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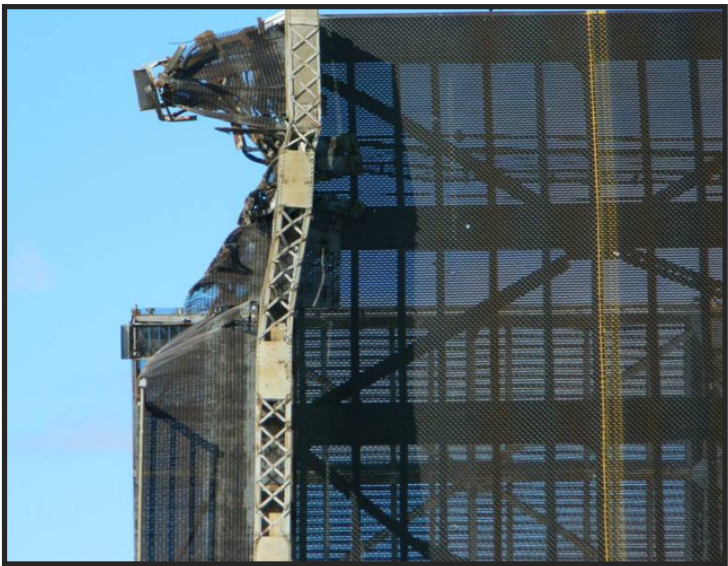


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**Official date set for reopening  
of Jefferson drawbridge**

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



The damage to the Jefferson Bridge that needed to be repaired

During a recent city council meeting in Ecorse, Wayne County officials delivered much awaited news regarding progress on the Jefferson Avenue drawbridge. After providing a brief presentation, Assistant County Executive June Lee announced that the bridge is set to reopen in August 2016 – considering no delays emerge during the process.

With work already underway on the \$17 million project, workers will repair damage stemming from May 2013, when an intoxicated operator lowered the drawbridge onto a passing freighter. The incident halted a large amount of traffic flow between Detroit and River Rouge, as many drivers use Jefferson Avenue as an alternate route to I-75. Over the past two years, several residents have lost jobs, while

local businesses report a steady decrease in customer traffic.

“The bridge being out of commission has had a drastic effect because it relegates our

Bridge - Page 7A

**Remembering the 102nd United  
States Colored Troops of the Civil War**

By: Gina Steward - Special to the Telegram



Men re-enactment of what the soldiers from the 102nd looked like in 1864

Photo by Dale Rich

Each Veterans Day since 1984, there has been a ceremony that commemorated the 102nd United States Colored Troops of the Civil War held at the Historic Elmwood Ceme-

tery. This year was no different. Each year, the ceremony has been growing and including more organizations and youth. The rich history of the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry has

been shared with households throughout Michigan. There were JROTC Programs from 19 Metropolitan Detroit

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**PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

**Inkster senior officials recognized for their service**  
*Hampton, Hendricks and Canty's last meeting*



Councilpersons Denard Shaw, Timphy Williams, Kim Howard, Michael Canty, Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Councilmen Marcus Hendricks, City Clerk Felicia Rutledge, Councilman Lorenzo Moner and Interim City Manager Mark Stuhldreher take their last photo as city says good bye to three senior elected officials.



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CALL TO ACTION

No Distracted Driving is hard work



Well, it has been three weeks since I took the pledge to only Drive when I'm behind the wheel. I have to admit that is has definately been life changing.

It takes planning on my part to not to anything but drive when I get in the car. My normal saying was, "I will call you when I get in the car." Well I can't say that anymore. I have to make my calls before I leave out of the office or before I leave from home. But what happens is, I get in the car and then I remember somebody else that I forgot to call. So now, I'm sitting in the car on the phone before I pull off.

I put on my App that doesn't allow calls or text messages to come through my phone and then I take off.

Then you know what happens, I think about something

else I could be doing. Now what.... Most times I tough it out. Its about a twenty minute drive to the office, to church or to Downtown Detroit. I'm not going to say that I make it everytime, but I am getting better. I now use that time to pray, plan my afternoon or think through a project that I want to do.

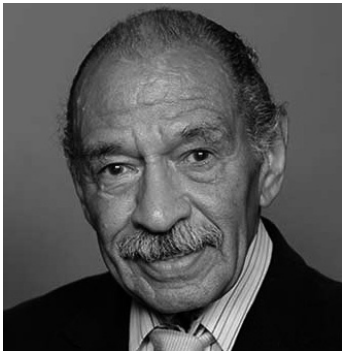
The Telegram staff and our new partner in this endeavor, youth at The PEN Enrichment Center have been starting many conversations about Distracted Driving and in every instance, someone shares about an incidence that either they were involved in an accident or they witnessed someone driving while they were texting, eating or on the phone. With every conversation and pledge that we get signed, that is a life that is possibly saved.

We want more people to take the pledge and committ to only Drive when they are behind the wheel. It will take some effort so you might as well get started. Maybe by the end of the year you would have adopted the habit and changed your life. What I am sure of is that you will feel better because the life you save might jus be mine..... or yours.

Gina C. Steward  
Publisher

NEWS FROM LANSING

Conyers to Host Veterans Resource Fair Saturday, November 14th 12p.m. – 3p.m.



John Conyers  
Congressman

(DETROIT) – Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) is hosting a Veterans Resource Fair Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 12p.m.-3p.m. The event will be held at the Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road. Over 35 federal, state, local agencies and organizations have signed up to participate. Veterans, active duty military personnel and family members will be able to check the status of existing claims, receive

food and housing assistance, learn about workforce and business development, apply for employment and educational opportunities, receive free health screenings and counseling services, have their veterans licenses designated by the Secretary of State and much more.

For further information about the Veterans Resource Fair, please call the Detroit Office (313) 961-5670 or the Westland Office (734) 675-4084.

WHAT:  
Veterans Resource Fair hosted by Congressman Conyers

WHEN:  
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## Charters and heavy testing hurt our schools

By Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.  
NNPA Contributor



Rev. Jesse Jackson says that closing neighborhood schools too often divorces parents from their students' schools.  
Freddie Allen/NNPA News Wire

Across the country, parents have been in revolt against high-stakes standardized testing, with kids tested over and over again while creativity is cut out of classroom curricula. Parents — particularly in targeted urban schools from Chicago to Boston — are also marching against the forced closing of neighborhood schools, displacing kids and shutting down needed neighborhood centers.

Now there is more and more evidence that the parents have it right — and the deep-pocket “reformers” are simply wrong.

First, the Obama Administration — which has pushed high-stakes testing as central to its education agenda — announced that kids were being tested too often, with too much school time devoted to preparing for and taking required tests. In what a writer for the New Yorker described as a major “mea culpa,” the administration now recommends that standardized testing be limited to 2 percent of class time. Maybe music, art and creativity will have a chance once more.

