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## President Obama talks Prison Reform Strong in NAACP Speech

By Stacy M. Brown  
Special to the NNPA from The Washington Informer



President Barack Obama speaks at NAACP Convention

Even before his keynote address in front of a cheering crowd at the annual NAACP convention in Philadelphia on Tuesday, President Barack Obama was busy practicing what he had already prepared to preach.

black president, and the 44th man to command the Oval Office, commuted the sentences of 46 nonviolent drug offenders, giving them an opportunity for freedom – 13 were serving life in prison – and a once-in-a-lifetime chance at redemption.

A day earlier, the nation's first

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## Review team finds financial emergency in Wayne County

An independent review team concludes that a financial emergency exists in Wayne County under Public Act 436 of 2012, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act.

Gov. Rick Snyder by law has 10 days to consider the review team's report and reach a determination on the county's financial condition.

The review team, appointed July 2 following a preliminary

review requested by the Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, conducted several meetings to consider the county's finances and interviewed elected officials, department heads, union leaders, and others with knowledge and relevant information. The review team also conducted a public information meeting with county residents, as required by law.

The team's extensive report indicates that numerous conditions led to the determination that a financial emergency exists in the county. Those conditions include the following:

- The county's last four an-

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## Commission awards contract for long-awaited West Jefferson bridge repairs over Rouge River



During a recent bike ride down Jefferson Ave, riders turned around at the broken bridge that prevents traffic (motorized and non-motorized) from traveling to Detroit from River Rouge

After more than a two-year wait, relief is in sight for residents and business owners in River Rouge and southwest Detroit.

The Wayne County Commission voted 15-0 July 16 to award a \$16.7 million contract to Anlaan Corp. of

Grand Haven to repair the West Jefferson Avenue bascule bridge, which was severely damaged in the early morning hours of May 12, 2013, when the operator lowered it onto a passing freighter. Since then, both halves of the bridge – the north span in Detroit and the

south span on the edge of downtown River Rouge – have been locked in the upright position so freighter traffic on the Rouge River is not impeded.

The bridge is expected to re-open to vehicle traffic in one

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## Inkster implements new hiring process in search for new police chief

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Yost

In June, the City of Inkster began its search for a permanent police chief. The hiring process, which incorporated several interview panels and high level community involvement, represented a new approach never before utilized by the city.

"What we did was very unique



Thomas

here. Earlier this year, we held a community forum where the public could develop a profile of what the ideal candidate should be like, in addition to qualifications and skills they need to bring to the job," said Richard Marsh, Inkster City Manager. "Before deciding what kind of police chief was



Who's next

wanted and needed, we asked citizens, business owners, clergy, seniors and youth what kind of person they'd like to see hired. At the end of the day that chief will serve them, so they deserve to have a voice in the process."

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At some point we have to understand that we must work to save ourselves. We drive through our communities each day and don't stop to shop or stop in to say hello to the local business owners. We do say, Oh my!, another business just closed. At that point it is too late. What does happen is that throughout the years, people from different groups will call or stop in when they want a donation or they want you to support a project that they are having. But what doesn't happen, the people from their group don't stop by and patronize the business once their project is over. Really, have they ever thought about the fact that if they don't support the business, it is a great possibility that the business won't be there next year. I know, I know, you can come up with all types of reasons why you don't want to support the business in your community. But I'm sure the business really didn't want to support your organization either... but they did. They gave their hard earned money to help your cause.

But what happens is that they don't see you or a member of your group until next year when they want you to support their event/program again. You know what's going to happen. The next year when you go by the business, the doors might be closed. Then you will say, what happened??

Let's work to change this perpetual outcome of losing another business in the community. We must begin to shop with the businesses in the community and utilize their services. There are many that have storefronts, but there are many that have home based businesses that are just getting started or they find it easier to work from home. Think about it. Are you doing your part to help your community? We are doing our part by first spending our money with the businesses in the area.

We are also compiling a list of businesses in our area to help them spread the word about their business. Shopping local, spending money in the community is vital to the city's existence. During each Inkster council meeting, councilmen Timothy Williams never fails to encourage the citizens to do just that. I applaud him for that. I just pray that the citizens are listening and I am encouraging everyone reading this article to do the same... **Shop local.**

**Gina Steward  
Publisher**

**NEWS FROM LANSING**

**Durhal Glad to See Aramark Go, But Questions New Contract with Private Group**

**Prison food contract cancelled and given to Trinity Services Group**



LANSING – State Representative Fred Durhal III (D-Detroit) said today that it's good that the state is ending its prison food service contract with Aramark, but is disturbed by the clandestine manner in which the state signed with a new contractor without exploring other options, which could have included allowing state workers to again provide food services in state prisons

"Aramark never seemed to get a handle on their issues with employees and with keeping clean kitchens or sticking to approved menus, and that was unacceptable"

said Durhal, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections. "They've been fined and had 176 of their employees banned from working in the prisons. Now that they day has come to cut ties with Aramark, I question the wisdom of signing a new contract so quickly with a new company that has not been properly vetted, and without any input from the state employees who provided this service for us previously."

State officials announced the cancellation after discussions with Aramark when the company requested changes to the original \$145 million contract. Since it took over prison food services almost two years ago there have been numerous problems with Aramark employees becoming overly familiar with prisoners, and kitchen problems ranging from maggots in food and food-prep areas, to food shortages and unapproved food substitutions.

Earlier this year, Durhal requested

that State Auditor General Doug Ringler audit the state's contract with Aramark. Recently, and before the contract was cancelled, the auditor general announced that he would do a preliminary survey of the state's prisoner food services. A preliminary survey is information gathering and from that the auditor general will decide whether or not to do a full-scale audit.

"It would be good to know how Aramark spent taxpayer dollars so that we have some kind of benchmark by which to judge this contract with Trinity, who will be paid \$158 million while Aramark's contract was for \$145 million," said Durhal. "Taxpayers want their hard-earned money used wisely, and I'm not convinced that spending more money on a contract with another private company is a better deal than using our state workers who know the prison system and operated with transparency and accountability."

**Emergency**

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nual financial audits revealed notable variances between General Fund revenues and expenditures as initially budgeted, as amended, and as actually realized. In addition, County officials underestimated actual expenditures in three of the fiscal years by amounts ranging from \$16.7 million to \$23.7 million.

County officials engaged in unbudgeted expenditures in violation of Public Act 2 of 1968, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act.

Although there was agreement among county officials that existing detention facilities are inadequate, there is no consensus about whether to

complete construction on a new jail or to renovate existing facilities.

According to the county executive's recovery plan, unfunded healthcare-related liabilities were estimated to be \$1.3 billion as of the last actuarial valuation with funding set aside for this purpose of less than one percent of liabilities. Healthcare-related liabilities represent 40 percent of the county's long-term financial obligations.

Members of the Wayne County review team were:

Clarence Stone, director of legal affairs, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (State Treasurer's de-

signee); Jeffrey Bankowski, chief internal auditor, State Budget Office within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB Director's designee); Tom Davis, deputy director at Senate Majority Policy Office (nominee of Senate Majority Leader); Sharon Madison, owner, Madison Madison International (nominee of the Speaker of the House of Representatives); and Frederick Headen, legal advisor, Department of Treasury.

For more information about the PA 436 process, visit the Local Government Fiscal Health page on the Department of Treasury's website ([www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury)).

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# How to Keep Our Black Boys Alive

By Marian Wright Edelman - NNPA Columnist



preparing to teach at CDF Freedom Schools, Strayhorn said: "When you are mistreated, deemed guilty before you are innocent, and oppressed by that form of unbridled, misused power and authority, it is infuriating. It is offensive. It is enraging...The rage just started in my pinky toe and it climbed all up my body. But, thank God, I had what I'm going to say is the number-one thing: if you're going to teach [our children] anything—teach them literacy, teach them numeracy, teach them vocabulary, teach them history, teach them political science, but listen – teach them how to control their rage."

