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## Detroit River Institute Visits the Telegram During its Examination of Downriver Environmental Issues

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



JNR fellows outside the DTE plant in River Rouge.

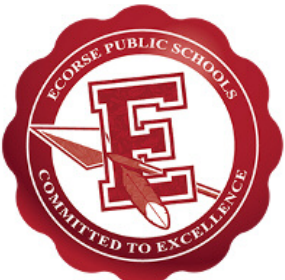
Last month the Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources came to Michigan to explore local “natural-resource, economic and human health issues”. Fourteen journalists were chosen to participate in the Detroit River Institute from various media sources around the country, ranging from the Michigan Citizen to Newsweek magazine. During their four day visit, researchers were

taken to various locations around the area which included Belle Isle to discuss river restoration, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On their first day of research, institute fellows paid a visit to

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## Ecorse Public Schools to Host 100th Celebration Gala



On December 6th, Ecorse Public Schools will host a 100th celebration gala at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Southgate.

The formal event will take place from 6PM-11:00PM, and includes a family style dinner, an open bar, award ceremonies, and live entertainment featuring Hypeman Pistol Pete, RJ's Latest Arrival, Phase 5,

Kaution Band, Stubbs Girls, and more.

“We’re inviting the community to come out and help us celebrate this event,” Shaunda Miller-Giles, School Board President and event organizer, said. “We have a night of entertainment celebrating the years that our district has existed through the decades. If you’re alumni, or if you have friends and family that attended Ecorse Public Schools, we want everyone to come out and be a part of this. Tickets are \$50, and must be purchased in advance.

If you would like to buy tickets, please visit Central Office, 27225 W. Outer Drive, Ecorse, MI 48229, or contact Shaunda Miller-Giles at (313) 388-9801.

## National Guard Prepares for More Ferguson Unrest



A woman looks at a memorial in the middle of the street Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, more than three months after black teen Michael Brown was shot and killed there by a white policeman in Ferguson, MO.

JEFFERSON CITY, (AP) — As a grand jury weighs possible criminal charges against the police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown, Missouri’s governor has again activated the National Guard in an effort to avoid more unrest in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson. Unlike in August, when Gov. Jay Nixon asked the troops to help provide security after protests turned occasionally violent, his latest move is pre-emptive. It comes ahead of any decision -

on whether Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson, who is white, will be indicted for the Aug. 9 shooting death of the black 18-year-old. There also are some operational differences this time. When Nixon last declared a state of emergency, he put the Missouri State Highway Patrol in charge of a unified local police command and later activated the National Guard to provide security around the command center. This time, Nixon said

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## CONYERS AND 115 HOUSE DEMOCRATS URGE PRESIDENT OBAMA TO TAKE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM



WASHINGTON — On November 13, 2014 at a press conference led by Rep. Luis Gutierrez (IL-04), Rep. John

Conyers, Jr. (MI-13) joined many House Democratic Colleagues in urging President Obama to use his broad legal

authority to implement administrative reforms to improve key aspects of America’s bro-

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## NEWS FROM LANSING

### Senate Passes Hopgood Legislation to Prevent Future Investments in Romulus Hazardous Waste Facility



LANSING – Senate Bill 1105, sponsored by Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D–Taylor), was passed out of the Senate today. Sen. Hopgood introduced the legislation to put an end to speculative investments in a controversial hazardous waste injection well facility in Romulus. In addition to the grave environmental and health risks associated with injecting hazardous waste underground, the facility has been at the center of a failed investment scheme involving the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System.

“Misguided investments in this dangerous project have jeopardized the financial stability of many local workers and retirees, and that’s simply shameful,” Sen. Hopgood said. “We must take action to prevent this type of harm from occurring in the future, and I am pleased that my colleagues in the Senate took a step in that direction today by supporting this important piece of legislation.”

The Romulus facility, previously owned by Environmen-

tal Disposal Systems (EDS), began injecting hazardous waste into mile-deep disposal wells in 2006, but was shut down by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) within the first year of operation due to above-ground leaks. The pension board of the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System invested in the project by issuing multi-million dollar loans to the operator of the facility, but the loans were eventually defaulted on, resulting in approximately \$40 million in losses. In recent years, Environmental Geo-Technologies, which is owned by Greektown businessman Jim Papas, has received permits to resume operations at the facility.

Senate Bill 1105 would seek to stop future investments in the failed project and protect pensioners from further harm. The bill would provide that an investment fiduciary of a large sponsored system that has invested in a hazardous waste disposal well facility would be prohibited from making additional investments in the facility and would be required to sell, redeem, divest or withdraw all investments in the facility if certain conditions occur, including: the operator of the facility files for bankruptcy, a controlling interest in the operator of the facility is sold or transferred, or if an environmental protection violation occurs at the facility.

### Mayor Duggan’s efforts to reduce auto insurance costs for Detroiters takes important first step



Mayor Mike Duggan today thanked Detroit City Council members for their leadership in approving a key contract that moves the city one step closer to potentially creating a city-sponsored auto insurance company. The Mayor has made reducing auto insurance rates for Detroiters a high priority since taking office.

Council voted 8-0 today to approve a contract in the amount of \$75,000 for Pinnacle Actuarial Resources to study the feasibility of creating a city-sponsored insurance company. The study will provide the Administration with the necessary information to determine next steps in its efforts to bring down auto insurance rates for Detroiters.

Mayor Duggan said the unanimous vote shows the strong commitment of his administration and the City Council to bring relief to Detroit motorists.

“The high cost of auto insurance has been one of the key reasons residents have been leaving the city for years,” Mayor Duggan said. “City Council’s unanimous vote today shows how committed we all are to offering Detroiters a more affordable alternative.”

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## NEWS FROM LANSING

### Secretary of State offices to close for Thanksgiving holiday



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All offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, Friday, Nov. 28, and SUPER!Centers will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 29.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver’s license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following business day without penalty.

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License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available around the clock. Visit the Branch Office Locator at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos) to find a Self-Service Station near you.

With the exception of holidays, offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays, most offices are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

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# Ending the Cradle to Prison Pipeline

By Marian Wright Edelman NNPA Columnist



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. The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world: 7.1 million adult residents. One in 33 are under some form of correctional supervision, including prison, jail, probation, or parole. Michelle Alexander writes in her best-selling book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* that there are more adult African Americans under correctional control today than were enslaved in 1850, a decade before the Civil War began. In 2011, our state and federal prison population exceeded that of all European nations combined. Something's very wrong with this picture. The numbers are frightening – and there's more. That's why the Children's Defense Fund focused on this unjust crisis in one of the main plenary sessions at our national conference in Cincinnati on July 24. This epidemic of mass incarceration has created one of the most dangerous crises for the Black community since slavery and affects everyone in our nation. Black males have an imprisonment rate nearly seven times higher than White males, and Hispanic males have an imprisonment rate over twice that of White males. Mass incarceration is tearing fathers and mothers from children, and economically and politically