Second, a report by the Center for Media and Democracy on charter schools — the centerpiece of the so-called reformers' agenda — reports that some \$3.7 billion in federal money has been larded onto charter schools in the past two decades with virtually no accountability. The result is often a simple rip-off: schools that never open or open for a few months and shut down. Some highly touted cyber charters — schools featuring online courses — are, as Education Week reported, essentially useless, like not going to school at all. Others, like the highly touted New York Success Academy Schools, apparently boost their test scores by identifying low-performing students who have “got to go” and finding

ways to get rid of them.

And now the National Assessment of Education Progress, the gold standard for measuring progress, reports that American kids have lost ground in math, and either were stagnant (4th graders) or worse (8th graders) in reading.

Charters are spreading like kudzu; wall-to-wall standardized testing is nearly universal — and the parents are right: It isn't working.

The reality, as National Education Association President Lily Eskelsen Garcia has pointed out, is that the nations that have outperformed the U.S. in recent years don't do the things that the deep-pockets reformers have been touting. They don't terrorize teachers; they train, respect and pay them. They don't set up private charters and drain money from public education; they devote more resources to the poorest students, not less. They don't do repeated high-stakes standardized testing; they evaluate teachers and students carefully, mentor them and improve them.

The school “reformers” are hurting, not helping. Closing neighborhood schools too often divorces parents from their students' schools. Demoting teachers is leading to higher turnover, when experience is central to becoming a good teacher. Repeated standardized testing takes the joy out of learning, making kids less likely to find their strength.

As Jeff Bryant of the Education Opportunity Network writes, parents are driving an “education spring,” revolting against an elite reform agenda that is driving away good teachers, undermining public schools, and draining funds and fun from our public schools. Parents are right to keep the pressure on.

## Obama rejects pipeline

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Presiden Obama finally rejected the Keystone Pipeline XL late last week ending seven years pitting oil companies and Republicans against environmentalists and liberal activists.

The State Department has been reviewing the pipeline for much of Obama's time in office. The president cited the country's leadership in climate change as a reason for the rejection, saying "approving this project would have undercut that leadership".

I think the president made a mistake, the pipeline would have been a huge step in North American energy independence.

The pipeline would carry 800,000 barrels of petroleum daily from Canada to refineries in the Gulf Coast.

Now that oil might go to China. The move comes as the White House continues to promote its environmental agenda.

Obama will attend the Paris climate talks next month and hopes to broker an international agreement committing every country on Earth to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and enact other policies to help curb global warming.

By the way Ice is growing in the polar regions.

Secretary of State John Kerry said the controversial project is not in the country's national interest.

Since when is energy independence not in our national interest? All we managed to do is tick off another ally, in Canada. New Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he is "disappointed by the decision" but said he is looking forward to building his relationship with Obama.



Trudeau is a lefty also so they should get along together.

We are currently without the oil from XL, but the Republicans are all in favor of the pipeline.

"When I'm president, Keystone will be approved, and President Obama's backward energy policies will come to an end," Florida Sen. Marco Rubio said in a statement.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, whose state could benefit from the pipeline tweeted, "President Obama is bowing to radical environmentalists and snubbing thousands of high quality, high paying energy sector jobs".

The decision also ticked off organized labor. Terry O'Sullivan, the general president of the Laborers' International Union of North America, blasted the decision. "After a seven-year circus of cowardly delay, the President's decision to kill the Keystone XL Pipeline is just one more indication of an utter disdain and disregard for salt-of-the-earth, middle-class working Americans," O'Sullivan said.

CNN.com contributed to this column.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who can marry who?

Good day good people,  
My subject is legal marriages to anyone that you want; no matter what the sex is. Ahh, I wonder if they would consider one step further? I've heard that some sheep herders get very attached to their sheep. Do you think the next step will be legalizing a farmer marrying his woolly buddy?

Sincerely,

The Cookster  
River Rouge

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Watchmen on the Wall

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



Recently, I pulled into a parking lot to drink my coffee and check messages on my phone. Searching for a space to park, I noticed a police car in the lot also. An officer was sitting in the squad car, apparently watching.

Cars drove up and down 8 mile without much of a thought about the police sitting there watching. Focused on their destinations and activities of the day, I doubt that many noticed him watching, perhaps looking for something out of the ordinary.

Sometimes, we take for granted that things will be ordinary, that life will move along just the way it's supposed to. Usually, it does. But, how often do we pay attention to odd things when we are preoccupied with life? We have so many things on our minds. However, police are trained to spot things that are out of the ordinary. Not only are they are to fight crime, but also to prevent it.

The police officer I noticed, was quietly on watch. He was ensuring the safety of the area. He was being a watchman. He was diligently watching to make sure that everything is everything. How often do we take our safety and wellbeing for granted?

When things go awry, who do we call? Not Ghost Busters. In the event of an emergency, life threatening emergency, our first impulse is to dial 911 for help. When we have been violated, who do we call for help? The police are usually first on the scene. They investigate, assess and write reports of incidents multiple times per day.

We should take the time to recognize and acknowledge the first responders. They are the ones we call on when we feel threatened or have been victimized. When we need rescue, they are a phone call away. The police officers who patrol the streets, the firefighters who are on call, sleeping lightly through the night, ready to get up at any given moment to come and rescue any one of us in the event of a fire, and even the paramedics who are on standby waiting to help us and possibly save our lives are all heroes who often to unsung and under-recognized.

This Sunday, November 15, 2015, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church presents Public Servant Appreciation Sunday during the 11:00 am service. Mt. Zion is located at 3936 12th St in Ecorse. They will be honoring Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters from River Rouge, Ecorse, and SW Detroit communities.

"I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem" (Isaiah 62:6a).

Let us acknowledge the watchmen on the wall. All are welcome.

Janine Folks  
Minister. Writer. Author. Chaplain  
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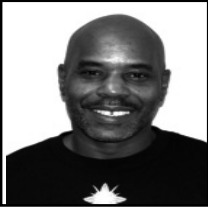
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16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.  
1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22

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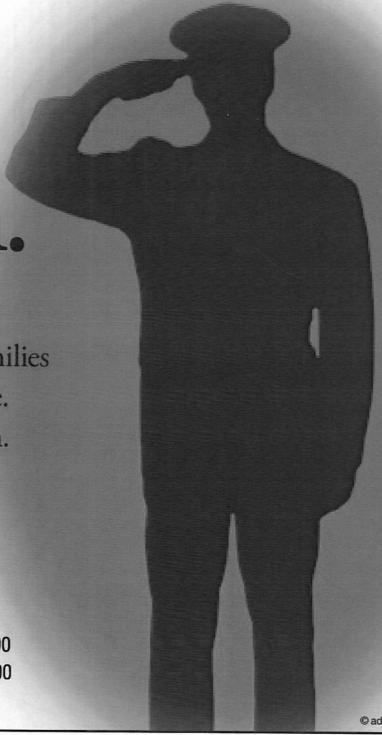
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By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter

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Are you under the impression that hands-free technology makes you safer? Think again. Recent studies have shown that hands-free devices – i.e. earpieces, dashboard systems and speakerphones – still pose a risk for mental distraction while driving on the road. Think about it: drivers generally adhere to three essential requirements by keeping eyes on the road, hands on the wheel and mind on driving. Though hands-free technology allows for calling and texting without the use of eyes or hands, brain comprehension and the ability to process moving images decreases by up to 1/3 – causing delayed reaction time, and thus presenting a greater risk for a car crash. In the end, opting to go hands-free still actively engages the brain, making it difficult to go back and forth between tasks (i.e. halting a conversation to avoid running into a car that suddenly pulls out in front of you). "Results indicate motorists could miss stop signs, pedestrians and other vehicles while the mind is readjusting to the task of driving," said Peter Kissinger, president and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

This readjustment process continues to present serious issues for distracted drivers. In fact, statistics show that dangers posed by these very devices tend to continue even after you've finished a call or text and have subsequently turned your attention back to the road.

