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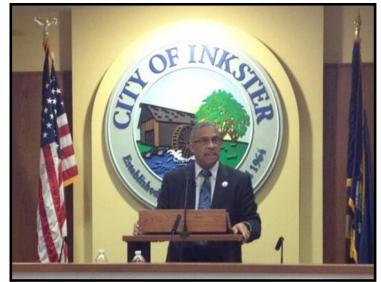
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Inkster - emerging from a place of civic darkness

By Gina C. Steward



Inkster Mayor Hilliard L.Hampton delivers State of the City address

There is progress in the City of Inkster. During the State of the City address last Wednesday, Mayor Hilliard Hampton gave an overview of the progress that the City is making.

He stated that, "Over the past year, we have endured in the face of ample adversity. Issues including - A burdensome consent agreement with Michigan Treasury; Prolonged state divestment in our city; High joblessness and a sluggish tax base.

We have met those and other challenges head-on and began to emerge from a place of civic darkness –

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River Rouge School District partners with community to prepare students

By Derrick Coleman - Superintendent of River Rouge Schools



River Rouge High School Chevrolet Cadets participated in a Etiquette class on fine dining,

"Genius is divine perseverance. Genius I cannot claim nor even extra brightness but perseverance all can have." Woodrow T. Wilson

It has been a moment since

my last letter to the community and I do not want anyone to believe it has been due to negligence or my taking anything for granted. Our priorities have not shifted and we have been working diligently to provide a quality educational experience for our children and to eliminate the deficit my administration inherited.

When I arrived nearly two

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Marathon launched new notification website



The Detroit refinery has launched at new website that gives neighbors the opportunity to sign up for notifications from Marathon. The website can be found at www.detroitrefinery.com Those who want to receive notifications from the refinery can sign up on the website ro receive them by phone, email

or text message. To do so, go to the website and click on "Register for Alerts."

For those who don't have internet access but would like to sign up for notifications, please call Marathon at (313) 843-9100, where operators will bbe available to assist yo Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR SALE



The proprietor of New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center, Bishop Anthony V. Price, has placed the building and the business up for sale. New Greater Bethlehem Temple We Care Child Development Center is insured, is licensed by the State of Michigan, and has certification for the State of Michigan Food Program (CACFP). The building has passed City of Ecorse inspection, and the child care program has passed the State of Michigan inspection. This day care facility has provided in excess of twenty-one years of child care to the citizens of Ecorse and the surrounding communities and still remains.

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unconquered ... unbowed and unafraid."

Some of the positive results that has transpired over the last year are For the first time in three years, the city has a positive operating income of \$178,000. They also submitted a complete audit to the state over a month earlier than they did last year. The City also received a Stable credit rating from Standard and Poor's. This is important because last year the credit rating was downgraded.

The mayor, city council, city manager and other administrators are thinking creatively to come up with various cost cutting and revenue generating ideas. Some of them included; They put in monthly health-care stipends for retirees to save the general fund an anticipated \$330,000 per year.

They are splitting the cost of the fire chief with Wayne and Westland. He is responsible for supervising firefighters in all three communities. This moves saves the city \$20,000 a year and is the foundation for a prospective tri-city fire authority.

Another cost saving that was realized through February of this year. The City paid \$72,000 in police overtime this fiscal year compared to \$250,000 last year.

Thinking ahead, City Clerk Felicia Rutledge reduced the number of voting precincts from 17 to 11. This reduction will save the city \$10,000 each year.

Some actions that are not designed to generate revenue or save the city money initially, but will provide a better Inkster are; a new com-

mitment from 22nd District Judge Court Sabrina Johnson to assign five jail trustees per day to public works crews as part of an alternative sentencing program. This act will help to keep the city cleaner. As with most cities the harsh winter has resulted in numerous potholes. The DPW is aggressively filling potholes and replacing missing street signs and stop signs to make our travel better in the city. Last fall, they had the ribbon cutting for a Inkster Greenway Trail, for which they have scored, to date, some \$2 million in competitive grants to pave a scenic walking and biking track along the Rouge River.

Public safety is one of the major concerns for the residents of Inkster. Mayor Hampton says, "Violent crime is down in Inkster by more than 4 percent from a year ago and 7 percent from five years ago, according to independent uniform crime reports. However, the number of people slain in our city doubled, going from 9 in 2012 to 18 last year."

Some of the efforts in place to combat this issue are; The Inkster Police partnered with the Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to increase patrols on major throughways and in the community.

The City continues to work closely with the Wayne County Sheriffs and U.S. Marshals, who have intensified fugitive and warrant sweeps in the community. Also the Michigan Department of Corrections is amplifying parole visits and

re-incarcerating violators." These efforts are in place to help provide a safe living environment for every.

Even with all of these positive actions in place. It still boils down to money or revenue. "My message to the Governor and the Legislature is: It is past time for you to begin investing again in local jurisdictions. We are starving for revenue but hamstrung by Michigan law from raising much on our own.

We have seen our annual revenue sharing appropriation plummet to about \$3.3 million this year from about \$5.1 million in 2001 – a steep 35% cut in state support that is at the crux of our budget challenges. If we were receiving full funding of revenue sharing for the last 10 years we would have received around 9 million more dollars we would have a surplus."

"Solutions to state and local budget problems shouldn't begin and end with cumbersome consent agreements ... or appointment of emergency managers who trample on Democracy in local municipalities ... or with outright dissolution of our public school districts."

The City of Inkster is not waiting for the state to be their savior. They are moving forward with plans to Reinvent Inkster.

Michigan State University Extension recently gave the Reinventing Inkster Task Force a shot in the arm by pledging its technical support of this effort to develop an 18-to-36 month community and economic strategic plan. The community is asked to participate in the Reinvent Inkster Task Force.

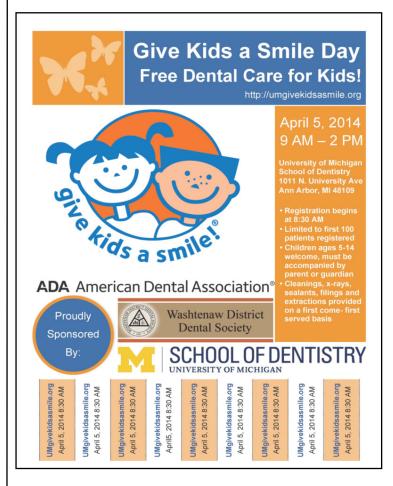
Mayor Hampton says, "The goal is simple: Come up with

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FREE Dental Care Event, Just for Kids

University of Michigan School of Dentistry to Give Kids a Smile



WHAT: Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) is a charitable one-day event in which the first 100 kids, between the ages of 5 and 14 years old, preferably without dental insurance, will receive free dental care. Available services include dental cleanings, x-rays, sealants, fillings and extractions.

WHEN: First come, first serve! Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. on April 5, 2014. Doors will open shortly before registration begins, and close once capacity is reached. Be sure to arrive early, as space is limited to the first 100 children.

WHO: GKAS is made possible by the hundreds of volunteers, which include students

and facility members of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, as well as member dentists of the Washtenaw District Dental Society.

