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**Romulus Annual Tree Lighting December 4th**

ROMULUS – The City of Romulus is holding their annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at our heated pavilion located in the downtown Romulus Historical Park (11147 Hunt Street).

“We are happy to be keeping all of the festivities down at the park this year by enclosing our beautiful pavilion and heating it so people can come warm up and participate in activities before and after the tree lighting,” said Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

There will be refreshments, pictures with Santa available for purchase (\$3 each) and holiday craft vendors all under the heated pavilion that evening.

Prior to the tree lighting, families are encouraged to purchase tickets for a special “Dinner with Santa”. For only \$5 per child you can come early to meet and mingle with Santa and enjoy pizza, snacks, a craft and it includes your photo with Santa. You must pre-register for the dinner by Thursday December 3, 2015 in the Mayor’s Office at Romulus City Hall.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RIVER ROUGE PANTHERS FOOTBALL TEAM!!**



River Rouge football team and coaches after their record setting season

**A conversation with Panthers Head Football Coach Corey Parker**

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter

On Saturday, the River Rouge Panthers football team faced off against Grand Rapids West Catholic in their first ever state championship appearance. During an exciting matchup at Ford Field, the Panthers fell 40-34 to the reigning title contenders, but their historic season stands as the school’s best season ever – undoubtedly providing a preview of what’s to come in the future. To celebrate the Panthers’ epic season, we sat down with Coach Corey Parker to gain insight on the team’s historic run. **Last weekend, the Panthers suffered a tough loss. How are the players handling everything?**

Like men. They looked at this game as the opportunity of a lifetime, however they also view the loss as a moment that they will grow from. Their chins are up, and they’ll be fine because they have each other.

It’s definitely a brotherhood, and everyone is really proud of each other because we shocked the world, got to a state championship and almost took down the juggernaut. Overall, they’re doing just fine.

**This was such a historic year. What was the team’s overall record?**

We were 12-2. Our only loss came to Notre Dame Prep, and then of course Grand Rapids West Catholic in the state championship. This was their third win in a row, and they’ve been to the championship game several times over the past six years.

**What was so special about this group of players that**

**got you to this point?**

Their continuity; the level of closeness is like no other. These guys spend a lot of time with each other away from football. They stay on each other about school and getting things done. The thing that makes them so special is that they’re so very close.

**What is your personal back-**



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Gina Steward  
Publisher

Where do you get your news from? I'm not talking about news outlets that only tell stories about people in your community when they commit a crime. I'm talking about news outlets that tell stories about positive news going on in your community. Aley Haley, writer of the acclaimed book, 'Roots', lived by six words, "Find the good and praise it." Each week, the Telegram Newspaper strives to share information about the good people are doing while reporting on positive stories that are happening in our communities.

Our goal is to increase the number of people reading these stories each week. We are growing and expanding, but we are sure there more people would benefit from positive and informative news. Through circulation test samples we've conducted over the last quarter, we noticed that people are reading test Telegrams placed through-

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## H<sub>2</sub>Ooliday Justice for Water

Across Metro Detroit, thousands of residents continue to live without access to affordable, clean water. Families with steam radiators cannot heat their homes. In this season of giving and celebrating, please participate in these efforts to secure the human right to water.

