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Fireworks returned to Romulus



ROMULUS – After an absence of two years, fireworks returned to the City of Romulus!

The Romulus Rotary Club took the lead on presenting this year's fireworks and has expanded on the city's efforts. "We're just excited about being able to assist the City of Romulus bring the fireworks back to the citizens," said Rotary President Gary

Staffeld. "People obviously enjoy the fireworks and we always got some pretty big crowds. The Rotary Club is grateful that the city came to us and asked if we could help make it happen. We were happy to jump in and do what we could."

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National HIV testing day and S.T.A.R. Foundation's 10th anniversary

We were excited to honor 10 amazing women who exemplify STAR's mission.



Honorees: Kalyn Risker, Lydia Gutierrez, Rhonda Walker, Malinda Williams, Evelyn Postell-Franklin, Dee Dee McKinney-Odom and Denise Ilitch. **Honorees not in attendance:** Robi Reed, Kelly Price and Kym Worthy.

Jennifer L. Payne, Founder of S.T.A.R.S. says, "We chose women who not only fulfill their daily duties as Mother, Wife, Daughter, Aunt, Sister, and Professional, they have

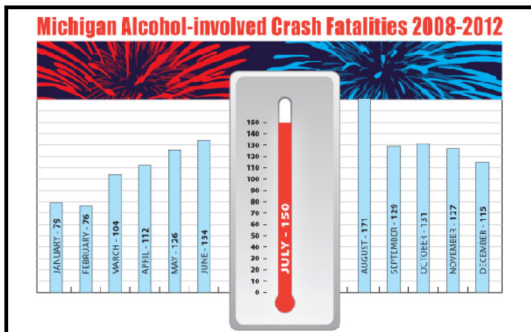
taken the time to commit themselves and/or aid in the betterment of women through: health awareness, self-esteem building, mentoring,

educating, volunteering, and demonstration of public professionalism."

National HIV Testing Day is

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Statewide drunk driving enforcement effort includes July 4th



Drunk drivers will be red, white and busted this Fourth of July because law enforce-

ment officers from 156 agen-
Drunk Driving on page 7A

Snyder signs bills to protect education of students in troubled school districts

Work group to identify early warning signs, stem crises



Govner Rick Snyder

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder today signed bills to protect the education of students in troubled school districts and announced the creation of a work group to examine and better identify early warning signs of problems in districts.

"The overwhelming majority of Michigan's school districts are managed well, but a handful aren't. When a school district no longer is able to do its job and educate

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WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

CALL TO ACTION

Did your school district make the cut, this month

By Gina C. Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



Education as we knew it is not the same. The days of everyone walking to the neighborhood schools and hanging out with friends are over. Kids, parents and teachers had a different type of relationship. It seemed like there were all types of programs offered in our districts for kids to be involved in and there seemed to be enough money for everything. Now the word deficit is common place in 2013.

In June, Michael Flanagan, Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction gave his quarterly report of school districts running deficits. In this report that is required by state law, he identified 55 districts across the state that are now experiencing the word deficit. Of those districts, 10 were projected to

end the fiscal year on June 30 with a positive fund balance.

The complete list of districts projected to be operating at a deficit was:

Category 1-- Districts projected to be revenue-positive on June 30 Bellaire Public Schools; Hastings Area School System; Athens Area Schools; Mackinaw City Public Schools; North Dickinson County Schools; Westwood Heights Schools; North Adams-Jerome Public Schools; Hale Area Schools; North Star Academy; Muskegon Heights School District Category 2 -- Districts with projected reduced deficits on June 30 Benton Harbor Area Schools; Bellevue Community Schools; Hancock Public Schools; Brighton Area Schools; East Detroit Public Schools; Clintondale Community Schools; Mt. Clemens Community Schools; New Haven Community Schools; Mason County Eastern Schools; White Cloud School District; Pontiac School District; Avondale School District; Oak Park School District; Vanderbilt Area School District; Saginaw City School District; Detroit Public Schools; Hamtramck Public Schools; Highland Park City Schools; Redford Union

Schools; River Rouge School District; Westwood Community School District; Ecorse Public School District; Northpointe Academy Category 3 -- Districts with projected increased deficits on June 30 Flint Community Schools; Ashley Community Schools; Van Dyke Public Schools; Menominee Area Public Schools; Bedford Public Schools; School District of the City of Hazel Park; Buena Vista Schools; Bridgeport Spaulding Community School District; Perry Public Schools; Ypsilanti Public Schools; Willow Run Community Schools; Dearborn Heights School District #7; School District of the City of Inkster; Taylor School District; Southgate Community Schools; HEART Academy Category 4 -- Districts projected to enter into deficit June 30 Pinckney Community Schools; South Lake Schools; Muskegon Public Schools; Bangor Public Schools; Romulus Community Schools; Aisha Shule/DuBois Preparatory Academy

Was your school district on the list? Get involved to find out what you can do. Attend the next school board meeting to find out what is going on before it is too late.

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deadline is July 8

LANSING, Mich. - Michigan residents have until Monday, July 8, to register in order to vote in the Aug. 6 election, said Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

"Because communities in 56 counties in Michigan are holding elections this August, I encourage all those who qualify to register to vote," said Johnson, Michigan's chief election officer. "You only need a few minutes to register and then you'll be able to participate in one of America's greatest freedoms - voting."

The polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find out if there is an election in your community, visit www.michigan.gov/vote. This election will be a primary in some cities.

To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register by mail or in person at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State office. When registering in

person, voters must present identification or sign an affidavit stating they do not have identification with them. The mail-in form is available at www.michigan.gov/elections. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote.

As a reminder, voters will be asked to provide identification when at the polls on Election Day or when obtaining an absentee ballot in person at a clerk's office. They will be asked to present valid photo ID, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or failed to bring it with them can still vote. They will be required to sign a brief affidavit stating that they're not in possession of photo ID. Their ballot will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

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We must build our greatest strength: Diversity

By Benjamin Todd Jealous



"For a country regarded as the paramount leader in a multicultural world, the United States has yet to embrace its own diversity; continuing failure to do so will have profound consequences for governance."

That quote came from a 1996 report by Allan E. Goodman, former executive dean at the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. For decades, American leaders in business, education and economics have lamented the wide racial and ethnic gaps in our education system. Last week's Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action reminded us that we have a long way to go.

In the case of *Fisher v. Texas*, the Supreme Court ruled on the constitutionality of the University of Texas' admissions policy. The university currently allows admissions officers to consider an applicant's race among a number of other qualifying factors. The Court voted to send the case back to a lower court of appeals. In doing so, they reaffirmed the use of race in admissions, and the importance of educational diversity in the 21st century.

The decision in *Fisher* upheld an important precedent set in the 2003 case of *Grutter v. Bollinger*. In that case, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor refuted the idea that our society had advanced beyond affirmative action. She argued that the need for "cross-racial understanding" was still necessary to break down racial stereotypes, and that "student body diversity is a compelling state interest."

