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Special Detroit Tribute to "Madiba"



DETROIT -- On Sunday, December 15, 2013 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. a celebratory program will be held at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, located at 350 Madison in Detroit for a special tribute to honor the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela. The event is free and open to the public. Detroit has a legacy of supporting the anti-apartheid

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WCSO to launch community policing program in Inkster



INKSTER-- The Wayne County Sheriff's Office will partner with the City of Inkster to assist in community policing in an effort to reduce crime and increase police visibility in a community impacted by significant economic issues.

At a press conference on Tuesday, the Sheriff's Office announced it will deploy its successful Sheriff's Community Organized Urban Team (SCOUT) program in various areas of Inkster, teaming up with neighbor-

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Downriver Delta host bike giveaway

By Gina Wilson Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano stops by the bike giveaway.

On Saturday, December 7th, the Downriver Delta CDC hosted their second annual Bike Give-Away. Fifty-five elementary students in the Cities of Ecorse, Detroit (48217), Lincoln Park and

River Rouge received bikes that were donated by Back Alley Bikes of Detroit. The partnership between Downriver Delta CDC and Back Alley Bikes (formerly

The Bike Hub) began last year as both groups realized the love of bike riding from residents in this region. Downriver Delta has been

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Bikes

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Dr. Paul Draus Downriver Delta Board Member, Demetria Epps - Telegram Intern, Gina Steward Downriver Delta Board Member, River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler, and Santa Claus.

facilitating programs that promote regionalism within the four cities and focus on improving the quality of life in the region.

In 2012, MDOT sponsored a Training Wheels workshop that was conducted in River Rouge. It showed that Jefferson Avenue has abundant capacity to accommodate other users besides cars and trucks. The give away of bikes to kids in the area will increase the number of families that will be able to participate in this relaxing form of exercise as they ride through the cities.

During the Bike Give away, many parents shared that this was their kids's first bike and they were very appreciative. Over and over, you would see smiles stretched across kids faces as they realized that they were going to be leaving with their very own bike. Gina Steward, president of the Downriver Delta CDC, wants to thank Back Alley Bikes for their donation and the schools in the region for their support

and assistance in connecting us with the kids. "This year's bike giveaway was a huge success and we plan to provide bikes to the community again next year."

The Downriver Delta Community Development Corporation (DD-CDC) is a coalition consisting of members representing the municipalities of Ecorse, River Rouge, Lincoln Park and the Detroit 48217 neighborhood. We are committed to fostering regional collaboration and promoting healthy and sustainable development within and across our partner communities.

Back Alley Bikes is a Cass Corridor non-profit bicycle shop and community center. There mission is to provide cycling education and services with a focus on youth development, sustainable practices and community access. For more information contact them at 313.879.5630 or) www.thehubofdetroit.org

Obama Praises Mandela as 'Great Liberator'

By George E. Curry - NNPA Editor-in-Chief



President Barack Obama waves as he arrives to speak at the memorial service for former South African president Nelson Mandela at the FNB Stadium in Soweto, South Africa Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

SOWETO, South Africa (NNPA) – President Barack Obama described Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first Black elected president, as "the last great liberator of the 20th century" and thanked the grieving nation for sharing their beloved former leader with the rest of the world.

Speaking Tuesday at a rain-soaked memorial service here attended by nearly 100 current and former international leaders, Obama said, "It is a singular honor to be with you today, to celebrate a life like no other. To the people of South Africa, people of every race and walk of life – the world thanks you for sharing Nelson Mandela with us. His struggle was your struggle. His triumph was your triumph. Your dignity and your hope found expression in his life. And your freedom, your democracy is his cherished legacy."

Mandela died last Thursday at the age of 95 after a long illness. The memorial service kicked off a week of celebrations that will culminate Sunday with his burial in his ancestral village of Qunu, in the Eastern Cape region. Flags are flying throughout the country at half-staff.

Coincidentally, the memorial service fell on United Nations Human Rights Day. Obama used the occasion to deliver stern words to leaders who repress their own people yet profess to admire Mandela, whom Obama mostly referred to as Madiba, the former president's Xhosa tribal name.

"There are too many people who happily embrace Madiba's legacy of racial reconciliation, but passionately resist even modest reforms that would challenge chronic poverty and growing inequality," President Obama said. "There are too many leaders who claim solidarity with Madiba's struggle for freedom, but do not tolerate dissent from their own people. And there are too many of us

on the sidelines, comfortable in complacency or cynicism when our voices must be heard."

Like many U.S. civil rights leaders, Obama drew a parallel between Mandela's struggle for majority rule in South Africa and African-Americans' struggle to overcome slavery and Jim Crow laws that treated Blacks as second-class citizens.

"We know that, like South Africa, the United States had to overcome centuries of racial subjugation. As was true here, it took sacrifice – the sacrifice of countless people, known and unknown, to see the dawn of a new day. Michelle and I are beneficiaries of that struggle," Obama said to applause. "But in America, and in South Africa, and in countries all around the globe, we cannot allow our progress to cloud the fact that our work is not yet done."

Mandela, a former amateur boxer, gave his last public speech in the soccer stadium where the tribute was held. Fittingly, the stadium is located in Soweto, a township where Blacks were forced to live under apartheid and where Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu have homes.

Accompanying Obama on Air Force One were former president George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Former presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter arrived in South Africa on separate aircrafts.

Like many international gatherings, journalists observe every detail, including whether adversaries shake hands.

Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro shook hands but, White House officials were quick to note that it amounted to nothing more than an exchange of pleasantries.

"Nothing was planned in

terms of the president's role other than his remarks," Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes told reporters traveling with Obama. "He really didn't do more than exchange greetings with those leaders on his way to speak, it wasn't a substantive discussion."

The fact that Obama and Castro were at the same event demonstrated the breath of Mandela's impact on their world.

"He was more than one of the greatest leaders of our time. He was one of our greatest teachers," U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon told those in attendance. "His baobab tree has left deep roots that reach across the planet."

Following in the footsteps of Mandela is a tough act to follow, as South African President Jacob Zuma has already discovered. He and the ruling ANC Party are unpopular because of a poor economy and record economic inequality. When Zuma rose to give the keynote speech Tuesday, he was widely booed. Some gave the thumbs down sign or rolled their wrists, a soccer gesture for substitution.

"There is no one like Madiba. He was one of a kind," Zuma said, as the booing subsided. "Mandela believed in collective leadership. He never wanted to be viewed as a messiah or a saint. He recognized that all of his achievements were a result of working with the A.N.C. collective."

President Obama relayed how Mandela's fight for freedom impacted him personally.

"Over 30 years ago, while still a student, I learned of Mandela and the struggles in this land. It stirred something in me. It woke me up to my responsibilities – to others, and to myself – and set me on an improbable journey that finds me here today. And while I will always fall short of Madiba's example, he makes me want to be better. He speaks to what is best inside us."

Gen. Thanduxolo Mandela, a relative who offered one of the eulogies, said: "I am sure Madiba is smiling from above as he looks down at the multitude of diversity gathered here, for this is what he strove for – the equality of man, the brotherhood of humanity."

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The Tax Man Cometh

By James Clingman - NNPA Columnist



When the tax man cometh, Black dollars “goeth.” Where will they goeth? Down a myriad of paths in pursuit of new items such as furniture, cars, clothing, and other niceties. But first, unless you do your own tax return or get it done for free by someone, Black dollars goeth to tax preparation firms, the vast majority of which are not owned by Black people. I can hear the two excuses right now: “I don’t know where to find a Black tax firm;” and “I don’t want ‘them’ to know my business.” The first one I can deal with, but the second excuse just blows my mind.

