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Gunman killed during police standoff in Ecorse



Photo by Robert Frierson

At approximately 8:56 a.m. this morning, the Ecorse Public Safety Department received a complaint from an employee at June's Trailer Park on Southfield Road.

The complaint indicated that a resident was engaged in destructive behavior and had broken windows in the trailer in which he was residing and was acting distraught. The

caller stated that he observed blood at the scene.

Shortly the caller then returned to the scene then called a second time indicating the man was shooting at him. Then Watch Commander Sergeant Herring dispatched two patrol officers to the scene. They found the individual agitated, shouting obscen-

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President Barack Obama delivers remarks at an event to highlight "My Brother's Keeper,"

*an initiative to expand opportunity for young men and boys of color, in
the East Room of the White House*



(Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

On February 27, 2014, in the East Room of the White House, President Obama

delivered remarks at the launch event for My Brother's Keeper -- his new initiative

aimed at helping young men and boys of color facing tough

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Ecorse and River Rouge say NO to Pet Coke



The consensus say no. On Tuesday evening during City Council meetings at both Ecorse and River Rouge, resolutions were passed against having Pet Coke in their city. In each city the resolution passed unanimously. Therea Landrum, a community

activist, addressed the Mayor and council in Ecorse to make them aware of what has been transpiring as it relates to Pet Coke in the Downriver community. She also informed the attendees at council meeting about the Hearing that

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Former Southwestern High School to be sold



The Local Emergency Financial Assistance Loan Board (ELB) today approved a proposal from Detroit Public Schools Emergency Manager Jack Martin, to sell the vacant, former Southwestern High School building. The

building has been appraised at \$890,000. The sale of the property would eliminate annual maintenance costs of more than \$160,000.

The former school building, located at 6921 West Fort

Street, has been closed since June, 2012, and is in poor condition. The property has suffered significant vandalism since being closed and sustained fire damage in the building's gymnasium.

Under Public Act 436, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, a sale of property of more than \$50,000 must be approved by a local unit's governing body. Mr. Martin submitted his proposal to the school board on January 15, 2014.

The DPS board disapproved of the proposed sale last month and submitted an alternative proposal, which the ELB considered before making its decision today.

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NEWS FROM THE LANSING

Pet coke coming to Downriver?

By Rashida Tlaib - Contributing Writer



Rashida Tlaib

Petroleum coke, also known simply as petcoke, has continued to plague Detroit's riverfront communities. Now it is heading to Downriver communities.

When pet coke was illegally stored on the west portion of the Detroit River, residents began experiencing a tremendous amount of nuisance, including black dust blowing everywhere and loud noises from trucks and the conveyor belt. The pet coke was sometimes transported onto the ships at 1 a.m. with large bright lights being turned on, similar to those at airports, and the noise from the conveyor belts was unbearable at that hour.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Ecology Center tested the inside of the some of the nearby homes and confirmed the presence of pet coke. The toxic metals vanadium and selenium have been found in samples taken from these homes. High amounts of vanadium can cause respiratory problems. Pet coke dust was found in air conditioning filters and in buildings as far away as half a mile from where the petcoke was being stored. The pet coke piles reached as high as 40 feet without any wind barrier.

After viewing video recordings and photos recorded by residents, MDEQ recognized that the pet coke was not being properly contained. They began to order that the piles be significantly reduced. Usually piles of this type of material are more tightly regulated because they are part of a larger industrial operation

requiring strict permitting. In this case, these isolated piles were able to fly below the radar in terms of regulation. In California, after years of residential complaints, the state now requires the complete covering of pet coke piles. I introduced a bill that would require the complete covering of pet coke being stored anywhere in the state. This is a best practice, especially with the overwhelming evidence that the piles can't otherwise be properly contained. A report was just unveiled about the growing economic benefit of the transformation of the Detroit riverfront from an industrial wasteland to useable green space. It's been a tough time for communities living and doing business on or near the riverfront. This is why more redevelopment around green space and recreation activities are a better investment. Over a billion dollars in economic activity was produced after the east portion of the Detroit riverfront was redeveloped.

Marathon produces thousands of tons of pet coke as a byproduct of processing tar sands oil. As they continue to process increasing amount of tar sands oil, our riverfront communities will continue to see more and more pet coke if we don't hold them accountable for safer and better storage options. Koch Carbon, owned by right wing conser-

vative darlings the Koch brothers, purchases the pet coke and has Detroit Bulk Service (DBS) store it. The city of Detroit has already denied a permit to DBS to openly store petcoke on the Detroit River. Now the same company is coming to Downriver asking if they can be your neighbor. They already have piles near riverfront access point of Belanger Park in River Rouge, which is one of the most used public spaces in River Rouge. This is the same company that was not able to responsibly contain the pet coke piled on the west side. Downriver residents need to be engaged.

It is critical that Downriver residents record any complaints that they have with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, which includes reporting black dust, odors, noise pollution and other environmental related issues to 313-456-4681 and after 5 p.m. please call 1-800-292-4706.

Detroit residents took pictures, video, recorded times when they witnessed the black dust from the pet coke flying all over and beyond the fence line. I truly believe that their diligence in doing so was one of the most compelling evidence used by the City of Detroit to deny the company's usage of the property to store pet coke.

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Jullian Williams is a very loveable, intelligent, and personable 10 year old boy. He really enjoys reading the Bible, astronomy, and studying the Atlas. When he grows up he wants to attend Western University and Wayne State University to become a pediatrician. He was diagnosed with severe Aplastic Anemia in June 2013. Aplastic Anemia is a disease that damages the bone marrow and the blood stem cells. Jullian is in need of a bone marrow. Please join the Be The Match Registry to help Jullian and others to get a second chance at life!

Marrow Donor Registry Drive, Ages 18 to 44
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My Sister's Keeper

By George E. Curry - NNPA Columnist



In all the hoopla surrounding President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative, overlooked is that fact that our young girls also need to be targeted for special attention. Sure, they outpace Black males in college attendance and, in many instances, in the workplace. Still, that does not mean they do not also need special attention and encouragement.

Nothing illustrates this better than events of the past week. Sandwiched between President Obama's White House announcement of his special effort to help Black males and jubilation over Lupita Nyong'o winning an Oscar for best supporting actress in "12 years a Slave" was news out of Florida that Marissa Alexander, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison for firing a "warning shot" in the direction of her estranged and abusive husband, will be retried and could face 60 years in prison instead of the original 20.

Florida State Attorney Angela Corey, the same prosecutor whose office failed to win a murder convictions against George Zimmerman in connection with the death of Trayvon Martin and, more recently, against Michael Dunn for the death of Jordan Davis, announced that instead of the 20 years originally given to Alexander, she will seek to triple that by requesting that her three 20-year terms be served consecutively rather than concurrently.

Alexander was convicted of three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in 2012 and was sentenced to 20 years under Florida's 10-20 law that requires stiffer penalties for crimes committed with guns. On appeal, the conviction was overturned because Circuit Judge James Daniel placed to burden on Alexander to prove that she was acting in self-defense. In his instructions to the jury, the judge said Alexander had the responsibility to prove that she had been battered by her husband.

In a cruel twist, the prosecutor has announced that she will re-prosecute Alexander, this time seeking a longer sentence.