December 1 - 12, 2015 Schedule Sponsored by PeoplesWaterBoard.org

Day	Date	Time	Action or activity	Contact
1	Tue 12/1	9-11am	Pass out informational flyers at two DWSD payment centers: Westside: 15600 Grand River, Detroit. Eastside: 13303 McNichols, Detroit	info@mwro.org 313-964-0618
		All day	Donate to People's Water Board year-end fundraising kickoff #GivingTuesday	PeoplesWaterBoard.org/ donate
		9am	Attend court for jury decision on Homrich 9 trial in support of arrested water activists, 36 <sup>th</sup> District Court 421 Madison, Detroit (Rm 437)	Rev Wylie-Kellerman bwkellermann@gmail.com
2	Wed 12/2	9-11am	Pass out informational flyers at DWSD main bldg payment center: 735 Randolph, Detroit	info@mwro.org 313-964-0618
		11:15am	Attend water rights press conference at DWSD main bldg, 735 Randolph, Detroit	
3	Thu 12/3	2pm	Ice skate for water justice at Campus Martius Park. "Take the Ice!" Pass out Water Is a Human Right stickers. 800 Woodward, downtown Detroit. Rink entry \$8, skates \$3.	Julia Cuneo juliascuneo@gmail.com
4	Fri 12/4	7-9:30pm	Support the "Keep It Flowing" benefit concert. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1950 Trumbull, Detroit. Sliding scale \$5-25 + gallon of water.	https://www.facebook.com/ WeThePeopleOfDetroit
5	Sat 12/5	4:30-10pm	Participate in Noel Night activities: 4:30pm meet at MSU Detroit Center, 3408 Woodward. 5-8pm tabling & children's holiday card-making w/ water messages. 6pm walk & carol to Detroit Library. 9pm join Detroit Light Brigade.	Lila Cabbil lcabbil@rosaparks.org
6	Sun 12/6	All day	Promote Human Rights Sunday to local churches, pass out advance flyers on water justice & 12/10 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. #FeastOfStNicholas	Kim Redigan kim.redigan@gmail.com
		4-6pm	Attend film showing on water shutoffs and affordability needs, "Detroit Minds Dying," by Kate Levy. Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, Detroit	info@mwro.org 313-964-0618
7	Mon 12/7	5:30-7:30pm	Participate in lobbying training for Michigan water rights legislation at Food & Water Watch, 2727 Second Ave, Detroit.	Lynna Kauchek lkauchek@fwwatch.org
8	Tue 12/8	5:30-8:30pm	Join the fun at People's Water Board brief meeting and year-end potluck at The Commons/EMEAC 4605 Cass, Detroit. Make signs for 12/9 & 12/11 actions	Priscilla Dziubek priscilla@emeac.org
9	Wed 12/9	5-8pm	Join protest or participate inside "Detroit Bankruptcy: One Year Later" discussion with Snyder/Duggan/Rhodes at Wayne State Univ Community Arts Auditorium, 450 Reuther Mall, Detroit. Register at http://bit.ly/1OkxYtr	Mike Shane mshane999@sbcglobal.net
10	Thu 12/10	7am-4:30pm	Lobby in Lansing for water legislation: 7am board Detroit bus to Lansing (leave from Central United Methodist Church, 23 E Adams). AM: meet with State Reps; PM meet with State Senators, 12pm press conference. Bus returns to Detroit by 4:30pm. Buy in advance a PWB-Michigan t-shirt to pay for the bus, only \$15.	Lila Cabbil lcabbil@rosaparks.org
11	Fri 12/11	8:30-10am	Flyer at the City of Detroit Faith-Based Summit at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile, Detroit. Hold signs, pass leaflets reminding faith leaders of water's significance to spirituality and religion.	info@mwro.org 313-964-0618
12	Sat 12/12	Evening TBA	Join in holiday caroling for water. Bring holiday cheer and attention for water accessibility and affordability to Detroit Grinches and Scrooges across Motown. Location TBA	Priscilla Dziubek priscilla@emeac.org

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## What Does Terrorism Look Like?

By Julianne Malveaux: NNPA News Wire Columnist



I am among the tens of millions who had to be peeled away from their television set on Friday, November 13 and in the days after ISIS terrorists randomly massacred at least 130 people and wounded hundreds more in Paris. Then, there was the nearly 30 people executed at a hotel in Bamako, Mali. And there were the several threats against New York City, and the presidential and police responses to those threats. This terrorism has caused fear and insecurity in France, Belgium and the United States.

Terrorism is defined as the use of criminal acts to inspire human fear. ISIS engages in their criminal acts to create a sense of instability in parts of the Western world. Days after the massacre, those who planned and participated in the carnage were found, and some were killed (or blew themselves up). Catching these few terrorists will not stop.

Some political pundits that appeared on news programs urged the United States and others to consider the "root causes" of ISIS, while others think that actions in the West are to blame (consider the Charlie Hebdo attack and those who blamed a magazine cover for the assassination of journalists). I'm not sure that this is the most appropriate or compassionate response so quickly after the terrorist attacks. Still, these are questions that must eventually be answered. What should our response be? Is this war? Are we prepared to endure another Vietnam, committing U.S. lives to a ground war that is perhaps unwinnable?

We can expect more security and scrutiny, and appropriately so. It is also unfortunately likely, however, that some of the scrutiny will have an element of profiling (especially racial profiling) involved, since many (perhaps most) of the ISIS terrorists are young, male, and Muslim. But despite Donald Trump's jingoistic insanity, do we want to stop everyone who "looks" like a Muslim. What does a Muslim look like? What does a terrorist look like?

Just a few days before the Paris massacre, the news was dominated by Black student

protests around country, at the University of Missouri at Columbia, and at Ithaca College, Yale University, Smith College, Claremont McKenna College and the University of Kansas. Many of these protests were in solidarity with the Mizzou students and in solidarity with the #BlackLivesMatter movement. There is no comparison between what happened in Paris and what has happened on many campuses, it occurs to me that the "n—" word bandied about is an act of terror that is designed to make African American students feel insecure and unsafe. This is why the students who ask for "safe space" should be encouraged, not ridiculed.

Strewing cotton balls on the lawn in front of the black culture center on Mizzou Campus is an act of terror, designed to exploit feelings of insecurity. It is neither a trivial act, nor a prank, but an act of hate. It is especially hateful when the perpetrators are fairly certain that they will not be caught and that there are few consequences for their actions. In the domestic context, anonymous terrorism is especially unsettling because one rarely understands exactly who the terrorists are. Anonymous terrorism reminds me of the KKK, the criminals who only felt safe when they hid behind hoods and sheets.