Nonetheless, let’s see if we can get the conscious ones out there to give a Black-owned company some business. There are many independent Black-owned and operated tax preparation firms, and we should seek them out, especially if they exist locally. But, there is one I have written about for years now that I strongly encourage you to support. With more than 200 offices in various cities, Compro Tax is the oldest and largest Black-owned tax/financial assistance firm in the country. Go to the website, comprotax.net, and find the office closest to you, which eliminates the first excuse for some of you.

As for the second excuse, and those among us who are still suffering from psychological enslavement, thinking Black businesses are somehow less competent and beneath the businesses of others, you need serious help. Knowing your business is exactly what you want in a tax firm. The better they know what you are doing, the better they can serve your needs. After all, unless you prepare your own tax return, you are going to have to tell your business to somebody. Why not Compro Tax or some other Black-owned tax business? Whether you file a personal return or a business return, complete with all the forms for rental expense, capital gains, or real estate transactions, Compro Tax professionals can and will provide you with complete and expert service.

In business for more than 30 years and headquartered in Beaumont, Texas, Compro

Tax is dedicated to helping its employees and franchise owners obtain the training they need to provide great service to their customers; it also offers great incentives that result in entrepreneurship and wealth-building opportunities. Compro Tax owners believe in giving back; they built their own convention center (Compro Event Center) in which to hold annual events and training, and they rent space to other local and national groups for their conferences and events, thus, creating jobs and business opportunities in the Beaumont community.

Compro Tax, founded by Mr. Jackie Mayfield, is well ahead of the consciousness curve and has set a great example for other Black businesses to follow; but more importantly, it has built a viable, sustainable, and needs-based business, one that millions of people can use throughout the year, not just during tax filing time. It doesn’t open a storefront in your neighborhood in December and close down in April. It is always there, and its offices are committed to and engaged in their respective communities.

In keeping with my theme of economic empowerment, this is about Black business in general, not just one individual business. This is about doing what every other group in this country does in a “competently unconscious” way. They support one another and grow their businesses to the point of being able to provide jobs for their own children. What many of us do is simply get mad and complain about them instead of doing what they are doing.

The more we pass our dollars around to one another, the more empowered we become and the stronger we will be, even to the point of building and maintaining a solid unshakeable economic foundation for our young people. We will also provide them with the proper examples of what they, in turn, should do.

So, while this is not entirely about Compro Tax, I do encourage you to seek them out, as well as other Black-owned tax preparation firms in your city. You will develop relationships with some great people, and you will be exposed to an opportunity to open your own tax preparation business. Taxes comprise a recession-proof industry, as you well know, because no matter what the economy does, the tax man will cometh; and your tax dollars, preparation fees and refunds, will goeth to someone. Make every effort to make them goeth to a Black business.

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movement and championing the accomplishments of Nelson Mandela. When he was released after 27 years from prison a march was staged from the Museum of African American History to a program at Ford Auditorium. When he toured the United States 50,000 people gathered at Tiger Stadium to hear him. \$1,000,000 was raised in Detroit (more than any other city in the country) and given to Mr. Mandela to forward his cause.

At this time of transition in Detroit, regardless of any political or social distinctions it is appropriate that we as a community reflect on the lessons of Nelson Mandela. We invite everyone of all races, of every station, young and old to unite in the legacy and memory of Nelson Mandela.

The Committee to Honor Nelson Mandela is in formation.

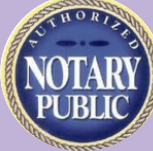
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Fantasy sports scores with mobile and online users

Cheryl Pearson-McNeil



When it comes to defining that which is “typically American,” I think we’re going to have to add “sports” to the old expression, “As American as Mom and apple pie.” We are a country full of sports fanatics. (While I might not exactly fall into that category, I am the mother of an extraordinary 17-year-old athlete and lover of all things sports. So, I have to admit, that I need to step up and try to keep up!) Nielsen numbers bear this out. Sports programs are among the top watched in African-American households as well as those of the general population, with the Super Bowl consistently ranking as the most-watched program across the board. In fact, Super Bowl XLVII drew 108 million viewers nationally. African – Americans made up a whopping 12.5 million of those viewers. (Personally, I enjoy the parties and the commercials, the game? Not so much.)

With football and basketball season in full swing, Nielsen has identified and measured a phenomenal, growing niche industry, Fantasy Sports. Now, for those of you who, like me, were not familiar with this popular trend – Fantasy Leagues are places where you can use the web, smartphones and/or tablets, act as sports general managers, to draft professional athletes from your favorite pro teams to make up the roster how you see it in your own personal league. Fantasy points are awarded to the players, based on their performance in the actual games being played. You and your friends can compete or bet against each other while watching the real game. While you can organize a fantasy team in any sport, football is the most popular, with more than 10 million Americans using fantasy football apps on their smartphones.

So, who’s playing all of these Fantasy Sports? African-Americans are the second largest group who engage in this cultural phenomenon and make up 12% of fantasy sports players. And, there’s no shocker here, but 67% of fantasy players are male, which accounts for most of those who participate in fantasy sports. The average fantasy player is between the ages of 25-34. But, hold on fellas! What was a surprise to me, though, is that so many women are getting in on the action. Our insights

show that 32% of adult fantasy sports players online are female. That’s every man’s dream, right? A woman who loves her sports.

And of course, advertisers are hip to this trend as well. In 2012, \$13.3 billion was spent on sporting event programming all in an effort to capture the eyes and win the hearts of fantasy sports players. Fantasy sports players are:

- 12% more likely to have children
- More likely to earn \$50,000 - \$75,000 a year
- 84% more likely than the average U.S. adult to buy movie tickets online
- 67% more likely to purchase credit cards online
- 66% more likely to purchase insurance online
- 60% more likely to purchase home electronics online
- 58% more likely to purchase event tickets online

So, how is all of this fantasy playing going on? According to research, more than 87 million Americans visited sports websites from April-June this year. In addition, 36 million smartphone owners use sports apps. Fantasy football apps are by far the most popular of the fantasy sports apps, with more than 10 million Americans using them and that number is up 15 percent from last year. The two most popular football apps used are Yahoo! and ESPN, with about 5 million users each during a one month period in 2013. That period also showed that fantasy players spend an average of two hours and 14 minutes per person using these apps. And, the average person opened these apps 27 times. That’s some serious dedication!

Here’s a look at the top five sports websites among fantasy sports players from April – June this year based on the number of site visitors:

- Yahoo! Sports 1.3 million
- ESPN Digital Network 1 million
- FOXSports.com on MSN 957,000
- MLB.com 614,000
- Big Lead Sports by FSV Network609,000

So with all these insights on fantasy sports, it shows that Americans are die hard sports fans. I mean truly die hard. But, even though it’s “fantasy” remember you are still flexing your consumer muscles. You have the power to choose, so make those picks wisely and strategically. That’s one bit of advice that I can offer. Good luck with your teams!

Cheryl Pearson-McNeil is senior vice president of Public Affairs and Government Relations for Nielsen. For more information and studies go to www.nielsen.com.

Iconic Humanitarians: God Raises Them Up

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



Iconic humanarians are sprinkled among us. Over the decades, there have been some amazing iconic humanitarians. We recently lost one, Nelson Mandela. To name a few in addition to Mandela, there were others like Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Ghandi, Mother Teresa, Harriet Tubman and Oskar Schindler. These people did things that seemed above what is humanly normal or possible.

