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Marsh on the job for Inkster

Sit down with the city manager, part 1

By Christian Young - Staff Writer



Inkster city manager Richard Marsh has been with the city since August and seems to be working diligently to help revitalize the city. I recently sat down with Mr. Marsh to discuss his enthusiasm for the

job, what he has encountered in the city so far, his professional experience, and what he hopes to bring to the table for Inkster. This is the first of

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Light Up Ecorse Winners Announced

By Gina Wilson Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



The Ecorse Birthday Club' mission this holiday season was to Light Up Ecorse and that is what they did. Under the leadership of Ethel Stevenson and King, they encouraged residents, busi-

nesses and block clubs to decorate and put lights outside to decorate the City. Ms. Stevenson remembers when the City of Ecorse was lit up with lights on the majority of the homes and businesses.

"We need to bring the City of Ecorse back." Those were the words that Ms. Stephenson would say when she talked about this contest. The contest brought out a

Light up Ecorse page 9A

Mayor Wild sworn in as Westland Mayor again



Last night Mayor Wild was sworn into office for his new four (4) year term Chief Judge Mark McConnell also sworn in was three (3) incumbent Councilmembers (Dewey

Reeves, Michael Kehrer and Christin Cicirelli Bryant) and one new Councilmember Kevin

More photo's of Mayor Wild on page 9A

Mayor Duggan says City workers deserve credit

for catching up on trash collection, clearing snow



DETROIT – January 5, 2014: Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan is thanking city workers for their tireless efforts to catch up on trash collection amid difficult weather conditions and for working around the clock to

keep major roads and residential streets safe and passable after two major snowfalls.

"City workers have shown us this week their dedication and

their ability to deliver quality services in a timely manner – even under very challenging circumstances," says Duggan. "There has been tremendous teamwork over the past week."

Snow Removal
Mayor Duggan said the city continues to have 40 snow removal trucks working to keep the city's 660 miles of major roads clear since 11:00 p.m. Saturday night. Major roads are passable and improving in condition by the hour. Crews will continue to stay out until all major roads are clear and safe.

City contracted snow removal

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News from the Michigan Democratic Party

Scandal at Snyder's Treasury Department Continues

Dillon gets \$177,000 payout not to work; outrage comes on heels of massive bonuses for investment fund managers



LANSING - Today MDP Chair Lon Johnson blasted Republican Gov. Rick Snyder for a taxpayer-funded payout of \$177,000 to former state Treasurer Andy Dillon. This example of cronyism comes on the heels of ongoing controversy at the Treasury Department, including bonuses and raises for investment fund managers, some as high as 90 percent, also at taxpayer expense.

"Maybe in Rick Snyder's world it's okay to pay people not to work while giving outrageous bonuses to investment fund managers, but that's not the Michigan way," said Lon Johnson, Michigan Democratic Party Chair. "Rick Snyder and Andy Dillon should repay taxpayers for the money that Dillon was paid not to work. The people of Michigan have a right to expect that taxpayer resources will be used to build a stronger middle class, not to pay off political cronies."

Dillon's resignation in October 2013 came amid several con-

troversies, and Republican Gov. Snyder clearly indicated at the time that his resignation was effective November 1. No one in the Snyder Administration ever gave taxpayers a reason to believe that for months, the former state treasurer would be paid not to work.

Also in October, Republican Gov. Snyder was under fire for another startlingly high taxpayer-funded salary. After drawing criticism for working as a lobbyist for the governor's office while being paid by Snyder's secret NERD Fund, Rich Baird was added to the state payroll with the title "transformation manager," receiving a raise to \$140,000 in the process.

Even as Snyder was handing out massive bonuses and taxpayer-funded giveaways to political cronies, he opposed Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer's plan to raise the minimum wage, saying it was not a "significant issue."

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Senator Stabenow Applauds Senate Vote to Move Forward on Extending Unemployment Insurance



U.S. Senator
Debbie Stabenow

Temporary Assistance for More than 43,000 People Looking for Work in Michigan Ended Dec. 28

86,000 More Michigan Residents Could Be Removed from Program if Congress Doesn't Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow today voted with a bipartisan group of Senators to move forward on legislation that would extend emergency unemployment insurance for millions of Americans who are looking for work. Unemployment insurance for more than 43,000 people in Michigan expired on

Dec. 28 after Republicans blocked an effort to extend the program into 2014. An additional 86,500 people in Michigan will lose their coverage in the first six months of 2014 if Congress doesn't act.

"Extending this temporary assistance for people out of work is critical so they can put food on the table, keep the heat on during brutally cold temperatures and keep a roof over their head while they look for a job," said Stabenow. "This emergency support has always been approved on a bipartisan basis during past downturns and I'm glad several Republicans joined Democrats in approving this today. This is a critical lifeline for families out of work through no fault of their own."

Extended unemployment insurance has historically been passed on a bipartisan basis during economic downturns to help families struggling with unemployment and to help bolster the economy. Emergency unemployment insurance was passed in the heart of the recent downturn in 2008 and has been reauthorized several times since as

unemployment has remained above average. While the economy has been recovering over the past several years, there are still 1.3 million fewer jobs than there were before the recession began and there are still three unemployed people looking for work for every one job available. When President Bush first signed extended unemployment benefits in 2008, the national unemployment rate was 5.6%, and is currently 7%, while the Michigan rate is 8.8%.

The legislation that moved forward today would provide a three-month benefit extension, retroactive to Dec. 28, 2013.

Economists agree that extended unemployment insurance provides a boost to the economy. Failure to extend federal unemployment insurance would hurt job growth throughout the nation, costing the economy 240,000 jobs, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The CEA estimates that in Michigan alone, failing to extend the program will cost 8,450 jobs.

Mayor Duggan

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crews were brought in a 6:00 a.m. to plow residential side streets. According to the city policy, crews clear a single 10-foot path down each street to remove accumulated snow and make the streets passable for residents and emergency vehicles. Because the street plowing may make driveway access difficult, Duggan asked residents to pitch in and help one another to clear out their driveway ramps. Crews will continue until they are finished clearing the city's 1880 miles of side streets late tonight. Due to the frigid cold temperatures, road salt will be largely ineffective, so motorists on any roadways should use extreme caution until temperatures rise again.

Trash Collection
City trash for this past week is complete on the city's east side and will be completed this evening on the west side. Since Friday, crews have been out around the clock to get caught up. This week, trash collection is on a holiday schedule, meaning that resi-

dents should put their containers out one day after their regularly scheduled pickup day.

Because the heavy snow continues to slow progress, crews will continue to be out around-the-clock to stay on schedule, so homeowners should not be surprised if their trash is picked up in the middle of the night.

Mayor Duggan noted that Christmas trees and other yard waste should be put out at the same time as trash containers.

