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Review team appointed to examine Lincoln Park finances

*Next step following PA 436
preliminary review*



Gov. Rick Snyder today appointed a financial review team to examine the finances of the City of Lincoln Park, under Public Act 436 of 2012 (Local Fiscal Stability and Choice Act). The appointment of a review team is the second step in the PA 436 process, if the Local Emergency Financial Assistance Loan Board (ELB) determines "probable financial stress" exists in a local unit of government following a

preliminary review by the Department of Treasury. The ELB reached that conclusion for Lincoln Park last month.

The Department of Treasury's preliminary review of the City of Lincoln Park's finances found numerous conditions, including:

- During fiscal year 2013, the city's General Fund (GF) bor-

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Legislators hear from Inkster residents during Education Forum

Michigan Legislative Black Caucus and Western Wayne NAACP host event

By Olivia Paul - Contributing Writer



Panel participants include Michigan Legislators, Thomas Stallworth, David Kenezek and David Nathan (far right) along with Western Wayne NAACP President Walter Starghill and Secretary Gina Steward. Not pictured former Inkster board members Ruthie Williams and Evelyn Clark.

Parents of school-aged children and other concerned citizens had an opportunity to talk about the dissolution of the Inkster Public Schools district, and the overall quality of education now being received by children during an educa-

tion forum hosted by the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus ("MLBC") and the Western Wayne County NAACP Branch on Monday, February 10, 2014, at the Christian Faith Ministries in Garden City.

Inkster Transition Team Member and Community Activist, Jessie Shelby, seemed to best express the sentiments of the crowd when she asked the caucus why

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**Presidents' Day is
Monday, February 17, 2014**

**Remember offices will
be closed**



Wayne County Goes Red for Healthy Hearts



Wayne County Department of Public Health Department, 33030 Van Born, Wayne, with Public Health leadership and staff.

Wayne County Health and Human Services Department participated in the annual American Heart Association's

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NEWS FROM LANSING

Belle Isle becomes newest state park

Recreation Pass will be phased in



On Monday, it became official. The state will run the city-owned park under a 30-year lease deal with Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr. The Department of Natural Resources is taking over management of the 985-acre island park in a move that's expected to save the bankrupt city between \$4 million and \$6 million a year.

The DNR said current park rules and hours remain in effect for the Detroit River island, which is Michigan's 102nd state park.

"The DNR has worked to ensure a smooth transition for Belle Isle with the goal of enhancing this world-class place for the residents of Detroit and Michigan," DNR Director Keith Creagh said in a statement. "We are excited ... to help revitalize this important community gathering place."

The state said it plans to make improvements and is working with the city, the Belle Isle Conservancy, the Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee and others. The Michigan Department of Transportation is taking over responsibility for park roads and bridges.

There will be a new \$11-per-car annual fee to visit, paid as part of a state Recreation Passport, that will be phased in gradually.

A Recreation Passport is needed to enter Michigan's state parks, recreation areas and forest campgrounds. Drivers heading to Belle Isle won't have to get one during the first year of state management until their next license plate registration renewal. If the renewal date is in November, for example, it's required then.

Pedestrians, bicyclists and those using public transportation may enter the park for free, and the DNR said it is working with the city to re-establish a public bus route to the island. Park rangers will greet visitors just north of the McArthur Bridge, which connects to the island.

The park hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., stay the same. More than 40 organizations have pledged support to Belle Isle revitalization efforts, offering volunteers, expertise and funding help.

"These partnerships are essential to success at Belle Isle Park," said Ron Olson, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division.

In addition to Belle Isle, the Recreation Passport gets the holder's vehicle into all state forest campgrounds, boat launches, trailhead parking, and Michigan state parks and recreation areas, including many - Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Dodge 4 State Park, Highland Recreation Area, Island Lake Recreation Area, Maybury State Park, Milliken State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area and Sterling State Park . For more information visit www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport.

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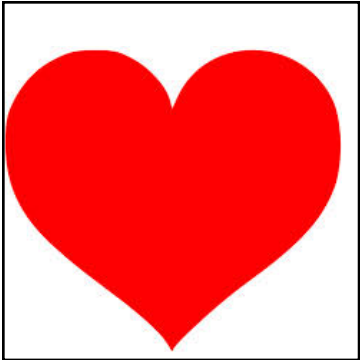
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Relationship Wreckers: 10 Faults Lethal to Your Love Life



Relationships often collapse because couples are not prepared to withstand the inevitable conflicts or even the humdrum and monotonous plateau period that's nearly certain to present as the years go by. A relationship can feel more like "boot camp" when trying to acclimate to each other's personality differences and habits—frustrations, tensions, and resentments that can persist well into a long-term love affair and undermine the ability to feel happy and content. For other couples, it's sheer boredom that can wreak havoc—if the partnership doesn't continue to stimulate and enrich their lives, the doldrums can be a relationship death knell!

"When couples do not understand these are anticipated and natural events in the course of a relationship, they may start looking for the exit door thinking that they have made a grievous mistake," notes Dr. Jacqueline Del Rosario, "America's Marriage Coach." "But, many people don't realize the extent to which their relational health and happiness is under their own control. That power lies in one's ability to self-assess and foster quality communication with their partner."

Below Dr. Del Rosario has identified 10 relationship wreckers. Turning these faults around can not only help a relationship survive, but also thrive so that both partners can actualize their dreams of "happily ever after":

- 1. Not putting your best face forward. People dress up in their best clothes, make sure their hair is done, and put on makeup for the outside world. Do you put forth the same effort to impress and excite your mate?
- 2. Not continuing to grow. You must come to a relationship, willing to continuously improve who you are so that your relationship can continue to evolve. Consider trying new things together. Exploration and adventure can go a long way to keeping things fresh and appealing and will help you understand and appreciate who your partner is today. Continue to date and experience new things as a couple.
- 3. Not continuing to invest the time and effort to maintain a strong foundation. All good things take work, and both parties must roll up their sleeves and commit to doing their part to add value to the union. This includes continually stoking the flames of passion. Are you as proactive or even adventure-some in the bedroom, or are you relegated to business as usual? Break the routine here and watch the magic ensue.