These people were God apointed and God anointed. He put something special inside them. God gave them supernatural abilities and graces. He placed them in

positions they could not have gotten any other way, but by divine appointment. The things they achieved could only be achieved by God's grace and favor.

God enabled them to survive things that killed or debilitated others. For example, Nelson Mandela endured unimaginable horrible suffering in his life. Other iconic humanitarians had uncommon characteristics like amazing strength and courage, wisdom and charasmatic appeal. God gives some people the ability to be genius. He gives some a soft voice with mega power.

Supernatural is evident in the lives of certain people through their intelligence, their compassion and the doors that opened for them. God shields their minds and hearts from things and preserves them. God equips them especially for their task. If God did not raise up these apointed people, humanity would cease.

God raises up some on a grand scale, like ministers, certain celebrities and business people. I believe that God uses these people's

great influence and resources to change the world. God needs people to help sustain humanity and combat wicked forces. Some of these people are well known and some are heroic in obscurity. God does this.

When word of Mandela's death went forth, I heard someone say, 'there will never be another like him.' Well, there's not supposed to be. We are all one of a kind people. God is not going to stop raising up men and women like Mandela and other iconic humanitarians. There will be others. Perhaps not on such a large scale, but then again maybe so. Nonetheless, God will use them.

The voice of change is calling. You have to change to move forward. God looks for a good heart willing to commit to improving our social and spiritual condition. He is looking for voice who want to serve ALL people. We have to get into a place of responsibility lest our moral compass be desecrated and multitudes destroyed. Someone has to be appointed and anointed to

stand no matter what.

With God all things are possible. Don't always see the hands of "God, but you see his workings. "God gives some people the ability to be genius. He gives some a soft voice with mega power. God picks out these people, gives them supernatural wisdom and appeal" (Daniel 2:21 Jubilee Bible).

As we remember, honor and celebrate the iconic humanitarians and heroes of the past, we will begin to recognize new ones as God Himself raises up.

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Mar 8, 1991 – Nov 18, 2013

Daniel 'Jay' will be remembered for that and has touched many hearts throughout his life.

He leaves behind to cherish him memories, his mother and father; Stepfather Ronald Robinson; his siblings Demond "Monnie", Danielle, Sha 'Ronda'; his grandmother Carolyn, Fannie Mae uncles: Donald, Damion, and Gerald; aunts, Shiphonda and Deborah; mother of his unborn child, Jasmine Mass and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



**DOROTHY ANN
CRISWELL**

Jan 18, 1940 – Nov 22, 2013

Sister Dorothy worked in various areas of the church, as a Herb Dresser in the kitchen, in the Nursery and as Church Librarian.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter Dorothy Marie (Thomas Boone) Burgess, Jr., one loving Goddaughter Cydney Barbee and a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, saints and friends

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JANIE GROSSE

Sept 19, 1913 – Nov 26, 2013

Following the death of her husband, Janie continued to serve her community as a foster parent to over 30 children who needed the love, attention and stable environment that she could provide.

Janie is survived by three daughters, Ethel Louise Shaw (Josephus); Mary Grosse; Betty Bell (Bronson); eight grandchildren, Nicole Reid (James),

, Rona Shaw and Anthony Shaw (Cassandra); Bronson Gentry-Bell (Marsha); Bonita Massey (Darren) and Richard Bell; Ebony and Toris Norman; seven great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends loved her dearly.

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LEONARD GIPSON

Jan 11, 1922 – Nov 29, 2013

He was joined in Holy Matrimony to Miss Pinkie Idella DeFoe on June 6, 1946.

Leonard leaves to cherish his memory a loving son James Edward Gipson, and a daughter-in-law Lueshell Gipson; five grandchildren: Tracy Eugene and wife Kim Gipson, Vitina Idella and husband Duchon Stanton.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



**PATRICIA ANN
WIMBERLY**

Jun 9, 1953 – Nov 22, 2013

She loved her family, spending time cooking and being with them around the Holidays.

She leaves to mourn her passing and celebrate her life her three sons Patrick (Yolanda) Wimberly, Anthony (Kristin) Wimberly & Antonio (Jessica) Wimberly, Mother Pearl Barden, Seven grandchildren, 11 Brothers and sisters, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**KATHERINE
STRUTHERS**

Jan 31, 1931 – Nov 25, 2013

Katherine was a loving person with a passion for her God.

She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memories her son Gregory Parker, daughters Aquanetta Brooks & Linda Sasser, God-daughter Kathleen Williams, 12 grandchildren, 11 Great Grands, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**JAMES "BUDDY"
WALKER SR.**

Nov 15, 1936 – Nov 27, 2013

He enjoyed working in his community as a licensed Real Estate Broker, US Postal Worker and Campaign Organizer.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life three sons James Jr.(Bobbie JO), Michael (Heather) & Charles (Michelle), two daughters Vanna (Milton) Byrd & Claudia (Dorian) Lane, 14 grandchildren, 3 great grands, family and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**JOHN M.
HENDERSON**

Feb 4, 1916 – Dec 2, 2013

He served faithfully on the Usher Board and as the Chef of the Church, he was known for his Bar-b-que and sauce, sweet potatoes pie, Macaroni and cheese to name a few...

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories one son William (Sheila), daughters Sheron Sciara & Marlene Leach, sister in law Lue Neil Shaw-Hill, 5 grandchildren, Rondre, Ronald, Michael, Ruvan & Terrance, and a host of family and freinds.

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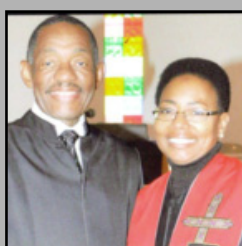


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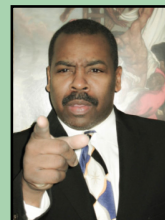


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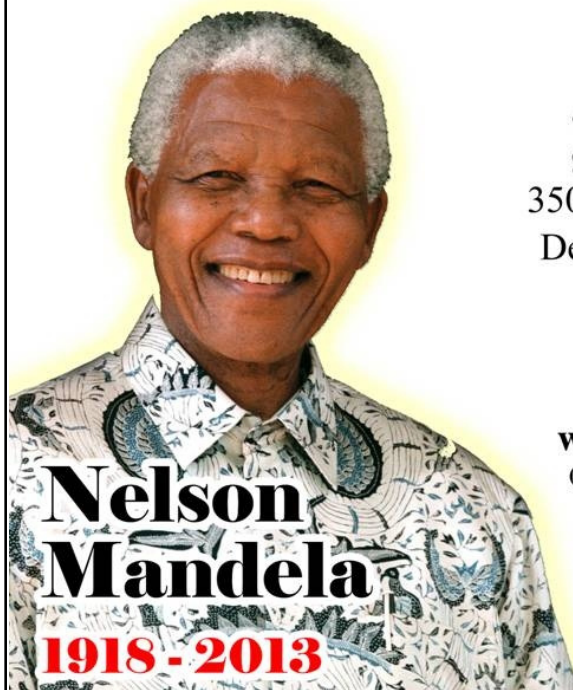
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We are proud to make a donation to the City of River Rouge. It will support the city of River Rouge Junior Football League, and is just one small example of this ongoing commitment to River Rouge.

Praxair also made a donation to the City of Ecorse. It will

support the Departments of Public Safety, the Department of Recreation, the Public Library, and the Senior Citizens Center and is just a part of their ongoing commitment to Ecorse.

Praxair has a global community engagement program that spans many organizations and activities. Here in River Rouge, we have supported many programs for several years related to the environment, public safety, food and housing, and education, health and recreation.

