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Red Cross calls for blood donors as unique as the patients they help



DETROIT — In honor of Black History Month this February, and in the spirit of Dr. Charles Drew, an African-American surgeon who was the first medical director of the American Red Cross and a modern blood-banking pioneer, eligible donors as diverse as the patients who need their blood donations are encouraged to give blood to ensure a sufficient blood supply.

Blood from a donor with a similar ethnic background as that of the patient is less likely to cause complications, particularly for those patients whose chronic conditions require repeated transfusions. Sickle cell disease is one such chronic condition affecting as many as

100,000 people in the United States.

Prior to transfusion, blood type and Rh factor are matched between donated blood and the patient in need. In some cases, additional red cell markers in donated blood must be matched, as well. These markers are best found in blood from donors of a similar ethnicity.

With seasonal flu and inclement winter weather preventing many regular donors from giving, the Red Cross urges healthy, eligible donors to make an appointment to donate blood in the coming days and weeks. All blood types are

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Chief Judge Sabrina Johnson discusses positive results at 22nd District Court

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



The 22nd District Court and Inkster Police Department make up the city's new Justice Center.

Last December, the City of Inkster opened its newly constructed Justice Center on Michigan Avenue. The facility, which houses the Inkster Police Department and the 22nd

District Court, is widely appreciated by city officials and members of the greater community alike. "Everything has been fabulous," Chief Judge Sabrina

Johnson said. "Everyone that visits the Justice Center is complimentary about how spacious and accessible every-

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River Rouge to provide free tax assistance services

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Beginning on February 4th, the River Rouge Senior Citizens Activity Center will provide free income tax services

through the Accounting Aid Society. Walk-in assistance will be available to residents from all counties. All ages are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, Feb. 4th
2 to 7 PM Doors open at 1:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 11th
2 to 7 PM Doors open at 1:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 18th
2 to 7 PM Doors open at 1:30 PM

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Poor Communities Lose Billions to Predatory Lenders

By Freddie Allen



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Predatory lenders continue to target poor, Black and Latino communities, siphoning off \$103 billion in

fees and interests every year, and the rest of us are paying for it, according to a recent report by United for a Fair Economy.

"This is more money lost in poor communities than the United

Payday Lenders - Page 12A

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CALL TO ACTION

**It's time to follow
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.'s lead -
Live a life of service**

Gina Steward - Publisher

Now that Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday is over, what have you decided to do differently?

The Nation gave us a day of celebration to honor and remember the life of Martin Luther King Jr. He is known as a person that fought and died for the civil rights of all people. His efforts along with many other organizations paved the way so that people of color could have the same rights of others. Have you thought about how different your life would be if you were still living in the manner that your ancestors lived in the 1950s and early 1960s. Think about it.

President Barack Obama has encouraged people to use this day (the 3rd Monday of January) as a Day of Service. That day of service ties into what Martin Luther King Jr. believes. Two of his famous quotes that deal with service to others are, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" And "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve."

You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

How did you spend your Martin Luther King Day? Did you attend an event? Did you participate in a walk? Did you talk to your children and/or grandchildren about Martin Luther King? Did you serve the homeless? Did you help the elderly? Did you mentor a young person? Just what did you do on your day off? I hope you did something positive.

There are some people that can give money to help a group or a cause. But there are many more of us that can volunteer their time to help someone else. I challenge you to spend one hour a week doing something for someone else. That doesn't sound like a lot does it? You can have the remaining 167 hours to yourself to do something for you.



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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"You must make a decision that you are going to move on. It won't happen automatically. You will have to rise up and say, 'I don't care how hard this is, I don't care how disappointed I am, I'm not going to let this get the best of me. I'm moving on with my life.'"
— Joel Osteen

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." —
Carl Bard

"Tragedies do happen. We can discover the reason, blame others, imagine how different our lives would be had they not occurred. But none of that is important: they did occur, and so be it. From there onward we must put aside the fear that they awoke in us and begin to rebuild." —
Paulo Coelho

"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." —
Aristotle Onassis

"Just because something isn't happening for you right now, it doesn't mean it never will." —
Unknown

"At any given moment you have the power to say: This is not how the story is going to end." —
Christine Mason Miller

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NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL Peters, Stabenow Denounce Republican Opposition to Protecting Michigan's Environment



U.S. Senator
Gary Peters



U.S. Senator
Debbie Stabenow

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow expressed disappointment after their amendment to protect Michigan's environment and enhance oversight over aging pipelines in the Great Lakes, such as those underneath the Straits of Mackinac, was defeated today. The amendment, which was offered during Senate consideration of legislation authorizing construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, was opposed by a majority of Republicans.

"I am disappointed the Senate failed to pass this critical, commonsense amendment that would improve oversight for pipeline safety," said Senator Peters. "Following the catastrophic oil spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River, Michiganders know that a pipeline leak can have devastating consequences. I am committed to ensuring a disaster like that never happens again in Michigan or across the country, and I will continue working to prevent pipelines from posing a threat to the Great Lakes or Michigan's environment."

"It is totally unacceptable that my Republican colleagues voted against putting pipeline safety standards first," said Senator Stabenow. "We have a 60-year-old pipeline running under the Great Lakes and if that pipeline breaks, it will be a disaster like nothing we've seen in Michigan before. We need to put pipeline safety first to make sure we prevent harmful and costly oil spills like the one that happened in the Kalamazoo River from ever happening again."

The amendment would require the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to certify that they have the resources necessary to conduct proper oversight of pipelines in the Great Lakes before approving construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. It also would require PHMSA to develop recommendations for special conditions to apply to pipelines in the Great Lakes, similar to the 59 special conditions developed for Keystone. This measure will ensure the agency responsible for overseeing petroleum pipelines has the resources required to do the job.