- 4. Not knowing the relationship 'anchors.' What are the things that keep you rooted and well-connected with your partner? Why are you together in the first place? Identifying and nurturing similar values, goals, and expectancies in your relationship are fundamental and will help you endure during the tough times.
- 5. Not ensuring an effective communication style. It is essential to learn how each party in the partnership prefers to communicate. You must then make the conscious effort to deliver and receive messages from your mate according to their personal style, which may differ from yours. Knowing when and how to disseminate information is a key relationship skill that can be a saving grace unto itself. And, during an argument, always fight fair and with respect—no name calling, no degrading one another, and no using your tongue as a weapon of mass destruction.
- 6. Not addressing unmet expectations. Unfortunately, unmet expectations are often not shared and, instead, they can fester within and result in resentment and bitterness. How can you expect your mate to meet your expectations if you don't voice them? It's unfair of you to feel that your partner "should know" or be able to decipher passive aggressive cues that something is wrong. Met expectations equal relational bliss, so be honest with what you need from your partner for a real chance that those needs will be met, or even exceeded.
- 7. Not resolving emotional triggers that might be adversely affecting the relationship. Triggers link back to past traumas and can hinder the way we respond to or even perceive present day issues. Were you lied to or cheated on in the past? It doesn't mean you cannot trust your current mate. Did your past partner drink too much? It doesn't mean this partner can't enjoy a cocktail responsibly. Put your old baggage aside and experience your current partner on their own merits and actions.
- 8. Failing to stop, look, and listen. Take the time to listen to and validate your mate. Couples often decrease their talk time once they have been together awhile and feel comfortable. Keep the channels of communication open—chatter about the day's events, current events, family matters and similar. It bonds the heart and abates the feeling of growing apart. Should a concern be expressed along the way, it's imperative to hear your mate and try to empathize with how they feel.
- 9. Allowing outside interference. There is a reason "interference" is a penalty in most sports. It is because someone is getting involved where and when they do not have a right. This can result in focusing on the wrong issues and reinforcing dangerous and emotional conclusions that can be detrimental to your relationship. Your partner may

also be very angry to find out that others are now involved in your private life. Instead, go directly to your partner to resolve relationship problems. However, if things are critical and seemingly out of both of your control, qualified assistance can come from marriage coaches and counselors who are there to help get the dialogue between the two of you on the right track.

10. Not having a relationship maintenance plan. Are you still doing what you did to get your mate? Do you know exactly why your mate should or would want to stay with you in the months and years ahead? What emotional benefits do you offer your mate that others don't? Take the time to assess what your virtues are and even ask your mate to cite favorite qualities about you. Then, make a concerted effort to foster these qualities to not only ensure interest remains, but also maximize the caliber of that interest.

Lincoln Park

from page 1A

rowed \$2.5 million from the Water and Sewer Fund to make its annual pension payment. The city has stopped making required debt service payments to SunTrust Bank. Due to nonpayment of the loan, SunTrust has filed a federal lawsuit against the city;

- The city has violated requirements of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. For fiscal year 2012, there were several activities in the GF that went over budget with General Government being the largest at \$501,892. All GF activities that went over budget totaled more than \$711,302;
- The city has experienced a decline in revenues for several years. The city's taxable value has declined 31.5% over the past four years (\$793,184,868 in 2009 compared to \$543,044,201 in 2013). As a result, the city's GF revenue has declined from \$24.6 million as of June 30, 2009 to \$20.3 million as of June 30, 2013. Property tax revenue accounts for 60% of the city's GF revenue;
- In 2003, the city's pension plans, the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan and the Police and Fire Retirement System, were 70.1% and 101.3% funded respectively. The actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013 (Municipal Employees') and December 31, 2013 (Police and Fire), indicates the city has a \$69.1 million unfunded pension liability and a funding status of 28.0% and 34.6% respectively.

Let the games begin

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



they come from, they train here.

You might ask how I know this.

Whenever I turn on the Olympics I get figure skating, and they tell us where they train.

Or the luge.

At least I like the luge.

NBC puts it on a tape delay so it can be watched on primetime.

They can't tape women's hockey??

That is what I want to see.

The good stuff seems to be shown overnight like curling and snowboarding or in the early morning.

I know it is early in the games, the good stuff should start this weekend including men's hockey.

Russia seems to be putting on a good show and I am sympathetically rooting for them, when they aren't up against the U.S. or Canada.

Go U.S.A.!

Every four years, in the winter, people gather from near and far.

No, I am not talking about Inauguration Day when a politician becomes President and starts to blow smoke.

I am talking about the Winter Olympics. This year the 22 Winter Olympic Games.

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Swivel

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



When I talk to people about roller derby, I often relate it to life. I often talk about how it has taught me to live more strategically and has increased my ability to be aware. For survival and success, we must always be aware of our surroundings, what's coming and what's going.

A crucial thing in roller derby is to keep your head on a swivel, pivoting frequently. You have to be aware of what's in front of you and what's behind you all at the same time. You look ahead to see where you're going and how you will maneuver. You also have to know what's behind you and trying to sneak up on you.

If you look ahead for too long without looking back, you will be in trouble. If you look back for too long without seeing and knowing what's in front of you, you will be in trouble. So it's a constant swivel of looking ahead and back. Awareness is vital.

In life, we have to look ahead and keep our eyes on the prize. We look to our future with great anticipation and we maneuver through life's challenges and obstacles. We see foot stools ahead and use them to stand on. All the while, we are aware of and affected by things we learned and experienced in the past. Sometimes ugly events or hurtful memories of the past try to creep and sneak up on us to get us down and we need to see those things coming.

e also need to look back sometimes so that we can remember the great and wonderful things God has done for us to remind us of the glory to come as we look ahead. Keeping our heads on a swivel enables us to be aware coming and going. Like the Bible says, "Be vigilant..." (Mark 13:37).

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IN THE SPIRIT

NOT, EVERY BROTHER!

by Pastor Duckworth - Contributing Writer



Time, and time again it's been said that the hardest job in America is that of an African American Man. From the very beginning, the African and later African American man have had centuries of labels, lies, myths and stereotypes to overcome in America. Over the years, the African American man is perhaps the most "studied person" in America. Some even blame all the ills of society solely on the backs of African American men, but I want to simply remind the reader that not every African American man or brother fits into particular categories. Not all of our men are abusive, criminals, dead-beat fathers, disrespectful to women, fatherless, gangsta rappers, irresponsible, lazy, unemployed and unemployable, and unintelligent. Although, we do have men from our community that are in these categories as do every other ethnic group in America. Far too often we become the poster child, and many believe that these ills are only located in the urban areas of America.

I will admit that most, if not all, of our brothers have been hurt and wounded by simply being an African American man in America. It's painful to often witness the double standards of justice, where a murderer George Zimmerman can kill Trayvon Martian and then be considered as a celebrity boxer. It is painful to see an excited football player, Richard Sherman a Stanford graduate with a 3.8 GPA, be labeled a thug. It's also painful to witness the disrespect and unwillingness to work with the most powerful man in the world, President Obama. We understand all of the politics that are in play, but far too often we suffer in silence with hurt as most of us simply seek equality and fairness.