Justice O'Connor's argument was based on sound social research. In her words, "major American businesses have made clear that the skills needed in today's increasingly

global marketplace can only be developed through exposure to widely diverse people, cultures, ideas, and viewpoints." Like Allan Goodman, Justice O'Connor also saw diversity as a national interest.

This is even truer today. When Goodman wrote about the multicultural world in 1996, only one out of every thirteen Americans had access to the Internet. Google, Twitter and Facebook were still rough ideas scribbled in students' sketchpads. Seventeen years later, technological advances in communications, travel and trade have given rise to a new era of globalization. Leaders in business and government need to know how to work with people of vastly different races, cultures and perspectives.

We will be stronger as a nation if we embrace our growing diversity and ensure that the pathways to leadership remain wide open. Numerous studies reveal that mere interaction is the best way to avoid inter-group conflict. Sociologists have even found that diversity increases opportunities for creativity.

In light of the Supreme Court's decision, America's educational institutions should recommit to fair and thoughtful ways to foster diversity. In the coming months, the NAACP will work with universities, policymakers, and the business community to see that qualified students from a diversity of backgrounds get a close look and a fair shot at admission to top schools.

Justice O'Connor wrote that "effective participation by members of all racial and ethnic groups in the civic life of our Nation is essential if the dream of one Nation, indivisible, is to be realized." Our country's pledge is to be one nation, and our country's challenge is to lead a global economy that is increasingly flat. If America is to maintain its role as a moral and economic leader in the 21st century, we must build on our greatest strength: diversity.

Ben Jealous is president/CEO of the NAACP.

Education

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our children, then we must be able to act quickly to get those students in other classrooms," the governor said.

The bills signed into law by the governor would allow the state Department of Education and the state Department of Treasury to work with local school officials to dissolve a school district when it no longer can operate because of financial viability. That is shown when the district fails to submit or can't carry out a deficit reduction plan and does not have the financial resources to finish a school year.

Students from the dissolved district would be absorbed by neighboring school districts, which would receive increased per-pupil funding.

"We must be prepared to act quickly if a district isn't able to open in the fall or won't be able to operate for a full school year. The parents and students in these districts need to know that we will be ready to protect the education of these students," Snyder said.

The bills, House Bills 4813 and 4815, were sponsored by Rep. Bill Rogers. They now are Public Acts 96 and 97 of 2013.

The governor also announced today the creation of a broad-based work group to help identify early warning signs of school districts struggling with issues that likely would develop into serious financial problems.

The Advisory Work Group on Financial Accountability for Schools primarily will be comprised of representatives from educational organizations and groups and schools.

"We're bringing together people from across the state. Their assignment is to identify the early signs that a district is having issues that could develop into serious problems and affect the education of students. From there, we'll be able to work together and find tools and ways to help these kids and districts," the governor said.

Craig Ruff, the governor's special adviser for education, is inviting potential participants to join the advisory group and will facilitate its work. The group is expected to begin meeting in mid-July and finish its work and recommendations by the beginning of the new school year, Sept. 3. Meetings will be open to media and public. Public comment will also be taken at edsentinel@michigan.gov or aalto:edsentinel@michigan.gov.

Prop 8 ruled unconstitutional

By Jim Abeare -
Contributing Writer



Michigan.

I thought about this a lot and unlike Colorado's marijuana law, gay marriage affects no one. I won't be touched.

And for those that say the purpose of being married is to have children, then I shouldn't be married. My wife and I can't have children.

And when it comes to raising children, I always thought being adopted by a loving gay couple was better than being bounced from foster home to foster home.

I voted against gay marriage the last time around, next time I will vote for it. I have friends who are waiting to be married. And I hope I am invited, it should be a great party.

It's not often I agree with the Supreme Court but this time they got it right. They ruled California's Proposition 8, the ban on gay marriage, unconstitutional.

They also extended federal benefits to legally married gay couples. I know I part from my fellow Conservatives on this but I hope that this is one step closer to gay marriage in

Wayne County Millage rates from Zoo and Arts

On Wednesday, June 12, the Wayne County Circuit Court ruled in favor of the nine Wayne County communities, including the cities of Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Belleville, Wyandotte, Romulus, Northville, and Taylor and Van Buren and Plymouth Townships (on behalf of their administrations and their tax increment finance authorities, downtown development authorities and brownfield redevelopment authorities - 19 entities in total) who filed a complaint against the Wayne County Treasurer, the Wayne County Zoo Authority and the Wayne County Art Authority asking for a declaratory judgment from the court as to the legal rights and obligations of the communities and their tax increment finance authorities with respect to capturing part of the Zoo millage and the Art Authority millage levied in Wayne County. This action was filed due to a recent effort on the part of the Wayne County Treasurer and Zoo Authority to stop capture, including threats by the Wayne County Treasurer to revoke the local treasurers' officeholders bonds if they did not comply with his directive.

In his ruling, the Honorable Daniel P. Ryan stated that "Looking at the plain language of the statute, the Legislature intended that all taxes levied by taxing jurisdictions within the boundaries of a TIF Authority, including those which were created after the creation of the TIF Authority, be subject to capture by the relevant TIF

Authorities." He went on to say, "Thus, the Legislature presumably knew at the time it enacted the Zoo and Art Acts that any millages levied pursuant to the Acts would be subject to capture by the TIF Authorities per the pre-existing statutory scheme."

The Defendants (Wayne County Treasurer, Wayne County Zoo Authority and Wayne County Art Authority) had asked the Court in some instances to "fill gaps and read the statutes broadly" and in other instances to interpret the statutes narrowly. The judge clearly stated that it was not the Court's place to give exemptions "under the guise of interpretation."

The Court's order states that "the millages levied by Defendants Wayne County Zoological Authority and Wayne County Art Institute Authority are subject to capture by Plaintiffs..." and that "Defendant Wayne County Treasurer is hereby prohibited from instituting any chargebacks or taking any other punitive action against Plaintiffs for capture of the millages." All counterclaims brought by the Defendants were dismissed.

Regardless of any misinformation or misleading statements that may have been previously publicized in regard to this case, this ruling unequivocally finds that the communities acted fully within their rights and responsibilities to capture the funds pursuant to the various TIF Acts as enacted by the State Legislature to date.

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Freedom to Grow

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



Freedom is important. We need freedom in order to grow. One of my clients has a pet turtle. The turtle's aquarium cracked, so the turtle was living in a bucket for some months. The turtle grew to the circumference of the bucket. He had maxed out the bucket.

"What will happen if he gets too big for the bucket?" I asked.

"He will just stop growing," he replied.

"Really? Wow."