Campus racism has long-term consequences for young African Americans. Some will learn how to protest and carry the spirit of protest with them for the rest of their lives. Others, unfortunately, will learn to "go along to get along", internalizing the lessons of intimidation. They are the young people who dismiss racism as "no big thing". But it was a big thing when White Tulsans burned down Black Wall Street, and no one stood in solidarity. Lynching was a terrorist act, but Congress would not pass anti-lynching legislation. Those terrorist actions took place in the early 20th century, but later, Bull Connor was a terrorist. George Wallace was a terrorist. Comb our history and you'll find any number of terrorists who perpetrated criminal acts against African Americans. Those who ignored those criminal acts create a climate where racial terrorism can occur.

The White thug who massacred nine people at Emanuel AME Church in South Carolina committed a heinous act of terrorism. The people of Emanuel fought back with a loving defiance. They wouldn't stop going to church, they wouldn't stoop to hate. Still, the slaughter of nine people had a national impact.

The people of the United States mourn with our brothers and sisters in Paris as they

sort through the aftermath of death, wounding, and destruction. We stand in solidarity with them against the evil that ISIS represents. And we stand in solidarity with the domestic terrorism that pollutes the atmosphere at some of our nation's college campuses, and in other public spaces. The University of Missouri President Timothy Wolfe who refused to address campus racism was sanctioning terrorism. I shudder about what happened in Paris, and I also shudder at those who find domestic racial terrorism acceptable. If carnage in France provokes war, what should racial terrorism in the United States provoke?

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist based in Washington, DC. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy". Julianne Malveaux says that campus racism has long-term consequences for young African Americans.



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## The Paris climate change talks

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



The appeaser and chief was at it again and apologized for America's supposed role in climate change at the Paris Climate Talks.

The President said the the talks in Paris was an "act of defiance" against the terrorists who attacked the city two weeks ago. Bill Nye, the science guy, went a step further and said that the attack on Paris was "a result of climate change".

What a stretch.

The reasoning behind this is due to a shortage of water in Syria, which researchers blame on climate change. The shortage has stunted farming in the region which leads to young people to go to the city to find work.

The problem is there is little work in the cities so young people supposedly turn to terrorism. So I guess if we keep

the planet cool that there will be no more terrorism.

It's not that easy. Islamic terrorists hate the west and everything the west stands for, like educated women.

They hate themselves. They are constantly blowing each other up as in the Beirut bombing a few weeks ago. Shiite and Sunni Muslims don't get along. They have been fighting each other for centuries.

The Huffington Post has a list of 15 things we do the contribute to climate change. Eating meat and eating food out of season was on the list.

So was owning pets. Can anyone explain that one to me. Voting Republican was also there, though not in so many words. You can see the full list at huffingtonpost.com.

I guess the goal is to change the way we live by having government nudge us to proper behavior. Demonizing what makes us, us.

The goal is for a global treaty on climate change. Such a treaty will surely take away some of our sovereignty.

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## Seasons

by Janine Folks By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



An interesting thing about living in Michigan is that you can clearly see the changes in seasons. By now, the leaves have fallen from the trees. Through the naked branches, you can see abandoned bird nests that are no longer occupied.

When seasons change, so do the weather conditions. When weather conditions change, it changes our ability to withstand conditions as it relates to air temperature. Birds survive and thrive better in warmer weather. So when it gets cold, they migrate to a place that is more conducive to their survival. In Michigan's case, the birds leave and go south.

I realize that no matter how well-crafted the bird nests are, no matter how much time and effort was invested into putting them together, they had to be left behind. Perfectly good nests abandoned in trees to endure winter.

Just like the seasons change the weather, seasons change in our lives. What is appropriate in one season, may be unnecessary in the next season. We cannot worry about how much time we invested in something, or how many resources we put into it, it we have to go and leave it behind, go and leave it behind. You don't see birds trying to travel with nests taking them to their new destinations. They move on without them.

There are some things you have to move on without in this new season. You will even

have to change the way you dress, the way you think and act, and have a totally new perspective. You have to adopt philosophies and behaviors that are conducive to success in your new season. Old ways won't work here. Old thoughts will not apply here. Your environment will change and all else will follow suit.

You are evolving into a greater person as your sphere of influence continues to expand and deepen. Yes, you're stepping out into the deep where the greatest blessings are. As you leave old things behind, new things will appear in your life. New resources, new opportunities and a new lifestyle awaits you. Walk into it.

Birds fly to a new place to begin anew due to seasonal change. They don't try to carry last season's nest with them. They don't worry about how they're going to get a new nest. God always provides.

"Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?" (Luke 12.24) Learn from the birds, but also be responsible. Walk into your new season! Don't take things with you that you are not intended carry. Be free. Go.

"I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons" (Psalm 16.7). He appointed the moon for seasons..." (Psalm 104.19). "And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding" (Daniel 2:21).

God bless you.