He continued, "...We've got to remember that while we're teaching them how to control their rage, giving them the language to have that conversation, they need words for that encounter with the police officer, that encounter with the neighbor. The reason why people fight is because words are not present for them to have the conversation. Give them the literacy tools so they can have the conversation. Teach them rage is natural; rage against this thing; rage against inequality—but control it in the face of authority that can take your life, because the end of the thing is we want them to live."

Self-control over rage at the right moment might help save a Black boy's life, though even that has certainly never been a guarantee. But no matter what, the critical next step still has to be channeling rage at deeply embedded structural racism and blatant injustice into "impassioned enthusiasm" for the larger fight. That larger fight can and must start with all of us by getting ourselves organized and providing our children positive alternatives to the miseducation in so many schools and the dangers on the street from law enforcement agents.

Strayhorn concluded, this all-hands-on-deck call to rage against injustice and fight for freedom is for everyone: "We've got to pursue freedom and justice not just for Black people, but pursue freedom and justice for Latino folks, pursue freedom and justice for Native American people, pursue freedom and justice for gay people, for LGBT, for poor people, for rich people, for tall people, for short people, for people who don't have anything at all, for first-generation people, for welfare mothers, for everybody. Freedom and justice for all."

That's the message every child of every color who is "different" must internalize to

# Team USA wins gold

By Jim Abeare



USA Football/Ed Hall, Jr.

The senior men's football squad beat Japan 59-12 for the gold medal in the International Federation of American Football's World Championship.

The U.S. dominated throughout the tournament. Especially impressive was their 82-0 win over France in the semifinals.

France was no slouch in the tournament. They beat Australia by 50 points.

Australia had beaten South Korea by 41 points.

Team USA had no problem proving that they were the team to beat in in the tournament which was held for the first time in the United States in Canton, Ohio.

Team USA started sending teams with the 2007 championship, and although Japan took them to double overtime in that year's gold medal game, the Americans remain undefeated in IFAF play.

Japan won the first two championships in 1999 and 2003.

some stats for Team USA:  
\* Team USA outscored its opponents 214-36, with an average scoreline of 52.5-9.

\*Team USA outgained its opponents 1855 to 672, over

1,000 yards differential in just four games.

\* Team USA's opponents ran for -11 yards during the tournament. Team USA ran for 869.

\*Team USA scored 29 touchdowns, including five defensive touchdowns. They allowed four touchdowns total.

\* Team USA punted seven times in four games.

Japan took the silver medal for the third straight time and Mexico took home the bronze, its first medal since the United States started competing.

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The recent spotlight on systematic racial profiling and police brutality against Black boys and men has exposed a painful truth long known in the Black community: just about every Black youth and man seems to have a story about being stopped by the police, and all live daily with the understanding it can happen to any of them at any time.

Terrell Strayhorn is Director of the Center for Higher Education Enterprise at The Ohio State University and a Professor of Higher Education in the Department of Educational Studies in the College of Education and Human Ecology.

But none of these credentials mattered when Strayhorn was pulled over by a White police officer in June.

He'd just bought a beautiful new car. "So I'm driving my really nice car because that's what you can do in this country, right? You can work hard and you can make good money, and then you can use your money to buy a car...So I'm in my car, in my good hard-earned money car, and then comes a blue light in my rearview mirror."

"... And I watched an officer who does not know me come up to my window and say, 'Mister, I need to see your license and registration.' And I got ready to reach for it, and he reached for his gun – and I said, 'Oh, my God. I know how this ends..."

"I put my hands back and I said, 'Do I have permission to do what you just asked me to do?' And the cop said, 'Yes, you can now move.'" Only then did Strayhorn go ahead and pull out his registration and license, along with his university identification card, though the officer didn't seem to care.

"He said, 'Do you know why I stopped you?' I said, 'No.' He said, 'Because you don't look old enough to drive this car.' It sounded like a compliment, but then I had to remind him – in my head, not out loud – that in this country actually, [when] you get a driver's license, you're free to drive any car."

Recounting the story for the Children's Defense Fund training for college-age students

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break the vicious cycle of deeply embedded cultural and structural racism that pervades so many American institutions including those too prevalent in the criminal justice system that too often takes rather than protects lives.

*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*

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# He's Still On The Throne

By: Janine Folks



In 2002, I lost my aunt Barbara due to complications Sarcoidosis which affected her lungs. When the late Bernie Mac passed a little while afterward, it brought back memories of her fight against the disease. Her mission was to make people aware of this condition and get the medical community to do more research for treatment and prevention.

People close to me have been affected by Sarcoidosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Cancer, kidney failure, COPD, and Diabetes, just to name a few. Some have died, some are living their condition day by day adjusting their lifestyle due to the limitations brought on by the condition, and some have been completely set free and healed.

If you are anything like me, you may ask, "Why?" "Where did this come from?" We hear that these things can be the result of environmental factors, genetics, lifestyle, or even random spontaneous occurrence. Who can really say? Sometimes, we just don't know. That's when I quote Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not depend on your own understanding (NLT)."

When you see a lot of sickness and death, it's easy to get discouraged, sad or wor-

ried, especially when we think people affected are 'too young' for that. Even though it's sad and seems unfair to us, we have to believe that God knows what He's doing. We can be encouraged because nevertheless, "GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE!" We don't have to live in the bondage of worry or panic. Seek the PEACE of God which passes understanding, and it will keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:7).

Keep believing and trusting God to sustain you. Keep living. Don't lose your joy. Don't lose hope. Don't fret about anything. Trust the sovereignty of God. "Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones" (Proverbs 3:6-8 NLT). Remember that God is gracious to the humble (Proverbs 3:34).

Even though we will see sickness in this world, don't become overcome with sorrow. Use your faith. Use your voice to bring awareness. Pray for people who are affected. Pray for yourself and your family. Know that God hears and He cares. No matter what happens, God is still on the throne. "Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin... for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared" (Proverbs 3:25-26).

God bless you and keep you is my prayer.

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## BIBLE VERSE

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

8We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,

about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.

9Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

10He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,

11as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

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Mark 1:40-42

The passage above chronicles for us just one of the many miraculous healing Jesus Christ performed during his public ministry. Mark tells us, from first hand information, this story of a man with leprosy and how he came to Jesus Christ for healing from a loathsome disease called Leprosy. Leprosy in those days was defined as any visible disfiguring skin melody. We are not told how long he had been in this situation but we do know that according to the law he had to be outside the camp and if he came into the vicinity of any people he must cry unclean unclean. This means he was forced to live as an outcast from society and that meant the benefits of being in that society were not available to him. Somehow he heard about Jesus Christ ability to heal all

manner of sickness and disease and he found his way to him.

What I really love about this story is, no matter how long he had been in this situation it did not dull his faith that Jesus had the power to heal him from his leprosy. He clearly demonstrated in his request to Jesus that he did not have a problem as to whether or not Jesus could heal him, the question was would he be willing to heal him. Sometimes when we have to go through something that makes our lives like his, a living nightmare, even those of us who believe in Jesus Christ can begin wonder does God care just like this man did. Those of us who believe know that Jesus Christ can do anything, but again the question becomes, do we believe he cares enough to do anything?

Jesus did not respond to this mans request as one might think in anger because the bible say's NIV Version "He was indignant." What this really means is, Jesus had compassion for him. Beloved, it breaks the heart of the LORD our God when we, his children/his creation do not believe he cares about us, our lives, our families or any other good thing the LORD our God has given into our care. Jesus let this man and everyone else there and even all of us

today know that he not only has the power to do something about our problems he also is willing "cares enough to." On another occasion Jesus was with his disciples in a boat going to the other side and a fierce storm came up and it seemed like it was going to flip the boat and they were all going to be goners. They came to Jesus and said KJV "And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

Jesus does care and he is doing something right now about your situation. Whether you have just come into the knowledge this problem or you have been living with it for a long time, Jesus Christ knew you would come into it and by faith in his word get through before you were born. This is not to say we should hunt Jesus down just for miracles and not the gospel (Good News). This man did get his healing but what he yet needed was his soul to be healed from sin sickness and that can only be accomplished by accepting the caring miraculous healer Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord.