disempowering millions by taking away the right to vote and ability to get a job and public benefits in some states after prison terms are served. One in nine Black, one in 28 Hispanic and one in 57 White children have an incarcerated parent. Mass incarceration has also become a powerful economic force and drain on taxpayers. Annual state spending on corrections tops \$51 billion and states spend on average two and a half times more per prisoner than per public school pupil. I think this is a very dumb investment policy. Federal spending on prisons totaled \$6.6 billion in fiscal year 2012. An added danger driving mass incarceration is the privatization of prisons for profit. The Corrections Corporation of America, the largest private prison corporation, has proposed to 48 state governors that it will operate their prison systems for 20 years with a guaranteed 90 percent occupancy rate. A majority of all those incarcerated have committed nonviolent offenses. Some young prisoners I recently visited are in prison for use or possession of marijuana. The toxic cocktail of poverty, racial disparities in child serving systems, poor education, zero tolerance school discipline policies, racial profiling, unbridled prosecutorial discretion, and racial disparities in arrests and sentencing are funneling millions of young and older poor people of color, especially males, into dead end, powerless and hopeless lives. So we are bringing an extraordinary group of experts together at our national conference to talk about how to halt the epidemic and get our nation back on course and our children into a pipeline to college and productive work. I'd experience about how to better ensure public safety through

prevention and early intervention and fairer law enforcement policies. They'll also examine mass incarceration as a continuing method of racial control and discrimination and recommend measures to replace the Cradle to School to Prison Pipeline™ one to college and productive work. The panel will lead into an interactive town hall discussion with various speakers, including formerly incarcerated participants, to focus on how we can close off the major feeder systems fueling the Cradle to Prison Pipeline and mass incarceration and create new hope and opportunity for children in their place. It's time to reroute our children, youths, and parents from prison to college and productive work. And it's way past time to stop the uniquely American blight of mass incarceration permanently.

*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](http://www.childrensdefense.org).*

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# Immigration

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ken immigration system.

"Republicans have refused every effort in Congress to fix our broken immigration system despite countless opportunities. In the face of Congressional inaction, like those before him, the President must act," said Rep. John Conyers.

Spearheaded by Rep. Gutierrez and House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren (CA-19), Rep. Conyers and over 115 House Democrats issued a letter to President Obama urging him to exercise his power under existing law to prevent the separation of undocumented family members of U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and deferred action beneficiaries. The letter also encourages the President to recognize undocumented farmworkers that face exploitation and abuse. Last year, after substantial negotiations between a bipartisan

group of 4 Democratic and 4 Republican Senators, the Senate overwhelmingly passed legislation that would have overhauled U.S. immigration law. If enacted, the bill would establish a fair pathway to citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants after undergoing several security measures before obtaining a green card, further secure our borders, and ensure that our nation's economic needs could be met through improved visa programs. House Republicans have repeatedly blocked progress of this critical legislation by refusing to allow a vote on the bipartisan immigration reform bill.

"At this time, it is clear to me that the only path forward on immigration policy is through Executive action. I encourage the Obama Administration to move forward with bold, Executive action because it's the right thing to do for the country," added Rep. Conyers.

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# Thanksgiving: Gratitude Attitude

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



all have bad days, but having a bad day should not be a lifestyle.

It's thanksgiving time. Everyone has something to be thankful for, especially if you are able to read these words. As you think on the good things God has done for you, it should make you smile more. It should make you friendlier and more pleasant to be around. Praise and thanks invoke blessings [1 Chronicles 16:4]. In other words, 'when praises and thanks go up, blessings come down.' But we don't praise God just to get blessings, we praise Him because He has already blessed. But blessings are a wonderful byproduct of praise and thanksgiving.

Your attitude displays your gratitude. Thankful people are generally happier, more pleasant people. Grateful people are more likely to smile and be friendly.

Ungrateful people hang on to reasons to be upset. They minimize the good things God has done for them and emphasize the negative things that have happened. As a result, they are not as happy. They don't smile as much. They're not as friendly because they are too preoccupied with being upset about something. They carry their pain and inflict it upon people they encounter throughout the day. We

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done [1 Chronicles 16:8 NLT]. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever [1 Chronicles 16:34 NLT]. Let your thanks show in your attitude. Let it show with your life. Call it Thanksgiving! Do it everyday. Happy Thanksgiving.

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— John 14:1-4 -

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. -

Philippians 3:13-14 -

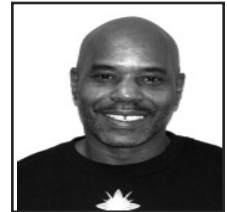
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## Mall Protesters Hope to "Take Back Thanksgiving"



Protesters rallied outside of Brierwood Mall to bring awareness to the elimination of Thanksgiving Day as we know it

ANN ARBOR, Two weeks from today, instead of enjoying a day off, a growing number of Michiganders will head to work in businesses that no longer close for Thanksgiving.

That has one group fighting to Take Back Thanksgiving.

Rev. Joseph Summers, vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Ann Arbor, is among those planning to protest outside Ann Arbor's Brierwood Mall, which recently announced it will open even earlier this Thanksgiving Day.

"I don't think people are realizing now what a toll it's taking on community life, religious life, family life, for people to no longer be able to count on having time together," he says.

In a statement, the mall's management says it is simply giving shoppers what they want, and refers to Thanksgiving as the mall's Super Bowl.

The rally takes place at 4:30 p.m. today, with similar

protests planned for other Michigan malls and businesses.

Summers stresses he isn't anti-business, and he recognizes that there are many essential community workers - such as doctors, nurses and police officers - who do not get the day off. But he says that's very different from a retail business choosing to eliminate a holiday.

"I think it's time for our country and our business community to wake up to how important it is to honor traditions like Thanksgiving, for the sake of the well-being of our country and our working people," he says.

Summers adds those who can't attend the rally can still send a message by simply not shopping on Thanksgiving.

Organizers of the rally have also sent a letter to all Michigan legislators, asking for a Thanksgiving Preservation Bill that would forbid stores from opening on the holiday

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Michigan conservation officers offer top 10 tips for a safe hunting experience

As firearm deer hunting season approaches, Michigan's hunters are headed to the field to carry on the state's rich hunting traditions. Conservation officers with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are offering their top tips for a safe hunting experience.

"Hunting in Michigan is a time-honored activity rich in tradition, when families and friends come together to enjoy our great outdoors," said Lt. Andrew Turner, who leads the DNR's Recreation, Safety and Enforcement Section for the Law Enforcement Division. "Making your hunt a safe and responsible experience is key to having an enjoyable and memorable time. Our officers want everyone to have a safe and responsible experience."