Janine Folks  
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Inspired to write; Writing to inspire

### BIBLE VERSE

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God[a]; believe also in me. JOHN 14:1**

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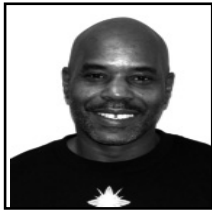
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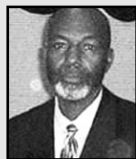
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Claudette Richey, was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Claudette attended Virginia Farrell Beauty School before deciding she wanted to become a teacher. Once she found her career path, she attended Eastern Michigan University, graduating with a degree in special education.

She went on to teach at Cory Elementary School in Romulus, Michigan. In addition to being a loving mother, she was also a beautiful and devoted friend who will truly be missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Kharla Richey, Linton Richey and Karlise Richey; one grandson, Jhalin Lamar Richey; sisters, Easter Taylor, Emma Harris, Ann Harris, Barbra Harris and Jessie Abron; brothers, Wilson Harris and James Harris and a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. *Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home (chapelchimes.com)*

**WILLIE A. WILLIAMS**  
Sept. 22, 1943 - Nov. 7, 2015

WILLIE fondly known as "Sonnie" was born in Moundville, AL.

Willie loved vacations and finding new places to dine with his wife and he was an avid reader.

Willie graduated with honors from Ypsilanti High School, served in the U.S. Air force and fought in the Vietnam War. He retired from the Ypsilanti Ford Plant after 34 years of service.

Those left to celebrate the memories of his life: loving wife, Tinye; sons, Willie and Christopher (Laporsha) Williams, Ronald Sr. (Trina), Kenneth (Stephanie), and Kevin Packer, Sidney and Darren Bowden; daughters: Dalandia Renee and Tina Williams, DaShaun (Johnathan) Rawls and Anita Canada; fourteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Juanita (Julius) Helm and Jacqueline (William) Gipson; brother, Andrew (Brenda) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home (chapelchimes.com)*

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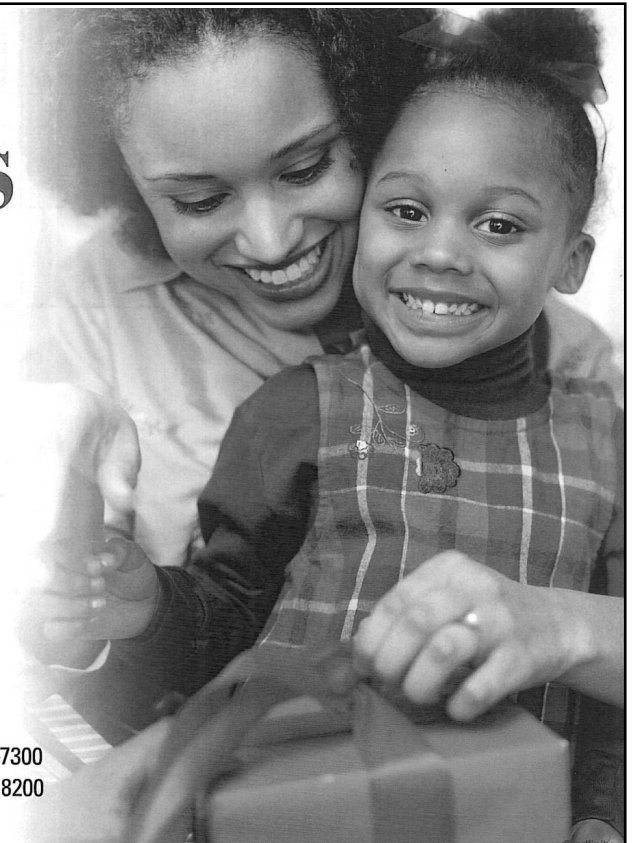
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**SENIOR NEWS**

**News from the Ethel Stevenson Senior Center**

As the holidays roll by, the Center has been busy once again. The turkey raffle by the Senior Birthday Club was a huge success. The Center was packed with participants and a buffet lunch was served. There was also a bake sale with some fresh baked goods provided by the seniors. Lots of turkeys and hams were raffle off.

The turkey give-away by the Center was delayed until the next week. There were many turkeys and the occasion was grand. The center would like to thank their sponsors council members Gary Sammons, Brenda Banks, Robert Hellar, John Miller, along with O'Brien, Ethel Stevenson, Ben Stevenson, Brazel M. Hont, James Border and Reggie Dalton.

Food is distributed almost daily from the Center.

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Mark your calendar s and join the Seniors for a trip to Frankenmuth on December the 9th. Call ahead to get the details. The annual Christmas party will beheld on the 21st of December.

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## Detroit Red Wings School Assembly Program visits Grandport Academy

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Red Wings Marketing Coaches provide motivational messages during the assembly

Last week, elementary students in Ecorse received a treat just in time for the Thanksgiving break. On Tuesday, the Detroit Red Wings School Assembly Program came to Grandport Academy, offering lessons on life and nutrition while exposing kids to the sport of hockey through hands-on drills and activities.