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## Bridge

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Commissioner Joseph Palamara



Commissioner Ilona Varga

year. "I'm so glad that this phase of the project is finally beginning," said Commissioner Joseph Palamara, D-Grosse Ile Twp., who represents River Rouge. "Residents, and especially business owners, have been very frustrated with the delay, but this is a very complex job because of the damage above and below the water. That's why it's taken so long – the county needed to fully know the extent of the damage. Now, the repairs can move forward and the city of River Rouge can again benefit from the traffic when it resumes." Commissioner Ilona Varga, D-Lincoln Park, who represents southwest Detroit, said the closure has been inconvenient for her constituents, too, with the state's closure of the nearby Fort Street bridge over the

Rouge River compounding the issue. "Residents on both sides of the West Jefferson bridge finally have an answer as to when it should reopen," she said. "It's a relief knowing that the end to this problem is within sight." County Department of Public Services officials previously had told commissioners that the northern span was jolted out of line by about 1 1/2 feet, and there was damage above and underwater. An outside company was hired to conduct an engineering study to determine the extent of the damage before repair bids were sought. "It was a very technical engineering process to get it designed and bid out," Ron Agacinski, county Roads Division director of engineering,

told the Commission. Three qualified companies submitted repair bids, and Anlaan was the lowest. The contract is being paid via insurance money minus a \$100,000 deductible paid by the county. Officials said the insurance company will pay \$11 million up front and the remainder at the project's conclusion. There also will be about \$500,000 in repairs not related to the incident, with that money coming from the county's road fund. The Commission previously approved two contracts totaling more than \$2.3 million – one for initial repairs to lock the bridge upright and one for the engineering study. The West Jefferson bridge opened for traffic Oct. 17, 1922, and is the only pony truss bascule bridge still in use in Michigan. About 6,400 vehicles had been passing over the bridge daily, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Complicating the commute for area drivers was the Michigan Department of Transportation's spring 2013 closure of the Fort Street (M-85) bridge so it could be replaced. The southwest Detroit bridge – which also opened in 1922 and crosses the Rouge River west of West Jefferson – is expected to reopen this fall.

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The program is being sponsored by Service Builders Foundation, Incorporated, a non-profit affiliate of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Eta Iota Omega Chapter Inkster, Michigan.

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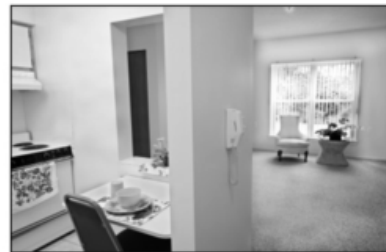
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# Obama

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President Obama said Blacks and Latinos are more likely to be stopped and frisked

And, when it comes to redemption, Obama clearly has re-energized an African-American base who have largely felt abandon during the first seven years of his historic presidency.

"The president's speech was groundbreaking and it was sweeping in what he said," Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the chair of the Democratic National Committee, said. Passionately, Obama spoke of how blacks are often the target of the criminal justice system.

He said blacks and Latinos are more likely to be stopped and frisked and the president acknowledged something that black leaders and those throughout the community have lamented for decades: jails and prisons are full of African Americans and minorities, many receiving more time

for similar crimes committed by whites.

"Any system that allows us to turn a blind-eye to hopelessness and despair, that's not a justice system, that's an injustice system," Obama said to cheers. "Justice is not only the absence of oppression; it's the presence of opportunity."

The president noted that America is home to five percent of the world's population but he said it's also home to 25 percent of the world's prison.

African Americans and Latinos make up 30 percent of the U.S. population, but represent 60 percent of American inmates, Obama said.

Upon arriving in Philadelphia for the convention, the president met with those who'd previously been incarcerated.

The group shared their stories with Obama and discussed their reintegration following their release as well as the work they're doing to help other formerly incarcerated individuals and at-risk youth through community service, mentorship and education.

"By just about every measure, the life chances for black and Hispanic youth still lag far behind those of their white peers," Obama said.

"Our kids, America's children, so often are isolated, without hope, less likely to graduate from high school, less likely to earn a college degree, less likely to be employed, less likely to have health insurance, less likely to own a home."

"Part of this is a legacy of hundreds of years of slavery and segregation, and structural inequalities that compounded over generations. It did not happen by accident. Partly, it's a result of continuing, if sometimes more subtle, bigotry whether in who gets called back for a job interview, or who gets suspended from school, or what neighborhood you are able to rent an apartment in which, by the way, is why our recent initiative to strengthen the awareness and effectiveness of fair housing laws is so important," the president said.

He added that no one can be satisfied or not satisfied until the opportunity gap is closed for everybody in America.

# HOROSCOPES

**JULY 23 - JULY 29, 2015**

**ARIES**

Possibilities of hearing good news about home are greatly expanded. Savor the news rather than thinking about other annoyances. Travel is on the horizon. Plan the trip this week.

Soul Affirmation: Jewelry reflects the beauty of my feelings about myself.

**Lucky Numbers: 26, 44, 52**

**TAURUS**

Feather the nest. Stock up on stuff for the long haul. Cement relationships. A friend needs your support. Enjoy giving it. You will receive good news about a pal.

Soul Affirmation: Cheerfully handling what comes at me is the test of who I am.

**Lucky Numbers: 13, 22, 31**

**GEMINI**

Your mate has a sweet surprise. Open up to receive it. Choose your words carefully around a sensitive pal. Listen for good news about a loan or financial matter.

Soul Affirmation: I let others toot my horn this week.

**Lucky Numbers: 27, 28, 41**

**CANCER**

Enjoy the great insights you have in the area of career objectives. Take a look at what's out there! An unanticipated financial matter may arise, find the good in it.

Soul Affirmation: A cheerful soul should be wrapped in a cheerful package.

**Lucky Numbers: 15, 23, 35**

**LEO**

Be cautious and conservative with money. You are extremely witty this week. Allow others to enjoy your good humor. Your leadership skills are very high, and others will follow.

Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.

**Lucky Numbers: 14, 20, 44**

**VIRGO**

This is a good time for you to seek agreement on a plan that involves a relative. Take the time to remind your lover how much you care. Get a little sentimental if you have to. Don't be too critical of that softer side of your personality.

Soul Affirmation: Self confidence is the key to my success this week.

**Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 19**

**LIBRA**

Push. Now is a good time to offend, but you can't please everyone. Hire a pro for something that you planned to do yourself, especially if a expert-

ise is involved.

Soul Affirmation: Success is mine because I feel successful.

**Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 12**

**SCORPIO**

Review your "to do" list again. You may need to slow down to discover something that you didn't realize while you were in the flow of events. Your lover is going to be a little difficult to understand. Back off if an argument arises. You're probably the one who is too busy. Forgiving yourself is often harder than getting someone else to forgive you.

Soul Affirmation: Two hats fit well on my big head.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 20, 32**

**SAGITTARIUS**

Make a special effort to spend all week with your lover, husband or wife. Your sense of the importance of relationships is keen and this is a good time to strengthen your passionate partnership. Take your lover to a party. Devote attention.

Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.

**Lucky Numbers: 12, 51, 52**

**CAPRICORN**

The flock will come to you for direction. Give it gracefully. Know that your insights will help a lot if you deliver them in the right way. If you are a mother, guidance will be the best gift you can give others this week.

Soul Affirmation: Knowing I can do it is the biggest preparation for getting it done.

**Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 22**

**AQUARIUS**

Most people don't know how often dreams and reality blend into that practical consciousness of yours. Knowledge comes from a dream you've had lately. This week is a good week to get started making that dream a reality.

Soul Affirmation: My spirit gives me limitless possibilities.