Bulk Pick-Up
Bulk items should be placed at the curb according to the original published bulk pick up schedules. Crews may be a day or two late on the bulk for a short period, but Duggan said crews will catch up soon.

City Respite Centers
Due to the severe cold, Mayor Duggan urged residents to limit their time out of doors and to always let a friend or relative know where they will

be all times if they will be traveling alone. To help provide residents with indoor opportunities to take shelter from the weather, the city is announcing the hours of operation of the following respite centers, which will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily beginning Monday, January 6th:

Joseph Walker Williams Recreation Center
8431 Rosa Parks Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48206

Farwell Recreation Center
2781 Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48234

Butzel Family Center
7737 Kercheval
Detroit, MI 48214

Water Main Breaks
The extreme cold weather also is likely to result in a large number of water main breaks. Residents can report a problem by calling the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department 24 hours a day at 313-267-7401

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My New Year Wishes

By Julianne Malveaux - NNPA Columnist



Happy New Year! January first and second are the days when most think of the “new” year, yet with the first Monday in January falling on January 6, that’s probably when most people will return to their desks with focused energy and ready to go. Post-its and scrawled notebook paper will trumpet “new” resolutions. Eat less, relax more, volunteer, tithe, save, all that good stuff. Some will even compose a bucket list of things they’d like to do before the end of their lives. Others will have a list of wants and wishes, both realistic and unrealistic. My wish list focuses on public policy, since better public policy means a better 2014.

I WANT JOBS, JOBS, JOBS FOR BLACK PEOPLE. With the last reported official unemployment rate for African Americans at 12.5 percent, and the unofficial rate exceeding 25 percent, I’d really like to see some more jobs in the African American community. Joblessness leads to poverty leads to all kinds of maladies. While the stock market is soaring, is it too much to ask for a little job creation? Don’t Republicans, also, represent unemployed people? Help me, somebody. By the way, I’d like more jobs for everyone, but first things first.

And while we’re at it, why not fairer (and more equal) wages. There is talk of raising the minimum wage to \$10 or more by 2015, and some states are already moving to wage levels even higher. More than half of those now earning the minimum wage are raising children. If their employers don’t pay enough for them to live on, the government will end up subsidizing their employers’ (and them) with programs such as SNAP (food stamps) and Section 8. Oops! Those programs are being cut as well. What is a poor person to do in a nation that is both hostile to poor people and also absolutely needs them?

I want President Obama to say “Black” or “African American” sometime other than Black History Month. And I’d like him to say it enthusiastically, not reluctantly. His December 4th speech on poverty issues in Washington, D.C. went a long way toward addressing the concerns

(education, housing, poverty) of the least and the left out, but his lips won’t be permanently puckered in a putrid position if he managed to give his most loyal constituency a shout out. I guess I’ve been wishing for this for the past five years; I guess I’ll be wishing for the next few. (And don’t tell me that President Obama is president of everyone. He doesn’t cringe when saying Latino, women, or GBLT).

I WANT CONGRESS TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. As soon as another program is mentioned, recalcitrant Republicans and blue dog Democrats start worrying about cost. Here’s a thought – cut everything related to military spending except pensions. Or, how about getting rid of some of the hundreds of millions dollars spent on pork. What would happen if colleges such as Harvard and Yale (really, I’m not hating) got smaller grants or were required to partner with smaller schools when they get research grants, channeling a few dollars to those schools who really need them, and to the students who need more research opportunities.

I want Obamacare to work well. If affordable health care is part of the Obama legacy, then I want it to work, really work. It will take time for the president to live down the computer debacle, and heads should have rolled in response to the faulty rollout of the program. By the end of the first quarter of 2014, Obamacare should be working seamlessly, and people should really be able to see a difference because Obamacare exists.

Bottom line – I’d like joy, peace, and economic justice by whatever means necessary. Happy New Year!

Julianne Malveaux is a Washington, D.C.-based economist and writer. She is President Emerita of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

It’s finally over

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



The Detroit Lions’ season is finally over. Jim Schwartz has been removed as head coach and the team is in the process of looking for a new coach.

As for the old coach, he might land in Cleveland as defensive coordinator and take Gunther Cunningham with him.

We need to keep Gunther at all costs.

The team should look for a new quarterback coach also. Matthew Stafford wasn’t all that great this season, unless you like turnovers.

The season like most started off promising but turned lousy at the end.

All the turnovers, all the drop catches, anything and everything to make the season frustrating for fans.

The next coach needs to have head coaching experience and hopefully a winning record.

The Lions have already talked to Baltimore Ravens offensive coordinator Jim Caudwell and ESPN reported on their web site that they also want interview Bengals offensive coordinator Jay Gruden.

Offensive is what the Lions need; they can’t finish a game without it. Which was on display for everyone to see this season.

The Lions have the players to win; they need a coach to put it all together.

COUNCIL CORNER

Postal Rate Debacle

Councilman Michael A. Canty - Contributing Writer



by the internet or other wireless services. This year’s postal rate increase may very well be the sword of Damocles for class a mail services.

Regular rate increases and fewer service innovations is a sure shot in the foot for any product or service that has to compete with an open market. The U.S. Postal Service will have to reinvent itself if it expects to remain profitable.

It may have to shift its emphasis to a more competitive package delivery service or some other service that will keep the operation profitable. As more people become technology literate, first class letters may become a white elephant for the postal service.

Like any business, keeping up with the times and public demand usually means the difference between success and failure. The post office will need to keep this in mind as it plans for the future.

The process of delivering messages and packages from one point to another has a long history in this country and has come a long way since the pony express. Modern technology has made the process highly competitive but very economical.

The U.S. Postal Service which rightfully can be considered the origination of mail service as we know it, is slowly going the way of the ice man. More people are electing to pay bills on line and send letters using the variety of wireless services provided

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January 18: Chamber Bowling Fundraiser, Lodge Lanes, Belleville, MI
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Mayor LeRoy Burcroff

City of Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff will deliver the annual “State of the City” address to the Romulus Chamber and its membership. Reserve your seat now when the Mayor updates his progress on his community and business initiatives, as well as his vision for the City of Romulus.

Luncheon Cost
Members \$15.00

Non-Members: \$25.00

Let Them Dream!

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



There is a young man who right out of high school shared his aspiration with his mother. He said, “Mom, I want to be a writer.”

She laughed, “You’re dreaming. You can never make it as a writer.”

Feeling deflated and wanting to do something with his life, he later expressed interest in going to the military. His father forbid it saying, “That’s too dangerous. You can get killed! What if there’s a war?”

He did a semester at a local community college and got discouraged after financial struggles and no moral sup-

port. He went on to do unfulfilling work with a dead dream inside him. He accepted it as reality and the way his life was meant to be. He never tried to dream again. This is how the cycle of resentment begins and these people attack dreams the way theirs was.

