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## Law and Order' actress supports rape kit testing efforts

'From Wire Reports



**Kym Worthy and Law & Order: SVU' actress  
Mariska Hargitay**

Actress Mariska Hargitay, who portrays a police detective on television, on Monday pledged her support for a real-life crime-fighting effort: quicker testing for a backlog of thousands of rape kits in the Detroit area and across

Michigan.

Hargitay, a star of NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," joined Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy in

**Law and Order page 11A**

## Michelle Obama Honors Women's History Month With 'Women Of Soul' Showcase



**First lady Michelle Obama with with Women of Soul singers. Second from left,  
Melissa Etheridge, Janelle Monáe, and Patti LaBell**

WASHINGTON (AP) — He bobbled the spelling, but President Barack Obama had nothing but R-E-S-P-E-C-T for the "women of soul" who

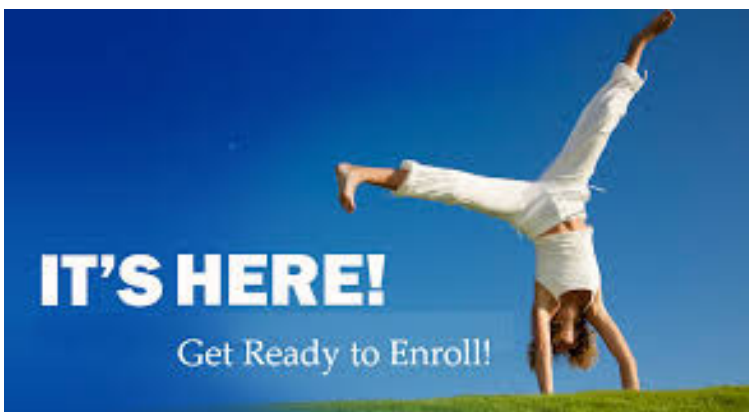
shook and rattled the rafters of the White House on Thursday night.

"What a lineup!" Obama declared at the outset of a

concert that featured a generations-spanning array of soul singers that stretched from musical legends Aretha

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## Latino Outreach Stepped Up as ACA Open-Enrollment Deadline Nears



DETROIT - With less than four weeks to go in the open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act, the push is on to reach the Latino community, which officials say has traditionally not had widespread access to affordable

health insurance.

Mayra Alvarez, associate director of the Office of Minority Health for the U.S. Department of Health and

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## Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano launch Pot Hole Blitz



**Wayne County Executive  
Robert Ficano**

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano along with leadership from Wayne County Department of Public Services and its Roads Division launched an initiative that accelerates the pothole patching effort countywide.

The number of cases of damage to cars, tires and rims has been rising due to the brutal

Michigan winter. Residents have been complaining about the condition of the roads and

**Pot Hole Blitz 14A**



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CALL TO ACTION

Down but not out  
The Flu is going around

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



I didn't think that the flu would knock me off my feet. But that is exactly what has been happening over the last two weeks. If you have had the flu before you know the symptoms; hot and sweaty, then cold and shivering , running nose, clogged nose, head and body aches, sore throat and no appetite. Yep, I had all of that.

Thank God for my staff, who took care of things while I was home trying to get it together. I worked for a while and then slept for a long while. I couldn't believe that I slept for over

eight hours at a time. I normally sleep about four hours each night, but over the last few weeks I have gotten more sleep than ever. I have had some intense dreams and they were so real. It felt like things were really happening, but I was sleep.

I do regret not making it to any meetings last week. I wasn't feeling my best and I didn't want to pass on the flu bug to anyone else. I thank God that I had people available to attend the meetings and keep me in the loop.

A special thank you goes out to all that helped over the last weeks.

What I did realize is that I had to make the most of the time that I was awake. My mind went into overdrive and I got a lot of thinking and planning done. That part of being down was great. I just want to get back to being 100%. I can't wait.

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NEWS FROM LANSING

Senator Anderson introduces Bill to Prohibit the Tattooing of Minors



State Senator Glenn Anderson (D-Westland)

Lansing—The Michigan Senate Health Policy Committee held a hearing on Senate Bill 537, a bill

sponsored by State Senator Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) that would prohibit the tattooing of minors. Currently, with parental permission, minors of any age can be legally tattooed. This bill would prohibit children under the age of 16 from being tattooed or undergoing certain other “body modification” procedures.

With passage of this bill, children between 16 and 18 years old would be allowed to get tattoos with parental permission, signed in the presence of the licensed tattoo artist. There would be no

change for those over 18. The bill would also require that licensed tattoo parlors maintain records for one year for tattoos that they provide to individuals between the ages of 16 and 18 with parental consent.



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Human Services, says the latest study finds that eight in 10 uninsured Latinos can now get a break on the cost of insurance.

"So it really sends a strong message to the Latino community that an overwhelming majority would qualify for some form of financial assistance in the form of tax credits to help pay for private coverage, or Medicaid, or CHIP," she explains.

According to HHS, in Michigan there are 360,000 Latinos who may be eligible for insurance coverage, 69,000 of whom are currently uninsured.

Alvarez says the department has teamed up with local Latino groups, specially trained community assisters, churches, schools and other

organizations to help spread the word about what she calls a historic opportunity for Latinos to address longstanding inequities in access to health care.

"Survey after survey tells us that the Latino community wants to receive information from trusted sources, and two of those most trusted sources

are, one, Spanish-language media, and two, people in their community," she says.

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Cancer Action Councils bring together members of specific communities in a library setting who plan effective programming to increase cancer awareness and access to cancer care.

To increase access to cancer screening and care among medically underserved communities in the Metropolitan Detroit area. Metropolitan Detroit includes three counties: Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne. In the first phase of this project, HealthLink will focus efforts on Wayne County.

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# (Black) Women’s History Month

By Julianne Malveaux - NNPA Columnist



Do you know about Elizabeth Keckley? Maggie Lena Walker, Sarann Knight Preddy, Gertrude Pocte Geddes-Willis, Trish Millines Dziko, Addie L Wyatt or Marie-Therese Metoyer?

What about Ernesta Procope, Dr. Sadie Alexander, Or Dr. Phyllis Wallace? What about Bettiann Gardner, Lillian Lambert, or Emma Chappell? What about Ellen Holly, Mary Alice, or Edmonia Lewis?

