a place of calm where I can rest.
Lucky Numbers: 17, 24, 51

CANCER

In our society looks sometimes matter more than they should, but that is not to say looks don't matter at all. Presentation is important, keep that in mind as you walk through life. This week take a few extra moments to make sure that your physical self is as attractive as it can be. You will see a bigger than usual change not only in the way others feel about you but in the way you feel about yourself.
Soul Affirmation: When things get strange I find peace in the ordinary.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 45

LEO

A family treat is in store for you if you play your cards right. Family members are ready to praise you for your accomplishments if you approach them with modesty. Give yourself time for romantic encounters. The romantic vibe is high.
Soul Affirmation: I keep my true purpose ever before my eyes.
Lucky Numbers: 23, 46, 51

VIRGO

Ask the friend who comes calling to tell you about the money-making idea that is on his or her mind. The two of you would be good together. Have a private chat with a family member. Make keeping secrets yourspe-

cialty. Events bring stressbut you're cool.
Soul Affirmation: I find joy in the simple pleasures of the week.
Lucky Numbers: 21, 39, 55

LIBRA

Responsibilities at home keep you from traveling. It's all for the best. Outside ambitions can wait. Keep your spirit light! Look for love in the right places. Possibilities for love increase at home. The tendency to overreact at school or work is strong. Guard against it.
Soul Affirmation: My creative ideas are my greatest treasures.
Lucky Numbers: 32, 40, 54

SCORPIO

Flexibility and cooperation are the words for this week. Driving a hard bargain will create an impossible barrier. It's a great week for fun! Give in to it. Flow. Give in to the party mood but don't forget school or work. Remembering to forgive and forget is especially important this week.
Soul Affirmation: Moving slowly might be the fastest way for me to get there.
Lucky Numbers: 5, 46, 49

SAGITTARIUS

There is a lot on your plate. Be methodical about taking care of it. Get kids involved in something fun and educational. It's a good time for it. Save time for romance. Visit a favorite restaurant. Appetites must be fed in a healthy way.
Soul Affirmation: I seek the light-hearted flavor of love.
Lucky Numbers: 14, 52, 53

CAPRICORN

Make some plans regarding long-range financial security. Your present frame of mind is good for that. Someone you flirted with wants to be your companion. Give the universe a chance to bring love into your life by being a welcoming soul.
Soul Affirmation: I give and the universe gives back to me.
Lucky Numbers: 23, 41, 49

AQUARIUS

A practical solution is at hand to one of your inventions. Give yourself some space to allow the answer to come to you. Any repetitive task, such as weeding the garden or washing the dishes or car, will be conducive to your receiving the solution.
Soul Affirmation: Things are working together for my good.
Lucky Numbers: 16, 32, 35

PISCES

You may feel an internal pressure towards responsibility this week. Go with the flow and this week will be like a gift. Judging others will bring harsh judgments on you. Let your words assist others in becoming more self-responsible. You are a good teacher of right actions.
Soul Affirmation: I slow down and find the success that has been following me.
Lucky Numbers: 19, 23, 46

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BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA

How much do you know?

- Question 1

How old was Martin Luther King when he entered Morehouse College?

A. 12 years old
B. 15 years old
C. 18 years old
D. 21 years old
E. 24 years old
- Question 2

What is the largest Black University in the United States?

A. Grambling State University
B. Spelman College
C. Fisk University
D. Morehouse College
E. Howard University
- Question 3

Who wrote the novel THE COLOR PURPLE?

A. Whoopi Goldberg
B. Toni Morrison
C. Alice Walker
D. Oprah Winfrey
E. Maya Angelou
- Question 4

November 1945 was the date this well known black magazine went on sale.

A. Jet
B. Ebony
C. Essence
D. Savoy
- Question 5

Langston Hughes is best known for his:

A. poetry
B. novels
C. invention of the traffic light
D. invention of peanut butter
E. Civil Rights Movement participation
- Question 6

Kunta Kinte was a character in what Alex Haley book?

A. I know why the Caged Bird Sings
B. Out of Africa
C. A Raisin in the Sun
D. Roots
E. Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry
- Question 7

Who signed the Emancipation Proclamation?

A. George Washington
B. Abraham Lincoln
C. Theodore Roosevelt
- Question 8

In what year was the historic march on Washington?

A. 1943
B. 1953
C. 1963
D. 1973
E. 1983
- Question 9

What was the slave voyage to the Americas known as?

A. The Slave Trade
B. The Middle Passage
C. The Great Pilgrimage
D. La Amistad
E. The Million Man March
- Question 10

Stevie Wonder, blind writer, composer, and singer helped make what national holiday?

A. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
B. Black History Month
C. Washington's Birthday
D. Memorial Day
E. John F. Kennedy Day

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S BLACK HISTORY QUESTIONS
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40 UNDER 40 CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT: JOHN LEGEND

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



*If you hear this message,
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I'm calling every woman, call-
ing every man
We're the generation, we can't
afford to wait
The future started yesterday,
and we're already late.*
-John Legend,
"If You're Out There"