"A study from the American Automobile Association and the University of Utah found that potentially unsafe mental distractions from the use of hands-free technology can persist up to 27 seconds after using voice commands," writes Kylie Mohr of NPR. "...At 25 mph, that means that during that time, drivers traveled the

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Bridge

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local business district to a dead end street,” said River Rouge City Commissioner Dan Cooney. “People used to roll through town to get to work in Delray or Downtown Detroit. During that time, they may have stopped for a tank of gas, or frequented a restaurant for breakfast or lunch. Now they’re forced to go around us to I-75. And with the Fort Street bridge also out of commission, it’s caused an additional problem with dangerous potholes on the I-75 bridge because everyone now has to use the freeway just to get around the Rouge River. “Top that off with the fact that people are losing jobs because without business, some places have had to cut down on their employees, and other businesses have had to close altogether.” County executives maintain that the bridge closure’s economic impact has been taken into consideration, and that a lengthy rebuilding process is necessary to ensure the structure is safe for travel. Nevertheless, downriver residents and business owners express immense frustration over the two year time frame it’s taken to begin work on the bridge. Though Cooney voices the same disappointment, he still believes that the county is making steady strides to get the area back on track. “You can only beat up on the county so much,” he said. “I know a lot of people felt that the delay involved money, but the \$17 million it takes to fix the bridge has been picked up by the insurance company; that’s not the issue. The reality remains that the previous administration kind of dropped the ball on fixing this bridge. A matter of days after Warren Evans was sworn into office, he came to our council meeting to let everyone know that

he was committed to getting the job done. I’ve seen more progress since January than I’ve seen in the past two years. From everything I’ve read, things seem to be on track and moving well.” For the duration of the project, Wayne County representatives will hold quarterly meetings with city leaders and local businesses to keep everyone abreast on the structure’s progress. Residents with questions can contact Public Information officer Tiffani Jackson at 313-224-7626, or via email at [tjackson1@waynecounty.com](mailto:tjackson1@waynecounty.com). Likewise anyone interested in keeping up with the project schedule can visit [www.waynecounty.com/dps/index.htm](http://www.waynecounty.com/dps/index.htm). Real-time electronic updates regarding the project can also be received by contacting Jackson at the aforementioned email address. In the end, Cooney foresees the bridge’s eventual reopening as an immense benefit to the entire downriver area. “This bridge issue is really important to River Rouge, Ecorse and the rest of the downriver community because of the advantage we have of taking back streets in and out of downtown Detroit,” he said. “Another very important reason we need it fixed is because they’re about to start construction on Delray’s Gordy Howe International Bridge next summer, which is a five year project. Once the Jefferson bridge is rebuilt, our area is going to be a global transportation hub. Many people who used to go through Gordy Howe will be using our structure to access jobs, and to support the local businesses. In my opinion, our city has a once in a lifetime opportunity to reinvent itself as a community by tying into the development and construction of the



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# River Rouge continues Friday SMART Bus service for local residents

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Each week, River Rouge offers a Friday SMART Bus service for local residents in need of transportation around the city. The program runs from 9 AM to 3 PM, and is open to citizens of all ages. Though the service has been offered for nearly five years, it will serve as the perfect accommodation for residents this winter.

“We just got a new bus about a month ago; it will pick people up so they don’t have to walk far in the winter,” said City Administrative Assistant, Jeanie Hubbard. “It has set stops and goes around the city on a route. So a lady over on Visger may want to go over to Family Dollar, and it will take her there and drop her off. Someone else may want to go to Bi Rite for food, or stop to get a haircut and grab medication from the Rouge Pharmacy. It’s a really great program.”

Each Friday, the bus sets out on a main route beginning at Forest and Jefferson Avenue, and ventures to various points around the area. Residents can indicate where they need to go, and can expect to be dropped off and picked up after completing their errands. Additionally, special arrangements may be made for senior citizens needing special drop off/pick up accommodations. In the end, the service aims to address the needs of various residents throughout the city.

“This is really great, especially in the wintertime,” said Hubbard. “Half of the people who ride the bus really just need to get out of the house. They’re taken down to McDonalds, and then just sit there for an hour to have coffee and a cheeseburger. Then that bus comes back around to pick them up, and they’re really grateful because it gave them an opportunity to get out, at least for a minute. That’s why this is so important. We’re really glad to offer it.”

# UM-Dearborn’s iLabs’ eCities research recognizes Romulus for developing a positive entrepreneurial climate



ROMULUS - Romulus has again been recognized for its work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn’s Center for Innovation Research. For the fifth time, Romulus has been honored as a four star community along with 17 other communities across the state.

“We work hard to assure our residents and businesses in Romulus are afforded the unparalleled opportunity to be successful,” said Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff. “By utilizing best business practices, we have created an environment that businesses want to be a part of.”

The eCities research surveyed 66 communities from 29 coun-

ties in Michigan that are home to more than 19 percent of Michigan residents and 10 percent of its college graduates. These communities count for nearly one-fifth of the state’s entrepreneurs who earned more than \$1.8 billion in self-employed income. More than 60 percent of these communities have a local business database, nearly a third provide business improvement grants, and nearly 40 percent have full-time economic development employees.

“The eCities project highlights

how local governments from across the state of Michigan are cultivating and supporting economic development. These communities show how local governments can work in distinct and strategic ways to energize public spaces, while investing in businesses and job development,” said Tim Davis, director, iLabs.

The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepreneurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan’s regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, 199 communities across Michigan have participated in the study.