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Exercise Bandit shoots for world record



Albert “Exercise Bandit” Harper

There is a super hero amongst us. Albert Harper who goes by the name, ‘Exercise Bandit’ is continuing on his quest to rid young people of unhealthy lifestyles. He addressed the students at Ann Visger Elementary School in River Rouge last week. Along with his message of eating healthy he also demonstrated an extraordinary feat.

During his exhibition, he demonstrated his skills for doing Push Ups on top of eggs with a 40 lb weight on his back all while balancing an egg on a spoon in his mouth. What a feat! The Exercise Bandit doesn’t stop there. He is planning on going for the Guinness Book of World Records for this feat early next year.

Even though Albert is 60 years old, he is a very active senior citizen. He enjoys talking to kids and showing them how to set a goal and how to go about reaching it. He has

several world records. He is the World Record holder for the most Push-Ups on one finger on top of a brick (100). He also is the record holder for most Push Ups on one thumb on top of a potato (99) and the record holder for the most Finger-Tip Push-Ups in 30 seconds (59) and lastly, he has the record for ripping the most phone books in a minute.

Albert The exercise Bandit is a motivational speaker and has been speaking to kids and adults for over 30 years. He is from River Rouge and he has appeared on the Geraldo Show and on Channel 4. He has been interviewed by Don Shane, Lee Thomas and Bernie Smielzics . He has also been featured in the numerous newspapers as he spreads the word about being healthy and demonstrates his amazing super hero powers.

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Happy Holidays

Romulus students commit to be drug free

By Gina Wilson Steward - Telegram Publisher



Mayor’s Drug Task Force, City and School officials along with essay participants from Romulus High School

The students in the Romulus School District participated in the National Red Ribbon Campaign. The theme for this year was “A Healthy Me is Drug Free”. Each year the school district and the Mayors Drug Task Force partner to recognize students who make a commitment to live a drug free life and encourage their classmates to do the same.

Mark Edward, Program Coordinator for the Leadership program at the school said , “The students in the Middle and High School could chose between three different ways to participate this year. They could write an essay on this year’s theme “A Healthy Me is Drug Free” for a chance to win a seat at the Mayors Drug Task Luncheon and have lunch with Mayor Leroy Burcroff, Romulus school superintendent Paula Daniels and other city officials, they could create a poster with an original design and slogan or they could decorate their Advisory Room’s door with a Red Ribbon

theme.” Each category had different incentives for participation.

During the luncheon hosted by Mayor’s Drug Task Ford that was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Romulus Recreation Complex, Mayor Leroy Burcroff addressed the students with words of wisdom stating that “God gives us one body and we have to respect what we put into that body.”

Pastor Arthur Willis, president of the Mayors Drug Task Force, said, “We are pleased that over forty students submitted essays that encouraged them to think about the effects of drugs on their bodies. He also reminded the kids that alcohol and tobacco are drugs and they cause damage to your bodies too.” During a conversation with some of the students from Romulus Middle School, they mentioned that there are some students in middle school that smoke cigarettes and weed. They have witnessed them smoking and

feel that those kids are making bad decisions that will affect their bodies for the rest of their lives.

As an added incentive to stay healthy, students attending the luncheon were also given a one day pass to Romulus Athletic Complex.

In 1988, National Family Partnership sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Celebration. Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children and families. The National Family Partnership (NFP) and its network of individuals and organizations continue to deliver his message of hope to millions of people every year, through the National Red Ribbon Campaign. For more information on the Romulus Leadership Program and Red Ribbon Week visit <http://romulusmiddleschool-leadership.weebly.com>

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Mayor’s Drug Task Force, City and School officials along with essay participants from Romulus Middle School

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“Dear Lord, thou Great Physician, I kneel before Thee. Since every good and perfect gift must come from Thee, I pray: Give skill to my hand, clear vision to my mind, kindness and sympathy to my heart.

“Give me singleness of purpose, strength to lift at least a part of the burden of my suffering fellowmen and a true realization of the privilege that is mine.

“Take from my heart all guile and worldliness that with the simple faith of a child I may rely on Thee.”

– “A Physician’s Prayer”

For many years, my brick house in Jamaica, Queens, doubled as my office. My garage served as an entrance to my office, which was in the basement. I had two examining rooms, a consultation

room and a small waiting area that could seat about 10 people. I played music all day long. In the office, I had a turntable, and in addition to being a doctor, I was also a deejay. I would put on gospel and jazz tunes and occasionally play speeches by Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and even recordings of poems by Langston Hughes recited by the great poet himself. My patients enjoyed jazz as well as gospel.

Coming to my office was more like coming to a social meeting. It wasn't unusual to have a group in one corner talking about politics and a group in another talking about music and another group talking about their families. Invariably, someone would yell out, "Hey Doc, what was that record you played?"

My music was very important in my office; it was part of the healing agent. I created an atmosphere that made people feel better instantly, from music to my wife's welcoming smile. She was my main receptionist. I would also hire girls from the neighborhood to come in to help after school until about 8 or 9 at night. I gave about 30 young ladies

their start in the workforce through the office. Most of them are now doctors, nurses, judges and teachers. They all went on to do something.

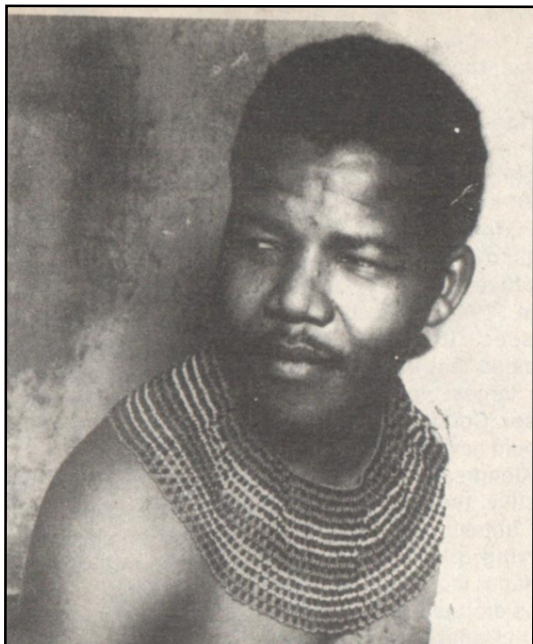
My practice was also a family business that employed my daughter and my two sons in addition to my wife. My daughter often was the receptionist, and my sons would clean up the office for the next day. They were the third arm that I needed to complete my work, and I appreciated it.

From the waiting room, you could smell my wife's cooking. Sometimes in the winter, when she would cook her famous chicken soup, I would go upstairs and get a cup of it for a patient who was waiting in the examining room. I also made sure we always had coffee and tea in the waiting room.

Although patients had to wait for long periods, no one minded the wait, even if it was a few hours. I didn't just rush patients in and out. After I examined them, I would talk to them mostly about their families and their lives. I cared about each patient as a person; they weren't just sick bodies that needed medical attention—they also needed soul healing.

FROM THE
TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES
MAY 1986

New book: “The Struggle Is My Life”



A new book by the imprisoned leader of South Africa's anti-apartheid movement, Nelson Mandela, was published in New York on June 14, the date of mass rallies against South Africa's white minority government. Mandela's book, entitled *The Struggle is My Life*, is being published by Pathfinder Press, which also publishes books by Fidel Castro, Malcolm X and leaders of the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua.