Nine time Grammy Award winning singer John Legend has enjoyed a career that most artists can only dream about. His music is timeless—impressively blending hypnotic vocals and poetic lyrics into a hybrid soundscape of R&B, neo-soul, hip hop, pop and gospel to conceive some of the most evocative love songs of our time. Today, with four chart topping studio albums, countless hit singles and a clear knack for all things philanthropic, the classically trained singer, pianist, songwriter and producer remains one of the most influential musicians in the music world, while also ranking amongst the most defining artists of the past several decades. Having initiated a long-term love affair with the piano at the age of seven, Legend first commenced upon his dream of stardom while studying at the University of Pennsylvania, where he secured a guest spot playing for Lauryn Hill on her classic single “Everything is Everything”. After joining Kanye West’s GOOD Music label, he released his 2004 debut LP “Get Lifted”—a gritty, neo-soul infused masterpiece that eventually earned him three Grammys, including Best R&B Male Performance honors for his signature ballad “Ordinary People”. In accruing an extensive catalogue of musical hits over a ten year span, Legend scored his biggest song yet with 2014’s “All of Me”—which became his first career single to peak at number one on the U.S. Billboard charts. Sure, Legend’s lyrical romanticism combined with his silky melodic vocals have arguably cemented his status as perhaps the greatest R&B singer of his generation, but the 36-year-old crooner—who remains a passionate advocate for justice and social equality—also continues to use his voice

as a vessel to tackle significant social concerns affecting domestic and global communities. In 2007 he established the Show Me Campaign—an organization that aims to break the cycle of poverty in the U.S. and Africa, while also bridging educational achievement gaps by providing “access to quality education through the promotion of scalable, proven solutions and programs”. Never one to shy away from the realities of racial disparities in America, Legend has openly opposed police and state sanctioned violence following the deaths of unarmed black men in cities across the country, and has provided insightful commentary on the current state of race relations as a contributor for published sources like Essence, while also sharing his conscious views during live concert performances. In 2014, he teamed up with rapper Common for the release of “Glory”, the critically acclaimed theme song written for the movie ‘Selma’ that earned the pair a Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song, in addition to an Academy Award nomination. With his vintage sound and eternal appeal, John Legend can be described as a musical genius; perhaps even prodigious. And in an industry where contemporary R&B remains saturated by homogenized production, lackluster vocals and basic, oversexualized lyrical content, he fluently represents a breath of fresh air that consistently inflects the essence of love, soul, passion and live instrumentation into a seemingly dying musical genre. Even greater, Legend stands amongst the ranks of the Marvin Gaye’s and Nina Simone’s of the past as a beloved balladeer who never fails to bring romanticism in the form of song, while also utilizing his voice to stand up for what is right in the world. Ultimately, Legend substantiates the reality that young, influential leaders still exist in America, and remains a clear cut example of the new generation’s power to bring forth change by letting our light shine as a catalyst that can breed promise for a better tomorrow.

Which celebrity has impacted your life?

Free Human Trafficking Community Awareness Event

Monday, February 23rd at 6 pm at Wayne County Community College District, Downriver Campus, (Ray Mix Room), 21000 North line Road, Taylor. Survivor, author and victim advocate, Theresa Flores, LSW, MS, will be speaking on the issue of human trafficking.

Learn how to recognize a victim

Help build coalitions against a growing problem in South-eastern Michigan

Become part of the solution

Invite others to join you at this important community event.

This event is Sponsored by the Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force funded in part by the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA)

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Brittnei Abiolu

As the Founder, President, and primary Small Business Financing Consultant at CapitaLinker, Ms. Abiolu connects entrepreneurs to various direct and indirect lenders to help them secure the capital they need to thrive in business. Her passion for entrepreneurship and dedication to helping as many startups and early stage companies as possible has enabled her to raise a combined total amount of \$1,099,450 for her clients since starting the company in April 2011. The average client re-

ceived \$61,080. She is also a Business & Financial Writer who has written over 120+ business plans for small business owners applying for Microloans in the metro Detroit area and nationwide. These business owners were able to obtain up to \$50,000 in micro-financing with the help of her business plans. Additionally, she has written ebooks, infographics, and over 100+ blog articles that are focused around entrepreneurship and raising capital. Her blogs have been shared with the entrepreneurial and small business community over 1,000 times across numerous social media networks. Ms. Abiolu earned a Bachelors of Science in Computer & Information Systems from the University of Detroit Mercy with in 2007. In 2011, she also received Certificates of Completion from the U.S. Small Business Administration for taking the courses, "How to Write a Business Plan" and "How to Create a Loan Package." Additionally, she received her FICO Pro Certification from AllRegs Academy for taking the Exploring FICO Scores, Analyzing the Credit Report, and Communicating Credit Information courses in 2014.

Brittnei is currently attending the University of Detroit Mercy's MBA program and plans on taking Pepperdine University's Private Capital Markets Certification course in the Fall 2015. She is also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc and a registered Credit Reform Lobbyist through the National African Business Association.



Markus Agee

Deuteronomy 16 and 17 says, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord your God which he has given you."

In 2011, I started volunteering at the Guidance Center in River Rouge. While volunteering, I started a community garden where the community could not only get fresh food, but they could also learn how to grow their own food as well. I have held a food drive each year to feed the community since 2011. I pass out 40 Thanksgiving boxes and turkeys, and each year has

gotten better and better.

My hard work and dedication soon paid off, and the Guidance Center saw my hard work and dedication to the community. I've been employed there the past three years. At the center, our mission is to enhance the development and well-being of children, adults and families in need throughout the community. I work with students from the ages of 9 through 17, and my job is to be a positive role model that help students with their homework, while also helping to keep their grades up.