I am devoting this month's sermons to challenge and also lift up the spirits of African American Men. I want every African American man to remember the great accomplishments we have made in America, when things were not as bright and the opportunities were scarce unlike today. In spite of the chattel slavery experience, Jim Crow, The Grandfather Clause, Voter Suppression and the fight for Civil Rights many of our men have risen above their circumstances and have met the challenge to make a difference in the lives of others. Men like: Alexander Miles who invented the Elevator, Garret A. Morgan who invented the gas mask and traffic signal, Isaac R.

Johnson who invented the bicycle frame, and Thomas J. Martian who invented the fire extinguisher to name only a few. Great minds like, George Washington Carver who created over 300 different usages of the simple peanut. Need I even mention Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr a drum major for justice?


It's my desire through my sermons and this article to enlighten and encourage African American Men, in particular and all in general, to stop engaging in self-destructive and self-hatred behavior and begin to strive for excellence. We just witnessed a third-round draft pick become the 2nd African American quarterback to win a Super Bowl in Russell Wilson. Wilson is also the winningest quarterback in his first two years in NFL history. While I personally have no desire to live in a colorless society, I do envision a colorwise one where all ethnicities are respected. A colorwise society where different colors are not automatically judged, labeled and stereotyped solely based on their color, would be a wonderful society to create. It's time that America understands that although there are men in the African American community that are misbehaving, it does not mean that ALL AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN ARE!

Rev. Duckworth is the Pastor at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Westland, Michigan.

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Don't Fall for Valentine's Day Scams

By Jason Alderman - Contributing Writer



On Valentine's Day, people's emotions run all over the map – some are head-over-heels and want to shower their loved one with gifts, while others are despondent because currently they have no one special in their life.

Whatever your love status, one thing everyone needs to guard against at this time of year is scams.

Valentine's Day brings out the best – and worst – in human behavior. Our impulse is to be generous and search for the ideal gift. Internet thieves know this and coolly set traps for unsuspecting shoppers. And, not surprisingly, dating websites experience greater activity, along with a corresponding increase in relationship scammers.

Here are some of the more common Valentine's Day scams to avoid:

Electronic greeting cards are popular year-round, especially near holidays. Scammers count on you not paying attention when you receive an email with an innocuous subject line like, "Someone you know just sent you an e-card."

Unless you're certain someone sent you an e-card, never click on links or follow instructions to download software to open the message. Chances are you'll load a virus or malware onto your computer, dooming you to receive endless spam or even endangering your personal and financial information.

Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year for florists. Since many people now order flowers online, these purchases are a common target for fraud. A few tips when choosing a florist:

- Make sure the physical location, contact information and fees for the florist who's actually fulfilling your order are fully disclosed.
- Pay by credit card so if there's a problem you can dispute it with your card issuer.
- If you receive an email saying there's a problem with

your order, call the florist to make sure it's legitimate; don't click on any links – they could be malware.

Beware of emails and social media ads touting great deals on other Valentine's themed gifts like chocolates, jewelry or lingerie. Unless you've previously done business with a company that legitimately has your email address, be skeptical. Watch out for minor typos in the web address – www.macys.comm instead of www.macys.com, for example.

It's no coincidence that dating websites are busier during the winter holidays and leading up to Valentine's Day. Lonely people's defenses are lowered, making them vulnerable to online romance scams. Before they know it, victims are conned into sharing personal or financial information, or lending money – money they'll never see again.

I'm not saying don't pursue love online at legitimate dating sites. Just watch out for these warning signs:


- They want to move your conversations off the dating site immediately and use personal email or instant messaging – the better to avoid policing by the site's Webmaster.
- Their online profile sounds too good to be true. That's because they've probably shaped it to reflect your stated preferences. Or, conversely, their profile may be suspiciously sketchy on details or their photos don't seem genuine.
- They profess love very quickly, even before you've spoken or met.
- They claim to be a U.S. citizen working overseas – often in the military.
- They make plans to visit, but are suddenly prevented by a traumatic family or business event – one which your money can overcome.

Bottom line: Don't let your emotions get the better of your common sense when it comes to matters of the heart. For more tips on spotting and reporting online scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website (www.ftc.gov).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 2, 2014, go to www.practical-moneyskills.com/summit2014.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH NOTES

Col. Mary Jones of the Michigan Army National Guard makes history becoming the first black woman in Michigan to achieve the rank



Though she made history, Col. Mary Jones did not expect much fanfare. Described as humble and soft spoken, Jones said she would not have objected to sliding quietly back to work.

But family, friends and her peers at the Michigan Army National Guard wouldn't let that happen as they greeted her promotion to colonel with thunderous applause following a ceremony in Lansing.

Few attain the rank, but none had achieved what Jones did when she became the first black woman in Michigan to hold the title.

"I couldn't be more excited to see someone promoted," Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais said.

He said Jones, of Jackson, has shown high integrity and dedication to her work. Her daughter, Gloris, a 17-year-old student at Jackson

Christian High School, said her mother is a role model, not only to her, but young women everywhere. They stood beside each other during the ceremony as Gloris pinned the markers to her mother's shoulders, signaling her new rank.

Jones said she simply was grateful to be serving. October now not only marks her rise through the ranks, but also the start of her battle with breast cancer — a disease she defeated last year. She was diagnosed with the illness three years ago this month.

Retired Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler said he thought Jones' courage, strength and faith helped her overcome the disease. But Jones said the it was the support of her family at home and in the military that carried her through the battle.

"I'm incredibly thankful just to be here," Jones said. "Everyone was so incredibly supportive and those words don't express the depth of my appreciation. They rallied around me and they strengthened me."

Jones, who helps the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Michigan manage more than \$210 million in federal appropriations and resources that support the Army and Air National Guard, has served in the military for 30 years.

She said she wanted to enlist when she was in high school, but her parents urged her not to do it. Jones did not change her mind after earning an associate degree from Jackson Community College and attending Ferris State University and signed up.

She said she did not regret it.

"It's the people and the mission," said Jones, 52. "I love knowing we stand for something."

Jones said she found a new extended family in the military and couldn't imagine herself anywhere else. "It's been a long journey, and a really rewarding one," she said. "I just hope that I've given something back."