The book brings together speeches and writings by Mandela spanning more than 40 years in his activity in the African National

Congress (ANC), the major organizational fighting for the end of apartheid rule in South Africa. Mandela's courtroom testimony in the 1964 trial at which he was sentenced to life imprisonment is also included. A special supplement contains accounts of Mandela in prison by his fellow prisoners.

Among the most recent material is Mandela's reply to South African President P. W. Botha's 1985 offer to release Mandela if the ANC leader "unconditionally rejected violence as a political weapon." In his reply, read by his daughter Zinzi to a mass meeting in Soweto, near Johannesburg, Mandela said: "Let him (Botha) renounce violence. Let him say that he will dismantle apartheid. Let him unban the people's organization, the African National Congress. Let him free all who have been imprisoned, banished or exiled for their opposition to apartheid. Let him guarantee free political activity so that people may decide who will govern them.

"But I cannot sell my birthright, nor am I prepared to sell the birthright of the people to be free....

“Only free men can negotiate. Prisoners cannot enter into contracts... I cannot and will not give any undertaking at a time when I and you, the people, are not free.

"Your freedom and mine cannot be separated. I will return"

Mandela remains imprisoned at the Pollsmoor maximum security prison near Capt Town, despite the growing movement in South Africa and throughout the world demanding his release.

It time to LIGHT UP ECORSE



The deadline is Thursday, December 12 to be included in the Light Up Ecorse Contest. All registration forms must be turned in at the Ecorse Senior Center on Thursday.

Participants are to have their lights on each day beginning December 17th as judges will be traveling throughout the city of Ecorse evaluating the light/holiday displays. Judges will be

looking at homes, businesses and block clubs and selecting a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. Cash awards will be given away to winners. All cash awards will be presented by the Ecorse Birthday Club.

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River Rouge Project Achieve donate holiday gifts to the Friends of River Rouge Animal Shelter



Patty Trevino operator at the Friends of River Rouge Animal Shelter along with students from the Project Achieve after school program at River Rouge High School

On Tuesday, students in the River Rouge High School's Project Achieve Program visited the Friends of River Rouge Animal Shelter for a

Holiday Outing. The students brought different types of treats and toys that will be given to the animals.

The Friends of River Rouge Animal Shelter was remodeled earlier this year with a Roverhaul grant. The shelter is operated by Patty Trevino who is there to nurture, feed, walk, and take care of the animals daily. The shelter has been open and operating since January 2013 and is ran mostly by donations and volunteers.

If you would like to donate to the shelter, they prefer to have all items that are donated to be made in the United States. The shelter encourages adoption of its animals and they want the public to know that they can adopt an animal from the shelter once an application is processed. They have an 100% adoption rate as of today. If you would like to make a donation, volunteer, or adopt please call 313-205-1732.



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WESTLAND



Christmas Tree Recycling

Back for Another Year
The holidays are fast approaching and Christmas trees are going up in homes and businesses all over Westland. On the heels of the successful tree recycling program of the last three years, the City of Westland is once again offering its Christmas Tree Recycling Program for the 2013-2014 holiday season.

Here's how it works. A designated area (just follow the signs) is provided at the Department of Public Service Recycling Center at the rear of the property located at 37137 Marquette. Trees may be dropped off during regular operating hours; Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm (closed Sundays).

Trees must be free of lighting, tinsel and decorations. All trees will be chipped and will be recycled for use at the City of Westland DTE Community Garden and other locations.



Shop and Dine Westland 2013

Mayor William R. Wild and the Westland TIFA recently announced this year's Shop & Dine Westland campaign, which promotes shopping and dining in the area of Westland Shopping Center and its surrounding shops and restaurants. Nothing promotes sustainability more than shopping locally, which makes this campaign even more important for those wishing to make Westland a long-term sustainable community. Shopping locally not only helps keep Westland businesses thriving but saves on gas and reduces the carbon footprint of Westland and everyone who chooses to shop close to home.

So help us promote and more sustainable Westland and tell everyone you know to do their Holiday shopping in the Westland Shop & Dine district.

Vintage Tech Recyclers

Getting new electronics or appliances for Christmas? Know somebody who is? Don't forget to recycle your old electronics and encourage your friends and neighbors to do it too.

The City, along with its partner Vintage Tech Recyclers, has implemented a permanent collection site for electronics within the Recycling Center at the rear of the DPS site located at 37137 Marquette.

Items that can be dropped off include computers and moni-

tors, tv's and printers, mobile telephones, computer cables, mouses and keyboards, fax machines and mp3 players, dvd and cd players, and more,. If it plugs in it can be recycled.

Look for the bins at the east side of the recycling yard!!!

WAYNE

Lunch with Santa



Saturday, December 14th from 10:45 AM - 1:00 PM:

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Are you having a Community Friendly event? Keep the community aware of your events and list them here. Call 313-928-2955

HOROSCOPES

DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 18, 2013

ARIES

Balance is an important skill. If you've been working too hard, the urge to play is going to be nearly irresistible this week. However, if you've been playing too hard, it's a terrific week to restore some order to your work. Keep smiling!
Soul Affirmation: I quiet all confusion
Lucky Numbers: 11, 26, 27

TAURUS

Your energy level is marvelous, and you are probably getting a great deal of work done in an unusually facile manner. Bless your lucky stars, and stay on track. Expect to hear from a friend this week.
Soul Affirmation: I entertain wild ideas about making money this week.
Lucky Numbers: 40, 46, 52

GEMINI

A little space from your current love interest seems to be in order. Use a brief timeout to remember the unique and wonderful personality traits of the person you love. Don't forget to tell her or him of your love! Keep your heart open.
Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week
Lucky Numbers: 19, 30, 32

CANCER

This is truly your week. Take a break from any disappointments that you may have been remembering and move toward the Now with a wise heart. Your attention may focus on personal health, and ways to make yours better.
Soul Affirmation: I exercise to lower tension this week.
Lucky Numbers: 9, 17, 24

LEO

Family matters will be pleasant this week, but save your evenings for your romantic partner. The vibes support a mutually wonderful experience that will deepen your appreciation for one another!
Soul Affirmation: I obey the rules this week and avoid hassles.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 2, 46

VIRGO

You lucky ducklings! Everything goes your way this week, so relax and enjoy the abundant and wonderful soul vibrations. Make calls early in the week so that you can cruise through the afternoon.
Soul Affirmation: I find peace in spending time out of doors this week.
Lucky Numbers: 18, 29, 36

LIBRA

A project at work may suddenly demand your attention. If you pounce on it rather than waiting for it to go away (it won't), you'll be finished by lunchtime. Your speed and agility enable you to work smart; use your advantage.
Soul Affirmation: By going slowly I get there faster this week.
Lucky Numbers: 14, 40, 55

SCORPIO

Talk it up this week. You've got a gift with words this week that will facilitate all endeavors. If you've been meaning to ask for a raise, this week might be the day to broach the subject with the boss. Trust your instincts!
Soul Affirmation: By rewarding others I reward myself.
Lucky Numbers: 51, 53, 54

SAGITTARIUS

Energy in the mornings will be more productive than the energy you feel in the afternoons. Work hard early each day, then take the afternoons off to play. Better yet, get your honey to join you in playing hooky from work!
Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for the chance to give.
Lucky Numbers: 31, 42, 52

CAPRICORN

Finding a way to do it better than others is not going to be hard this week. Share your wisdom with other seekers. All who receive your word will benefit this week. Happiness rules! Don't waste a moment of this perfect week on any negative thoughts.
Soul Affirmation: I create a positive world for myself by thinking positive.
Lucky Numbers: 11, 13, 18

AQUARIUS

Strong vibrations bring a series of dramatic interactions with others this week. Practice your charm. Let it come from the heart, and let your energy carry you upwards to your best, highest self. Keep emotions calm.
Soul Affirmation: In the storms of the week I find comfort inside myself.
Lucky Numbers: 25, 28, 30

PISCES

People often forget about the roaming side to your personality. This week is a week when you'll love thinking about "far away places with strange sounding names," as the song says. What you do about your urges is yet another matter. Home calls too. What a week!
Soul Affirmation: I smile as I think about far away paces.
Lucky Numbers: 42, 47, 49

Holiday Green Cleaning Tips



With all of the hustle and bustle of the holidays it can be difficult to remain green conscious. Thanks to our friends and Recyclebank, here are a few green cleaning tips for the holiday season that will help you keep Westland a greener place to live, work and play.