WHERE: University of Michigan School of Dentistry, located at 1011 N. University Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Free parking will be available at the Fletcher Parking Structure, which is connected to the school.

WHY: Dental disease is almost entirely preventable. The goal of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry's GKAS event is to help prevent dental disease from occurring and to treat dental disease that has already taken place.

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States Shift Higher Education Costs to Families

By Charlene Crowell - NNPA Columnist



As the nation's trillion-dollar student debt continues to rise, a new analysis of public higher education's funding finds dwindling state support is the key factor driving rising tuition costs and deepening student debt. According to Demos, a public policy organization advocating economic opportunity and inclusive democracy, over the last two decades, state support for higher education funding shifted to a new paradigm.

As government support of higher education dwindled, public institutions raised tuition costs to recover those lost funds. These increases occurred at both four-year and two-year public institutions. And in that process, families were handed a larger financial burden to fund their children's college education.

"The shift from a collective funding of higher education to one borne increasingly by individuals has come at the very same time that low-and-middle-income households experienced stagnant or declining household income," the report says.

A quarter of a century ago, according to Demos, tuition costs at public colleges and universities were only 20 percent of the actual cost of studies. By 2012, however, tuition paid for 44 percent. Since the Great Recession, 49 states – all but North Dakota – spend less per student on higher education. Among these 49 states, 28 have cut higher education funding by more than 25 percent.

States reduced support for higher education for a variety of reasons including the desire to lower taxes, cut spending, or deal with constrained budgets that resulted from the financial downturn.

In the meantime, families are increasingly finding themselves priced out of higher education. Demos found that the average total cost of tuition, room and board for one year consumes more than one-third of the median household income in 23 states.

Nationwide, the average amount of state funding for full-time enrollment in the 2011-12 school year is \$6,796, a 26.7 percent drop in funding since the 2008-08 school year.

A total of 23 states have higher education funding cuts higher than the national average. The most severe cuts by state include: Arizona (51.1 percent); Oregon (45.9 percent); South Carolina (43.5 percent); Louisiana (40.6 percent); Massachusetts (37.3 percent) and Florida, (37.0 percent).

Similarly, the national average cost of state tuition for the 2011-12 school year was \$7,701 at a four-year institution. Even so, several state tuition rates surpassed the national average and include: Pennsylvania (\$11,818);Illinois (\$11,252);(\$10,104); Massachusetts Michigan (\$10,527); and California (\$8,907).

Among two-year public institutions, the average cost of tuition was \$2,647; but more than 30 states charged tuition higher than the national average. Some of the highest costs at these schools were found in Minnesota (\$5,198); New York (\$4,146); Massachusetts (\$4,009); Tennessee (\$3,380); and Alabama (\$3,868).

"The result has been the debtfor-diploma system in which most students fill the gap between what their parents can pay, available grant aid and their earnings from parttime work, by taking on student debt," states the report.

If anyone would wonder what happened to federal financial aid – beyond loans — Demos' findings are equally dim.

"Federal financial aid no longer provides grants robust enough to defray the rising cost of college: the Pell grant once covered \$7 out of every \$10 in college costs; today it covers only \$3 out of every \$10 needed to attend a public college or university."

Later this year, lawmakers will set federal priorities in education funding through a reauthorization act. Funding levels for both federal student loans and Pell Grants will be included. But it will be left to each of the 50 states to decide whether higher education funding will become a budget priority.

"Higher education remains a public good – with all of us relying and depending on the system not just for the education of doctors, nurses, teachers, accountants and other professionals," concluded Demos, "but to provide the critical thinking that is the lifeblood of our democracy.

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

That's Entertain-ment

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



With all the trouble on in the world, Russia invading the Ukraine, cuts to military spending, airplanes crashing, I wanted to look at something a bit light hearted, so I decided to look at the Oscars.

Once again they had Ellen DeGeneres host, a good decision; She can make a 14-hour award show entertaining.

A lot of people are talking about the selfie. Even the Simpsons did their own version.

My favorite part was the pizza delivery, live on stage.

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Oscars: "Seriously this is a real order."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Local Ukrainians Watch, Wait As Conflict Continues

By Mona Shand - Contributing Writer

DETROIT, Mich. - As events continue to unfold and tensions escalate between Russia and Ukraine in the Crimean Peninsula, members of Michigan's large and active Ukrainian community are watching closely and mobilizing to help.

Olena Palyvoda, vice president of the Ukrainian American Civic Committee, spends her days as an engineering professor at Wayne State University, and all her spare time staying abreast of the latest news from her homeland and checking in on relatives. The Ukrainian immigrant said as scary as it is, she respects the principles her people are standing up for

"They want freedom to speak, freedom to live, freedom to make a right choice, and freedom to elect. And I wish our country will be having those values soon and people don't need to die for it," Palyvoda said.

Michigan has roughly 40,000 residents of Ukrainian descent, according to the U.S. Census. In recent weeks, the Ukrainian community in Detroit has held many rallies and educational events, and hosted speakers to bring attention to the conflict.

For Palyvoda, access to information is one of the most frustrating issues right now, because many legitimate news sources in the region have been shut down. Still, she said she remains hopeful for a peaceful resolution to the situation.

"We have to find ground where everyone could peace-fully bring their concerns and solve this problem while we are just going to a democratic country and building our country again right now," she said.

President Obama is expected to meet with Ukraine's prime minister on Wednesday, in a show of support for the fledgling new government.

Missing Malaysia plane: Chinese territory searched

The MH370 mystery continues

Efforts to find the aircraft are focusing on two vast air corridors north and south of the plane's last known location. China said no evidence of terror links had been found in Chinese passengers.

The plane went missing on 8 March with 239 people on board. Some 26 countries are involved in search efforts.

Malaysia says the plane was intentionally diverted and could have flown on either a northern or southern arc from its last known position in the Malacca Straits.

Search efforts are focused on two corridors - one stretching from the border of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to northern Thailand, and another from Indonesia to the Indian Ocean.

Investigators are looking into the possibility that the aircraft's crew - or other individuals on the plane - were involved in its disappearance. A total of 153 Chinese nationals were on board the missing aircraft, which was flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

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Gaps

By: Janine Folks Edwards-Telegram Religion Columnist



I'm working on a book about what roller derby taught me and principles it reinforced. There are so many analogies I have gleaned playing this game/sport. I think all athletes are exceptional people because they have to exercise physical and mental discipline, strategize and continuously hone their craft to obtain and maintain their A game. Their competitive nature keeps them sharp.

This is how we should live. After all life is like a race. The Apostle Paul reflected on how he had run his race (2 Tim. 4.7). We don't play games with life, but the analogy can be made to a game, and we are the players, trying to win.

Services Times

<u>Sunday</u>

<u>Tuesday</u>

Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am

Family Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Morning Service 11:00 am

Prayer Service 6:00 pm

The ultimate prize is hear those precious words when we leave this life and enter God's presence: Well done my good and faithful servant! (Matt. 25.21) Now you don't have to be an athlete to think like one. You can train your mind to think competively and be disciplined. You have to be a keep observer.