I returned a few weeks later and he had gotten a new larger aquarium. To my amazement, the turtle had grown and could not go back into the bucket if we wanted him to. The extra space and freedom had allowed the turtle to grow.

Thank God we live in a free country. Before our country declared its independence, Jesus had already set us free as individuals. He gave us the opportunity to be set free from sin. We are free in Christ. Jesus said that if He sets us free, we are truly free (John 8:36).

The same is true with potted plants. A plant will not grow in a pot that is too small. Roots need space to expand and grow. Put a plant in a larger pot and it will have freedom to grow. Once it grows in the new pot, there's no way it will fit in the old small pot.

Just like the plant and the turtle, we too need freedom to grow. Once we begin to experience growth, there is no way we can go back to the way we were.

We need freedom to grow spiritually, experience-wise and emotionally. Growth prepares us for our destiny.

Are you exercising the freedom that Jesus promises? Or are you so bound up that our growth is restricted? Are you bound by sin or negative thoughts? Sometimes its as simple as our thoughts. That's why the Bible tells us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind (Rom. 12:2). We must bring out thoughts into obedience of Christ (2 Corin. 10:5). Get your mind and thoughts right and exercise the freedom Jesus said you have. You are free indeed.

Walk in your freedom. There is no reason you should be bound. Shake the shackles off! Break out! Bust loose! Make room. You need freedom to grow! Grow child of God grow! He already set you free! Don't just stand there, grow!

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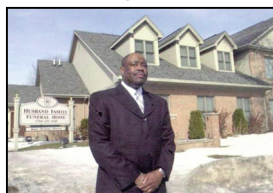


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Grooms making sound financial decisions

By Cedric Dukes - Contributing Writer



Grooms have the perfect opportunity to dazzle yet spend less as you are planning for your wedding day. Wedding attire for men has changed. Styles, options, and choices are more prevalent today than five and ten years ago. The bride will take center stage but you too can have your own style. Your selection of wedding attire is a personal expression. There are many options to choose: K&G Superstores has a formal or traditional black suit ranging from \$150 to \$219. Macy's has a Michael Kors slim black or gray suit for \$589. Another option is to rent a Willie Rodriguez suit from the Men's Wearhouse for \$250. The choice is yours.

Tuxedo demand has decreased from 61% to 54% in 2011 due to selection of diverse wedding venues (beaches, exotic islands, and parks). These factors include style, theme and wedding times but the top is finances. Determining your wedding style, theme, and venue with your fiancée will save hundreds of dollars. Let's review some of these areas and understand how your wedding attire budget could be impacted.



Wedding Theme and Venues – Wedding themes play a major role in selecting the grooms' attire. Formal wedding themes express excitement and elegance. Semi-formal/casual themes displays a relax and festive atmosphere. Wedding venues play a role in determining your style. Previously, a church was a common wedding venue; now outdoor weddings are popular. Budget impact: High depending upon the venue selected.

Wedding Month and Time—Spring and summer weddings are popular with brides as well as color scheme selec-

tion. Darker colors are often selected for fall and winter weddings. The wedding time is another factor. Data shows that lighter colored wedding attire becomes the appropriate choice for daytime weddings as darker colors are traditionally used in the evening. Budget impact: Low to Medium

Styles – Grooms styles are continuing to change. Black and white colors are becoming dinosaurs in the wedding industry. Casual styles are popular with grooms. These styles consist of a light summer suit, single, double, or triple button suit or a simple vest. A vest only option is a classy looking without appearing formal. Formal styles represent the tuxedo, formal shirt, french cuffs with a bowtie. Your choice of styles (formal/semi-formal) can be intensified by the selection of a solid color, pinstripe, or checkered pattern suit. The decision does not rest here. The choices of fabric (linen, cotton, polyester, or silk) will become another decision point for you. Budget impact: Medium to High

Buy/Rent/Closet – What type of budget do you have? If your wedding destination is in an exotic place or on the beach, your decision to buy is simple. Renting is costlier because of the style of the suit and accessories. Better yet, check your closet for that barely worn suit, cuff links or formal shirt. Again you want a quality look for less.

You have many options. Once you decide on your theme, wedding month, and time, the selection of your attire will develop from there. Additionally, search for coupons or sales in the off season as well as bridal shops. Grooms, look great in any style that you choose.

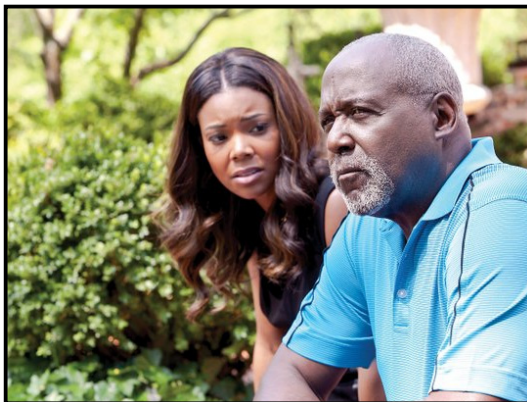
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BET Launches "Being Mary Jane"

Provocative film signals new direction for network

by Ronda Racha Penrice - Special to the NNPA from The Atlanta Voice



"Being Mary Jane" revolves around beautiful broadcast news personality, Mary Jane Paul. After a long delay, BET will finally air the kick-off film to its highly anticipated series "Being Mary Jane" on July 2 at 10:30 PM, right behind the mid-season premiere of "The Game".

Starring Gabrielle Union, "Being Mary Jane" revolves around beautiful broadcast news personality, Mary Jane Paul. She has a blossoming career, a gorgeous home and a Porsche Panamera to rush to assignments and appointments in.

But she's also among the estimated 42 percent of Black women who have never been married. So, in addition to balancing work and issues with her immediate family, she's also looking for love and that, in itself, makes for intriguing viewing.

It's the complexity of Mary Jane Paul's story that BET is betting on as it takes this risk on such uncharacteristic programming.

Most TV viewers now associate the network with risque rap videos and raunchy stand-up comedy more so than with scripted dramatic series.

So, to get the word out, BET hosted a tastemakers' screening at the W Atlanta-Midtown featuring a question-and-answer session with "Being Mary Jane" creator Mara Brock-Akil. Although the film, which Brock-Akil's husband, Salim Akil, directed, should gratify on its own, the impending series, which is curiously slated to air in January 2014, has more than enough material to flesh out for the longer haul.

Emphasizing that Mary Jane's story is not applicable to all Black career women, Brock-Akil expressed her desire to present a fully-rounded character.

"Every episode," she told the audience, "you will see the four aspects of Mary Jane's life and those four aspects are her career — not just on-air, but the dynamic between her colleagues and

what her place is at the network: You will see her family life, and you will notice that she has a different dynamic with every single family member; And her love life, which is complicated and we're going to keep it lusciously complicated."

"And the fourth aspect, which I am very excited about is her alone life, which is where she expresses most of her humanity," Brock-Akil added.