The Assembly Program – sponsored by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, Michigan Education Savings Program and The Kroger Company of Michigan – marks an ongoing initiative that has brought the organization to 543 Michigan schools over the past six years. Past and present stars including Pavel Datsyuk, Niklas Kronwall, Jimmy Howard, Kris Draper, Kirk Maltby and Chris Osgood

have appeared at previous occasions – though none were able to attend last week's event.

Nevertheless, as an excited assembly of Grandport students gathered to learn more about their favorite team, the Red Wings marketing crew provided a fun filled experience for students and teachers during an hour long event that included sports trivia, followed by motivational messages highlighting education, healthy eating and maintaining an active lifestyle. In addition, select students received opportunities to practice hockey techniques, even engaging in an exciting shootout with teachers (ultimately, the adults came out on top with a 1-0 victory).

To top it all off, as one of many stops this NHL season, the organization brought along new

hockey supplies for the Grandport facility, in addition to a personalized banner for the gymnasium. For Ana Ramsey, Coordinator of Student Services and At Risk Liaison with Ecorse Public Schools, the experience left a lasting impression on each child attending the event.

"The Red Wings program provided a positive message to our students about the significance of education and a healthy lifestyle," she said. "Not only did the school receive a full set of street hockey equipment donated by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, the students learned the importance of dedication and perseverance in everyday situations. This was a great experience for each of our children."



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## New Boutique Opens in Detroit Boutique Delightful Nickie's



ucts, to include warmers, plug ins, and scent bars, and much, much more. The boutique is located at 7718 W. McNichols at Santa Barbara, between Wyoming and Livernois. The store hours are as follows...This Friday and Saturday Dec 4th and 5th...11am-8pm...Winter hours are 11am - 5pm...Tues., Thur. Fri...and Sat. For more information call 313-270-7727.

Nicole is a resident of and a graduate of River Rouge. She's a Retired Police Officer for the city of Detroit and a Veteran who served in the United States Army and The Michigan Army National Guard. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Michigan (Dearborn). Currently Ms. Scott is working on a second Bachelors Degree in Communications.

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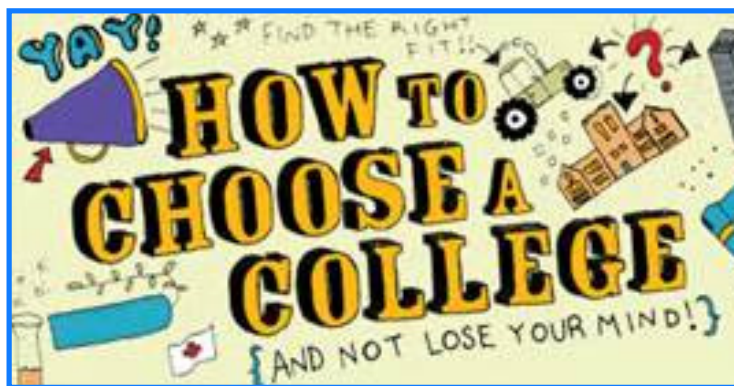
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## December 1st brought awareness to World AIDS Day



A simple red ribbon is one of the most widely recognized symbols of HIV and AIDS.

AIDS stands for "acquired immune deficiency syndrome" or "acquired immunodeficiency syndrome" and denotes a condition, which results from the damage done by HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) to the immune system. The condition was first identified in 1981 and the name "AIDS" was first introduced on July 27, 1982.

HIV can only be transmitted between people through direct contact of a mucous membrane or the blood stream with a bodily fluid. Hence, there has been a lot of stigma around the spread of HIV and people living with HIV and AIDS. It has been estimated that around 33 million people around the world have been infected with HIV and that around two million people die from AIDS related conditions each year. On October 27, 1988, the UN General Assembly officially recognized that the World Health Organization declared December 1, 1988,

to be World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day has also been observed on this date each year since then.

**Symbols**

A simple red ribbon is one of the most widely recognized symbols of HIV and AIDS and the people who live with these conditions. The symbol was presented by the Visual AIDS Artists Caucus in 1991. The individuals in this group wished to remain anonymous, keep the image copyright free and create a symbol to raise consciousness of HIV and AIDS. The red ribbon was originally intended to be worn as a badge, but is now used in a wide variety of ways.

Out of those 50,000 people diagnosed with new cases annually, around 20,000 do not find out they have it until it becomes full blown AIDS. The truth: HIV is no longer a death sentence, and those who receive treatment for it have life expectancies that rival those of HIV-negative people.