Marissa Alexander shouldn't have ever been prosecuted, let alone convicted. If Florida's Stand Your Ground law should apply to anyone, it should be Alexander, not George Zimmerman and Michael Dunn.

If convicted a second time, Alexander will join other Black women who make up the fastest growing segment of prisoners.

According to the Sentencing Project, the number of women

in prison increased by 646 percent between 1980 and 2010, from 15,118 to 112,797. As of 2010, more than 1 million women were under the supervision of the criminal justice system.

Black women are three times more likely to be incarcerated than White women. While most men are in prison for violent offenses, women are more likely to be in prison for drugs or property crimes. Many, like Kemba Smith, become romantically entangled with drug dealers, often serving as their "mules" to transport drugs and money.

While Florida was gearing up to triple Marissa Alexander's sentence, there was some good news out of Hollywood. The fact that Lupita Nyong'o was awarded an Oscar at Sunday's Academy Awards lifted the spirits of dark-skins girls across the country and indeed around the world. African Americans, especially females, are told in so many ways that when it comes to skin color, White is right. And if you can't be White, light is the next best thing.

Of course, there is the famous dolls test conducted by psychologists Ken and Mamie Clark, which was instrumental in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing racially segregated public schools. When asked to pick out the most beautiful doll, most Black girls selected White dolls over Black ones. When the test was repeated in recent years, the results were the same.

Muhammad Ali described racial brainwashing this way:

"We've been brainwashed. Everything good is supposed to be white. We look at Jesus, and we see a white with blond hair and blue eyes. We look at all the angels; we see white with blond hair and blue eyes. Now, I'm sure there's a heaven in the sky and colored folks die and go to heaven. Where are the colored angels? They must be in the kitchen preparing milk and honey. We look at Miss America, we see white. We look at miss world, we see white. We look at miss universe, we see white. Even Tarzan, the king of the jungle in black Africa, he's white. White Owl Cigars. White Swan soap, White Cloud tissue paper, White Rain hair rinse, White Tornado floor wax. All the good cowboys ride the white horses and wear white hats. Angel food cake is the white cake, but the devils food cake is chocolate."

Little chocolate girls are still being peppered with those White-is-beautiful images. Yes, we need to save our Black boys. But we can't save our community without saving Black girls, too.

George E. Curry, former editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine, is editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service (NNPA.) He is a keynote speaker, moderator, and media coach. Curry can be reached through his Web site, www.georgecurry.com. You can also follow him at www.twitter.com/currygeorge and George E. Curry Fan Page on Facebook.

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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, MDEQ, has scheduled in Wyandotte to share information with the residents.

Detroit Bulk Storage has applied for a permit with Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality to store the product at it's facility in River Rouge.

Although Detroit Bulk Storage has a River Rouge address, the majority of the land is zoned for Ecorse. When asked, 'Has Detroit Bulk Storage received approval to store pet coke in either Ecorse or River Rouge? The answer was no.

Many residents were unaware of this issue. However, those that knew about pet coke, were not happy about having pet coke in their backyard. Detroit Bulk Storage's location is approximately ¾ mile from the Industrial Highway. Some of the concern is the similar to the concerns of the residents near the Rosa Parks facility in Detroit that the pet coke was stored last year .

The MDEQ has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday evening to share information and listen to resident concerns. It was held from 4pm to 7pm at the Grand Harbor Banquet Event Center in Wyandotte.

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ities. As a result, the Downriver Mutual Aid Special Response Team was requested. Upon arrival they attempted to engage the individual in conversation in an attempt to talk him down.

The individual responded by firing at the armored vehicle. Then he pointed the weapon in the direction of police officers on the scene, threatening the safety of the officer. The officer fired his weapon killing Billie Joe Woolford (48) believed to be from Ohio. Mr. Woolford was declared dead at the scene. No further information is available pending a completion of an investigation being conducted by the Michigan State Police.

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Brothers Keeper

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odds reach their full potential. The initiative will bring together private philanthropies, businesses, governors, mayors, faith leaders, and non-profit organizations that are committed to helping them succeed.

As the President said in today's remarks, ensuring that young men of color can reach their full potential is the only way "America can reach its full potential."

President Obama announced that philanthropies and corporate leaders have pledged to invest at least \$200 million over the next five years -- on top of \$150 million that they have already invested -- to figure out which programs are the most successful in helping young men of color and replicate them in communities across the country. He also signed a presidential memorandum directing the federal government to determine the best methods to improve the odds for young men of color. The President made clear, however, that government can't fix the problem by itself. Helping our young men of color has to be a multifaceted, sustained effort in all areas of our society:

In this effort, government cannot play the only -- or even the primary -- role. We can help give every child access to

quality preschool and help them start learning from an early age, but we can't replace the power of a parent who's reading to that child. We can reform our criminal justice system to ensure that it's not infected with bias, but nothing keeps a young man out of trouble like a father who takes an active role in his son's life.

In other words, broadening the horizons for our young men and giving them the tools they need to succeed will require a sustained effort from all of us. Parents will have to parent -- and turn off the television, and help with homework. Teachers will need to do their part to make sure our kids don't fall behind and that we're setting high expectations for those children and not giving up on them. Business leaders will need to create more mentorships and apprenticeships to show more young people what careers are out there. Tech leaders will need to open young eyes to fields like computer science and engineering. Faith leaders will need to help our young men develop the values and ethical framework that is the foundation for a good and productive life. So we all have a job to do. And we can do it together -- black and white, urban and rural, Democrat and Republican.

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Medicine Mouth

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



Have you ever felt down and out? Have you ever been terribly discouraged and along came someone who said the right thing at the right time? Did it feel like you were lifted from out of a pit?

I love when that happens. It's like God Himself sends them like an angel to rescue you from despair. Encounters like this are divine and I don't think they can be humanly constructed. Most of the time, we humans have no idea what another person really needs to hear. When we say the right thing at the right time, it's a God thing. God uses people as a medicine mouth.

A medicine mouth speaks life and hope. It feels like love and it comforts. It's empowering and resurrecting. A lot of time the one who speaks medicinally has no idea the magnitude of the impact they have on the recipient.

When we try to have a medicine mouth on our own, we risk failure. If we try to force words that we think will help someone, they can back fire and make matters awkward. Sometimes silence is just as medicinal or even more so, depending on the situation.

When we are in tuned with God and sensitive to people, God can intervene and give you supernatural words that sooth like medicine. When love and God's Word are engrained in you, healing words flow naturally and almost effortlessly.

On the opposite end of the spectrum lies the toxic mouth. Don't have one of those. We know what those do. Hold on to the idea of having a medicine mouth. "Death and life are in power of the tongue" (Psa. 18.21). The tongue is a small thing that makes a BIG

difference (James 3.2-5). Being in the spirit makes it easier to use it positively.


Speak life. Use your mouth like medicine.

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GEORGE EDWARD JONES
Jul 9, 1929 – Feb 18, 2014

George was a hard worker and a good provider. He was always himself. He was a person that could not sit still for too long.

Left to cherish his memories are: his wife of 59 years Rosie Mae, five daughters Robin Irvin, Debra Williams, Barbara Smith (Carl), Brenda White (Robert), and Kimberley Jones; four grandchildren; two great granddaughters; and a host of nephews, great nieces and close friends.

