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Celebrating Women's History Month Mayor Stacy Striz

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Mayor Stacy Striz with 5th grade students from Allendale Elementary for the Annual Mayor for the Day Program

Each and every day, Stacy Striz juggles a variety of roles. She is a devoted mother of three, and also works as a Scholarship Coordinator at Henry Ford College. And to top it all off, Striz currently serves as the Mayor of Melvindale—becoming only the second woman in history to hold a mayoral position within the municipality.

With this busy day to day schedule, how does she balance the dual responsibility of career and family life?

"I sacrifice sleep," Striz said with a laugh. "Really, I just try to manage my time well and prioritize everything. I schedule a lot of evening and weekend meetings so I can try to keep a balance that makes sure that I have dinner ready during the week, and that I won't miss any of my kids sporting events. It's all very rewarding; I love what I do."

Striz, a lifelong Melvindale resident, maintains that consistent Women's History - Page 10A

Chad's fight is our fight

Romulus students hold a fundraiser for cancer research



Photo by Roger Kadau

Romulus High School Principal Flinn Hall and members of the girl's and boy's basketball team came out in force to support Chad.

The National Honor Society at Romulus High School decided to take action against cancer after becoming inspired by 4-year old Chad Carr. Chad is suffering from an

inoperable brain tumor and even though he has made significant advances he has not yet won his fight. His battle against cancer hit close to home for many Romulus

students, his aunt is a teacher here at Romulus and he is just as much a part of our community as his aunt. In order to help Chad in his fight, NHS stu-

Chad Tough - Page 10A

Blacks Now Finishing High School at Record Levels

By Jazelle Hunt - NNPA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – After 30 years of little to no progress, Black youth are completing high school at the highest rates in history.

This is the finding in a new issue brief titled, "Young Black

America Part One: High School Completion Rates are at their Highest Ever," published by the Center for Economic Policy Research, a Washington-based think-tank. The report examines Census Bureau data for 20 to 24 year-

olds, and compares high school completion rates around the country over the past 30 to 40 years.

"All in all, young blacks have experienced significant gains

High School - Page 7A

National Kidney Foundation Encourages Michiganders to Drink Water on World Kidney Day



helps the kidneys clear wastes and toxins from the body. Studies have also shown that increasing your fluid intake is one of the best ways to prevent the formation of painful kidney stones.

The right level of fluid intake for any individual depends on many factors including gender, exercise, climate, health conditions, pregnancy and breast feeding. In addition, those with advanced kidney disease or kidney failure often have to restrict their fluid intake. As a general rule, drinking 1.5 to 2 liters (3 to 4 pints) of water per day is considered a healthy amount.

"Drinking a glass of water is a

ANN ARBOR – Today is World Kidney Day and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is asking Michigan residents to drink a glass of water to celebrate their kidneys.

Consuming plenty of fluid

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A woman who ROCKED

Regina Wilson lived the life of a virtuous woman



26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
 Proverbs 31: 26-30

That was my mom, Regina Mae Bates Wilson. This month we celebrate Woman's History Month and my family personally celebrates our mom making her transition to be with her heavenly father. Our mom was the type of mother that expected the best of her children and her children's friends. We had a strict rule, homework first. Although we were all active in sports and she left that part of our lives to our father, Robert Wilson, she made sure our academics was done. We had a combined TV life of the Leave it to Beaver and the Cosby Show. Our wonderful mom was a Stay at Home mom through most of our lives. My dad worked and provided for our family so mom could focus on us. She cooked breakfast each morning, had lunch for us (we came home for lunch each day) and dinner for us when we got home from school activ-

ities. She was active in PTA, community events and political groups. We went to Circle Y church camp each summer, girl scouts outings and events with the Beechwood Community Center groups. At our house, education was primary. My mom eventually graduated with an Associate's Degree and spread her magic with the Head Start program in River Rouge. She served on the River Rouge School Board for years and the City of River Rouge named a street by the school Regina Wilson Blvd. Me along with my brother and sisters went to a Historically Black College. (Derek - Lane College; Ingrid - Spelman and me and Angela - Tuskegee University) When asked by one of my co-workers at my first job after college, "When did you decide you wanted to go to college?" I replied, "I never knew there was another option. We talked about college always." As I thought about that answer later, I realized that during our Sunday dinners at our grandparents house (The Farm) on Martinsville Rd in New Boston, the talk was college... All of our first cousins also went college also. There comes a time when you realize that your mom is a special person. She died 14 years ago this month and I still run into people that say she positively impacted their lives. I miss my mother a lot, but the memories that we have and the values that her and my dad instilled in us has helped us raise our children to be respectable young adults.

As we celebrate Women's History this month, I honor my mom, Regina Wilson, because, "She Rocked"!

Gina Wilson Steward
 Publisher

Coffee time with elected officials

State Representative Julie Plawecki, Senator David Knezek and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc meet with residents



Members of the Inkster community surround the elected officials, State Senator David Knezek, State Representative Julie Plawecki and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc during their monthly coffee time at the library

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, State Representative Julie Plawecki, and State Senator David Knezek host monthly coffee hour events on the second Monday of each month. During the coffee hours residents are able to ask questions and make comments about things they want to happen in their cities. The residents of Inkster realize that their elected officials are their voice in Lansing and in the County and are eager to share

their viewpoints. A few of the issues discussed at this month's coffee hour were moving the Veterans Memorial, Inkster School District debt and Small Business Collaboration. The next Coffee Hours will be held on Monday, April 13th. The schedule is as follows;

Westland Coffee Hour
 Located at Mr. Mike's Grill (6047 N Wayne Rd, Westland, MI 48141)
 Held from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Garden City Coffee Hour
 Located at the Garden City Maplewood Center - Michigan Room (31735 Maplewood St, Garden City, MI 48135)
 Held from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Inkster Coffee Hour
 Leanna Hicks Public Library, located at 2005 Inkster Road, Inkster, MI 48141
 Held from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Drink Water

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symbolic gesture to remember that kidneys are vital organs that should be celebrated," said Joseph Vassalotti, MD, National Kidney Foundation Chief Medical Officer. "It's also a way to raise awareness about the risks, dangers and burden of kidney disease in the United States, which is estimated to affect more than 26 million American adults." In Michigan, more than 900,000 people have kidney disease, and most don't know it.

share it with your friends. Those photos tagged with #ISupportWKD will appear in the international World Kidney Day photo newsfeed.

Staying well hydrated with water can protect your kidneys, but it won't cure kidney disease. The NKF strongly encourages anyone with diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of kidney fail-

ure, and anyone over the age of 60, to ask your doctor for an ACR or GFR test if you are at risk for kidney disease.

March is National Kidney Month. For those who want to learn how they can reduce their personal risk of developing kidney disease, please visit www.nkfm.org/KidneyMonth.