Don’t let this happen to you. If it already has happened and you’re still breathing and capable of reading and comprehending these words, then there is hope for your dreams. A new year is a perfect time to be new and resurrect your dead dreams.

A fresh start in life can take place at any time, not just on January 1st, but there’s nothing like a New Year to get you going. Roll with the momentum of New Year’s excitement. It’s time for new things to happen in your life.

I noticed that some people are annoyed by all the ‘new year, new me’ nonsense, so they call it. I cannot help but wonder how a person can be bothered when another is excited about trying to finally get it right or at least better.

Probably frustrated by repeated falling off the wagon and failure to live up to goals, some people have just given up on setting higher goals altogether. These people get annoyed when they see others trying to do what they have not been able or are unwilling to do. Even if a person fails year after year, how can you knock a person for wanting to try yet again to have a new life?

Any time a person is talking about self improvement, it’s a good thing. Whether they actually carry it out or not, at least they have the mind to improve and hopefully their actions will catch up with their vision. We cannot give up on people. We cannot give up on ourselves, no matter who else has.

Some people decide to be better and improve their lives and they actually DO IT. If everyone gave up on being excited about a new year, where would we be? If we stopped dreaming of doing better and attempt to, this world would become terribly stagnated.

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Assess, explore and examine. Be so sure of your own dreams that no matter what anyone says and even if no one supports you, you will pursue them passionately. Don't succumb to dream killers. Don't be a dream killer by discouraging someone else. We don't know what God is doing in their life. Glean from the people who believe in you and don't worry about the ones who don't. It's 2014. The dream is the seed. Let them dream.

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DEATH NOTICES



LEOLA DENISE THOMAS
Dec 9, 1954 – Dec 20, 2013

All of her life, Denise loved two things, clothes and laughter.

She leaves to cherish her life and loving memory, her partner Michael Boyd; brothers, Ricky and Sidney Thomas; her daughter, Tila Jackson; her sons, Shawn Blanchard and Douglas Little; son-in-law, Gregory Jackson; grandchildren, Jeril Thomas, R'Mani and Shayla Garrard, and Maykla Thomas; aunt, Hortense Stubbs; uncle, Eddie Porter; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and "plenty" friends that cherished her dearly.

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



GEORGE LEE SANDUSKY
Sept 12, 1932 – Dec 20, 2013

He loved working on cars.

He leaves to cherish his memory eight children; fourteen grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren; he has four brothers: Albert Sandusky Jr. (Girlene), Guss Sandusky, Ronnie Sandusky, Curtis Sandusky and Steven Sandusky; and one sister Alberta Bell. Wife Paula Bruce and there were two step son : Roderick and Raymond, and mother-in-law (who preceded him in death); father-in-law, Carl Burgess. He also leaves to cherish his memory: many niece , nephews and a host of other relatives, and friends.

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



DELARIS TINA DOUGLAS
Aug 21, 1933 – Dec 25, 2013

Dee was a loving person with a big heart, kept a smile on her face and yours. Her nickname was Sugar cause she was so sweet.

She leaves behind a legacy of nieces, nephews, friends and Elk's family.

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



KENNETH GEORGE HALIBURTON
Jan 25, 1956 – Dec 29, 2013

He went on to work in the trucking industry and retired from USF Holland after more than 15 years of service.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Lisa Haliburton; four sons, Kenny, Sorrel, Michael, & Christopher. He also leaves his loving mother Jennie; two sisters, Joyce & Laura; five brothers, Wayne, Mark, Eddie, Eric, & Arnold and a host of family & friends.

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



LAWRENCE "LARRY" SETTLES

Jan 26, 1944 - Dec 6, 2013

He was uncomfortable with public praise however he did enjoy his well attended retirement celebration. As

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted and loving wife of 17 years Josephine, children Christopher Settles and Tonia Willis; Two granddaughters, brother Richard (Charlotte) Settles; sister Sheila Settles; Two nieces; two step children, Three step grandchildren; one uncle, Robert (Ionia) White, Jr.; two aunts, Muriel White and Wilhelmina Finn. A special cousin, Sam Martin, mother-in-law, Mrs. Ratha Cargill, Two brother-in-laws Three sister-in-laws Valerie Cargill, Marion Cargill and Elene Carter; nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends bid Larry a restful peace.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



CHARLIE HILL
Nov 11, 1919 - Dec 14, 2013

Born in Wadley, Alabama to McKinley Bryant & Beulah Hill.

He leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memories his wife Rosa Mae Hill, Daughters Pearl Taylor & Jacqueline Arthur, five grandchildren, four sisters Cheryl (Courtlin) Hill, Willie Mae (Homer) Allen, Beulah (Walt) Johnson, & Luedell Burton, great grands, family and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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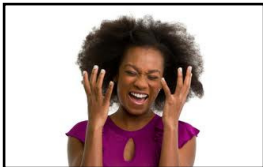
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Please see the following webinar's below: Please remember to register for all three webinar's today!!!!

Preparing for Homeownership
Jan 14th 5:30pm-6:30pm EST
Presenter: Christina Ruizsparza

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Changing Hands



Ollie McKinney, Jr., outgoing chairperson of the Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees, passes the gavel to newly elected chairperson Doris J. Miller, a River Rouge resident.

Miller, a trustee since 1978, represented District 7 (Ecorse, seven other Downriver communities and Southwest Detroit).

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Triple bunking may come to
County Jail

The Wayne county Jail is experiencing chronic bed shortage and has been forced to turn away misdemeanor convicts

for the last 12 weeks.

In addition, the new city gun ordinance- effective January 10 – requires 30 to 90 day jail sentences for people convicted of carrying a concealed firearm without a permit. After review of many suggested alternatives Sheriff Robert A. Ficano recommends a landmark proposal of triple bunking inmates under severe overcrowding situations.

“Nearly 500 nonviolent felony offenders have

been released in the last 10 weeks.

The harsh reality of this crisis demands an immediate resolution,” Ficano said. American jails are facing a profound crisis. Overcrowding is a frustrating dilemma of considerable proportion.

Inmate populations are increasing, with longer average sentences than in the recent past. At the same time, jails receive court orders to reduce overcrowding.

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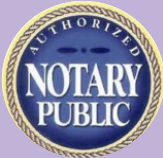
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Winter is here so build a Backyard Skating Rink and enjoy the Snow



For those of us with snow piled all around us, winter can be a time to stay in the house and wait for spring but it doesn't have to be. Why not use all the snow to have fun and one of the best ways to do that is to build yourself a skating rink. It can be in your backyard or even in your driveway. What To Do With The KidsR has simplified this task so that you and your kids can put down the smart phones and get outside for

some exercise, fresh air and fun.