River Rouge High School's "2014 Black History Celebration"

The workings of the human heart are the profoundest mystery of the universe. One moment they make us despair of our kind, and the next we see in them the reflection of the divine image. Charles W. Chestnutt (1858-1932)

The River Rouge School District extends this invitation to you to attend our district wide "2014 BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION". On Thursday, February 27, 2014 there will be a jazz/dinner set from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday, February 28,

2014, beginning at 12:00 noon, there will be an extraordinary array of events which include African dancers, vendors, storytelling, taste fest and more. Both events will be held at the River Rouge High located at 1460 W. Coolidge Highway, River Rouge, Michigan.

We look forward to you sharing this time with our community. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office at (313) 297-9600, ext. #1630.

Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library Black History Month Events for the Family



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In addition there is a new library program called LEGO NIGHTS where kids 10 and under are invited to the library to come build and play with Legos!

For more information contact the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library at (313) 563-2822 or e-mail Angela Scott at ascott@inksterlibrary.org.

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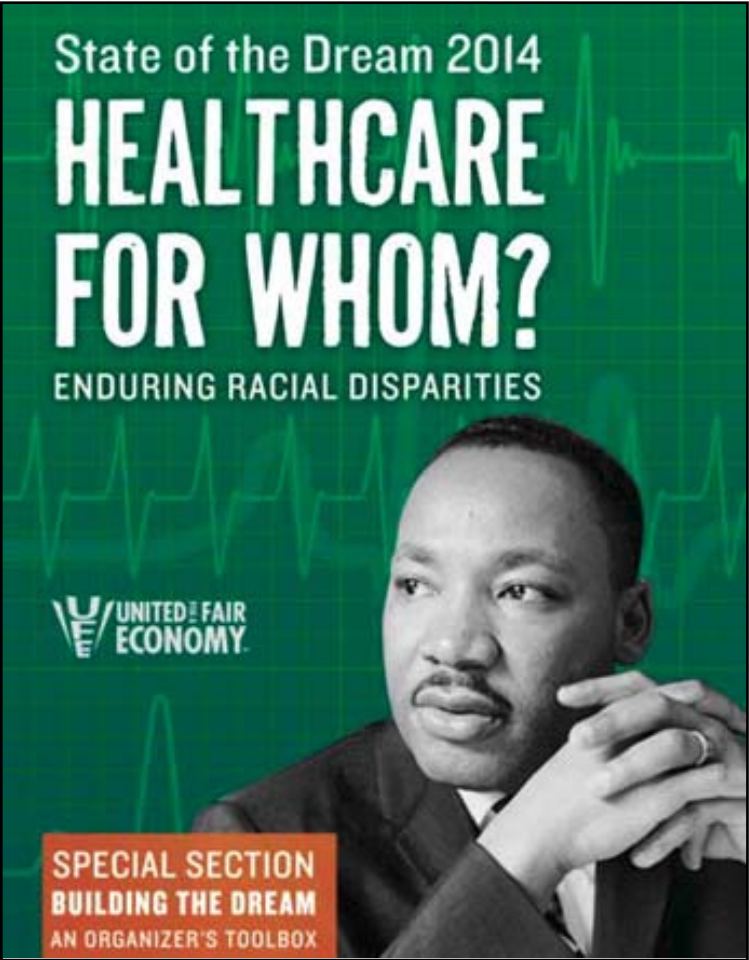
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Despite Affordable Care Act Millions Could Go Without Health Insurance

by Starla Muhammad - Special to the NNPA from The Final Call



(FinalCall.com) – Though 2014 marks the 50th anniversaries of both the War on Poverty and Civil Rights Act, glaring racial disparities continue permeating the fabric of American society. Stark differences between Blacks and Whites in education, employment, poverty, housing and net worth, are tied to health disparities and access to health insurance coverage, according to this year's State of the Dream Report.

The report is released annually by United for a Fair Economy to coincide with the King Holiday and examines areas of racial inequality.

"Racial segregation in concentrated poverty effectively creates a toxic soup of health problems and challenges in communities of color," said Brian Miller, executive director of United for a Fair Economy in

a conference call with reporters.

This year's report, titled, "State of the Dream 2014: Healthcare For Whom? Enduring Racial Disparities" zeroes in on the Affordable Care Act.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld key portions of the ACA, dubbed "Obamacare" in 2012. But the high court's ruling also gave each state the authority to opt out of the Medicaid expansion program. The report warns this means millions will still not have health insurance.

Twenty-five states, the majority headed by Republican governors have said or indicated they will reject the expanding Medicaid, said the State of the Dream report. The federal government pays for additional health coverage offered under the Medicaid program but many GOP leaders who fought Obamacare also refuse to accept any funding linked to the program.

"This new 25-state coverage gap will leave millions of Americans without health insurance while exacerbating racial disparities in health and health-care," the State of the Dream 2014 report warned.

If states opt out, the report said:

Nearly 5 million people who

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Photo by Paul Gomez.

The first Wear Red photo shows Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Deputy County Executive Jeffrey Collins, posing for an annual "Go Red" photo with employees at the Guardian Building, Friday, Feb. 7 on National "Go Red" Day.

shared healthy refreshments and recipes. They proudly wore red attire and accessories to raise awareness concerning heart disease, and support the American Heart Association in its ongoing mission.

For ten years, women have been fighting heart disease as part of the Go Red for Women movement. Heart disease remains the No. 1 killer of women--and men--responsible for 1 out of 4 U.S. deaths annu-

ally.

To date, more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved, but the fight is far from over. Individuals need information, education and care, in order to treat, prevent, and help put an end to heart disease.

Wayne County has been observing National Go Red Day to take a stand against heart disease for nearly a decade.

Residents can get information about how to stay "heart healthy" by calling the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services at 313.224.0810, or by contacting the American Heart Association.

You can also learn more about heart health and local "Go Red" events by visiting <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HeartMonth/> and heart.org/semi.

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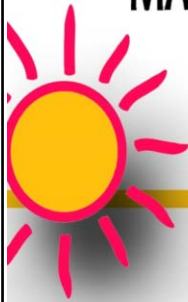
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Ex-Mayor of Ecorse honored
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Theta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., is proud to announce that Mrs. Dora Gaines, former mayor of the

City of Ecorse, has been accepted as Theta Chapter's first honorary member. Mrs. Dora Gaines will be officially inducted on Saturday, March 7, 1987.

Mrs. Dora Gaines was born in Ecorse in 1927. She was educated in Ecorse Public Schools, graduated in 1945. She continued her education at Wayne State University, but a growing family forced her to discontinue, at which time she was a dietary supervisor. Dora Gaines was the first

councilwoman in the City of Ecorse. She was appointed to Ecorse City Council in 1972. In 1973 she was elected as councilwoman. In 1975, she was re-elected as Mayor Pro-tem. On December 16, 1975, Dora Gaines was appointed the first Black woman mayor in the City of Ecorse. Mrs. Dora Gaines will be honored on Saturday, February 28, at the Stinson Management Center, 4425 W. Jefferson Ave., at 7:00pm. The public is invited. Donation is \$10 per person.