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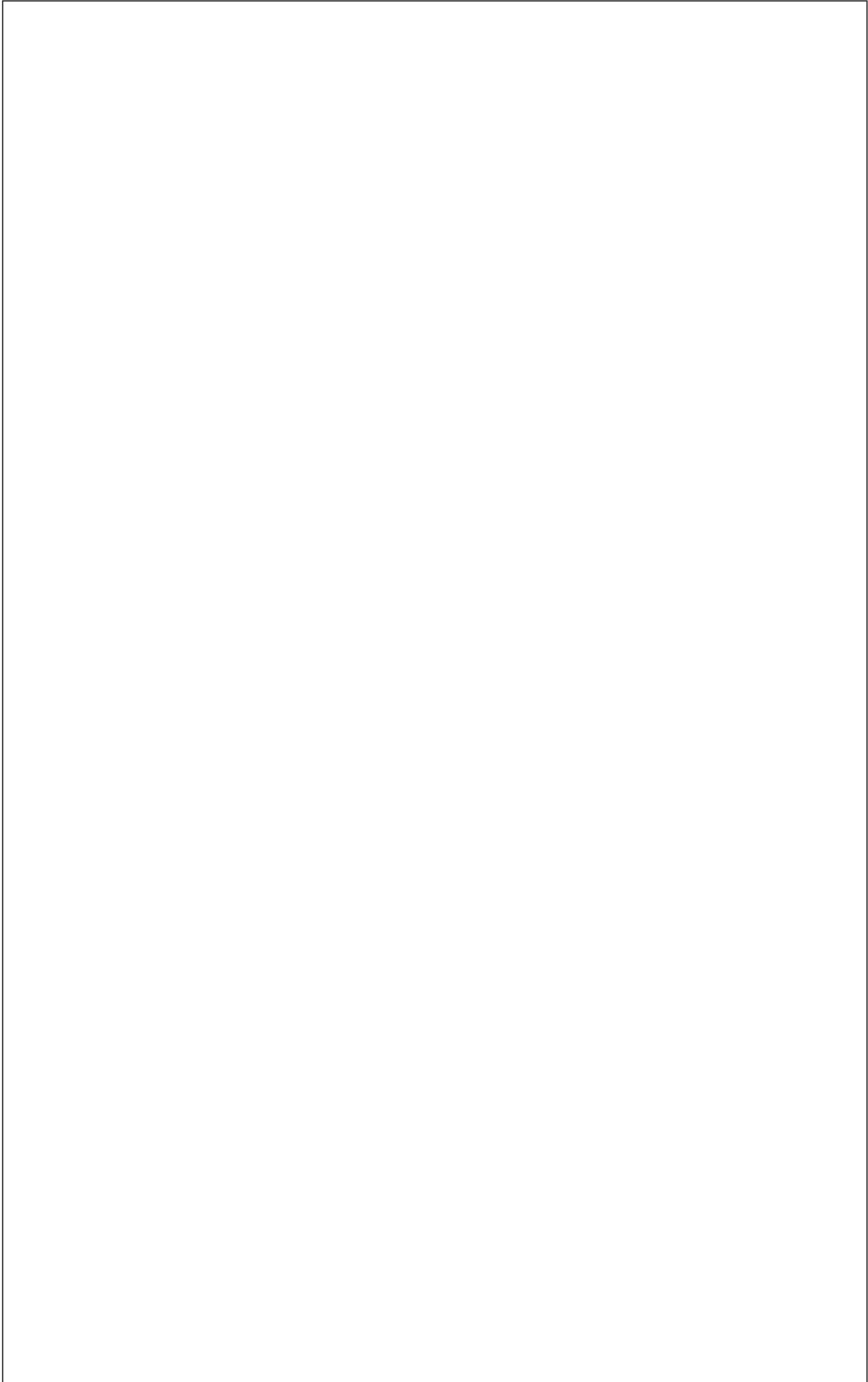
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Can You Hear?

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



When I was little, I remember my grandmother having a special whistle. It a whistle that only dogs could hear. I remember trying to figure out why dogs could hear it and humans could not. The sound was on a frequency that dog ears could pick up. The dog whistle emits a sound in the ultrasonic range (Wikipedia). It's on a frequency that humans don't pick up.

That means there are sounds that go out and go unheard by those not on that frequency. That puts me in the mind of this scripture: "Listen, then, if you have ears!" He also said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear!" (Mark 4:23, 24a).

If you have an ear for something, if your radar picks it up and you get reception, listen! Not only listen, but pay attention. Jesus is wise and He wants us to be wise too.

Sometimes we can hear without really listening and we can listen without hearing. Our ear sensory can detect sounds and sometimes we know what the

words and sounds convey. Sometimes we pause to examine sounds to know exactly what they mean. Even when we hear and listen, the question is, "how do we react?" What do we do with it?

Some sounds increase our awareness while other sounds simply annoy us. Some sounds bring sensory pleasure and nothing more. Sounds can tell us when something is going wrong or when something is going right. Sound can let us know we are alive or that there is life around us. Even when our surroundings are silent, we hear the sound of our thoughts and what's in our heart.

The sound of words that are well put together can teach us and enlighten us. But what happens when a sound is made and we don't hear it? Maybe the volume was too low or we simply tuned it out, choosing not to hear. I think this is why the Bible tells us to LISTEN. But it's conditional, it says, IF we have ears.

This tells me that all hearing is not equal. IF you have ears, or the ability to hear a certain thing. Listen. Just as important, PAY ATTENTION. Everything we hear isn't good. Learn to recognize and filter out foolish sounds. Absorb Godly wisdom. Learn to recognize God's voice and hear it. Hear it well and do it. Live by it. His Word.

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we can live together up there

The Gift of Life - Saved my Life

First Lady Tina Cannon received Kidney transplant

Special to the Telegram Newspaper



First Lady Tina Cannon

Psalm 27:14 "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

It was in October of 1999, as I sat in the Kidney Specialist Office thinking I was there just to make sure everything was ok with my kidneys. Little did I know a diagnoses was already made; kidney disease.

It was heart shattering! The doctors still can't find the cause of the disease that attacked my body. As I sat there and looked in that long glass mirror the voice

of the Lord spoke to me and said "this sickness is not unto death, but for my glory".

Within my mind and heart I kept saying, "why me"? But when I went back to my Internal Medicine doctor and made the statement to her "why me", she replied "why not you"? Why would you want it to be someone else? Yes, Mrs. Cannon you have had challenges, but look at how your faith was in God, and how he healed you before.

As I sat there and the tears ran down my face, within myself I said "this is the doctor telling me about my faith in God." I explain to her "I don't want anyone to be sick", but in my mind I was saying Lord, I've been serving you since I was a child. I love you! Why did you permit this to happen?

Yes, we ask questions like these, we don't like to suffer, but in our suffering we learn who Jesus really is. How He can keep us and give us grace to continue on. I am truly stronger, wiser and confident that God will hold you and keep His Word! This was a battle! However,

God gave me some praying soldiers to help me fight! My husband (Pastor Lovell Cannon, Jr.), my mother, my children, grandchildren, sister, brother, aunts, uncles, friends, church family, and friends of other friends (I didn't even know them)!

It just amazed me how God had people praying for me! Lord I thank you!!!

The first battle was: the battle of the mind. The first lie the enemy told me was: "you are going to die and will not be able to raise your children." After I cried and wept, I started talking to God. I told Him about my struggle, but I pulled myself together and began to encourage myself with the Word of God. Isaiah 43:18 "remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. I had to let my faith hold me up, I was too weak.

I was determined not to complain and walk with a sad countenance. I held on to what God had done for me in the past and other testimonies, and miracles of others.

It was six years before I had to go on dialysis. God bless me to have a choice. I choose (Peritoneal Dialysis) you take care of yourself without going back and forth to the hospital for treatments.

The day the decision was made for me to go on dialysis, as my husband and I stepped on the elevator he look me in my eyes and said "we will get through this" a burden dropped off me!

I was concerned how my husband was going to handled this! But God fixed it! When we attended training classes, he never complained, he would take me to lunch after each class. My husband would sit with me when I started the dialysis at home, he would help me, because at first it was over whelming. I would listen to the healing tapes with scriptures only.

I could sit in the car and do the (dialysis exchanges), he would wait, if he left out of the car, he would come back and check on me. God gave him patience! Thank You Jesus! It was nobody but God!!

Riding the storm for nine years I remained faithful and held on to His Word! I never forgot that God said He would be glorified in this. And glorified he was! The Lord bless me to witness to my doctors; the nurses would ask me to pray with and for them. Patients would question me all the time. People would express to me how they were able to go through their problems by watching me. This was God, not me!