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



MICHAEL L. JOHNSON
Apr 1, 1943 – Feb 20, 2014

Michael's gift of effortlessly connecting with all people made him a natural salesman which was essential to his successful career in pharmaceutical sales.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife Dianne, his children, Sabrina, Michael (Elaine), Melanie (Lloyd) Steele, Daphne, Lally (Carmen); seven grandchildren; Ariana, Rian, Kennedy, Skylar, Stone, Sash a, and Amihan; 8 siblings and 3 in laws; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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



CHARLENE JOHNSON
Nov 4, 1951 – Feb 24, 2014

Although I m gone but not forgotten I am anticipating your arrival that where God is, there you will be also.

I leave to follow with all my love: my Beautifully Spirit-

filled on and daughter, Kirschnan (Kurt) and Rosalva Moorman, my Wonderfully Spirited granddaughter Isalia Osorio; my Thoughtful and Loving step-sons, Michael R. (Mary) Johnson Jr; Eric (Sharron) Johnson; Brian Johnson, and Carlo Franklin (Andrea). 4 Loving and Witty grandchildren, My Tall & Handsome Four Brothers; My Warm & Nurturing Five Sisters; Two Wise & Courageous Uncles: thirteen Special Nephews; nine Precious Nieces, and a Host of Loving Cousins, Relatives, and Dear Friends, and Our continued prayers for our two siblings I never had the chance to meet.

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



DORIS JEAN MILLER
Oct 13, 1933 – Feb 19, 2014

Doris believed that Wayne County needed a community college and circulated petitions for the Michigan legislature to create Wayne County Community College.

She leaves to mourn her passing and continue her legacy her children, Carla, Darryl (Melonie), and Felicia Miller-Reese. Her grandchildren Shalina, Sha-Kera, Chiquita, Brandice, Monique, Nicole, and Julian. Her great grandchildren, Rashad, I'Yonna and Keith will miss her greatly. Her sister's Dolores Leonard (Eddie) and Andrea Wesley will continue her counsel. She is also survived by her niece LaTonya Wesley-Ward, and her nephews Eric Leonard and Andre Wesley and a large assortment of family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Kernan Funeral Home.



LEONARD AKRIDGE
Jan 1, 1938 – Feb 4, 2014

He also used some memorable phrases: "What's the Boogie, Boogie?", "Show You Right", "Don't Tear Yourself", "What You Gonna do when your back is up against the wall", "I Beg Your Chardon", "You Got Plenty of Time for the Big Sleep" and "Let's Get this Party Started".

He leaves to cherish his

memory, wife Fay Singhi Akridge, children April K. Garrett (Rodney), Glynis Akridge-Peterson (Craig Sr.), Leonard Scott Akridge (Keshia), grandchildren, Dumar Peterson, Brianna McNulty, Chanel Cabbil, Craig Peterson, Jr. August Garrett, Ryan Peterson, Jordan Peterson, Cameran Akridge, Kyle Peterson and Braylen Akridge, sister Ruby Williams, long time companion Grace Tate, aunt Virginia Colquitt, brother-in-laws, Al Bennett Jr, and Ronnie Bennett, sister-in-law Maxine Bennett, nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



GEORGIA MAE BRAYBOY
Oct 16, 1928 – Feb 10, 2014
Even though she had no children of her own she loved everyone else's as if

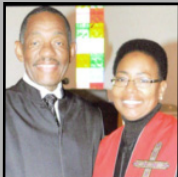
they were hers. She was a great cook and enjoyed watching people enjoy what she prepared.

She leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life her sister Louise Cotrell, one brother Clarence Evans, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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DOROTHY HIGHTOWER



Salutatorian of her class.

Dorothy's hobbies are sewing, putting puzzles together, canning and gardening.

This year a scholarship will be awarded to a worthy River Rouge resident in her name. Dorothy's children; Claude, Sheppard, Artis, James, Rosemary, Mattie, Joseph, Dorothy, Mary, Dave, Nathaniel, Frances, Mack Jr., and Julia. Two children died in infancy. She has 29 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and one great grand child.

Call to have your Senior Star announced in the Telegram Newspaper. We are looking for people 80 years old and older.

We must take time to show them love while they are still here. Call 313-928-2955 for more information.

Dorothy Hightower was born March 13, 1926 in Montgomery, AL. She's one of 19 children.

Doroty was married to Mack Hightower Sr. on May 12, 1950. The couple's union brought 16 children into the world.

Due to certain circumstances, Dorothy was

deprived a right to completer her education. As time went by, Dorothy sent 12 children across the stage of River Rouge High School. Despite all the hardship she endured, her son, James (Hikee) Hightower taught his mother to drive. He went on to tutor her. Under his tutor ledge, she was able to obtain her High School Diploma with a 3.7 GPA. She was

Money-Saving Tips for Seniors

By Jason Alderman - Contributing Writer



people over 50. Registration is free, although they also offer a \$12.95/year premium that offers members-only discounts and other perks. Other good sites include Brad's Deals, Sciddy.com and Savvy Senior.

Other commonly available senior discounts include:

- *A 15 percent discount on the lowest available rail fare on most Amtrak trains for travelers over age 62.
- *Greyhound offers a 5 percent discount on unrestricted fares (over 62).
- *Southwest Airlines offers senior fares (over 65). Although not necessarily their lowest available rates, Southwest's senior fares are fully refundable.
- *The U.S. Geologic Survey senior pass (over 62) provides free lifetime access to more than 2,000 government-managed recreational sites (including national parks), as well as discounts on camping and other amenities. Senior passes cost \$10 in person or \$20 by mail (<http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html>).
- *Verizon Wireless offers discounted mobile phone service for subscribers over 65.
- *Both Walgreens and Rite Aid offer monthly senior discount days for members of their rewards programs when most non-prescription items are 15 to 20 percent off. Ask your neighborhood pharmacy if they offer similar programs.

We all love a good bargain, no matter what our age. But if you're a senior citizen on a fixed income, finding discounted goods and services can mean the difference between making ends meet and going without.

The good news is that tons of senior discounts are available – often for people as young as 50. One caveat right up front: Although many senior discounts are substantial, you sometimes can find better bargains – especially on travel-related expenses like airfare, hotels and rental cars. So always do your research first before requesting the senior rate.

Here's a roundup of some of the best senior discounts I've found:

An AARP membership costs only \$16 a year for anyone over age 50, including free membership for spouses or partners (www.aarp.org). AARP's discounts website features discounts on dozens of products and services including rental cars, hotels, restaurants, clothing and department store chains. AARP also offers an inexpensive driver safety course for drivers over 50 (members and nonmembers alike) that can lower auto insurance premiums by up to 10 percent or more.

- Popular AARP discounts include:
- *20 percent discount on installation or upgrades to ADT home security systems.
 - *45 percent off membership to Angie's List.
 - *20 percent off purchases from 1-800-FLOWERS.com.
 - *Up to 25 percent off car rentals from Avis and Budget.
 - *Up to 20 percent discount at many hotel chains including Hyatt, Hilton, Wyndham, Best Western, Days Inn and Ramada, among others.
 - *10 to 20 percent off at many restaurant chains, including Claim Jumper, Denny's and Outback Steakhouse.
 - *15 percent off many Geek Squad services from Best Buy.
 - *A free 45-minute consultation with an Allstate Legal Services Network attorney, as well as 20 percent off member attorneys' fees.