While working at the Guidance Center, I want to do more than help my students with their homework. I want to step out of my comfort zone, or like my pastor always says, "Don't get comfortable in that same spot, continue to move up". In 2013 I started a foundation called "Blessed 2B Giving". We give love, joy, peace, motivation, prayer, and a hot meal and clothes; wherever there is a need, if we are able to, we will give. Our vision is to have a building where community members can come for assistance if they need a bill paid for their children's school uniforms, or food. "Blessed 2B Giving" isn't going to help assist with these things, but we will also make it a learning experience so families will learn how to maintain and take care of their bills and won't get back into that same situation. "Blessed 2B giving" will soon have youth services in the community so you will know that there is another way, and that's God's Way. We will also be having prayer meetings in the community, and will work on getting our families back together within our community.



Xavier (14) and Jordan (18)

are brother and sister making a difference in their community. Jordan, a full-time student at Grace College-Detroit, enjoys being employed with the Salvation Army-Wyandotte Center, and serving as teen leader with, Girls With Great Potential (GWGP). She loves to dance and she uses her talent to serve the Lord throughout metro-Detroit, and has even had the opportunity to use her talent on the mission field with Global Projects, in Uganda, Africa. Xavier is an 8th grade homeschooler, who loves to read novels and study History. He also does mission work throughout metro-Detroit, and he too has had the opportunity to serve with Global Projects in Haiti. Xavier is having a lot of fun learning to play the acoustic guitar and learning carpentry skills so he can help rebuild abandoned homes in urban neighborhoods. This brother and sister team loves to serve with their local church, Evangel Ministries-Pastor Christopher Brooks, as well as serve in their own community. Since moving to Ecorse in December 2013, Jordan and Xavier have been looking for opportunities to make a difference. Together, they host monthly food and clothing drives to help those in need; their largest food drive is in the fall when their family hosts their annual Community Thanks-

giving Day Dinner. Jordan and Xavier attended a city council meeting to petition the mayor and city council for permission to clean up the inside and outside of the Ecorse Library. They received overwhelming support from the city officials, as well as support from the library staff, local organizations, and citizens in Ecorse, who donated and volunteered to help paint the inside and helped to transform the outside of the Ecorse Library grounds with beautiful landscaping. Jordan and Xavier purchased new books, and held a book drive to update the books in the Library. Their life goal is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and be positive influences amongst their peers. They really care about the well-being of people, and they sincerely want to make a difference in their own community and throughout the world!



Terance Bernard Seaton

His motto to live by, "Treat people with respect, no matter what".

Terance Seaton is the City of River Rouge's newest Ordinance Officer. His job is to help River Rouge become cleaner and neater through interaction with residents on ways

to maintain their property. He is well liked by residents and even when writing a ticket, his motto of treating everyone with respect really shines through.

Terance has been a member of the River Rouge Auxiliary Policing unit for over 4 years since graduating from River Rouge High School. He really enjoys his days and nights with the Auxiliary's and hopes to one day become a Police Officer. Terance, a lifelong resident of River Rouge has one brother and three sisters.

Terance Seaton has the heart and spirit that is so vital to keep River Rouge alive.



Lincoln Park Lofts

From Page 1A



The lights brought the Downtown look to Fort St in Lincoln Park to announce the restored building

by the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Committee (Wayne Metro), the Lincoln Park Lofts were created to restore a historic theatre in the area that ultimately became a vacant eyesore within the community (the site also became a source of local shame as an X-rated movie venue for more than 30 years). Additionally, the project also aims to provide affordable housing opportunities, while also helping to establish stability and financial independence amongst individuals, families, veterans and the disabled.

“When we took over, the theater was nothing but a shell, so this is a whole gutted rehab for adaptable reuse,” Wayne Metro CEO Louis Piszker said. “This is great affordable housing, plus it’s brand new and to be honest, a really cool place to be. To make it even better, Downtown Lincoln Park is coming back and has a lot to offer. The location is accessible, and there are so many new restaurants and businesses that have recently opened up here on Fort Street, so it’s certainly a great location.”

For those closely involved with the development initiative, the project also serves as a bridge that can bring entrepreneurial and employment opportunities to the area. In the future, two new businesses will be placed within the “theater side” of Fort Street, which will include a Wayne Metro office space, in addition to a prospective credit union or operating restaurant. Overall, the lofts seems to mark a huge step towards improvement for Downtown Lincoln Park.

“This is great for our downtown area,” Mayor Thomas E. Karnes said. “This building was once what we called the major dread of downtown because it was a pornographic theater, and no one is going to come and spend money in the area if that’s sitting here. And if you just resort to tearing it down, then what do you have? So instead of getting rid of it, we now have a focal point for the city. Two businesses will be in the front, plus we have a total of fifteen other new businesses that established themselves within the past year. So while this used to be a site that could drive people away, it will now draw them in. We will have a lot of people floating around downtown, so this project will fit in well with everything that we have going on.”

While three vacancies currently exist on the “theatre side” of the developmental properties, Wayne Metro expects them to be filled relatively soon. Overall, with these noticeable efforts in place to revitalize the city, individuals from near and far are clearly interested in joining in on what the area has to offer.

“We have drawn interest from people all across the state; so much in fact, that we eventually stopped counting,” Piszker said. “We literally had 185 applications for 38 rental units. “As of right now, we have 9 out of 12 units ready to move in on the “theater side”. The remaining vacancies are project based units, so we have to make sure that applicants meet strict criteria, but we know that they will go fast. We expect everyone to be able to move in by March 1st.”



Romulus celebrates Black History

By: Gina Steward



Jazmine Danci (left) and Tanya Cofield (right) with Honoree Oliver Warren and Mayor Leroy Burcroff

The City of Romulus hosted their second Annual Black History Month Ceremony, ‘Recognizing our African American Leaders on Tuesday, February 17 at the Romulus Recreation Center. As members of the community gathered, Mayor

Burcroff stated, “This is a special day for us. We take Black History and make it personal.” During the breakfast, African American members of the community were recognized. Special honorees were members of the American Progressive Association. Their history

dated back to the early 1940’s. For over 70 years, the APA has grown and promoted good citizenship, civic pride, self-help and hope for the community.