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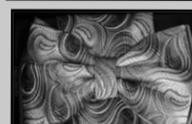
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Our Failure to Measure Up Marian Wright Edelman

By Marian Wright Edelman - NNPA Columnist



Too much and for too long, we seem to have surrendered personal excellence and community values in the mere accumulation of material things. Our Gross National Product, now is over \$800 billion dollars a year. If we judge the United States of America by that, Gross National Product counts air pollution and cigarette advertising, and ambulances to clear our highways of carnage...

Yet the Gross National Product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country, it measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile. And it can tell us everything about America except why we are proud that we are Americans.

—Senator Robert F. Kennedy

What do we stand for as a nation and who do we wish to be? In a 1968 speech at the University of Kansas, Senator Robert Kennedy correctly worried too many used our nation's wealth as the standard of greatness rather than the human values that should matter most.

Our Gross Domestic Product — now \$17.7 trillion — includes many things for us not to be proud of. So we should ask ourselves how well America is doing on the things that should matter most — the well-being of our children and families and the quality of justice and life in our communities and nation?

Among high-income countries, the United States ranks first in Gross Domestic Product and first in the number of billionaires, and second worst in child poverty rates — ahead only of Romania whose economy is 99 percent smaller than ours. It is a national disgrace that children are the poorest group of Americans with 14.7 million living in poverty.

We are first in military spend-

ing — \$11.1 billion a week — and first in military weapons exports.

We are first in the number of people incarcerated and worst in protecting our children against gun violence. A Black boy born in 2001 has a one in three chance of going to prison in his lifetime and a Latino boy a one in six chance of the same fate. Children and teens in America were 17 times more likely to be killed by gun violence than those in 25 other high-income countries combined.

We are 30th in preschool enrollment rates and 17th in reading, 23rd in science, and 31st in math scores for our 15-year-olds. Nearly 60 percent of all fourth and eighth grade public school students in the U.S. and more than 80 percent of Black and almost 75 percent of Latino children in those same grades could not read or compute at grade level in 2013.

We rank first in health expenditures but 25th in low birth weight rates, 26th in child immunization rates, 31st in infant mortality rates, and second worst in teenage births — just ahead of Bulgaria.

If we compare Black child well-being in America to child well-being in other nations, the U.S. Black infant mortality rate exceeds that in 65 nations, including Cuba, Malaysia, and Ukraine. Our incidence of low-birth weight Black infants is higher than in 127 other nations, including Cambodia, the Congo, and Guatemala.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child spells out the basic rights children should have everywhere and is the most widely and rapidly ratified international human rights treaty in history. The United States stands only with new U.N. member state South Sudan as the two countries that have not ratified it — and South Sudan has started working towards ratification.

The United States stands alone, despite recent progress, in still permitting life-without-parole sentences for juvenile offenders who were under 18 at the time of the offense. The U.S. Supreme Court has banned capital punishment for crimes committed by juveniles but America remains one of 58 nations that continues to use capital punishment for adults. In 2013 the U.S. had the sixth highest number of executions — after China, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and North Korea.

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.

Flint's water..... Low quality, but safe? Residents are leary



Flint residents have thronged to public meetings and protests since the state Department of Environmental Quality reported last month that the city's drinking water exceeded federally permitted levels of trihalomethane, or TTHM, a byproduct of chlorine-treated water. Excess trihalomethane over many years can cause liver, kidney or central nervous system problems, and an increased risk of cancer, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The MDEQ's notice of excess TTHM indicated that problems existed almost from the start of Flint's foray into water treatment last spring, problems that included boil water advisories and weeks of flushing city fire hydrants.

City and state officials say that, despite high TTHM levels, the water, which residents say carries an unpleasant taste and odor, is nevertheless safe to drink, though they've also noted that the most vulnerable residents (infants, the elderly and those with compromised

immune systems) should seek medical advice before drinking the water.

In his Jan. 18 letter to the governor, Mayor Walling said "there is nothing more important in Flint right now" than fixing the months-long problems with the drinking water.

The Romulus Citizens for Social Change is encouraging everyone that is able to donate water to the residents of Flint whose water supply is unsafe to drink.

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Honestly; Nothing But The Truth

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



It's easy to tell the truth when you have nothing to lose. Sometimes telling the truth could cost you a relationship, a job, your reputation, your status, position, safety or maybe even your very life. Sometimes telling is accompanied by consequences. The more severe the consequences, the harder it might be to be honest. Some people lie for no reason, maybe because of a mental problem or self-esteem issues or lie to deceive. But others lie to keep down conflict, avoid trouble or to spare themselves some type of grief.

Honesty is the best policy. It's virtuous. Telling the truth is always the right thing to do. The Bible tells us not to bear false witness or lie (Exodus 20:16). A person who tells the truth at all costs is honorable.

If we are honest, we must admit that people are often dishonest. In an attempt to spare themselves, they withhold or rearrange the truth to their advantage, or so they try. Is there such a thing as a white lie? A lie is a lie is a lie. Is lying ever necessary or justified?

One rule I always gave my children was to tell me the truth no matter what. I told them I would always know the truth and that it would be in their best interest to be

forthright and always give me the truth. "No matter how much trouble you think you will get in or how severely you think I will punish you, you MUST tell me the truth. If you don't, I'LL KNOW!" I warned them.

Liars lose trust and get no respect. I also told my children that if they were honest with me, I would be merciful because I can respect honesty. It reminds me of how God says in 1 John 1:9, "If we CONFESS our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." If we are straight up truthful and candid with God about our sin, He obligates Himself to forgive us. That's grace and mercy.

God is sure to forgive us when we are honest about our actions, but people are not as forgiving. Even when there is forgiveness, consequences remain. Usually, when you have misbehaved, erred, done something embarrassing, whether purposely or inadvertently, being honest about it has consequences. There could be loss, major and or minor. Nevertheless, we are called to be honest people if we want to be considered moral. Truth is honorable, noble and righteous. Most of us want to be those things. Honestly, we should be honest.

Dear Lord, grant us the strength to be honest people, even when there is much at stake, much to lose. Grant us wisdom to be tactful in presenting the truth so that it is well received. Grant us favor so that the truth is well and properly received to remove or even soften the sting of the cutting truth. Grant us courage and grace to be honest and tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help us God. Lord cover Your people. Protect and provide, especially those who act with honor and tell the truth. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Proverbs 31:10-13
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12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

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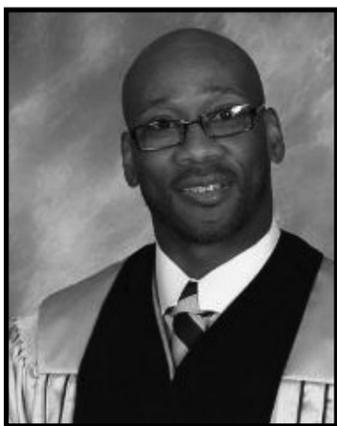
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LESSONS FROM SELMA



attempt, African Americans were joined by all ethnic groups, faiths and religions who truly understood that God loves justice and they made history on this historic march. Fifty years later and there are several lessons we need to remember. If one is able to cast their vote, their voice is heard and necessary changes could occur through the voting process. Dr. King did not seek personal popularity, but understood the possible reaction that good hearted Americans would respond with having to actually see the barbarity displayed against African Americans seeking the right to vote. I am shame to state that it appears that many within the African American community have lost their desire to vote but willing to complain about issues that are handled by the ballot.