Although Mary Jane Paul's circumstances may generalize some aspects of the 'successful Black female' experience, her story is uniquely her own. Within that unique story, however, Brock-Akil manages to discuss other issues of importance to her and the Black community at large such as "the complicated nature of love" as well as "why are we two paychecks away from poverty?"

Other topics of interest include: infidelity, teenage pregnancy, and financially providing for an ailing parent in addition to the complexities that come with being the primary breadwinner in the family.

By being allowed to stretch her acting skills in ways rarely granted to actresses of any color, Union shines. Addressing the gathering, Brock-Akil marveled at Union's portrayal and expressed her joy at seeing Union "this honest, this raw, this sexy, this funny, just all the layers to her as a character."

As good as Union is in the role, however, Brock-Akil — who also created both "Girlfriends" and "The Game" — did admit that she did not initially envision Union playing the role.

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Drunk Driving

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cies are putting extra officers out on the road starting tonight as part of a statewide drunk driving crackdown. The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over effort runs through July 7 and is paid for with federal funds administered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

Officers from local police departments, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police posts across the state will work stepped up drunk driving patrols during this popular summer holiday time period. "Drunk driving is a serious offense with serious consequences. The stepped-up patrols will be on the lookout

for drunk drivers to ensure those drivers are off the road," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "Make sure the only flashing lights you see this Fourth of July are fireworks. Plan ahead and designate a sober driver before you start drinking."

During the 2012 July Fourth holiday period, four people were killed in four traffic crashes. Although none of the crashes involved alcohol, alcohol-related traffic deaths and serious injuries increase during the summer months, with July and August being the highest. During a five-year period (2008-2012), alcohol involvement resulted in 743

deaths and incapacitating injuries during the month of July and 753 deaths and serious injuries during the month of August. A second statewide drunk driving crackdown is slated Aug. 16-Sept. 2.

Agencies in the following 26 counties will have extra officers out cracking down on drunk drivers during the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign: Allegan, Berrien, Calhoun, Chippewa, Delta, Eaton, Genesee, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Marquette, Monroe, Muskegon, Oakland, Ogemaw, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair, Van Buren, Washtenaw and Wayne. In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or higher, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer feels they are impaired. Under the state's high BAC law, motorists face enhanced penalties if a first-time arrest is for a .17 BAC or higher.

Overtime drunk driving enforcement is part of Michigan's Strategic Highway Safety Plan signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in February 2013.

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Pokemon Trivia

Question: What does Fletching evolve into?



Answer: Fletching evolves to Talonflame, which is Fire/Flying. Pokemon X and Y will arrive in stores on October 12, 2013.

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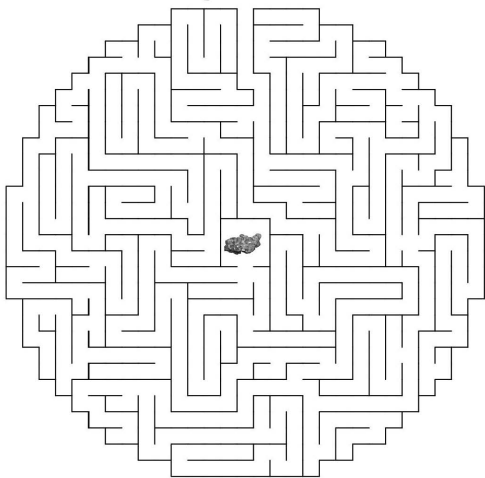


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Farmers Market hosting Community Picnic; free Ice Cream



ROMULUS — The Romulus Farmers Market is inviting the public to a Community Picnic on Saturday July 6, 2013. Visitors are encouraged to bring their blankets and pillows to relax and have fun while spending time at the Market. The first 100 visitors will receive a free frozen treat or ice cream sponsored by Clark's Car Care (36110 Goddard). There will also be a variety of lawn games & competitions for children and families.

The Farmers Market is host to many vendors including homemade baked goods,

fresh eggs, and handmade crafts. This is the second in the series of special events scheduled for the first Saturday of every month during Market Season. The next special event, on August 3rd, will be a Carnival Day.

Market days are every Saturday, June through October, 9am to 2pm, held in Downtown Romulus at the pavilion near the intersection of Goddard & Hunt streets. The Romulus Farmers Market opened its second season on June 1. The Market has already had 525 visitors during the month of June.

New this season is the addition of three Market Interns; Nick Pickford, Tesa Hines and John Poet. These interns are all students at Romulus High School who are learning about event planning, statistics, and their local neighborhood while gaining community service hours.

Vendor applications are still being accepted. The Market is specifically seeking committed vendors to sell produce, woodcrafts, honey and other craft and food items. Please note that the Market only accepts handmade and locally produced items.

The Market is also looking for interested musicians (individual or ensemble), artists, painters and other entertainers to perform at the Market through out the season.

For more information about the Romulus Farmers Market and its 2013 Season, or to become a vendor, please email romulusfarmersmarket@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/RomulusFarmersMarket

Wayne County annual free summer lunch program under way

Nutritious, delicious meals served weekdays through Aug. 16



Wayne County, MI—Whoever says "there's no such thing as a free lunch" hasn't heard about Wayne County's Annual Free Summer Lunch Program.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health has begun its annual summer food service for children, teenagers to age 18 and eligible young adults. The program distributes free, nutritious lunches to residents at 21 community sites in: Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Highland Park, Inkster, Livonia, River Rouge, Riverview, Romulus, Taylor, Wayne and Westland.

Meals are served weekdays, through Aug. 16, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The service is available in many Wayne County school districts where students receive free or

reduced-price lunches during the regular school year. To get information on exact times and locations, please contact the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7107. A list of the locations is also included in the release.

"This program helps Wayne County families stretch their hard-earned food dollars during economically-challenging times by providing thousands of meals each year," said Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano. "Most importantly, children are able to receive wholesome, healthy and enjoyable lunches during the summer—nutritional meals they might not otherwise get." In recent years, the Wayne County program has served as many as 71,000 lunches annually.

Menus are selected to represent essential food groups and taste-tested by registered dietitians and nutritionists. Food items feature popular favorites, as well as new meal selections, ranging from satisfying entrees to yummy snacks.

In addition, the program provides free lunches for residents through age 26 who are considered mentally or physically-challenged by a state or local educational agency or who participate in public or private non-profit school programs for the handicapped.

Mouhanad Hammami, M.D., Chief of Health Operations/Health Officer, Wayne County Health and Human Services, said: "We are extremely pleased to support and facilitate this important food service program for Wayne County's children and young adults by providing nutritious meals, helping meet families' dietary needs and encouraging healthy eating habits."

The summer food program ensures that no eligible child will be turned away hungry. It is funded by, and operated in accordance with, federal laws under the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

For more information about the program, residents can call the

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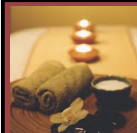
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S.T.A.R.