**Lucky Numbers: 9, 17, 52**

**PISCES**

Cooperation is key this week in your relationship with your partner. Even if you know you're right, let your partner have his or her way in the early going. Your staying power will give you influence or control in the late rounds.

Soul Affirmation: I let go and let the spirit run my life this week.

**Lucky Numbers: 11, 39, 41**

## "HOW IS DTE BRIGHTENING THE STREETS OF RIVER ROUGE?"

Thanks to a FDCVT grant from the State of Michigan, DTE Energy and the city of River Rouge are working together to upgrade the public lighting system. Changing over to LED lights will be a welcome improvement, providing savings and more reliable, efficient lighting for the city's residents.

The upgrade project runs from late June through early August, and during construction, electric service to homes and businesses will not be affected.

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## It's time to clean up Telegram Newspaper continues with MDOT Adopt a Highway project on Telegraph

By: Kellee Jordan - Telegram Intern



Telegram Newspaper Workers cleans center mount of Telegraph. Right: Chasidy Hall - Intern Reporter, Center: Shelby Jefferson - Staff Reporter, Left: Kellee Jordan - Intern Reporter.

The Telegram Newspaper staff shared a common goal today. The reporters were faced with an obstacle to pick up litter in the middle of the road. Making

a highway clean was the aim. The Adopt-a-Highway initiative went into full effect July 17, 2015 for the Telegram reporters. Adopting part of Telegraph road, as a way to commit to the public service, four staff members with bags in hand and bright neon vest went on a hike. The reporters tramped through the tall grass

on Telegraph islands. Picking up plastic, paper, metal and cardboard the task was not complete until hours later. Through it all it allowed the members to laugh, talk and communicate the need to do their part in community service. The Telegram Newspaper has adopted the area of Telegraph from Van Born Rd to Wick Rd.

## WESTLAND SHOPPING CENTER MARKS 50 YEARS WITH MOTOWN-THEMED COMMUNITY EXTRAVAGANZA

WESTLAND – Westland Shopping Center achieves a milestone celebrating 50- years in business as a premier shopping center that continues to be a community-focused and customer favorite shopping destination on Saturday, July 25. The all-day festivities kick-off at 11 a.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. in East Court.

"While many retail centers have come and gone over the years, Westland Shopping Center continues to be as relevant today as it was in its beginning which has been accomplished by staying true to our mission of providing the stores that our customers desire while maintaining an enjoyable shopping experience," said Patrick Derrig, Marketing Manager, Westland Shopping Center. "With over 97 percent occupancy rate, 80 plus specialty shops, coveted national retailers and restaurants I am proud to celebrate with the community the mall's rich legacy while creating new memories and shopping experience for all to enjoy."

During this birthday bash celebration, customers who redeem receipts from Westland Shopping Center merchants totaling \$200 dated July 22-July 29, 2015 will receive a \$20 gift card.\*

The main festivities will commence with a ceremony, featuring remarks by Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Westland Shopping Center representatives, and additional City of Westland dignitaries. From

noon to 2 p.m. an interactive dance party for the entire family, full of music, prizes and party games begin. Face painters and balloon artists will also be on hand to add to the family fun.

EXCLUSIVE - The Motown Experience takes center stage at 3 p.m. for a free concert. The musical group is an all-star lineup of world-class vocalists drawn from the ranks of the legendary groups that made many of these songs timeless classics. While watching dazzling choreography, families are invited to dance and sing along. This dynamic group is assembled from members of The Capitols, The Miracles and former members of The Temptations.\*\*

Guests will also be treated to a custom commemorative Westland Shopping Center Sanders candy bar with chances to win mall gift cards in the mounts of \$20, \$50, \$100, to \$250 along with concert tickets and a grand prize of a \$500 shopping spree.

Visitors can also take advantage of free swing dance lessons provided by award winning, The Dance Academy, at 4:30 p.m. at the center stage and by 5:30 p.m. can try out their newly acquired dance skills to the sounds of The Rhythm Society Swing Orchestra. The orchestra specializes in true vintage swing music and the band covers top venues throughout the Midwest. This 15-piece swing band will also perform at 7:15 p.m.

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# Romulus youth become leaders

By Kellee Jordan - Telegram Intern Reporter



Students wear their #kickbutts T-shirts as they spread the word about dangers of smoking

ROMULUS - Who will lead our youth? Romulus Youth Leadership Movement (RYLM) has a lot going on for the youth. Starting in the 80's at Romulus Middle School, RYLM is dedicated to educating youth. The program is doing a tremendous job. The alcohol, tobacco and prescription medication prevention program does superb training at informing their students about these drug usages. The possibilities and opportunities provided are aimed into supporting the youth with thankful spirits and humble understandings. The community allows the students to work closely and provide an experience only obtained by demonstrating the actions.

The students begin their commitment to community service projects by participating in life skill training courses. Those courses provide a motivational experience to be active members of the community. Started

tens and toy drives...that's basically what it started out as," states Santos. The program since then has expanded. The twenty years plus program now offers trips to Washington, D.C., Midland, MI., a video production component and Family Career Community Leaders of America, FCCLA, - state leadership conference every year.

The Romulus Middle School students involved are making a difference. The students become leaders in their school and the children actions speak as loud as their words. Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority funds the program, and has been for the last nine years. The grant based non-profit program allow students in grades six through eight at Romulus Middle School to participant in an after school program. RYLM is aimed to develop wise decision making and healthy living. "The program is planning to improve the sixth grade portion and allow them

veloped are purpose for longevity healthy lifestyles. Throughout the school year they work in small groups of four to focus one services learning project to be presented at the end of the year Midland competition.

At Midland the student present projects on what they learned throughout the year. They have the ability to enter a poster board or portfolio of their piece. This year 25 students went and due to one of the projects that students hosted during the school year, a pop can drive, they were able to reduce the cost of the Midland trip. Nine projects went to state and the group won a community service award and most enthusiastic group. The students also brought home 22 gold medals, 3 slivers and 18 eighth graders were invited to nationals in D.C.

"I like the program because we get to help out our community and school like telling people not to do drugs...and we did one where we got to help out senior citizens," says Tamir Thompson upcoming eighth grader. The groups focus on - anti bullying, cancer research, and Red Ribbon Week (anti drugs and alcohol prevention campaign). They also have can food, clothing and toy drives. These items collected are donated to residents of Romulus through churches or Helping Hand.

The students' education goes further into the community with their hands on activities that allow them to connect directly with local businesses. "We do vendor education, its apart of life skill and prevention program and we travel to vendors like gas stations, typically places that sale tobacco and then we go back to check to see if they are selling to minors." says seventh grade focus leader Sam Meeker. The students stuff folders full of information about alcohol and tobacco sales. It describes the age limit for purchasing each item. They do random checks at the businesses.

There is a video production component to the program concept that the kids really love. The students self produce their own videos. They learn camera training, script writing and editing software. A group of students who just so happen to be wearing the same campaign shirt,



in the 1980's by a teacher of the name Betty Santos, it has grown progressively. "When I started teaching I did an after school leadership and it was just community service, we did can food drives, collected hats and mit-

similar activities as the seventh and eighth graders," says incoming seventh grader Amari Brim. There is an eighth grade mentor program as well. The eight graders are trained in a web base series to mentor the sixth grades. The skill sets de-



Baileigh C. Hughes has just finished kindergarten and is going to the first grade in the next school year. It seems like it was just yesterday when she was born on September 13, 2009 on Grandparents Day. She has had a big impact on my life (Granddad Roderick L. Hughes Sr.

I just want her to know how much I love her and and to tell her to keep up the 'Good Work'.



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#kickbutts, informed me of what that meant and shared the excitement of getting on the bus that morning coincidentally having on their shirts. The message is to kick cigarette butts. The annual campaign raises awareness of the risk cigarettes have on the kids' life. The students designed a video as well to go along with. The students are seen rapping, singing and speaking on the issue at hand. The website RYLM.weebly.com features this video, with a link to their YouTube page.