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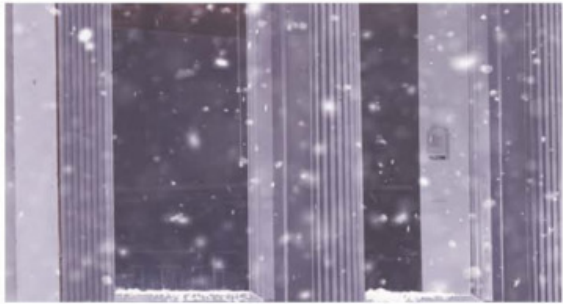
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# Rouge River Thumps University Prep Academy in District Finals

By Butch Davis - Contributing Writer



River Rouge High School Principal Michael Mokdad presents River Rouge Head Coach Corey Parker with his second District trophy in two years

Once again the River Rouge Panthers treated their guest with the same nickname the Panthers of University Prep Academy of Detroit with respect and care, they again just as the week before scored early and often. Yes, it just took 57 second into game for Panthers of River Rouge to establish who were the rulers of Panther Stadium as Alexander Carter took the hand off from Antoine Burgess and ran ball 55 yard to the house and with the extra point from Leonard Molette gave Rouge a 7-0 lead. It was Rouge's ball on their own 30 yard line with 7:48 in the first quarter when Carter once more took the ball to the house, this time for 70 yards and the touchdown and with the Molette extra point gave Rouge a 14-0 lead. Carter score again toward the

end of the first quarter, a two yarder into the end zone, Rouge ahead 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Prep Academy move the ball much the quarter, however, the defense of River Rouge were hitting hard and often causing fumbles and bumbles to the Prep Academy offense and when players were not getting hit there offensive line were jumping off sides. Yes, Prep Academy had their chances in the second quarter to put points on the board; nevertheless, the defense of Rouge was not having it. Rouge score again before half time as receiver Lenell Martin and quarterback Burgess got together for two passing plays totaling 78 yard and another Rouge touchdown and this

time Rouge went for two point in which was effective as they, the Panthers of River Rouge go into the locker room with a 29-0 lead.

In the second half of the game, not to be outdone, defensive back Corry Thomas of the River Rouge Panthers had a interception returning it for 42-yard and a touchdown and in addition quarterback Antoine Burgess threw for another TD pass and Alexander Carter completed the game running for 189 yards and three touchdowns on five carries as the River Rouge Panthers defeat the Panthers of University Prep Academy 42-0 and this Friday will play the Muskrats of Algonac in a showdown for the Regional final at Panther Stadium in the city of River Rouge and chance to win and go forward to the semi-finals in Division five.

Here are the rest of the games played in the Telegram News reading area. DIVISION 1, Canton (9-2) at Saline (10-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Detroit Cass Tech (9-2) at Macomb Dakota (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday. DIVISION 2, Detroit East English (9-2) at Detroit Martin Luther King (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday. DIVISION 3, Chelsea (10-1) vs. Allen Park (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday. DIVISION 5, Algonac (10-1) at River Rouge (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday. DIVISION 7, Dansville (10-1) at Detroit Loyola (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday.

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# The Pistons are playing some B-Ball

By Butch Davis - Contributing Writer



Pistons Center Andre Drummond has been named Eastern Conference Player of the Week for the sec-

As of Monday, November 9, 2015, the Pistons are 5-1 and have the fourth-best record in the NBA. Detroit picked up its fifth win of the season with a 120-103 victory at Portland (11/8) after trailing by as many as 18 points in the third quarter. The Pistons win at Portland was their first since 2005-06, and the team ranked fifth in the NBA in opponent's points allowed (94.0). Reggie Jackson scored a career-high 40 points at Portland and ranks ninth in the NBA in points per game (23.2). The Detroit Pistons have the second toughest strength of schedule in the NBA so far this season.

However, Andre Drummond leads the NBA in rebounds per game (20.3) and offensive rebounds per game (7.2). With that saying, the NBA announced today that Pistons Center Andre Drummond has been named Eastern Conference Player of the Week for games played from November 2 through November 8. Drummond becomes the first Piston to win the award in consecutive weeks and the first player to win the award in the first two weeks of the season since LeBron James in 2012 with the Miami Heat.

Drummond averaged 22.0 points, 24.3 rebounds, 1.7 blocks and 2.3 steals and shot

69% from the field in leading the Pistons to a 2-1 week including wins at Phoenix (11/6) and at Portland (11/8). He recorded 25 points and a career-high 29 rebounds vs. Indiana (11/3) and scored a season-high 29 points to go with 27 rebounds at Portland. His two 25-point/25-rebound games gave him three for his career, which ranks as the most among active players. Only Dwight Howard (2) and Al Jefferson (2) have recorded multiple 25-point/25-rebound games among active players. Drummond, who averaged 8.0 offensive rebounds and 16.3 defensive rebounds for the week, joined Wilt Chamberlain and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the only players in NBA history to record three 20-point/20-rebound games in their first six games of a season.

Drummond, who leads the NBA in rebounding, is the first Piston to record six consecutive double-doubles to start a season since Bill Laimbeer in 1986-87. His 122 rebounds through six games this season are the most since Dennis Rodman recorded 120 in 1994. His 20.3 points and 20.3 rebounds per game through six games this season are the most by any player since Wilt Chamberlain in 1970-71.



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Members of the Romulus High School Chapter of the National Honor Society recently elected five new officers to lead them this school year. These officers will work together to ensure a year of community involvement between the best and brightest of Romulus High School and Members of the Romulus Community.

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## Martin Luther King,Jr. Crusaders’ shred the Wyandotte Bears, 42-0, for district crown

By Christian Young - Contributing Reporter



Detroit King running back Martell Pettaway scored three times for the Crusaders in a 42-6 victory over Wyandotte Roosevelt Saturday, Nov. 7 at Detroit King High School. (MIPrepZone photo gallery by Randy Castro)

The Wyandotte Roosevelt Bears knew they would need the ball to bounce their way when they took on Detroit Martin Luther King in a Division 2 district final this past Saturday.

And that’s not just a good lead for a story. One of the three kickoffs that the Bears attempted were an onside squib attempt, and they actually recovered one of them. The first two were out of bounds

But in the end, the bounces didn’t go their way, as the host Crusaders took out the Bears, 42-6, to claim the district crown---a stark contrast from the last time these two teams met in the playoffs, when King won a 6-0 slugfest for a 2013 regional championship on Wyandotte’s home field.

“We knew that we would have to have a superior effort and have some things and breaks come our way, and that just didn’t happen,” Wyandotte coach Ron Adams said. “They’re a great, well coached football team, and that’s why they’re in this position.”

King struck first when Armani Posey hit Donnie Boyd with a 23-yard touchdown pass with 5:56 left in the first quarter. Donte Casson’s extra-point kick made the score 7-0, Crusaders.

After holding the Bears to a three-and-out, King would only take seven plays to score again, as Martell Pettaway would punch in a three-yard touchdown run. Casson hit the extra point again to widen the Crusaders’ lead to 14-0.

Wyandotte got a jolt when David Long busted loose for a 37-yard run on a trick play to give the Bears a little life close to the end of the first quarter. They picked up steam and capitalized with a 22-yard

touchdown run from Tyler Thornton. Wes Fiema’s extra-point kick was blocked, but the Bears cut the lead to 14-6.

“I’m still very proud of our boys and how we fought,” Adams said. “They kept going and didn’t quit.”

Wyandotte rode the momentum by squib-kicking directly at a King player and recovering at King’s 30-yard line, but an errant pass was intercepted by Boyd at the 33.