Even in Ferguson, MO with the death of Michael Brown, after all the rioting and protesting that television and news reporters inundated our lives with the registered and actual voters numbers were shameful. Our foreparents in Selma understood the best way to get America's attention was by way of wallet and ballot, but we appear to be clueless.

I want to challenge all American citizens to always exercise your right to vote, especially those who stand to lose the most by not participating in the voting process. Those brave and courageous African Americans in Selma sacrificed too much for us to use protesting for personal "15 minutes of fame", without a plan protesting is simple non-useable exercise! I encourage parents and grandparents to purchase the DVD Selma and make it a requirement that your children and grandchildren are aware of the sacrifices made only 50 years ago.

Pastor John Duckworth
Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church of Westland

This month, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the most important events in American history. The historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, was a 50 mile march that covered five days. It was an event that literally began the Civil Rights victory; this historic event was birthed because African Americans were facing voter intimidation and often denied our constitutional rights as American citizens. This march of 50 miles would be no easy feat, because African Americans faced a Sheriff Jim Clark, Gov. George Wallace who believed that African Americans didn't deserve the right to vote or even register to vote.

Many in Alabama believed that African Americans were second class citizens, but others would later concede that even African Americans should have the right to cast their vote and be heard in a true democracy. The first two attempts failed, because of the opposition they would face on the bottom of the Edmund Pettus Bridge which was the border of Selma heading towards Montgomery. On the very first attempt, the African Americans were barbarically and brutally attacked and beaten on the bloody bridge. This action from a "civilized" group brought the ugly reflection of racism to "Prime Time" and forced Americans to view their country and standards. On the third and final

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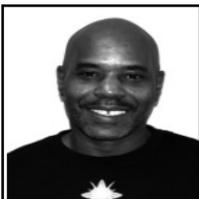
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John 3:16
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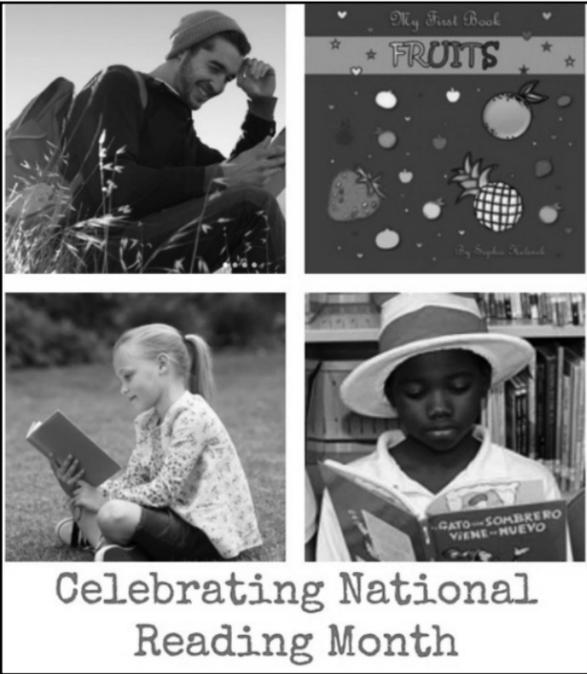
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March is Reading Month!

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



sion Group
 Thursday, March 19th at 10:00 AM: Storytime (2-5 years old) at the Westland Starbucks (36545 Warren Rd.)
 Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 PM: 1st and 2nd Grade Book Club
 Melvindale Public Library
 Saturday, March 21st at 1:00 PM: Craft Program

Detroit Public Library (Main Branch)
 Friday, March 13th at 10:30 AM: Toddler Storytime
 Wednesday, March 18th at 3:15 PM: HYPE Art & Design + Poetry (Presented by poet Jessica Care Moore and Visual Artist Clifton Perry)
 Thursday, March 19th at 10:00 AM: March is Reading Month – Storytelling Magic with Ming Louie
 Friday, March 27th at 10:15 AM: Pre-school Storytime
 Tuesday, March 31st at 9:00 AM: "2015 Battle of the Books"

Have you thought about attending any of the fun activities being held in your area for National Reading Month? If the answer is yes, we've compiled a short list of events for you to check out during the Month of March. Even better: They're occurring at a local library near you, so what are you waiting on? Get out there and pay them a visit!

Romulus Public Library
 Every Wednesday at 10:30 AM: Toddler Storytime
 Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM: Preschool Storytime
 Saturday, March 21st at 2:00 PM: Reading with the Fur Angels
 Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM: Hot Reads for Cold Nights Wrap-up Party

Lincoln Park Public Library
 First Monday of the month: Lego Club
 Second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM: Adult Science Fiction Book Club
 Third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM: Recipe Swap Book Club
 Every Tuesday: Crazy 8's (early math literacy program)
 Every Thursday at 6:30 PM: Storytime
 Every Friday at 10:30 AM: Storytime

Westland Public Library
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 Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 PM: 5th and 6th Grade Book Club
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Soul Affirmation: I make myself an inspiration to others this week.
Lucky Numbers: 12, 19, 20

TAURUS
 Communications flow smoothly this week and your word is golden. A wild idea for money making could come to you, but you should let the strictly material walk on by. Stick to your current plan and use your imagination for ways to up-level your spiritual outlook.
Soul Affirmation: I celebrate freedom of mind this week.
Lucky Numbers: 33, 42, 49

GEMINI
 A party or gathering with friends from the past will give you the opportunity to see how much you are loved. You've made tremendous strides and accomplished much in your life, so be pleased with yourself this week. Pass some of your wisdom along to others.
Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.
Lucky Numbers: 40, 48, 55

CANCER
 An afterglow will surround you this week if you summon it up from your subconscious, and you may not feel like getting immediately into work-mode on several days this week. It's okay to go with your feelings; the world will wait for a little while. Treasure happy moments.
Soul Affirmation: My smile gives light to everyone I meet this week.
Lucky Numbers: 9, 21, 38

LEO
 Your mind will be extra busy this week with thoughts of new projects and the things you want to get done. Best course of action is to clear up pending and overdue items. You'll have a clean slate in no time and will feel genuinely content and ready for the new stuff.
Soul Affirmation: Light from my soul shines in many directions.
Lucky Numbers: 11, 13, 51

VIRGO
 You should know by now that trying to be in two places at once is very taxing to your nerves! Slow down a bit and trust that you'll get what needs to be done accomplished. Give yourself a head start on all road trips so that you have time to enjoy the view. Love promises much this week. Accept the promise.
Soul Affirmation: My mood is

created by the company I keep.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 19, 36