The Lord kept me with a peace, joy and happiness. One writer of a song: Jesus you brought me all the way, you carried by burdens every day, your such a wonderful savior I've never known you to fail me, you brought me, you brought me all the way. This is what He did.

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The church of God, the pillar and ground of truth
1st Timothy 3:15b

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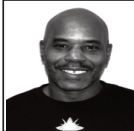
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brothers and sisters, in
view of God's mercy, to
offer your bodies as a liv-
ing sacrifice, holy and
pleasing to God—this is
your true and proper
worship. 2Do not con-
form to the pattern of this
world, but be trans-
formed by the renewing
of your mind. Then you
will be able to test and
approve what God's will
is—his good, pleasing
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Romans 12: 1-2

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Wednesday - Worship Service7:00 p.m.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light into my path."
- Psalms 119:105

ALL ARE WELCOME

Gift of Life

From Page 4A



Pastor and First Lady Tina Cannon

I had six living donors to come forth to give me a kidney, who were a blood type match, one being my husband. However, due to my antibodies level being so high, I was unable to receive any of the kidneys. So, this meant I had to WAIT!

I said Lord, some people can't get one living donor and I have six and I can't receive one of them. But, I held fast to my FAITH!! I kept my self encouraged, moving forward, not staggering at the promises of God. Luke 1:45 "And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things

which were told her from the Lord:

On Wednesday, March 10, 2010 I received a call from the hospital, Mrs. Cannon have you had all of your test updated for the year, I replied yes. She replied "we have a kidney, but there is one person ahead of you. I will call you once I find out something. I told her ok. I began to pray. Now, I didn't want to be selfish because I wanted that person to be blessed, but Lord you know I need a kidney.

On Thursday, March 11, 2011 I got up and went walking in the morning, I began to thank God for the call, doubt began to try me, I

started praying for the person who was ahead of me. When I came back from my walk, I told my family, I'm calling.

The coordinator asked: "Mrs. Cannon can you get to the hospital within one hour, I replied "yes"! God is good!! I received the kidney transplant!! The surgery went very well! When I came out of surgery the song I kept hearing in my spirit was "Great is Thy Faithfulness".

I received a 17 year old kidney from a young man, he is deceased. I request prayer for his family and other families who are waiting when I tell my story.

After the surgery the doctors were still amazed, asking me to go down the hall and encourage some of their patients. God was still being glorified!

After the kidney transplant I was post diabetic, meaning I became a diabetic. In October of 2010, I came off all the insulin!! I am no longer a diabetic. To God be the glory!!

Through it all, I have learned to trust in Jesus, my hope and trust is in God! GOD IS! GOD IS! My hope and prayer is that everyone who can will take a moment and think about how many lives can be saved, by donating to the Gift of Life!

Lady Tina Cannon
True Worship Church
Detroit, Michigan

HOROSCOPES

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4, 2015

ARIES

At work, some matters have been on hold but now you will get the green light. Continue to work as diligently as you have been in the past to ensure success. Have faith that your plans are on target. Soul Affirmation: Anticipation of a beautiful immediate future lights up my week. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 53, 54**

TAURUS

A message this week may necessitate travel on your part, and you may feel obligated to do something you don't want to. Let the energy flow past you and do what you think is best. Who you are is who you are—be glad about it! Soul Affirmation: People love me when I love them. **Lucky Numbers: 9, 22, 41**

GEMINI

Use better judgment with regard to financial matters. Stop rationalizing. Money is important. Do something about the fact that you might find yourself broke more often than you wish. Continuing to deny it will delay doing something about it. Soul Affirmation: I find comfort in the familiar. **Lucky Numbers: 1, 22, 51**

CANCER

This week make your spiritual interest pay off in cash. Enough of goodness for goodness sake. You've got bills to pay. People expect generosity from a big hearted person like you. Ask them for something in return or they'll drain you. Soul Affirmation: I call on my creative talents to pay my bills. **Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 8**

LEO

Compromise to get what you want this week. You'll want to meet others half-way, and in the long run, you'll get what you want anyway. You can afford to be gracious and giving. Do it with all your heart and soul. Soul Affirmation: My emotions provide me a pathway into the sunshine of my being. **Lucky Numbers: 6, 17, 43**

VIRGO

Money matters may seem a little unstable this week; postpone a shopping trip. On the plus side, however, your friends are unusually supportive and wonderful. You'll enjoy conversations and being with another, especially after dark! Soul Affirmation: I enjoy working with others this week. **Lucky Numbers: 19, 30, 50**

LIBRA

Personal goals are important

to you this week, and you'll want to budget some time to spend on formulating plans for your brilliant future. Something that happens without your knowledge is going to prove to be a huge benefit. Enjoy your lucky streak! Soul Affirmation: My life itself is my greatest creation. **Lucky Numbers: 7, 40, 43**

SCORPIO

Your straight-up attitude is going to come in handy this week. Plain talk is favored; keep it simple so others will understand where you're coming from. You'll get a lot done if you stick to a plan this week. Soul Affirmation: I forgive, forget and keep on moving towards my good fortune. **Lucky Numbers: 1, 29, 31**

SAGITTARIUS

This is a good week to think about long-term plans. Your mind is clear and your vision of things to come will be lighted by your razor-sharp instincts. All week long be careful not to sound too sarcastic when you tell people stuff that you know and they don't. Soul Affirmation: I keep my eyes open for the love that is everywhere. **Lucky Numbers: 17, 18, 20**

CAPRICORN

The clever way you think could expose you to an experience for you unlike any you've had recently. Move forward. Get into it. Don't doubt your ability to handle it. Don't let your mind get crowded with too much useless information. Love is simpler than you think. Soul Affirmation: I allow good feelings to flow into my life with ease. **Lucky Numbers: 6, 21, 34**

AQUARIUS

If someone has told you that you are more mental than emotional, believe them. This week especially your mind will be working a mile a minute to make sure that what you feel is good for you to feel. Cover the mental processes with an emotional facade, but keep thinking about what is best. Soul Affirmation: I give special attention to special friends **Lucky Numbers: 3, 45, 51**

PISCES

Usually you're not much for gambling. You like to investigate and make sure before you make your move. This week you are lucky. Move on impulse. Follow your heart. Pay close attention to the love needs of your mate this week. The needs of children call. Soul Affirmation: I can be whoever I am conscious of being. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 32, 53**

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Free Lunch Really Exists for Low-Income MI School Kids

LANSING, Mich. - There really is such a thing as a free lunch, as well as a free breakfast, and more low-income Michigan kids are getting just that thanks to a federal program that's helping to ensure fewer kids go hungry while reducing red tape for parents and schools.

According to the latest data, more than half of Michigan's high-poverty schools, or 181 out of 256 school districts, now provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Kevin Concannon says there are multiple benefits.

"Better attendance in a number of schools," says Concannon. "Fewer visits to the nurse's station of kids with headaches, stomach aches, or falling asleep in class, fewer instances of kids being restless in class."

According to the latest USDA figures, 6.5 million kids nationwide are now able to receive free school breakfasts and lunches without filling out applications, thanks to the Community Eligibility Provision. The program allows qualifying schools to offer free meals to all students if more than 40 percent of their students already are approved for free meals based on data from other programs.