The Crusaders wasted little time, riding the legs of Pettway, who would score on touchdown runs of 18 and 10 yards on the next two drives. Casson would nail both extra points to push King’s lead to 28-6.

Wyandotte’s Nick Fisher intercepted Posey to give the Bears a shot with 56 seconds left, but King’s Jerimiah Fuller returned Long’s fumble to the 15-yard line.

The Crusaders picked right back up where they left off in the second half, as Posey’s 30-yard pass to Corley set up a one-yard touchdown run by Corley and an extra-point kick to give King a 35-6 lead.

Corley snagged a 19-yard touchdown catch from El-Julian Jordan for the final score of the game.

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**CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 15.13**

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ECORSE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 7-1 INSPECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS PRIOR TO SALE OR TRANSFER, OF ARTICLE I IN GENERAL, OF CHAPTER 7 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

A copy of this ordinance is posted outside the City Clerk’s office and outside the Council Chambers at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229. Also a copy of this ordinance can be viewed at the Ecorse Public Library at 4184 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Dana Hughes  
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF ROMULUS**

Board of Zoning Appeals

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

**Nabil Zourob on behalf of Jimmy John’s**

35351 Goddard

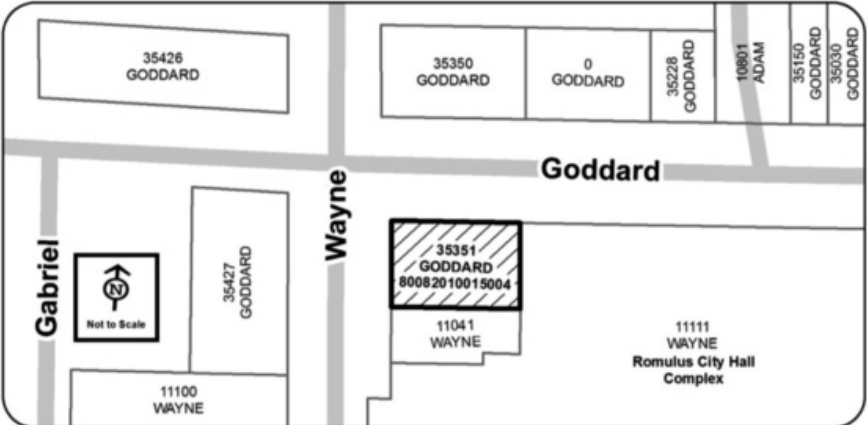
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015** for the purpose of considering BZA-2015-022, Jimmy Johns. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider the following variances from the Zoning Ordinance:

- 1. Front Yard Building Setback Variance.** A variance from Section 6.04(a) Area, Height and Placement Requirements to allow a 49-foot front building setback; a front setback of between 15 – 25 feet is required.
- 2. Parking Space Width.** A variance from Section 14.02(b)(4)c. Parking Construction and Development to allow 9.5-foot wide parking spaces; 10-foot wide spaces are required.
- 3. Street Trees.** A variance from Section 6.05(c)(1) Landscaping to the street tree requirements.
- 4. Lighting.** A variance from Section 13.05(b) Light Levels.

The subject property is located at 35351 Goddard. DP# 80-082-01-0015-004.



Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 2, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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**CITY OF ROMULUS**

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

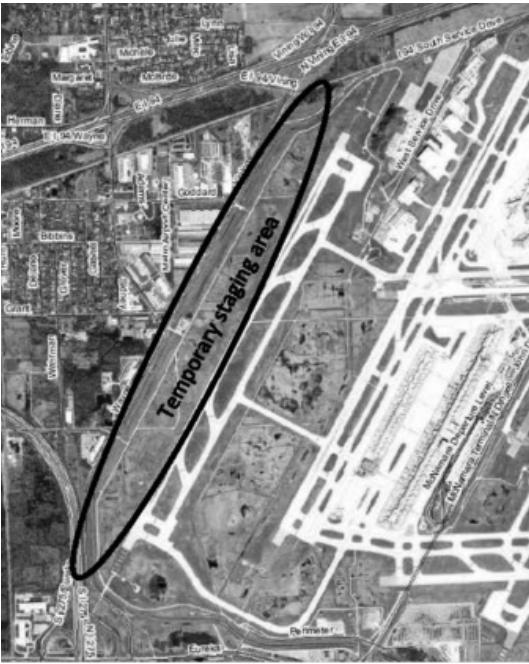
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

**Wayne County Airport Authority**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015** for the purpose of considering a temporary use for BZA-2015-023, Wayne Council Airport Authority. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a temporary batch plant, staging areas, construction trailers and stockpiles for the 4L/22R runway construction project in accordance with Section 22.03(e)(1). The subject property is located at 603 Metro Airport Bldg.



Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 2, 2015 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 26, 2015

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe.

Excused: William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to accept the agenda as amended.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-355 2A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 12, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Choate, Crout, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Abstain – Barden, Makowski.

Motion Carried.

15-356 2B. Moved by Crout seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 12, 2015: 6:30 p.m. closed session, Pending Legal Matters.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Choate, Crout, Roscoe.

Nays – None.

Abstain – Barden, Makowski.

Motion Carried.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson’s Report:

4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Burcroff presented a video about upcoming events in the City of Romulus.