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HIV advocates - Gina Steward - Publisher of Telegram Newspaper and Shalandra Jones - Founder of We are People 2 with honoree Malinda Williams (Center)

an annual observance. The goal of the day is to encourage individuals to get tested, as early diagnosis of the disease is imperative to survival. Over the last 10 years, S.T.A.R. Foundation's mission has provided a foundation of self-respect within girls and young adults through mentoring, educating, and promoting the importance of living a healthy lifestyle, which incor-

porates HIV/AIDS & STD prevention. We've addressed gaps in service and advocacy by using popular youth culture to effectively communicate life-saving messages.

The "GLO" (Guest List Only) event took place at Forty-two Degrees North (Marriott) in Detroit (Downtown), MI. And, the Honorees were:

*Entrepreneur / Philanthropist

/ Activist, Denise Ilitch, Esq.

*Activist / Founder of "SAFE" Kalyn Risker

*Entrepreneur / Philanthropist / Activist, Lydia Gutierrez

*VP of Casting (BET Networks) / HIV Activist, Robi Reed

*Actress / Philanthropist, Malinda Williams

*WDIV Anchorwoman / Philanthropist, Rhonda Walker

*Wayne State University Adult HIV/AIDS Programs, Evelyn Postell-Franklin

*Director of Community Affairs ~ MGM Grand, Dee Dee McKinney-Odom

*Activist / Wayne County Prosecutor, Kym Worthy

*Philanthropist / Singer / Writer, Kelly Price

The Masters of Ceremony were the Honorable Craig Strong and Actor/Producer, Trae Ireland. For more information on S.T.A.R. Foundation, please visit foundationofstars.org.

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diovascular exercise. Practiced on a regular basis, Tai Chi can, among other positive effects, result in the following:

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- Increased strength and flexibility
- Reduction of pain
- Improved cardiovascular function
- Improved immune function
- Reduction of stress hormones
- A general feeling of well being

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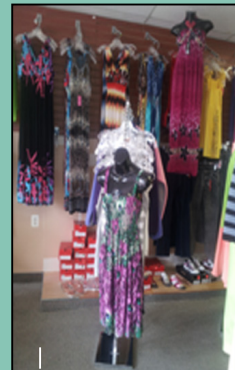
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Lunch: 11:15 am – 1:15 pm

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10:00 AM until end

The Parade route begins at Northline near the Police/Court Building and ends at Eureka Avenue. The parade begins at 10am and usually runs approximately two hours. Wyandotte's Independence Day Parade often draws participation from over 100 marching troupes, pipe and drum and marching bands, schools and organizations from throughout Michigan and Canada.

The parade route runs along Biddle Avenue from Mulberry to Pine Street. For more information on the parade, call 7 3 4 - 3 2 4 - 4 5 0 2 orinfo@wyan.org.

Wyandotte Street Art Fair

July 10th, 2013
10:00 AM until 9:00 PM
This is a family friendly event.

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The Art Fair runs from 10 am to 9 pm daily with the Entertainment Area running from 12 pm - 11 pm. The Wyandotte Street Art Fair is located along Biddle Avenue and First Streets from Oak Street to Eureka in Downtown Wyandotte, the city's central business district. For more information about the fair, please visit: www.wyandottestreetartfair.org

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ARIES

Mail, e-mail, or telephone brings news of a matter that demands more attention than you might think. Opportunity knocks at work this week. Tonight spend some quality time with your family.

Soul Affirmation: I keep in mind the practical side of life this week.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 10, 30

TAURUS

Listen well for the indications that money can be found in an unusual place. Social and romantic interest should be your focus this evening. Love comes from what you do not say.

Soul Affirmation: I let my mind go slack and tighten up my body

Lucky Numbers: 20, 37, 38

GEMINI

Some people may not "get" where you're coming from, but ask your family and significant other to give you time to explain your way of looking at life this week. Do it calmly and confidentially.

Soul Affirmation: I let go and let the spirit take control.

Lucky Numbers: 45, 49, 54

CANCER

Now's a better than usual time for self-reflection and meditation. Share your ideas. They're more valuable than you think. Appreciation comes from someone far away. You make the call.

Soul Affirmation: I admit what I really want out of life this week.

Lucky Numbers: 27, 48, 52

LEO

Listen carefully and follow good advice that will come from someone you've often regarded as foolish. You run into difficulties with one of your projects; don't worry, it's only temporary. How you manage your mind will affect the eventual outcome.

Soul Affirmation: The deed is done. I must wait for the results to unfold.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 10, 32

VIRGO

If there is someone or something that you're avoiding don't panic if you find you must confront what you've been hiding from. Wait for things to work themselves out. Don't force the issue. Time solves more problems than you ever can.

Soul Affirmation: I seek connection with the best that is in me.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 15, 17

LIBRA

Be flexible. Yes, you. There are many ways to be right and your lover or friend will have come up

with one that is different from yours. You'll be asked to compromise this week or you just have to give in. Remember you sometimes have to give a little to get a little.

Soul Affirmation: I see myself as a finisher rather than a starter this week.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 28, 36

SCORPIO

Use your natural magnetism to get to someone who might be hard to reach. If you have a problem that you need to get off your chest tell a relative or friend, don't hold it inside. Where's the party? Find it. You need a social setting to make the magnetism work best.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for the chance to give.

Lucky Numbers: 41, 47, 52

SAGITTARIUS

Even if you can't be with someone you care for, call that person or send a Soul Vibration to let them know you care. You'll feel better and so will the person. Take time to meditate on the good things life has in stored for you.

Soul Affirmation: The success of others is the investment I make in myself.

Lucky Numbers: 35, 41, 50

CAPRICORN

A person is only as good as their word. If you have made any promises recently remember to follow through. People will be counting on you. Any dissatisfaction you feel might come from not doing what you told someone that you would do.

Soul Affirmation: Superficiality is often the best route to clarity.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 18, 36

AQUARIUS

If you're not sure about a business deal ask someone who knows. Asking questions now can help avoid mistakes in the future. The love that you have been looking for is right in front of you. Your ability to see it improves this week.

Soul Affirmation: When I am clear about who I am, the world becomes clearer.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 14, 22

PISCES

Your ability to display enormous grace under enormous pressure will be tested this week. Use your gifts this week to transcend petty criticism. Consider the source and know that you are doing just fine.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the love that others have for me.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 19, 41

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Tigers in a Funk

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter

A week ago the Detroit Tigers were in first place in the wacky Central Division of the America League standing. What a different a week makes as our home team Tigers has lost as of this Monday past six of seven games. Yes there are troubles with the hitting and pitching by means of no production in key situations will a cast that includes a setup man in Joaquin Benoit, and a middle reliever in Drew Smyly. Other than that, they have only unreliable arms (Phil Coke, Al Alburquerque, and rookies Darin Downs, Luke Putkonen and Bruce Rondon).