Sweep instead of vacuum. Save a little bit of energy by pulling out the broom instead of the vacuum to get your

floors clean. A broom is much easier to use than a heavy vacuum and it will get into those nooks and crannies clean that your vacuum might not be able to reach.

Use white vinegar for just about everything. Use it full-strength or mixed with water to wipe down counters and appliances (it cuts the grease). Mix with hot water and add a few drops of mineral oil to mop wooden floors or clean wooden cabinets. Mix it with water and put it in a spray bottle to clean mirrors and glass windows, and use wads of old newspaper to wipe it clean. If you don't like the smell of vinegar, don't worry. The odor dissipates as it dries.

Polish silver naturally. Vinegar mixed together with a few tablespoons of baking soda will clean your silver just as well as a chemical silver polish. Soak it for a few hours, then rinse it off and dry with a soft, clean cloth.

Degrease dishes with baking soda. Mix baking soda with water in to clean greasy pans or make a baking soda and water solution in the sink to soak dishes. After a 15-minute soak, they'll be easier to clean.

Create a dishwashing station at your sink. Once you've packed your dishwasher full, use the proper technique to wash the rest of your dishes: Fill one side of your sink with hot, sudsy water, and the other with cool, clean water. Scrape off as much food as possible, then scrub the dishes in the hot water, and dip them in the cold water to rinse. Using this method will help save a lot of water and dish soap. Hint: wait to run your dishwasher until you go to bed, as the energy costs are lower. Turn off the heat dry setting so the dishes air-dry on their own to conserve energy.

“Just a Thought” Keeping Mandela Work Alive

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



My friend Macula Courtland from Port Elizabeth, South Africa said to me that Nelson Mandela was a man who did the unexpected. Mandela was imprisoned on Robben Island, South Africa’s Alcatraz; he was taunted by white jailers and denied most privileges. He responded by doing whatever it took to become friends with those jailers. They know that when he was finally freed in 1990, he worked with Former white President F.W. de Klerk to keep whites from fleeing, to prevent a wave of racial violence.

Now I remember Mandela and the impact he had in sports. Mandela won the first democratic elections in 1994, he appointed F.W. de Klerk who was President before he was and elected him as his deputy and kept many whites in the government, the exact opposite of the cruel, kick-them-out revenge others wanted.

He established Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, offering amnesty for the truth and that he used sports to promote reconciliation, encouraging blacks to support

the once-hated Springboks, South Africa’s white rugby team. Remember many counties including the USA wanted nothing to do with South Africa’s segregating ways of living between Black and Whites. Nevertheless the world trusted Mandela’s Truth and Reconciliation Commissions and the 1995 World Rugby Championships were allow to take place in the country. Mandela convinced his nation (South Africa) to pull together as one and root for the home team Springboks an all white team with one black on the roster and in part because of one astonishingly brave gesture before a crowd of 65,000 that was almost completely white, Mandela strode onto the field wearing a Springboks jersey. The crowd, silent at first, began chanting "Nelson! Nelson! Nelson!" South Africa would go on to win the game, and South Africans both black and white celebrated the victory created a new, more hopeful future for nation of South Africa. “Sport has the power to change the world,” Mandela said. “It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language

they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers.”

I have immense compliment for Mandela work done in almost twenty-four years out of prison. Let us all respect Nelson Mandela’s work in doing more in loving one another, especially working together for our children rights in education and the balance for many of our children, athletic programs in our schools. The displeasure of boys programs being funded more than girls programs needs to discontinue as well as the statements being made that Blacks only play football, basketball, or maybe baseball. Yes, Minorities do take part in and play hockey (Seth Jones the son of NBA basketball star Popeye Jones and first round draft pick in the 2012 NHL draft) gymnastics (Gabby Douglas who Nearly Quit Gymnastics for Job at Chick-Fil-A), golf (Tiger Woods and Renee Powell), tennis (Althea Gibson, The Williams Sister and Arthur Ashe), weightlifting (Olympic Champ Mark Henry now WWE wrestler), swimming (Lia Neal, 2012 Olympic medal winner in London). In addition, wrestling, cross-county, soccer, and track and field has taken a hit in financing. Yes Indeed, there is a Gabby Douglas, Tiger Woods, Lia Neal, and a Seth Jones living in our community and we are the only ones that can make it right for them and their future. Again, let us all respect Nelson Mandela’s work in doing more in loving one another, especially working together for our children rights in education and the balance for many of our children, athletic programs in our schools and our communities. “It’s Just a Thought”

Lions and Monday Football

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



The Lions return home for a Week 15 matchup with the defending champion Baltimore Ravens on ESPN’s Monday Night Football with kickoff set for 8:40 p.m. ET. The Lions look to rebound after a 34-20 loss at Philadelphia, while the Ravens will try to win their fourth-straight after a last-minute 29-26 win vs.

Minnesota.

The Lions take on the Ravens for just the fourth time in series history as Baltimore leads the all-time series, 2-1-0. The last time the Lions hosted the Ravens was a 35-17 win at Ford Field on October 9, 2005 when Detroit’s rushing attack totaled four rushing touch-

downs, including a 77-yard score by RB Shawn Bryson. The Lions (29) and Ravens (17) have played in a total of 46 Monday Night Football games. The Lions are 19-10-0 (.526) all-time on Monday night, while the Ravens carry an 8-9-0 (.471) record. Detroit’s last appearance on Monday Night Football was last season against the Falcons (12/22) when they fell to Atlanta, 31-18 at Ford Field. Monday night’s game vs. Baltimore will air nationally on ESPN.

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Bowl Games a Coming

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

The football bowl season kicks off on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. ET with the Gildan New Mexico Bowl in Albuquerque. This year’s match-up will feature the Pac-12 no. 7 seed against the no. 4 or 5 team from the Mountain West. Michigan State will be playing in the Rose Bowl against their opponent Stanford on New Year Day. By the way, the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl will be again played a day after Christmas at Ford Field, at 6 o’clock pm. Bowling Green vs. Pittsburgh as again the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl fail to get a Big Ten team to play in it’s game. It would have been a nice if the University of Michigan stay home to play in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl against former Melvindale and Southwestern High, number 22, Josh Pettus Bowling Green University team.

Wow, it would had been a good start to Winter Classic Festival week as the Hockey world will invaded the D for the Alumni Game double header at Comerica Park on the 31st of December, with

the big game played at the U of M as the Toronto Maple Leafs play the Detroit Red Wings in the larger attended hockey ever scene in the world, a sellout at the Big House. Nevertheless, the Vizio BCS

National Championship Game concludes the college football season on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014 at 8:30 p.m. ET. The game, which features BCS no. 1 vs. BCS no. 2, will be played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. New Year’s Day features a slate of six games, including the Heart of Dallas Bowl, TaxSlayer.com Gator Bowl, Capital One Bowl, Outback Bowl, Rose Bowl Game, and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Four bowls have altered their names for the 2013-14 season. The MAACO Bowl Las Vegas will now be called the Las Vegas Bowl, while the Meineke Car Bowl of Texas is now the Texas Bowl. The ADVO Care V100 Independence Bowl has dropped “Independence” from their name, and the Go Daddy Bowl has dropped the “dot com.”