If we knew anything about these women, it might cause all of us, African American men and women, to walk a bit more lightly, hold our heads a bit higher, and revel in the

March is Women’s History Month, so it’s an ideal time to celebrate Black women who often get overlooked by other women as well as their own race.

History belongs to she who holds the pen, she who will speak up, speak out and tell the whole story. If the names of the sisters listed above aren’t as well known as others – like Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Mary McLeod Bethune – it is because no one has chosen to tell their stories.

There are a thousands of unsung heroines for every one we lift up and know, women who have made phenomenal contributions to the arts, literature, money, finance, and economic development.

Why write this now? African American History month (February) is usually about notable Black men. Women’s History Month (March) is usually about notable White women.

A book edited by Gloria T Hull, Patricia Bell Scott, and Barbara Smith is titled, But Some Of Us Are Brave: All the Women Are White, All the Blacks Are Men: Black Women’s Studies,

As the title suggests, some of us are brave – and our young girls need to know that.

What difference would it make to our daughter and nieces if they knew about Septima Clark or Claudette Colvin? Had they read Lucille Clifton’s poetry, would they find it easier to breathe life into their words?

It pains me to watch Black Women’s History so swallowed that we are almost invisible. The most benign interpretation of this phenomenon is that those who lift history up are too myopic to consider African American women. Is there is a

sinister interpretation? Is it that both racism and patriarchy combine to swallow Black women’s history?

International Women’s Day was March 8. Annually, the United Nations sets a theme for the commemoration. This year it was, “Equality for Women is Progress for All.”

According to the UN, countries with more gender equality have better economic growth. Companies with more women leaders perform better. Peace agreements that include women are more durable. Parliaments with more women enact more legislation on key social issues such as health, education, anti-discrimination and child support. The evidence is clear: equality for women “means progress for all.”

We can’t make progress if we bury our history. We can’t put Melody Hobson in context if we don’t understand Maggie Lena Walker. We can’t truly celebrate women’s history unless we celebrate Black women’s history. Black women’s history is women’s history, too. It should be realized that both the African American community and the world community cannot progress if any segment of that community is relegated to the sidelines.

The place African American women hold in our history celebrations is quite similar to the space we occupy in contemporary life. We can get tens of thousands or more folks to turn out (as they should) in response to the massacres of Trayvon Martin and Jordan Davis, but the killing of unarmed Renisha McBride has caused much less of an outcry. Theodore Wafer, the White man (yes, race matters) who shot young Renisha, will be tried for second-degree murder in June. Will we remember this effrontery in the same way that we rallied for Trayvon and Jordan?

The sidelining of Black women is one of the reasons that the late C. Delores Tucker worked tirelessly for more than a decade to ensure that a bust of Sojourner Truth be placed in our nation’s capitol. And why not? Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are there. The fight to get Sojourner Truth to the capitol was led by Tucker, a lifelong leader and a founder of the National Congress of Black Women. Unfortunately, she did not live long enough to see the fruits of her labor. Wondering who was Delores Tucker? That’s be a whole column by itself.

If you know nothing about the women I’ve mentioned, Google them, or check my website, [www.juliannemalveaux.com](http://www.juliannemalveaux.com) for more information.

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

# Women of Soul

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Franklin and Patti LaBelle to 20-year-old Ariana Grande.

Obama paid tribute to Franklin for turning her signature song "Respect" into "a rallying cry for African-Americans, women and then everyone who felt marginalized."

The pumped-up audience gave a hearty laugh but was more than willing to forgive the president for spelling it "R-S-P-E-C-T."

First up in the East Room lineup was LaBelle, with a thundering delivery of "Over the Rainbow" that had the audience on its feet.

It was a mutual admiration society of sorts as LaBelle thanked the Obamas for their tenure in the White House, declaring, "Baby, you got swag!"

Grande, the youngster in the group, seemed in awe of her fellow performers and the august audience. Her lead-in: "What's up? How are you? Good to see you. Thank you for having me."

The emotional high point came when Franklin, 71, sauntered in, gave a shimmy and declared "Let's have a party." Then she went right into "I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You)"

Also in the lineup: Melissa Etheridge, Janelle Monae, Jill Scott and Tessanne Chin.

The program was livestreamed at [WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://WhiteHouse.gov/live) and will be broadcast as an "In Performance at the White House" concert on April 7 on PBS.

At a morning arts workshop for high school and college students, first lady Michelle Obama called soul "the kind of music that makes you

move, no matter who you are or where you come from."

LaBelle, Etheridge and Monae had plenty of stories and advice to share with the students, then got them whooping, hooting and swaying with a trio of songs in the intimate venue of the State Dining Room.

Mrs. Obama quoted LaBelle as once saying that she had succeeded because she "took chances and sang my butt off."

The first lady tried her own riff on that advice — then admitted she may have taken it a little too far.

"Find your own voice and be proud of it," she said. "And then, sing your butt off. Or

work your butt off. Or whatever you do, do it until your butt comes off. "

Then she added: "OK, that quote is going to be kind of funny in the papers. I already know it. My communications people are like, 'What?' But you guys all know what I meant — be good at what you do. "

The concert was scheduled as part of Women's History Month.

Said the president: "As someone who always shares this house with brilliant, creative, talented, somewhat stubborn women, I think Women's History Month is the perfect time to honor a few more: the women of soul."

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Hit & Run

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



I remember the first time I received a full blown hit in roller derby. I was blind sided and couldn't believe how fast I was swept off my feet. I was skating one minute and the next thing I knew I was on the ground looking up, like: "Ouch. Who did that?"

I collected myself and got up literally feeling a little disoriented. That's when I realized that I really hate falling.

Not wanting to fall like that again, I made it a goal to learn how to handle hits. I knew there would be times I'd fall, but I wanted to avoid them as much as possible.

Practicing with my team helped me learn how to handle hits. First of all, you need

to be aware so that a hit does not catch you off guard, by surprise. You should always see a hit coming.

When you see a hit coming, you can do one of three things: Absorb, counter or avoid the hit with a juke move. When you absorb a hit, you just take it and try to remain sturdy on your feet.

You can counter the hit by hitting back when you see it coming. It's counter action where you impacting the hitter, deflecting the impact back onto the one who is hitting you. Often times the hitter goes down instead of the target. In other words, you can make a hitter's hit backfire on them.