Turner said the top 10 safety tips for hunters to remember are:

Treat every firearm as if it is loaded. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. Be certain of your target, and what's beyond it, before firing. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop - don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot. Don't run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm. Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm toward you by the butt, not the muzzle. Avoid alcoholic beverages before or during hunting. Also avoid mind- or behavior-alter-

ing medicines or drugs. All firearm deer hunters on any land during daylight hunting hours must wear a hat, cap, vest or jacket of hunter orange visible from all sides. All hunters, including archers, must comply during gun season. Camouflage hunter orange is legal provided 50 percent of the surface area is solid hunter orange. (Exceptions: waterfowl, crow, and wild turkey hunters, and bow hunters for deer during bow season). Always let someone know where you are hunting and when you plan on returning. This information helps conservation officers and others locate you if you get lost. Carry your cell phone into the woods. Remember to turn your ringer off or set your phone to vibrate rather than ring. Your cell phone emits a signal that can help rescuers locate you when you are lost. Make sure before you leave for the woods each day that your phone is fully charged. If you have a smart phone, download a compass and flashlight app - there are many versions of these apps that are free to download in the iPhone App Store or on Google Play for Android. Also, program the DNR's Report All Poaching (RAP) Line in your phone contacts - 1-800-292-7800 - so you can alert conservation officers to any natural resources violations you witness while hunting. "These simple, common sense tips can prevent hunting accidents and save lives," said Turner. "We encourage all sportsmen and women to follow these guidelines when enjoying the great outdoors in our state." For more information about hunting in Michigan, visit [www.michigan.gov/hunting](http://www.michigan.gov/hunting).

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Black Friday and Holiday safe shopping tips from AlertID and McGruff the Crime Dog



With the busy holiday season approaching, AlertID and the National Crime Prevention Council help keep families safe while shopping

Nearly 40% of Americans are expected to go shopping on Black Friday. With all of the excitement, it is easy for family members to become separated and for people to become vulnerable to crime.

"A distracted shopper is the prime target for opportunistic holiday criminals," says Ann M. Harkins, National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) President and CEO. "You can keep the Grinch and other cunning crooks away by following ten simple shopping safety suggestions."

AlertID and the NCPC (home to McGruff the Crime Dog) share these tips to help keep you and your family safe on Black Friday (or even Thursday!) and

throughout the busy holiday season.

Be informed about your surroundings. Use the free McGruff mobile app available from AlertID™ to receive alerts about registered sex offenders living and working in the vicinity of your shopping venue as well as crime alerts for thousands of cities.

Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.

Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.

Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.

Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock

them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.

When shopping with children:

If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other.

Select a central meeting place.

Teach them to know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

Have them memorize or keep your cell phone number handy.

Keep up-to-date photos and accurate descriptions of each child electronically with AlertID's My Family Wallet™ located in the AlertID app. Should they go missing, this information can be sent quickly to law enforcement when every moment counts.

"Malls are extremely busy places on Black Friday and throughout the holidays," said Keli Wilson, mom of three and founder of AlertID. "By keeping these safety tips in mind, families can help ensure not only a fun shopping experience, but also a safe one."

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**Michiganders Can Kick Some "Butts" Today**

**Great American Smoke-out Under Way**

LANSING,. - Today could be the first day in a smoke free life for Michiganders who take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, but only if they're ready to take the steps necessary to commit to quit.

Keith Whittemore started smoking when he was a teenager serving in the Navy, and kept up a pack-a-day habit for decades until finally quitting about two years ago.

He says reaching out to others was what finally helped make the difference.

"I really made it clear to my family, my friends, my neighbors and everybody that I associated with every day, that I needed to get some support, and that is a critical way of doing it," he relates. "It's really one of the hardest things that somebody has to go through in life, is to try to quit smoking."

According to a recent study, Michigan has one of the highest smoking rates in the nation, with more than 23 percent of adults lighting up.

The American Cancer Society has tools and resources available for those ready to kick the habit on its website, Cancer.org.

Whittemore says breaking the smoking habit meant breaking lots of other habits, as he had to clear his life of all the things he associated with cigarettes.

He says while that doesn't happen overnight, the Great American Smokeout offers a good place to begin.

"Just try it for one day, and recognize right off the bat that it's going to be tough, and that you have to look at those trigger items that you have in your life that you pull a cigarette out for," he urges.

The American Cancer Society recommends that anyone trying to kick the smoking habit should check with his or her doctor first to discuss the options and figure out what method will work best for each individual.

Many communities, employers and health care plans also offer smoking-cessation programs and assistance.

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## Susan L. Taylor Speaks on Discovering Your Inner Bliss at Blac Magazine's "Living Fabulous Not Frantic Event"

By Shelby Jefferson - Telegram Staff Reporter



Blac Magazine hosted its "Bliss: Living Fabulous Not Frantic" event at the Garden Theater in Midtown on November 13th.

The evenings keynote speaker was Susan L. Taylor, CEO and founder of the National CARES Mentoring Movement and editor-in-chief emeritus of Essence magazine. The occasion also featured live music, refreshments, spoken word performances and an on stage

panel discussion.

"I see you because I can look in the mirror and see myself," Taylor said as she smiled into the capacity crowd at the Garden Theater.

And for most of the women in the audience that evening, the feeling was certainly mutual. During her 37 year stint at Essence, the icon standing before them undeniably became a bold, powerful, eloquent and stylish reflection from which they were able to envision themselves through.

In the face of a looming divorce and the trials of single motherhood, Taylor began as freelance fashion and beauty editor for Essence in 1970. She would eventually rise to the position of chief editor, and became the visionary who initiated its evolution into the leading cultural magazine for African-American women. Yet even in all of her fabulousness, Taylor spoke candidly on a previous battle with depression, and also discussed the struggles of juggling career and family life with the hustle and bustle of running a renowned publication. Nevertheless in the mist of all of the chaos-the

joys, pains and everything in between-she assessed that at last she needed to slow down long enough to discover her inner bliss-the ultimate peace within herself.

"Bliss is something that we hope, and it's within us. It's always there, but you have to be aware," Taylor said. "Pain is information. Where you're hurting is where you need to pay attention...No matter what that condition is-whether it's physical, emotional, financial, or relational, it's here to teach you something. With every breath, you have the opportunity to begin again. This is what I love most about life."

Having retired from Essence in 2008, Taylor is now focused on her National CARES Movement, an organization centered on alleviating intergenerational poverty, and transforming the prospective futures of at risk children through relationships with strong mentors. But even now, the 68 year old insists that life is all about balance. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle, stress reduction, and reserving 45 minutes for daily meditation and personal relaxation are all key to a blissful existence. And while she acknowledges that life's struggles remain inevitable, these challenges can be converted into valuable learning opportunities that will eventually strengthen us as human beings.

"Life is always trying to lead you to a better place," Taylor said. "When we're not doing well, when we're not feeling well, and when things seem like they're coming apart, I've learned that there is a question that we have to ask: 'What have you come to teach me?'"

...Have a sense of gratitude for your life. No matter what you're dealing with, this is not the rough side of the mountain. The rough side was lived by those who came before us; who sacrificed in ways that we will never have to. Our challenge is to understand who we are, and to stand together for what is right."

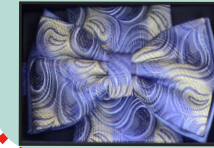
All in all, the overall message that night was clear: Once women take the time to develop the best in themselves, only then can they become strong, productive and disciplined enough to tend to additional matters-whether it pertains to career, family or any other aspects of their busy existence. Thanks to Taylor's wise oratory, those attending "Fabulous Not Frantic" undeniably walked away with an awakened sense of empowerment, as well as a renewed understanding of the differences that they can make in the world, if only they can maintain the joy and meaning within themselves that will lead to a blissful journey through life.