A quick Google search will uncover numerous other senior discount resources. One popular site is SeniorDiscounts.com, an online directory of more than 220,000 U.S. business locations that offer discounts to

In addition, many restaurants, department stores, movie theaters, museums, theme parks, banks, credit card issuers, utilities (including gas and electric, water, garbage, telephone and cable) and other businesses offer special discounts or promotions for seniors. Always ask before your purchase is rung up.

Bottom line: Abundant resources are available to help seniors save money on purchases large and small. You just have to do a little research – and ask whether senior discounts are available. Remember, 10 percent here and 20 percent there can really add up.

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River Rouge Chevrolet Cadets are preparing for their Ball



Front row: Diamond Hunter, Britney Rivers, Lord' Amani Cooper, Duanye' Wilson , and Kiah Bostic
Second Row: Maya McIver, Rajuan Williams, Larnell Hill, Tamia Crawford, Kyla Beanum, Michael Wilson, Alesa Rucker, and Ke'Nora Howard-Snow.
Back Row: Ahmond Jenkins, Jr., Precious Harris, Terrell Griffin, Terrell Crawford, Tiera Wade, and Courtney Wourman. Missing from photo are: Havert Beal, II, Ja Kale Massengale, Aleasha Hill, Shawntel Jarrell, Asha Smith, and Ashley Walters.

Ticket sales will begin next week for the Chevrolet Cadets Ball.

Participants of The Chevrolet Cadets Leadership Program at River Rouge High School prepare for their formal coming out Cotillion and Beautillion Ball, introducing them to the community, on Saturday, April 5th, at 6:00 p.m., at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center.

The celebration is in honor of their completion of a rigorous four month program in conjunction with Chevrolet and United Way, learning about various leadership skills, job shadowing, community service and more. As part of the formal celebration the students will also perform a ballroom dance.

Tickets are available to the public and can be purchased beginning March 6th, in the

superintendent's office of River Rouge School District, located at 1460 W. Coolidge Hwy., River Rouge. Cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner. Tickets will not be sold at the door, and the deadline to purchase tickets is March 24th.

For ads for the souvenir booklet please call Nicole McKinney at 313-408-2511.

Father Child Activity Dance at Walter White in River Rouge



The Walter White River Rouge Head Start Team has made a large impact on the community by hosting the first "Father Child Activity Dance" on February 13, 2014 from 3:30 – 4:30. There were 74 men (not including children) in attendance. "H Consultant" and "Domino's Pizza" generously donated food for the dance.

This event demonstrated that River Rouge has a strong positive male presence. Males in River Rouge care about the success of children, which was strongly exhibited through several generations of families participating. Families represented, Grandfather, Father, and Son. What an awesome show of support for children and community as a whole!

Empowering High School Students to Become Agents of Change

Student Leaders from River Rouge High School Attend think.respect. Youth Summit Focused on Sustainable School Change



Empowered students are vehicles for positive change in their school and in their community.

That was the message delivered to more than 50 high school student leaders, including students from River Rouge High School, this past Saturday at a youth summit focused on building and sustaining student advisory councils. The summit, hosted by The Neutral Zone, was presented to students as a part of the Safe and Supportive Schools think.respect. grant. think.respect. is an innovative grant from the U.S.

Department of Education aimed at improving student learning by coordinating academics along with healthy lifestyles, anti-bullying programs, parent and youth engagement, and other interventions.

"Studies show that youth engagement is necessary to make lasting, positive change in a school and that promoting leadership through an advisory council is an important way to give students a voice," said Sukie Gruesbeck, think.respect.building liaison at River Rouge. "Our students

had a chance to participate in team building activities, practice leading meetings and giving presentations, and learn effective ways to encourage their peers in similar activities."

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is implementing funding for the grant, and is monitoring and evaluating the progress made by each school. The success of the 22 Michigan schools, as well as schools from 10 other states participating in the pilot program, will determine if this grant is made available nationwide in the next decade.

The schools that will receive funding from the think respect grant are: Beecher High School, Benton Harbor High School, Bloomingdale High School, Clintondale High School, E. A. Johnson High School, Fitzgerald High School, Harper Woods High School, Eastern High School, Lee High School, Marion High School, Mumford High School, New Haven High School, Pershing High School, Pontiac Academy, Southeastern High School, River Rouge High School, Truman High School, Robichaud High School, Ross Beatty High School, Sagina



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Learn the Risk Factors for National Kidney Month

Knowing risk factors could help you prevent kidney disease.



ANN ARBOR —Kidney disease kills more people each year than breast and prostate cancer combined. But while the majority of Americans can recite the common tests for breast and prostate cancer, not many know the risk factors and tests that could keep them off dialysis and the transplant list.

March is National Kidney Month and March 13 is World Kidney Day. During this time, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is urging Michigan residents to learn the key risk factors for kidney disease in order to prevent or delay its onset.

The major risk factors include:

- Diabetes – Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure in the United States.
- High Blood Pressure – High blood pressure is the second leading cause of kidney disease.
- Family History of Kidney Failure – If your family has a history of kidney failure, you are at increased risk for kidney disease and kidney failure yourself.
- Age Over 60 – Being over the age of 60 is a risk factor

for developing kidney disease and kidney failure.

•Kidney Stones – Studies have shown that a history of kidney stones is associated with the development of kidney disease.

Steps to Take for Those at Risk

Anyone with the above risk factors should be tested to check kidney function, according to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Simple steps such as controlling blood pressure and blood sugar, keeping weight down, exercising regularly, quitting smoking and avoiding excessive use of pain medicine, can help reduce risk.

Kidney Facts:

- Because kidney disease often has no symptoms, it can go undetected until it is very advanced. A simple urine test can identify whether you have the early signs of kidney disease.
- Untreated, kidney disease can lead to kidney failure and the need for dialysis or a kidney transplant.
- There are 120,000 Americans currently on the waiting list for an organ transplant. Of those, more than

96,000 need a kidney, yet fewer than 17,000 people receive one each year. On average 13 people die every day waiting for a kidney.

•Kidney disease kills more people each year than breast and prostate cancer combined.

During National Kidney Month in March, and in honor of World Kidney Day on March 13, the NKFM will offer the following health activities to promote awareness of kidney failure and kidney disease: kidney and health screenings, disease management workshops, health fairs and resources, community meetings and education opportunities, and more.

Help fight kidney disease in Michigan during National Kidney Month! For more information about preventing and controlling kidney disease, or details about local events and workshops during Kidney Month, please visit www.nkfm.org or call the NKFM at 800-482-1455.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it. The NKFM is widely known for providing more programs and services to more people than any other region or state. The organization was recognized for its success in sound fiscal management by receiving a 4-star rating, six years in a row, from Charity Navigator—the nation's leading charity evaluator.

Find the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, and Instagram at @KidneyMI.