Canada Day the equivalent of the 4th of July here in the states, didn't treat the Tigers too kindly this past Monday. They lost 8-3 in Toronto, dropping them to second place in the AL Central, a half-game behind the Cleveland Indians. Like I said, what a different a week make. "We're in a little funk right now and we've just got to get ourselves out of it," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "You'll got to roll with that punch and you've got to try and do something about it." Speaking of rolling with the punches, pitcher Justin Verlander said that by comparing video from starts in past seasons to this season he was able to identify a problem with his shoulder angle in his delivery.

Verlander got a no-decision in his last start Saturday against the Rays but pitched eight innings, allowing three runs (two earned) with four strikeouts and four walks. It was the

first start of at least eight innings this season for Verlander, who has led the American League in innings pitched each of the past two seasons. Justin Verlander said this past Monday in an interview with ESPN Radio that he believes he has identified a problem with his mechanics that he hopes would help him return to his dominating self. "It's been a battle for me personally this year, mechanics-wise, to be able to repeat my delivery like I have in the past, but everything's healthy and I think I found something in my last bullpen session before my last start," Verlander said in the interview with "Mike and Mike." "I think that led to me being too inconsistent trying to deliver the ball, especially with my fastball command, and that's kind of the root of all my problems this year," he said.

Hopefully Verlander can indeed come out of his funk, however, Leyland still said, "with no hitting at the proper times in key situations during the games and leaving men on base will no help the team win games either." Following the game, Detroit optioned C Bryan Holaday to Triple-A. C Alex Avila, out since June 17 with a sore left forearm, will be activated off the DL this past Tuesday. Also there are roomers that the Tigers are talking to teams about a closer. Here is how the Tigers find a closer and a 7th-inning man and the answer is only 250 miles away. Jesse Crain - Chicago White Sox. Happy 4th of July everyone.

NFL Star Aaron Hernandez investigated in two additional murders

Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez will remain in jail after Superior Court Judge Renee Dupuis denied his bail appeal. Sources told NBC News Thursday that Hernandez, accused of the recent killing of his friend, is currently under investigation for the involvement in the drive-by killings of two men last year.

Daniel Abreu and Safiro Furtado were coming out of a Boston nightclub on July 16, 2012, when they were both gunned down from an SUV. A description was released on the SUV in question, but no arrest was made. There was a third person that survived the incident after being shot as well.

The investigation is still ongoing according to Suffolk County prosecutors, but they wouldn't give word if Hernandez was in fact involved.

On Wednesday Hernandez was charged with first-degree murder. The charges stem from the execution-style killing of

Odin Lloyd earlier this month. Lloyd's body was found near Hernandez's home in an industrial park. Prosecutors believe that he planned out the act with two friends before picking up Lloyd and then killing him.

Thursday marked the second time Hernandez has been denied bail. His lawyers moved that he be released on bail because of his clean record, but the plea was denied by Dupuis who stated that the case is "circumstantial but very, very strong." "The idea that I could release him on a bracelet and he would comply with court rules is not something that I am willing to accept," Dupuis said. "A bracelet just wouldn't keep him here. Nor would \$250,000."

After searching the Hernandez residence the prosecutors were able to discover four new pieces of evidence including ammunition, a clip and a picture of Hernandez holding a Glock handgun. www.eurweb.com

Time to go to Work

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



Joe Dumas with the Rookie Pistons Georgia's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Tony Mitchell of North Texas, Louisville Guard Peyton Siva

Here are two good stats that the Detroit Pistons can boast about. One; they average 46.5 points in the paint. Only Denver (58.0) averaged had more points in the paint this season than the Pistons, in which whose average was up 5.1 point per game from 2011-12 season. In addition, the number of players who averaged at least 16 points, nine rebounds and three assists per game in 2012-13: Golden State's David Lee, Atlanta's Al Horford and Pistons big man Greg Monroe. All signs point to perimeter help with the No. 8 pick, based both on Detroit's needs and the distribution of talent in this year's draft class.

Someone such as Syracuse's Michael Carter-Williams, Lehigh's C.J. McCollum, Indiana's Victor Oladipo or Michigan Trey Burke could help the Pistons quickly. And yet basketball boss, President Joe Dumas said he wouldn't ignore talent for the frontcourt if too many desirable wing players were off the board by his club's pick. The core of this team resides up front, with big man Greg Monroe as a double-double machine and promising Andre Drummond as the center who will allow Monroe to move full-time to

power forward. The Pistons need to play them together more than they did in Drummond's rookie season. Now with Jonas Jerebko healthy and Kyle Singler, who had an encouraging rookie season, should also bolster the front line. Now the draft picks. President Joe Dumas choose in his words should give the Pistons some immediate help.

Dumas passed on Michigan star Trey Burke to take Georgia's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope with the eighth pick, he chose point guard Peyton Siva at No. 56. Siva led Louisville to victory over Burke's Wolverines to win the NCAA title. "I didn't know how many Michigan fans there were until I got here today," Siva said at last Friday press conference. "When I was walking around the building, I was getting a lot of awkward looks." Dumas immediately jumped in. "Those are all the same looks I was getting last night," he said with a grin. "Welcome to my world." Tony Mitchell of North Texas State was the second round for the Pistons or should I say the filling in the middle. "We need to get more athletic, we need to get faster, and we need shooters," Dumas said.

"All three of these young men help us in those three categories, at one level or another." All three are headed for Detroit's summer-league squad, where they will be spending a lot of time watching the Pistons try to build a roster around them.

With a new coach Maurice Cheeks and a young and talented nucleus, the Detroit Pistons want to add quality veterans to the roster. Yes indeed, Pistons are aiming high with the salary cap space to do so and have targeted versatile perimeter players. Detroit has met with free-agent forward Josh Smith and did meet with free-agent swingman Andre Iguodala this past Monday in Los Angeles, two people with direct knowledge of Detroit's plans told USA TODAY Sports. The two people requested anonymity because they are not authorized to speak publicly about ongoing negotiations. Finally, the new coaching staff of the Pistons find time to develop guard Brandon Knight as his as the season pass was not too kosher for him. Indeed, Knight needs work and plenty of it to be the starting and star point guard that Dumas knows he can be.