Find a flat area close enough that your garden hose can reach. Stomp on the snow in that area to pack it down. Have the kids run around on it. Once packed, knock off the high points and fill in the holes with a shovel so that it's somewhat flat. Sprinkle a light layer of water on it and let it freeze. This may take just a few hours or overnight depending on the tempera-

ture. Repeat with another light sprinkle until the entire surface has a thin layer of ice. Air pockets can be removed by stepping on them to crack so that your next layer of water fills it in. You want at least 2 inches of ice before the kids start skating and make sure there is nothing sticking out of the surface such as rocks or branches.

The secret to great ice is to water late at night and often but not too thick so that it has time to freeze between layers. Snow acts as an insulator so it's important to keep it shovelled off. You can even use the snow you shovel off to make yourself seating on the side.

There are more tips and tricks available at www.what-todowiththekids.com including how to make a hockey rink and how to turn your backyard into an almost NHL style venue.

R.I.C.H. takes trip to see the Detroit Pistons



Donna M. Eady/President and R.I.C.H.(Resource Information Center for the Helpless) children head to the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Here we go again! On Dec. 30th, '13, the "R.I.C.H. Kids", set out to see the Detroit Pistons, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Chief Harris, of the River Rouge Police Dept, gave the officers permission to let us gather in the lobby of the City Hall, to take a group photo. From the smallest one to the adults, everyone seemed excited to be in the picture, and held the signs high.

We began boarding the bus, driven by the patient, Clint Cooper, of Coops Casual Wear, and donated by the City of River Rouge, and our vans. The trip would have been impossible without them. Bless our driver, Barbara Loving as well.

The "R.I.C.H. Kids" earn these annual trips by volunteering throughout the year. Teaming up with, Detroit Hunger Alliance, and Project Dignity Outreach, this summer was an eye opener for these young people. They joined in to help feed and clothe the homeless, at a weekly picnic called, The Garden of Hope. They also

loaned their hearts and hands to Forgotten Harvest. Both were humbling experiences.

The "R.I.C.H. Kids" are a part of, R.I.C.H. (Resource Information Center for the Homeless), an organization whose mantra is, and "Helping people, find help". You might also notice the name on our Blurb on the Curb, on the corner of Jefferson and Coolidge. This is their 4th Annual "COVER THE CITY" Blanket Drive. , where items of warmth are collected and distributed to the less fortunate. For more info about how you can get involved, contact Donna Eady,

at (313) 624-7658, email, donna@richresources.org, or visit the website, www.richresources.org.

Again, we wish to thank each and every one of you that gave to this great cause, and those who had the desire, but not the means. All of the businesses/individuals helped make this trip possible by participating in our tee shirt fundraiser. It was a huge success, and you will see us wear our shirts, with your names proudly printed on the back. Without your support...THESE ADVENTURES DO NOT HAPPEN! Bless you all...

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Founded in 1997, the Southeast Michigan program of LEAVE A LEGACY is a public awareness campaign conducted by the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan to inspire people to make charitable bequests, a type of planned gift to be distributed sometime in the future to a charity meaningful to the donor.

LEAVE A LEGACY is a national broad-based community campaign that involves all types of nonprofit groups and is conducted by professionals, who assist donors with charitable estate planning.

Founded in 1963, Starfish Family Services is an Inkster-based nonprofit organization serving thousands of vulnerable children and families annually in metro Detroit. Starfish's passion is early childhood development.

The organization strives every day to prepare young children for a successful start to school. Starfish programs and services uniquely recognize and respect the important role of parents and other caregivers in the long-term success of children. For more information, please visit www.starfishonline.org.

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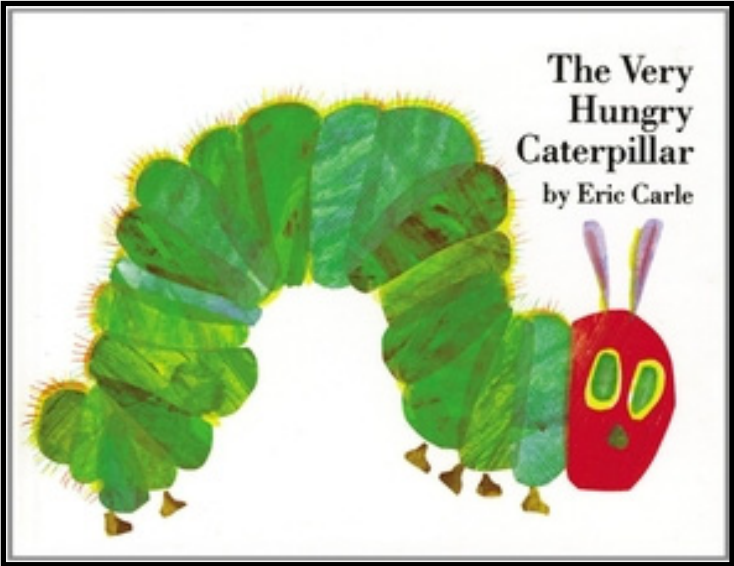
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Five Secrets for Quitting Smoking in 2014

Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American



Smoking

Most smokers say they want to quit and many will make a New Year's Resolution to quit in 2014. If this is your year to quit, the American Lung Association (ALA) offers five tips to help you along the way:

Learn from past experiences. Most smokers have tried to quit in the past and sometimes people get discouraged thinking about previous

attempts. Those experiences were necessary steps on the road to future success. Think about what helped you during those tries and what you'll do differently in your next quit attempt.

You don't have to quit alone. Telling friends that you're trying to quit and enlisting their support will help ease the process. Expert help is available from the American Lung Association and other groups.

Friends who also smoke may even join you in trying to quit! Medication can help, if you know what to do. The seven FDA-approved medications (like nicotine patches or gum) really do help smokers quit. Most folks don't use them correctly so be sure to follow the directions!

It's never too late to quit. While it's best to quit smoking as early as possible, quitting smoking at any age will enhance the length and quality of your life. You'll also save money and avoid the hassle of going outside in the cold to smoke.

Every smoker can quit. The ALA said each person needs to find the right combination of techniques that will for them, and above all, they need to keep trying. For more information, visit the ALA/WellPoint site, www.quit-terinyou.org.

TOPS tell how to enjoy an Outdoor Winter Workout



MILWAUKEE, WI – Winter is here, along with the temptation to curl up on the couch with a cup of hot cocoa all season long. Chilly temperatures deter many from exercising outdoors, and while some prefer to head to the gym to keep up their fitness routine, seasonal activities can also offer great full-body workouts, says TOPS Club, Inc.® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization. Consider the following activities to break out of your routine and stave off winter weight gain.

• Ski across a winter wonderland Build up your strength while enjoying nature's beauty. Cross-country skiing works both your upper and lower body, sculpting shoulders, arms, back, chest, abs, buttocks, and legs. Work up a refreshing sweat for more than 500 calories burned per hour.

• Fun with family and friends Take advantage of a fresh snowfall – without spending any money – and have a snowball fight, make snow angels, and build snowmen. All count as exercise and burn 200-300 calories per hour for a 150-pound person, depending on intensity. Researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center have also found that laughing burns

calories, too – so be silly!