The other honoree was Oliver Warren. He is also a member of the APA and was instrumen-



Members of American Progressive Association were honored for their work in the community and rich history



Members of the Romulus religious community join in for a prayer at the end of the program



Oliver Warren, with the members of the current Cable department that he started in the late 1980’s

tal in the development of the City’s cable channels.

The City of Romulus presented proclamations for both the APA and Mr. Warren. Other Black History Events in Romulus include; Black History Tour of Romulus on Monday, February 23 at 6:00pm at the Romulus Senior Center and the Black History Student Showcase at the Romulus High School on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00pm. Entry fee is \$5.00.

CRIME ALERTS

POLICE BLOTTER

RIVER ROUGE

February 4th, 2015

At 0742hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Burke for a B&E in progress. An officer seen a male enter the yard of a home and had prior knowledge of the 65 year old male owner. A Hispanic family lived at the residence and was currently out of state. So the officer followed foot prints to the back door of the resident and observed the back half of a snowy foot prints entering into the doorway on the back porch. The back door was locked and the male could not gain entry. A set of foot-prints lead to the front porch and the male made entry and had not left the home. At 0730 the Command officer made contact with the owner and he gave permission for officers to enter and check. When officers finally gain entry and the home checked clear officers observed the back porch door un-lock along with the inner entry door.

A couch on the first floor the culprit was using as a bed, two blankets on it and pillows arranged for sleeping. A bowl of what appeared to be macaroni and cheese on a table next to the couch. The house had been completely ransacked. All of the cupboards in the kitchen had been gone through and left open. Officers observed the North West basement window broken with snow up under and around it. A board up for the home was called in and special attention given. This sounds like the homeowner may have a problem with a squatter!

February 9th, 2015

At 0207hrs, officers were dispatched to 10490 West Jefferson, River Rouge Coney Island on a report of a fight inside the restaurant. Officers made contact with the cook who stated incident began when a group of people where sitting at the counter and was giving her a hard time. At the same time two females had been standing outside the door on the sidewalk arguing.

Officers made contact with the group that were yelling and swearing about the employees. They were advised to quiet down and stop using the profane language and asked for all of their identification. One male who appeared highly intoxicated stated that this was BS and they didn't do anything. He presented his wallet but refused to take his

identification out of it. After he ranted and raged and suddenly everybody in the room stopped eating and started looking at them. When the officer approached him he could smell the odor of intoxicants emitting from his breath and the person along with him to be unsteady on his feet. The male was advised he under arrest for Disorderly Person and had to use minimal force to handcuff him after refused to place his hands behind his back. He was transported to RRPD and while he was being booked he refused to cooperate. His property was taken and he was placed in a cell.

February 9th, 2015

At 1642hrs, officers were dispatched to the first Block of West Pleasant Street, on a Domestic Violence. A 25 year old female answered the door and stated that her live in 25 year old boyfriend and the father of her 3 month old baby had been drinking heavily. She states incident began when she was doing his thirteen year old sister's and he grabbed her right arm and began twisting it. He finally left the resident and went to the River Rouge Liquor Store to get more liquor. Officers observed bruises on her arm. Officers left and searched for the boyfriend and made contact with him at West Pleasant and Jefferson near the store. Officer approached him and asked him what happened at the house? He told them nothing occurred. The boyfriend was placed under arrest and while conducting a pat down discovered a half pint of Brandy. He transported to the police station where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call, then housed. A check with Lein showed two outstanding warrants and he is currently on probation. This doesn't look good for him!

Project Sticker Shock target Adults who Provide Alcohol to Youth



Students from River Rouge High School participate in SUDDS event

(Southgate, MI)- SUDDS (Stop Underage Drinking/Drugs) Coalition youth members took part in the program Project Sticker Shock on Monday, February 16 in partnership with local retailers in the Downriver area. The youth-lead initiative is aimed to change adult attitudes about selling and providing alcohol to minors.

Project Sticker Shock is a public awareness campaign targeting adults who might be tempted to buy alcohol for youth under 21 who can't buy it legally themselves. Youth place florescent yellow stickers on beer cases, wine coolers and other alcoholic products. The stickers provide a strong reminder to adults: "It is illegal to buy or provide alcohol to anyone under 21."

"We educate students about the risks involved with underage drinking. Now they are encouraging adults to set the example." said Keri Marsh, community organizer for the SUDDS Coalition. "It's a great thing to see youth in the community and local businesses taking a stand against underage drinking." Retailers that participated in the program included; Busatti's Beer and Liquor Store in Southgate, the Riviera Food and Drug Market in River Rouge and Mitch's Food Market in Brownstown.

According to local youth, alcohol is one of the easiest substances to obtain. Project Sticker Shock hopes to cause adults to think twice before making it any easier for youth to access alcohol.

For more information about this program call the Stop Underage Drinking/Drugs (SUDDS) Coalition at 734-785-7700 x7869 or visit, www.suddscoalition.com.