LIBRA
 A friend from the past could suddenly appear in your life. This could be a highly beneficial reunion for both of you. Let bygones be bygones, and renew this friendship. Love isn't used up just because it's shared.
Soul Affirmation: My blessings come through others this week.
Lucky Numbers: 8, 24, 53

SCORPIO
 Drive the speed limit this week or you could wind up with a ticket. Why rush? Serenity is available if you only stop and listen for it inside of you. Discharge your usual obligations with dignity and silently count your blessings.
Soul Affirmation: Friendships are the shock absorbers on the bumpy road of life.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 52, 53

SAGITTARIUS
 Trust! –that's what you need to do. Sure people lie sometime but when you know their hearts you know what to expect and therefore you're not deceived. Be prepared for lots of compliments this week. Most of them will be sincere, so plan to accept them gracefully. You may be planning a summer trip. Make it a nice getaway
Soul Affirmation: I take a chance on new beginnings.
Lucky Numbers: 22, 28, 29

CAPRICORN
 Live free and large, and cherish good friends. Financial matters are highlighted during working hours. Everything to do with your money, or money under your care, goes smoothly. A party invitation arrives. . . say YES!
Soul Affirmation: I open myself up to the good news that wants to come to me.
Lucky Numbers: 33, 46, 55

AQUARIUS
 Creative mental energy makes this a banner week for you. An ambition that you thought you had left behind years ago suddenly resurfaces, and you'll see similarities between what you are doing now and what you dreamed of back then. Enjoy!
Soul Affirmation: Laughter is strong medicine against any disease.
Lucky Numbers: 34, 46, 55

PISCES
 No need for rowdiness, wild ones! You can make your point without jumping up and down and waving your hands and arms in the air! Speak your wisdom softly, gently this week, so that others can hear it and benefit, smooth one!
Soul Affirmation: Wearing three different hats is easy for a person with many ideas
Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 39

High School

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in high school completion rates during the past 13 years,” the report reads. “Given the importance of educational attainment in determining future wages, higher completion rates should, in theory, translate to higher wages.”

In 1975, Black Americans finished high school at a 75 percent rate, compared to 88 percent for Whites and the overall 86 percent rate. In 2000, Blacks completed high school at a 14 percent lower rate than their White counterparts. However, by 2013, the Black completion rate rose to 86 percent, its highest-ever level, shrinking the Black-White gap to less than 7 percent.

“I’m a young Black woman and I wanted to answer the question of what’s going on with young Blacks in America,” says Cherrie Bucknor, a Center for Economic Policy Research assistant and author of the paper. “Sometimes there are too many negative portrayals and negative stereotypes on young Blacks, and I like the fact this was something positive to focus on.”

The gender break down also shows a noteworthy trajectory. In addition to slightly outpacing the rate for Black boys (a trend that holds for all girls, across race), the completion rate for Black girls is 89 percent, only five points lower than the rate

for White girls.

While the gains of Black girls were more gradual, Black boys have experienced a rocky road to improvement in helping close the Black-White high school completion gap.

“The completion rate for black males followed the same trajectory, but 3 to 8 percentage points lower. Although black males experienced noticeable gains in completion rates during this century (an increase of 18.1 percent since 2000), their gains were not enough to offset the gains of other groups, leaving noticeable gaps in completion rates between black males and other groups,” the report stated.

“In 2013, the completion rate for black males (83.5 percent) was 5.9 percentage points lower than black females and 8.8 percentage points lower than white males.”

Regional analysis also shows a different trend. At 10 percent higher than the national rate for Black students, the West has held the most promise for Black students since 1975. But the other regions have caught up in recent years. As of 2013, Black students in both the Northeast and the West have the highest completion rates (88.2 and 88.1 percent, respectively). Further, all of the regions now have comparable rates for Black students, all within three percentage points

of one another.

Although the report does not examine or speculate on causes for this breaks in these trends, Bucknor has a few theories.

“One factor that might be in play is increasing the graduation requirements for students in general, which makes the decision to drop out or stay in school a little bit different than before then,” Bucknor explains, adding that test scores for entering freshmen also been improving. “And since 2000, some of the plausible factors that I’ve read about include declining teenage birth rates...[which] makes them more likely to be in school.”

The teenage birth rate is also at a historic low, particularly for Black teens. According to 2012 data from the National Center for Health Statistics, the maternity rate for Black girls age 15 to 17 has dropped 45 percent since 2000; for 18 and 19-year olds it has dropped 30 percent.

This report is the first part in a series that explores measures of success (or lack thereof) among Black people under 40.

“I feel like there’s a lot of attention on Blacks in general, but I wanted to focus on young Blacks like me,” Bucknor says. “So I’m hoping to look at several issues related to education, jobs, and inequality as a way to answer that question.”

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Dr. Shaw accepted Jesus Christ (God in the flesh) as her Lord and Savior and lived her entire life in obedience to His Word. She often described Jesus as the One she trusted to order her steps and depended on to direct her path. Jesus was indeed her "Best Friend", and she was known to encourage others to sample Psalm 34:8. She would often say, "O taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Her leadership positions included: President and President Emeritus of the Women's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Dis-

trict Association; President and President Emeritus of the Women's Auxiliary of the Baptist Missionary & Educational (B.M.&E.) State Convention; along with missionary and highly acclaimed Women's Day speaker throughout Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, Louisiana, Washington State, Texas, Haiti, and Nassau, Bahamas. Her civic memberships included: American Cancer Association, March of Dimes, National Council of Negro Women, and Lifetime member of the NAACP.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories her husband of 75 years, Deacon Lomas Raymond Shaw, Sr. and their six children: Josephus Wade, Dr. Emmalee Barham, Lomas, Jr. Barbara Moore, Dr. Fleda Fleming, and Antoine, Sr., along with 22 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren. "Mother" as she is affectionately called by so many, will be forever remembered and highly esteemed by her family and everyone who was blessed to have known her. May we live by her teachings from Proverbs 3:5-6 and adopt her motto: To God Be the Glory! Service will be held SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M. at GREATER BURNETTE BAPTIST CHURCH 16801 SCHOOLCRAFT - DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48227.

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Getting to know our elected officials River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler



Mayor Michael Bowdler (left) with veterans during the Annual Veterans Day Celebration

In response to feedback from our readers, we are introducing a new feature designed to provide access into the minds of our local elected officials. On deck this week is River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler, who spoke with us about the most enjoyable aspects of his position, problems faced within the city, personal pastimes/hobbies, and much more.

What do you enjoy most about your role as the mayor of River Rouge?

I most enjoy helping out our residents. Thirty years of experience as a businessman has taught me that if you don't take care of a problem today, it will still be there tomorrow, so my door is always open to everyone who needs my help—from seniors, all the way down to kids.

In addition to your role as mayor, do you currently hold any other job/career positions?

I am president of Michigan Screen Print. In 1981, I got laid off from US Steel Corporation with two young kids at home, so I went out and bought a book for \$19.95 to learn how to print t-shirts. Fortunately, that business is still running today. I have a lot of people helping to keep it running which includes my daughter, so that's how I'm able to be here at the mayor's office full-time.