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# River Rouge Panthers

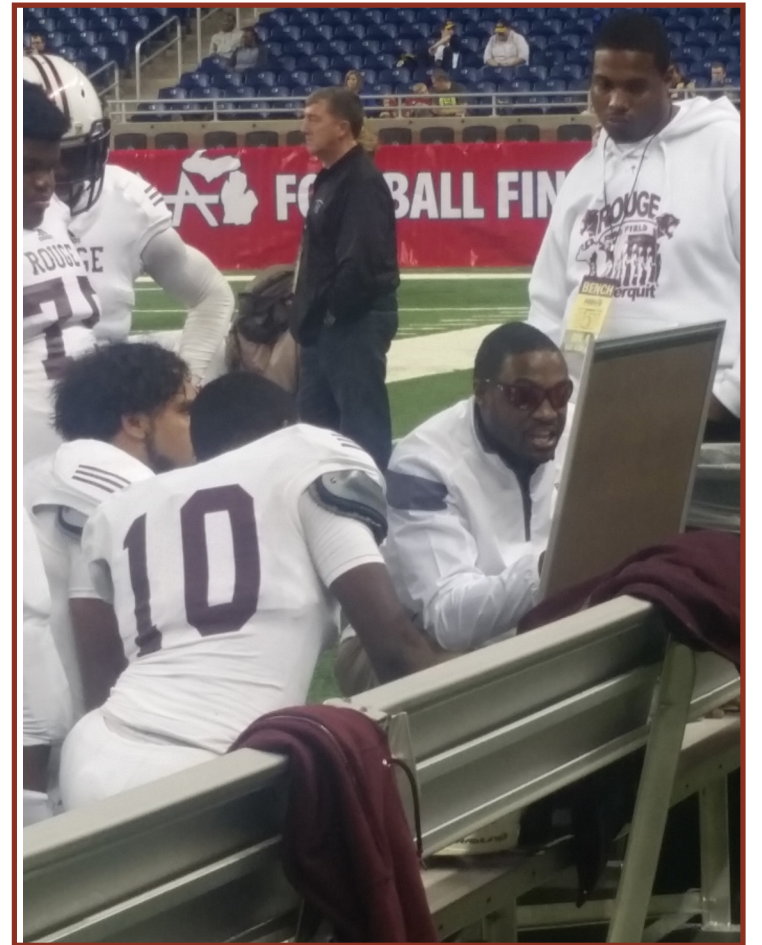
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The effort of #21 Reggie Pearson Jr. is evident as he tries to block a punt at the first half of the game.

Overall, our goal this season was to bring River Rouge, Ecorse and Southwest Detroit together. We've had a lot of hard times; a lot of teenagers in this community who have

lost their lives. I think that this state championship run was a bright spot for us all. And we truly thank everyone for being a part of it.



Coach Parker taking time out to give the Defense some instruction

Photo by William Gillespie

**ground, and what brought you to River Rouge?**

I was an all-state defensive back at Saint Martin de Porres High School, which for some people, was a football factory. I then attended EMU and went down as one of the best tacklers in school history. I wasn't picked in the 2006 NFL draft, but played some arena and Canadian football.

In 2006, I started my coaching career at U of D Jesuit, and soon after moved on to Ann Arbor Huron High School. From there, I took a job at Inkster High where I was part of a state championship run (we lost to East Grand Rapids in 2008). The next year, River Rouge called and asked if I would bring the same style of defense here. We went 2-7 my first season, but did a phenomenal job defensively. With that, we've made it to the state play-offs for the past six years.

**How were you able to turn the team around? What's your coaching philosophy?**

My overall philosophy is that having a solid defense will make a better offense, so we eventually started fixing issues off the field. The number one thing for me was to change who the kids are socially and character wise; it's definitely been something we've put a lot of time and effort into. It's important that we build who they are when no one else is watching as far as having a

level of integrity, being a man, having a good head on their shoulders and doing the right thing.

**What are your predictions for the 2016 season?**

My number one prediction is that we will have another good year. What I mean by that is my guys will continue to grow their GPA's, and they'll continue to do a great job in the weight room so we'll see some gains in strength and size. Obviously after that, we'll expect to have another good record that could propel us to a play-off run, and hopefully another state championship game.

There's an expectation now because of the path we've gone. We're not going to sell ourselves short by not holding the kids to those expectations.

**You guys have had so much support throughout the season. What message would you like to leave with fans and community members who've rallied behind you?**

We're continuously thankful for the sense of community everyone was able to provide. This was so important for our

young men, some who may not have had anyone from their household in the stands, but saw people from River Rouge cheering them on. We're grateful for the families that spent time making meals for us to eat the day before the game, and the morning of. We appreciate the level of pride everyone showed by wearing white with us, sticking with us and cheering us on. Even in defeat, we saw a lot of smiling faces. We are only successful because of you guys.



The band and dancers were full of energy and pride as they energized the crowd and team

## CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON



Coach Corey Parker shares a moment with his son in the tunnel of Ford Field before the game begins



The River Rouge Cheerleaders helped to keep the crowd pumped up during the game  
Photo by Xavier Jones

## A great season of football performed by Young Men of River Rouge

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



The post game interview gave the players a chance to be addressed by the media

The Division Five Finals appearance at Ford Field was Grand Rapids West Catholic's fifth straight, in addition, they held on for a third straight Finals win, 40-34, over the River Rouge Panthers this past Saturday. Nevertheless, the loss does not take away a great season of football performed by the Young Men of the Varsity Panthers football team.