NAACP

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they were there now. She felt that members of the caucus could have done more to help Inkster residents fight to keep the district open. The Inkster and Buena Vista School Districts were dissolved in July 2013. Both districts were declared not to be financially viable by State Superintendent Mike Flanagan and former State Treasurer Andy Dillon Inkster Christians in Action President, George Williams stated that closing the schools was like "raping the community."

Earl Truss, Minister of the Wayne Road Church of Christ, asked the caucus to address the fact that citizens were now facing "taxation without representation." They were being asked to pay taxes for a district that had been dissolved and buildings that no longer belonged to them. "Why wasn't the debt dissolved with the district?" He also stated that people had "ignored the handwriting on the wall, there had been a desire to close the district since 1996."

Concern was also raised about the school buildings which were given to Romulus, Taylor, Wayne Westland, and Westwood public school systems. Since the districts aren't able to fund the maintenance of the buildings, there are plans to demolish them. Mayor Hilliard Hampton stated that Inkster High School especially needed to be saved because it stands as a symbol of pride for Inkster residents. "While the building may be old, the bones, the structure is strong."

Suggested uses for the building included a community resource center, satellite campus of an institution of higher learning, or even office space for a community based organization.

While questions about whether or not the school district could and should be reopened were not answered, everyone agreed the community needed to rally together to give the leftover assets of the district, especially the Inkster High School Building, back to the citizens of Inkster. A need to change the legislation allowing the two appointed officials behind the dissolution to overrule officials elected by the people needs to be changed was also agreed upon. Several community organizations present also agreed to work together to collaborate and file a federal lawsuit.

Each legislator listened to the concerns and responded. They understood that it is going to take everyone working together to come up with viable solutions to this situa-

tion.

The session was moderated by John Johnson, Director of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus. The persons on the panel were former Inkster Board Members - Evelyn Clark and Ruthie Williams, Thomas Stallworth - Chairman of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus and State Representatives - David Knezek and David Nathan. The Western Wayne NAACP will compile all concerns and comments and prepare a next steps document to be disseminated to the concerned participants.

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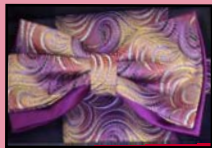
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Signing Day at Robichaud High



Malachi Manion (left) and Aaron Thompson (right) both signed student-athlete letters of intent to participate in football for the fall season of 2014. Aaron will attend Hudson Valley College in New York and Malachi St. Francis in Fort Wayne Indiana. They are accompanied by (left to right) Robichaud Principal James Konrad, Football Coach Al Demps, and Director of Athletics Vernon Crump Sr.

Pistons Make Changes

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



Photo By Butch Davis
Meet John Loyer, Pistons interim Head Coach.

Owner Tom Gores had become increasingly impatient with Moe Cheeks, and sources with knowledge of his plans say that he had been pushing for a change in the coaching staff. This is surprising; especially considering the team is coming off back-to-back victories over Brooklyn and Denver.

However, owner Tom Gores made up his mind 10 days ago that someone has to go in this case it was not V.P. Joe Dumars; it was the head coach Moe Cheeks. So this past Sunday dictated by Gores that the Detroit Pistons announced Sunday that Maurice Cheeks has been relieved of his head coaching duties. The Pistons recorded a 21-29 record over Cheeks' first 50 games. "This was a difficult decision for the organization to make but we needed

to make a change," said President of Basketball Operations Joe Dumars. "We have great respect for Maurice and appreciate his hard work." "Our record does not reflect our talent and we simply need a change," said Pistons owner Tom Gores. "We have not made the kind of progress that we should have over the first half of the season. This is a young team and we knew there would be growing pains, but we can be patient only as long as there is progress. The responsibility does not fall squarely on any one individual, but right now this change is a necessary step toward turning this thing around. I still have a lot of hope for this season and I expect our players to step up. I respect and appreciate Maurice Cheeks and thank him for his efforts; we just require a different approach."

Assistant Coach John Loyer with take over the coaching duties for the next 34 games and if the team plays well and go to the playoffs this man with receive an opportunity to coach maybe another two years. Current Pistons owner Tom Gores didn't hire Dumars, and though the GM is a Detroit legend, his hourglass must be running low on sand. This may very well by the death throes of a long tenure for Dumars, a last gasp at saving his own job. In the very best light the firing shows that Dumars made the wrong hiring choice; at worst it shows a man in crisis thrashing for answers. Neither one is a particularly good sign for Dumars' future.

Speaking of the future of Pistons Interim coach John Loyer is a winner in his first game of the home team was in charge 45 of the 48 minutes of the game and had lead as many as 23 points. After the game Pistons Josh Smith spoke to the media and said on winning "Certain events happened that are beyond our control, but we were able to come out an focus on playing basketball. We came out with a big win a big win against a great team." Pistons interim coach John Loyer said these words after the game. "I told the guys today, just when we were in the locker room, I'm so proud of them. I only thought there was about a three-minute period to where they showed more energy, more determination than us. You show determination, hustle for 45 of the 48 minutes, you're going to pretty successful most nights. So I told guys thought that were the big key." Well as of this past Monday, the Pistons have won three games in a row and Mr. Gores has made a statement, "play-offs or bust."

Lions Formerly Introduce the Coaches

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer

Detroit Lions Defensive Coordinator Teryl Austin's and Offensive Coordinator Joe Lombardi's were introduce to the media at a press conference on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the Lions training facility in Allen Park. Teryl Austin said in his opening statement, "Very happy and honored to be here. You know, Jim's Caldwell given me an opportunity to come in and run a defense, which means he trusts me. I think that's an important part of our business and it's the same thing with our players. The more they trust in you and trust in what you're doing, I think you'll get the best out of them." Austin also said on what he has learned about his personnel since arriving in Detroit: "Well, I think we have some good personnel on defense. I think, obviously, you have some difference-makers in certain positions and then there are some other positions where we want to try to shore up, you know, to try to make them stronger. Maybe we can do that with what we're doing scheme-wise or something of

that nature. But I think personnel-wise, like all teams, we have good personnel, but there are some areas where we probably need some improvement in. Offensive Coordinator Joe Lombardi's in his opening statement said, "Well, this is definitely a new part of the job description, but I'm excited to be here. I'm very impressed with the offensive staff. You know, we've already started working on the playbook and it's a great room, intelligent men and I'm excited to get going. I know there's a lot of talent here. My wife was born in Bay City, Michigan, so she can't wait to get up here too. It's going to be a good time and we're looking forward to it." Also, the Lions said that they have re-signed Center Dominic Raiola to a one-year contract. Additional terms of his contract were not disclosed. Raiola has been the Lions' mainstay at center for the past 13 seasons since being drafted by the team in the second round (50th overall) of the 2001 NFL Draft and has started in 188-of-204 career games played.