• Shovel snow (carefully) Choose this task over snowblowing to burn around 300 calories per hour. However, if you have a history of back or joint problems, heart problems, high cholesterol, or are a smoker, proceed with caution. Push the snow as you shovel, instead of lifting it out of the way, to ease pressure on your back. If you must lift, be sure to lift from your legs and not your back, and pick up small shovels of snow at a time. Remember to take frequent breaks to allow your heart rate to level.

• Skate your way to slim

Ice skating rinks, both indoors and out, offer a change of pace from the usual routine. Depending on intensity, you can burn up to 500 calories per hour. Plus, it's a low-impact activity on the joints that also helps strengthen your core as you work to maintain balance.

• Zoom down the hills Have fun in the snow with the entire family while working off calories as you climb to the top of a hill and sled back down. Get a great leg workout and burn nearly 400 calories per hour.

• Keep safety in mind Remember to dress warmly and in layers; stay hydrated; keep hands, feet, and head warm with outerwear; and keep an eye on the weather forecast for snow and wind chill warnings. Sunblock is important in the winter, too. Using an SPF of 15 or higher will help protect your skin from sunburn that can occur when exercising in snow or high altitudes.

Eat a light snack an hour or two before working out, to add energy and prevent distracting hunger pangs. Ideal snack options should be low-fat and can include fruit smoothies; a few handfuls of nuts; hard-boiled eggs; and fast-digesting, high-glycemic fresh fruit like watermelon, grapes, pineapple, and bananas.

TOPS Club Inc.® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®) is the original weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded more than 65 years ago, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a "Real People. Real Weight Loss.®" philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 150,000 members – male and female, age seven and older – in thousands of chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is affordable at just \$28 per year in the U.S. and \$32 per year in Canada, plus nominal chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

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Light Up Ecorse

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positive competition between the residents. During the council meeting on Tuesday, the winners were supported by members of their family that came out to witness them receive their prizes. The prize money was given from the Ecorse Birthday Club. Members of the community served as judges for the competition.

Winners of the Ecorse Light of the City Contest were: Block Club 1st Place - Winners 18th St Block Club (John Miller) , 2nd Place – 11th St – West Manor (Jean Jones), 3rd Place – 15th St Unity Garden (Zedora Miller), 4th Place – 15th St Oliver Court (Shandra Giles) Home Winners: 1st Place Clayton Ainscough – 4657 6th St, 2nd Place Dawn Abbott – 4380 8th St, 3rd

Place Dennis Smith 3925 10th St. Business Winner: Zee’s Income Tax Honorable Mentions: Barbara Bishop, Roger Williams, Betty Woods, Marilyn Oliver, Joy Garrett, Robert Morgan and Ruby Stevens. The Birthday Club is wishing the spirit of Light of Ecorse carries over throughout the year.

Mayor Wild

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Mayor Wild being sworn in with family

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For more information on any event at the Wayne-Westland Recreation Center please call 734-721-7400.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 20, 2014, 10:00am at the Annapolis Park Church of Christ located at 30355 Annapolis Rd, Westland, MI 48186.

For more information please call 734-467-3200

Parenting Workshop/Training: Baby Moves, #19



Meeting Room B
January 13, 9:30-11:30am.

Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities presents a monthly Parenting Workshop/Early Childhood Training at the Westland Library. This month, in keeping with our focus on health, the topic is: "Baby Moves" (#19): Movement Activities for Infants and Toddlers. Learn the importance of movement activities for infants and toddlers and how to make movement purposeful throughout the day.

Attend 5 workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library. FREE CHILDCARE provided for children of participants!

Register by clicking on "Sign Ups" or go to <http://www.greatstartconnect.org>. Walk-ins accepted

if space allows.

Starfish Little Learners Playgroup



January 16, 2014 - 10:00am - 11:30am

Meeting Room B
This FREE program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Westland Library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. For ages 1-4 and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. No registration.



Westland Youth Assistance

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center is hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop for youth. Be Proud, Be Responsible! is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. It is interactive, fun, and most importantly, it works!

The workshops will take place on January 18th and February 8th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Dorsey Center 32715

Dorsey Westland, MI 48186.

All participants will get a FREE snack in the morning, FREE lunch and FREE prizes! For more information or to register, please call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at (734) 467-7904.

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY

Western Wayne NAACP General Membership Meeting

The monthly NAACP meeting is held the second Monday of each month at Christian Faith Ministries located at 27500 Marquette in Garden City.

The meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm. All people that reside in Wayne County or business owners are invited to attend the meeting.

Youth between the ages of 10 and 18 are also encouraged to attend as the new Youth Division is established.

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Keep focused. Your energies are likely to be spread out this week. Your attention is likely to be pulled in many directions. Let yourself be seduced by the things that interest you most. Concentrate on your affairs. Others need you, but they can wait.

Soul Affirmation: I find a source of strength in someone I love.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 20, 21

TAURUS

Hardly anyone alive learns new skills in an instant, so cut yourself some slack if you feel you've made a beginner's mistake somewhere. Mistakes are part of the learning process that is called Life, so self-correct and proceed with happiness.

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

Lucky Numbers: 20, 42, 54

GEMINI

This week will bring a tendency to dwell on a past betrayal. Your feelings of suspicion are well founded. However, do not personalize it. Work against the harmful act but not against the person who committed it.

Soul Affirmation: I am what I consistently do.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 6, 23

CANCER

Look forward to excellent financial news based on something you're likely to do this week. Wow! It's about time. This week might be an excellent week to window shop for a dream vacation or luxury purchase. You can even window shop in your imagination for the best possible dream vacation location!

Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 14, 44

LEO

You'll have a busy week, as the energy around you seems super-charged. With everyone rushing about, you'll wonder how you'll get anything done, much less the things you feel you must get done. Not to worry. Stay calm and flexible and a way will be found.

Soul Affirmation: Slow and steady is an enjoyable way to go.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 55

VIRGO

Stand up and get ready. Be a public speaker this week. Any subject you choose is ripe for your "rap." Spin the tale. Tell the story. People will be fascinated by the way you see things. They'll be impressed. Watch out for a jealous friend when attention is on you!

Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.

Lucky Numbers: 25, 32, 53

LIBRA

Be as sharp as you can be this week. Make being alert a personal challenge. Watch carefully for details that might otherwise escape your notice as you search for the best way to get things done at work. Be steadfast in your determination and don't be pulled into conflict with coworkers.

Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 23, 27

SCORPIO

You may feel a bit crabby about your health this early this week. If you feel you need a physical checkup, make the appointment this week. If you want to feel and look better this week, skip lunch and take a walk instead.

Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.