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BEGIN MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2014 TO CONSIDER APPEALS ON PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AT THE CITY OF INKSTER'S CITY HALL, 26215 TROWBRIDGE INKSTER, MI. MARCH 16TH 10:00 AM - 11:30PM AND 1:00PM - 5:00PM, ALSO MARCH 17TH 3:00PM - 9:00PM, AND MARCH 18TH 10:00AM - 11:30PM AND 1:00PM - 5:00PM, -BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - CALL (313)563-4267 FOR QUESTIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR PRINCIPLE RESIDENCE EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE. A ZERO PERCENTAGE INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO PRE EXEMPTION.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

Publish Dates: February 19th and February 26th , 2015

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS
2015 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by APPOINTMENT ONLY for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 09, 2015: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

March 10, 2015: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

March 11, 2015: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 11, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734.942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 21, 2015: 9:30 am

December 15, 2015: 9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

Publish: 02/19/2015
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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION ECORSE TAXPAYERS

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6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M

MARCH 12, 2015 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING APPEALS ON 2015 ASSESSED AND TAXABLE VALUES. PLEASE NOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW PROPOSAL A; TAXES ARE BASED ON THE TAXABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the February 16, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Approval of the agenda.

Approval of Consent agenda.

Approval of one Board of Review appointments.

Approval of two Parks and Recreation appointments.

Approval of one Downtown Development Association appointment.

Approval of two Commission on Aging appointments.

Approval of a second reading and the approval to establish prohibited land uses and Medical Marijuana Facilities parameters.

Felicia Rutledge
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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

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2015
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

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

15-041 2A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 26, 2015.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.
Nays – None.
Abstain – Wadsworth.
Motion Carried.

15-042 2B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on January 22, 2015, 5:30 p.m. study session, Neighborhood Street Improvements and January 26, 2015 7:00 p.m. public hearing, Proposed Program Statement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe
Nays – None.
Abstain – Makowski, Wadsworth.
Motion Carried.

3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden announced the Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection, for dates and times, call 734-326-3936.
The annual soul food dinner will be held at Romulus Senior High School on Feb. 10th at 6:00 p.m.
4A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to accept the chairperson's report.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff asked Public Services Director, Bob McCraight, to bring everyone up to date regarding snow removal. Mr. McCraight informed that the City is under a snow emergency. Trash pick-up is one day behind schedule due to the snow storm.
Black History Month Recognition Breakfast will be held at the RAC on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 9:00 a.m. Children's Underground Railroad Program will be held at Romulus Library on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6:30 p.m. (for children ages 4 and up.) Black History Student Showcase, Thursday, Feb. 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$5.00 for showcase ticket; \$20.00 for VIP ticket, includes soul food dinner in Eagles Nest prior to event.
Chief of Staff, Robert Dickerson, spoke about the RAC memberships that were negotiated with the Teamsters employees; the memberships are a taxable benefit.

15-043 5A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to recognize February, 2015 as Black History Month in the City of Romulus.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-0445A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to adopt a resolution to amend the Bylaws of the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds (ADW) (and to include the correction to Article 2.C.1.)
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth
Nays – None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. Clerk's Report:

15-045 6A1. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-13, general fund, in the amount of \$5,000 which was introduced at the Council meeting of January 26, 2015.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6B. Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer, Stacy Paige, reminded everyone that taxes are due on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015.

7. Public Comment:
None.

8. Unfinished Business:

9. New Business

10. Communication:
Councilman Crout and Mayor Pro-Tem Barden commented on the great job the DPW workers did clearing the roads during the snow storm.

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

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 February 2, 2015.

Tips on preventing frozen pipes during arctic blast



Mother Nature is blasting the area with cold and snow and it's only going to get colder. State Farm is already receiving claims on Frozen Pipes but there is still time to prevent others from getting hit with damage. Below are facts and tips for prevention. It's important homeowners talk to their insurance agent ahead of time to make sure they understand their coverages, what their deductibles are, and how to contact them after-hours if something happens.

There are two simple tasks homeowners can do in about two minutes that can help protect pipes and homes when a severe freeze is predicted: Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to piping under sinks and vanities near exterior walls and Run a small trickle of water at vulnerable cold and hot faucets.

Some other tips to prevent frozen pipes:
Pipes that run along outside walls, floors and ceilings are vulnerable, so make sure they are insulated.
Disconnect outside garden hoses,
Wrap exposed pipes with insulating sleeves or tape
Seal foundation cracks that let arctic

air freeze pipes in crawlspaces

The snow and cold can also bring Ice Dams to a home. An Ice Dam forms when the temperature in your attic is above freezing causing snow on the roof to melt and then refreeze in dropping temperatures. The pools of water behind those dams can cause leakage then into your home. See tips on how to prevent this below.

Prevent warm, moist downstairs air from infiltrating the attic by appropriately insulating your attic's floor and using a dehumidifier to control water vapor. Seal all openings that would allow vapor to rise into the attic. Research shows keeping the attic air temperature below freezing when the outside air temperature is in the low 20s can reduce the occurrence of ice dams. Provide good attic ventilation to replace warm air in the attic with cold outside air. Consult a professional for the best way to avoid ice dams and water damage in your home. Do not routinely remove snow from the roof or attempt to "chip away" the ice of an ice dam. It will likely lead to shingle damage. Do not install large mechanical equipment or water heaters in attics, especially in cold climates. Not only do they present an unwelcome fire hazard, but they'll also increase the temperature in your attic. Do not use salt or calcium chloride to melt snow on a roof. These chemicals are very corrosive and can shorten the life of metal gutters, downspouts, and flashings. Runoff that contains high concentrations of these chemicals can damage nearby grass and plants.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the Court Room of City Hall on February 3, 2015, 2015
Meeting called to order at 8:10p

The following Commissioners were present:
Mayor Bowdler in the Chair
Present: Cooney, Perry,Pierce, Ward
Absent: None
Excused: Campbell, Pruneau