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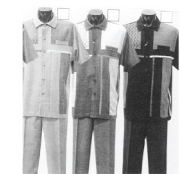


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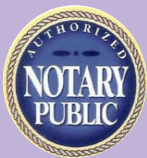
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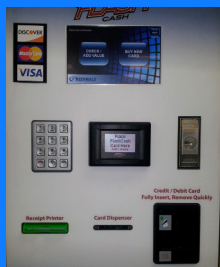
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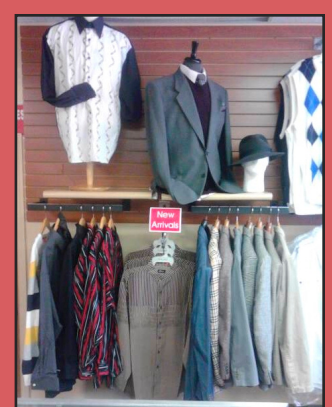
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son. We'll have S'More kits, note cards, our new 2015 TCF Calendars and hand-made chocolates for sale too.

So, Dig out Your MITTENS, scarves and hats, bundle up the kids and grandkids and come on over to celebrate the season at the Conservatory. Hope to see you there! \* PS.-- If the weather is inclement, we have the Petting Farm on standby.

Enjoy an outdoor experience at the "C" (it used to be indoors at the Petting Farm). \* We'll have a BIG, Warm, Bonfire roaring in the back forty. (with our trusty hose nearby!) We'll have Hot Chocolate, Candy Canes and cookies in the Masco Pavilion (with an outdoor heater) Christmas Carolers will be there to lead us in song and...we'll light up our tree at 6:30 to kick off the holiday sea-



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By: Jenny Cooper

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He went on to attend college at Bowling Green University where he continued to play baseball from 1937 to 1940 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Barney served in the US Army during World War II in 1942-1943, attaining the rank of Sergeant, and was able to continue playing ball during those years as well. Barney was drafted by the great Connie Mack to play ball in both minor and major leagues and played for AA and AAA minor league teams and farm clubs for the New York Yankees.

In the 1944 season, he pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies major league baseball team and was inducted into Cooperstown Hall of Fame for an article he had written in 1989; "The Evolution of the Baseball Bat."

After his professional baseball career, Barney became the owner of Mussill Sporting Goods in River Rouge for 50 years. His time in River Rouge was experienced by many people as they listened and

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Staying on guard (hypervigilance) about encountering discrimination is terrible for your health. A new study is the first to show that hypervigilance about racism—a major source of stress—is linked to hypertension (high blood pressure) and may keep people up at night. Reports *RWJF Health & Society Scholars* program alumna Margaret Hicken, PhD.

The effects are particularly acute for Black Americans, the group most likely to have hypertension and most likely to be hypervigilant about discrimination. Hypertension and insomnia both contribute to heart disease risk.

Blacks



Whites



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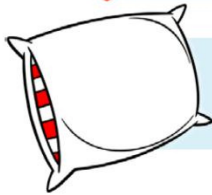
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of Black adults have hypertension

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of White adults have hypertension



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Black adults reported more hypervigilance-related sleep problems than White adults.

"Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Hypertension Prevalence: Reconsidering the Role of Chronic Stress," *American Journal of Public Health*, November/December 2013.

\*\*\*"Every Shut Eye, Ain't Sleep: The Role of Racism-Related Vigilance in Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Sleep Difficulty," *Journal of Race and Social Problems*, June 2013.

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# Give something that means something – Give blood or platelets

DETROIT — The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to give something that means something this holiday season – a lifesaving blood donation.

Blood donations often decline this time of year when donors get busy with holiday festivities and travel. Severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can also have a serious impact on blood donations, but the need for blood remains steady. On average, the Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood products every day for patients across the country.

Eligible donors with all types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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**TAURUS**  
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Soul Affirmation: I concentrate on the highest possibilities this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 18, 22, 53**

**GEMINI**  
Freedom needs may be high this week. Use your powerful imagination to discover a way to feel freer in your current situation. At least in your personal space, let yourself be free and surrounded by objects and vibes that set your spirit soaring.  
Soul Affirmation: I speak my mind knowing that truth is my best defense this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 41, 44, 48**

**CANCER**  
Passing on knowledge, or gaining some new knowledge, preoccupies your fine mind this week. You can teach as well as learn. Look for a way to combine these two activities. It will benefit the many that you attract.  
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**Lucky Numbers: 7, 28, 29**

**LEO**  
Details, details, details. They are cluttering up your vision of the big picture. Be patient and deal with one detail at a time. You'll soon see your big picture very clearly again. You are kind, and can be amazingly tolerant.  
Soul Affirmation: Giving is a luxury that a rich spirit can afford.  
**Lucky Numbers: 8, 54, 55**

**VIRGO**  
Lots of wild ideas may occur to you this week, and you may want to act the mental daredevil. Be patient with those who are just learning or who want to do things the way they've always done them. Lead by example.  
Soul Affirmation: When I feel good about myself, the world

feels good to me.  
**Lucky Numbers: 17, 29, 36**

**LIBRA**  
A practical solution is at hand to one of your inventions. Give yourself some space to allow the answer to come to you. Any repetitive task, such as weeding the garden or washing the dishes or car, will be conducive to your receiving the solution.  
Soul Affirmation: I know where I'm going because I know where I've been.  
**Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 27**

**SCORPIO**  
You may feel an internal pressure towards responsibility this week. Go with the flow on this and the week will be like a gift. Let your words assist others in becoming more self-responsible. You are a good teacher of right actions.  
Soul Affirmation: I take it easy on myself this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 17, 40, 48**

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Money may come to you from an unlikely source this week. Keep your eyes peeled for opportunity. Let your words this week paint the images of better ways of being in the world for yourself and for those under your care.  
Soul Affirmation: I invest new faith in everything I do this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 6, 23, 46**

**CAPRICORN**  
You may decide to visit a friend you haven't seen in a while, or you may hear from one while you are at work. How did they get your number? You'll be pleased to connect again with this person.  
Soul Affirmation: Things are as I know them to be.  
**Lucky Numbers: 9, 12, 48**

**AQUARIUS**  
You are full of ideas this week, and some of them have practical application. Pick and choose which ones to test as you move through your week. Keep a very positive outlook on all relationships.  
Soul Affirmation: I find comfort in the familiar.  
**Lucky Numbers: 32, 34, 37**

**PISCES**  
Too much information is as confining as too little information for you. Try to find a balance in your conversations with others. Listen and observe, and you'll learn the thing that you are looking for this week.  
Soul Affirmation: I enlarge my happiness by forgetting about myself this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 11, 28, 41**

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## Being Thankful Everyday

### Be Thankful

By Author Unknown

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Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.  
During those times you grow.  
Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.  
Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.  
They will teach you valuable lessons.  
Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.  
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.  
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## Panthers lose to Raiders, Out of Playoffs