"Through the school year, we send these out to the teachers and they watch it with their advisor kids," says Mark Edwards, program coordinator. The program has a full effect on the whole middle school and gives emerging leaders an opportunity to shine and progress.

Incoming ninth graders Kayla Leonard, Kara Ward and Nashawn Craig are working the Monday and Wednesday summer version of Romulus Youth Leadership Movement. The high school students from the program are very excited and focused. They have plans and goals set up for what they want to achieve. All three plan to enroll in Romulus High School Early College Program and keep up their grades. Kayla and Kara plan to play sports and musical instruments. They chose to help out during the summer because of all the fun they had during their three years within the program. "It's not really exclusive, but sometimes you have to be recommended," says Leonard, an upcoming Romulus ninth grader who was recommended her fifth grade year.

The students learn preparation skills. In order to become a member of the leadership program, you have to prepare an essay. "You have to basically stay on your game," says Leonard. "They want you to be able to balance school and leadership." adds Craig. After speaking with the three graduates of RYLM, it is evident that the program teaches prioritizing.

Edwards says, "It is rewarding seeing where the kids end up going after high school, so many have gone to earn college scholarships and continue to stay in the community and come to give back by working with our kids." He has been in his position since 2008. He teaches life skills and organizes after school activities as well as keeps up with the students' grades, behavior, and websites. As one of the future ninth graders told me, it is possible to be removed from the program.

The Romulus Middle School motto is, "We are bulldogs and we believe in helping ourselves and others, not only today but everyday, we will work together as a team to improve our community & beyond because it is the right thing to do! We are bulldogs, and we believe." Romulus Youth Leadership Movement helps uphold this motto greatly.

# Jackson is the Future for Pistons

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Detroit Pistons had a very busy day this past Monday as they introduced Reggie Jackson in a formal news conference in the west atrium of the Palace.

The Detroit Pistons had a very busy day this past Monday as they introduced Reggie Jackson in a formal news conference in the west atrium of the Palace - where the team holds many of its biggest announcements these days. Jackson was a restricted free agent, however resign with the Pistons in a deal worth a reported \$80 million over five years keeping him with Detroit after the Pistons traded for him in the middle of last season. The agreement came together a while ago - Van Gundy had talked about Jackson's return after a news conference about a different topic over a week ago - but the team formally announced the signing this past Monday. The Pistons has struggled to land top free agents lately, the trade for

Jackson should play a big role in shaping the team's future. Jackson averaged 14.5 points per game last season, including 17.6 in 27 games after he was traded from Oklahoma City to the Pistons and became a full-time starter. The 25-year-old guard will be asked to team up with promising big man Andre Drummond and help Detroit try to return to the postseason, where the Pistons haven't been since 2009.

I said the Pistons were busy this past Monday as in addition announced that the team has re-signed center Joel Anthony to a multi-year contract. Per team policy, terms of the contract were not disclosed. Anthony, 32, appeared in 49 games (no starts) and aver-

aged 1.8 points, 1.9 rebounds, 0.1 assists, 0.2 steals and 1.0 blocks in 8.3 minutes per game. Also the Pistons announced the same day that the team has signed rookie guard Darrun Hilliard to a contract. Per team policy, terms of the contract were not disclosed. Hilliard, a 6-6 guard from Villanova University, was selected 38th overall in the 2015 NBA Draft by the Detroit Pistons. He averaged 9.4 points, 2.6 rebounds, 0.8 assists and 1.2 steals in the recently concluded NBA Orlando Summer League.

Stan Van Gundy says Pistons will now talk contract extension with Andre Drummond for the seasons training camp begins in late September.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

### The return of Little League baseball to the River Rouge took a team effort



Hard work, hard work, hard work. That is what it took to see this day happen. It had been over three years since the City of River Rouge had a team of young people playing Little League baseball. This is a rebuilding year for the players as they learn the basis of the sport. For many of the guys this was their first time playing baseball.

Many local businesses, the police department and city officials came together to make sure this day happened. Mayor Bowdler through out the first pitch as the River Rouge team played against the Melvindale team on Saturday, July 18th. A special Thank You goes out to the coaches who have stepped up to the plate to work with the kids.

# Tigers Fighting Frustrations

By Butch Davis

The Baltimore Orioles and Detroit Tigers are separated by only a game in the playoff standings, however this past weekend they looked like extremely different teams with their missions. Starting the second half after the All-Star break the Tigers earn a win this past Friday night as Baltimore lost the series opener. However, the Orioles 3-0 shut out the Tigers on Saturday night at Comerica Park. David Price pitched well for the Tigers, but took the loss, allowing one run on six hits with one walk and 12 strikeouts in 7.0 innings. Ian Kinsler had the only hit of the game for the Detroit offense and that was in the bottom of the first inning. This past Sunday was no better as the Orioles Jonathan Schoop hit a three-run homer - part of Baltimore's six-run fourth inning against Justin Verlander, in addition to Ian Kinsler's ejection in the bottom of the fourth inning. Wait, there's more, after Kinsler's ejection, Nick Castellanos entered to play third base, with Andrew Romine moving from third to second. In the fifth inning the Orioles Adam Jones hit a grounder that hopped up and caught Castellanos on the left cheek, "ouch" although he was able to deflect the ball a bit with his bare hand, softening the blow. By the way, Castellanos X-rays were negative and the Orioles routed the Tigers 9-3 on Kids Day at the ballpark.

Now it's been quite some time since the four-time defending AL Central champion sat below .500 following the All-Star break. As of this past Sunday the Tigers are 45-46, below .500 after the All-Star break and this past weekend for the first time since 2010. Here is a break down of the Tigers record and streaks the last 20 games, last five games: 1-4, Last 10 games: 4-6, Last 15 games: 6-9, Last 20 games: 9-11. This series was especially crucial, and not just because the Tigers lost three crushers to the Twins before the break other than the fact the home team Tigers are as of this past Monday 10 and a half game behind first place Kansas City

Royals and the teams in their own division (American League Central) are catching of ready to past the Tigers baseball club right on by as Cleveland is only a game behind in the standing. Brad Ausmus made this statement this Sunday's past. "I see signs of the Justin Verlander that got outs and swings and misses, and then he has a bad inning. I certainly think he's capable of pitching well. At this point, it's not just him, we all gotta do it, everyone, pitchers, hitters, everyone." Verlander was coming off the best of his six starts, going seven and two-thirds strong innings before the Tigers fell apart in an 8-6 loss to the Twins and this past Sunday, Verlander (0-3) allowed seven runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings. "We need to play better, better starting pitching, and I need to do a better job," Verlander said. "A lot of guys need to do a better job. It starts with looking in the mirror, with myself." Signs of frustration are everywhere as the Tigers players and coaching staff are not only ones single out, as the fans and some of the Metro Detroit's media are saying, their four-year reign above the Central Division appears over, and management's buy-or-sell decision is in the players' hands for only a few more games.

If the Tigers take there frustration and turn them into a positive such as Ian Kinsler did this past Monday as he homered twice, including a go-ahead two-run shot in the eighth inning for example as the Detroit Tigers beat the Seattle Mariners 5-4 this past Monday night. Kinsler, who came in with three homers this season, hit one off Seattle starter J.A. Happ in the first, and then drove a fastball from Mark Lowe over the Tigers' bullpen with two out in the eighth. It was his first multi-homer game since Sept. 7, 2011. Now that is how you work with your frustrations in a positive matter. However, Tigers Manager Brad Ausmus again in his quote this past Sunday said it best, "we all gotta do it, everyone, pitchers, hitters, everyone."