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Wed March 6, 2014
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Wed March 12, 2014
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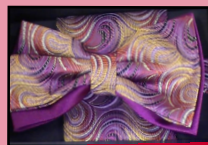
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Get hands-on experience at annual event on Saturday, March 15 & 22 at Cass Benton Park



Northville, MI – March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan and Wayne County Parks has a sweet Saturday program available for your entire family on March 15 and 22. Bundle up and join our park naturalists for the annual Maple Sugaring program at the Cass Benton Park picnic shelter in Northville, MI where a historic “sugar bush” still exists.

Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for an actual tree-tapping demonstration. In celebration of this early spring ritual, the group will enjoy pancakes with the “real thing” afterwards!

“The Maple Sugaring program is another example of the diversity of activities available to the public through Wayne County Parks,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “I encourage everyone to see, taste and experience our Maple Sugaring program first-hand,” Ficano added.

The practice of maple sugaring dates back to when Native Americans taught early settlers how to collect and boil sap during this time of year. The freezing nights and warm sunny days create pressure and force sap out of the maple tree.

The duration of the program is approximately 90 minutes. You may register for either March 15 or March 22, and choose a start time: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. or NOON.

Dress accordingly, as this is an outdoor program and the trail may be muddy. All ages are welcome. The program fee is \$6.00 per child and \$2.00 per adult for Wayne County residents. Add \$1.00 per person for non-Wayne County residents.

Advance registration and pre-payment is required at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185 or over the phone at (734) 261-1990. Cash, credit card or check payable to Wayne County Parks is accepted.

Cass Benton Park is located off of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road.

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However, the City is taking the extra precaution of providing free credit monitoring and identity theft insurance for one year to employees affected by the incident.

INKSTER

Re-invent Inkster

Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 12th @ 4 pm in City Hall. Important dates to note:

Other Dates to keep in mind

*Mayor's State of the City Address – Thursday, March 13th @ 6:30 pm in City Hall

*Chamber Mixer – Tuesday, March 25th @ 6 pm in the Inkster Valley Golf Course

*Reinvent Inkster Business Meeting – Thursday, March 27th @ 5:30 pm in City hall

*Reinvent Inkster Stakeholder/Community Meeting – Tuesday, April 1, 2014 @ 6 pm in Starfish Family Services

Lego Contest at the Library

March 15th, 2014 at 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM

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Event Description
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Soul Affirmation: Often it's not what I say but the way I say it that gets the message across.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 47

TAURUS

Don't expect to win every battle, especially with your lover. This week winning is losing. Backing down is winning. Shyness produces a bold result. It's easy to collect that long-standing debt.

Soul Affirmation: I keep money on my mind this week.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 25, 39

GEMINI

Possibilities of hearing good news about home are greatly expanded. Savor the news rather than thinking about other annoyances. Travel is on the horizon. Plan the trip this week.

Soul Affirmation: Jewelry reflects the beauty of my feelings about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 26, 44, 52

CANCER

Feather the nest. Stock up on stuff for the long haul. Cement relationships. A friend needs your support. Enjoy giving it. You will receive good news about a pal.

Soul Affirmation: Cheerfully handling what comes at me is the test of who I am.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 22, 31

LEO

Be cautious and conservative with money. You are extremely witty this week. Allow others to enjoy your good humor. Your leadership skills are very high, and others will follow.

Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 20, 44

VIRGO

This is a good time for you to seek agreement on a plan that involves a relative. Take the time to remind your lover how much you care. Get a little sentimental if you have to. Don't be too critical of that softer side of your personality.

Soul Affirmation: Self confidence is the key to my success this week.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 19

LIBRA

You've made your point. Now

wait. Wait for the feedback about the impact it had on the people around you. Be careful of those who don't celebrate with you. They feel the impact and are resisting the positive effects.

Soul Affirmation: Before goodness can come I must expect goodness.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 23

SCORPIO

Be sharp! All of your needs will be met in indirect ways. Gifts will come from unexpected sources. They will be carefully packaged to go unnoticed. Unwrap everything and look inside. There will be empty boxes, but there will also be a prize in an unanticipated situation.

Soul Affirmation: I look for the good in all that comes to me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 41

SAGITTARIUS

Push. Now is a good time to push. Your energy is higher than ever. Someone might get offended, but you can't please everyone. Hire a pro for something that you planned to do yourself, especially if a expert-ise is involved.

Soul Affirmation: Success is mine because I feel successful.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 12

CAPRICORN

Review your "to do" list again. You may need to slow down to discover something that you didn't realize while you were in the flow of events. Your lover is going to be a little difficult to understand.

Soul Affirmation: To live is to love

Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 23

AQUARIUS

Back off if an argument arises. You're probably the one who is too busy. Forgiving yourself is often harder than getting someone else to forgive you. Go easy on yourself

Soul Affirmation: Two hats fit well on my big head.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 20, 32

PISCES

Make a special effort to spend all week with your lover, husband or wife. Your sense of the importance of relationships is keen and this is a good time to strengthen your passionate partnership. Take your lover to a party. Devote attention.

Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.

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Paris signs to play football at Nassau Community College



Jared Berry – Assistant Coach, Principal Dolores Jones-Bell, Paris Basley – player, Jamcia Basley – mother, Head football coach and Athletic Director – Wayne Poole

It's official. Paris Basley will further his education in New York and play football too. On Monday, March 3, 2014 surrounded by his coaches, principal and mother, Paris signed his letter of intent to attend Nassau Community College. Paris played high school football for the Gators at Melvindale Academy for Business and Technology.

During his years as a Gator, he had a total of 155 tackles, 6 forced fumbles, 32 sacks

and 8 fumble recoveries. He was named to the All State First Team in his Sophomore and Junior year and he was an Honorable Mention in his senior year. He also made the Under Armor All American Watch List as a senior.

Paris said he used football as a stress reliever that helped him stay out of trouble. His principal Dolores Jones-Bell said, "Paris is a gentle giant and he is very caring and a leader."

His coaches stepped in as father figures and helped mold him into the young man that he is. His mother Jamcia Basley says she wants nothing but the best for her son. "Football was a way that he could stay focused and now that he is a young man, he will be a great mentor to other young men. He proves that you don't have to go the negative route to be popular." His teammates all wished him well and said he will be missed.



Eagles soar in final week of regular season, pull hat trick on rivals

By Christian Young - Contributing Sports Writer

The Romulus Eagles started the final week on a bit of a low note and closed it with some big runs.

After their loss against Saginaw Arthur Hill on Feb. 22, the Eagles looked to reverse their fortune with a game against a powerful University of Detroit Jesuit team on Feb. 25.

But it was not to be, as the Cubs dealt Romulus a 67-57 setback—the first time the Eagles had lost consecutive games in close to a decade. The Eagles had trouble getting to the line, getting only two free throw attempts and sinking one.

"Without a doubt, that wasn't our best game," Romulus coach Jerret Smith said. After a setback like that, the Eagles were looking forward to their Feb. 27 regular-season-closing home date with Birmingham Detroit Country Day with renewed vigor.

"Everyone says that this is a rivalry game, but every game is

a rivalry game because we're the defending champs," Smith said. "We're the hunted. It would make a lot of teams' seasons just to knock us off."

They did start slow, but withstood a big Yellowjacket run and answered it with one of their own to run away with a 68-46 win and prime them for MHSAA district play.

The Eagles went up 9-0 in the first quarter before Country Day went on a 15-2 run, brought about by forcing Romulus into some uncharacteristic mistakes.