- 15-25 Approval of minutes
- 15-26 Suspend regular order of business to hold Public Hearing
- 15-27 Close Public Hearing
- 15-28 Voucher approval
- 15-29 Business license approval
- 15-30 Building permit approval
- 15-31 Approval of budget ammendments
- 15-32 Motion to adjourn

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This Week’s Varsity High School Varsity Basketball

By Butch Davis

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls here is this week basket-ball schedule for your dining and dancing pleasure. Please, if you have the time, get out and support a high school basketball game close to your neck of the woods. Here is the schedule from 02/19/2015-02/25/2015

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/19, 5:30 PM
Dearborn at Belleville

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/19, 7:00 PM
Detroit Country Day at Romulus

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/20, 5:00 PM
Detroit Martin Luther King at Detroit Cass Tech
Detroit Public Safety Academy at Romulus Summit Academy

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/20, 5:30 PM
Detroit Plymouth Educational at Dearborn Riverside Academy-West
Hamtramck at River Rouge

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/20, 6:00 PM
Novi Franklin Road Christian at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/20, 7:00 PM
Gibraltar Carlson at Allen Park
Taylor Kennedy at Brownstown Woodhaven
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Garden City at Dearborn Heights Crestwood
Ecorse HS at Taylor Preparatory
Melvindale at Trenton
Lincoln Park at Wyandotte Roosevelt

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/23, 5:30 PM
Taylor Baptist Park at Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett
Detroit West Side Academy at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/23, 6:00 PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Detroit Cristo Rey

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/23, 7:00 PM
Flat Rock at Riverview

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/24, 6:00 PM
Royal Oak Shrine Catholic at Allen Park Cabrini

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/24, 7:00 PM
Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Allen Park

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/25, 7:00 PM
Allen Park at Lincoln Park

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/19, 6:30 PM
Dearborn Advanced Tech at Taylor Preparatory

Basketball (Boys) Varsity. 02/19, 7:00 PM
Dearborn at Belleville
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Lincoln Park
Inkster Peterson Warren Academy at Taylor Baptist Park
Brownstown Woodhaven at Taylor Kennedy
Southgate Anderson at Taylor Truman

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/20, 6:30 PM
Detroit DEPSA Early College at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech
Detroit Public Safety Academy at Romulus Summit Academy

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/20, 7:00 PM
Taylor Trillium at Detroit Community
Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Detroit Consortium
Dearborn Riverside Academy-West at Detroit Plymouth Educational
Detroit Western International at Detroit Renaissance
Taylor Preparatory at Ecorse
Allen Park at Gibraltar Carlson
Trenton at Melvindale
Hamtramck at River Rouge
Monroe Jefferson at Riverview
Northville at Westland John Glenn

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/20, 7:30 PM
Novi Franklin Road Christian at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
Newport Lutheran South at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/22, 11:00 AM
Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Ann Arbor Skyline

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/23, 7:00 PM
Detroit Cristo Rey at Auburn Hills Christian
Taylor Trillium at Detroit Old Redford

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/23, 7:30 PM
West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy at Allen Park Cabrini
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Detroit West Side Academy

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/24, 5:00 PM
Cornerstone Health/Technology HS at Taylor Preparatory

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/24, 6:00 PM
Detroit Riverside at Dearborn Hts Star International

“Black History Month”

African-Americans have played a significant role in Tennis

By Butch Davis



Tennis is another sports that take a back road compare to the popularity to basketball and football in the African American community; nevertheless, there are some “Great African American Tennis Players”. The great African American playing now is of course Venus Williams and her sister Serena Williams, Donald Young and Thomas Blake however here are the players you may not have heard of. Before Althea Gibson was born, Ora Washington was showing American how good she could be in sports. Ora had played both basketball and tennis in her life and professionally in tennis and college basketball. She was a star player for the Philadelphia Tribunes and Germantown Hornets women’s basketball teams. By the time she retired from play, she was undefeated in tennis for 12 years and earned 201 trophies in her basketball and tennis career. Althea Gibson (August 25, 1927 – September 28, 2003) was an American tennis player and professional golfer, and the first black athlete to cross the color line of international tennis. In 1956, she became the first person of color to win a Grand Slam title (the French Open). The following year she won both Wimbledon and the U.S. Nationals (precursor of the U.S. Open), then won both again in 1958, and was voted Female Athlete of the Year by the Associated Press in both years. In all she won 11 Grand Slam tournaments, including six doubles titles, and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame. Arthur Ashe was a top ranked

tennis player in the 1960s and 70s. Raised in the segregated South, he was the first African-American male tennis player to win a Grand Slam tournament. He was much more than an athlete though. His commitment to social justice, health and humanitarian issues left a mark on the world as impossible to remove as his tennis was on the court. On July 10th, 2015, would have been Arthur's 72nd birthday, however, he died: February 6, 1993, in New York City, New York, Cause of Death: AIDS-related pneumonia. James Blake and Zina Garrison were born right near the end of Althea Gibson's tennis career. Zina Garrison had not played tennis until she was 10, though. She started her junior tennis career very well at 12 and won a national title when she was just 14. When Zina was just 19-years-old, she had begun her professional tennis career. She skipped her high school graduation to play in the French Open, which was her debut to professional tennis. She played well in Grand Slam singles tournaments, reaching the final of Wimbledon in 1990 and winning the bronze medal at the 1988 Olympics. Zina Garrison was a much better doubles player, though, making the Australia Open doubles final twice in 1987 and 1992 and winning the gold in the 1988 Olympics. In her mixed doubles career, she was much better, winning three Grand Slam mixed doubles titles and being runner up in three. Zina had won two Wimbledon’s in 1988 and 1990 and the Australia Open in 1987 and also reaching three other finals but fell short in all of them.