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# CRIME ALERTS

## RIVER ROUGE

**July 11th, 2015**

At 1905hrs, officers were dispatched to the area of Linden and Charles on a report of a large fight. Officers arrived and observed about 15 individuals actively engaged in fist fights. A 16 year old male was fighting while encouraging other to fight. As well as a 14 year old male who was striking and trying to fight other 17 year old males. The K9 officer deployed "Steel" the K9 dog and warned all involved to cease or the dog would be sent to apprehend them. The year old male complied and got on the ground and was detained by the officer. But the 14 year old continued to fight and pursue individuals. He was also warned to stop or the dog would be sent to apprehend him. He got the message and was taken into custody. Officers began to clear others from the area when a male juvenile began to yell and swear at the officer. He was detained and taken into custody. Once the scene was secure individuals were placed under arrest and two vehicles parked in the middle of Linden and Charles used to transport the males to the area. One was a blue 2014 Ford Focus and the other a 2012 Dodge Avenger. One of the vehicles was registered to the male's father and the other to a female who left the area on foot when officers arrived. Who let the dog out?

**July 10th, 2015**

At 0742hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Batavia Street on a Domestic. A 48 year old female states on July 9th, 2015 between 0700 and 0800hrs her son, a 29

year old male came to her house and stole her laptop computer from a spare bedroom. She states that her son has a Heroin problem and has been stealing everything from her and her family for over the past year. She states prior to allowing him into her home she would hide her purse and valuables but did not lock the door to the spare room. She states when she went to his home to confront him, her son took off and ran out of the house. When she finally talked to him he knew nothing about the Laptop. Do you believe him?

**July 9th, 2015**

At 2114hrs, while traveling south on West Jefferson, an officer observed a wanted vehicle, a 2010 Chevy S210turn west bound on Rockwood Street in the City of Ecorse. The officer had been given information that the occupants were possibly involved in a "murder for Hire" against an officer. And the known driver had a Felony warrant for his arrest. A traffic Stop was affected and when the officer approached the vehicle the driver was on the phone telling someone he was going to jail. He told the officer he thought he was going to jail because he didn't have a license and had warrants. The 32 year old male driver was told to exit the vehicle and was checked for weapons. A check with LEIN showed outstanding warrants. He was placed under arrest without incident. And he knew if he got stopped he would go to jail. Get your license in order.

# Chief

From Page 1A

To select well qualified candidates for the position, the city hired a consultant recommended from Governor Snyder's officer, who went on a nationwide search for applicants. Official interviews began on June 11th, where contenders met with special panels comprised of law enforcement officials and Inkster's mayor/city council. During the second leg of the process, three remaining prospects interviewed before additional committees including a faith based panel with local clergy, a citizens panel that included seniors and youth, a staff panel with city department heads and a judicial panel involving city attorneys. Finally, candidates spoke with Marsh and City Treasurer Mark Stuhldreher to round out the extensive process.

"Everything we've done has been very inclusive and participatory", said Marsh. "This is the first time we've gone to this extent to include various sectors of the community, but it was very important because public safety is a number one priority. We're on a national and international level now in terms of how people view Inkster, so we have an opportunity to get this right by making sure that the best candidate is chosen for this position. And even more importantly, the fact that we're involving the public brings us hope that we can build more trust and respect between law enforcement and the community."

At the current time, Joseph Thomas still stands as Inkster's interim police chief. He was appointed in May. Marsh maintains that a decision will soon be revealed regarding the city's permanent selection.

"We will be making the announcement regarding our permanent police chief soon, most likely at an upcoming council meeting," he said. "We're in negotiations at the current time."

# Detroit water rates to increase by 7.5 percent



Detroit City Council has voted 5-4 in favor of a 7.5 % water rate increase. They had voted against a rate hike in June, but decided to put the issue back on the table because of a \$27 million deficit.

Gary Brown, the City's Chief Operating officer said a rate hike was needed since with lower volumes, "the only way to react to that is either to reduce staff or reduce costs." Water officials

were not committed to cutting staff, he added.

Officials say the increase will cost the average household about \$5 more each month.

Council members voting in favor of the change were Scott Benson, George Cushingberry, Jr., Gabe Leland, Andre Spivey and James Tate. Voting against it were Janee Ayers, Raquel Castaneda-Lopez, President Brenda Jones and Mary Sheffield.



## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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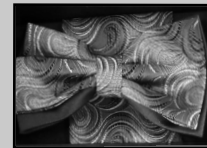
At Monday's Inkster City Council meeting, Marsh revealed that William Riley of Selma, Alabama will be appointed as the city's permanent police chief. He will take over the position on August 10th

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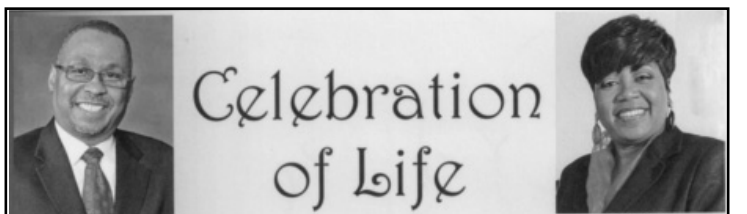
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## Teens' overall substance use declining, but marijuana use rising

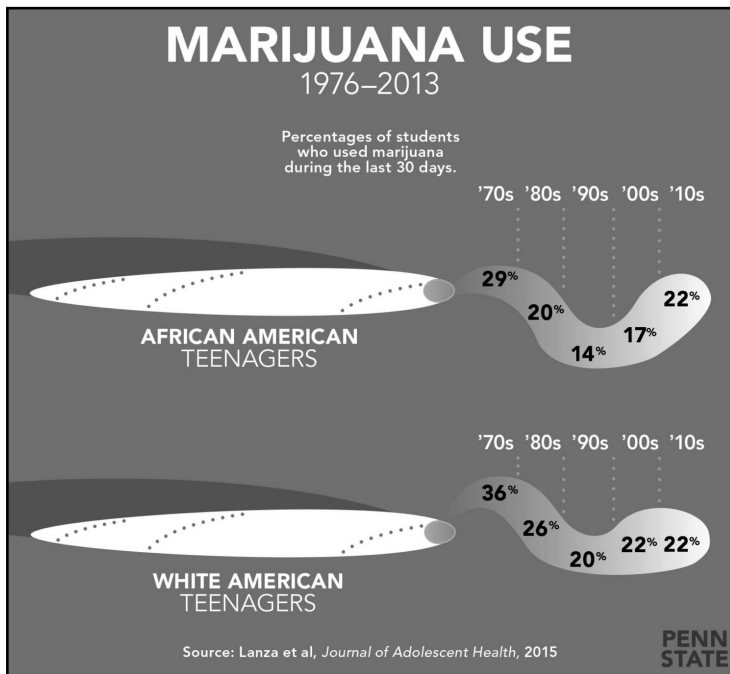


Chart shows Marijuana use is about the same for all Teenagers

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA. -- Marijuana use in teenagers is on the rise, while cigarette and alcohol use are stable or declining, according to health statistics researchers. In particular, black teens are using more marijuana than in recent decades.

Our analysis shows that public health campaigns are working -- fewer teens are smoking cigarettes," said Stephanie Lanza, professor of biobehavioral health, and scientific director of The Methodology Center, Penn State. "However, we were surprised to find the very clear message that kids are choosing marijuana over cigarettes."

Lanza and colleagues analyzed data collected from U.S. high school seniors between 1976 and 2013. Nearly 600,000 students were surveyed over this time period as part of the project Monitoring the Future, a long-term ongoing epidemiological study conducted by the University of Michigan. Lanza and her team focused on information reported about the rates of use of three different substances -- alcohol, cigarettes and marijuana -- over the course of 37 years. They report their results today (July 20) in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Students were asked about their use of these three substances in the 30 days prior to taking the survey. Overall the researchers found a marked decline in cigarette use, particularly among white teens, and an increase in marijuana use, particularly among black teens.

In 1993, black adolescents were equally likely to use marijuana and cigarettes, and have continued an upward trend in marijuana use since. White adolescents were more likely to smoke cigarettes than use marijuana until 2011, when marijuana usage slightly surpassed that of cigarettes. In 2013, nearly 19 percent of

white teens smoked cigarettes, while almost 22 percent used marijuana. At the same time only about 10 percent of black teens smoked cigarettes, but nearly 25 percent used marijuana.