What do you see as the biggest problem facing your city today?

We have seen a lot of vacancies throughout the area because property values are being assessed too high, but coming up on July 1st, large numbers of people will see reductions reflecting an average of 26.6% on their tax bills. We're actively addressing these problems as we speak.

How can River Rouge residents initiate improvements throughout the city?

I think that one of the best contributions our residents can make is taking care of their yards, which even includes back alleyways. And if they want to help us with our city-wide clean up, they can contribute during the first week of June. Last year we had up to 500 people that came out to pick up garbage, pull weeds, cut grass, paint, and help with all kinds of other projects. You can definitely see a difference in the city once everything has been completed.

In your opinion, what qualities are necessary to be a good elected official?

I think it's important to stay proactive in order to keep ahead of that curve; you actually have to address the problem instead of waiting until it gets bigger. I can say that in working with this great city council in River Rouge, many things have been thrown at us over the years, but we can always deal with the issues because we bring these traits to the table.

What is your family status (i.e. spouse, kids)?

I've been married for 42 years, and I have two adult children.

What hobbies/special interests do you engage in during your

leisure time?

Sports was always a big part of growing up here in River Rouge, so of course I love watching sports; I'm still hoping that the Detroit Lions win in my lifetime. I'm also blessed to have two grandkids. It's always great to come home and see them, especially when I've had a rough day. Also, I enjoy visiting my dad who is 93-years-old. So basically, I just love being around family.



Michael Bowdler
Mayor of River Rouge

What upcoming projects can residents look forward to seeing as we head into the spring/summer months?

There are some great plans in store for the City of River Rouge. We received a grant from the state that will allow us to switch every street light over to LED's. This will make the streets brighter and safer for our residents, and it will be more cost efficient for the city. In the spring, we have a new playscape that will be built right along the river, so that's exciting for the kids. And we're going to start patching up potholes all across the area soon. Everything is definitely falling into place.

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Women History

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Stacy Striz
Mayor of Melvindale

involvement with her children's youth athletic boards laid the foundation for a natural progression into politics. After serving as the city's Mayor Pro-Tem for four years, she was elected as official mayor in 2011 at the age of 33. For Striz, who greatly enjoys "watching the city flourish, while also staying involved in day to day operations and decision making", being a woman in such an influential position inevitably presents its occasional challenges. "It's funny because there were times when I would go out and have a male there with me, so people would automatically as-

sume that he was in fact the mayor," she said. "At first I may have been dismissed amongst people who were thinking, 'Who is this young woman, and what is she doing?', but I think that you have to work on seeing beyond appearances. Once we sat down to have an actual conversation, I was able to form some really great relationships with community leaders and other people who do a lot for this city. I am very grateful for that."

So how does the 36-year-old, who personally describes her mayoral style as "friendly and respectable, with a courteous and perhaps maternal outlook on certain matters", plan on celebrating Women's History Month?

"At the college, we have a Women's Recognition Luncheon every March, and it's all about empowerment," Striz said. "We have a different theme every year to honor women from various fields and walks of life. It's always great to listen to a woman's perspective on career and life experiences, so I really look forward to Women's History Month every year."

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Chad Tough

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dents began selling bracelets in the fall and have been planning this bowling fundraiser for a few months. On March 1, 2015 the bowling fundraiser took place at Romulus Lanes and was highly successful. Not only did many NHS members, teachers, and council members show up, Llyod Carr even made an appearance in support of his grandson and to thank NHS for all they've done. Along with raising money through ticket sells, many donated items

were raffled off including – gift baskets, tigers tickets, red wings tickets, and a flat screen television. Overall, more than three thousand dollars was raised through this event. Even with NHS student's propensity to help Chad, none of it would have been possible without the help and support of NHS advisors Kathy Abdo and Liza Mockeridge. Abdo was correct in saying, "When we all found out about Chad we were devastated, we consider him family." Chad is not just a part of our community; he is supported by the people of our community like he is family. Chad's relation to the commu-

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE
 CITY OF ROMULUS
 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
 NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
 Sunoco Logistics - 7200 Inkster

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2015-001; Sunoco Logistics. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

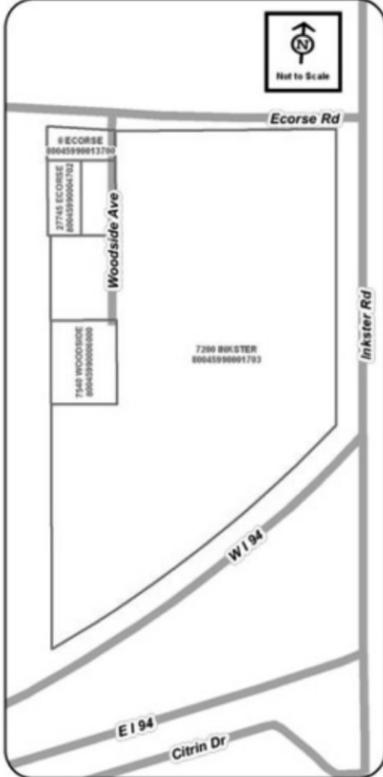
1. Fence Variance (Section 13.03(b)(1)) to allow a fence height of 9 feet; 8-foot high fences are permitted.

The subject property is located at 27745 Ecorse (Parcel #80-045-99-0004-702), 7200 Inkster (Parcel #80-045-99-0001-703), 7540 Woodside (Parcel #80-045-99-0006-000) and Parcel #80-045-99-0013-700. The property is zoned M-T, Industrial Transportation. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
 City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: March 12, 2015



STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC NOTICE

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
 Air Quality Division
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), will conduct a comment period and public hearing on a proposed administrative rule promulgated pursuant to Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). This rule is identified as R 336.1430. This rule is intended to reduce the emissions of sulfur dioxide from U.S. Steel, Great Lakes Works, Ecorse, Michigan, as a portion of Michigan's plan to address the sulfur dioxide nonattainment area in Wayne County, Michigan.

The public hearing will be held on April 8, 2015, in the River Rouge High School Auditorium, 1460 West Coolidge Highway, River Rouge, Michigan, 48218. An informational meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. with the public hearing to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed rule (ORR 2014-024 EQ) can be downloaded from the Internet through the Office of Regulatory Reinvention at <http://www.michigan.gov/orr>. Click on "Pending Rule Changes" in the left column. Under "Rules by Department." Click on "Environmental Quality." Scroll to ORR 2014 024 EQ, and click on "Revision Text." Copies of the rules may also be obtained by contacting the Lansing office at:

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
 Air Quality Division
 P.O. Box 30260
 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760
 Phone: 517-284-6740
 Fax: 517-241-7499
 E-Mail: debrulerc@michigan.gov

All interested persons are invited to attend and present his or her views. It is requested that all statements be submitted in writing for the hearing record. Anyone unable to attend may submit comments in writing to the address above, Attention: Cari DeBruler. Written comments must be received by April 9, 2015.