By Butch Davis

River Rouge sprint for football prominence for a championship in Division five are now put to a halt by the Raiders of Almont High School as they defeated the Panthers by the final score of 35-12. Almont High School with move on to play Lansing Catholic at Brandon High School, Ortonville, Michigan. The Raiders scored their first touchdown on a three-yard run by Mike Couch III at the 5:35 mark of the first quarter. The Raiders scored again early in the second quarter via a 19 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Trevor Nichols to split-end Charlton Zimmerman giving the Raiders a 14-0 lead. However, the Panthers of River Rouge narrow the Raiders lead before halftime as the running of junior quarterback Antonine Burgess led the comeback which feature a 23 yard run before he dance into the end zone on a three yard touchdown run to cut the lead 14-6 Almont. On the Panthers kick off to Almont, the kicker kick

the ball hit a Raider player in the ankle thus causing a fumble in which the Panthers recover on the 47-yard putting their offense on the field and back in business. The Panthers continue to put the ball in the air more as quarterback Burgess threw a beautiful 41 yard pass to Aaron Vinson to give visiting team the ball deep in Raiders territory, however, penalties and a defensive halt by Almont stop the Panthers drive. The ball exchange between teams several times before the Panthers come together to score again as two passes from Burgess, one to Jajuan Kemp of 32-yards to set up a 15 yard pass to receiver Vinson for the touchdown in which progress the Panthers back in the game trailing only by two, 14-12 at halftime.

In the third quarter Almont took a 20-12 lead on a Nick Baker three-yard run and with the point after touchdown good, Raiders had a 21-12 lead until

received the ball back from Rouge on three downs only to again run the ball down the field as Nick baker again finish with a 23-yard touchdown run, point after touchdown good gives the Raiders a 28-12 with the fourth quarter to go. The big key in the game was Almont's ability to stop River Rouge passing the ball as cornerbacks and safeties on Almont, made huge adjustments during the halftime break. Almont High finish the scoring in the game as again it was the Nick Baker show as at the 9:21 mark in the fourth he ran wild for a 46-yard touchdown run to end the scoring in the game and had the fans of River Rouge going to the exits for the long drive home seeing that the Raiders of Almont advances to the semi-final to continue their march to Ford Field. The Panthers end their season winning a District championship, however, a week later their season is at an end with a 10-2 record.

## NFL Bans Adrian Peterson for Rest of the Season



\*Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson has been suspended without pay for the remainder of the 2014 NFL season, the league announced Tuesday, with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell criticizing the star for his behavior and for not showing any "meaningful remorse."

Earlier this month, Peterson pled no contest to the misdemeanor charge of reckless assault of a child, but the NFL said Tuesday that he violated the league's personal conduct policy "in an incident of abusive discipline that he inflicted on his four year-old-son."

Goodell also directed Peterson to meet with a psychologist and complete a counseling, treatment and community service program. The timing of his reinstatement to the league, which won't be considered before April 15, will be based on the results of that program and his commitment to change, Goodell said in a letter to Peterson Tuesday.

"You must commit yourself to your counseling and rehabilitative effort, properly care for your children, and have no further violations of law or league policy," he wrote.

Goodell wrote that Peterson's punishment is consistent with his modifications to the NFL's personal conduct policy on Aug. 28,

saying there were aggravating circumstances that warrant further discipline than the baseline six-game suspension.

"First, the injury was inflicted on a child who was only four years old. The difference in size and strength between you and the child is significant, and your actions clearly caused physical injury to the child," Goodell wrote. "While an adult may have a number of options when confronted with abuse — to flee, to fight back, or to seek help from law enforcement — none of those options is realistically available to a four-year old child. Further, the injury inflicted on your son includes the emotional and psychological trauma to a young child who suffers criminal physical abuse at the hands of his father. Second, the repetitive use of a switch in this instance is the functional equivalent of a weapon, particularly in the hands of someone with the strength of an accomplished professional athlete. Third, you have shown no meaningful remorse for your conduct. When indicted, you acknowledged what

you did but said that you would not 'eliminate whooping my kids' and defended your conduct in numerous published text messages to the child's mother. You also said that you felt 'very confident with my actions because I know my intent.' These comments raise the serious concern that you do not fully appreciate the seriousness of your conduct, or even worse, that you may feel free to engage in similar conduct in the future."

Peterson was indicted in September on a felony charge of injury to a child for using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son earlier this year. Peterson said he never intended to hurt him and was disciplining him in the same way he had been as a child. He was put on paid leave from the Vikings while he dealt with his legal problems.

The NFL had been working with Peterson and the NFL Players Association to review his conduct in the days after the Vikings running back struck a plea deal.

Peterson has three days to appeal the league's decision. If he appeals, he'll remain on the NFL's exempt list and will continue to be paid pending a decision.

"It is imperative that you to avoid any incident of this kind in the future," Goodell wrote to Peterson. "Any further violation of the Personal Conduct Policy will result in additional discipline and may subject you to banishment from the NFL."

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## Tigers Making Deals

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Tigers are back at work to put together the baseball team for the 2015 season in which weeks or so worth of wheeling and dealing has been ongoing since the first of November. Here is a recap of the moves for the Tigers this far, 11/01/14 the Tigers place Andy Dirks on wavier and picked up by the Toronto Blue Jays, 11/10/14, the Detroit Tigers named David Newhan the Club's assistant hitting coach. "David brings major and minor league experience to our coaching staff and will work with Wally Joyner in preparing the hitters on a daily basis," said Tigers manager Brad Ausmus. Newhan joins the Tigers after spending one season in the Oakland Athletics organization as the manager for Single A Vermont. Prior to joining the Athletics, Newhan spent three seasons in the San Diego Padres organization, serving as the hitting coach for Single A Lake Elsinore.

Detroit Tigers on 11/12/14 announced that the club has acquired outfielder Anthony Gose from the Toronto Blue Jays in exchange for infielder Devon Travis. "Anthony is a true center fielder than can provide us with above average defense in center field with a good arm," said Tigers President, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager David Dombrowski. "He possesses above average speed and can steal bases at the major league level. He

swings the bat from the left side and we feel that he will continue to improve his offensive game.

Tigers on 11/14/14, announced the club has agreed to terms with designated hitter Victor Martinez on a four-year contract through the 2018 season. "Victor is one of the premier hitters in the league and we are thrilled that he will continue his career in a Tigers uniform," said Tigers President, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager David Dombrowski. "His production in the middle of our lineup and veteran leadership are invaluable to our ball club."

Finally this past Monday the Tigers announced that it has exercised Alex Avila's option for 2015, bringing back the catcher for \$5.4 million. Avila has struggled following what looked like a breakout 2011 season, hitting just .229 with a .705 OPS in 342 games since then, and multiple concussions have put his future behind the plate in some question. However, he's still just 28 years and, under whelming as his recent production has been compared to his big 2011 campaign, his .705 OPS from 2012-2014 is still above average for MLB catchers. I will inform you that Tigers General Manager David Dombrowski said going after Max Scherzer is not yet off the table.

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## Mussill's

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learned from him as he continued sharing stories of his baseball experiences.

The current owners of Mussill's Sporting Center are Carmen and Rick and they continue providing good services for family reunions, bowling leagues, teams and individual (shirt) printing. They provide embroidery and screen print services and stock varsity jackets. For customized items, just bring in a picture and they will work with you.

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Attention River Rouge Taxpayers

Please take notice that the River Rouge Board of Reviews will be meeting in the Assessor's office, Room 205, at 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218. Date and times the board will be meeting.