"We had to get recommitted to the defensive end," Smith said. "Our kids are realizing that you have to bring it every day."

The Eagles weathered the storm by coming out of the first quarter tied at 15, and regained their footing in the second quarter, even though the score read 23-23 at the break.

Romulus really turned it on in the third quarter, nearly dou-

bling the output of the Yellowjackets, 45-23, in the second half. They were aided by a 22-9 third quarter and put the game away with a 23-14 run in the fourth.

Kris Clyburn led the Eagles with 13 points, followed by Jaylin Walker and Juwan Clark with 12. Senior Matt Eldridge was a force, pulling down 10 rebounds to go along with his four points.

"Matt's a kid that took an opportunity and ran with it," Smith said. "He's a good player."

Maceo Baston and Nazir Wallace led Country Day with nine points apiece.

Speaking of rivalry games, the Eagles opened district play on Monday at Belleville High School by knocking off their rival Tigers, 57-51, for the third time this season. The Eagles played Westland John Glenn yesterday at Belleville in the district semifinals. Results were not available at press time.

Time to Make a Run

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

The Detroit Pistons have fallen to 2-7 since head coach Maurice Cheeks was fired on Feb. 9, which has prompted point-guard Brandon Jennings to speak out against the decision by management. "You give a coach a half a season with new faces and new chemistry — that's not enough time, I don't think," Jennings said after last Thursday practice, per Vince Ellis of the Detroit Free Press. "I felt like he was placed in a losing situation."

Nevertheless, Andre Drummond this past Monday play 46 minute and 14 seconds and scored 17 points and a career-high 26 rebounds, helping the Detroit Pistons come back in the second half to beat the New York Knicks 96-85 Monday night in a matchup of tumbling teams. Drummond exceeded his career-high on the boards with 26 rebounds to go with his 17 points, as there were plenty of misses to by both teams. The Knicks shot just 39 percent and the Pistons 42 from the field, as the Pistons needed Drummond's offense to help complete a comeback after they trailed by 14 in the first.

The Pistons outscored New York by three points in the second quarter, 30-20 in the third and started the fourth quarter with eight unanswered points. The Pistons had lost four straight and seven of eight, however, in this game Drummond leadership, drive, and the will to win is maybe the answer on the march that might give the Detroit Pistons a chance from not becoming on the way to their sixth straight losing season. By the way, Detroit reserves Rodney Stuckey and Will Bynum each scored 16 points with Bynum scoring 15 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Now with this one win, a game won by something the home team Pistons have not been to successful in doing all season, perform a comeback when there team was behind and with only 20 or so games left in the season and being three and a half game back from a playoff spot all eye will just not be looking at the high schools and colleges during March Madness however, hoping their will be more basketball to be played in Michigan starring the state's professional basketball team nicknamed the Detroit Pistons.

Ecorse Wins First Round of Districts

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

Jalen James scoring 24 points, five assist and teammate Darrius Canty chip in with 20 points and eight rebounds as the Ecorse Red Raiders beat Detroit Cristo Rey 96-35 in the districts 72, first round play this past Monday. Ecorse will now move on to play Melvindale ABT, in the semi-finals in the districts. "Our team played a team that they should have won for that I'm very please about said Red Raiders Coach Mike Talley. Now our attention is on ABT with has playoff experience so I keep our team from looking ahead because if all goes as plan there is a good chance we will be playing Detroit Consortium for the championship in the District.

Again, my complete focus will be on ABT to win that game so we will have the opportunity to challenge Consortium for the championship."

Here are the other scores from the first round of the Boys Districts being played all this week. District 40, Melvindale 40, Dearborn Divine Child 30; River Rouge 73, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 29; District 14, Brownstown Woodhaven 43, Riverview 37; Southgate Anderson 51, Gibraltar Carlson 31; District 15, Romulus 57, Belleville 51; Taylor Truman 66, Wayne Memorial 42; District 16, Allen Park 61, Dearborn Fordson 59; Dearborn Heights Crestwood 72, Dearborn 48;

District 20, Detroit Pershing 88, Detroit Cody 63; Detroit Cass Tech 76, Hamtramck 45; District 39; Grosse Ile 55, Carleton Airport 50; New Boston Huron 61, Allen Park Cabrini 57; District 41; Dearborn Advanced Tech 67, Detroit West Side Academy 37; Detroit Collegiate Prep 87, Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy 35; Detroit Plymouth Educational 82, Detroit University Prep Science & Math 57; District 72, Detroit Consortium 60, Riverview Gabriel Richard 35; District 73, Detroit Allen Academy 72, Dearborn Riverside Academy-West 32; Highland Park Renaissance Academy 73, Dearborn Hts Star International 39; District 101, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 82, Newport Lutheran South 26; Taylor Trillium 51, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 41; District 103, Novi Franklin Road Christian 90, Lutheran Westland 80; Southfield Christian 81, Detroit Davis Aerospace 40.

In addition congratulations to the following Girls Basketball teams that won their Districts and are now moving on to the regional: District 14, Southgate Anderson; District 15, Romulus; District 40, Dearborn Divine Child; District 72, Detroit Consortium; District 73, Detroit Jalen Rose Academy.

CRIME ALERTS

POLICE BLOTTER

RIVER ROUGE

River Rouge Police Department
313-842-8700

February 24, 2014

At 2234hrs, officers responded to a home in the 500 Block of Polk on a Domestic call. The 30 year old female states her 19 year old boyfriend pushed and choked her. She told officers that they had been arguing when he took her cell phone and locked himself in the bathroom and refused to open it or come out. When he finally opened the door he pushed her to the floor near the kitchen area. The boyfriend choked her when she tried to get her phone. They do not live together and at the time was visiting at a friend's house when problems began.

February 24, 2014

At 2310hrs, officers responded to the 1st Block of Batavia on a Domestic complaint. The 61 year old female told officers that she and her 63 year old boyfriend had been arguing when he hit her with a closed hand fist in her chest area. He left before officers arrived and she refused medical attention and was strongly advised after officers noticed her holding her chest and had shortness of breath. Health Link was notified and treated her at the scene be she refused to go to the hospital. She states she had been dating this guy for 19 years and lived together, but the problem was all of the alcohol they had consumed throughout the night prior to their arrival.

February 25, 2014

At 1718hrs, officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of Campbell Street for a Breaking and Entering report. Officers met with a 31 year old homeowner who states she left her home earlier that day and arrived home at 1900hrs to find her home had been broken into. She received a call from the alarm company at 0909hrs reporting motion in the home. She told the police not to send officers because she thought it was her cat. When she returned home she discovered thieves had taken a pair of brown Pelle Pal boots, a Wii game console with 8 games, \$250 dollars in jewelry and other items. She observed the north Kitchen window open. The homeowner believes her daughters friends are known for breaking into homes and they may be the persons responsible.

February 26, 2014

At 1400hrs, officers responded to the 1st Block Chestnut from a caller who was upset and might need medical attention. Upon arrival officers were met by a 57 year old male who did not appear in distress. He stated his girlfriend's 41 year old son stole his tax document and his social security card. He continued to state her son stopped by and asked to borrow \$600 dollars to pay for outstanding warrants he was trying to take care of. The male told the son "no" and while he was in the bathroom he heard the son going through his papers. When he came out the bathroom he noticed his tax return and personal identification was gone and the son was gone.