The other thing you can do is try to avoid the hit altogether by making the hitter miss. You do this by quickly getting out of the path of the hitter with a quick juke move. The hitter will miss you and possibly go out of bounds. This is good for you and bad for them.

In life, we take hits. The worst hits are the ones that catch us off guard and knock us down. The devil is like the hit-

ter who is trying to take you out. The devil wants you down on the ground, disabled, so he can score.

If you don't see the devil coming, he'll blind side you. This is why the Bible tells us to be 'wide awake and sober'(1 Thes. 5.6) and to 'beware of dogs'(Phil. 3.2).

We need to be aware of where the devil is and see him coming. You cannot be distracted or not paying attention. Your mind has to be right. When you recognize him coming, you need to react appropriately.

You can brace yourself and take the hit and refuse to go down. You can counter the action and redirect it back to the devil. The devil will get a black eye trying to give you one. You can avoid the hit by simply getting out of the way. You have to be quick, agile and have great timing.

Watch and pray. Handle those hits! Don't let them handle you. Don't be a hit and run victim. Don't let the enemy sneak or ease in on you. Watch and pray.

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Pastor Willis accepted his calling into the ministry in March 1988 under the leadership of Pastor J. H. Johnson of Greater Middle Baptist Church. In February 1990, the congregation of Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church voted to have Rev. Arthur C. Willis serve as

their Pastor. He has continued to served since that time. Rev. Willis is very active in the Romulus community. He is President of the Romulus Ministerial Alliance, Board member of the Boys and Girls Club, and Chair of the Romulus Mayor Drug Task

Force. Under his leadership several men have been ordained. The current Associate Ministers at Pentecostal MBC are Rev. Marquis Jackson and Rev. LaThomas Willis. Rev. Willis is married to Janice Willie and they have been married for 42 years. Each year they host a Marriage Retreat for couples. They have five beautiful children; Stephanie, Arthur Jr., Chauncy, LaThomas and Starr. Many family and friends celebrated with him during this year's anniversary. The guest churches were Greater Bethlehem Baptist Church where Rev. Randolph Thomas is Pastor and Greater Middle Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. J. H. Johnson is Pastor.



Pastor Willis with the Associate Ministers - Rev. LaThomas Willis and Rev. Marquis Jackson

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# Girls With Great Potential have “Tea Time”!

By Jordan Clemons - Telegram Newspaper Intern



Girls from the community pose with their gloves and bead necklaces during their monthly session. This session was Tea Time.

Girls, Girls and more Girls. Local girls and girls from neighboring downriver cities came to the Telegram to enjoy a fabulous tea party hosted by Girls With Great Potential, a mentoring program for girls age 8 years – 17 years old.

The girls came dressed in their best girly attire ready to sip tea. The fun began as soon as the girls arrived. Each girl had a chance to choose their favorite color of formal long satin gloves, and a fancy pearl necklace that would match their lovely outfit . They were even more excited to know that their choice of accessories were gifts they would be wearing home.

After modeling her tea time attire, Dr. Sabrina Black (founder of GWGP) gave the girls history and fun facts about tea. With the fun facts fresh in their minds, the girls giggled while they pretended to be tea pots and they performed the hit song, “I’m a Little Tea Pot”. Also, Kimberly

Clemons (GWGP Project Mgr & Pamper Me Pretty founder) reminded the girls of how special they are and how important it is for girls to be respectful, speak positive things to one another, and to make sure they have love in their hearts. The girls delighted themselves with tea, crumpets, mixed fruit, and chocolates. Jordan Clemons, Global Youth Coordinator stated, “I was honored to share with the girls how blessed I am to be a part of GWGP. Being the Global Projects Youth Coordinator allows me to represent GWGP teens (13yrs -17 yrs Growing with Great Potential). I shared with the girls my fun and exciting times while being a part of GWGP, and I ministered in dance “The Power of One” by Israel Houghton. “

Before leaving, the girls were reminded of how beautiful they are, and they were crowned with a princess headpiece, bracelet and ring. They not only took home

goodies in a princess bag, but they were given an experience that made a positive impact in their lives. They said they will never forget what it means to be a true princess. For sure, they were thankful for the GWGP volunteers who served them, and they couldn’t wait to tell other girls about their royalty experience.

Girls with Great Potential provides a diverse, fun, interactive program that engages young girls age (8-12 yrs and teens 13-17 yrs) and help them become global citizens. Our goal is to call forth greatness in the children of promise by helping tomorrows leaders emerge today.

To register your Girl with Great Potential, sponsor a girl, or to volunteer, contact Dr. Sabrina Black (313) 205-7300 or Kimberly Clemons (734) 286-5979 [www.girlswithgreatpotential.com](http://www.girlswithgreatpotential.com)



Girls with great potential along with Dr. Black demonstrated being little tea pots

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# New Health Center targets families in Lincoln Park, River Rouge & Ecorse



Expanding primary care medical services to all in the downriver area, Western Wayne Family Health Centers opens its third health center in Lincoln Park on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Joining other WWFHC sites in Inkster and Taylor, this new health center will offer primary care services to all—with and without health insurance. The center will serve residents of River Rouge, Ecorse, Lincoln Park and Southwest Detroit as well as surrounding areas.

“Residents of the downriver delta communities have long been in need of a community health center, and Western Wayne Family Health Centers is very excited to be able to connect families with a health care provider close to their home”, says Linda Atkins, CEO. “Our primary care providers are ready to help area residents manage their health, prevent problems and stay out of the emergency room.” WWFHC takes most

insurance plans and provides assistance in signing up for coverage through the Healthcare Marketplace and the Medicaid and Healthy Michigan programs. The center applies a sliding fee scale for those who do not have insurance at this time, so the co-pay amount for an office visit is based on income. Atkins says that “cost to be seen at our centers is quite affordable as we believe anyone should be able to get high quality care regardless of their income”.

Community Health Centers are locally based; nonprofit organizations that receive federal funding under the National Health Center program and are located in areas which are considered medically underserved. The opening of the center in Lincoln Park was made possible by funding through the Affordable Care Act and was awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services in November of 2013.

Services first offered by WWFHC at the Lincoln Park health center will be targeted to adults, offering medical and integrated behavioral health. Soon other services such as OB/GYN, pediatrics and other services will be added. “We are a full service medical home dedicated to improving the health of our neighbors in the downriver area and we are here for everyone. It doesn’t matter if you have health insurance or not. We are here to help you and your family, and happy to offer health care close to home for more residents of out-Wayne County”, explains Pete Bergeron, chairman of the board of WWFHC.