Persons needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the AQD at 517-284-6740 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

This notice of public hearing is given in accordance with Sections 41 and 42 of Michigan's Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 24.241 and 24.242. Administration of the rules is by authority conferred on the Director of the MDEQ by Section 5512 of the NREPA, MCL 324.5512. These rules will become effective immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.

Lynn Fiedler, Acting Chief
 Air Quality Division

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Sylvia Makowski.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to accept the agenda as amended.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-058 **2A.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 9, 2015.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2B. No special meetings were held on February 9, 2015.

3. Petitioner:

15-059 **3A.** Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Crout to approve PC-2015-002, Pro K-9 Acres, Special Land Use request for a dog-training facility and commercial kennel, 15750 Merriman Road, personal residence of Jennifer Guthrie.

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

Nays – Choate.

Motion Carried.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem Barden thanked everyone who contributed to the soul food dinner on Feb. 10th. He also thanked Mayor Burcroff and his administration for organizing the Black History Month Breakfast that was held at the RAC.

Councilman Wadsworth announced the fundraiser for former City of Romulus Police Officer, Clifford West, will be held on Friday, February 27, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the Progressive Hall.

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff announced that the Romulus Senior Center is being utilized as a warming center during this frigid cold weather.

The Mayor's Ball that was held on Valentine's Day raised \$20,000 for Boys and Girls Club of Belleville and Romulus.

The Black History Month Breakfast held on Feb. 17th honored Oliver Warren, who helped pioneer the Romulus Cable Department and also the APA and Coleman Center were honored. St. John's Lodge also attended the breakfast. City employees Jazmine Danci, Tanya Cofield, and Chris Dunn contributed their time and were presenters at the breakfast.

15-060 **5A1.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Eric Waters.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-061 **5A.** Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to authorize a no-fee permit for the construction of the cement pad for the pavilion at the Thomas J. Coleman Center Park and for any permits associated with assembly of the pavilion kit.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-062 **5B.** Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-14 to adjust the Library Fund expenses as approved by the Library Board during the 14/15 fiscal year.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDED BUDGET | AMENDED BUDGET |
|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Library Fund | | | | |
| Expense | | | | |
| 271-5120-752.72-40 | Library Health Insurance | 17,222 | 3,253 | 20,475 |
| 271-5120-752.73-05 | Library Operating Supplies | 8,000 | 4,000 | 12,000 |
| 271-5120-752.74-73 | Library Building Maintenance | | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Fund Balance | | | | |
| 271-0000-390.00-00 | Library Fund Balance | 143,204 | (9,653) | 133,551 |

To adjust the Library Fund expenses as approved by the Library Board during the 14/15 fiscal year.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-063 **5C.** Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to introduce Budget Amendment 14/15-15 to repair the generators at city hall and the senior center and cover rental of a standby generator.

| FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDED BUDGET | AMENDED BUDGET |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Fund | | | | |
| Expense | | | | |
| 101-4130-741.74-73 | B & G Building Maintenance | 114,231 | 31,000 | 145,231 |
| Fund Balance | | | | |
| 101-0000-390.00-00 | General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance | 1,873,625 | (31,000) | 1,842,625 |

To repair the generators at City Hall and the Senior Center and cover rental of a standby generator.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. Clerk's Report:

6A1. Deleted from agenda.

6A2. Deleted from agenda.

6A3. Deleted from agenda.

6A4. Deleted from agenda.

6A5. Deleted from agenda.

15-064 **6A6.** Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to schedule a study session for Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the rubbish contract bid. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-065 **6A7.** Moved by Choate, seconded by Abdo to schedule a study session for Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss perpetual care for the Romulus Memorial Cemetery and proposed changes to the cemetery rules and regulations. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A8. Deleted from agenda.

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that taxes that were due on Feb. 17th – if they are not paid by March 2nd – those taxes will be collected by Wayne County. Income tax preparation is being done by the treasurer and deputy treasurer at the senior center for seniors, low income, and disabled persons. An appointment can be made by calling the senior center.

15-066 **6B1.** Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Wadsworth to approve the treasurer and deputy treasurer to attend the MMTA Advanced Institute from April 29th through May 1, 2015.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. Public Comment:

None.

8. Unfinished Business:

Councilwoman Abdo announced that the Chad Carr Pediatric Cancer Fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 1, 2015; it is being put on by the Romulus National Honors Society and tickets are \$20.00.

9. New Business:

Councilman Wadsworth announced that Sunday, March 1, 2015 is the annual dog and cat shots day at the animal shelter. Dr. John Herman will be there to give the shots and Robin from Fluff and Puff will also attend. Dog and cat licenses will be available for purchase.

10. Communication:

None.

15-067 **11.** Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to approve Warrant 15-04 in the amount of \$858,892.63.

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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

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

Nays – None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 23, 2015.

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall located at 10600 West Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan there will be a Public Hearing before the River Rouge City Council to consider the following budget amendment to the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

Reallocate \$29,820 .00 from Fire Rescue Payment to Infrastructure road improvements through CDBG.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said proposed CDBG budget amendment. Written comments may be submitted up to the meeting time and should be addressed to the City Clerk at the above address.

Patricia Hudson-Johnson
City Clerk
City of River Rouge

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

City of River Rouge

The City of River Rouge is currently accepting applications to create an eligibility list for Part-Time Fire Fighters.

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- ****Special pay incentives will be given to applicants with a Pump Operators certification and/or either an Emergency Medical Technician, Specialist, or Paramedic license**



All applicants must pass a background investigation, physical and psychological exams, and drug screening.

Applications may be picked up and returned, along with copies of all of the qualifying documents, at the address below:

City of River Rouge
Office of the City Clerk- Rm.101
10600 West Jefferson
River Rouge, MI 48218
Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If you would prefer to have an application emailed to you, please send request email to: sjoseph@cityofriverrouge.org

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The Districts for the MHSAA Boys Basketball has Commence

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



At the home of the Bulldogs of, Dearborn Heights Robichaud High School was where the first round action in District 40 took place. In the first game Dearborn Heights Annapolis was pitted against Melvindale, as the Cougars were in control the entire game. By half time the Cougars had a 34-22 lead. In the second half the Cougars of Dearborn Annapolis continued to dominate taking a 56-40 lead in the fourth quarter as Melvindale's Montrez Fuster lead the Cardinals with a 11 to 2 run to cut the lead. However the Cougars regained control with a run of their own to win the game by the final score 78-67. The Cougars will take on Dearborn Divine Child in the Semi-finals.

In the second game the Panthers of River Rouge hammered the Henry Ford Academy Navigators from when the ball was tossed in the air in the first quarter, The Panthers took a 30-5 lead at the end of the first quarter continued their will on the Navigators as they went into the locker room with a 50-13 lead. Jalen Gibson had 19 points, 11 rebounds, Tracey Freeman 14 points, and LaMonta Stone II 13 for River Rouge who in my opinion set the tone with speedy point guard point and

decision making for the Panthers. The final score was, River Rouge 78, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 25 as the Panthers move on to play Dearborn Heights Robichaud High in the District 40 semi-finals.