Lucky Numbers: 29, 41, 52

SAGITTARIUS

Like-mindedness is going to be hard to achieve among your coworkers, but there are likely to be a few who see things as you do. Choose carefully and find someone to walk with you on this week's journey. Some words of encouragement might be needed to enlist the person you choose.

Soul Affirmation: My needs will be met if I just ask.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 43,

CAPRICORN

Where are you going in such a hurry? What you want you already have. Stop looking around yourself trying to find out what's missing. Nothing is missing. The best kind of discovery this week is self-discovery.

Soul Affirmation: I get because I give.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 18, 45

AQUARIUS

Get out and enjoy the sunshine this week. Remember that the sun is always shining somewhere in our big island home, so use your imagination if the weather isn't perfect where you are. You can still enjoy your week and the sun that is shining whether you see it or not!

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

Lucky Numbers: 6, 25, 47

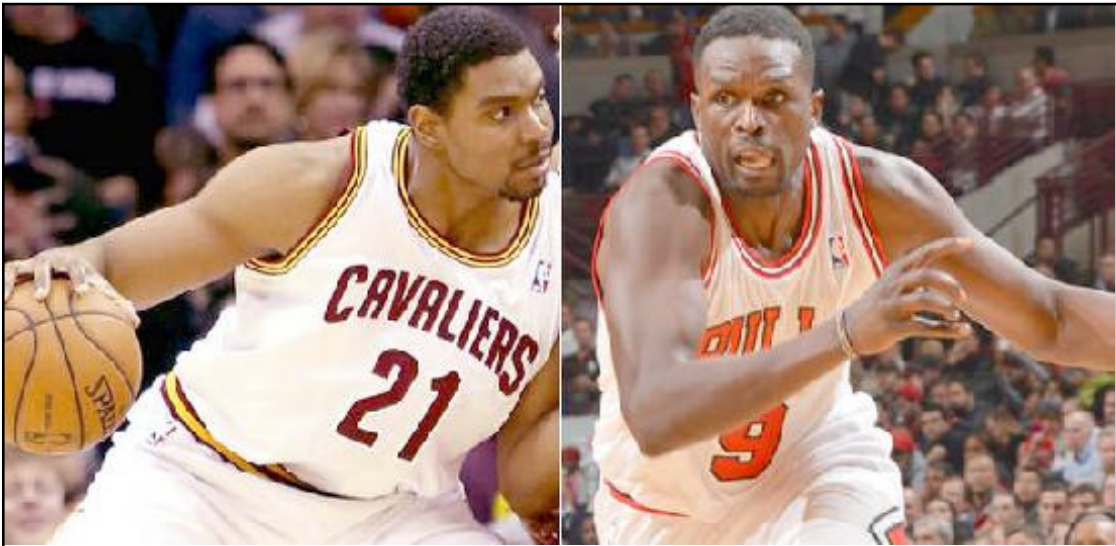
PISCES

Look for an increase in your personal prosperity this week, my little darlings. You'll either be receiving a long-overdue debt, an unexpected bonus, a lucky lottery ticket, or you may just find cash laying at your feet as you are out for a stroll. Lucky ! You love feathering your nest and this week the Universe is helping you.

Soul Affirmation: Hope is future's way of shining on me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 14, 21

NBA Trade: Cavs Trade Andrew Bynum to the Bulls for Luol Deng and Future Draft Picks



Andrew Bynum and Luol Deng

(Via Fox Sports) – The Cleveland Cavaliers traded Andrew Bynum in time — and got an All-Star in return.

The Cavaliers acquired Luol Deng from the Chicago Bulls late Monday night for Bynum and three future draft picks, beating the deadline to guarantee his full contract for the

season.

Along with Bynum, who had recently been suspended indefinitely by the Cavaliers for conduct detrimental to the team, the Cavaliers also sent the Bulls a first-round pick, two second-rounders, and gave Chicago the right to swap first-round choices in

2015 if the Cavs are not in the lottery.

Deng has been an All-Star the last two seasons. But he will be a free agent after this season, and with Bulls' championship aspirations gone following Derrick Rose's season-ending knee injury, there was no reason to hold onto him and risk losing him for nothing.

"We have great respect for Luol Deng, as a player and a person. He has been an incredible contributor to our team on the court, and he has also done great things in the community," Bulls general manager Gar Forman said in a statement. "On behalf of the entire Bulls organization, I want to thank Luol for his years in Chicago."

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Are the Pistons a Playoff Team?

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

The Detroit Pistons are in a funk as losing games and not showing up in the second half as been at a premier. They were trounced by the Washington Wizards, 106-82, this Saturday past in which forced head coach Maurice Cheeks to take some extreme measures during the second half of a second consecutive beat down.

Forward Josh Smith saw only 18 minutes against the Wizards, and was benched in the second half, which led to some tension in the locker room after the fact, according to MLive.com's David Mayo. The Pistons got off to a good start this past Sunday at home as the Memphis Grizzlies tried to bring the ball inside and the Detroit big men shut them down.

However, it couldn't last and switching to a zone certainly didn't help. Neither did pulling Drummond (or Singler). Why are coaches so worried about their players fouling out? The worst that can happen is that they come out of the game. And that's what happens when you pull them out preemptively, anyway.

Memphis played Drummond smart. They tied him up whenever he tried to make a post move. Meanwhile, Drummond did not play smart, getting into foul trouble (again), resulting in Cheeks stupidly yanking him early (again). Dummond played 36 minutes receiving 15 points, 14 rebounds, two assist, two blocks, and one steals.

Brandon Jennings scored just two baskets in the first half and was held scoreless in the final two quarters of the game. He finished the game with four points on 2 of 14 shooting, missing all six of his attempts from beyond the arc. He also contributed with 11 assists, two rebounds and two steals while logging 35 minutes of game action in a 112-84 defeat.

All those assists look nice, but shooting 14% is unacceptable. Jennings has only made 11 of his last 43 field goal attempts over his last three games. He has averaged 14.8 points and 10.4 assists over his last five games played. Pistons

guard Rodney Stuckey was held out of Sunday's game against the Grizzlies because of a sore right shoulder. Stuckey has been in and out of the lineup as of late because of the injury and remains day to day. He has averaged 14.0 points, 2.2 assists and 2.2 rebounds through 27 games. The Pistons since December 15, 2013 has only four win in their last 12 games in which the fans who show up at the Palace of Auburn Hills as well the follower who watch the game on the television are starting to cry foul about the Pistons lack of showing up in the second half's of games as well as the need of asking Coach Cheeks is all the players on the team on the same page of what he demands for 48 minutes of the games.