To make an appointment or for more information, call 313.383.1897 or go to wwfhc.org. Walk in patients are welcome. Spanish speaking staff is available. The center is located at 25650 W. Outer Drive in Lincoln Park at I-75 and Lafayette Street.

Western Wayne Family Health Centers offers health care to all, with primary care services for all ages including internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, general dentistry and integrated behavioral health with locations in Inkster, Taylor and Lincoln Park. In 2013, we cared for 10,000 patients with over 32,000 visits.

## 8 Tips to Treat Colds and Flu the 'Natural' Way



With no cure in sight for the cold or the flu, over-the-counter treatments can at best bring symptom relief or shorten the duration of those symptoms. Or you can take the natural approach. WebMD explores some home remedies that may help you feel better along the way.

**No. 1: Blow Your Nose Often -** and the Right Way It's important to blow your nose regularly when you have a cold rather than sniffing mucus back into

your head. But when you blow hard, pressure can cause aneurysms. The best way to blow your nose: Press a finger over one nostril while you blow gently to clear the other. Wash your hands after blowing your nose.

**No. 2: Stay Rested** Resting when you first come down with a cold or the flu helps your body direct its energy toward the immune battle. This battle taxes the body. So give it a little help by lying down under

a blanket.  
**No. 3: Gargle** Gargling can moisten a sore throat and bring temporary relief. Try a teaspoon of salt dissolved in warm water, four times daily. To reduce the tickle in your throat, try an astringent gargle -- such as tea that contains tannin -- to tighten the membranes. Or use a thick, viscous gargle made with honey or a mixture of honey and apple cider vinegar, a popular folk remedy. Steep one tablespoon of raspberry leaves or lemon juice in two cups of hot water and mix in one teaspoon of honey. Let the mixture cool to room temperature before gargling. Honey should never be given to children less than 1 year old.

**No. 4: Drink Hot Liquids** Hot liquids relieve nasal congestion, help prevent dehydration, and soothe the uncomfortably inflamed membranes that line your nose and throat.

**No. 5: Take a Steamy Shower** Steamy showers moisturize your nasal passages and relax you. If you're dizzy from the flu, run a steamy shower while you sit on a chair nearby and take a sponge bath.

**No. 6: Apply Hot or Cold**  
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# Berries Are Berry Good for You

by Dr. Gerald Deas Special to the NNPA from the New York Amsterdam News



If the great baseball player Darryl Strawberry would have eaten more strawberries, he may have prevented the development of colon cancer.

Berries cost a lot of money at the marketplace, and if you wish to keep them for some period of time in your fridge, I would suggest the following: Do not wash them until you are ready to use them. Spread them out in a large bowl or tray to prevent them from bruising. Also, do not cover them up.

Berries can be frozen for use at a later date. When they are fresh, blueberries should be a powdery blue; strawberries a bold red; blackberries should be jet black; and raspberries can be black, golden or red.

Berries are loaded with nutrients that can prevent cancer, heart disease, strokes, prostate cancer, glaucoma and colon cancer and recently have been shown to nourish the brain, thus preventing even Alzheimer's disease.

Berries contain a substance known as ellagic acid, which prevents normal cells from becoming cancerous. It is a powerful antioxidant, which prevents free radicals from causing injury to normal cells. Ellagic acid has also been known to prevent esophageal cancer (cancer of the esophagus).

Berries also contain a very high concentration of vitamin C, which can prevent cataracts, cancer, infections and heart disease. Because of the high fiber content found in berries, a normal bowel movement, which should occur at least once daily, can be achieved, thus ridding the body of toxic materials.

Cranberries have also been shown to prevent urinary tract infections. Their juice should be taken in a pure or concentrated form, such as that

found in your local health food store. Recently, researchers have reported that certain substances found in berries may be related to preventing prostate cancer.

We should all reflect upon the Native American Indians, who introduced the pilgrims to a diet that included many berries that were foreign to them and that preserved their health.

For further information on berries that are good for you, visit [berryhealth.org](http://berryhealth.org).