Playing roller derby, an important component to the game was 'finding gaps.' Particularly for the jammer, the skater who can score points, this is important. When a jammer or skater needs to get through the pack or penetrate a wall (group of skaters trying to prevent an opponent from passing), she looks for gaps.

She seeks an opening that she can penetrate so she can get through. If she remains trapped or behind the pack, she cannot score. Her objective is to get through. She is constanty manuevering and looking for openings. When she sees one, she takes it by

She moves quickly to get through. She might even appear passive for a moment and then jet through. She may juke to fake opponents out to

make a hole for herself to pass through. Sometimes holes are open and she has to see them in order to take advantage of them.

In life, we can find ourselves in some tight spots. Situations that we cannot seem to be able to penetrate through. Recall 1 Corinthians which says, "...when you are tempted, He (God) will make a way of escape..."

God is the best at making escape opportunities when He needs to deliver you. Sometimes, you can be creative yourself, with God's guidance of course, and make openings to get out of a mess so you can score.

The key to it is, being alert and watchful. We must always pay attention to what's happening and what God is doing. If we have our heads down in despair, we might miss the opening. If we don't press hard, we might passively forfeit our escape. Keep your eyes open and watch for those gaps. Get out of that bondage. God bless you.

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The Telegram Newspaper, Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Western Wayne NAACP has partnered with the Western Wayne Family Health Center to provide opportunities for the community to enroll in Obamacare.

The next enrollment days are: Thursday March 19 in Romlulus - Romulus Library 11121 Wavne Rd 12noon - 3:00

Monday, March 24 in River Rouge - Telegram Building 10748 W. Jefferson 10am - 2pm

Thursday, March 27 in Ecorse - Ecorse Library-4184 W. Jefferson The Western Wayne Family Health Center is available to enroll people at their locations in Inkster and Taylor daily. For more info call 313-561-5100

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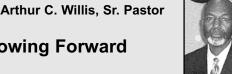
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ALL ARE WELCOME

Should you make your kids go to church?

Short answer? Yes. Absolutely.

But let me pose the scenario for you:

Joshua, our 6 year old, has started going to "big church" this year. He gets approximately 30 minutes of worship and then a 40 minute sermon. More Sundays than not, it's a struggle. If you asked him, "Joshua, do you want to go to big church?" he would probably answer no. It's boring. But we make him go.

Should we do that? Here is one reason you could argue why we shouldn't: we are teaching him a form of legalism. He isn't going because he has a genuine affection for God but because he's supposed to. If we keep doing that, he'll grow up to only do the right thing because he's supposed to, not because he genuinely wants to. Or he'll begin to resent church and spirituality altogether and become embittered and rebellious.

Let's expand the issue from this point. Let's say that I wake up tomorrow morning and don't want to read my Bible. Do I do it out of obligation, because I'm supposed to, or do I not?

Do you see how the issue gets a little tricky?

Ideally, I will want to read the Bible. And ideally, our children will be pushing us out the door to church. But it doesn't always work like that.

I would argue that you make your children go to church even for the same 2 reasons you make yourself read the Bible even when you don't feel like it.

1) You are acting in faith when you act even though you don't

feel like it. You trust that when you saturate your child in the things of God and the preaching of the gospel that something is going to get through. Eventually God is going to use those moments to bring about an awakening to the truth of faith in his or her life. You believe this, and therefore you act.

Similarly, you believe that the Bible is the Word of God. That it's living and active and sharp. So you read it in faith, believing that the power of the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word is more powerful than your feelings.

2) Feeding a particular area of life makes it grow. We've all experienced this in a negative sense. Think about the escalation of drug addicts. I've heard that often addiction begins with experimentation and goes on from there – from something minor to something major. The appetite is fed, and as it is, it grows.

Or this one: It's easy to sleep

in one morning and not exercise. The next day it's easier than the first day. And so it goes. We feed our laziness, and laziness feasts and grows fat.

Doesn't it stand to reason the opposite would be true? When we discipline our children to go to church, we are, slowly but surely, feeding their appetite for godliness. It's one spoonful at a time, to be sure, but in feeding it we are helping it grow.

In the case of ourselves, we feed our appetite for spiritual discipline. For prayer. For study. For meditation. And then the water of the Spirit makes it grow inside of us. So big does that appetite grow that it actually begins to push out other appetites.

And low and behold, we wake up one morning and actually want to read the Bible. Unfortunately, it's hard to do then because our children are up early asking when it's time to go to church.

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Hopgood Opposes Senate Passage of Tax Break for Oil Companies



Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D – Taylor)

LANSING — Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D – Taylor) today released the following statement in response to the State Senate's passage of House Bills 4885, 5254, 5255 and 5274, which lower the Severance Tax for oil and gas from Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) using CO2 and allows Eminent Domain for the contraction of oil and CO2 pipelines.

Senator Hopgood's amendment to HB 4885 was adopted, prohibiting any company convicted of anti-trust violations in the state of Michigan

from receiving the preferential 4% severance tax rate that the bill establishes. The amendment came in light of the fact that two energy comrecently were by Republican charged Attorney General Schuette with violating antitrust laws by coordinating bidding for state-held oil and gas leases.

"I'm glad to see that my Republican colleagues understood the need to prevent known criminals from getting a tax break at the hands of this legislation, with two oil companies charged with anti-trust violations by the Attorney General just this month, but I remain firmly opposed to tax breaks for oil companies when our families, schools and seniors are hurting," said Senator Hopgood. "I also believe that companies delinquent on their taxes need to be held accountable, and I proposed an amendment that would ensure such accountability that my Republican colleagues failed to adopt on the Senate floor."

Money-Saving Tips for Seniors

By Jason Alderman - Contributing Writer



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 travelrelated 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 (www.aarp.org). partners 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

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, online directory of more than 220,000 U.S. business locations that offer discounts to 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/se nior.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.

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.

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

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\$1.75 million in grants to three leading nonprofits help students and adults in 20 U.S. communities



Today, Walmart furthers its commitment to provide greater access to opportunities across 20 U.S. communities with the announcement of \$1.75 million in grants from the Walmart Foundation to three of the nation's leading nonprofit National organizations: Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Urban League (NUL) and United Negro College Fund (UNCF). The grant to UNCF will fund a program to help assure historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) continue as a source of quality degrees for African American students. In addition, the grants to NUL and NAACP will fund programs to help individuals receive the support they need to secure and build meaningful careers through training and placement assistance, and help businesses create more job opportuniThere is an increase in demand today for diverse talent in the workforce, according to the inaugural Diversity Jobs Index and Report from the Professional Diversity Network, Inc. To meet this demand, Walmart continues to help African Americans access career opportunities through work with strategic partners and by fostering diversity and inclusion among its associates and suppliers.

"With today's economic climate there is a growing need to empower individuals in communities nationwide with access to opportunities that will help them live better. Part of this work will come from helping businesses understand and unlock the powerful results that a more diverse workforce has to offer," said Tony Waller, senior director, corporate affairs, Walmart. "By helping one individual at a time build a successful career, we are growing a more competitive work environment. A competitive environment ignites innovation, which helps build stronger communities and, ultimately, a stronger America."