Along with reducing paperwork for parents and school districts, Concannon says the program has helped remove the stigma of being singled out for a free meal.

"The school-meals folks don't have to one by one, as children come through the line make the decision, 'Is this a paying student, is he a subsidized student, or a free-meal student,'" he says.

Concannon says as successful as the program has been, there is still room and time for more school districts to enroll for next year. The deadline to apply is June 30. More information is on the USDA website.

5 Tax Tips for Single Moms

File as head of household

Establish qualifying dependents

Claim the dependent exemption

Include the child tax credit

Deduct child-care expenses

Consult a tax advisor

Types of Music 1

Find and circle all of the different types of music that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining 14 letters spell an additional type of music.

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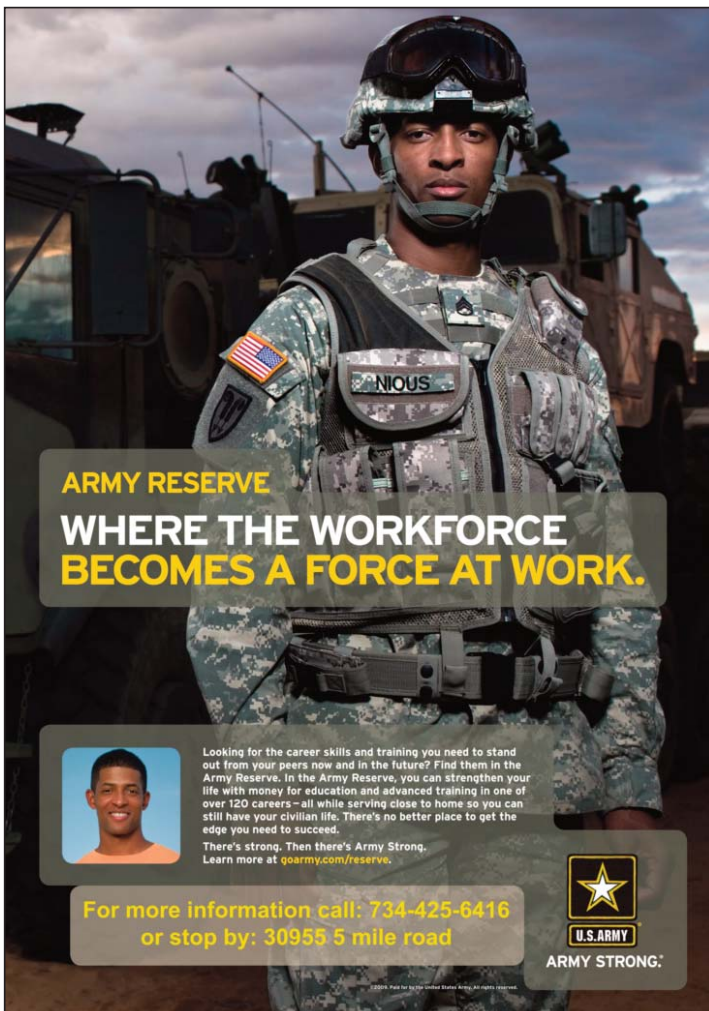
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Court

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Sabrina Johnson
22nd District Judge

thing is...We've come a long way, and I'm very proud of that."

While the city continues to make moves with its newest facility, noticeable improvements have also commenced internally since Johnson took

over as chief judge in 2012. Backlogs have been greatly alleviated at the 22nd District Court, and settlement rates of misdemeanors and civil infractions rose substantially over the past several years. Even greater, satisfaction surveys conducted by the State of Michigan have ranked the court in the 90th percentile—all of which reflect Johnson's vision to continuously improve the district for the sake of the wider community.

"When I took this job, Inkster's court had gotten some bad press," she said. "One of the things that was critically important to me was to turn that around. I started with trying to support and encourage the staff, and then began reaching out to our city council, as well as members of the community at large, in order to let them

know that the court is here to serve this community.

The last thing I want is for people to have negative views about our court system. Instead, I want them to talk about how wonderful it is. I know that may be a stretch because nobody wants to come to court, but at least they can say that they were treated respectfully, they didn't have to wait in a long line, parking was good, and everything was done to make their experience as less stressful as possible. So that's what we're working on."

In addition to these measures, the 22nd District Court is currently running an Amnesty Program. The arrangements are available to the public until March 15th, and will waive traffic and parking ticket late/default fees, while in some cases discarding bench warrants and/or probationary terms.

Johnson also plans to continue with the organization of annual community events throughout the City of Inkster, including the Spring Clean and the Back to School Kickoff.

As an Inkster native, Johnson contends that making these kinds of positive influences within her hometown truly makes her job as chief judge worthwhile.

"It's an enormous privilege," she said. "I'm really a product of everyone in this city who poured into me as a young person. That includes the Inkster Public School district, the Cherry Hill School District, and all of my neighbors and church members...So many people took the time out to help me, so it is the greatest privilege to be able to give back to the city."

I just want folks to know that my staff and I are here to serve. We would like for you stop by, not just when you have a problem, but also if you ever need help or information. I really consider this to be the people's court."



The 22nd District lobby at Inkster's new Justice Center.

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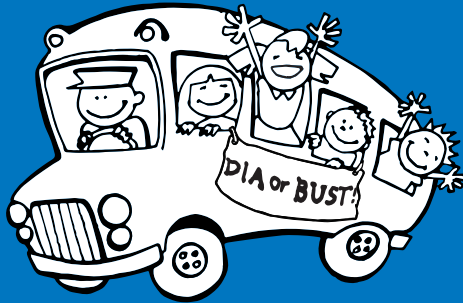
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When: Now - May 17th

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts

Cost: Free

Sesame Street Live: Make a New Friend

When: Jan. 23rd - Feb. 16th

Where: Fox Theatre

Cost: \$65, \$35, \$25, \$15

"I Can't Breathe:" Black Men, Policing, & America Performance & Discussion

When: Feb. 3rd 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History

Cost: Free

"African-American History Day"

When: Feb. 7th 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Where: The Detroit Historical Museum

Cost: Free

Black Workers Power in Detroit: Then & Now featuring Michael Hamlin, author of "A Black Revolutionary's Life in Labor: Black Workers Power in Detroit"

When: Feb. 10th 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Where: Detroit Public Library, Main Branch

Cost: Free

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

When: Wed. Feb. 11th

Pictures - 6:00-7:00 pm

Dance - 7:00-8:30 pm

Where: Wayne Community Center

Cost: Residents pay \$12 per couple; \$16 for dad and two daughters.

Non-Residents pay \$13.00 per couple; \$18 for dad and two daughters.