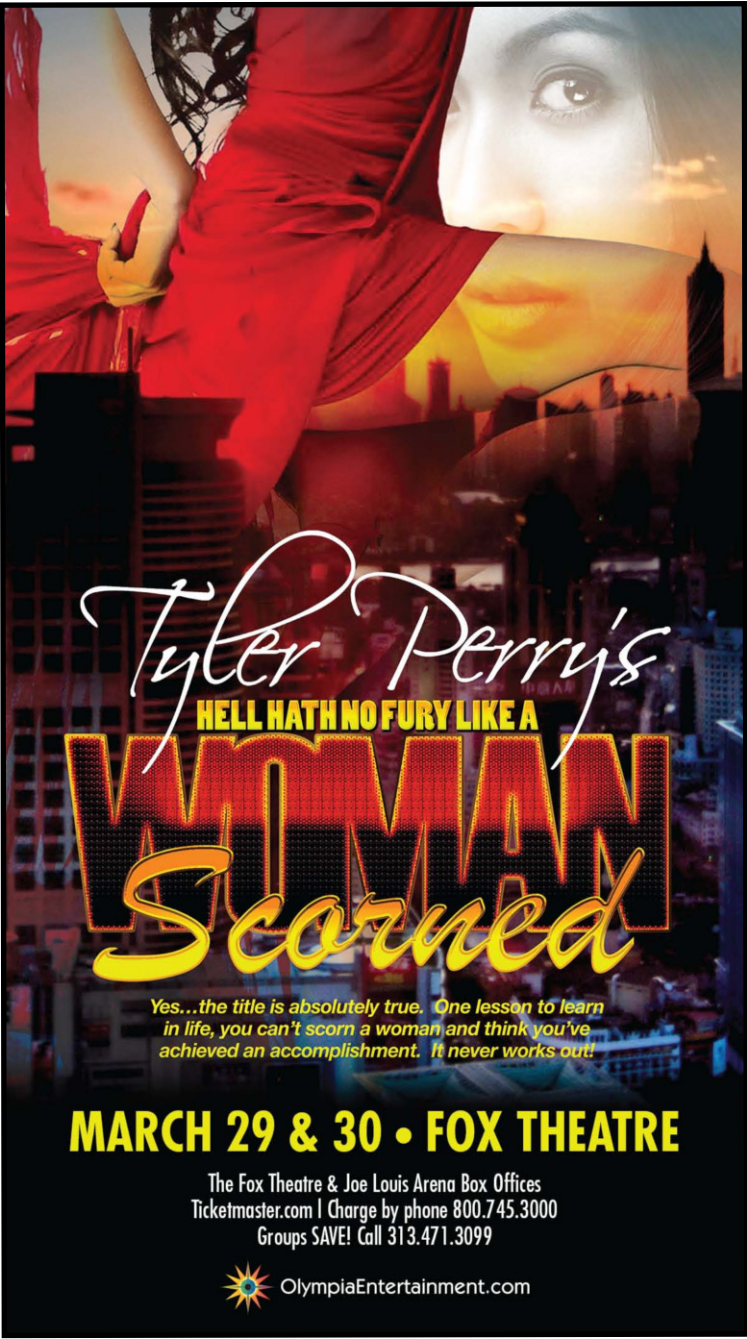


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# Martha Ford will Control Detroit Lions

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



Martha Ford

Martha Ford will take over her late husband's controlling interest in the Detroit Lions, keeping the team within the family after a half-century under the leadership of William Clay Ford. William Clay Ford died Sunday. The 88-year-old Ford was the last surviving grandchild of automotive pioneer Henry Ford. "Pursuant to long-established

succession plans, Mr. Ford's controlling interest in the Lions passes to Mrs. Martha Ford," the Lions said Monday. "She and her four children will continue to be involved in the ownership of the franchise, as they have during Mr. Ford's tenure." William Clay Ford Jr. remains in his role as vice chairman of the Lions. "I want to extend my heartfelt condo-

lences to the Ford family and the Detroit Lions on the passing of Mr. William Clay Ford Sr. The Metro Detroit community has lost one of its true icons. Mr. Ford was the definition of a leader in every facet of his life. His accomplishments in business, both in the automotive industry and in professional sports as the proud owner of the Lions, were exceeded only by his many civic and charitable contributions. On behalf of everyone at Telegram News our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Ford's family and both the Ford Motor Co. and Lions organizations."



# Romulus roughs it out to take district crown

By Christian Young - Staff Writer



It has been said that the longest journey begins with a single step. So the Romulus Eagles began their journey back to the Breslin Center with a district title.

The Eagles claimed the title with a hard-fought, 70-56 win over Taylor Truman on Mar. 7 at Belleville High School. The Cougars pulled within 33-29 at the halftime break, but Romulus put the clamps on Truman and its top player, Aaron Foster-Smith.

Foster-Smith scored 16 points in the first half, but only six in the second half—including being shut out in the third quarter.

"We just had to pay attention to who he is," Romulus coach Jerret Smith said. "We couldn't lose sight of him." With the defense taken care of, Romulus then blew the

game open and put it away in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Cougars 22-15.

As he has been all season, senior Kris Clyburn came up big for the Eagles, scoring 28 points and coming up big on defense as well.

"He should have won Mr. Basketball," Smith said. "He just comes in and works his butt off and plays hard. These kids play like they're unknown."

The Eagles got ready for that match with a 68-56 victory over Westland John Glenn on Mar. 5, also at Belleville. The Rockets kept it close in the beginning, trailing the Eagles 15-13, but Romulus began putting the game away early.

Clyburn put up 21 points and eight rebounds, while Walker

added 17 points. Glenn's Isaac Everette led all scorers with 26.

Romulus kicked off their post-season on Mar. 3 by facing classic rival Belleville on the Tigers' home floor. The intensity of the game befit a rivalry game in the playoffs, as Romulus escaped with a 57-51 victory.

Romulus won the two regular season matchups by 18 and 20 points, but Belleville came out swinging, holding a slim 18-9 lead in the second quarter before Romulus stormed back.

The Tigers fought back within one, but the Eagles went on a big run to put the game away. Clyburn finished with 20 points, while Hamby finished with 16.

Of the district title run, Smith said "Great teams are defined by how they play in March. We still have quite a bit of work to do. But if you don't love this time of year, something's wrong."

The Eagles defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood on Monday in a regional semifinal at Saline, 64-53. They had a showdown with Ypsilanti for the regional crown on Wednesday night, but results were not available at press time.

# Panthers MHSAA District 40 Champs

## However, Out of the Regional

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



Sluggish, uneasy, is actually very mild to explaining the start of the Melvindale Cardinals, River Rouge Panthers, District 40 Championship game last Friday night as the end of the first quarter score of six to two in favor of the Panthers gave promise that the athletic players were ready to ignites the cheers of fans in the pack gym at Dearborn Divine Child to very exciting game though-out the each quarter to the finish of the game. Example, both teams came from a point of indecision on the floor early in the second quarter to what team could shoot basketball better as both Senior Guards from Melvindale Wissam Saeed and Ricardo Cripps shot the two and three pointers to give the Cards 18 points in the 2nd quarter. However, not to be out done Mateeya Jones of the Panthers put together a couple of back to back buckets to keep his team in firing range as Melvindale took over the lead at halftime 21-17.

Note; Melvindale's Ricardo Cripps took one heck of a fall under the basket near the end of the quarter; nevertheless, he was able to return to play in the remaining of the game. It seem the Panthers were not in the locker room not more than five minutes before their team was back on the floor getting ready for the second half of the game and maybe that gave the Panthers a early edge of tying the score at 24-24 all to River Rouge taking a four point lead on back to back buckets by Jones and Sophomore Center Julius Laidler.

However, the Cardinals had a run of their own as Cripps shot a three pointer, a Rouge turnover and Melvindale gets the ball back as Saeed brings the ball to the rights hand side of the court to shoot a three pointer of his own. A Panther miss shot and Melvindale is back on the offensive as Cripps shoot a base line three pointer to give the Cards nine points in a row, however, Rouge lose the ball on a turn over twice and the Cardinals point guard Saeed shot back to back three pointers as Melvindale scored 15 unan-

swered points in a row before Rouge Guard Amir Poole stop the scoring streak with a two point basket, as the Panthers of River Rouge will have some work to do with their team trailing at the end of the third quarter, 40-31.