"Since 2006, we have been able to increasingly grow our workforce training program through ongoing support from the Walmart Foundation and subsequently have exceeded expectations of the number of individuals we've been able to serve," said Marc H. Morial, president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League. "This new grant will help us further strengthen our workforce development programs, and continue helping African Americans and other communities of color across the United States secure economic independence and empowerment."

The Walmart Foundation grant of \$500,000 to UNCF will help 16 historically black colleges and universities achieve long-term financial stability so they can continue providing African American students with access to higher education. In addition, a \$1 million grant to NUL and a \$250,000 grant to NAACP will fund programs to provide career counseling and job placement support, and help businesses evaluate current hiring policies.

Learn more about the Walmart commitment to career opportunities. For more information about the Walmart Foundation visit foundation.walmart.com.

Block adult information from your children

WEEK OF MARCH 20 - MARCH 26, 2014

Families encouraged to register on the Michigan Child Protection Registry



LANSING – Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is urging Michigan families to block electronic adult ads, messages and pornography from reaching children by joining the Michigan Child Protection Registry. Studies show an increasing number of young people are using Internet-based devices, with children as young as age two using tablets, mobile phones and computers.

Similar to the National Do Not Call Registry, the Michigan Child Protection Registry is a free and secure program that families can use to block adultoriented ads for products like alcohol, tobacco, pornography, online gambling and illegal drugs from reaching their email inboxes, cell phones or instant messenger IDs. Once a family has entered their information, companies that send messages that advertise or link to prohibited products or

services are required to remove them from their mailing lists within 30 days.

Johnson, who has a teenage daughter, said the registry helps provide a frontline defense for parents in an everexpanding electronic playing field.

"It's a struggle for parents to just keep up with the new social media sites and the online games our kids are using," she said. "But this registry is an easy and simple way to put some controls in place."

The registry, which was transferred from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to the Secretary of State's office by Executive Order, has been an active program in the State of Michigan for more than nine years.

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River Rouge

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Derrick Coleman Superintendent of River Rouge Schools

years ago, I presented the Board of Education with an entry plan and we have already been successful in meeting those targets. A major priority was to engage the community and reconnect the district with the citizens of River Rouge. We are partners with our parents, students, and community stakeholders. More importantly, I want to stress that it takes the efforts of the entire community to truly ensure success.

the City of River Rouge, the faith based community, and other community partners to provide additional resources, support, and access for our families. We invite you to share in a series of signature events during the month of April. Please mark your calendars for the following:

Event: The Chevrolet Cadets
Cotillion and Beautillion Ball
Location: The Crystal
Gardens Banquet Center,
Southgate Michigan

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014
Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Donation: \$20.00
(Tickets are available for
purchase in the River Rouge
Superintendent's Office)

Event: A Day of Hope/The Celebration of African American Heritage (In collaboration with Gordy Memorial Church of God in Christ) Date:

Saturday, April 12, 2014 Time: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm Donation: FREE

Event: Kindergarten Round
Up
Location: Ann Visger
Elementary School
Date:
Thursday, April 10, 2014
Time: 8:00 pm - 3:00 pm





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Marketplace Enrollment Hits 5 Million Milestone

By Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



As this historic open enrollment period enters its final weeks, millions of Americans are finding quality, affordable coverage thanks to the Affordable Care Act. Fernando Valdez and Denise Schroeder were part of a weekend wave of consumers signing up for new coverage and bringing enrollment nationwide to more than 5 million through the Federal and State-based Marketplaces since October 1.

Fernando Valdez, 25, of El Paso, New Mexico woke up early on Saturday, after his mother insisted that he walk to an enrollment center and enroll in Marketplace coverage. Now, he will pay \$22 a month for his health insurance. Fernando said that he walked away knowing that if "I get into an accident I will not be in trouble with trying to find

health care." Read more about Fernando's story at: http://www.elpasotimes.com/n ews/ci_25353816/enroll-elpaso-makes-push-get-residents of the search-www.elpasotimes.com-www.elpasotimes.com.

And Denise Schroeder says she now feels like "I have a whole new life" after enrolling in coverage in recent days. Denise, a small business owner in West Chester, Pennsylvania who runs "Happy Heart Clown N'Stuff," which does balloon decorating and entertainment for parties is also a cancer survivor. Because she had cancer, Denise knew she couldn't let her health coverage lapse, but the \$880 premium she was paying each month wiped out her savings account, and she said it was killing her. But

after working with an enrollment navigator, she enrolled on Thursday in a Silver Plan for \$22 a month. When she saw the new premium, she cried.

You can find more stories like theirs at http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/mystory/index.html.

Consumers like Fernando and Denise are coming every day to check out their options for affordable health care at HealthCare.gov or seeking help from a trained representative in person or via our 24/7 call center. The last several days have been the busiest since December, with the Call Center taking more than 198,000 calls on Thursday alone -the busiest day since December 23-and more than 130,000 calls over the weekend. Last week, HealthCare.gov saw more than 4 million visits-and an additional 1 million visits this weekend.

With only two weeks to go, we're continuing to work hard to ensure that every American who wants to enroll in affordable coverage by the deadline of March 31 is able to do so. So don't delay; tell your friends and family to sign up today.

Controlling Other Health Issues Reduces Kidney Disease Risk

By Sandra Jorda - Special to the NNPA from the St. Louis American



Family

Keeping your blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol in check reduces the risk of developing kidney disease or kidney failure.

Some loss of kidney function occurs naturally over time, usually after age 60. For African Americans, the leading cause of kidney disease or kidney failure is not old age; it is having high blood pressure or diabetes.

Any of the three problems can exist initially (when it is easier to treat) without any outward symptoms. In addition, all three of them can kill you.

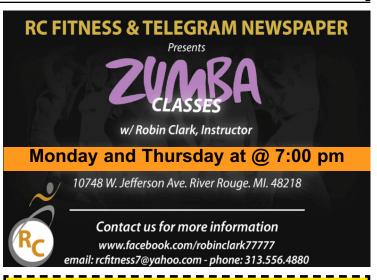
High blood pressure causes artery damage, and the kidneys are artery-rich. Over time, uncontrolled hypertension can cause the arteries around the kidney to narrow, weaken or harden, and they will be unable to deliver enough blood to the kidney tissue. The American Heart Association said damaged arteries are unable to filter blood very well. While healthy kidnevs produce a hormone to help the body regulate its blood pressure, damaged kidneys from high blood pressure are on a downhill spiral.

Diabetes causes damage to nerves and blood vessels. Those small blood vessels in the kidneys, when damaged, cause persons to retain more water and salt than necessary, leading to weight gain and ankle swelling, according the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). When the body has high levels of blood sugar, it makes the kidneys overwork and eventually filter too much blood, said the Diabetes American Association. After many years, those filters in the kidneys start to leak useful protein into the urine. The overwork can cause the kidneys' filtering ability to give out, and waste products build up in the blood, leading to kidney failure or end-stage renal disease, which can only be treated by kidney dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Living a heart-healthy lifestyle and managing diabetes can reduce or prevent the chances of developing kidney disease.