Any additional daughters are \$5.00 (resident or non-resident)

An Evening with The Whispers

When: Feb. 11th at 8:00 PM

Where: Soundboard at Motorcity Casino

Cost: \$40, \$38

New Jack Swing Valentine Love Jam featuring Blackstreet, Tony Toni Tone, Bell Biv DeVoe, SWV, and After 7

When: Feb. 13th at 8:00 PM

Where: Masonic Temple

Cost: \$95, \$75, \$55

The Love and Soul Tour featuring Lalah Hathaway, Rahsaan Patterson, Eric Roberson, and the Foreign Exchange

When: Feb. 14th at 8:00 PM

Where: Detroit Music Hall

Cost: \$74, \$49

Valentine's Day starring Maysa

When: Feb. 13th at 8:00 PM

Where: Detroit Music Hall

Cost: \$79, \$69, \$59, \$49

Chris Brown with Trey Songz and Tyga

When: Feb. 15th at 7:30 PM

Where: Joe Louis Arena

Cost: \$125.75, \$89.75, \$59.75

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Col. Mary Jones of the Michigan Army National Guard makes history becoming the first black woman in Michigan to achieve the rank



Col. Mary Jones, center, stands with her daughter Gloris, 17, left, after receiving an insignia recognizing her as a colonel in the Michigan Army National Guard last year at the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs Joint Forces Headquarters in Lansing. Jones, who is from Jackson, Michigan was being celebrated for her 30 years of service. She also is the first black woman in Michigan to hold the rank of colonel.

Though she made history, Col. Mary Jones did not expect much fanfare. Described as humble and soft spoken, Jones said she would not have objected to sliding quietly back to work.

But family, friends and her peers at the Michigan Army National Guard wouldn't let that happen as they greeted her promotion to colonel with thunderous applause following a ceremony in Lansing. Few attain the rank, but none had achieved what Jones did when she became the first black woman in Michigan to hold the title.

"I couldn't be more excited to see someone promoted," Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais said. He said Jones, of Jackson, has shown high integrity and dedication to her work.

Her daughter, Gloris, a 17-year-old student at Jackson Christian High School, said her mother is a role model, not only to her, but young women

everywhere. They stood beside each other during the ceremony as Gloris pinned the markers to her mother's shoulders, signaling her new rank Jones said she simply was grateful to be serving.

October now not only marked her rise through the ranks, but also the start of her battle with breast cancer — a disease she defeated over a year ago. She was diagnosed with the illness four years ago this month.

Retired Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler said he thought Jones' courage, strength and faith helped her overcome the disease. But Jones said the it was the support of her family at home and in the military that carried her through the battle.

"I'm incredibly thankful just to be here," Jones said. "Everyone was so incredibly supportive and those words don't express the depth of my appreciation. They rallied around me and they strengthened me." Jones, who helps the United

States Property and Fiscal Office for Michigan manage more than \$210 million in federal appropriations and resources that support the Army and Air National Guard, has served in the military for 30 years.

She said she wanted to enlist when she was in high school, but her parents urged her not to do it. Jones did not change her mind after earning an associate degree from Jackson Community College and attending Ferris State University and signed up.

She said she did not regret it. "It's the people and the mission," said Jones, 52. "I love knowing we stand for something." Jones said she found a new extended family in the military and couldn't imagine herself anywhere else. "It's been a long journey, and a really rewarding one," she said. "I just hope that I've given something back."

Taxes

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Wednesday, Feb. 25th
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Wednesday, Mar. 4th
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The River Rouge Seniors Activity center is located at 10625 West Jefferson Ave.

Inkster residents begin work with the Desert Angels Project

Looking for help from the community

By Shelby Jefferson — Telegram Staff Reporter



Desert Angel's members package up Miracle Boxes for U.S. soldiers.

Residents from the City of Inkster recently joined forces with the Desert Angels Project—a faith based ministry that collects supplies for U.S. soldiers stationed in the Middle East. Each month, Miracle Boxes are shipped to provide military members with socks, pocket foods, letters from home, a "Prayer Cloth" or "Pocket Flag", and other essentials necessary to sustain them during their time overseas.

"I was given the information, and knew that the city would like to get involved," Inkster resident Sandra Watley said. "They have people donate everything once a month, and package everything into boxes provided by the post office for \$15.

This was our first month participating. We had just a week's notice, but in that time we gathered more than \$100 worth of stuff."

Ongoing donations for the project will be collected at the Inkster Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Non-perishable items currently

accepted include:

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Chap stick
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Magazines
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Letters of Encouragement
Cereal
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Hard Candy
Playing cards
Dried Fruit
Blank cards (for soldiers to send to loved ones)
Granola Bars
"We welcome anyone who wants to try to help," Watley said. "We would love to get as many people involved as we can; that is what makes the difference. Everything that they are asking for is very much worthwhile...Imagine if everybody in Inkster spent \$5; we would have so much to contribute to our soldiers." For additional information, please contact the Watsonia Block Club at watsoniaparkblockassoc@gmail.com, or call 586-595-4795.

Marathon Petroleum Company Detroit Refinery has a new Refining General Manager



Dave Roland has been appointed General Manager of the Detroit Refinery for Marathon Petroleum Com-

pany. Mr. Roland is a native Detroit. He received bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan and master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Wayne State University. Mr. Roland has been with Marathon Petroleum for almost 28 years, having started his career at the Detroit refinery in 1987. He also worked at the company's refineries in Catlettsburg, Ky., and Garyville, La., as well as spending several years at Marathon Petroleum's headquarters in Findlay, Ohio, where he was the director of Refining Operations and Technologies, covering all seven of the company's refineries.

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OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF INKSTER.

THE CITY OF INKSTER ORDAINS:
CHAPTER 150: BUILDING REGULATIONS

BUILDING CODE

§ 150.001 Adoption of Building Code by Reference

(A) Building Codes.

(1) STATE BUILDING CODE: The State Building Code, and any amend-
ments and/or supplements thereto, as promulgated by the State Construction
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amended, shall be administered and enforced by the city, and shall govern
and be observed and followed in all buildings and structures throughout the
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use and inspection at the Clerk's office for the city.

(2) STATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE: The State Residential
Building Code, and any amendments and/or supplements thereto, as prom-
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(3) INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE. A certain doc-
ument, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, the most recent
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tions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for
occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit
for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such structures as
herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees
therefore and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions
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Clerk are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set
out in this section, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, pre-
scribed herein.

A Complete text of the amended Ordinance 851; Building Regulations and
Building Codes can be found at the Inkster City Clerk's Office located at
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Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

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 January 20, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Consent agenda.

Second Public Hearing for the 2015-2016 CDBG Program.

Approval for the 2015-2016 CDBG Program.

Approval of a Board Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Approval of a Board Appointment to the Police and Fire Pension Board.

Approval to amend City of Inkster Building Code of Ordinances.

Approval to adopt Boards and Commission 2015 calendars.

Approval of Wayne County Permits; Annual Pavement, Annual Mainte-
nance and Annual

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Approval of an RFP for City-wide grass cutting.

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States spends on domestic food aid annually," the report said. "We as a society end up subsidizing that lost income (an average of \$3,029 per affected household) through a social safety net that is already underfunded and overcapacity."

In "State of the Dream 2015: Underbanked and Overcharged," United for a Fair Economy (UFE), an independent research group that advocates for economic equality across race, gender and class lines, chronicled the disparities that continue to plague the banking industry.

Mike Leyba, the communications director at UFE and co-author of the report said that systemic economic exclusion, largely based on race, has existed for hundreds of years in the United States.

The free labor of kidnapped and enslaved Africans enabled White male land owners and the financial institutions that supported them to accumulate massive amounts of wealth over hundreds of years.

Following the Civil War, Jim Crow laws and "The Black Codes," continued to deprive freed African slaves of economic opportunities for decades.