Mayor Duggan declares March ACA Enrollment Month

Announces Community based Sign-Up Locations

DETROIT – Mayor Mike Duggan announced today that starting Monday, March 2nd, Detroiters will be able to sign up for affordable health insurance at select firehouses and recreation centers throughout the city.

The community based effort is part of the Mayor's commitment to get residents enrolled under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by the March 31st deadline. In addition, the Mayor has designated March as Affordable Care Act Enrollment Month.

"Taking the signup process into our neighborhoods will provide easier access for our residents who need assistance with healthcare enrollment," said Mayor Duggan. "Everyone deserves quality, affordable healthcare. The Affordable Care Act gives people options that fit their

needs and their wallets. We want to see as many Detroiters as possible take advantage of this opportunity."

The signup effort runs through the ACA enrollment period. Trained personnel will be on hand to help residents sign up for health insurance. Below are the locations and hours of each community enrollment location:

Detroit Fire Stations
Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays only, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

- Engine 9 – 3737 E. Lafayette
- Engine 27 – 4700 W. Fort
- Engine 40 – 13939 Dexter
- Engine 48 – 2300 S. Fort
- Engine 54 – 16825 Trinity

Adams Butzel Family Center – 10500 Lyndon Butzel Family Center – 7737 Butzel
Hours: Monday thru

Wednesday, from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Coleman Young Recreation Center – 2751 Bradby Drive
Hours: Tuesday thru Friday from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 1st Floor – 2 Woodward Avenue
Hours: Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Additionally, Detroit residents can enroll in a healthcare plan at a special area set up on the first floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center at 2 Woodward Avenue. The City's efforts to get residents signed up are being promoted through PSAs on the government and educational television access channels: WTD-TV 10 and WED-TV 22, as well as through social media.

Ex-felony offender voting rights

By: NAACP: Washington Bureau

Over 5.8 million Americans are not allowed to vote because they have been convicted of a felony, regardless of the nature or seriousness of the offense. More than one-third of these people are African Americans, and while the laws vary from state to state, in some states, including Florida, Kentucky, and Virginia, more than one in five African-Americans has lost

the right to vote.

Because voting is such an integral part of being a productive member of American society, the NAACP has worked closely with other like-minded groups to develop legislation that would allow felons who are no longer incarcerated to reintegrate themselves into society and vote in federal elections. The

NAACP supports the "Democracy Restoration Act," which allows ex-offenders to register and vote in federal elections as soon as they have been released from prison. We are expecting the Democracy Restoration Act to be reintroduced in the Senate by Senator Cardin (MD) and in the House of Representatives by Congressman Conyers (MI) in the very near future.

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Property Owners in Ecorse and River Rouge

Are your Real Estate taxes to high?

The winter Real Estate taxes became due Febryuary 14, 2014. If you believe they were too high you're probably right. The taxable value of many residential properties in Ecorse and River Rouge are over-stated on the assessment rolls. If you want to know if your residence is over assessed, and need help reducing your tax dramatically please call:

For more information or appointment call Eugene A. Goreta - Attorney at Law 4073 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI 313-388-1244

It is important to protest your assesment by March 12, 2014 at 2:00 pm.

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF INKSTER

2014 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL MEET AT THE CITY OF INKSTER'S CITY HALL, located at 26215 Trowbridge, on the following days for the purpose of hearing the complaints of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by the assessments made against their property.

Monday, March 17, 2014

10:00 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 PM and 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Applications for hardships will also be accepted however final determination of hardships will occur at the July Board of Review. Proof of income must accompany the application in order to be considered for a hardship.

Please refer to your notice of assessment for the property identification number and related assessment information. Also, please bring your notice of assessment with you to your scheduled appointment

PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT (313) 563-7703 or 313-563-4232

Felicia Rutledge Inkster City Clerk 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, MI 48141

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSESSOR OFFICE CITY OF RIVER ROUGE ASSESSOR LISA K. GIVENS 313-842-5602

Attention River Rouge Taxpayers

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

March 10th, 2014 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

March 11th, 2014 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

March 12th, 2014 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

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

The Board requires that all persons applying for a hardship reduction must have completed there application and returned to the Treasurer's office by March 7th, 2014. Hardship reductions cannot be granted by telephone.

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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE
COUNTY OF WAYNE
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AN EXCERPT TAKEN FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE HELD UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014. MAYOR LAMAR TIDWELL, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEN SAMMONS, AGEE, BANKS, MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER, ELEM, HELLAR, MAYOR TIDWELL.
EXCUSED:

RESOLUTION NO. 062.14

Moved by Councilman Hellar, Supported by Councilman Elem,

RESOLVED, that acceptance and adoption of the said proposed ordinance and that the same, or a summary thereof, be published within ten (10) days hereof; with said publication including the location, within the city, where a copy of the code may be viewed.

Yeas: Councilmen Sammons, Agee, Banks, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, Elem, Hellar, Mayor Tidwell.
Nays: None.
Excused:

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION ECORSE TAXPAYERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ECORSE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING IN THE ALBERT B. BUDAY CIVIC CENTER-3869 W. JEFFERSON ECORSE MI IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR ON:

MARCH 10, 2014 9:00 A.M. TO NOON AND 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M
6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M

MARCH 12, 2014 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING APPEALS ON 2014 ASSESSED AND TAXABLE VALUES. PLEASE NOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW PROPOSALA; TAXES ARE BASED ON THE TAXABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

FURTHER STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR HARDSHIP REDUCTIONS MUST SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING BEFORE THE BOARD CAN GRANT A HARDSHIP:

- 1. COMPLETED HARDSHIP APPLICATION (AVAILABLE IN ASSESSOR'S OFFICE)
- 2.COPY OF FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS/HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX OR POVERTY EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT(AVAILABLE IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE)
- 3.PROOF OF INCOME (W2 , SOCIAL SECURITY STATEMENT ETC)
- 4.ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WISH THE BOARD TO CONSIDER
- 5.MUST BE CURRENT ON PROPERTY TAXES:

HARDSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING INCOME GUIDELINES

ONE PERSON	13,000.00
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THREE PERSONS	20,800.00
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Significant experience interacting with the public, excellent writing/communication skills, working knowledge of the Wayne County area and Spanish speaking skills considered a plus, if hired.

The closing date for this position is March 17, 2014. Salary is based on skill and experience level. Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter and references to: SeniorDemMember@gmail.com. Absolutely no phone calls will be accepted.

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:

Infrastructure Improvements

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 to approve CDBG projects on Tuesday, March 18, 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.