Wildcats Beat Panthers

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer

The weather and the empty seats were enough to put a chill on crowds coming to see High School Basketball, nevertheless, Detroit Allen Academy and River Rouge High got together on a Saturday to play some basketball.

Allen Academy show that

there team is ready for the playoff right now as Pakiya Ellis pour in 27 points and eight rebounds and teammate Jason Williams Jr. also chip-in with 27 points and seven assists for the Wildcats of Allen Academy as now their record is now 14-1 as their team beat the Panthers of River Rouge 72-55.

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January 24th, 2014

At 1445hrs, an officer was dispatched to White Cloud Cleaners, 10506 West Jefferson, on a delayed Robbery complaint. The officer spoke to the 60 year old owner who states on Wednesday, January 2 2nd, 2014, at 1700hrs, an unknown male, wearing dark clothing, with a "hoodie", while covering his face enters the cleaners. He was wearing a black ski mask. The owner state he the male began talking as though he was there to pick up clothing and approached the counter. He pulled out a piece of

white plastic containing a hand written note that read "I have a gun, give me all your money and no one get hurt." He tucked his right hand inside of his jacket making the motion of grabbing something. The owner feared of being hurt and opens the register and gave him cash from it. He proceeded to stuff the money inside his jacket and left the building heading down West Henry. The owner came from behind the counter and watched him run through the alley behind the River Rouge Coney Island. She described the male as 6 feet, slim build, and was unable to determine his race, due to his face and hands being covered. Note: This person had to be really "Pressed" to rob a cleaners!

January 25th, 2014

At 0210 hrs, an officer was near the River Rouge Fire Hall when a green 2003 Pontiac with a female driver pulled up. Three females exited the vehicle and approached the officer. A 25 year old female told the officer that she just got shot at the Extra Innings Bar. Officer observed small entry hole on the female's right leg below the knee. Health Link was notified. The female was taken to the River Rouge Fire Department for immediate assistance. Officer spoke to the female who gave account of the incident. She states she walked out the front door of the Extra Innings Bar with some friends and heard 4 to 5 gunshots. She felt a burning sensation on the lower part of her right leg, observed blood and realized

she had been shot. She began crying and later told the officer she never seen who shot her, but remembered. There were 2 females walking in front of them as they left the bar. One of the female's that accompanied the victim states she observed the suspect, a male, 5'8, thin built, wearing a dark jacket and green shirt with a hood standing near the front of the bar shooting. He was just shooting just shooting at random she states while standing behind him. Note: Always check your surroundings by looking around constantly at all times

January 26st, 2014

At 1636hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Coolidge of Break & Entering and the suspect still being present. Upon arrival officers spoke the 60 year old homeowner who states he left his home to go to the store and when he returned he noticed his front door open. When he walked in he observed his son carrying a red bag with miscellaneous items inside. When the homeowner confronted his son, he responded that he was gathering property for another female that allowed his father to borrow some items recently. The Father told the son to leave and the son tried to leave with the items. A struggle began and the son dropped the items on the floor and fled. Officers caught up with the son in the rear of a home in the 2nd Block of East Cicotte Street. The son told officers as he was being transported to the police station that he father struck him with a base ball bat. Health Link was notified and checked the son for his injury Officers observed a 2 inch laceration on the right side of his head and no transportation was needed. Note: It is sad times ahead when a son steals from his own father!

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Affordable Care

from page 8A

would have otherwise been covered—disproportionately people of color—will go without health insurance. Blacks though 13 percent of the population would represent 27 percent of those who would not have insurance. With the exception of Arkansas, every state in the South, where the majority of Blacks live, is rejecting Medicaid expansion, said Mr. Miller.

According to the U.S. Census, in 2010, 55 percent of the Black population lived in the South, and 105 Southern counties had a Black population of 50 percent or higher.

Blacks and Latinos are pushed into low income, high poverty communities where health problems, lack of access to both health facilities and full service grocery stores are common, said Mr. Miller.

Those groups are also less likely to secure jobs that provide employer provided healthcare, he added.

Medicaid is the federal and state program that provides health coverage to 50-60 million pregnant women, families, children, people with disabilities and the elderly.

To qualify for Medicaid coverage, a family can have an income that is up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level, which was about \$29,700 for a family of four in 2011. The federal poverty level is revised yearly. The federal poverty level in 2013 was \$23,550 for a family of four.

The Supreme Court ruled the federal government could not force states to expand Medicaid by withholding federal money they would otherwise receive for programs that already exist under Medicaid.

A single payer healthcare sys-

tem where government instead of private insurers pays health-care costs would be ideal but until then the ACA and pushing for Medicaid expansion is a step toward closing disparities in health insurance, said analysts that agreed with the United For a Fair Economy report.

United for a Fair Economy hopes this year's findings, when examined, will result in a better understanding of the ACA and the importance of Medicaid expansion.

"People in states that have opted out are going to say, 'Oh God, I don't have health care coverage, this Obamacare program's a failure.' Instead of blaming it on the fact that their state policy makers chose not to expand Medicaid they may unfortunately in some cases blame the original legislation and view it as a failure of that. Which it is not," said Mr. Miller.

Dedrick Muhammad, senior director of the NAACP Economic Department, was one of several policy experts that reviewed and contributed feedback on this year's State of the Dream report. Despite it being the second term of the country's first Black president, racial inequities are still very much a reality, he said. Some of the findings show racial disenfranchisement is being further cemented into society, Mr. Muhammad added.

"This really goes to the heart of what Dr. King says; of all forms of inequality, injustice in health-care is the most shocking and inhumane. We agree and that's why we wrote this report," said Mr. Miller.

A copy of this year's 11th annual State of the Dream report can be downloaded at <http://www.faireconomy.org/dream>

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing before the River Rouge City Council on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge , MI 48218.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider comments, verbal or written concerning the allocation of CDBG funds .

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed allocation of CDBG funds. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk's office prior to 4:00pm on February 18, 2014.