15-357 5A (1). Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to recognize Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Krause, on his graduation from the EMU Fire Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-358 5A (2). Moved by Crout, seconded by Choate to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Warren Spragg.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-359 5A. Moved by Choate seconded by Roscoe to approve a no-fee permit and road closures on November 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for the Veteran’s Day Parade route from Progressive Hall to Goddard Road north to Bibbins Road east to Wayne Road ending at the Wayne Road Veterans Memorial near the Civic Center, 11111 Wayne Road.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-360 5B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointments of Cindy Croft, Keith Johnston, and Ron Hopson to the DDA Board with terms to expire on July 31, 2019.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-361 5C (1). Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration to re-appoint Maria Lambert, Debbie Hoffman, Julie Wojtylko, Cynthia Keleman, Ellen Craig-Bagg, Lynn Conway and Merrie Druyor to the Romulus Arts Council with all terms to expire on November 11, 2017.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-362 5C (2). Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to concur with the administration to appoint residents Cory Beadle and Emily Beadle to the Romulus Arts Council with all terms to expire on November 11, 2017.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-363 5D. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to approve the re-appointments of Matthew Raftary, Michael Hoffman, Emery Long, Don Morris, Randy Moffat and Jeffrey Mansfield with terms to expire on November 30, 2019.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-364 5E. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to appoint Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff as the primary designee and Keith Boc, Assistant DPW Director, as the alternate designee, to serve as representatives for the City of Romulus on the Downriver Utility Waste Authority.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-365 5F. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a one-year agreement ending September 30, 2016 between the City of Romulus and Statewide Security Transport Inc., for the transportation of Romulus Police Department misdemeanor prisoners.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-366 5G. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to authorize the purchase of Motorola Prep Radios for the Public Safety Department under the State of Michigan Contract, from the sole-source vendor, Motorola Solutions, (contract #071B2200101) on an as-needed basis when funds are budgeted and available in the 911 Capital Outlay account #261-301-970.000 until such time that the department no longer uses the Motorola radios or the State of Michigan contract for the equipment expires, whichever comes first.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-367 5H. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the City of Romulus to extend Bid 14/15-03 with LiquiForce for an additional twenty-four (24) months with the contract to expire on November 3, 2017.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-368 5I. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-3 to recognize changes in FY 15/16 School Tax Captures, Principal and Interest payments due based on the refunding and additional issuance of the 2015 TIFA Vining Road Project Bonds.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY				
Revenue				
297-728-402.000	Current Tax	2,436,900.00	1,135,455.25	3,572,355.25
Expense				
297-728-990.015	Principal-2015 Bonds		1,075,000.00	1,075,000.00
297-728-995.015	Interest – 2015 Bonds		60,455.25	60,455.25
To recognize changes in FY 15/16 School Tax Captures, Principal and Interest payments due based on the refunding and additional issuance of the 2015 TIFA Vining Road Project Bonds. This budget amendment was officially approved by the TIFA Board members at the meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015.				
Motion Carried Unanimously.				
5J. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to increase the pumpkin festival line item to pay for additional expenses incurred during the festival. Under discussion, Councilwoman Abdo did not feel comfortable voting until more detailed information is provided regarding the line items. Councilwoman Makowski withdrew the motion.				
15-369 5K. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-8 to adjust the original estimated budget to the actual amount of remaining funds available for DDA construction projects from the 2014 bond issue.				
FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	
DDA CONSTRUCTION FUND				
Expense				
405-295-980.000	DDA Goddard Road Project Costs	543,718	(144,402)	399,316
Fund Balance				
405-000-390.000	DDA Constr. Fund Fund Balance	384,025	144,402	528,427
To adjust the original estimated budget to the actual amount of remaining funds available for				

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE - Minutes continued

DDA construction projects from the 2014 bond issue

Motion Carried Unanimously.

15-370 5L. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-9 to move the unused 14/15 budgeted funds for the police interview room camera system to the 15/16 budget year.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMEND BUDGET
STATE NARCOTIC FUNDS				
Expense				
268-301-970.000	State Narcotics Capital Outlay	60,500	14,000	74,500
Fund Balance				
268-000-390.000	State Narcotics Fund Balance	247,461	(14,000)	233,461
To move the unused 14/15 budgeted funds for the police interview room camera system to the 15/16 budget year.				
Motion Carried Unanimously.				
15-371 5M. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-10 to adjust the original estimated budget to the actual amount of remaining funds available for the Goddard Road construction project to cover the additional cost and reflect the additional reimbursement expected from the State of Michigan Department of Transportation.				

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
MAJOR ROADS FUNDS				
Expense				
202-463-980.013	Project Costs – Goddard Road	265,000	541,137	806,137
Revenue				
202-000-547.000	Surface Trans Prog Urban-STPU Grant	209,400	228,000	437,400
Fund Balance				
202-000-390.000	Major Roads Fund Balance	1,546,570	(313,137)	1,233,433
To adjust the original estimated budget to the actual amount of remaining funds available for the Goddard Road construction project to cover the additional cost and reflect the additional reimbursement expected from the State of Michigan Department of Transportation (Council resolution #15-334).				
Motion Carried Unanimously.				
6A. Clerk’s Report:				
15-372 6A1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to introduce for first reading an amendment to Romulus Ordinance Chapter 36, Offenses, Article II, Section 36-30 to change the name False Alarms to Nuisance Alarms ( d ) change “third” to “second” nuisance alarm.				
Motion Carried Unanimously.				
6A2. No action required by Council unless Council disapproves of the revised sewer rates, pursuant to Section 37-112 ( c ) User charges for sewer service of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. (Effective 11/01/15 - \$2.995 per 100 cubic foot)				
6B. Treasurer’s Report				
7. Public Comment:				
Emily and Cory Beadle, from the Romulus Arts Council, presented information regarding the Romulus Public Art Project 2015.				
A citizen spoke about fuel treatments to eliminate toxic fumes.				
Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, commented on how nice the cemetery grounds are being kept by the mowing company.				
Gina Wilson-Steward, publisher of the Telegram Newspaper, commented on October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and also Domestic Violence Month. She also spoke about the Distracted Driver’s pledge.				
8. Unfinished Business				
9. New Business:				
Councilwoman Abdo commended the RAC staff for a job well done on the RAC and Treat event.				
10. Communication:				
Councilwoman Makowski spoke about the Friends of the Library donations for the upgrades to the Children’s Library and the matching funds by the Romulus Rotary. A portion of the funds were used to create a Lego Club for children in grades K through 12.				
15-373 11. Moved by Choate seconded by Makowski to pay amended Warrant 15-20 in the amount of \$15,474,713.16.				
Motion Carried Unanimously.				
12. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.				
Motion Carried Unanimously.				
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 26, 2015.				

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 15/16-04 Duty & Practice Ammo for the Romulus Police Department

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid **must use the forms provided by the City.** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the [MITN system](#) @<http://www.mitn.info/>.

(3) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the [City Clerk’s Office](#) no later than 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, **November 18, 2015**. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

**RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED:**

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK’S OFFICE

ITB 15/16-04 Duty & Practice Ammo for the Romulus Police Department

11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.

(5) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us).

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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 15.14

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ECORSE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 7-160 THROUGH 7-171 OF ARTICLE XII RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION, OF CHAPTER 7 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

A copy of this ordinance is posted outside the City Clerk’s office and outside the Council Chambers at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229. Also a copy of this ordinance can be viewed at the Ecorse Public Library at 4184 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Dana Hughes  
City Clerk

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# River Rouge Songstress Breaking Borders

By Xavier Jones - Telegram Intern Repoter



Leah takes a dashing photo

Leah Touchstone is an aspiring R&B singer, make up artist, and model. A 2015 Romulus Summit Academy alumni in arms reach of a Speech Pathology Degree from Eastern Michigan University. The load doesn't stop her from putting in 110% with each and every activity. Performances, photo shoots or events can happen any place at any time so she is always on her toes. She never shys away from occasions to showcase her talent. Leah is ready to get her degree and take her talents crosswise her next move intends to be the best move. Touchstone strongest release to date My Inside Out, Volume one. It's a slashing assortment of R&B where Leah lays her emotions and demands her respect on smooth beats and bangs. A part two and a plethora of projects are in the think tank.

There is a lot of music out her name and presence is attached to it. Leah belongs to a big talented family. A superstar squad has her back and they are all planning to help take each other to the next level. Fellow up and comers Diallo Mitchell and Kajuan Clark has been by her side since grade school.

She wants success and is ready to take the plunge. Photo shoots, appearances

and religious like studio sessions, it's not a secret that she's a hard working woman. Her goal is to make her music globally loved and accessible. Pave the way for educated female artist and earn a door opening record deal. In her spare time she eats, sleeps and does make up. I was invited into her beautiful home to ask her some questions right before she had to lay make up a client.