In other action in the Boys districts, Ecorse High beat Detroit Cristo Rey in a close game 56-53, Southgate Anderson 60, Riverview 51, Lincoln Park 79, Dearborn 71: Dearborn Fordson 53, Allen Park 51: Muhammed Zahr had 25 points for Fordson, Detroit Caesar Chavez 71, Detroit West Side Academy 54: Detroit Consortium 81, Dearborn Advanced Tech 22: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 76, Taylor Baptist Park 51: Inkster Peterson Warren Academy 62, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 35, and Romulus defeat Belleville 66-47.

By the way congratulations to the winners of their Districts in MHSAA Girls Basketball Playoff in which all of the following teams will move up to the regional play in their areas. District 14, Brownstown Woodhaven, District 15, Romulus, District 16, Allen Park, District 72, Riverview Gabriel Richard, and District 101, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

MARCH MADNESS

Suh Leaves Lions Den

By Butch Davis



Detroit has become competitive again recently because of Ndamukong Suh, quarterback Matthew Stafford and wide receiver Calvin Johnson - all of whom came to the Lions via high draft picks. That trio helped Detroit reach the post-season twice in the last four years. The Lions were able to secure Stafford and Johnson on long-term deals beyond

their rookie contracts, but so far they've been unable to sign Suh. It's been obvious all along that Suh's status would shape the rest of Detroit's off-season, in terms of the team's free agent needs and perhaps its approach to the draft. And here is the kicker as David Birkett of the Detroit Free Press explains; the Lions were still going to be charged \$9.7 million against the salary cap in 2015 for Suh's old contract. That means about \$36.6 million, or about 25%, of the Lions' 2015 salary cap would have been taken up by Suh's contracts alone. If Suh's contract had never been restructured, his salary cap figure in 2014 would have been just

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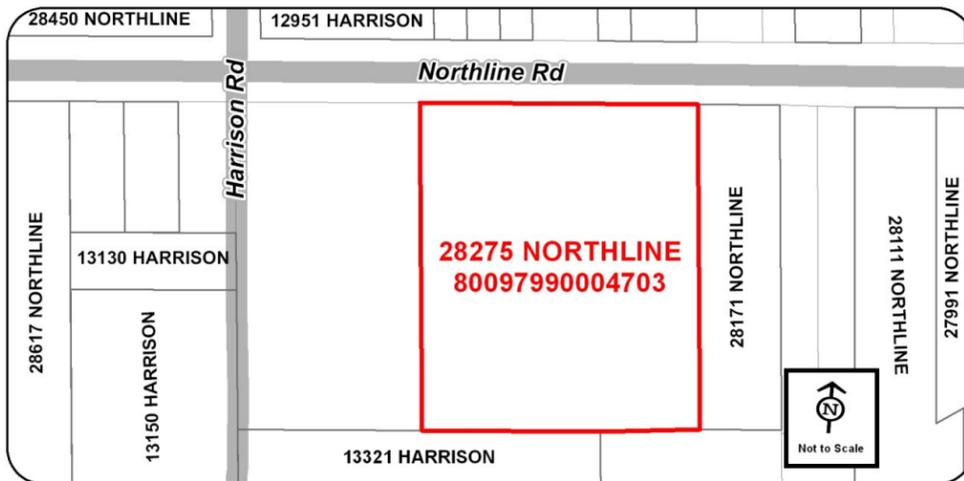
CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
D & G Building - 28275 Northline

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2015-003; D&G Building, 28275 Northline Building Addition. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Lot Coverage Variance (Section 8.04) to allow building lot coverage of 39.91% (up to 35% coverage is allow) and 84% total impervious surface coverage (up to 75% total coverage is allowed) for a proposed building addition.



The subject property is located at 28275 Northline. DP #80-097-99-0004-703. The property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 4:00 p.m., April 1, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE
PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE
CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 34, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds. Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2015 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches eight (8) inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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Over fifty people enjoyed the performance "Celebrate! The Music of African Americans" by the renowned jazz ensemble Straight Ahead Saturday February 28, 2015.

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



MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE PRESENTS ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

March 19-22, at the Detroit Opera House



DETROIT - Michigan Opera Theatre presents the return of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT), cultural ambassadors to the world and Detroit favorite, for five performances, March 19-22, 2015.

The company's Detroit repertory includes Bad Blood, by choreographer Ulysses Dove and Polish Pieces, an exuberant ensemble work by Dutch choreographer Hans van Manen. Alvin Ailey's masterpiece, Revelations, will be performed at each show. Additional choreography includes Ronald K. Brown's Four Corners, Christopher Wheelodon's gorgeous pas de deux After the Rain, Bill T. Jones' D-man in the Waters, and Aszure Barton's Lift.

As part of the company's outreach in Detroit, teaching artists from New York City are

conducting a weeklong residency, The Revelations Project 2015, with students at Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary-Middle School, March 2-6, 2015. The Revelations Project is an interdisciplinary approach to curriculum which utilizes Alvin Ailey's signature work, Revelations. It is an inspirational framework for a comprehensive study of language, arts, social studies, and dance. Students explore and embody the life story of Alvin Ailey and Revelations, while connecting this story to their own life experiences, community, and the broader world around them. Funding for the program is provided by the Shirley K. Schlafer Foundation.

The 2014-2015 dance season is supported by the Lear Corporation.

A free dance talk begins one hour prior to each perform-

ance. A master class is available for intermediate/advanced level dancers, ages 14 and older, at 11 a.m. March 21, 2015. Pre-registration is required, by emailing dance@motopera.org.

Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$83. Tickets may be purchased online at www.Michigan-Opera.org, by calling 313-237-7464, or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office (1526 Broadway, Detroit). Tickets may also be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by calling 800-745-3000.

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About Michigan Opera Theatre

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ASK ALMA

Ex's & Taxes



Should I give my Ex a Break on Support Payment? Dear Alma, I think I know what I'm going to do but I'm curious as to what you think about my situation. My husband and I were married for eight years. We have three boys. We are now divorced. He gets them almost every weekend and is very active in their lives. He has however been behind over the years with his child support payments but last year he paid on time every month. When he filed for his income tax return this year, he was told the money would go towards his back child support payments. He called, explained his situation and asked me if I would give him part of the money. The back child support check will come to me. I have not remarried, so no, I'm not working with a double income. Again, I know what I'm thinking but I'd like to know what do you think I should do?