The rate of teen alcohol consumption has decreased since the mid-1970s, however white adolescents still drink alcohol more than they use any other substance. White teens' alcohol use remained higher than black teens' throughout the study period.

In the published paper the researchers included line graphs tracking substance use over the past four decades.

"What will this look like in a few years?" Lanza asked, indicating the two lines representing alcohol and marijuana, respectively, on the graph showing black teens' use. "All signs point to these two lines crossing within the next few years. This is a decisive shift."

Students were more likely to use marijuana if they also smoked cigarettes than if they did not, and vice versa. Teens were also more likely to use marijuana if they drank excessively than if they did not, and vice versa.

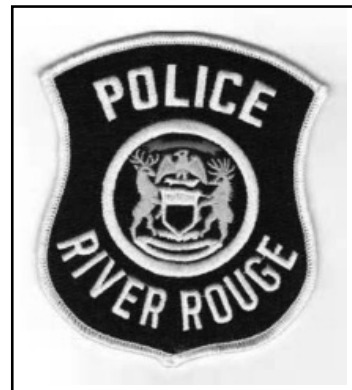
The researchers intend to continue analyzing teen substance use data. They are particularly interested in looking into a potential correlation between the recent rise of adolescent marijuana use and its legalization in several states.

*Sara A. Vasilenko and John J. Dziak, both research associates, The Methodology Center, Penn State, and Nicole M. Butera, graduate student, biostatistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, also collaborated on this research.*

*The National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Cancer Institute supported this work.*

## River Rouge Police Department partners with Baker College for student internship program

By Shelby Jefferson -- Telegram Staff Reporter



Thanks to a partnership with Baker College, students can now complete an internship program through the River Rouge Police Department. Qualified participants must be enrolled as a criminal justice major, and will receive onsite training geared toward their prospective careers. The collaboration was initiated by Chief Deborah Price, who helped kick off the program last month.

"A couple of our officers completed their internships with this department, and one of them has been here for 20 years now," said Price. "Dr. Roger's from Baker College and I have been trying to get together for two years to implement

the program. Once I became chief, we were able to come up with something that would allow criminal justice students to combine class work with hands on experience to complete their degrees. Everything started in June, and we'll have one intern this summer. If everything runs successfully, we'll definitely continue the program."

Under the supervision of RRPD Lieutenant John Poe, students involved with the program will receive a concentrated look into the comprehensive world of law enforcement. Over the course of their placement, interns can expect to complete 120 hours of work as they explore the adminis-

trative side of the profession, in addition to aspects involving uniformed patrols and investigations.

"At the beginning of the program, we put together an outline to lay out our objectives. Overall, we to educate these interns in the basics of police operations," said Poe. "Most people think that police work is just go, go, go all the time, but 90% of what we do consists of taking actual reports and filing the correct paper work, so students will receive a crash course in all of that. We will introduce them to the lead computer system and how to enter warrants. They'll also learn about detective work and how to investigate matters from start to finish, in addition to taking calls, screening them by importance, etc. It's going to be a real firsthand view of what officers do, and they'll be able to see that every day is different when you're doing police work. In the end you're dealing with people, and there's nothing textbook about that."

## Inkster continues successful collaboration with Michigan State Police to reduce crime rates

By Shelby Jefferson -- Telegram Staff Reporter

To help decrease crime and increase law enforcement presence throughout the city, the Inkster Police Department partnered with the Michigan State Police Secure Cities Partnership Program earlier this year. The initiative, proposed by City Manager Richard Marsh and the State of Michigan Governor's Office, is intended to enhance patrol levels and increase police services within the city. The collaboration brings "approximately \$2.2 million dollars of in-kind law enforcement support services for the City of Inkster".

Through the partnership program, the city has seen a rise in traffic enforcement, while also implementing an Investigation Unit and Narcotic Enforcement Unit. In addition to a Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper, a SWAT team has been added patrol for "New Year's Eve, warrant sweep support, evidence audit and destruction". For Inkster City manager, Richard Marsh, these entities -- all housed in Inkster's new Justice Center -- have certainly brought a new aura to the area.

"In my mind, this is huge because the Governor's office has introduced this in much

bigger cities like Flint, Saginaw, Detroit and Pontiac, but also saw fit to do it here in Inkster," he said. "A lot of people have been praying for a solution to our law enforcement issue, so I think it was a miracle that this did happen."

Additional collaborations have developed with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department for road patrol, in addition to warrant sweeps and identification of violent offenders through the Michigan Department of Corrections, and forfeiture proceedings with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Overall, increased law enforcement presence brought about a significant decline in criminal activity in 2014, including a 40% reduction in homicides, 14.6% reduction in violent crimes and a 27.7% reduction in property crimes. For Marsh, who revealed the State Police partnership will continue for "as long as we need their services", the city is certainly headed in the right direction.

"If you drive around our city, you'll definitely see a change," he said. "With this program, we've been able to solve some unsolved crimes, and our numbers have continued to go downward even compared to last year. This can be credited

to the rising level of visibility in law enforcement, and perhaps the fact that in increasing citizen engagement, we've been able to build more community trust. People are now coming forward to report murders, or to provide information about burglaries in their area. That's how we're going to solve crimes. We can't do it by just adding additional police officers and troopers, but by also allowing our citizens to feel confident enough to say something. We want to encourage them to do that." Inkster resident William Miller also expressed his opinion on changes occurring throughout the city with the new partnership.

// "The State of Michigan coming in is a doubled edged sword," he said. "On one end, you've got an increased police presence to address crime. But when it comes to things like routine traffic stops or community interaction, they can at times be a little heavy handed, and that presents a problem for some citizens. I'm kind of on the fence about everything, but I'm always for extra protection because our municipal protection is so short. It's all about fine tuning everything."

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**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING**

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Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
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**CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF ECORSE**

**NOTICE OF LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ECORSE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015**

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**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
July 6, 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: John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.  
Excused: Kathleen Abdo, Sylvia Makowski  
Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
LeRoy D. Burcroff  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth, to accept the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-237 2A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 6, 2015.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes –Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe.  
Nays – None  
Abstain: Wadsworth.  
Motion Carried.

15-238 2B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the special meetings held on Monday, June 22, 2015: 6:45 p.m. Executive Advisory Commission, Appointments to BZA and 7:00 p.m. Study Session, City of Romulus Fee Schedule.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes –Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe.  
Nays – None.  
Abstain: Wadsworth.  
Motion Carried.

**3A. Petitioner: None**

**4. Chairperson's Report:**  
4A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

**5. Mayor's Report:**  
Mayor Leroy Burcroff thanked the Rotary Club, Police Department, DPW, and Maria Lambert for their contributions to the 4th of July fireworks display. Mayor Burcroff also announced to the residents that Waste Management started collecting from the new garbage containers today.

15-239 5A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Michael Smith.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-240 5A2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Donald Schmidt.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-241 5A3. Moved by Crout, seconded by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for Reverend Cortez Ezekiel Pittman  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-242 5A4. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Fred Schonscheck.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-243 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to authorize a no fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Park by the Romulus High School Class of 1979 on Saturday, August 29, 2015.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-244 5B1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to approve the resolution to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the Downriver Utility Authority to add the City of Lincoln Park.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-245 5B2. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to approve the resolution to continue the Joint Management Committee with Wayne County and other participating communities; the resolution is naming Roberto Scappaticci and Keith Boc serving as representatives for the City of Romulus.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-246 6A1. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-23 to re-allocate funds for the changes in health care coverage during the budget year. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of June 22, 2015.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

15-247 6A2. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-24 to reflect additional interest earned revenue and additional bank fee expenses that both exceed the original budgeted amounts. \*Note: This has no effect on fund balance. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of June 22, 2015.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

15-248 6A3. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 14/15-25 to recognize the State's reimbursement for the May Special Election used to cover the additional costs associated with the election. \*Note: This has no effect on fund balance. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of June 22, 2015.  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**6B. Treasurer's Report**

**7. Public Comment:**  
A resident asked a question about the tax bill.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**9. New Business**

**10. Communication:**  
Councilwoman Roscoe spoke about the Bottle Cap collection the Rotary Club is sponsoring. She commented that the Rotary Club is trying to break the world record and will connect the caps in a line at the Pumpkin Festival on September 19, 2015.