River Rouge Panthers Head basketball coach Bobby Thompson just like at halftime spend very little time in the huddle with his team during the timeout between quarters as the Panthers were on the floor waiting and ready to play the fourth quarter with the Cardinals. Just like the beginning of the third quarter the Panthers in the fourth came pressing the floor making Melvindale Saeed travels up the floor a nightmare as the trap Rouge was using cause the Cards all kinds of problems as turn the basketball over four time not score one point.

On the other hand Jalen Gibson rebounding the boards for Rouge and was taking the ball to the bucket scoring the needed points along with teammates Jones and Terrell Crawford. The young Panthers basketball team took Melvindale completely out of their game as they turn the ball over had the stolen or was missing the shoots their team were trying to make as the Cardinal total scoring only four points to the 21 come back points scored in the fourth and final quarter by the 2014 MHSAA District 40 Champions, the River Rouge Panthers. "Our team has been thru a whole lot, were young and we are just growing up every single day. I think they are finally getting it, said Panthers Head Coach Thompson. We're digging in and think everyone is against us, so we have and got each other's back, as we play a real tuff schedule playing Muskegon and Consortium and that got us ready. We didn't get rattle as basketball is a game of runs, they made run let just make our run and we did.

Mateeya Jones scored 16, Terrell Crawford chip in with 14 and Jalen Gibson had 10 points and 19 rebounds for River Rouge. The Panthers of River Rouge continue their journey this past Monday taking part in MHSAA Boys Basketball Regional 11 at Flat Rock their opponent Detroit Community. Unfortunately, the Panthers varsity basketball season was ended as Detroit Community defeat River Rouge 53-52 this past Monday night.



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At 15557hrs, while patrolling the area of Visger & Campbell Street officers observed a black 2011 Honda Civic disregard the Red Light on Visger, and traveled through the intersection. Officers conducted a Traffic Stop requesting driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. It was during this time a strong odor of intoxicating alcohol emitted from the vehicle. Officers noticed the 52 year old male passenger pouring beer on the floor of the vehicle. Both the 36 year old driver and passenger were taken from the vehicle and secured in handcuffs. Officers observed an empty cup on the floor, along with an empty 25 ounce Budweiser beer can next to the cup. A bottle of Circoc Vodka lay on the floor behind the driver's seat. Both males were placed under arrest for Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle. The vehicle was impounded and they were taken to the station, booked, allowed to make a call, and then housed. "Don't drink and Drive, the life you save maybe your own!"

**March 6th, 2014**

At 1325hrs, Officers were dispatched to the Beacon Day Treatment School on Burke Street on an unruly 16 year old male student. Officers arrived and went to the second floor to a room where student are sent to calm down and de-stress. In the room officers observed three males holding the 16 year old male student and stated that he was prone to sudden outburst and aggressive behavior. The staff also stated that the student had become assaultive towards the staff and had to be restrained in order to keep him from others and hurting himself. Officers took the stu-

dent into custody and transported him to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. The male student had bitten three staff members and his father was in the building. The father agreed to meet officers at the hospital to commit his son for psychiatric evaluation

**March 7th, 2014**

At 15=650hrs a officer came to the police station lobby on a Threats complaint. The 31 year old female stated she started receiving threaten text messages along with posting on her Facebook from her brother's 40 year old girlfriend about current problems involving her brother and money. She states the night before she heard a vehicle outside and seen it was the girlfriend standing out there yelling and threatening what she would do if she let her inside the house. Officers arrived and advised the female to leave the area and she did for about a half an hour and came back. This time the female was in a Wolverine Cab threatening to shoot her. She finally left the area and headed back to her home in Ypsilanti.

**March 9th, 2014**

At 0316hrs in the morning, officers went to a home in the 200 block of Campbell on a Domestic call. It appears a 47 year old male came into the police station to report his step-son was trying to fight him and push his 43 year old mother. Officers spoke to the mother who states her son was getting violent and is obsessed with the "gangster lifestyle" and tonight the youth was yelling at his mother and pushed her down while he was physically trying to fight the father. She told officers that her son has tore up her house, punching holes in the walls in the stairway, put up posters at the top of the stairs, and wrote gang signs all over the walls. Officers placed the son under arrest and transported him to the station.

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**Two more Romulus Police Officers found guilty**



DETROIT, MI - Two Romulus police officers were found guilty Friday of misconduct in office and neglect of duty in the second trial on charges related to corruption in the city.

Officers Larry Droege and Jeremy Channells were each found guilty of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. Channells was also convicted of a second count of misconduct in office. Both will be sentenced on March 31 at 9 a.m. before Judge Michael Hathaway. Both could receive up to 5 years in prison.

The convictions are the second and third in a wide-rang-

ing investigation into corruption in Romulus.

In January, a jury convicted Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre, 52, wife of former Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre, of maintaining a criminal enterprise, conspiring to operate a criminal enterprise, filing a false tax return and receiving or concealing stolen goods in excess of \$20,000.

Michael St. Andre and five others from the department's Vice Squad, Richard Balzer, Richard Landry, Donald Hopkins, Channells and Droege.

Michael St. Andre, Sandra

Vlaz-St. Andre, Landry, Balzer and Hopkins could face up to 20 years in prison for racketeering charges. Prosecutors during opening statements said Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre became angry that her husband was having an affair with a department secretary, told other employees he was giving her overtime and threatened to "blow the lid" off corruption within the department, the Detroit News reports.

In 2008, a Romulus official contacted the state police and requested an investigation into department corruption. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Attorney General's Office participated in the investigation. Under the guise of a covert vice investigation into two erotic clubs — the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi's Place in Southgate — the law enforcers purchased prostitutes, inflated or fabricated expenses and skimmed seized property, including marijuana, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said when charges were announced in September of 2012.

## Law and Order

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announcing legislation at the state level aimed at stopping serial rapists by better identifying and arresting suspects in sexual assault cases through the testing.

For the past few years, Worthy's office has been slowly wading through sexual assault kits recovered in 2009 from a Detroit police storage facility. They contain DNA and other evidence from rape cases, but a majority of the 11,000 kits never were tested in a lab.

Hundreds of thousands of kits are believed to sit untested in police departments across the country.

Testing can bring justice to rape victims, said Hargitay, founder of the Joyful Heart Foundation, which works with victims of sexual abuse, child abuse and domestic violence.