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June 23, 2013

At 0958hrs, officers were dispatched to 97 Batvaia Street regarding a woman wanting to Commit Suicide. Officer went to an apartment unit and observed a female staring out of a window and questioned officer as to why they were there. The female told the officers that a 31 year old female tenant, who lives in the next unit wanted to kill herself yesterday and cut her wrist. The female pointed to the stairwell where there was a small pool of dried blood droplets that led to the victim's door. The female stated that the 31 year old asked to use the phone and in the conversation told the other party that if they didn't come over and spend the night she would kill herself. And then went back to her apartment. Officers knocked on the door and she refused to open. The RRFD was notified and arrived on scene. The door was forced open using a Halligan Bar. The 31 year old was sitting in her bedroom on the bed. She was instructed to come out into the kitchen and she did. Officer observed several cuts on her wrists and asked how did that happened. She told them she was jumped by several girls. The mother arrived on scene and told officers that she had received a call that her daughter was planning to take her life. Health Link transported the female to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for Commitment and Psychiatric Evaluation.

June 25, 2013

At 12:00oclock midnight A couple

walk into the River Rouge Police Department to make a UDAA that had just occurred in the 100 Block of Leroy Street. The 59 year old vehicle owner states that his company's leased 2012 Ford Focus was stolen from in front of his home. He states he had Safe Lite come out and repair a door lock on the vehicle and when they finished he parked the vehicle in the driveway. And when he came out at 1200hrs the vehicle was gone. And his 54 year old wife state she observed a male traveling at a high rate of speed down the street. The company has a GPS tracking system on the vehicle and tracked the vehicle to Pickford Street in Detroit at 1432hrs.

June 25, 2013

At 0600hrs, officer's were sent to a home in the 100 Block of Abbott Street. A 46 year old male was Attempting Suicide. Officers arrived and met with the male who stated that he was depressed and took an unknown amount of anti-depressants medication. Health Link was notified and arrived on scene and transported the male to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for Commitment and Psychiatric Evaluation.

June 26, 2013

An officer was dispatched to a home in the 200 Block of Frazier for a Stolen Vehicle Report. The 22 year old vehicle owner states some unknown person stole her black 2008 Lincoln MK vehicle between the hours of 2200hrs-0600hrs, while it was parked in front of her home. Officer checked the area where the vehicle was taken from and did not observe any signs of forced entry into the vehicle. Information was taken and vehicle was entered into the LEIN system as stolen.

Tips to avoid Motor Vehicle Theft



One of the biggest misconceptions about motor vehicle theft is where they occur. Did you know more than 33% of all vehicle theft occur near the vehicle owner's home, and about 20% of thefts occur in parking lots. A vehicle can be stolen in less than 60 seconds and most of those stolen are never recovered. Vehicle owners need to be more vigilantes in making your vehicle less desirable to thieves. Taking a few extra security precautions can help you avoid being a victim.

Here are some tips you can do to help protect your vehicle from theft:

•**Don't leave your vehicle unlocked-** It is a common sense that many thefts happen to unlocked vehicles. Many vehicle theft happen at home because drivers feel safe parking their own drive-ways and leave their vehicle unlocked

•**Never leave your vehicle running-** especially while it is unattended or unlocked and make sure you take your keys with you, otherwise you are inviting thieves to drive off with your vehicle.

•**Never leave your windows open-** when you park and leave your vehicle. A slender arm or clothes hanger can reach in through even a narrow opening to unlock the door.

•**Park in well lighted area** – at home and in public places. Avoid parking in area that are poorly lit. Thieves avoid area that are highly visible.

•**Install an audible alarm system and a visible anti-theft device-** an alarm can be effective and thieves avoid vehicles with alarms because they attract attention. The loud alarms will quickly deter theft when they go off.

•**Install a vehicle immobilizer-** these are keys or a fuel cut-offs system. Thieves can't steal a vehicle that won't start. Alarm systems professionals can recommend systems to deactivate your vehicle's ignition system, requiring a key or activator to start the vehicle.

•Use a club style device.

•If your stereo has a removable face plate, take it with you

•Make sure your home, driveway garage and property is well lighted. Invest in alarms and security cameras.

If your vehicle is stolen call police immediately. Make sure you provide the following information: year, make, model, color of the vehicle and the license plate number and the time you last parked your vehicle.

WARNING: Never try to stop a vehicle thief in the act. They could be armed and dangerous. And trying to stop them yourself could result in severe injury or death. Call police immediately and give them a full description of the thieves.

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Ecorse City Clerk

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of City Assessor 313-563-4267

July 2, 2012

Dear Board Members,

The July Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at 10:00 am at the Booker T. Dozier Recreational Complex. As a reminder, the purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, hear appeals for poverty or hardship exemptions for the current year, and to hear appeals for the Homeowner's Principal Residence exemption for the current year and the prior three years.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact me at (313) 563-4267.

Sincerely,

Alfreda Robinson, MAAO
Assessor, City of Inkster

Publish: July 4th and July 11, 2013

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSESSORS OFFICE CITY OF RIVER ROUGE ASSESSOR LISA K. GIVENS 313-842-7822

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

JULY 16, 2013 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

This meeting is for the purpose of correcting errors and hardship applications only. 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.

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Town hall meeting held to find solutions for Inkster Public Schools

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer



A town hall meeting was recently held at Meek-Milton Elementary School's cafeteria to find solutions to help save Inkster Public Schools from dissolution.

Many residents attended the meeting with questions of what would happen if the district, which faces a large financial deficit, was to be dissolved under new bills passed in the state House of Representatives and the Senate on June 19. The bills are awaiting the signature of Governor Rick Snyder. Among those on hand to answer questions were Inkster Superintendent Mischa Bashir and State Representative David Knezek.

Knezek informed the crowd of the bill's progress, and he has said that there is no timeline for when the governor planned to act on the bill. "Make sure Lansing hears from us," Knezek said. "I find it weird that they just bring this bill up and a week later they're voting on it." He also wondered why Inkster and Buena Vista Schools in Saginaw were singled out when there are other districts that are in financial crises.

"When you have 163 other schools on the chopping block, it's not all financial mismanagement," Knezek said. "The state has to bear some responsibility."

Speaker Milton Anderson echoed Knezek's thoughts, and

took it even further.

"As long as we remain comfortable, we won't do what we need to do," he said. "Lansing needs to hear from us until they get tired."

House Bills 4313 and 4315 were passed mainly on party line votes, with Republicans in favor and all Democrats opposing. The bill was designed to target financially insolvent districts of 2,500 students or less that have lost 10 percent or more of their enrollment—criteria that Inkster and Buena Vista fall under.

The bill, however, mandates that a district cannot be dissolved unless it has failed to submit a viable deficit elimination plan, has not submitted a plan at all, or has not provided educational services for the full year.

That may be Inkster's saving grace, as the district has recently submitted a revised plan. It is awaiting final approval from the Department of Education and the Department of Treasury.

In addition, it is the heads of those two entities—state superintendent Mike Flanagan and treasurer Andy Dillon—that have to agree on dissolving a district.

"From what I understand, if Flanagan and Dillon don't agree, then the district will not be dissolved," Knezek said.

The deficit elimination plan calls for consolidation of school buildings, with the district

directly operating a single K-8 building and turning Inkster High School into a charter school, with authorization of the charter being handled by the district.