TUESDAY December 9th 2014 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This meeting is for the purpose hardship applications and errors. Further, State law requires that all applicants for poverty reductions must supply the following information to the board before the board can grant a hardship reduction.

Complete poverty (hardship) application (available in the Treasurer's Office. Hardship applicants must meet the income guidelines.

The Board requires that all persons applying for a hardship reduction must have completed their application and returned to the Treasurer's office by December 5th, 2014. Hardship reductions cannot be granted by telephone.

## POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME STANDARDS

NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOMESTEAD IN HOMESTEAD	POVERTY INCOME THRESHOLD
One (1) person	\$12,000
Two (2) people	\$15,000
Three (3) people	\$18,310
Four (4) people	\$22,050
Five (5) people	\$25,790
Six (6) people	\$29,530
Seven (7) people	\$33,270
Eight (8) people	\$37,010
Nine (9) people	\$42,000

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## CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

### Public Notice CITY OF ECORSE

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ECORSE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION, WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 5-15 TETHERING OF DOGS, OF DIVISION I GENERALLY, OF ARTICLE I DOGS, CATS AND WILD ANIMALS, OF CHAPTER 5 ANIMALS AND FOWL, TO REGULATE THE TETHERING OF DOGS.

A copy of this ordinance is posted outside the City Clerk's office and outside the Council Chambers at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229. Also a copy of this ordinance can be viewed at the Ecorse Public Library at 4184 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Dana Hughes  
City Clerk

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Journalism

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Publisher Gina Steward talks to Detroit River Institute fellows during their visit to the Telegram offices.

several downriver communities including Southwest Detroit, River Rouge and Delray. With US Steel and DTE's coal plant located in the region, locals residing in these neighborhoods are situated alongside the largest industrial operations in Michigan. Additionally, studies have linked major health problems to Ambassador Bridge border crossings, where 10,000 diesel engine trucks sit idly every day. All of these factors contribute to 48217 being ranked as the highest polluted zip code in the state.

To get more information about these matters, the group stopped by the Telegram offices to speak directly with Publisher Gina Steward about the newspapers coverage of environmental justice issues dating back to the 1940's, as well as her own personal experiences in the community. Steward, an alumnus of River Rouge High School, explained that while she grew up in the neighborhood, the lasting health concerns posed by these issues were never made clear until years later. For Steve Furay, a participating Detroit River Institute journalist and writer for the Michigan Citizen, this interaction demonstrated how entities like the Telegram are crucial in distributing information about these kinds of issues to citizens in the community.

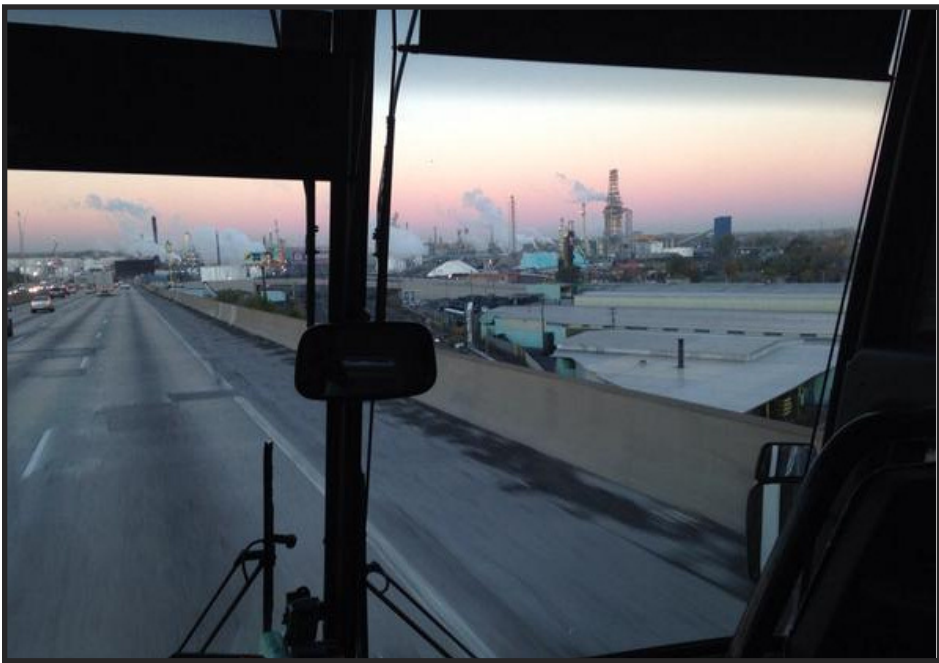
"I saw a really engaged community newspaper that has done great long-standing work in promoting really good positive views for the area," Furay said. "...People have fascinating histories, and you can really get that out in a community news setting, so I was re-

ally appreciative of that."

Later that day, the group took a drive around local neighborhoods led by Rhonda Anderson, an environmental justice organizer with the Michigan Sierra Club. The objective was for participants to get a sense of just how close in proximity these residential neighborhoods are to industrial facilities in the area. In addition, journalists were granted the opportunity to mingle with citizens who have experienced issues with asthma and other health related concerns as a result of high level air toxicity in these communities.

"The purpose was to see these issues firsthand," Anderson explained. "They were able to speak to residents about whatever the impact is and get their own stories, which will hopefully promote the idea of reporting on these issues more often in their various publications."

During the rest of their voyage, journalists were able to team up with the Detroit Riverkeeper to venture out on the river, and also experienced a daylong bicycle style tour of urban agriculture, which included Eastern Market and community urban farms. Overall, the Detroit River Institute unquestionably provided an enlightening experience on environmental concerns in the area for all of the participating journalists. But for Steve Furay, it was particularly extraordinary because even in the midst of ecological issues, he was still able to develop a deeper appreciation for the region as a local native.



Journalists take pictures as they head downriver to the most heavily industrialized area in MI.

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CITY OF INKSTER  
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In response to the request of Inkster customers, the City of Inkster will begin billing monthly for water and sewer usage effective January 1, 2015. Customers will no longer be billed on a quarterly basis. This change will assist customers in managing their water and sewer bills more efficiently and assist our customers in tracking water usage and detecting leaks earlier which could result in saving money.

Why is the City switching to monthly billing?

Monthly billing makes it easier for customers, especially those on a fixed income, to manage their monthly household finances and budget more efficiently. It also provides customers with more frequent and timely information about their water usage. This allows customers to track their usage, reduce consumption and detect leaks in their household plumbing sooner. Detecting leaks and reducing consumption saves water and money.

What are the benefits of monthly billing?

It allows customers to budget more efficiently.  
It is easier for customers, especially those on a fixed income, to manage their monthly household finances.  
It provides customers with more frequent and timely information about their water usage. It allows customers to adjust month-to-month consumption, especially during summer months, which can save money.  
It allows customers to detect leaks more timely, thus allowing for prompt repairs and reducing the potential of a high water bill as a result of the leak. (Customers are responsible for repairing household leaks).

How often will my meter be read?

Meters will be read on a monthly basis and will be billed monthly based on consumption.

Will my water bill look different?