**Telegram-** What's the biggest difference between your past projects and the ones you're working on now?

**Touchstone-** My previous EP was related to situations that I was going through, and relating that to what people go through with their relationships. Now the goal is to make my music worldwide branch away from the local stereotype as possible and create a bigger thought. It's better this time because I have more time to work on the new project.

**Telegram-** What is the most important thing you want to accomplish from the next project?

**Touchstone-** A record deal. I have the talent and need to connect it with the right people.

**Telegram-** Do you feel like you

meet the right people in your current environment?

**Touchstone-** Detroit is hard but if you can make it here you can make it anywhere, but my plan is to move. More opportunities in places like Atlanta or LA where a lot of the people are doing the same thing I'm doing.

**Telegram-** What do you love most about your fans?

**Touchstone-** The people love the way I dress, they love my music. They love me and I love their supportiveness. After a bad day I check Snap Chat and Instagram everybody from friends to strangers are telling me to push on and have a good day.

**Telegram-** What are the biggest steps to enhancing your career?

**Touchstone-** I constantly network and connect with people who are good at their job. Staying involved and current. Showing my face and my work but it's hard to get peer support at home. Some people gave me a hard time about working with me. Some people changed their minds once my potential surfaced. It's made me skeptical of the people I come across.

**Telegram-** What would be the option if you weren't so close to finishing school?

**Touchstone-** I actually considered taking a break. My music would have to be full throttle be prepared to cover my own expenses and studio time. After a sit down with my family they made me realize I was making excuses. There's no reason I can't excel at both.

**Telegram-** If you could have any career to go with your singing career what would it be?

**Touchstone-** To help kids with autism and speech impediments. I have the experience. It would lovely to start a charity and raise more awareness.

## ASK ALMA

### Ex-Wife Taking Up Too Much Time



Dear Alma,

My husband was married very young, from the age of 20-22. The marriage was a disaster and they divorced without having a conversation or even seeing each other in court. He didn't contest it or show up to the court date. She recently found him on Facebook and asked if she could give him a call. When he came and asked me about it, I said it would be ok. My husband and I are very close; we have successful adult children, and a lovely grandchild. We are very active in our church. I said yes, because we've had a wonderful life, a happy and loving 25 years of marriage. I was ok with it at first, but lately they've been having long conversations on the phone and what I thought was going to be a one or two time thing, is still going on. He talks to her while I'm in the room. They seem to have a really good friendship building. My patience has run thin. I recently told him the conversations need to stop and he said no. She's not married, lives in another state, and has cancer. He says he wants to be there for her, but I don't think that's his place. I trust my husband but I don't trust her. I think she is lonely and just reminiscing about my husband. I know I opened this can of worms but what do I do to put the lid back on. Should I threaten to leave and give him an ultimatum?

D.T.  
Tampa, FL.

DT Tampa, it would never sit well with me to tell someone to leave a marriage of 25 years. What may be a deal breaker for one, might not be for another. What I will say is, you are not the number one woman in your husbands heart – right now. I know, I know, that's a handful of hurt to hold, but honesty is what you get while sitting in the Ask Alma Café, and you my dear took a seat.

First and foremost, don't ever offer an ultimatum, or you may find yourself unaccompanied. Giving an ultimatum to your partner is like offering a cold glass of pride and arrogance. The offer of "my way or the highway" doesn't give the other person a reasonable choice or viable option. You have one of two decisions to make. You can turn the other cheek and wait for this circus to pass through town, ('cause we both know it will), or you can start to do what's needed to regain your number one "I'm every woman-wife #1" status. The choice is up to you.

Since your husband was honest enough to bring this to your attention and ask for permission, I don't think these long talks are a threat to your marriage. As you mentioned, she's in one state and you guys live in another. When one takes the time to finalize, wrap up life lessons and loose ends over the years, it can be cathartic. I think he's trying to extend a more compassionate side of himself because she's ill. Don't fault him for that. Deal with him based on what he actually does, not what you've imagined him doing.

Mark my words, the rambles of reminiscing will begin to roll away, because at some point one of them will remember why they divorced in the first place. I anticipate that will be your husband. If you had asked me this question 20 years ago, I would have told you to tell him to get the steppin' but I know better now. Twenty-five years is a long time and as his wife, you've gotta dig in deep, do a better job of weathering this storm. Since it's the first real tsunami in your relationship, lay down some rules but don't grab your umbrella and run. Tell him what's on your mind, tell him how this situation makes you feel and ride it out. I've got a good feeling about your husband and I think he'll revert with a sack of sorrys before you know it. Be prayerful, exercise your patience and rely on your faith.

You've invested 25 years of your life to this man and your family. Play to win in this game called marriage, and remember you've got a 25-year home field advantage!

Alma

## NUMEROLOGY

### HOT PICKS

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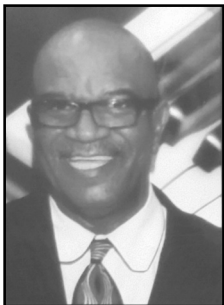
#### BIG MOMMA'S HITS

388	523
105	678
270	215

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RIVER ROUGE

November 5th, 2015  
At 2015hrs, an officer was traveling north bound on West Jefferson Avenue when he observed a dark colored two wheeled vehicle moving at a high rate of speed north bound on West Jefferson and blew through a Red Light and turned left east bound onto Great Lakes, then turned onto Byron. Still traveling at a high rate of speed the driver continued blowing all the Stop Signs. The officer activated his head light and proceeded to conduct a Traffic Stop at Byron and Coolidge. The 27 year old male driver was on a black bicycle that had a gasoline motor affixed to it. The office asked for identification and began to question the male who stated he didn't have any. The male started placing his hands under his jacket and was told to keep his hands where they could be seen. The officer asked the male if he had anything on his person that he should know about, The male replied that he had a little bit of weed. The officer removed the suspected "marijuana" weed from his left pocket and felt a metal object in the male's abdominal area. The weed was placed on the hood and the officer grabbed the metal object that was located in his waistband and recognize it as a handgun. The officer radioed for back up and drew his weapon and ordered the male not to move. Officers arrived on scene and assisted , taking a black Sig Sauer 9mm handgun, with a 33 round magazine with 33 live rounds. Officers removed the size 6 holster. The male was placed under arrest for VPHC and CCW , handcuffed and placed in the rear seat of the patrol vehicle. 2W was notified and towed the bicycle. He was booked, allowed to make a call and housed. Eight individually package suspected "marijuana "was field tested and weighed 8.7 grams. A check with LEIN showed the handgun to be stolen out of Lansing in 2006.

November 8th, 2015  
At 1546hrs, officers were dis-

patched to the 500 Block of Superior Street on a Domestic Violence complaint. A 58 year old male in a wheelchair states his 50 year old girlfriend attacked him while he was in his wheelchair, flipping off his chair and placed him in the corner of the room, then struck him in the face with a closed hand fist.