For the game highlight to remember, senior quarterback Antoine Burgess threw for 354 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 70 yards and two scores touchdowns – missing the MHSAA Finals record for total yardage by only two yards and almost approached the record of 383 passing yards set by Detroit Martin Luther King's Armani Posey in the Division Two Final a day before (11/27/2015). Aaron Vinson grabbing four for 162 yards, sophomore Giovanni Turner catching four for 95 yards and a score and senior Ashawnti Howard pulling in three for 84 yards and a touchdown. In addition, Dontize Sims prevented West Catholic' quarterback Gaetano Vallone rush over right tackle for no gain to stop a 10 plays, 48 yards scoring drive to turn the football over to the Panthers on their own one yard line early in the first quarter to kept his team in the game. The both teams traded scores four more times in the fourth quarter, the last a two-yard run by Burgess with four seconds to play, however, an onside kick was cov-

ered by the Falcons, denying Burgess one last chance at another deep toss to tie the score. "I just told (my teammates) not to give up yet and play hard. It wasn't over," Burgess said after the game. "Like I saw yesterday, King came back and won the (Division Two) game. I told them we could do that too. I continue to fight no matter what."

River Rouge Head Football Coach Corey Parker proud of his teams' performances spoke to the press after the game and said, "I think we've arrived, to a certain extent, in reference to the way my kids handled things. To watch them manage this process, it tells me a lot about my guys and what we've developed as far as a foundation." "Most press writers thought they were going to bail us out 50-something to zip. But my guys looked at that opportunity and said hey, let's see how good they really are." Coach Parker did give names of the members of the press who thought they were going to bail his team out 50-something to zip.

Nevertheless, I talk to four members of the Panthers football team after the game that were by the way, very elegance when speaking to me about their great season. I ask gentlemen, what did you get out of the season? You had a tremendous season especially in the playoffs. Senior wide receiver Ashawnti Howard said, "I learned what a family really is. The whole team, we came to-

gether as brothers and we played. I have never experienced anything like this." Senior wide receiver Aaron Vinson stated, "I knew from the beginning that we were going to make a run because we stuck together as one unit. This is one thing that I will always remember when I look back at this program, the brotherhood. Not only did I make football teammates, but I made brothers for life. So that was good." Senior quarterback Antoine Burgess declared, "The brotherhood was so strong. We all stuck together, we would stay together to just get the rhythm to get connection. That was wonderful." Sophomore running back Alexander Carter answered, "I learned that we live to see another play. If we didn't do good on one play, but would shake that off and do good on the next play." What type of legacy do you want to see from this school after you leave? Howard said, "I want what we are doing to continue on with my little brothers and the younger teammates. I want them to continue to fight hard and don't never give up. There have been many times when we were down by 21 points and we came back because we all stuck together." Vinson answered, "Underclassmen take this in heed as a lesson learned so they can piggyback on us so we can be back at Ford Field next year watching them put in work and hopefully get a ring." Burgess replied, "Like Aaron said, they learn it as a lesson and they come back and win this one so River Rouge can get a ring." I ask Carter, what would you like to see better improved? He declared, "I want to see everybody stay together, like if we are down a touchdown with two minutes to go they will have a chance. I want to see everybody stay together."

This has been an historic football season for coach Parker and the varsity football team at River Rouge High School and with the returning member coming back in addition to the progress of the Junior Varsity, Middle School, and including a very successful intermediate football programs that plays their games on Saturday afternoons, I see no reason that a championship is just around the corner for the Panthers and their fans. Congratulations to the Panthers for a magnificent 2015 football season.

## Tigers Al Avila busy Making Moves

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Detroit Tigers new Right-handed pitcher Jordan Zimmermann and Owner Mike Ilitch

Photo taken by Butch Davis

The Detroit Tigers announced today that the club has agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Jordan Zimmermann on a five-year contract. "We are very excited to add a pitcher of Jordan's caliber to our roster," Tigers Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations and General Manager Al Avila said. "Jordan is a durable pitcher who pounds the strike zone and attacks the hitter on every pitch. He's a top of the rotation type talent we've been targeting this off-season."

Zimmermann, 29, made 33 starts with the Washington Nationals in 2015 and compiled a 13-10 record with a 3.66 ERA (201.2IP/82ER) and 164 strikeouts. Zimmermann, who is 6-2 and 223 lbs., walked just 39 batters in his 201.2 innings and ranked sixth in the National League with a 1.74 walks per nine innings. In seven seasons at the major league level with the Washington Nationals, Zimmermann has made 178 starts and has a career record of 70-50 with a 3.32 ERA.

The Detroit Tigers have been

busy upgrading the team-acquiring outfielder Cameron Maybin from the Atlanta Braves in exchange for left-handed pitchers Ian Krol and Gabe Speier last week.