When Bashir took the stand, she wasted no time in letting her feelings be known.

"I have lost all patience with the [Department of Education] and Treasury," she said. "We've been back and forth trying to get word from them on what will happen to our district."

Inkster Public Schools received a \$12.4 million emergency loan from the state, which was finalized on June 6. Of that money, \$11.4 million went directly to the deficit, but \$3.74 million still remains to be paid by 2015.

Bashir went to Lansing to sign on the loan thinking it would be a shot in the arm and a booster. Instead, she received a slap in the face.

"They told me about the bills and said that the loan would have no effect on the decision to dissolve or not," she said. "I feel that this is unfair and inequitable."

If the school district, even with the loan, were dissolved, then non-homestead property taxes and mills that normally would have funded the district would instead go towards paying off that loan. The school district boundaries would remain intact just for that express purpose, even though there would be no district.

Despite all odds, she reassured the crowd that Inkster Public Schools will be open in September, with the new changes in place, and that she will be around for it.

"I've never walked away from a fight," Bashir said. "I would be remiss to leave and leave this as my legacy. My work is not finished."

The next town hall meeting will take place on July 9 at the Inkster Public Library at 6 p.m. Knezek can be reached at 517-373-0849 or at davidknezek@house.mi.gov.

Westland Police K9 becomes National Mascot for a good cause



Westland, MI - Narco, one of Westland's two Police K9s, has been selected to be one of the National Mascots for Jillybean's Barking Bones, a Louisville, Kentucky based dog treat company. The company's dog treats are made with no additives or preservatives, only healthy, natural ingredients and a portion of each purchase will be donated to the Good Dog Foundation, a charitable organization which promotes the use of animal assisted therapy in health care awareness, research, education and disaster response.

Inspired by the love and compassion of her devoted dog Honeybear, Jill Brzezinski Conley, a Michigan native and a close friend to Westland's Chief of Police, Jeff Jedrusik, founded Jillybean's Barking Bones. Jill came up with the idea of baking dog snacks while battling her ongoing fight against metastatic breast cancer, with the goal of promoting a message about the importance of dog therapy during illness. Jillybean's Barking Bones opened for business on June 21, 2013.

"I created Barking Bones Dog Snacks for all dogs that provide unconditional love and support, and to promote the therapeutic value of the human-animal bond," said Conley. "Narco's commitment to protecting and serving the City of Westland truly represents the sense of loyalty that dogs possess. We wanted to celebrate Narco's commitment to his community by making him a National Mascot for Jillybean's Barking Bones."

Narco is now featured on the company's website, jillybeans-barkingbones.com and is proud to be representing the message of the healing process and comfort that dogs are capable of giving.

"We are very proud of Narco for being an important member of our police force and a symbol for such a good cause," said Mayor Wild.

For more information, contact Shannon Ackron, Administrative Secretary, at (734) 467-3200.

Free Lunch

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Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7107. Information on the Free Summer Lunch programs and other services from the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services can be found by clicking on www.waynecounty.com and going to the Health and Human Services tab.

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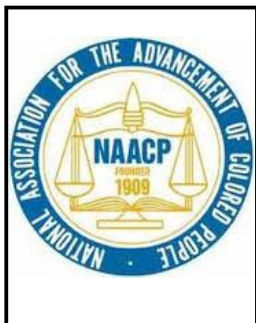
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Western Wayne County NAACP to hold general membership meeting on July 8



GARDEN CITY: The Western Wayne County Chapter of the NAACP will hold their monthly membership meeting on Monday, July 8, 2013 at

7:00pm

The membership meeting is for current members and anyone wishing to become members of the NAACP. The meeting will be held at Christian Faith Ministries 27500 Marquette St in Garden City, MI 48135 at 7:00pm.

During the meeting you will find out what the NAACP is doing and how you can get involved to make our communities better. Hester Wheeler – Former Executive Director of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP will discuss 'Voter's

Rights, the Supreme Court rulings and where do we go from here.'

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Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain

Hottest Stand-Up Comic Wows Sold-Out Garden in Concert Tour Finale

Film Review by Kam Williams



Move over Chris Rock, Eddie Murphy, Steve Harvey and Katt Williams, the hottest black comic around right now is Kevin Hart. The diminutive, 5' 2" funnyman has skyrocketed to the heights of showbiz ladder lately, making myriad memorable performances on both TV and film.

This year on TV alone, he's hosted Saturday Night Live and launched a sitcom spoofing reality shows called Real Husbands of Hollywood. On the big screen, he can currently be caught in the ensemble comedy This Is the End, which comes close on the heels of hits like Think Like a Man and The Five-Year Engagement.

Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain is a concert flick featuring the best of his recent concert tour across North America and Europe, with stops at ports-of-call as far afield as Vancouver, Toronto, Oslo, Copenhagen and Amsterdam

and Birmingham, England. The film opens at a Mix and Mingle party where a frustrated Kevin finds himself accused of letting success go to his head.

That confrontation eventually dissolves into a series of post concert shots all over the world of fawning foreign fans with thick accents gushing about how much they enjoyed his performance. But the bulk of the material was captured on camera in front of a standing room only crowd at a sold-out Madison Square Garden, the final stop on the circuit.

Kevin's irreverent brand of observational humor involves opening up his private life for public scrutiny. Employing the recurring theme, "Don't judge me, let me explain," he reflects upon subjects ranging from being happily-divorced ("I cheated. Do I regret it? No!"), to whether he likes dark-skinned girls (Yes), to humping a bean bag while on

Ecstasy, to dating advice ("The only thing you don't want in your house is a female who doesn't trust you.").

Be forewarned, Kevin curses liberally and gratuitously sprinkles in the N-word occasionally for further dramatic effect. The personal anecdotes he relates are routinely engaging with satisfying pay-offs, the only disappointment being that the picture only lasts less than an hour if you subtract all the time devoted to audience reaction shots.

Nevertheless, you know a comedian has indeed arrived when his punch lines are periodically punctuated by pyrotechnics on stage. And you know he's still humble enough to remember where he came from when tears can be seen streaming down his face as he takes bows at Madison Square Garden.

Very Good (3 stars)
Rated R for sexuality, ethnic slurs and pervasive profanity
Running time: 75 minutes
Distributor: Summit Entertainment

To see a trailer for Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain, visit:
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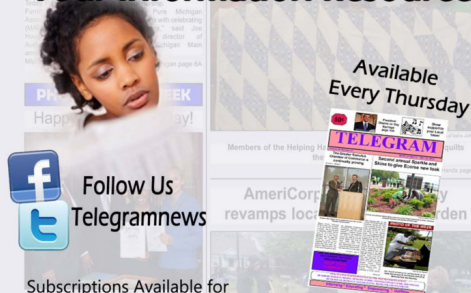
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