11. Moved by Wadsworth seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.  
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 July 6, 2015.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**  
**Hearst Ave named to honor  
Joel Hearst**

By: Chasidy Hall - Telegram Intern



In today's issue of the "What's In a Name" community series, we honor the late Joel Hearst who has the street named Hearst Avenue in his honor, which is located on Van Born and Chamberlain in Romulus, MI. There is tremendous history behind the street sign. Joel Hearst was the first black owner and operator of a grocery store in the city of Romulus called the White Front. As demand grew at his first store location (three blocks from Hearst Ave.) he moved to a new location on Wayne Road where he employed seven people.

American Progressive Association. Today the building called Thomas J Coleman center was formerly known as the APA. It is named after the former president of the program who is deceased. Hearst was one of the dedicated members in the community who helped build the center in 1941. He contributed with money and labor to help buy the center. He cooked and sold food with other men to help raise funds to build the structure. The purpose of the group is to help people in the community which was the main motivation of his involvement.

On May 31, 1975, there was a Park and Street dedication ceremony for Joel Hearst. It took place on Van Born and Chamberlain in the city of Romulus. In that same year the street sign was displayed to the public for all to see.

Darnell Hearst, grandson of Joel, recalls the accomplishments of his grandfather. "I was just a kid. He had this grocery store and used to sell fish and groceries. My grandfather took care of the whole community by serving them food. My uncles and brothers and I used to catch fish and bring it back and clean them to provide for the people in the neighborhood," said Mr. Hearst.



**JOEL HURST**  
Former Romulus Resident

Joel Hearst also had his fair share of community service in the neighborhood. He was the first president and one of the founders of the APA which stands for the

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## Trop-Rock at Taylor Conservatory



Although there are no visible palm trees at Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Garden, on Wednesday, July 29th the virtual palm trees will be swaying. Don Middlebrook & The Pearl Divers will be playing Jimmy Buffet style Trop-Rock at Music & Art In The Gardens, 22314 Norhtline, Taylor. Ticket sales and seating begin at 5:30 p.m., and the concert is from 6:30-8:30 p.m....allowing time for ticket (\$5) purchase ,viewing the art and to grab some food and beverages in the Masco Pavilion. Love's Custard Pies and Silver Shores always have special and delicious selections available for purchase.

Trop-Rock and Don Middlebrook are one in the same...Middlebrook says " I try to keep it pure and to the Trop Rock point. I'm not a country guy that visits Trop Rock or a Top 40 guy that just plays Margaritaville. My songs are true stories and adventures of the world with a tropical twist." Middlebrook began writing songs at the age of 20 and has not changed his focus on any of his thirteen musical releases.

Downriver Council of the Arts participating member artist and teen acrylics instructor, Randall Tanner will be joining Middlebrook and The Pearl Divers as the featured visual artist for the

evening. Tanner says, "Painting is my true passion. I have been creatively drawing and painting for as long as I remember." Additionally, Tanner continues "I became very serious about my painting after I survived a serious accident and turned to art as a form of "therapy." Painting therapy I soon realized became my way of dealing with the moods, emotions and even some of the physical pain in my recovery. I became aware that by expressing these moods and emotions into color, theme and object, has altered my view of life and my world for the positive."

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation has partnered with title sponsor, Wayne County Community College District Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center and evening sponsor, Public Service Credit Union for tonight's event; week eight of the twelve week, Wednesday evening series.

Please visit Taylorconservatory.org or facebook.com/Taylorconservatory for more information and for potential rain-out location or call 888-383-4108.

## ASK ALMA

### Let him go...'



Dear Alma,  
Ok, I was with a police officer for 10 years. He did some awful things in our relationship. Meaning he cheated on me. A lot of it was through the Internet or through the phone. Meaning he was sexting many other women. Which he considered not cheating. We were living together and I was battling lupus. He said it was because I was sick often and didn't like to do the things I used to do. Long story short, I found a side phone with over 30 different women in the phone. I was devastated! Here I am battling lupus and he can't be loyal. I was heartbroken, so I kicked him out and our relationship over. He has tried to be my friend ever since, but I'm so angry that he hurt me. He's apologized and begged me to forgive him. He wants to be friends and be a part of my life. What's your take on this?  
Name withheld

lationship is over and no, you don't need him as a friend. Friends don't deliver hurt and pain; friends show up with tissue and support. Nobody wants to admit it, but it's hard to love yourself more than the one you love when they instantly break your heart. Love's not like a cell phone, you can't turn it on and off ~ or put it on silent when it's convenient for the situation. Sounds like you still have feelings for him and if you can't have him as a lover, you'll consider allowing him to be your friend. Don't! You can forgive him, but don't forget. My "Ask Alma" super girl powers tell me that you're beautiful, smart and worthy of someone who will give you his best. You've spent enough time allowing Robocop to block your blessings. Unpack your big girl bloomers and let him bounce! Surround yourself with friends and family who love and support you – everybody else has got to go. You're living with lupus, God bless you! You ain't got time for no foolishness. Lupus didn't give you a choice, but you can chose to have devoted, faithful, compassionate friends and relationships that'll bring you joy. Don't be afraid of not having him in your life. He doesn't hold your happiness in the palm of his hand. Your light of happiness lives inside of you, under your control, 24/07.

I'd have to say I'm glad this re-



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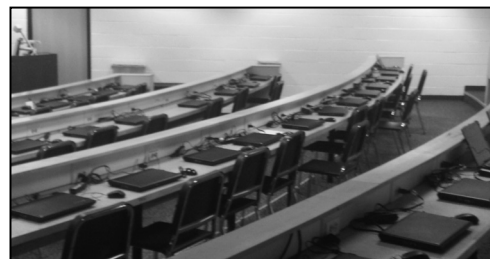
## ECORSE SCHOOL DISTRICT



One of many field trips this summer: "Learning about the Outdoors & Nature"



Weekly Outdoor Family Movie Nights for the community



Technology Based Learning was implemented - every building is equipped with Computer & iPads



Ralph J. Bunche Academy has a Community Garden: Students planted squash, cabbage, tomatoes, lettuce, kale, broccoli, greens, and peas.

July 28 - End of Summer Program & Community Pop-Up Event will be held July 21 @ Ralph J. Bunche from 10 am - 3:00 PM (EVERYONE IS INVITED)

Free Hot Dogs, juice, bounce house, carnival games, and much more.

July 29 - Outdoor Family Movie Night @ Grandport Academy @ dusk

July 30 - IMMUNIZATION FAIR @ Ralph J. Bunche Academy from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Aug. 5 - Outdoor Family Movie Night @ Ecorse High School @ dusk

Aug. 8 - Ecorse Raiders Team will be at Belle Isle at the Keeping Kids Safe "Walk & Run" 5k Walk / 10k Run. The team will have a table with Ecorse information

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Each Wednesday community members can stop by the Farmer's Market in Romulus to purchase fresh items and receive creative tips. The Market is open on Wednesdays from 12noon - 6:00pm on the lawn in front of the Romulus Municipal Complex at 11111 Wayne Rd adjacent to the Public Library. The Farmer's Market will continue until October 14.

It is definitely an outing for the family. Visit each week for a new Kid's Activity. Enroll in the Free Market Kids Club and receive a \$2.00 coupon each month to use at the market.

For more information visit [www.facebook.com/RomulusFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/RomulusFarmersMarket)

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