"High blood pressure is more prevalent in African Americans so it is the leading cause of kidney disease in this population," said Marie

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Michigan named an All★Vet State by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce **Foundation**



LANSING – Michigan is one of three states selected by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring our Heroes program to pilot its new All ★ Vet States initiative, Snyder Rick Governor announced today at the Economic Governor's Summit.

"This is an exciting program that recognizes the work we are doing to attract and retain veteran talent here in Michigan," Snyder said. "The All ★ Vet States initiative gives us a chance to highlight the incredible opportunities, services and support Michigan offers to attract and hire transitioning service members and military spouses."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring our Heroes program is launching the new initiative with three states, Michigan, and Tennessee. Participating states will be featured on the Hiring our

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Heroes website, and each state will have its own webpage dedicated to identifying the resources and services available to veterans and military families. View Michigan's All★Vet States page.

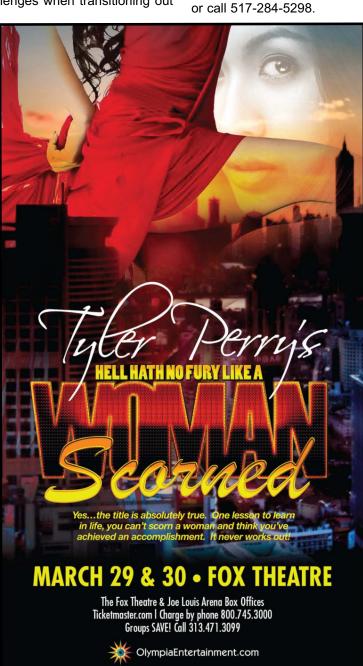
"Michigan has worked aggressively to be a top destination for our nation's veterans and military spouses," said Eric Eversole, executive director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes program. "We are thrilled to work together through our All★Vet States initiative to help Michigan highlight the many economic and educational opportunities for the men and women who have served our country."

Service members and spouses can face a variety of challenges when transitioning out of the military, including where to start that next chapter in their lives. By introducing the benefits and opportunities important to this audience, a state can help influence the transitioning service memdecision-making process in bringing their skill sets and revenue to that state.

"More than 680,000 veterans call Michigan home today, and we anticipate 30-50,000 more in the coming years," Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director Jeff Barnes. "We are working aggressively to assist veterans and their families make that transition as smooth as possible so they can begin the next chapter of their lives

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency mission is to serve as the central coordinating point, connecting those who have served in the United States Armed Services and their families, to services and benefits throughout the state of Michigan. The agency values inclusion, integrity, transparency, innovation and respect and aspires to provide the customer service experience that veterans deserve.

For more information on services and benefits available to Michigan veterans, visit www.michiganveterans.com



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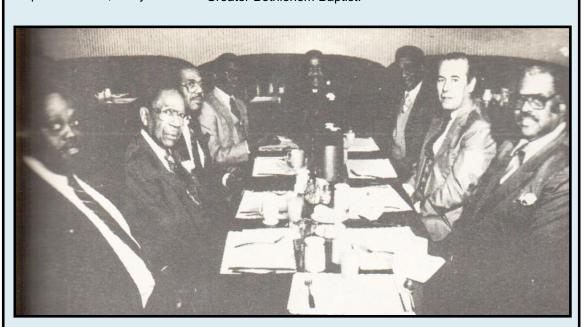
Downriver Clergy and the City of Ecorse work together



In an effort by Ecorse Mayor and Council to show solidarity between the City fathers and the Downriver Ministerial Alliance, they met recently at the Stinson Center to discuss some of the concerns of the City. Pictured above are some of those in attendance: From left, Rev. John W. Gaudy, Gordy Memorial Church of God in Christ; Rev. Prince Miles (Associate Pastor) International Gospel Center; Barlow Jerome (Associate Pastor) Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Mayor Pro

Tem, Dora Warmuskerken, Public Relations Director, Great Lakes Steel; Hon. Larry Sailsbury, Mayor of Ecorse; Rev. Lesley Board, Pine Grove Baptist; Rev. James O. Jones (Associate Pastor) Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Also present but not pictures were Rev. Lawrence Wyatt, Southwestern Church of God; Rev. R. Wendell Harris, Olivet Baptist; Rev. Archie Rich, Church of the Resurrection; Rev. Randolph Thomas, Greater Bethlehem Baptist.

Picture below from left: Rev. Don Morrel (Associate Pastor) Mt. Zion Baptist; Rev. John W. McCrary (Associate Pastor) Union Second Baptist; Rev. David L. Howton, Mt. Nebo Baptist, Rev. Isaac Clarington, President Community A.M.E.; Rev. William Elum, Fellowship Church of God in Christ, Rev. Preston Perry (Associate Pastor) Community AME; Ecorse Councilman Lee Silva; Rev. Emmanuel Can, Waterfall Baptist.



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Six Big Ten teams Taking Part in Basketball Championship

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



Six Big Ten teams were selected to participate in the 2014 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Nebraska, Ohio State, and Wisconsin will represent the conference in this year's tournament. Michigan, the Big Ten Champion, is the No. 2 seed in the Midwest Region and will travel to the Milwaukee second and third round site. Up first for the Wolverines is No. 15 Wofford, with the winner facing either No. 7 Texas or No. 10 Arizona State. Michigan is making its 21st appearance in the NCAA Tournament and fourth consecutive trip. The Wolverines boast a 41-20 record in the tournament. Michigan has made five appearances in the Final Four, including last year, and won the 1989 National Championship.

Michigan State is the Big 10 Tournament Champions and No. 4 seed in the East Region and will visit the Spokane, Wash., second and third round site. The Spartans will face No. 13 Delaware in the second round with the winner facing either No. 5 Cincinnati or No. 12 Harvard. Michigan State is

its 28th NCAA making Tournament appearance and 16th consecutive. Michigan State boasts a 56-26 mark in the NCAA Tournament with eight Final Four appearances, including the 1979 and 2000 championships. national Wisconsin is the No. 2 seed in the West Region and will travel to the Milwaukee second and third round site. The Badgers will take on No. 15 American with the victor facing the winner of No. 7 Oregon vs. No. 10 BYU. Wisconsin will be playing in the NCAA Tournament for the 20th time and making its 16th straight appearance.