After World War II, the GI Bill provided White male veterans a pathway to college, professional careers and a boost into the middle class, a bridge that was closed to Black veterans who also fought and spilled blood overseas. Later, the Federal Housing Administration blocked Black families from moving into suburban neighborhoods, built with and partially funded by government subsidies.

"More than a quarter of all White families shifted from renting to owning in the twenty years following WWII," stated the report. "Despite laws to the contrary, Black people were excluded from buying homes in White neighborhoods and were forced instead to live in urban ghettos."

According to the UFE report, less than 1 percent of all mortgages from 1930 to 1960 were issued to Black people.

By 2013, the median wealth held by White families (\$141,900), dwarfed the median wealth (\$11,000) of Black families.

"As an estimated 80 percent of assets come from transfers from prior generations, the history of the financial situations of prior generations is a primary cause of the racial wealth gap," stated the report.

Leyba said that economic exclusion, largely based on race still exists, but it's much harder to pinpoint. "It may not be legalized or sanctioned by the federal government," said Leyba. "But it still exists."

Economic exclusion continues to plague the banking sector, leaving 93 million Americans "unbanked" or "underbanked." "The unbanked are people that do not have any type of consumer checking account, and are outside the entire banking system," the report explained. "The underbanked are people that have a checking account, but also rely on Alternate Financial Service Providers."

According to the report more than 20 percent (20.5 percent) of Black households were unbanked in 2013, compared to 3.6 percent of White households. Forty percent of Black households were full-banked compared to 75.4 percent of White households.

Alternate Financial Service Providers or AFSPs include payday loans, auto title loans, rent-to-own shops, subprime credit cards, high-interest rate installment loans, check cashing, prepaid reloadable debit cards, and money orders, the report said.

Researchers found that people shun traditional banks in favor of AFSPs for a number of reasons. Fifty-eight percent said that they didn't have enough money to meet minimum balance requirements to keep an account open, while others (17 percent) said that past credit problems made it difficult for them to open new accounts.

In recent years, following the housing crisis banks, Chevy Chase Bank, Wells Fargo and Bank of America paid out multi-million dollar settlements in mortgage lending discrimination lawsuits involving Black and Latino borrowers. But even if Black customers were able to meet the minimum requirements, had good credit and confidence in banks, the contraction and consolidation in the financial sector following the Great Recession have placed traditional banks out of reach for millions of Americans.

AFSPs moved in to fill that void.

"Payday lenders are nearly eight times as concentrated in neighborhoods with the largest shares of Blacks and Latinos compared to White neighborhoods, draining nearly \$247 million in fees per year from these communities," the report said. "Even after controlling for income and a variety of other factors, payday lenders are 2.4 times more concentrated in Black and Latino communities."

As local bank branches faded away, Leyba said, community businesses dried up. "What we're seeing with more large corporate banks taking over those local branches, it makes it so that there is very little incentive for them to invest in that local area," explained Leyba. Especially, when the large corporate banks can get a much higher yield from other financial products, he added.

UFE researchers suggested that the United States follow other industrialized nations such as France, Germany, Japan, China, Brazil, India, and New Zealand by offering more banking services through local post offices, which have a much larger foothold in urban and rural communities than banks.

The report said that nearly 40 percent of post offices are in zip codes "without a single bank," and about 20 percent are in zip codes with just one bank.

"In addition to handling money orders, transfers, and debit cards, postal window clerks have experience cashing checks, processing refunds, renting post office boxes, preparing bank deposits, and maintaining business accounts," the report said.

The report also recommended reforming the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), modernizing payment technology to keep pace with the new realities of banking and adopting national standards to cap the interest rates on payday loans.

Red Cross

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2/2/2015: 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., WSU Medical School, 540 E. Canfield
2/2/2015: 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., University Tower, 4500 Cass, University

Tower
2/3/2015: 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., University Tower, 4500 Cass, University Tower
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2/5/2015: 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Wayne State University Student Center, 5221 Gullen Mall, Student Center

Garden City
2/3/2015: 1 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., VFW 7575, 33011 Ford Road
2/9/2015: 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., Suburban Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Garden City, 32850 Ford Road

Lincoln Park
2/5/2015: 8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., Lincoln Park High School, 1701 Champaign

Wayne
2/8/2015: 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square

Westland
2/8/2015: 8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 Wayne

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE Pro K-9 Acres - 15750 Merriman

Dog Training Facility and Commercial Boarding Kennel
Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015** for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request from Pro K-9 for a proposed dog training facility and commercial boarding kennel located on a 9.75+-acre parcel at 15750 Merriman. Parcel# 82-80-136-99-0004-000. Zoning: M-1 Light Industrial District. Commercial kennels are permitted in the M-1 Light Industrial District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 18, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
Publish: January 29, 2015

Tigers getting Ready for Baseball 2015

By Butch Davis



Alan Trammell visit TigersFest this past weekend at Comerica Park and will be in uniform this year at the Detroit Tigers training camp in Lakeland Florida

Photo Taken by Butch Davis

It's less than 30 days before the pitchers and catchers meet up in the city of Lakeland, Florida (February 20) and the rest of the team reports on February 24, 2015 for the official start of training camp to get ready for opening day Monday, April 6, against the Minnesota Twins at Comerica Park. In the mean while, the Tigers are making their annual travels across the including in Metro Detroit. This past Saturday TigerFest at Comerica Park gave me and many reporters the chance to get the inside story on this years team so here is the good, bad and well, you fill in the blank.

David Price now steps in as the No.1 starter." Shortstop Jose Iglesias and reliever Bruce Rondon will come back from missing time with injuries, and if pitchers Justin Verlander and Anibal Sanchez can bounce back from a sub par year plus the newest pitchers Alfredo Simon, Shane Greene, in addition to new outfielders Yoenis Cespedes and Anthony Gose can pull their weight maybe there will be no conversation on why the Tigers brass did not resign Max Scherzer. In addition this past Sunday the Tigers announced the club has agreed to terms on a one-year contract with right-handed pitcher Al Alburquerque, thus avoiding arbitration. Alburquerque, 28, posted a 3-1 record, 2.51 ERA (57.1IP/16ER) and 63 strikeouts in 72 games with the Tigers in 2014. He limited left-handed hitters to a .245 (27x110) batting average, while right-handed hitters hit .190 (19x100) with him on the mound in 2014. With this signing, the club has reached agreement with all its arbitration eligible players

Now there's no guarantee Miguel Cabrera will be ready by opening day. And there's no guarantee Alex Avila will be asked to play a game at first base. Yes, I said it,

Tigers manager Brad Ausmus confirmed Saturday that he has spoke with Avila about the possibility of playing some first base this season in the event Cabrera hasn't fully recovered from off

season surgery he underwent in October." I mentioned it to Alex," Ausmus told a group of reporters at TigerFest at Comerica Park. "Just wanted him to be aware that we thought he'd be a good option, depending on how Miggy's rehabilitation is coming along. "Avila's response? "I need to get a first baseman's glove, apparently," he said with a smile. It may seem like an unorthodox solution, considering Avila has just one game at first base under his belt in his major-league career -- he played one inning in a blowout loss to the Twins last season. But the Tigers will need another player to split time with designated hitter Victor Martinez at first base if Cabrera is sidelined.