Name withheld

If you're a super fan of Ask Alma, and I think that you are, you know I've got a soft spot when it comes to our fathers. I don't know if it's because of the amazing relationship I had with my Dad, my incredible male friends who are fathers, or the fact that I have a remarkable son, who's a father – there's no two ways about it, fathers hold

a special place in my heart. Specifically, when it comes to your ex, the boys Dad, his actions speak loud and hearty, he's handling his business. He has buckled his boots and put his best foot forward. Pops has met every payment, on time and that Sweetheart is a blessing. I'm sure at some point, something came up – maybe a flat tire, the need for a new suit or the electric bill was extra high one month ~ and he still came through for his boys. You and I both know as mothers, there's always a bump in the road, without a doubt Here's a shout out to the mamas who navigate them every day. Speaking of every day, your quandary reminds me of a quote I recently read from DMX. He said, "Every day, I get closer to God. Every day, my will to do the right thing gets stronger". In that quote, I see a man who's trying, just like your ex-husband, to be a better father. I'm not sure of your answer, but my answer is yes, I think you should extend to him a few dollars. The amount ought to be of your choosing, since you do have a firsthand knowledge of what's needed by the boys. Your ex is finally willing and able, offering to you and his sons, his best. Take the time to appreciate it and him, and return to him a portion of your best. Because of your boys, the end of your marriage doesn't have to be the end of a respectful relationship. Offer up a cup of compassion and a fist full of forgiveness. Tenderheartedly handle your business mama, and while you're extending that hand to be a blessing, hold it open just a minute, to receive one as well.

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Jazz legend Yusef Lateef to be honored in Detroit with art, music

By: Steve Furay - Special to the Telegram



The late jazz legend Yusef Lateef will be honored this month with a special celebration of the visual art of the Detroit music pioneer, beginning with an opening of the exhibition 'Towards The Unknown' on Friday, March 20 at 6pm at Trinosophes, located at 1464 Gratiot Avenue in Eastern Market, Detroit.

The honoring of the life, music, faith and legacy of Yusef Lateef will continue at Trinosophes with a panel discussion about the art exhibition at 2pm, followed by a jazz performance of the man's work at 7pm, featuring musicians who had played with Lateef.

Both the art exhibition opening and panel discussion are free events, curated by Alhena Katsos of New York, who premiered the exhibition 'Towards The Unknown' at White Columns in New York City this

past November. Katsos will join poet and playwright Bill Harris, as well as authors Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert for the panel discussion on Saturday afternoon.

Yusef Lateef, who passed in December of 2013, played saxophone and flute and was widely regarded as an innovator of style who blended jazz music with sounds from the East. Born in 1920, his family moved to Detroit at a young age, and he toured with Dizzy Gillespie's orchestra in 1949. He released dozens of albums during his career, including the album 'Yusef Lateef's Detroit' in 1969.

Lateef was also a devout Muslim, and believed that his music could be used as divine inspiration to for the world. This led to his exploration of different music styles, which led to fusions of jazz recordings with traditional instruments from Arabia and China. 'Towards The Unknown' will feature drawings, scores and graphic notations from Lateef created throughout his career.

Saturday evening's performance will feature performers Adam Rudolph and Ralph Jones, who each have a storied legacy of performances in their career with jazz legends like Yusef Lateef. Rudolph, a percussionist and composer, and Jones, who plays saxophone, have performed with each other for over thirty years, 1974 Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, the legendary concert that also featured Sun Ra and James Brown.

Saturday, March 21, 7 pm / \$10-\$20 suggested
Performance featuring Lateef's long-time musical collaborators, Adam Rudolph and Ralph Jones

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\$16.1 million. That would have made Suh's franchise tag salary much more reasonable (~\$19.3 million) and Suh would almost certainly still be with the Lions for the 2015 season. When the franchise tag is used, a team must tender the player a one-year contract for a figure based on the average of the five highest salaries at his position - or for 120 percent of the player's prior year's salary, whichever is higher. It's the latter provision that pushed Suh's price tag so high, making it difficult for the Lions to use the franchise tag.

In the end the \$26.8 million tag number proved too rich for the Lions' brass. Suh will be the rare Hall-of-Fame-caliber player to hit free agency in his prime. Jockeying for his services should thrust his contract north of the six-year, \$100 million deal J.J. Watt signed.

Ndamukong Suh has test the open market when free agency begins March 10 after the Detroit Lions did not use the fran-

chise tag on the star defensive tackle as report from many media sources he will sign a new contract with the Miami Dolphins in which it has been reported by ESPN gives Suh 60 million dollar in guarantee money. The Lions did not say anything publicly about their decision.

Now this past this Tuesday's free-agent frenzy continued, as the Detroit Lions struck quickly to replace Ndamukong Suh. The Ravens announced they have traded defensive tackle Haloti Ngata to the Lions. Baltimore will receive fourth- and fifth-round draft picks in return, per NFL Media's Albert Breer. It's essentially a salary dump for Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome, who was unable to convince Ngata to trim a \$16 million cap hit. A five-time Pro Bowl selection, Ngata has experience as a 3-4 end, a 4-3 tackle and a pure nose tackle. That versatility will allow defensive coordinator Teryl Austin to consider switching to a 3-4 defense.

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Western Wayne County NAACP moves forward with 'One Voice - One Focus - One Community'

By Dominique Madden - Contributing Writer



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Elected officials consisting of state legislators, local elected officials, school board members and honorees were instrumental in making this year's Western Wayne County NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner a success

The Western Wayne County NAACP branch held their annual Freedom Fund dinner at The Burton Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. The theme for this year was Embracing Diversity, Engaging Community and Restoring the Village. The atmosphere was electric as our guest consisted of State Senators Knezek, State Representative Erika Geiss and Mary Robinson, representatives from Wayne

County Executive Office Warren Evans and a special surprise guest NAACP State Conference President Yvonne White. Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett served as the Master of Ceremony for the evening and Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon was the keynote speaker. President of the branch, Bishop Walter L. Starghill, Jr. said, "Napoleon gave us an inspirational message that gripped all at-

tendees and charged us to continue the fight for voter registration and combating the Pipeline to Prison plague against black boys in America." With the problems that are facing young people across the country, he reiterated that the problem can be resolved, but it has to start with us. Michigan State Conference Yvonne White made it her mission to engage in conversation with all of the young people that were in attendance. She said, "We have to get more young people involved." During the event, five outstanding people were honored. Mayor of Inkster Hilliard Hampton received the Life Time Achievement Award, Issac Robinson and Fatina Abdrabboh re-

ceived the Freedom and Justice Award, Jewell Jones received the Great Expectation Award and Chelsea Lancaster was the Against All Odds Honoree. This year, the Western Wayne Branch will be more aggressive as they reach out to residents and organizations throughout the 18 cities that they

serve. For more information or to join the oldest civil rights organization, stop by their general membership meetings on the second Monday of each month at 27500 Marquette in Garden City or send an email to wwcnaacp@gmail.com.



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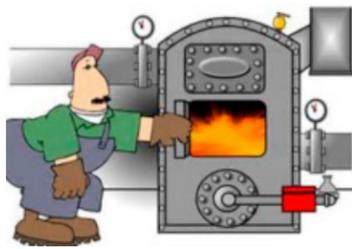
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