The Badgers are 25-18 in their previous trips and have made two Final Four appearances, including winning the 1941 title. Ohio State is the No. 6 seed in the South Region and will start at the Buffalo, N.Y., second and third round site. The Buckeyes will face No. 11 Dayton with the victor taking on the winner of No. 3 Syracuse vs. No. 14 Western Michigan. Ohio State is making its 26th appearance in the NCAA Tournament and consecutive. Buckeyes have a 43-23 record in the tournament and nine appearances in the Final Four, including a national championship in 1960. Nebraska will be the No. 11 seed in the West region and will play at the San Antonio second and third round site. The Cornhuskers will face No. 6 Baylor in the second round, with the winner of that contest taking on either No. 3 Creighton or No. 14 Louisiana Lafayette. Nebraska is making its sixth NCAA Tournament Appearance and its first since 1998. Iowa is a No. 11 seed in the Midwest Region and will play Tennessee in a First Four game in Dayton, Ohio. The winner of that contest will travel to Raleigh, N.C., for its second and third round matches. They take on Massachusetts with the winner facing either No. 3 Duke or No. 14 Mercer. Iowa's appearance is the 23rd in school history and its first since 2006. The Hawkeve's have a 27-24 record in NCAA tournament games as well as three Final Four appearances. Western Michigan of the MAC will also represent the third team in the state of Michigan in the 2014 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

In addition 2014 NCAA Division Basketball Women's Championship, Michigan State is the No. 5 seed in the Stanford Regional and faces No. 12 Hampton at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C. An opening-round win would pit the Spartans against the North Carolina-UT Martin winner in the second round on Tuesday. Michigan State returns to the NCAA Championship field for the sixth straight season and makes its 14th trip overall. The Spartans earned a share of the Big Ten Championship this season, their fourth conference title in program history.

Good and Bad News for Tigers

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

Opening Day in Australia is two days away, however us Detroit Tigers Fans and New Manager Brad Ausmus have only 11 until the big day at Comerica Park in fact the Tigers first year manager picked Justin Verlander to make his seventh consecutive Opening Day start Monday however acknowledged it was difficult to bypass reigning American League Cy Young winner Max Scherzer for the honor.

Verlander, a former CY Young winner (and league MVP) himself, will take the mound March 31 when the Tigers host the Kansas City Royals. Ausmus said that the right-hander's streak factored into his decision. News was not good this past Monday for Detroit Tigers shortstop Jose Iglesias as it was confirmed that he has stress fractures in both of his shins but said he

"absolutely" expects to play at some point this season.

That Means not for a while. Iglesias, acquired from the Boston Red Sox in July in a three-team trade, is considered a potential Gold Glove infielder. He said he had pain in both shins last season. The Tigers announced that Iglesias would begin the season on the disabled list. He is scheduled to visit a foot and ankle specialist, Thomas Clanton of the Steadman Clinic, on Tuesday. "I'll get a better idea when I see the doctor in Colorado," Iglesias said, according to MLB.com. "But for now, my goal is to get healthy, get rid of this, because the pain is really bad. I just want to get rid of it and come back 100 percent." Tigers asked the Arizona Diamond Backs about shortstop Chris Owings however talks did not progress very far,

sources say at FOXSports1. Now if the Tigers should look internally and by that I mean the Tigers new infield coach, Omar Vizquel. Have him dust the cleats off.

Wait there is more, Tigers outfielder Rajai Davis was scratched as a precaution for Monday's spring game against the Nationals due to a tight hamstring, manager Brad Ausmus told reporters. Also, Tigers starting pitcher Sanchez Anibal scratched also from Monday's spring start against the Nationals because of right inflammation. shoulder However, he is expected to make his next start. Next Week I'll be revealing the 2014 Detroit Tigers starting line up and roster.

Obama Has Michigan State Beating Louisville to Win NCAA Tournament



*March Madness has hit the White House.

ESPN's Andy Katz showed up yesterday to film President Obama filling out his bracket for the NCAA Tournament in what has become an annual tradition during his presidency.

When it was all said and done, the Commander In Chief selected Michigan State to defeat defending champion Louisville in the title game.

"Tom Izzo is a great tournament coach," Obama said. "I've got Michigan State going all the way. ... He knows how to motivate folks and he knows how to coach. My pick: Michigan State. Bring it home for me. It's been a while since I've won my pool."

Besides the fourth-seeded Spartans and Cardinals, President Obama also selected No. 1 overall seed Florida and top seed Arizona to reach the Final Four in Arlington, Texas.

"I know these are not imagi-

native picks, but I think they're the right ones," Obama said of his Final Four picks.

Among other picks of note, Obama likes two 12-seeds to pull off upsets in their NCAA tournament openers — Harvard over Cincinnati, and North Dakota State over Oklahoma. The president also likes North Carolina to upset 3-seed lowa State to reach the Sweet 16.

Obama has picked three different teams in the "Baracketology" era to win the men's title — Indiana (over Louisville in 2013), Kansas (over Ohio State in 2011 and Kentucky in 2010) and North Carolina (over Kentucky in 2012 and Louisville in 2009). His correctly picked national champion was the Tar Heels in '09.

The path Obama took to arrive at his national champion, an event that has come to be known as "Barack-etology," was revealed on SportsCenter at 9:30 a.m. ET Wednesday.



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March 9th, 2014

At 1852hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Pine Street on a Domestic Dispute. A 26 year old female stated that she had words with16 year old nephew. The argument escalated to a physical fight between the two and the nephew slapped her in the face and threw her to the ground. Officers went upstairs to talk with the nephew and he told them he doesn't talk to officers. He was detained and secured in the patrol vehicle. Officer spoke to the 50 year old grandmother who stated the nephew has lived with the family for the last 14 years. And he has emotional problems and is having a difficult time because of his relationship with his mother. The grandmother states he needs help dealing with his psychological problems and controlling himself. The juvenile was transported to Wyandotte Hospital and the grandmother petitioned for him to be evaluated.

March 9th, 2014

At 1551hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Pine Street on a Domestic Dispute between brother and sister. A 21 year old female told officers that she and her 18 year old brother had been arguing when he assaulted her and fled the home. She stated the incident began when they argued over a cigarette. She states both were yelling when he grabbed a picture frame and threw it at her. She threw it back and he jumped on her and punched her with a closed fist several times in the back of her head and neck. She refused medical attention and was advised to call police if he returned.

March 11, 2014

At 0807hrs, an officer was parked in the parking lot of River Rouge Auto Care, at West Jefferson and Cora. The officer had received many complaints of parents making U-Turns; double parking, blocking traffic, as well as vehicle parked in the handicap Parking space, in front of Ann Visger School. The officer observed a black Nissan four door make a left U-Turn in front of the school. The 41 year old female driver exited the vehicle and threw tissue on the ground and walked to the passenger side of the vehicle to let a minor out of the vehicle. The officer was only going to advised her on the issues, littering and U-Turn. The female became argumentative with the officer and told him the tissue accidentally fell out of her pocket.

The officer refused to argue with the female and issued her a citation for Littering.

March 13th, 2014

At 1027hrs, this morning, officers were dispatched to the 1st Block of West Henry on a Larceny/ Assault & Battery complaint. A 26 year old female stated she was upstairs when she her mail carrier dropping off her mail. But when she went down to get it there was no mail in the mailbox. The female chased down the mail carrier and asked if he had delivered any mail to her and he replied "yes". So the female went and knocked on her neighbor's door and accused the middle age woman of stealing her mail. At this point the neighbor became aggravated and smacked the female twice in the face with an open palm. Officers observed a red hand print on the side of her face. When officers interview the neighbor, she states the female smacked and attacked her. Both units have separate mail boxes and all were advised and officer cleared the scene. Short time later officers came back to the location for a Disturbance. Officers observed a 26 year old male arguing with a 35 year old. A check with LEIN placed both under arrest for outstanding warrants.