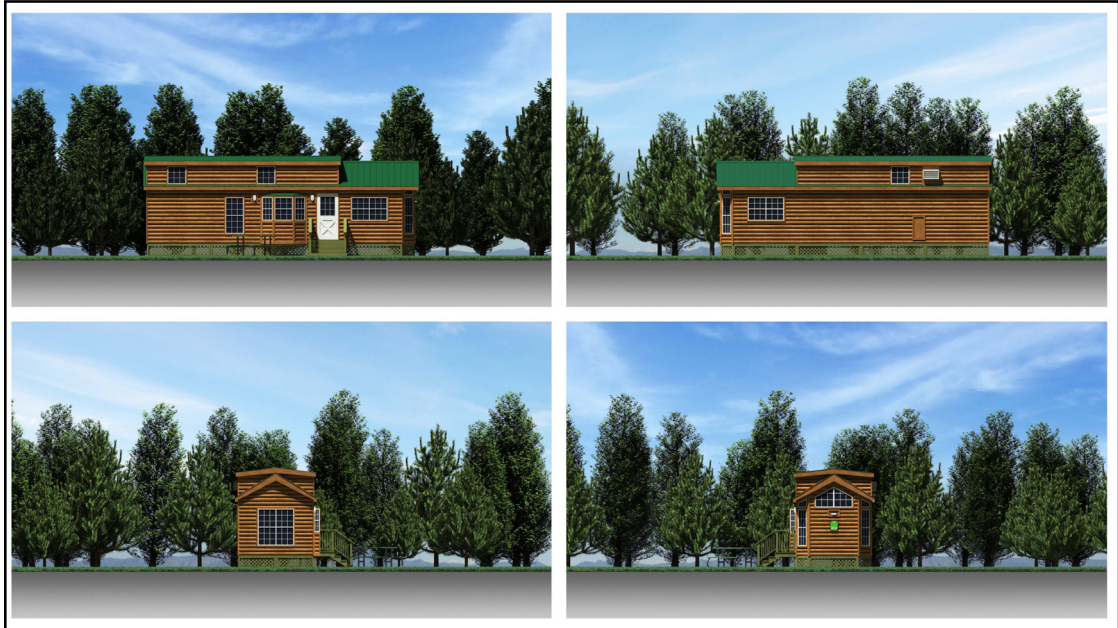
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Cedar Point announces Light House Point Expansion



SANDUSKY – Even though there is still snow on the ground, it’s not too early to start thinking about warm summer days and planning a fun-filled family vacation getaway to Cedar Point! And lucky for you, the park voted the “Best Amusement Park in the World” will have even more options for you to “stay where you play” this year.

Cedar Point announced today that it will be adding 52 new deluxe cabins to its Lighthouse Point resort. These new cabins can accommodate up to 10 people and will feature two full bathrooms, four flat panel televisions, a dorm-size refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, outdoor charcoal grill and picnic table. In addition, all of the cottages, cabins and full hook-up campsites in Lighthouse Point will now offer free wireless internet access. A new registration building will help speed up the

check-in process and get guests to their cabins and RV sites quicker than ever before.

Reservations for the new cabins can be made immediately and room nights will be available beginning May 23.

Lighthouse Point is conveniently located along the west bank of the Cedar Point Peninsula and consists of 64 cozy cottages, 40 quaint cabins and 97 luxury RV campsites in addition to the 52 new cabins. Originally opened in 2001, Lighthouse Point nearly doubled in size with a major addition in 2004. The centerpiece of Lighthouse Point is the historic Cedar Point Lighthouse (circa 1862), which is the oldest existing structure on the Cedar Point Peninsula.

Guests who stay at any Cedar Point Resorts property get the best perks, like \$39 one-day admission tickets (a savings of more than \$20 off the gate price) and Early Entry – a

chance to experience some of the best rides and coasters on the planet a full one hour before the park opens to the general public.

Also, back by popular demand is Cedar Point’s Easy Pay plan which allows overnight visitors to lock-in low pre-season rates while conveniently managing the cost of their stay in four easy installments with no payment due at booking! Packages can be purchased on Cedar Point’s website or by calling 419-627-2106.

Cedar Point opens for the 2014 season on Saturday, May 10. For a complete operating schedule, visit cedarpoint.com.

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Taxing Friendship



Dear Ayana,
Last February, after a friend fell on hard times, I loaned her a LARGE sum of money in order to help her get back on her feet. We made an agreement that she would use the money wisely and that she would pay me back this year after receiving her income tax refund. Immediately after receiving the money that I loaned her, she went shopping. I distanced myself from the relationship when I began to realize that the loan was really to help her keep up appearances, not to keep up with her bills. We began to talk less and less except for the occasional text or when I would see her at a mutual friend’s home. Now a year later, I haven’t seen her in months and she has failed to return my calls or my money. I know that she has already received her refund because she posted pictures of herself on a social media site holding a wad of cash. I have also heard from mutual friends that she has already booked a vacation with the money she received. I’m furious! I don’t want to be friends anymore but I do want my money back. This has put a strain on my other friendships too and I don’t want to loan anyone anything anymore. In the past, I have been very generous with my family and friends but this has changed me. I’m considering suing her for the loan. At

this point, the return of the money isn’t as important as the lesson she will learn by being dragged into court. Some of our friends don’t agree and think that I’m being “petty”. What do you think?

Fuming Friend

Dear Fuming Friend,
I learned a valuable less at a young age: never loan out what you can’t afford to lose. What’s done is done and even if you get your money back, it looks like your friendship is over. You need to evaluate the importance of both the friendship and the return of the loan before you decide what to do. Is the lesson you’re prepared to give worth the time and effort you’ll expend in teaching it? Is your friendship of so little value that you are willing to dissolve it over money? If answered “yes” to both questions then you have already made up your mind and my opinion may mean very little. However, I hope you’ll hear me out. A friend, a true friend, cares about you, wants to see you prosper and builds you up instead of tears you down. I question if this woman that you made the loan to was a true friend to begin with. You say that you are very generous with family and friends. I wonder how many of the people whom you are generous with would be in your corner if you were unable to loan money or do the other various things that you may do for them. There is absolutely nothing wrong with being generous. In fact, to be able to live in a way that you are able to give freely is a blessing; but be wise with your giving. Be wise enough to know when you are able to be generous and when you have to say “no”. Denying a request may save some valuable relationships. If this friendship is at all worth salvaging, before you take legal action, attempt to reach this friend again. Ditch texting and emailing and call her or go to her home instead. See if you are able to work out a payment plan and share your feelings over what has happened in the past year. If she is willing to repay you, set some boundaries and rules around what you expect. If she is unwilling to pay her debt, cut ties with her completely; she’s shown you who she is. In that case, if you can afford to take the loss, take it. You may find that it’s more costly to pursue her in court. In the future, before making loans of any value, ask yourself if you can afford to take a loss, remembering that the loan may cost you more than money. Good luck to you.

Ayana

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Detroit strikes bankruptcy deal with banks

Detroit has struck an arrangement with two major banks that would give the city access to much-needed casino tax money.

The proposed \$85 million deal is about half a \$165 million proposal rejected in January by the federal judge overseeing the city's bankruptcy.

It would settle casino tax revenue claims from Bank of America and UBS. Struggling with pension debt, the city in 2009 pledged a portion of future revenues in exchange for a \$300 million payment. Under the deal, the banks will also support the cash-strapped city's debt adjustment plan, Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr said. The settlement frees up "critical funds that we can invest to improve the quality of life in Detroit," Orr said.

Judge Steven Rhodes would have to approve Monday's deal. His January rejection of the \$165 million settlement said it would likely not be allowed to stand under the city's bankruptcy reorganization plans.

The January decision was applauded by unions, because it put the big banks in line with current employees, retirees and other city creditors.

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