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November 28th, 2013

At 1028hrs, officers were dispatched to 1380 Coolidge, the Family Dollar Store on a Disorderly customer. Upon arrival employees pointed a 35 year old male standing at the cash register with a screw driver clenched in his left hand. Officer removes the screw driver and detained the male. An employee states the male was trying to return an item but he had no receipt and could not take the item. The male became very vocal and that's when they called police. Officers talked to the male and told him he needed a receipt to return the item. The male told officers he would "shoot" people over the item not being taken back. The male continued to talk non sense sentences like he knew Bill Gates and stated one officer killed Michael Jordan's father. The male was handcuffed and placed into the patrol vehicle. He was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for Psychiatric Evaluation.

December 1st, 2013

At 1600hrs an officer was stationed on West Pleasant near Dwight when he observed a black motorcycle Drive by and the biker was not wearing a helmet, wearing a bandana around his mouth and no plate for the motorcycle. The officer activated his lights and siren in attempt to effect a Traffic Stop at West Pleasant and James. But the biker refused to stop and continued to accelerate. Officer radioed in for back and continued to pursuit the biker while traveling on West Pleasant. The officer watched as the biker was traveling at such a high rate of speed that he almost lost control of the motorcycle when he became airborne after he flew over the rail road track. The biker turned south bound onto Fort Street and disregarded a stop sign nearly causing an accident at the intersection of Schaefer and Fort Street. The 27 year old male from our city continued west bound on Schaefer approaching the City of Melvindale. Officers have had so many contact with this male he was identified as soon as the incident began

DECEMBER 4TH, 2013

At 0213hrs, officers went to a

home in the 100 Block of Pine on a Domestic Violence. The 46 year old female caller told officer that she was being beaten. Officers knocked on the door and the female stepped out stating one of the person involved in the fighting was in the upstairs apartment. A 29 year old male was sitting at the dining room table. He sat shirt less with scratches on his left arm and bleeding from his finger tips and his right arm appeared wet. When the officer asked what happened he stated that he went upstairs and asked his girlfriend for a set of keys and she became enraged and poured alcohol on him and attempted to set him on fire. Then she picked up a metal backing of a chair and started striking him over his left arm as he was trying to go down the stairs. Officers went to the other apartment and another female answered the door and after questioning her took the officers went upstairs to the attic and pointed stating she in the attic. The female victim came out of hiding and officers observed marks around her neck and face and her lower left leg was bleeding. She told officers that her boyfriend asked her for the keys and she wouldn't give them to her so he grabbed her by the neck and started choking her. The officers arrested both of them and charged them with Domestic. Health Link was notified and the male suffered and fractured arm.

December 5th, 2013

At 2013hrs, officer went to a home in the 300 Block of Beechwood on a Malicious Destruction of Property complaint. Officer spoke to the 27 year old female homeowner who states a 32 year old male she knows is the one who broke the window out. The male was also present in the home and admitted to doing it but it was an accident. He states incident began earlier that evening when he was shot at by an unknown male in the City of Ecorse. He states he followed that individual to his home, but got the address mixed up and broke out the wrong window. He states that the person who shot at him was at the house next door. Officers went to the home but no one answered. The male sustain a cut above his left ear and bleeding was still running from it. The male also had blood all over his hand. Health Link was notified and came to the scene and treated the male for his injuries.

CRIME STOPPERS
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ANONYMOUS TIP LINE CASH REWARDS

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Inkster Police



Inkster Police Chief Hilton Napoleon, Inkster Police Officers and Wayne County Sheriffs

hood watch groups and block clubs. The program kicked off in 2010 in several Wayne County communities including the Osborn, Rosedale Park and Dearborn neighborhoods.

SCOUT has produced positive results by teaming up Sheriff's deputies with neighborhood volunteers to prevent crime and raise safety awareness.

SCOUT is not a substitute for 9-1-1 service but rather a way for officers to interact with businesses, schools, faith-based and community groups to improve quality of life in a targeted area. The program includes use of a Sheriff's mobile command post to increase visibility.

"Police presence deters crime," said Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. "But law enforcement can't be everywhere. By working closely with residents and other stakeholders in the neighborhood, we can prevent crime and eliminate those quality of life problems that are eroding the peace and safety in our neighborhoods."

Sheriff's Chief of Operations Raphael Washington and Deputy Chief Mike Jaafar outlined SCOUT last week in a meeting with Inkster residents at the city's community policing center.

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A cash-strapped community of about 25,000 residents, Inkster has experienced cut-backs in police and city services due to losses in revenue. City officials welcomed the partnership with the Sheriff's Office as well as ongoing initiatives with the Michigan State Police.

"I am committed to providing the best services possible to residents of this city," said Inkster City Manager Richard Marsh. "I realize the need to work together and partner

with other entities. We are moving forward at a rapid pace to improve not only the quality of life for our citizens but the image of the city of Inkster."

SCOUT is funded by Wayne County and will operate in Inkster and other communities until September 30, 2014, which is the end of the county's fiscal year.

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the City Council chambers of City Hall on November 19, 2013 Meeting called to order at 7:50pm

The following Commissioners were present: Mayor Bowdler in the Chair Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward Absent: None Excused: Perry

13-290 Approval of minutes of 11/06/2013

13-291 Approval for guidance Center to place sign in lobby of City Hall

13-292 Voucher approval

13-293 Building permit approval

13-294 Approval of winter tax mill rate

13-295 Approval of the court ordered pension judgments

13-296 Approval to lay-off all temporary seasonal workers on 11/27/2013

13-297 Approval to accept CGAP grant

13-298 Approval of intergovernmental agreement with City of Ecorse

13-299 Approval to rezone 288 Richter to B-1 district

13-300 Motion to adjourn at 8:55pm

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.

Susan P. Joseph

City Clerk

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the December 2, Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Agenda as amended with added item "C" under Presentations.

Approval of Consent agenda.

Approval to apply for a Polling Location Improvement Grant.

Approval of a Lease Agreement and Property Transfer between the City of Inkster and the Inkster Library.

Felicia Rutledge

City Clerk

News of those in the Armed Forces



Army Pvt. Jesus J. Villarreal

Graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Villarreal is the son of Jesus and Patricia Villarreal of Lincoln Park. He is a 2009 graduate of Lincoln Park High School.

Air Force Airman Nan T. Sheikh

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Sheikh is the daughter of Roohi Sheikh of Romulus. She is a 2011 graduate of Romulus High School

Air Force Cadet Michael T. Lovelady

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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Lovelady is the son of Jeffrey Lovelady of Romulus. He is a 2010 graduate of Romulus Senior High School.

Air Force Airman Zachary M. Zilch

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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Zilch is the son of Curtis Zilch of Livonia and stepson of Dawn Springstead of Wyandotte. He is a 2011 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Wyandotte.

Army National Guard Pvt. Ruth M. Edwards

Graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and

unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Edwards is the daughter of Ruth Edwards of Taylor.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Kassie L. Haberlog

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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Haberlog is the daughter of Ana and Richard Haberlog of Ypsilanti, and granddaughter of Rudolph and Irene Kocis of Mio.