March14th, 2014

At 0317hrs, this morning offi-

cers went to a home in the 300 Block of Genesee on an Assault & Battery. A 26 year old female stated she heard someone walking up the stairs leading to her apartment. She states when she went to the front door she heard a loud bang on the door and knew someone was trying to force open the door. All of a sudden a 47 year old male forced open the door by breaking the door off the top hinge. The female told the male to leave and he began yelling at her about his sex life with another female. When the female picked up her cell phone he took the phone out of her hand and flipped over the dining room table. He was so mad he threw a beer can at her chest and grabbed her by her neck and started choking her. The female tried to push the male out the front door and he pulled her down the stairs and out the front door. The female lost consciousness and later woke up in the snow on the corner of Genesee and Abbott. They stated that she had problem with this male in the past. And explained he is a heavy Heroin and "crack" user. The male also took her cell phone.

Adult Information

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Gov. Rick Snyder said transferring the registry to Johnson's office will better help shield families from unwanted adult advertising.

"I am confident that, under the leadership of Secretary of State Johnson and with the department's resources, the program will deliver the best possible service for Michigan families," Snyder said.

Former Senate majority leader Mike Bishop was the original sponsor of the legislation creating the registry and remains a strong advocate for greater Internet safety provisions for children.

"One of my proudest accomplishments as an elected member of government was the passage of my bill to protect children from online predators," Bishop said. "I am pleased to see that my friend and our Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson, and her able staff, will be on duty for our children. The Child Protection Registry is in great hands."

Johnson, who has an ongoing interest in child protection issues, believes housing the registry within the Secretary of State's office makes sense. "Our department has contact with more Michigan citizens than any other state agency and that provides an ideal opportunity for us to advance the mission of this registry and protect our children," she said.



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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a re-scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the City Council chambers of City Hall on February 18, 2014 Meeting called to order at 8:05pm

The following Commissioners were present:

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce,

Absent: None

Excused: Ward, Pruneau

14-30 Approval of minutes of 02/04/2014

14-31 Voucher approval

14-32 Business license approval

14-33 Building permits approval

- 14-34 Approval to enter into partnership with Wayne Metro for Step Forward Program
- 14-35 Approval to hire temporary Part-time worker to assist with Step Forward
- 14-36 Approval to appoint D. Myers Jr. to the River Rouge Planning Comm. 14-37 Approval to appoint K. Burgess to the River Rouge Board of Review
- 14-38 Approval to appoint G. Felton to the River Rouge Housing Comm.
- 14-39 Approval to appoint O. Jaward to the EDC
- 14-40 Approval to lay-off two part-time DPW workers
- 14-41 Approval of Easter Egg Hunt for Light of Hope Deliverance Church
- 14-42 Approval for the annual Health Fair
- 14-43 Approval of the Animal Control Agreement with Ecorse
- 14-44 Motion to adjourn

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office.

(313) 842-5604.

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

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a re-scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the City Council chambers of City Hall on March 4, 2014 Meeting called to order at 7:30p

The following Commissioners were present:Mayor Pro Tem Ward in the Chair Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Pruneau

Absent: None

Excused: Bowdler, Perry

14-45 Motion to hold Public Hearing

14-46 Motion to close Public Hearing

14-47 Motion to schedule Public Hearing for March 18, 2014

14-48 Approval to open up regular Council Meeting

14-49 Approval of Minutes of 02/18/2014

14-50 Approval of "pet coke" resolution

14-51 Voucher approval

14-52 Approval of building permits

14-53 Approval of voluntary assessment for Guidance Center in the amount of \$1200.00

14-54 Approval of the request for parade route on Visger Ave. June 7, 2014

14-55 Approval of demolition bid

14-56 Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm

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News of those in the Armed Forces





Air Force Airman Corey H. Turner

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

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

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

Turner is the son of Hazel Turner of Detroit.

Army National Guard Pvt. Trevor M. Olsen

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

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

Olsen is the son of Aimee and Michael Olsen of Garden City.



Air Force Airman Cory S. Hammerle

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

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

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

Hammerle is the son of Diane Hammerle of Westland.

He is a 2006 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, Walled Lake.



Air Force Airman **Trever S. Henderson**

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

Antonio, Texas.

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

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

Henderson earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Stacie and Jeffrey Henderson of New Baltimore and Stacie Henderson of Garden City.

The airman is a 2013 graduate of Anchor Bay High School, Ira.



Air Force Airman Kyle W. McClung

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

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

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

McClung is the son of William McClung of Westland, Mich., and grandson of Shirley Smith of Morgantown,

He is a 2013 graduate of Morgantown High School, Morgantown, W.Va.

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ACROSS

- 1. "Haste makes waste,"
- 6. Helicopter landing
- 9. Deadly slitherers
- 13. Bad car
- 14. Pub offering
- 15. Do this or forever hold your peace
- 16. Say pretty please
- 17. Junior's junior
- 18. Down and out
- 19. *Sweet number in March
- 21. *Point and shooting players
- 23. Coltrane's woodwind
- 24. Not in favor of
- 25. Final, abbr.
- 28. Essen basin
- 30. Firstborn
- 35. Story part
- 37. Plenty
- 39. 6 in 1/6
- 40. Fill to satisfaction
- 41. Pisa attraction
- 43. Not far
- 44. Correct
- 46. Japanese stringed instrument
- 47. Any of several languages of Celts
- 48. It's to be brushed off
- 50. Invitation letters
- 52. England's favorite
- drink in French 53. Exclamation of disgust
- 55. Diamond stat
- 57. Gluteus, pl.
- 60. *Grid
- 64. Grassy plain
- 65. *What teams do
- 67. Brownish gray
- 68. Fluorescent red dye
- 69. Down with the flu
- 70. Blew it
- 71. Wild goat
- 72. Red Cross bed
- 73. Midway attractions

DOWN

- 1. "The Sound of Music" backdrop
- 2. Kosher establishment
- 3. Unacceptable to some merchants
- 4. *As opposed to heroes
- 5. Ingratiate
- 6. Sacrificed for gain?
- 7. Formerly Cassius Clay
- 8. Condescend
- 9. Copycat
- 10. *One of basketball sixteen
- 11. Stationer's stock
- 12. *NCAA's Big ____
- Conference
- 15. Escargot
- 20. Feel like a champ
- 22. Shoshonean 24. MOMA display
- 25. *A #16 over a #1, e.g.
- 26. Andean pack animal
- 27. Luggage handler, e.g. 29. *Kind of shot down low
- 31. Eat
- 32. Make an effort
- 33. Money under mattress 34. *Value outside the arc
- 36. Backpacker's shelter
- 38. Best of 5 of these in
- men's tennis 42. Red
- 45. *Opening round locale in OH
- 49. To feel regret
- 51. Chatterbox
- 54. Kind of duty 56. Ticks and mites and
- such 57. Lump
- 58. Function as a laser
- 59. Computer operating system, not Windows
- 60. Aaron Rodgers' mimed accessory
- 61. Kurdistan native
- 62. D'Artagnan's weapon of choice
- 63. Kennedy and Turner 64. Waikiki wear 66.
- **United Nations labor** agency

Inkster

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pragmatic ideas for diversifying and growing Inkster's tax base and pinpoint opportunities for collaboration with neighboring cities to save money." One statement that received applause from the people in attendance was that the city is negotiating with Romulus School District on a plan that would see the City of Inkster assume con-

trol of the closed Inkster High School and lease space within the facility to, repurpose and reuse it.