Patricia Johnson
City Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF ECORSE, MICHIGAN HAS SCHEDULED THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSED PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

City Council Special Meeting and Public Hearing:
Thursday, February 27, 2014
6:00 P.M.

Albert B. Buday Civic Center
3869 West Jefferson
Ecorse, MI 48229-1798

Ecorse City Council Special Meeting and Public Hearing: Notice is given that the Ecorse City Council will hold a special meeting and public hearing on **Thursday, February 27, 2014** at City Hall, the Albert B. Buday Civic Center, located at 3869 West Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse, MI to hear comments on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, **at 6:00 P.M.**

The City of Ecorse is preparing a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources require-ments. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the potential acqui-sition or development of parks, trails or recreation programs over the next five (5) years.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a dis-ability should feel free to contact the City at (313) 386-2520, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Public Hearing, if requesting accommoda-tions.

Please contact the City of Ecorse at (313) 386-2520 with questions or com-ments.

Publication Date: On or before, February 13, 2014

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 February 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:
Approval of Agenda.
Approval of Consent agenda.
Public hearing for Floodplain Management Provisions.
Approval to rescind Water Shut Off-Policies adopted July 2011 and February 2012.
Approval to explore amending the Water Shut-Off Ordinance to include hard-ships and monthly billing.
Approval of the second reading of an Ordinance to address Floodplain Provisions.
Approval of Floodplain Provisions Ordinance amendment.
Approval to auction City-owned property, known as Dearborn Acres Sub 1.
Approval to appoint Jean Overman to the Police and Fire Retirement System.
Approval of an offer to purchase 4164 Harriet.
Approval to hold a public hearing February 17, 2014 and March 3rd, 2014.
Approval of a RFP for cutting and maintaining grass on State Truckline (Michigan Ave.).
Approval of a RFP for acquisition and development of Annapolis Pointe.
Approval to vote in accordance with pending litigation that was taken in closed session.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a re-scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the City Council chambers of City Hall on January 21, 2014 Meeting called to order at 7:48pm

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

- 14-10 Approval of minutes of 01/10/2014
- 14-11 Voucher approval
- 14-12 Building permit approval
- 14-13 Approval to purchase animal control vehicle
- 14-14 Approval to outfit new vehicle with animal control equipment
- 14-15 Acceptance of yearly audit report
- 14-16 Approval to implement the Step Forward tax assistance program
- 14-17 Approval to hire part-time person to implement the Step Forward program
- 14-18 Approval to authorize demolition bid
- 14-19 Approval to sell property at 94 E Pleasant
- 14-20 Motion to adjourn at 8:14pm

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

Patricia Johnson, City Clerk Susan P. Joseph, Deputy Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

CITY OF ECORSE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

TO: ALL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ECORSE
WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER
WAYNE COUNTY ASSESSOR
WAYNE REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ECORSE
WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAYNE COUNTY
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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PRAXAIR

1.) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on TUESDAY, the 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE Council Chambers of the Albert B. Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, Michigan.

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the request of Praxair, Inc. for a PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Tax Abatement regarding the renovation and upgrade of their manufacturing facilities to be built in the City of Ecorse.

2.) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC MEETING will be held on TUESDAY, the 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M., IN THE Council Chambers of the Albert B. Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, Michigan.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the request of Praxair, Inc. for a Public Act 328 Personal Property Tax Exemption for the renovation and upgrade of their manufacturing facilities to be built in the City of Ecorse, Michigan.

Dana Hughes
City Clerk:

Publish: February 14, 2014

TAXING AUTHORITY ADDRESSES:

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Thomas Parker, Ecorse Public Schools, 27225 West Outer Drive, Ecorse, MI 48229

Derrick Coleman, River Rouge Public Schools, 1460 West Coolidge Hwy, River Rouge, MI 48218

Praxair, 300 E. Great Lakes Street, River Rouge, MI 48218

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines the City of River Rouge is announcing its Public Hearing and objectives for developing projects using Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES

- A)To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or to areas which meet the minimum requirements for CDBG eligibility of at least 42.39% low/moderate income persons.
- B)To eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis.
- C)To maintain, improve and develop affordable housing and infrastructure for all persons throughout the entire community.
- D)To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- E)Improve the residential environment by promoting the stabilization and/or long-term revitalization of neighborhoods with balanced housing opportunities, neighborhood improvements and economic development.
- F)To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.

The City can expect to receive an annual allocation of approximately \$137,713.00 for FY 2014-2015.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

Demolition
Location: City-Wide
Amount: \$82,700.00

Public Services
Location: City-Wide
Amount: \$20,000.00

Housing Rehabilitation
Location: City-Wide
Amount: \$21,713.00

Administration: \$13,300.00

A public hearing is scheduled before Mayor and Council regarding CDBG projects on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 10600 West Jefferson Ave.

Interested persons are invited to comment on projects you would like to have funded by this program. We encourage your participation. If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend the meeting please write or call the City Clerk's Office (313) 842-5604, 10600 West Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, MI 48218.

Michael D. Bowdler Susan P. Joseph
Mayor City Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Ecorse will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday Feb. 27, 2014, in the Albert Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan, 48229. The purpose of this hearing was to receive public comment on the final use of the 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant Fund

The final 2014-2015, CDBG Fund Allocations are as follows:

Administration	\$13,177.00
Fire Truck	\$50,000.00
Ordinance Officer - Blight Control	\$40,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation	\$10,000.00
Job creation	\$16,592.00
Program Income	\$ 5,000.00

Individuals or groups wishing to make oral presentations or submit prepared statements pertaining to the CDBG Program may do so at the Public Hearing. Interested parties who are unable to attend the Public Hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City of Ecorse Clerk's Office located at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, MI, 48229.

People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation at this meeting should contact the office of community development at (313) 386 2400 or the office of the City Clerk at (313) 386-2520, at least three (3) business days in advance to request mobility, visual hearing or other assistance.

Posting Date: February 10, 2014
Publish 2-13-14

THERESA CAPRA
Community Development Manager

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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

City of Inkster, County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Ordinance number 846

An Ordinance amendment to affirm an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the City of Inkster located in Wayne County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The City of Inkster ordains:

Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of the City of Inkster is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the City of Inkster under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The City of Inkster assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act through out the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the jurisdiction of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Wayne County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)" and dated 12/13/2013 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 26163C; 0241E dated 2/2/2012 and panel numbers 0240F and 0243F dated 12/3/2013 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 4. REPEALS. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

Introduced 21st of January, 2014.

This ordinance duly adopted on February 3, 2014 at a regular meeting of the Inkster City Council and will become effective as soon thereafter as permitted by law.