No changes will be made to the water bill. The bills will contain water and sewer charges for one month of usage verses quarterly usage.

During the transition, will I be billed more than once for the same water and/or sewage consumption?

Customers will not be billed more than once for water or sewer services. Each bill will cover a different usage period.

Where or how can I pay my monthly bill?

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What is the timeline for the monthly billing?

We anticipate a smooth transition from quarterly billing of water and sewer to monthly billing. Below is a timeline describing when you can expect to receive your bill and for what usage period as the transition is made.

Timeline for the new monthly billing

District	Usage Period	Customers receive bills	Due date	Late fees applied
1	10/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/9/14	1/5/15	1/7/15
2	11/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/9/14	1/5/15	1/7/15
3	9/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/5/14	12/30/14	1/5/15
4	11/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/5/14	12/30/14	1/5/15
First full monthly billing for all districts				
1	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/12/15	2/6/15	2/10/15
2	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/12/15	2/6/15	2/10/15
3	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/10/15	2/4/15	2/6/15
4	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/10/15	2/4/15	2/6/15

Billing districts are separated by the first digit of the utility billing account number i.e. "1", "2", "3".

Shut-off for non-payment will be scheduled 30 days after the due date.

How can I get more information?

A Town Hall Meeting is being held to explain the transition process and to address any citizen concerns.

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Information may also be obtained on the City of Inkster website at [www.cityofinkster.com](http://www.cityofinkster.com) or by contacting the Department of Public Service (DPS) at 313.563.9774 or the Water Dept (Billing) at 313.563.7704.

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POLICE BLOTTER

RIVER ROUGE

October 28th, 2014

At 0942hrs, officers were dispatched to the 400 Block of Lenoir Street on a Purse Snatching that had just occurred. The 61 year old female told officers she was walking north on the sidewalk on Morrow just off of Kleinow when a unknown male ran up to her, snatched her purse and pulled it away from her and continued running on Kleinow. She chased after the youth but he was faster. He then ran into the alley and ran in and around into possibly one of the housing units. The female did not suffer any injury doing the attack.

October 28th, 2014

At 0853hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Polk street on a rescue run. Officers arrived and found a 30 year old male sitting at the kitchen table with obvious signs of trauma.

Blood was observed on his face from an assault that had just taken place. He states he had just spoken to his 24 year old ex-girlfriend who was suppose to come and get her clothes and possession from his home. But when she arrived she had her new boyfriend with her. A cousin was present to give her things. The couple goes and confronts the homeowner in the bathroom and attacks him, throwing punches and grabbed him around his neck. All while the current boyfriend was holding him the ex-girlfriend punch and struck him in his face and about his body. He believes at some point he lost consciousness. Health Link was notified and arrived on scene and transported him to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for medical attention.

October 26th, 2014

At 2235hrs, an officer went to the Marathon Gas Station at 276 Visger Rd on a MDP complaint. A 22 year old male stated that a 53 year old male walked into the gas station, and he ordered him to leave, after witnessing him on prior occasions stealing. The male states the older male left and walked to a gold colored vehicle parked at the gas pump. The male went into the vehicle and now had a glass bottle in his hand and throw the bottle toward the attendant's parked vehicle. The bottle struck the rear windshield and broke it. The older male went back to that vehicle that had 53 year old female sitting behind the wheel and drove off. The office observed a broken empty Remy Martin pint size bottle on

the ground near the vehicle. Officers view the video camera and the vehicle in question was a gold Chevrolet Cobalt. While patrolling the area officers located the vehicle at Beechwood & Melvin. The 53 year old male told officers he didn't mean to break the window, he was just throwing the bottle at the building. The male was placed under arrest for MDP and transported to the station, where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call, then housed.

October 26th, 2014

At 2100hrs, officers were dispatched to the Riviera Market on a fight complaint. Officers arrived and witness two males inside the store arguing. A 33 year old male stood with a large laceration under his left eye. The other male was 24 years old. The injured male told officers the other male had started threatening his cousin when he stepped in the middle of the two. He stated that the other male showed him and a fist fight broke between the two of them. Both were arrested and the injured male was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital and the other male refused medical attention. Both parties were issued violations for Disorderly Person. While officer were reviewing the video a fight broke out next to the counter between a 29 and 37 year old females. The 29 year old told officers that the other female walked into the store and bumped into her husband. The two of them exchanged words before the 37 year old female approached them in a threatening manner. She scratched the other female in the face and they began to exchange punches before the officers intervened. The 27 year old had scratches all over her face and refused medical. The 37 year old female was arrested for Disorderly Person and transported to the station, where she was booked, allowed to make a phone call, then housed.

Drug Raid at Inkster Home Incites Gun Battle and Several Arrests

By Shelby Jefferson - Telegram Staff Reporter



INKSTER – Earlier this month, a drug raid in Inkster went awry after gunfight ensued between law enforcement officials and residents occupying the property. At approximately 8:30 pm on November 5th, Westland Police arrived at a home on Colgate Street, located near the Inkster-Dearborn Heights border. Upon approaching the property to execute a narcotics search warrant, officers were met with gunfire from an AK-47 discharged from inside the residence. Officers returned fire, retreated and maintained a

perimeter around the home with assistance from Michigan State Police. Eventually all occupants were removed and taken into custody. No injuries were reported. The raid was conducted in response to an initial investigation originating in the Westland area, which eventually led the municipality's narcotics division to this particular home in Inkster. "It's a common trend in law enforcement...we have a narcotics unit that executes search warrants on different

communities, including our own," Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "If we have narcotics coming into our city, what we want to do is battle that, so sometimes investigations do lead us outside of our city borders. In the end, proactively enforcing these state narcotic crimes helps to reduce drug activity in our city as well." Chief Jedrusik explained that the incident is still part of an ongoing investigation. A total of 11 people were arrested in the incident, some of which have been released pending further examination of the matter.

Ferguson

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the St. Louis County Police Department would be in charge of security in Ferguson and would work with the Highway Patrol and St. Louis city police as part of a unified command to "protect civil rights and ensure public safety" in other jurisdictions. "My hope and expectation is that peace will prevail," Nixon said Monday. "But we have a responsibility — I have a responsibility — to plan for any contingencies that might arise." There is no specific date for a grand jury decision to be re-

vealed, and Nixon gave no indication that an announcement is imminent. But St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch has said that he expects the grand jury to reach a decision in mid-to-late November. The U.S. Justice Department, which is conducting a separate investigation, has not said when its work will be completed. It's looking into potential civil rights violations in Wilson's actions and the police department's overall practices, including whether officers used excessive force and engaged in discriminatory practices. The governor did not indicate how many National Guard troops would be mobilized, instead leaving it to the state adjutant general to determine. Nixon said the National Guard would be available to carry out any requests made through the Highway Patrol to "protect life and property" and support local authorities. If the Guard is able to provide security at police and fire stations, then more police officers may be freed up to patrol the community, Nixon said. St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said Monday that he supports Nixon's decision to activate the Guard. He said the Guard "will be used in a secondary role" and could potentially be stationed at places such as shopping centers and government buildings. "The

way we view this, the Guard is not going to be confronting the protesters and will not be on (the) front line interacting directly with demonstrators," Slay said. On the day of the shooting, Wilson had spotted Brown and a friend walking in the middle of a street and told them to move to the side, but they did not. According to a St. Louis Post-Dispatch report based on sources the newspaper did not identify, Wilson has told authorities he then realized Brown matched the description of a suspect in a theft minutes earlier at a convenience store. Wilson backed up his police vehicle and some sort of confrontation occurred before Brown was fatally shot. He was unarmed and some witnesses have said he had his hands up when he was killed. Brown's shooting stirred long-simmering racial tensions in Ferguson, where two-thirds of the residents are black but the police force is almost entirely white. Rioting and looting a day after the shooting led police to respond to subsequent protests with a heavily armored presence that was widely criticized for continuing to escalate tensions. At times, protesters lobbed rocks and Molotov cocktails at police, who fired tear gas, smoke canisters and rubber bullets in an attempt to disperse crowds. -