"Alex is a possibility," Ausmus said. "I would prefer that he catch than play first, but if we're in that type of situation where Miggy isn't ready, it'll give us another option."

Even if Cabrera is ready for the start of the season, there's also a possibility the Tigers could use Avila at first at some point during the season. However, it's unclear how much playing time he'd receive at first, and Ausmus wasn't willing to speculate. Nor was Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski, who also confirmed Avila as a potential first-base option, but acknowledged Cabrera could be ready before April 6. "If (Cabrera) isn't ready for Opening Day, it's going to be very, very close," Dombrowski said.

browski said, Cabrera is out of his walking boot and continues to progress in his rehab from surgery that he underwent in October to remove bone spurs and repair a fracture in his ankle. He's scheduled to visit a doctor on Feb. 15 and could be cleared for full participation, though the two-time American League MVP isn't expected to be ready when the Tigers open full-squad workouts Feb. 24.

Considered one of the biggest draws at TigersFest each year, Cabrera was noticeably missing from this week's caravan tour -- a decision made by Dombrowski, who said it was strictly a precautionary move. "(Cabrera) would've come, but I'm not taking that chance -- if he slips on the ice," he said. "And I didn't want somebody stepping on his foot."

Finally, the Tigers, however, have reconfigured one of the premium sections at Comerica Park to generate additional revenue as they have taken the first 10 rows of the traditional infield box section, which wraps around from first base to third base, and renamed it "lower infield box." Those ticket prices, while not yet announced for single-game pricing, will start somewhere between what it costs for on-deck circle and what's left of the infield box. The new section will include 2,700 seats, and will be the fourth highest for Tigers' ticket prices, behind suites, on-deck circle and the Tiger Den.

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This Weeks Varsity Basketball

By Butch Davis

Here we go Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls here is this week basketball 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 01/29-02/03/2015

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/29, 7:00 PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Brownstown Woodhaven
Taylor Kennedy at Lincoln Park
Southgate at Melvindale
Inkster Peterson Warren Academy at Taylor Baptist Park
Allen Park at Trenton
Riverview Gabriel Richard at West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/30, 4:00 PM
Detroit Western International at Detroit Cody
Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit Renaissance

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/30, 6:00 PM
Detroit Winans Academy at Dearborn Heights Vista Meadows Academy
Warren Michigan Collegiate at Dearborn Henry Ford

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/30, 6:30 PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Detroit DEPSA Early College
Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/30, 7:00 PM
Belleville at Dearborn Edsel Ford
Dearborn at Dearborn Fordson
Garden City at Dearborn Heights Crestwood
Dearborn Hts Star International at Detroit Plymouth Educational
Riverview at Flat Rock
Taylor Truman at Gibraltar Carlson
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Hamtramck
Taylor Trillium at Highland Park Renaissance Academy
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Romulus

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/30, 7:30 PM
Macomb Lutheran North at Allen Park Cabrini
Ecorse at Detroit Allen Academy
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Novi Franklin Road Christian

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/03, 6:00 PM
Detroit Old Redford at Dearborn Hts Star International
Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/03, 7:00 PM
Lincoln Park at Allen Park
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
Trenton at Brownstown Woodhaven
Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn Heights Crestwood

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/03, 7:30 PM
West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy at Allen Park Cabrini
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep at Dearborn Divine Child

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 02/03, 8:00 PM
Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner at Dearborn Advanced Tech

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/29, 5:00 PM
Dearborn Advanced Tech at Taylor Preparatory

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/29, 7:00 PM
Carleton Airport at Flat Rock

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/29, 7:30 PM
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep at Allen Park Cabrini

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/30, 4:00 PM
Dearborn Henry Ford at Warren Michigan Collegiate

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/30, 5:30 PM
Detroit Allen Academy at Ecorse
Taylor Truman at Gibraltar Carlson
Hamtramck at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/30, 6:00 PM
Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart at Detroit Cristo Rey
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Novi Franklin Road Christian

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/30, 6:30 PM
Lutheran Westland at Warren Macomb Christian

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/30, 7:00 PM
Trenton at Allen Park
Westland John Glenn at Canton
Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Dearborn
Redford Union at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
Romulus at Dearborn Heights Robichaud
Dearborn Fordson at Garden City
Melvindale at Southgate Anderson
Lincoln Park at Taylor Kennedy
Brownstown Woodhaven Wyandotte Roosevelt

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/30, 7:30 PM
Macomb Lutheran North at Dearborn Divine Child
Bloomfield Hills Roeper at Taylor Baptist Park

CRIME ALERTS**POLICE BLOTTER****RIVER ROUGE**

RIVER ROUGE POLICE BLOTTER FOR WEEK ENDING-January 24th, 2015

January 17th, 2015

At 1424hrs, an officer was dispatched to the River Rouge Market, at 340 Visger Rd, for a Larceny complaint. The 27 year old male store clerk who states a 22 year old identified male entered the store and grabbed three Ice House 24 ounce beers out of the cooler near the door and left the store without paying for them. The store video recorded the male's action and it appears that this is an ongoing problem with the male. He has been told several times not to come into the store but he sneaks in and catches the store clerk off guard.

January 17th, 2015

At 1350hrs, an officer went to a home in the 500 Block of Beechwood for a Damage to Property complaint. A 25 year old female stated that the 21 year female suspect had left the area. She states incident began when she and her girlfriend had a big falling out, and she was moving out of. So while she was moving her belonging her wallet came up missing and the female was accused of taking it. The girlfriend left and later on when the female was cleaning up she found the wallet and contacted her girlfriend. When she arrived and looked in the wallet she said her

money was missing. The girlfriend became upset and broke out the rear window of the housing unit then left the area.

January 16th, 2015

At 1433hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Walnut, in an upstairs apartment unit, on a Domestic. A female living downstairs opened the door for officers. A 32 year old female and 38 year old male opened the door of the unit. The couple have two small children in common. The male appeared highly intoxicated and stated the couple were arguing over the children's going over to his sister's house. He claims his sister didn't have food for the youngest daughter's special diet. The female stated when the male starts drinking he becomes mean spirited and violent. Tonight he argued with her about the youngest daughter, being 9 year old and being on this special diet. He blamed the female and grabbed her by her throat and began choking her. And while choking her he head butted her too. Officers observed a small bruise forming on her forehead. The male was placed under arrest for Domestic Violence. A check with LEIN showed the male having an outstanding warrant for Domestic with this agency. He was transported to the station where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call, and then housed.

Romulus welcomes four new members to Department of Public Safety

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Photo by Roger Kadau

(from Left to Right): City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg, Romulus Recreation Coordinator Tanya Cofield (mother of newly sworn in Officer Rodney Cofield), Officer Rodney Cofield, Officer Bristo Bell, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Animal Control Officer Rae Lipkowski, Ordinance Officer Bonnie Freeman, Public safety Director Jadie Settles and City Treasurer Stacy Paige.