Signed on February 3, 2014 by, Felicia Rutledge Clerk of the City of Inkster.

Attested on 2-3-2014 by _Hilliard L. Hampton, II_Mayor _____

Title: Chair, Mayor, Supervisor, or President of the City of _Inkster _____

HOROSCOPES

FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 19, 2014

ARIES

You know, the dream that you say you'll "get to" when the time is right. This week the time is exactly right. Get the plan started that will lead to the realization of that dream. Talk it over with significant others so that they can add their strength. Make the dream their dream too.

Soul Affirmation: I love the options that are presented to me.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 41, 55

TAURUS

You are made from the best stuff on earth. You'll need to remember that this week. Cast a wide net among the people that admire you and spend time being admired. There re plenty of people who know your best qualities but this week seek out those who enjoy talking about what is good about you.

Soul Affirmation: I let my positive emotions make my decisions this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 14, 36

GEMINI

Give to a charity, talk with a grandparent, counsel a child, encourage a colleague this week. Choose any or all of the above or create your own list. Your goodness is an investment in your future as long as you do not think of it as such.

Soul Affirmation: I don't hide the wonderful things I feel about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 24, 53

CANCER

If you are unhappy with your situation this week, you have all the power you need to change it! Don't procrastinate any longer. You can make the improvement now! Don't worry about what others are thinking. Just do what is good for you.

Soul Affirmation: Love is my reward for giving love.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 33, 55

LEO

The universe is balanced and our lives will be filled with triumphs and tribulations. Don't fret when you face turmoil this week. Deal with it head on and stay undeterred. Keep straight on the path you are traveling and you will reach the place where you are meant to be.

Soul Affirmation: All is well and so I let it be.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 21, 47

VIRGO

Your inner beauty is one of your greatest assets. This week take full advantage of this gift you received from God. This week hold in consciousness the truth that you are specially crafted from His hands. Allow a cheerful disposition to radiate through you.

Soul Affirmation: I happily help to clear up a mess made by others.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 50, 53

LIBRA

Everything that goes around will come around for the universe is balanced. We all need to bear our crosses and accept the fate that is destined for each of us. The will of God is good and we will receive as He gives. This week is a week for finding joy in little things.

Soul Affirmation: I let love teach me more about life.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 23, 46

SCORPIO

This week have faith in what you know can happen and rededicate yourself to achieving your dreams. Be sure to remember and respect who you are as the week unfolds. Love yourself for who you are this week and this will give you a clear perspective on what you can become.

Soul Affirmation: I celebrate the high energy that engulfs my life.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 32, 51

SAGITTARIUS

Give yourself a chance to experience a different side of your personality this week. Keep from getting bored by doing a little acting. Choose a character who would be more effective than you in the situation in which you find yourself. Be that character. Play the role. Enjoy it.

Soul Affirmation: The value I place on myself is the value that others see in me.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 20, 30

CAPRICORN

You are a person of action. Believe in your ability to get things done and you will find things so easy to do. Put things into perspective and obstacles will become opportunities. Put your plans into practice with confidence and your list of things to do will get done one by one.

Soul Affirmation: Hope brightens my mornings, faith sustains my nights.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 25, 27

AQUARIUS

This week think of yourself in ways that you have not thought of yourself recently. Find in the closet of your spirit another set of clothes. Put them on and wear them like they are your everyday apparel. Reinvent yourself and act as if the new is usual.

Soul Affirmation: I feel like the star that I naturally am.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 49, 52

PISCES

You are a person of many talents and skills. People around you count on your abilities to keep things running smoothly this week. Know that all your hard work is appreciated and even though you may not see it right away your dedication will be rewarded.

Soul Affirmation: I do good unto others and enjoy doing it.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 17, 22

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President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama arrive to welcome French President Francois Hollande for a state dinner at the White House in Washington, DC, on February 11, 2014.

Michelle Obama wore a powder blue and black lace gown by Carolina Herrera for last night's State Dinner at the White House, which had as its guest of honor French President Francois Hollande.

Fashion blogs this morning took special note of the detail in her black beaded and blue silk ensemble.

Mary J. Blige performed at this year's event, which included guests Rev. Al Sharpton, J.J. Abrams, Bradley Cooper, Stephen Colbert, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jeff Zucker, president of CNN Worldwide, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan and Secretary of State John Kerry.

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ASK AYANA

Grocery Grabbing



Dear Ayana,
My wife and I need to know what you think about a dispute we're having. My wife allows our little girls to eat from the produce section and wherever else they want when we're grocery shopping. This might not seem like a big deal, but to me, not only is it tacky, it's wrong. It's to the point where I won't go to help her out anymore. If I'm going shopping, I'm going alone. My wife allows our girls to eat grapes, berries, and I've even seen her allow the girls to share a banana. When people stare at us, and they always do, she doesn't even seem to mind. She goes from aisle to aisle, opening bags of chips and cookies for the girls. By the time she's at the check-out, they've already had lunch. My wife claims that this isn't "stealing" because she always pays for whatever she's given the girls. I say it is stealing and that it sets a bad example. They're both toddlers and can be a handful; they've already figured out how to get what they want when we're out by throwing tantrums. My wife reasons that this is something that the girls will eventually grow out of and that I'm over-reacting. I say that if she appeases them now, she'll be doing it forever. What's your opinion?

Fed Up Father

Dear Fed Up Father,
I'm definitely siding with you on this one. I agree that picking from the produce section and using the aisles as your personal snack buffet is tacky, wrong AND embarrassing-at least for you. I also think that you're right in warning your wife that if she continues this behavior now, she'll be keeping it up forever. I don't know that anything positive comes as a result of all of this grocery picking. What it does say to your children is that they can have what they want, whenever they want it. It certainly isn't teaching them to have patience. I know that shopping with little ones can be challenging; planning ahead could help to make your trip to the grocer's quick and painless though. Suggest to your wife that she bring little snack packs for the girls when she needs to do some shopping. Bringing stickers or a couple of little dolls for them to play with is an even better idea. Until they are a little older, why not switch off, leaving the girls at home with one parent while the other does the shopping? Your concerns are valid; encouraging this behavior won't benefit the girls even if it does give your wife a little peace while getting the shopping done. The good news is that kids can adapt. It may take a couple of times but eventually, if you stick to your guns, the girls will realize that the grocery store is not a restaurant. Rewarding them at the end of your shopping trip is also a nice touch. Don't bend on this and they will eventually get the message.

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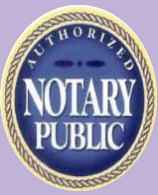
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