The male states she took his wallet, gun and her clothes and left the home. A short time later the girlfriend arrived home and stated incident began when he accused her of cheating on him and started cussing and swearing at her. She states when she got ready to leave when he began blocking the doorway holding a small knife. She states she had to wrestle the knife away from him and her hand got cut in the process. She states she hid his gun to keep him from pulling it on her. He does this when he is drinking and become intoxicated, assaulting and disrespecting her.

October 27th, 2015  
At 2139hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Fairmont Street for a Destruction of property complaint. A 51 year old son along with his 79 year old father spoke to officers. The son stated he was taking a bath at 2135hrs, when he heard two loud shots coming from outside. He states he got out of the tub and ran downstairs and noticed two holes in his front window. One hole in the interior door window and a hole in the wall leading into the dining room. The father states he was sitting in the living room watching television at the time of the shootings. Officers noticed the broken windows and hole in the dining room wall and followed the path of the bullet and noticed a mark in the far dining room wall and located a bullet on the floor in the dining room floor. Officers spoke with a neighbor who stated he heard the shots and ran outside only to see a 4 door red Honda driving south bound at a high rate of speed. Officers were unable to locate the suspects.

Give a Kid a Christmas

Police and firefighters partner to help kids



Fire Chief Roberto Cruz

The City of River Rouge Police and Fire Departments are excited to announce a joint project, "Give a Kid a Christmas". This project is to give children, throughout the city the opportunity to experience the magic of Christmas. Chief Deborah Price is the author of the program. The Police and Fire departments had been involved in other events, that are Christmas based. The problem was that not all of the pro-



Police Chief Deborah Price

ceeds or gifts went towards the children of River Rouge. Give a Kid a Christmas is focused on the children of River Rouge.

Members of the Police and Fire Depts will be out on Nov. 23&27 / Dec. 4,7,&11 from 7am-7pm, at the intersection of W. Jefferson Ave & Coolidge Hwy (Schafer) for a "BOOT DRIVE". All of the proceeds, collected, will go to purchase gifts for River Rouge Children. Applicable age range is 3yrs to

11yrs old, must live in River Rouge, and if applicable be enrolled in the River Rouge School District. The end date for applications is December 11th.

Members of the Police and Fire Depts will use those funds to purchase gifts for the children, who have been accepted into the program. On December 23rd Santa will climb onto the back of the River Rouge Fire Truck, escorted by River Rouge Police Cars. They will take Santa throughout the city to deliver the presents to the children on his list. It will be a memorable evening for the children, their families, the community, and the Public Safety Depts.

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Investigators uncover multi-count warrant for man attempting to hire in to jails.

Detroit – Persistent investigative police work led Wayne County Sheriff's personnel to arrest a man wanted on multiple sexual charges after he applied for a job with the agency. The man, age 25, submitted an application for a police officer position in September which was thoroughly scrutinized for any violations or red flags that would preclude his employment. As the officer continued to dig into the individual's background out of state he discovered a litany of sex abuse charges:

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Sexual Abuse 1st Degree (2 counts)  
<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Sodomy 3rd Degree (4 counts)  
<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Rape 3rd Degree (1 count)  
The warrant was issued in Madison County, Kentucky in March, yet somehow the charges were not entered into a national database. The suspect was asked to come to the Sheriff's Office to complete paperwork on November 10th to finalize the application process and was promptly arrested without incident. Sheriff Napoleon credits the investigator's keen sense and expertise with bringing the suspect to justice.

"I applaud this officer's efforts to do his job with the utmost diligence," said Sheriff Napoleon. "This officer's tenacity prevented a criminal from joining our ranks. Let this be a warning to anyone attempting to get a job with the Sheriff's Office—you will be screened thoroughly and completely in the interest of public safety—for our personnel and the citizens who interact with our jails." Kentucky law enforcement officials are seeking extradition. A hearing will be held Friday, November 13, 2015 at 9 a.m. before Judge Deborah Thomas.

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# Colored Troop

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JROTC student placing a wreath along side the flag pole during the ceremony

Schools. The youth placed flowers at the gravesites of the fallen soldiers and the Martin Luther King H. S. Band performed the Star spangled Banner. The Chairperson for this year's ceremony was Robert B. Middleton of the Detroit Historic Civil War Society along with Joannie Capuano, Executive Director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation. On hand to participate in the event were City Council member Rev. Andre Spivey, representatives from the Charles Wright Museum, retired veterans from over 20 local organizations. The event was co-sponsored by the Detroit Public Schools Academy of Military The 1st Michigan Colored Infantry was formed on February 17, 1863, after an editorial and letter writing campaign by Henry Barns, an editor for the Detroit Tribune and Advertiser. Barns was commissioned the regiment's first colonel for his efforts; he maintained this post until voluntarily stepping down in favor of a regular army officer. The regiment was organized at Camp Ward, located on a farm in Detroit. A historical marker was erected at Macomb St. East of Chene at Duffield School. Eight-hundred-forty-five men from Detroit, southern Michigan, and Ontario, Canada, volunteered for the regiment. There were two men from Ecorse - Samuel Pearce, Thomas Seymour. (A complete list of the 102nd colored troop can be found at [http://www.mifamily-history.org/civilwar/cwcolored-](http://www.mifamily-history.org/civilwar/cwcolored-infantry/countylist.aspx?id=Wayne)

infantry/countylist.aspx?id=Wayne. Some of these early volunteers were escaped slaves from the Underground Railroad; 72 had been living in Canada where their status as free men was assured. While all were fighting against slavery, some were fighting to free actual family members who may have still been in slavery. For these early black volunteers particularly, to step into the spotlight by volunteering took enormous courage, not to mention the bravery of those who crossed back into the US to fight. The Battle of Honey Hill was the third battle of Sherman's March to the Sea, fought November 30, 1864, during the American Civil War. Attacks were launched by U.S. Colored Troops that included a brigade the 54th Massachusetts (depicted in the movie Glory) and 55th Massachusetts. This was the last battle of the 102nd. The 900 man unit left Detroit on March 28, 1864. The regiment, only lost 10 percent of its men during the nineteen months the regiment was in the field, campaigning throughout South Carolina, eastern Georgia and Florida. In Baldwin, Florida, 21 miles away from Jacksonville, the unit was attacked suddenly by a Confederate cavalry force. The soldiers easily defeated the Confederates, which proved to their officers that they were just as skilled and reliable as any other infantry. The total enrollment in the 102nd Regiment was 1,446; 6 people were killed in action, 5

people died of wounds, and 129 people died of disease. They fought for days under the most adverse weather conditions without the benefit of shelter or tents. As a result of this extreme exposure they suffered serious and debilitating health problems for the remainder of their lives. When the war ended and these veterans applied for service connected disability, the Government was extremely strict; the burden was on the veterans; and many of their pensions were often denied.



Civil War Historian Dale Rich placing a flag at the grave site of the Unknown Soldier at the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI



High School JROTC students standing at attention  
Photo by Dale Rich

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