ROMULUS – Last week, Romulus added four new members to its Department of Public Safety. All placements were officially instated during a swearing in ceremony conducted by Mayor Leroy Burcroff. Recent additions include two new police officers: Romulus native Rodney Cofield, and Bristo Bell of River Rouge. Cofield is an alumnus of Romulus High School, and played football at Adrian College while working towards a degree in criminal justice. He also attended the 126th Michigan State Police Trooper Academy. Bell graduated from River Rouge High School in 2004, and received a bachelor's degree from Olivet College. He also attended the Wayne County Regional Police Acad-

emy, and has five years of combined experience working at the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department, as well as the River Rouge Police Department. "Essentially, these guys were number one and two on our list," Captain Joshua Montey said. "Cofield is a local guy. He went through Romulus Community Schools and received excellent training at the Michigan State Police Trooper Academy, so we're glad that he's back home essentially. Officer Bell has a variety of experience in Calhoun County and River Rouge, so we're really glad to have him on board as well." Additional members added to the city's Public Safety Department include a part-time animal control officer, Rae Lipkowski, and a part-time or-

dinance officer Bonnie Freeman. "Lipkowski is a lifelong Romulus resident," Montey said. "She began volunteering at the shelter, and her love for animals allowed her to segue into her current position as an animal control officer. Freeman is a former Deputy Treasurer for Oakland County that has worked with personal property tax collection. She also worked in special operations for ten years, and helped to form the Southeastern Michigan Crimes Against Children Task Force. She personally told me that one of the highlights of her career was assisting and bringing that to Wayne County. We're pretty tough in our hiring interview standards here, so we're very lucky to be able to hire the best of the best."

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Basketball Schedule

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Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/02, 7:30 PM Macomb Lutheran North at Riverview Gabriel Richard
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Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 02/03, 7:00 PM Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn Edsel Ford Cornerstone Health/Technology HS at Ecorse Southgate Anderson at Gibraltar Carlson

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Fences comes to the Bonstelle Theatre



Kayla Mundy – Detroit, MI (Rose Maxson), Will Bryson – Highland Park, MI (Troy Maxson), Donovan Tolbert – Detroit, MI (Cory Maxson)

DETROIT – 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. Travis is a Chicago-native who has resided in the Greater Detroit area for the past 28 years. Active in the Detroit theatre community as a director, actor, and coach, Travis' work has been lauded through awards from the Ann Arbor News, Oakland Press, Detroit Free Press, and the Wilde Awards. Speaking of his engagement to direct, Travis states "It is certainly a privilege to direct August Wilson's *Fences*. It is without question one of the best plays written in my lifetime, by a playwright that was able to tell stories from the African American experience that resonates with audiences no matter their background or ethnicity. We look forward to bringing you the story of a fam-

ily caught in the dynamics of a changing world."

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 Maxson, 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.

The Cast

Will Bryson – Highland Park, MI (Troy Maxson), Gerald Palmer – Rochester Hills, MI (Gabriel), Dante Jones – Detroit, MI (Bono), Demetrius Mahone – Detroit, MI (Lyons), Kayla Mundy – Detroit, MI (Rose Maxson), Donovan Tolbert – Detroit, MI (Cory Maxson)

The Production Team
Lynch Travis (Director), Chista Tausney (Scenic Designer), Melissa Hall (Costume De-

signer), Patrick Field (Light Designer), April Thompson (Properties Master), Valerie Frawley (Sound Designer), Catelyn Girard (Stage Manager), Brian Dambacher (Technical Director), Amanda Schindler (Publicist), Jason Goldman (Assistant Publicist)

The Bonstelle Theatre Company includes BA and BFA actors, designers, and stage managers in the Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance at Wayne State University. Here, future stars of theatre, film, and television follow in the footsteps of successful alumni like Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning S. Epatha Merkerson (NBC's *Law and Order*, *Lackawanna Blues*), Lily Tomlin (9 to 5, ABC's *Desperate Housewives*), and Ernie Hudson (*Ghostbusters*, NBC's *Heroes*). For box office hours and information on performances, tickets, group discounts, and corporate packages, please call the box office at 313-577-2960 or visit the theatre's website at www.bonstelle.com.

Calendar Information
February 13 – February 22
Fri. 8:00 PM Feb. 13, Feb. 20
Sat. 2:00 PM Feb. 14, Feb. 21
Sat. 8:00 PM Feb. 14, Feb. 21
Sun. 3:00 PM Feb. 15, Feb. 22
Wed. 10:00 AM Feb. 18 (School matinee, contact 313-577-0852 for more information)
Thur. 10:00 AM Feb. 19 (School matinee, contact 313-577-0852 for more information)

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

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same thing. Or, he may be separated and still living with the wife.

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No. 3: He could be homeless. It's tough out there nowadays, with the economy the way it is.

Dear Alma,

I have been dating "David" for over eight months, but I have never been to his house. Every time I bring it up, he changes the subject or comes up with a lame excuse. I'm not sure what to think. He will stay with me for weeks at a time, so I don't think he's involved with someone else. I'm confused.

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No. 1: He might be married. I'm sure you've wondered the

Maybe he's stretching when it comes to his living conditions – a few weeks at your house, a few weeks at another woman's house and a few weeks with his mom. Trying to pull together a security deposit and first month's rent ain't easy.

I find it more disheartening that, after eight months, you haven't said to him point-blank, "Take me to your crib." He's definitely hiding something, but you aren't being honest, either...with yourself. You haven't made a fuss because you really don't want to know. Truth is easier to deal with when we deny it. This is real simple. The next time he comes by, ask him. But make sure you're ready for the answer.

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Saving for Retirement Through Different Stages of Your Career



(StatePoint) Most Americans are taking a careful and deliberate approach when it comes to their retirement plans, according to the recent Measuring Optimism, Outlook and Direction (M.O.O.D.) of America Survey conducted by Lincoln Financial Group. Among those who feel prepared, 77 percent believe they have saved enough to cover retirement expenses and 64 percent expect to be debt free during retirement.

"While there are basic tips that apply to everyone, taking a holistic view of saving for retirement at the different stages of your career can help you take a more thoughtful approach to achieving retirement readiness," said Chuck Cornelio, President of Retirement Plan Services, Lincoln Financial Group.

Cornelio offers tips for savers at every career checkpoint: First Job
Create a monthly budget to prioritize your expenses as you

begin your career. Include a line for retirement savings to help you get in the habit of contributing regularly and managing your new paycheck accordingly. As soon as it's available to you, enroll in your employer-sponsored retirement savings plan. At this stage you'll want to save at least up to the company match so you don't leave money on the table.

Changing or In Between Jobs
Throughout your career, you may find yourself in between jobs or ready to pursue a new one. To help you better prepare for life's unexpected events, it's important to have emergency savings to cover at least a few months' expenses.

When looking for your next career move, consider the employer's retirement benefits as part of your overall compensation package. Learn about the company match, investment options and resources to help you stay on track with retirement savings.

Mid-Career

At this point in your career, you likely have competing savings priorities including mortgage and car payments, education expenses and more. At this stage you may be tempted to stop saving altogether or borrow from your plan. Resist the temptation. Keep up your momentum and continue to save as much as possible from every paycheck. Meet with a financial professional to help look at your entire savings picture and assess the best ways to maintain the momentum you've achieved so far.

Career Advancement

As you make more, save more. Increase your contributions and save extras from a bonus or any other unexpected income boost. If you've maxed out your contributions in your employer-sponsored plan, talk to a professional about investment and savings options that make sense at this point in your career. For more information visit www.LincolnFinancial.com

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