She is a 2006 graduate of Academy for Business and Technology, Melvindale. She earned an associate degree in 2011 from Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn.

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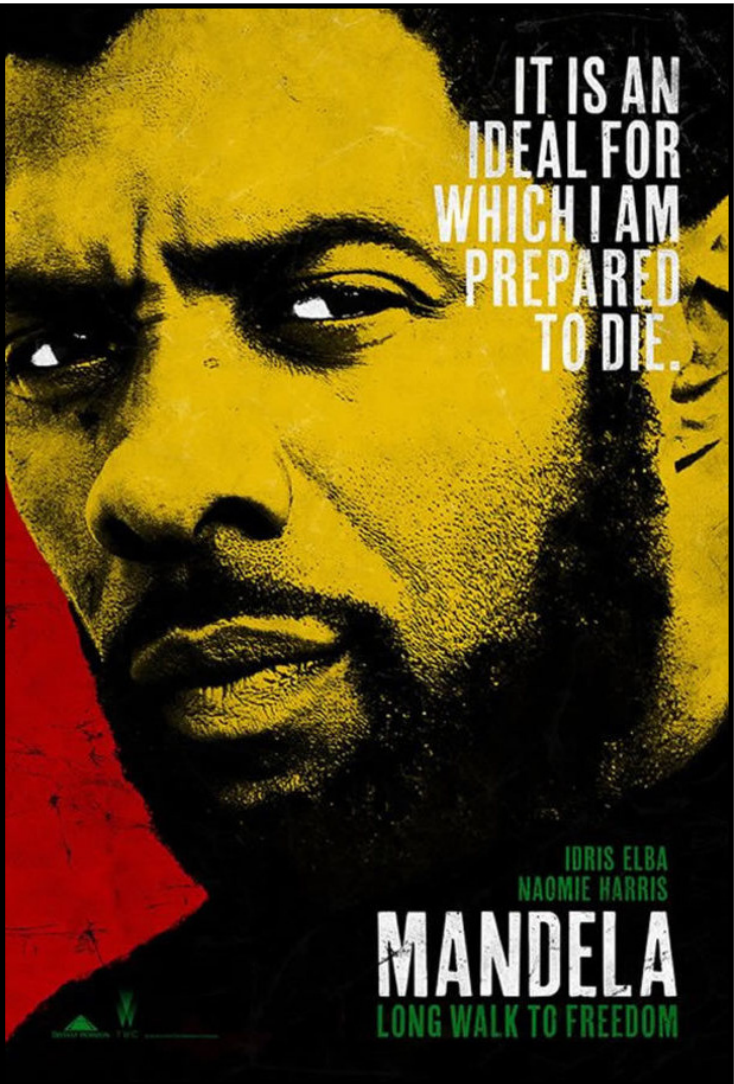
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Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

Idris Is Impressive in Inspirational Adaptation of Late Icon's Autobiography

Film Review by Kam Williams - Contributing Writer



Nelson “Madiba” Mandela (Idris Elba) started secretly writing his autobiography “Long Walk to Freedom” while still serving what he had every reason to believe might very well be a life sentence on Robben Island. The lawyer-turned-spokesman for the outlawed African National Congress had been convicted of treason for trying to dismantle South Africa’s racist regime.

But he was indeed freed following 27 years in prison of imprisonment when the bloody civil war was on the brink of bringing an end to Apartheid. At that point, Mandela assured the apprehensive white minority that despite the fact that, “Fear has made you an unjust and brutal people, when we come to power, there will be no revenge.”

Soon thereafter, he was democratically elected the nation’s first black president, assuming the reigns of power in 1994. And that transition to majority rule did prove to be smooth, with the help of pardons for crimes against humanity being granted by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to guilty parties from both sides of the conflict.

Directed by Justin Chadwick, Mandela: Long Walk to

bars, much of the action revolves around his wife Winnie’s (Naomie Harris) efforts to raise their children while spearheading the movement in her husband’s absence. Sadly, the decades-long separation eventually took a toll on their marriage, between the denial of conjugal visits and Winnie’s resorting to ruthless methods to silence suspected snitches.

This film easily eclipses a biopic covering the same subject-matter called Winnie Mandela, released just a couple of months ago. That relatively-pathetic disappointment co-starring Terence Howard and Jennifer Hudson as Nelson and Winnie, respectively, was marred by the protagonists’ atrocious accents as well as by a disappointing script.

By contrast, this inspirational adaptation of Madiba’s autobiography more than does justice to his legacy first as a freedom fighter and later as a unifying figure for all of South Africa.

Excellent (4 stars)
PG-13 for sexuality, intense violence, disturbing images and brief profanity
In English, Afrikaans and Xhosa with subtitles
Running time: 146 minutes
Distributor: The Weinstein Company

To see a trailer for Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tyo-XeVcan4>

Freedom is an epic biopic chronicling the rise, incarceration and ultimate redemption of the recently-deceased political icon. Versatile British actor Idris Elba exhibits the requisite combination of outrage, dignity, empathy and steely resolve needed to portray the late leader convincingly.

Still, since Mandela spends the bulk of the movie behind

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ASK AYANA

You need money again?



Dear Ayana,
I'm not speaking to my cousin right now. We got into a huge fight after a shopping trip and haven't spoken since. I should tell you that we aren't just family, we're also best friends. This isn't the first fight we've had, but it is the most intense. Initially, we made a pact to only buy the things that were on our Christmas lists to keep us from overspending, but, like always, that deal didn't hold up. After we finished shopping and hid away our gifts, we planned to meet for breakfast and went our separate ways. The next morning at breakfast, she asked if I would pick up the tab on our meal. No problem. Then, she asked me if she could borrow \$500! I stared at her in disbelief and waited for the joke to be over- but she was serious. She said that shopping had put a dent in her funds and that she needed to make sure she had money to pay her car insurance and have some cash on hand until she got paid. When I suggested that she take back the \$200 shoes that she bought for her oldest son and the \$300 game system for her youngest, she had the nerve to tell me that I didn't need to be counting her dollars! Then, she called herself reminding me of a loan (which I paid back) she extended to me 8 years ago. I was so furious that I threw the cash for our bill in her face, grabbed my stuff and left out before I said something that I couldn't take back. Our husbands have tried to get us to reconcile but neither of them know

the real reason behind our fight. This is not the first time she's hit me up for cash after a shopping trip. She's terrible when it comes to money and never stays within her budget. I shouldn't have to pad her pockets because she can't keep her money straight. We have a large family Christmas party coming up soon and I don't want our feud to ruin the celebration. Should I give in and cough up the cash? She always repays the loan; I just don't like being taken advantage of.

The Loaner

Dear Loaner,
I'm curious to know why you got upset this time if your cousin has asked you to float her a loan in the past. Was it the amount? Whatever the reason, you should make amends. I'm not saying to write her a check, but I am saying that you should apologize. Throwing money in her face was demeaning and there was no excuse for that kind of behavior. Ordinarily, I'd say that what she purchases is none of your business, but this time, she made it your business when she asked you to cover the bill on her home obligations. Money is known for causing chaos in even the best of friendships. Don't let this be true of your relationship with your cousin. Make it a practice to only loan up to a certain dollar amount; say, \$100. After that, tell her that you are no longer in a position to loan money to her. It doesn't matter what the bottom dollar of your bank account is. Whether you decide to give her the cash or not, let the choice you make this time, govern what you do in the future. That way, rules are established and you don't have to walk away feeling used. Don't allow money, which is here today and spent tomorrow, be the determining factor in whether or not your relationship with your cousin grows or dies. Good luck to you.

Ayana

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