The February 20 trade deadline will come up faster than you might expect. Teams around the NBA are talking and sifting through ever-changing situations. Greg Monroe is a sell-high guy right now. The Pistons' seventh overall pick in the 2010 draft has progressed into a highly motivated physical player who, paired with Drummond, gobbles rebounds and makes high-percentage inside shots. Finding a team that wants Monroe won't be a problem. The challenge is getting back enough value in return. He's earning \$4.1 million this season with a team-qualifying offer of \$5.5 million for next season. On the other hand, Josh Smith, whose numbers are down across the board (including the lowest field-goal percentage of his career), is only 33 games into a four-year, \$54 million deal. In addition what about Kentavious

Caldwell-Pope, the rookie shooting guard who when give a opportunity have done very well as his number this past Sunday with his 27 minutes played were pretty decent shooting 6-8 for 14 point. Pope gave his team all they could ask for in this one. I'm sure we will all be watching the Pistons as they stay on the road this week for three until they come back home and will not play for five day until the 17th of January in when they will play a two game home stand. Now I ask you, is this not a playoff team?

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Gina Wilson Steward was awarded the 2013 Most Valuable Member for the Western Wayne County Branch of the NAACP from the Michigan State Conference on December 14, 2013. The award was presented during the quarterly meeting of the Michigan State Conference in Flint. Gina Wilson Steward currently serves as Secretary for the Western Wayne County Branch. She was nominated by President Bishop Walter L. Starghill.

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On 50th Anniversary, “War on Poverty” & Widespread Unemployment



(WASHINGTON) – On January 8th, 1964, in his inaugural State of the Union address, President Lyndon B. Johnson cast a spotlight on an issue too often ignored in American society: widespread poverty. Since 1967, when President Johnson formally declared a “War on Poverty,” the share of Americans living in poverty has declined by more than one-third, from 25.8% in 1967 to 16% in 2012. Every year for the past 45 years, anti-poverty programs – ranging from Medicaid and food assistance to job aid and unemployment insurance – have lifted an average of 27 million people out of poverty each year. In 2012 alone, these programs helped 45 million Americans climb out of poverty. Social Security in particular has been essential to reducing the elderly poverty rate from 35% in 1965 to 14.8% in 2012. Yet, 49.7 million Americans, including 13.4 million children, live below the poverty line today, highlighting the work that remains to be done. In commemorating the anniversary, Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) issued the following statement:

“Fifty years ago today, poverty in the United States was widespread – with more than 36 million Americans living in poverty – yet invisible to many Americans, as the country’s unemployment was low and the economy prosperous. In his bold inaugural State of the Union address, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared an unconditional ‘War on Poverty.’ In the years that followed, Congress crafted progressive anti-poverty programs ranging from Medicaid, Medicare, Head Start, and food aid, amongst other initiatives, that would ultimately lift millions of Americans out of poverty. There is much to be celebrated today,” said Conyers.

“And yet, in the aftermath of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, too many of our fellow Americans have fallen behind. Unfortunately, rather than continue to build on the foundation that President Johnson laid, Republicans in Congress want to turn back the clock on social

and economic progress.

“In my home state of Michigan, the poverty rate is 17.44%. An alarming 24.9% of children under age 18 live below the poverty line. But this austerity-minded Congress allowed unemployment insurance benefits to expire for 43,311 Michiganders this past December 28th. And while 13.4% of Michigan households are hungry or food insecure, Republicans in Congress have cut an unconscionable \$183 million from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for 1,775,000 million individuals in Michigan this year alone.

“These sharp, indiscriminate spending cuts are not only cruel, they are counter-productive to reducing poverty and putting Americans back to work. Rather than stripping the pocketbooks of working class families and draining needed funds from the economy, Congress should act to extend unemployment insurance and SNAP benefits without delay. I also strongly believe that the best remedy for absolute poverty is a job. For this reason, I introduced H.R. 1000, the ‘Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Training Act,’ which recognizes employment as a human right and provides jobs for all who seek them through public works projects rebuilding our infrastructure and strengthening the nation’s communities.

“As President Johnson stated fifty years ago, ‘many Americans live on the outskirts of hope – some because of their poverty, and some because of their color, and all too many because of both. Our task is to help replace their despair with opportunity.’ While the impoverished conditions that President Johnson described continue for far too many Americans to this day, so too does the President’s call to action to combat the scourge of poverty that continues to resonate across the country. It is now time to make that message heard in the halls of Congress, and pick up – once again – our proud work of achieving a fairer, freer, and more economically just society.”

Conyers Welcomes President Obama’s Executive Actions to Reduce Gun Violence



(DETROIT) – On Friday, the Obama Administration announced two executive actions to strengthen the federal firearms background check system. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is issuing a proposed rule to clarify terminology used in prohibiting firearms purchases on the basis of certain mental health reasons. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is issuing a proposed rule to remove barriers in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that have hindered the ability of states to submit certain information concerning mental health conditions to the background check system. In response to the news, Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.), Ranking Member of the U.S. House

Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement:

“I welcome the continued progress made on preventing gun violence through President Obama’s executive actions. The new rules proposed by the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services will strengthen the current background check system by enhancing the ability of states to submit critical information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Yet, Congress must take additional steps to prevent access to firearms by those prevented by law from possessing because of serious mental health conditions. We must also do more to provide mental health services to those in need, a goal which President Obama shares and is helping to realize by

expanding coverage of mental health services through the Affordable Care Act,” said Conyers.

“Nationally, we are focusing more attention on these issues because of highly-publicized mass shootings, but we must also consider the daily toll of gun violence that afflicts all of our communities. In one year, on average, over 100,000 Americans are shot in murders, assaults, suicides and suicide attempts, accidents, and police actions. Approximately 32,000 of these individuals die. Nearly 12,000 are murdered—more than 32 Americans every day. These figures are tragic and unacceptable.

“In addition to doing more to address the mental health component of this problem, Congress needs to do its part by passing legislation such as H.R. 1565, the ‘Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act,’ which would expand the background check requirement to firearms sold at gun shows and through commercial advertisements. While President Obama does his part to ensure the current background check system includes as many of the relevant records as possible, Congress must act to prevent more firearms from getting into the hands of those prohibited from possessing them.”

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January 2, 2014



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A Public Meeting regarding the 2013 Annual Plan Amendment is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the community room located at 266 Hyacinth, Ecorse MI. 48229

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Inkster

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two parts.

Christian Young: Good morning Mr. Marsh, and I hope the holiday break was good to you.

Richard Marsh: It was. It was wonderful. I had a chance to go down and visit my mom in Mississippi. We spent four days down there, me, my sisters and my brother. It was about 55, 60 degrees down there.

We ate real good. I think I gained about 10 pounds.

CY: Are you from the South originally?

RM: No, actually, I'm from Detroit. Grew up near Bewick and Mack. Things were so bad during that time, it was during the riots. my dad actually moved us all to the northwest side of Detroit when I was about 9. I graduated from Mumford High School. I got my undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in Public Law and Government, and I received a master's degree in Public Administration. Detroit's my hometown, and I have a lot of good memories.