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## Jaden and Willow Smith Tag Team for Weird Joint Interview



Jaden and Willow Smith provide interesting answers during a recent interview

\*No matter what you think of Jaden and Willow Smith, you can be sure that they will provide interesting answers for the typical interview.

Case in point: a recent chat the siblings had with T Magazine.

Among the topics brought up were the nature of time, reading habits and.... "prana energy."

When asked about life, Willow responded that it's "looking at nature and being, like, 'Wow, I am so lucky to have a body and to breathe and to be able to look at this.'"

Enter Jaden, who chimes in with, "And the huge, terrible thing the world would be missing by not expressing yourself."

As for their reading habits, Jaden revealed his preference for ancient texts that "can't be pre-dated." Willow, on the other hand stated that she's recently taken to reading quantum physics recently.

Providing more details on his sister, Jaden mentioned that Willow has "been writing her own novels since she was 6."

Despite their thirst for knowledge, Jaden and Willow are not the biggest fans of school.

"I went to school for a year. It was the best experience but the worst experience," Willow admitted as she threw in that school made her "depressed."

"You never learn anything in school," Jaden stated while confessing that "our learning will never end."

In case you're still trying to understand their answers, Willow and Jaden left another nugget to think on in regards to the nature of time when asked whether their lives were moving quickly.

"I mean, time for me, I can make it go slow or fast, however I please, and that's how I know it doesn't exist," said Willow.

Not to be left out, Jaden comes in with his own theory on the subject, saying, "It's proven that how time moves for you depends on where you are in the universe. It's relative to beings and other places. But on the level of being here on earth, if you are aware in a moment, one second can last a year. And if you are unaware, your whole childhood, your whole life can pass by in six seconds. But it's also such a thing that you can get lost in."

There you have it. The world according to Jaden and Willow. It kinda makes you wonder what's next for them. Well look no further than Jaden, who laid out what's on the horizon for him.

"I have a goal to be just the most craziest person of all time."

'Nuff said.

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## ASK ALMA

### A Christian with a Short Memory



Dear Alma,  
I have a friend who is the ultimate Christian. Since she's been "saved," she has been more judgmental of others, as if she doesn't have a past. Back in the day, she was the one who experimented with drugs, clubs, partying, etc. Now she looks down on others who may be going through the same thing. At times, I hate talking with her. How can I make her see that what she's doing is no different than what those she is complaining about are doing?  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Friend from Annapolis,  
Your question is an interesting one, not because it's the first time I've heard of this happening, but it's the first time I've addressed this topic. My advice column is open and accepting. I can relate to and will discuss anything — love, hate, sex, work, family, you name it. Religion, however, is one subject that I try to shy away from. My father was a minister for almost 40 years, so I see this question as somewhat of a test. LOL. I've prayed and pondered my response, taking into consideration that believers and nonbelievers both read my weekly column. I found myself gravitating to a book my friend Nia loaned me, a book titled *Grace Happens Here* by Max Lucado. His book details how God's grace is not purchased or earned by faith acts or good works. Believing in God doesn't require that we live our lives without making mistakes or wrong decisions. It

doesn't mean we never think, speak or react negatively or inappropriately. Believing in God means that one has accepted Him as savior, our many faults notwithstanding. It means accepting His "grace."

Grace is one of God's greatest offers and ideas. When we are demonstrating the worst of ourselves, God — with our permission — begins to turn us around. In this transformation, some folks find it necessary to point out every flaw, negative behavior or bad habit in others. I often wonder why, as humans, we find it easier to correct others than to make corrections within ourselves. But that's another story for another time.

There's nothing you can say to your friend right now. She has recently been saved, and so are you, so "save" your "oh-no-you-didn't" comments for another time. Fold and put them away in your "help-me-Lord" drawer.

In these early stages of salvation, since your friend is listening only to God, I'd suggest you pray to Him. Pray that God will help her consume the peace and grace that she will read about in her Bible. The scriptures that say we should be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God forgives us.

Be the example and offer her the grace that you seek. I have read and believe that we will never be asked to offer anyone more than what God has already poured deep down inside of us. Here's a reminder of something much easier preached, then lived: When in doubt, discouraged, overwhelmed or simply pissed off, seek first not to offend or correct —but — to be a blessing.

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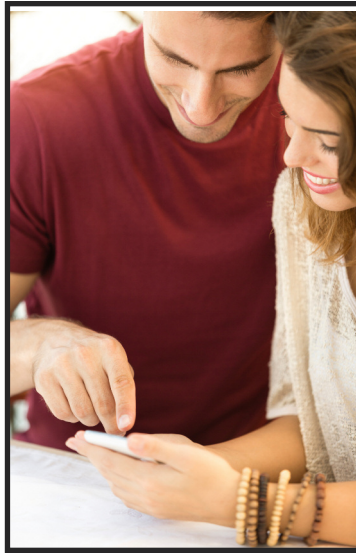


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## Five Ways Your Smartphone Can Help You Get Through the Holidays



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### Find Deals

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The holidays can also mean a hectic travel season -- use travel apps to search hotels, find flights deals and track your itineraries.

### Set Reminders

Creating reminders is a seamless way to stay on top of day-to-day tasks that seem to double during the holidays. With apps such as SlickTasks you can boost productivity instantly and focus on what needs to get done by creating and sorting tasks. You can then build-in reminders for each and easily keep track of what needs to get done.

### Bring Along Your Personal Assistant

Most smartphones are equipped with voice recognition technology, allowing you to jot down notes, search the Web, add cal-

endar updates, place calls and send messages, without typing. These "assistants" can prove highly useful during the holiday season.

Driving from store to store looking for the perfect gift? BlackBerry Assistant can be activated via Bluetooth and can detect when you're in the car and therefore unable to type. The assistant will take action based on your voice commands, helping you multi-task on-the-go.

### Don't Be Camera Shy

Smartphone camera technology has vastly improved over the past few years. For example, the new BlackBerry Passport has a 13-megapixel camera and is capable of taking the same high-quality photos as a traditional point and shoot camera. With just the click of a button, and the help of photo editing tools like Photo Studio, you can take beautiful photos of the holiday party and share instantly with family and friends across social networks.

### Protect Yourself

Thieves are working overtime during the holidays.

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