Unlike Venus and Serena, many player including African American youth had no guiding tennis parent, no Richard Williams at home to help fulfill a dream. Yes, when I played sports like many the only condition we ever had set in front of us was that books came first.” American junior tennis has had a major change in the last five years. Aspiring pros now commonly abandon regular school for home or online educational programs. Although alternative schooling is not new to junior athletics, tennis is perhaps the only sport whose full participation requires it because of year-round competition and travel. However, many communities can receive help in getting tennis affirmed in your city or town by contacting the following organization USTA Member Services, 1-800-990-8782. There office are available during the following hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 9:00 p.m. ET, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Closed. Additional USTA Contact Information : memberservices@usta.com

Here are African America tennis players from A-Z. Katrina Adams, Leslie Allen, Gabrielle Andrews, Arthur Ashe, Camille Benjamin, Tornado Alicia Black, James Blake, Thomas Blake, Renee Blount, Steve Campbell, Zina Garrison, Althea Gibson, Rodney Harmon, Levar Harper-Griffith, Angela Haynes, Tally Holmes, Chip Hooper, Jamea Jackson, Jarmere Jenkins, Scoville Jenkins, Madison Keys, Raquel Kops-Jones, John Lucas II, Lori McNeil, Nicholas Monroe, Megan Moulton-Levy, Asia Muhammad, Todd Nelson, Shenay Perry, Ahsha Rolle, Chanda Rubin, Bryan Shelton, Phillip Simmonds, Lucy Diggs Slowe, Sloane Stephens, Alexandra Stevenson, Francis Tiafoe, Taylor Townsend, Sachia Vickery, MaliVai Washington, Mashiska Washington, Mashona Washington, Ora Washington, Reginald Weir, Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Donald Young.



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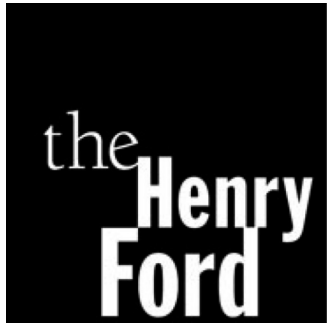
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Double-check your forehead. Did you miss seeing "sucker" tattooed between your eyebrows when you washed the sleep from your eyes this morning? LOL. Now, double, double-check the conversations between the two of you, replaying them in your mind's eye. Did you fist bump on an agreement in advance? You know how it goes when you're fast talking, excited and all. For

example, when discussing the vacancy, did you jokingly say, "If you get hired, I'll split the bonus with you." That's the only reason I can see him expecting a few coins heading his way. In all honesty, I don't get the feeling that's what happened here. You didn't mention it did, in your very detailed email.

Seems to me, you feel like you're caught between a rock (your BFF) and a hard place (her husband), not wanting to disturb the friendship. That's kool, I understand. This incident isn't a reason for this friendship to be shaken. If anything, he's trying to take advantage of the relationship. Because he is your BFF's husband, dismiss him. You owe him nothing! Don't allow him to manipulate and get you all in a tizzy. Stand tall, shoulders straight, pumps pointed forward, ready to deal with him directly. Say it once, you don't even need to practice. This should come off as sweet as pineapple pie. Repeat after me "I'm not splitting any money with you." That's it, don't ever discuss it again. You don't owe him a reason, excuse or justification for your response. Nope, nada, nothing. Let me remind you that in this economy, jobs are tough to come by. The best reference anyone can have is an employee, who's a friend that already works for the company. His act of appreciation should be nothing more than, "Thank you for helping me get a job," cause that my friend, is priceless.

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A conversation with Wendy Raquel Robinson

The multifaceted actress discusses her new role in Je’Caryous Johnson’s “Things Your Man Won’t Do”, the final season of ‘The Game’, and more

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Wendy Raquel Robinson

For fans of the long running sitcom ‘The Game’, Wendy Raquel Robinson comprehensively owns it in her role as Tasha Mack – the boisterously feisty, wisecracking football “Momager” whose wild antics never fail to keep viewers tuning in for more. Now in the midst of the show’s eighth and final season, the acclaimed actress is busy preparing for a national tour with Je’Caryous Johnson’s newest stage production “Things Your Man Won’t Do”, set to kick off at the Detroit Opera House February 27th–28th. With an all-star cast that also includes Tichina Arnold (‘Martin’, ‘Everybody Hates Chris’), Leon (‘The Five Heartbeats’,

‘The Temptations’) and Brian White (‘Stomp the Yard’, ‘I Can Do Bad All By Myself’), Johnson’s newest comedic love drama – with its candid examination of romantic relationships through the infusion of high jinx humor and deceptive twist and turns – is guaranteed to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. For Robinson, who describes her character as an internally wounded “tears of a clown”, “Things Your Man Won’t Do” brings a vital message to the stage regarding love and relationships, as well as the true essence of marital commitment. “So many times as women, we become so eager in our search for love, and we jump into the

mindset of ‘I want to be married now’, but it’s more than just a notion,” she said. “The character that I play is best friends with Tichina Arnold, who is also my gynecologist because I’m pregnant. I’m a sister who just wants to be loved, and I also want to hold onto my relationship at the same time...During the play, I think I’ll be the interlocutor that connects in a little bit of comic relief, but I also want for audiences to walk away with a sense of love, while also knowing that if you jump into a relationship or a marriage, it’s going to take work.” Having performed in numerous stage plays over the course of her career, including “The Vagina Monologues” and “The Colored Museum”, Robinson – who studied drama at Howard University – admits that the task of bringing a character to life onstage is comparatively different from her experiences in film and television. But for the Los Angeles native, whose laid back, humble demeanor seemingly serves as a diametrical alternative to her signature role on ‘The Game’, it was never a question as to whether she would return to the stage for her newest theatrical undertaking. “A part of my decision to accept this role is due to the fact that I could use it as an exorcism for Tasha; I had to flush that character out completely,”