CY: This just shines a bit more light on your background, having grown up in Detroit and having experience in cities in the metro area, such as Romulus, and even going out to Benton Harbor, where the demographics are somewhat like it, your experiences have prepared you well for what you're getting into here in Inkster. You've been on the job since August, and how are you enjoying it so far?

RM: I'm enjoying it. Being raised in Detroit, there were some of the economic and social challenges in Detroit, in Benton Harbor and even Pontiac that one would think are similar to Inkster. In some cases they are, but I find that Inkster is not as bad off as those communities whatsoever, in my opinion. I am not saying anything negative about those communities, they all have economic and social challenges, but Inkster is unique. We do have budget challenges—we are under a consent agreement with the state—but seeing the community pride and synergy that is among the citizens that understand these challenges and volunteer to help out. This is their city, and they want to be part of the transformation, and it's not just individual citizens. It's the neighborhood block clubs, the community organizations and the non-profits. The enthusiasm and faith of transition that I sense among our citizens is something that I have not seen, to this extent, in other communities I've been in. Here, it's very special, and I'm honored to be a part of the transition. I've met some wonderful people here. Inkster's blessed with a lot of fame in education, econom-

ics, entertainment, sports. There's a wealth of history and a legacy here. People understand that and want to take Inkster back, and turn her around in the direction that she belongs. I sense that and I feel honored to be a part of that process.

CY: I like how you not only personified the city, but also gave her female characteristics. The city is nurturing and caring, but we have to be the same way towards it.

RM: Nurturing, caring, committed, dedicated. People willing to sacrifice what they need to give back, those are characteristics that get me to thinking about my mom. A mom is one who, even when you may not be doing the best in fulfilling your potential, she still sees greatness in you. The citizens still see greatness in Inkster, and that's why they're so committed and dedicated to this transition.

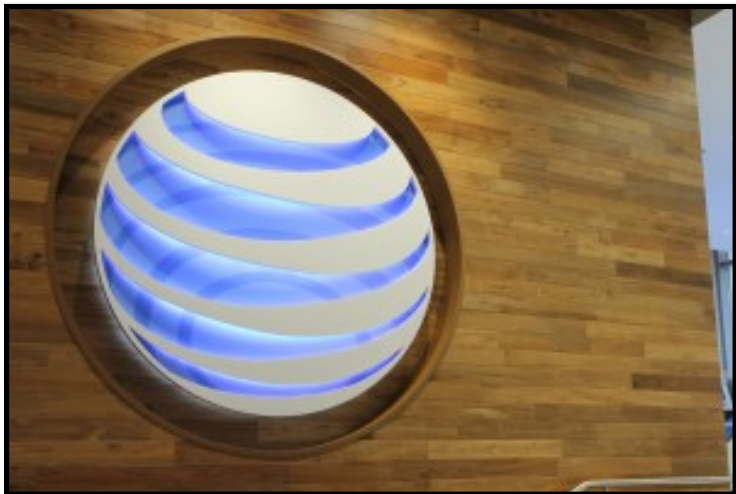
CY: Besides the budget challenges, which Inkster-specific challenges are you looking forward to tackling?

RM: I see a lot of opportunities. There are several. A big part is the economic development strategy we have to put in place for business attraction and retention. But before getting there, we have to deal with things like our image. The image that some people outside of our region have is one that I think is...if they were to talk to more people inside our community, then they would have a more positive image. From the outside looking in, they don't know what they don't know. So we have to let our light shine, and there are opportunities to do that. That's why we've honored the Bengals, the Vikings Pride, the Inkster Hall of Fame, that's why we bring these things to light. We are also trying to promote our youth, the YES organization and things that they are doing. But one thing we need people to know is that people think that it's homeowners that are the ones that are neglecting property, but it's actually the absentee landlords that are responsible for the blight. They're affecting our image. We've set up a neighborhood revitalization committee, and we're going to tighten up on enforcing some of our ordinances. We're gonna put some stiffer penalties on our ordinances, both for our residential and commercial properties, because that's where this starts. We have to start with the neighborhood revitalization. We have a judge that's working with us on this committee. We have citizens and councilpersons on this committee that are looking at ways to do this. Beginning in April, we'll have a contest among the districts in the city, and once a month 400 volunteers will go

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Her Biggest Fan

Dear Her Biggest Fan,

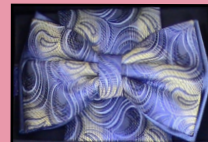
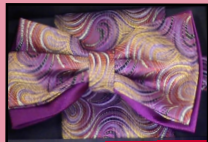
I think it's great that your daughter has a goal in mind; but I see the challenges that you are both facing. Here's an idea: Instead of coughing up the cash for a yearly gym membership and expensive dietary meal plans, what about forgoing the meal plan altogether and instead, prepare and cook fresh foods together? You could also pay for a monthly gym membership for you daughter, with the agreement that you will only continue to pay if she continues to use the facility. 100lbs is a lot of weight to lose; she may be able to reach her goal in a year though. If not, as long as she sticks with the plan of eating better meals and exercising regularly, she's sure to be healthier than if she had opted to do nothing at all. Your financial support shows that you want her to succeed; but join her at the gym if you're able. Your partnership with her in exercise will prove that you are indeed her biggest fan! Good luck to you both!

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out, cut grass, and we'll have a team assist us with the board-ups of the abandoned buildings. We'll also begin our condemnation process as well, for buildings that need to be torn down. Another interesting thing is our Reinvent Inkster, which is a strategy to talk about how we can reinvent ourselves through economic and neighborhood revitalization and business attraction and retention. We have a strategic planning process in place and that plan should be complete by June. Law enforcement is another issue. CY: Yes it is, and with the steep cuts that have been made to the police department, as well as the partnership with the Michigan State Police, the auxiliary officers are needed now more than ever. RM: Yes. There were many cuts that were made to our police department. We had 77, now we're down to 25. Our citizens need to feel protected and secure. When you talk about attracting new business, public safety is paramount. We cannot use the excuse that we don't have enough officers to enforce, so we have to get creative. How do we develop partnerships with other law enforcement entities to serve and protect our citizens in Inkster. One recent initiative is partnering with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to bring in about 43 deputies, which will double the number of officers you see patrolling in the streets. The other partnership is with the Michigan State Police. They've been here assisting with homicide investigations. They'll be involved with investigating some of the drug-related activity in our community. We know who they are and where they are, and they're not many. But those that are creating a problem within our community are the ones that we're gonna push out. Through the partnership between the Inkster Police Department, the Michigan State Police, and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, as well as other law enforcement agencies working behind the scenes to help our citizens feel secure and safe, and also decrease the crime rate. It has been going down recently. Public safety and knowing that our citizens are safe are crucial when you talk about attracting new residents and businesses, as well as retaining the ones we have. It's paramount that we get this right.

(In next week's issue, Mr. Marsh and I will discuss community and youth engagement.)

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