Of 1,600 Detroit kits tested, 59 percent have yielded matches in a federal DNA databank. Worthy said 87 serial rapists have been identified and 10 convictions made.

Nationally, President Barack Obama is proposing \$35 million in the 2015 fiscal year budget to address the testing backlog.

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**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.**

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**Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

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

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**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

PUBLISH:February 27, 2014, March 6, 2014, March 13, 2014

**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.

<b>March 10th, 2014</b>	<b>9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM</b>
	<b>1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM</b>
<b>March 11th, 2014</b>	<b>9:00 AM to 12:00 PM</b>
<b>March 12th, 2014</b>	<b>6:00 PM to 9:00 PM</b>

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.

**POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME STANDARDS**

<b>NUMBER OF PERSONS RESIDING IN HOMESTEAD INCOME THRESHOLD</b>	<b>POVERTY</b>
One (1) person	\$12,000
Two (2) people	\$15,000
Three (3) people	\$18,310
Four (4) people	\$22,050
Five (5) people	\$25,790
Six (6) people	\$29,530
Seven (7) people	\$33,270
Eight (8) people	\$37,010
Nine (9) people	\$42,000

River Rouge Board of Review: published



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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

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:

Courtesy of the International Code Council

City of Ecorse’s Publication Summary of  
The International Property Maintenance Code

The City of Ecorse, Wayne County, Michigan, adopted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code (referred to herein as the “Code”), which will be effective 10 days from this publication. The Code is based upon the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code published by the International Code council, Inc. A true copy of the entire Code may be inspected or a copy purchased at the office of the City Clerk, 3869 West Jefferson, Ecorse, Michigan. Initial violations of the Code are municipal civil infractions punishable by a fine no less than \$50 and no more than \$500 plus costs; second and subsequent violations of the Code are misdemeanors punishable by a fine of no more than \$500 and/or incarceration for a period of not to exceed 90 days.

The 2012 International Property Maintenance Code governs the maintenance of existing buildings through model code regulations. The provisions of this code apply to all existing structures and to all existing premises and constitute minimum requirements and standards for premises, structures, equipment and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, life safety, safety from fire and other hazards and for safe and sanitary maintenance; the responsibility of owners, operators, and occupants; the occupancy of existing structures and premises, and for administration, enforcement and penalties. The following is a brief summary of the provisions of the Code.

**Chapter 1**  
This chapter contains provisions for the application, enforcement, and administration of all subsequent requirements of the code. All of the police powers inherent in enforcing minimum standards for the use and maintenance of buildings must follow the actual line of authority from the Constitution to the state to the actual enforcer. Chapter 1 defines the role and responsibility of the authority having jurisdiction.

**Chapter 2**  
This chapter establishes the meaning of keywords and terms used in the code. The code, with its broad scope of applicability, includes terms inherent in a variety of construction disciplines. These terms can have multiple meanings, depending on the context or discipline being used at the time. For these reasons, it is necessary to maintain a consensus on the specific meaning of terms contained in the code. Chapter 2 performs this function by stating clearly what specific terms mean for the purpose of the code.

**Chapter 3**  
This chapter contains requirements regulating the safety, sanitation and appearance of the interior and exterior of structures and all exterior property areas. Chapter 3 provides specific criteria for regulating the installation and maintenance of building components. Chapter 3 also provides guidelines for determining who is responsible for maintaining sanitary conditions and elimination infestations of insects, rodents, and other pests.

**Chapter 4**  
This chapter establishes the minimum criteria for light and ventilation and identifies occupancy limitations. Minimum light, ventilation, and space requirements are based on the physiological and psychological impact of these factors on building occupants. The purpose of Chapter 4 is to set forth these requirements in the code and to establish the minimum environmental standards for occupiable and habitable buildings.

**Chapter 5**  
This chapter establishes the minimum criteria for the installation, maintenance, and location of plumbing systems and facilities, including the water supply system, water heating appliances, sewage disposal system and related plumbing fixtures. Existing plumbing installations may present unique inspection problems for the code official, as almost all are concealed by finished walls, ceilings and floors. The code official must inspect the visible portion of the system and assess the acceptability of the whole installation.

**Chapter 6**  
This chapter establishes minimum performance requirements for electrical and mechanical facilities and minimum standards for the safety of such facilities. All mechanical and electrical equipment, appliances, and systems must be installed properly to serve the intended purpose. Proper installation, however, does not in itself guarantee safety or performance. All such equipment, appliances, and systems must also be maintained, as they are subject to wear and aging, and may require cleaning, lubrication, adjustment, etc. All materials and components used to construct mechanical and electrical systems have a limited life span and require repair or replacement of various time intervals that are specific to the material or component.

**Chapter 7**  
This chapter establishes minimum requirements for fire safety, life safety and fire protection systems. Building codes regulating new construction are intended to verify that prior to occupancy; the building has been constructed in a manner that will provide the occupants a relatively safe and secure environment. Once these new structures are occupied a variety of hazards inherent in their use may arise. Often, these hazards are unanticipated and can affect the overall safety of the occupants. The purpose of Chapter 7 is to address those fire hazards that arise as the result of a building’s occupancy. It also provides minimum requirements for fire safety issues that are most likely to arise in older buildings.

**Chapter 8**  
This chapter contains a comprehensive list of all standards that are referenced in the code. As a performance-oriented code, the code contains numerous references to documents that are used to regulate materials and methods of construction. The references to those documents within the code test consist of the promulgating agency’s acronym and its publication designation and a further indication that the document being referenced is listed in Chapter 8. Chapter 8 contains all of the information necessary to identify the specific referenced document.

A complete copy of this Ordinance can be obtained at the City Clerk’s office (313) 386-2520.

I, DANA HUGHES, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ECORSE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A FULL AND TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD UNDER DATE OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014.

DANA HUGHES  
CITY CLERK

DATED: February 18,2014  
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**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 March 3, 2014 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

**APPROVED:**  
Approval of Agenda with added items “F”, “G,” and “H” under New Business.  
Approval of Consent agenda.  
Second Public hearing for 2014/2015 CDBG Funds.  
Approval of the CDBG Final Statement.  
Approval of a Special Conditions Use for 30243 Michigan Ave.  
Approval to renew the Retainer Agreement for Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.  
Approval of an “as needed” Water and Sewer Contract with Tucker, Young, Jackson, Tull Inc.  
Approval of FY 2014 Budget Amendments.  
Approval with the vote taken in closed session with pending litigation on item one.  
Approval with the vote taken in closed session with pending litigation on item two.  
Approval with the vote taken in closed session with pending litigation on item three.