Mayor Hampton ended with encouraging words for the full house of residents, elected officials and friends that came out to hear firsthand about the state of the City. "A lot of exciting developments are happening in Inkster. Now is a pivotal moment in the history of our city. Choices we make in the coming year have the potential to transform our town in some remarkable ways. We've come through the fire. We're still standing today, as will be the case tomorrow."

REINVENT INKSTER!



Ballet du Grand Théâtre de Genève (Geneva Ballet) **Makes Detroit Opera House Debut**

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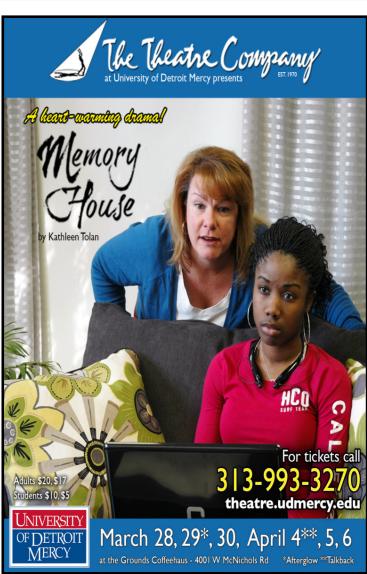


DETROIT - The Detroit Opera House's 18th season of dance will close by welcoming an internationally acclaimed dance company, Ballet du Grand Théâtre de Genève (Geneva Ballet). Since its expansion in 1962, the Swiss dance company has presented a repertory of works by

today's leading choreographers.

With a roster of spectacular, classically trained dancers and a cutting edge repertory, Geneva Ballet is regarded as one of the most original dance companies in Europe. The company has a century-long





history in Switzerland, and in 1969 George Balanchine became the company's first artistic advisor.

Balanchine's artistic advisory (1969 - 1978) created a dance portal between Geneva and New York City, broadening the company's reach and strengthening its repertory.

The company's Detroit program includes Glory, choreographed by **Andonis** Foniadakis to music by Handel, and Ken Ossola's Lux, set to music by French composer Gabriel Fauré.

Access.Dance tickets for students and young professionals, ages 18-40, are available on Friday, March 21, at a reduced price, with a reception following the performwww.MichiganOpera.org/Acc

A free conversation with the artists begins one hour prior to each performance.

Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$80. Tickets may be purchased online www.MichiganOpera.org, by calling 313-237-

SING, or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office (1526 Broadway). Tickets may also be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by calling 800-745-3000.

Friday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22 at 7:30

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Jealousy Threatens Friendship and Employment



Dear Ayana,

I helped a friend get a job at the company that I work for a little over a year ago. In the beginning, she only needed something a few days a week to make a little cash for her personal spending. She liked the job and began to pick up a few more hours and was offered a full-time position. Since then, she's moved up from being the receptionist to the executive assistant to one of the chairmen of the company. This is a position that I have been trying to grab since I started at our company five years ago. I'm aggravated by the fact that she mirrors everything that I do, but is rewarded for accomplishments like they are her own. She didn't even have to apply for the position; and that's usually company policy. I know something about her that everyone else doesn't though. My friend lied on her application and said that she graduated high school. The truth is that she dropped out of high school when we were 16-years old because she had had a baby. She's really changed since the promotion and rarely talks to me anymore. I'm ready to blow the whistle on her act. I am a little concerned that she will find out that I'm the person that uncovered her secret; but I feel like it's the right thing to do. My fiancé completely disagrees and says that if I go through with this, he'll never look at me in the same way. I think he's being dramatic. Do you think I'm wrong for disclosing my

friend's secret? **Not Fooled**

Dear Not Fooled.

I could almost see the jealousy oozing off of your letter as I read it. It's sad that you would be willing to put this woman's job at risk because you envy the accomplishments she has made in such a short time. It's baffling how you call this woman "friend" in one sentence, and then contemplate destroying her in an attempt to elevate yourself in the next. If you're looking for me to side with you on this you will be disappointed. Suppose you do reveal that your friend lied on her application. What then? She's obviously already proven herself competent enough to complete the tasks that she has been entrusted with. For all you know, your company's Human Resources Department may already have information about your friend's education and background. If they do already know and you approach them with this information, you will probably give them the same impression that you've given me-that you're bitter and jealous. Maybe that's the real reason that your friend has "really changed" as you say in your letter. Could it be that she sees a side of you that she isn't fond of and has decided to create some space between the two of you? Diploma or not, it appears that your "friend" has displayed some characteristics, skills and/or attributes that people in your company admire; instead of finding fault with her accomplishments, as a friend, one would think that you would want to celebrate them with her. I hope that you will reconsider outing this woman. Tearing her down will only serve to seal your own fate. Take your fiancé's advice. Nothing good will come out of you disclosing this secret. Your colleagues and fiancé won't respect you for it and your friend will treat you openly as you treat her private ly- with hostility and resentment. If you've been passed up on a promotion that you feel like you were deserving of, ask to meet with someone with seniority to discuss it. If you feel like you've reached the ceiling in your particular field, it may be time to move on. What you definitely don't do is step on someone else in an attempt to climb the ladder of success. I strongly suggest that you evaluate what it means to be a friend. If the relationship you have with this woman describes a friendship, how you would treat a foe? I hope that you will take my advice to heart; you have some soul-searching to do. Don't be a Hater.

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Kidney

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Philipneri, M.D., a nephrologist and associate professor at Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Family medical history is also factor in kidney disease.

Philipneri suggests persons with no known risk factors should at least have their blood pressure and blood glucose checked to see if they have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or issues with kidney function.

Screening for kidney disease is straightforward.

"You do a blood test; a urinalysis will tell us if there is any protein in the urine, blood in the urine or any abnormal sediments," Philipneri said. "We check the protein to creatinine ratio and that gives us an idea whether you have kidney disease or even late [stage] kidney disease."

Experts say normal creatinine levels range between 0.7 to 1.3 mg/dL for men and 0.6 to 1.1 mg/dL for women.

Additionally, using the class of over-the-counter medications can tax the kidneys. Longterm use of pain medications known as NSAIDs, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, which have fever and pain reducing properties, can cause chronic kidney disease. Meds in this class include common medications like ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve and naproxen, Philipneri said. Persons with kidney disease as well as other health issues should follow their doctor's advice before using OTC medications.

"And you also need to be very careful about what supplements you take, especially the not so-well-studied drugs and supplements," Philipneri added.

The NKF has lists of herbal supplements that may be toxic to the kidneys, harmful when you have chronic kidney disease and some herbs that are known to be unsafe for everyone. Find them at http://bit.ly/1i04HFP.



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