Robinson said with a laugh. “But theatre has always been my first love, so coming back and working with a cast like this was a no brainer for me. “I really think that the true essence of an actor is when you can see who they are onstage because there’s nothing else to hide behind; you’re completely baring your soul and giving everything you have right there. It’s really just you and the audience.” With an eclectic career resume that includes a starring role on ‘The Steve Harvey Show’, and appearances in popular movies like ‘Two Can Play That Game’ and ‘Something New’, Robinson attributes much of her onscreen success to her consistent involvement in theatre. Consequently, these factors have perceptibly influenced her classic performance on ‘The Game’– a wildly popular series with eternally loyal fans who played a huge role in sparking viral protest campaigns following the shows premature cancellation by the CW Network in 2009 (it was subsequently revived by BET two years later). “That show was anointed,” Robinson said. “We kept calling it the “little engine that could” because it went from this little show that nobody really saw, to becoming an iconic movement–not only in the shift from network, but also in the power of the people who said, ‘You know what, this is our show, and you can’t take it from us’. “We always felt something magical, and I’m going back to the original cast with myself

and Tia, Brittany, Hosea, Coby and Pooch...It was very special, and it has always been bigger than us.” Now in the midst of ‘The Game’s final season, Robinson anticipates that fans will be left reeling leading up to the series finale in the spring. “I think that you’re going to see an unraveling of all of the characters as we get closer to the finale,” she said. “As Tasha, I’m trying to get my life together and I’m on the run from Pookie, who can’t take my baby away. There are a lot of twists and turns, so I would definitely say expect the unexpected.” In the future, Robinson has several projects in the works, including the release of a faith based film called ‘Mysterious Ways’, as well as a role in the Disney movie ‘The Descendants’. As one of the most versatile actresses in the business, it remains clear that her work will continue to make a mark in the television and film industries for years to come. “I play the first black Cruella de Vil for Disney, so that will be released in the coming months,” Robinson said. “Just the fact that they went in that direction with an African American as such a legendary character was awesome...That represents a different direction for me in terms of acting, so I’m really looking forward to other conquests and new challenges in the future.” “Things Your Man Won’t Do” runs at the Detroit Opera House February 27th and 28th. To purchase tickets, please visit www.ticketmaster.com.



TELEGRAM EVENTS CALENDAR

Let It Be, A Celebration of the Music of The Beatles

When: February 22nd at 7:30 PM
Where: Sound Board at MotorCity Casino
Cost: \$35, \$27, \$24

Je’Caryous Johnson’s “Things Your Man Won’t Do”

When: February 27th and 28th
Where: Detroit Opera House
Cost: \$47.50, \$42.50, \$37.50

Motor City Comedy Jam featuring DL Hughley, Tony Rock, Sommore and Arnez J

When: February 28th at 7:00 PM
Where: Masonic Temple
Cost: \$125, \$75, \$58.50, \$51.50

Charlie Wilson wsg Kem and Joe

When: March 1st at 7:00 PM
Where: Joe Louis Arena
Cost: \$103, \$68, \$58, \$48

Take time to enjoy events in the community!!

Tips for Families to Get Healthier



(StatePoint) Want your kids to eat right and get moving more? With childhood obesity being a major problem in this country, this sentiment is top of mind for many parents and guardians. But you have more power than you may realize to steer them in the right direction, say experts.

Parents have more potential than anybody else to influence their children's behavior -- including their eating habits -- according to a study by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In fact, parents outrank sports celebrities as the people most children would most like to be, according to the survey.

"You are the most influential role model in your child's life," says Kim Larson, registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy spokesperson. "Modeling healthy eating behaviors encourages children to adopt and choose healthy behaviors that will benefit them for a lifetime."

Setting Realistic Goals

Small steps add up, and Larson recommends making healthy lifestyle changes that are realistic and easy to stick with for the long-haul. Try adopting healthy changes for the entire family, such as:

- Make sure your kids know they are part of the team and that health and fitness are a family affair.
- Encourage children to help plan meals -- from developing the menu to shopping to preparing and serving the meal.
- Serve regular, balanced meals and snacks with a variety of nutrient-rich foods.
- Eat breakfast daily.
- Enjoy family dinner together each night or as often as possible.
- At each meal, fill half your

plate with fruits and vegetables.

- Make at least half of the grains you eat whole grains.
- Get active. Incorporate physical activity where you can in your day, whether taking a family walk after dinner or hitting the gym. Remember, children and teens should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day, and adults should get two and a half hours per week.

Focus on Overall Health, Not Weight Alone

According to the experts, good nutrition, health, and fitness fun should be the focus of your family's goals, not calorie counting, food restriction or working out.

"You don't want your kids to think that a healthy lifestyle is only about how much they weigh," Larson says. "Concentrate on delicious nutrition and fun physical activities," says Larson.

For a personalized plan tailored to your lifestyle, food preferences and the unique needs of your family, consider consulting a registered dietitian nutritionist. You can find one in your area at www.EatRight.org.

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