Felicia Rutledge  
City Clerk

## Pot Hole Blitz

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looking for a solution from anybody.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano is following suit with Pennsylvania and to launch a Pothole Blitz.

"Even with our fiscal challenges, launching the Pothole Blitz will help bring additional resources to combat the pothole epidemic," said Executive Ficano.

The Pothole Blitz has several key elements:

- For the remainder of the pothole season, crews' schedule will be modified to maximize the availability of personnel to the Pothole Blitz initiative. In addition, DPS will add 60 seasonal laborers to the current Roads Division workforce. The temporary laborers will bolster the pothole patching efforts.
- Because of the pending I-96 closure, special emphasis will be placed on repairing alternate routes, bounded by I-94 to the south and Eight Mile Road to the north. Maintaining

these surface streets is critical for nearby homeowners and businesses due to an expected increase in traffic flow over the next year.

•Roads Division crews and supervisory staff, supplemented by the County Executive's leadership team, will monitor conditions while working and driving roads countywide. They'll report potholes in need of service and monitor progress of repair efforts.

•Local governments and citizens have been doing an excellent job reporting potholes in need of repair. Drivers are encouraged to report particularly dangerous pothole at 1-888-Road-Crew or compass.waynecounty.com. By reporting problems, the public will help Roads Division crews respond in a timely manner and repair the potholes.

Weekly updates of the Pothole Blitz will be able to be tracked at, [www.waynecounty.com/dps](http://www.waynecounty.com/dps)

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'12 Years a Slave' Wins Oscar for Best Film; Lupita Nyong'o Nabs Best Supporting Actress Award

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Lupita Nyong'o won the Academy Award for best supporting actress on March 2 for her performance in "12 Years a Slave," her first role in a feature film.

The captivating 2013 drama "12 Years a Slave," a harrowing tale of a freed Black man kidnapped into slavery in the 1800s, won the Academy

Award for best picture on Sunday night in Los Angeles, capping an evening which also saw its star Lupita Nyong'o take home the Oscar for best supporting actress.

The film, directed by Steven McQueen, was selected over eight others for the the night's top honor.

Nyong'o won for her riveting portrayal of tortured slave Patsey, her first role in a feature film. She beat out venerable Hollywood stars Julia Roberts and Jennifer Lawrence for the Oscar.

"12 Years" was nominated in nine different categories, including Chiwetel Ejiofor's nod as best actor. He lost out to Matthew McConaughey, who won for his performance as an HIV-positive cowboy in "Dallas Buyers Club."

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Dear Ayana,
About a week ago, I overheard my boyfriend talking on the phone about his 20 year high school reunion that is coming up. Because I assumed that we would be going together, I went out and bought a nice dress for me and a matching tie for him to wear to the event. Now, two days ago, after I surprised him and modeled the dress for him, he told me that he didn't plan on taking me and that I should find something else to do that night. We have definitely had our ups and downs over the past 8 years that we've been together; but, I thought that he would have wanted to show me off to his old classmates. When I told him exactly that, his response was pretty cold and he basically said that there was no need for his old buddies to meet me. I'm really upset and hurt by his reaction and am wondering why he wants to keep me a secret. A girlfriend that I met through him, who he also graduated with, says that I can attend the reunion with her. She warned me though, that I may not like what I see; saying that he's always had a thing for a woman that graduated with them and that she will be there and is recently divorced. I'm considering showing up just to see how he will react. Part of me is scared to death and thinks this is a stupid idea and that my feelings will be hurt. The other part of me doesn't care and wants to know why he's being so weird. We've been discussing marriage for the past 3 years and this class reunion could make or

break this relationship for us. Do you think that I should swallow my fears and show up?
Secret Girlfriend
Dear Secret Girlfriend,
I probably have more questions for you than I do answers! First though, why would you consider spending another second with someone who makes you feel like a secret? Second, 8 years?! Really?! And you've been "talking about marriage" for the past 3?! There's a saying: Talk is cheap. I think you probably know full well why your boyfriend doesn't want you going to this class reunion with him. Just in case you need me to spell it out for you though, I will. He's looking for something/someone else. He can't very well pick up new chicks if you're there hanging all over him, now can he? Listen, I'm doing the math here, and if he's going to his 20 year high school reunion, that means he's a grown man (at least in age) and he knows what he wants and what he doesn't. Unfortunately, you have probably made it very convenient for him to hang around with you for almost a decade. Let that sink in. Your time is valuable. You are valuable. Move on. Give him his tie and shove him out the door. You deserve so much more than he's willing to give you. Let it be your decision to take the high road rather than give him the opportunity to kick you to the side. No, you shouldn't go to his class reunion. How do you think he would treat you if you would have been invited anyway? I can only assume that this is how he operates; with him always at the forefront and you as an afterthought. Wish him well, show him the door and don't ever open it for him again. He's not the kind of man that you want; he's the man that you're hoping will turn into the kind of man that you want. Don't waste another second or shed another tear on this guy. Close this chapter so that you can start a new one. Good luck to you.
Ayanna

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**Packs** Around Your Congested Sinuses Either temperature may help you feel more comfortable. You can buy reusable hot or cold packs at a drugstore. Or make your own. Take a damp washcloth and heat it for 55 seconds in a microwave (test the temperature first to make sure it's not scalding). Or take a small bag of frozen peas to use as a cold pack.

**No. 7: Sleep With an Extra Pillow Under Your Head** This will help with the drainage of nasal passages. If the angle is too awkward, try placing the pillows between the mattress and the box springs to create a more gradual slope.

**No. 8: Don't Fly Unless Necessary**

There's no point adding stress to your already stressed-out upper respiratory system, and that's what the change in air pressure will do. Flying with cold or flu congestion can hurt your eardrums as a result of pressure changes during takeoff and landing. If you must fly, use a decongestant and carry a nasal spray with you to use just before takeoff and landing. Chewing gum and swallowing frequently can also help relieve pressure.

Remember, serious conditions can masquerade as the common cold and a mild infection can evolve into something more serious. If you have severe symptoms or are feeling sicker with each passing day, see a doctor.

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