"Cameron Maybin is a good outfielder with plenty of experience in center field," said Al Avila, Tigers Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations and General Manager. "He is coming off of a solid offensive season in 2015 and brings speed and athleticism to our club. Brad Ausmus and the coaching staff will determine Cameron's role during Spring Training." Maybin, 28, hit .267 (135x505) with 65 runs scored, 18 doubles, two triples, 10 home runs and 59 RBI in 141 games for the Braves in 2015. Maybin also added 23 stolen bases, which ranked 10th in the National League. Defensively, Maybin had a .991 fielding percentage, committing just three errors in 341 total chances.

I'm sure there are more moves coming as the Winter Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee are early next week.



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- The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.
- 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/.
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CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
ITB 15/16-06 2017 Freightliner 108SD Tandem Axle 13.9/14yd. Dump Truck  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan 48174
- 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.
- 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.  
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**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 9, 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  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Roscoe to accept the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-389 2A. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 2, 2015.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-390 2B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 2, 2015, 7:00 pm, public hearing, Proposed Special Assessment Roll for the Merriman Road Enhancement Project.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe.  
Nays – None.  
Abstain-Makowski.  
Motion Carried.  
**3. Petitioner:**  
15-391 3A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to approve the closure of Wayne Road north and southbound from Wick to Michelle and Wick Road from the Middle School to Wayne Road on Monday, January 18, 2016 from 8 am until 9 am for the annual Martin Luther King Day Walk.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-392 3B1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to approve the liquor license application of Dancing Cow Entertainment, LLC dba Walter's Bar and Romulus Lanes for a Class "C" Liquor License.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-393 3B2. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution to waive the City of Romulus \$500 application fee for the Class "C" Liquor License for Dancing Cow Entertainment, LLC dba Walter's Bar and Romulus Lanes.  
**4. Chairperson's Report:**  
15-394 4A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to approve the tentative agreement between the City of Romulus and the Teamsters Local 214 Union through June 30, 2020. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski said that she would be remiss to vote yes this evening without the understanding of the full impact a yes vote would have on the city budget.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Roscoe.  
Nays – Crout, Makowski.  
Motion Carried.  
4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**5. Mayor's Report:**  
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming events in the city.  
Mayor presented certificates to those who helped in the "Paint the Town" project and to the top three winners of the "scarecrow" contest – 1) Fluff & Puff, 2) Romulus House, and 3) Team Cindy.  
15-395 5A1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution to recognize Damian Hull on his graduation from the EMU Fire Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe.  
Nays – None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-396 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout in compliance with MCLA 95.3, and Romulus City Council Resolution 09-348 (adopted October 26, 2009) to concur with the administration and re-appoint Gerald Wendland to the City of Romulus Cemetery Board of Trustees with a term to expire on November 1, 2020 and appoint Sheldon Chandler to fulfill the vacated appointment with a term to expire on November 1, 2017.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-397 5B. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Roscoe to extend Bid Award 14/15-02 with Accuform Printing and Graphics Inc. through 2016 for the printing of up to an additional four City newsletters.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-398 5C. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement between the City of Romulus and the Detroit Water and Sewer Department for the installation of the 48" water main as part of the Wick Road reconstruction project at Vining Road. DWSD will reimburse for the total cost of the project and any costs incurred to the City, estimated construction cost is \$4,000,000.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-399 5D. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to cover the cost of the DWSD 48" water main installation on Wick Road that the City will be reimbursed by DWSD 100 percent. This amendment is also contingent upon Council's approval of the IGA.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>WATER &amp; SEWER FUND</b>				
<u>Revenue</u>				
592-591-682.005	Reimbursement-DWSD Water Main		4,000,000	4,000,000
<u>Expense</u>				
592-591-980.005	Project Cost – DWSD Water Main		4,000,000	4,000,000

This budget amendment is to cover the cost of the DWSD 48" water main installation on Wick Road that the City will be reimbursed by DWSD 100%. This amendment is also contingent upon Council's approval of the IGA.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
15-400 5E. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe, to authorize renewal of the annual Downriver Community Conference Mutual Aid Dues for the City of Romulus in the amount of \$8,214.12.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
**6A. Clerk's Report:**  
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced the Veterans Resource Fair, sponsored by Congressman John Conyers, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 at Westland City Hall from Noon until 3:00 p.m.  
**6B. Treasurer's Report**  
**7. Public Comment:**  
A resident complimented Roger Staten, Jr. on his work ethic.  
A resident announced the formation of the Meadows Neighborhood Watch Group.  
A resident commented on the street sweeper.  
Members of St. John's Lodge spoke about the great relationship they have with the City and thanked the mayor for the certificates they received for the "Paint the Town" project.  
**8. Unfinished Business:**  
Councilwoman Makowski requested further clarification regarding the earlier vote on the Teamsters Union contract: 1) The financial impact on the City of the one-time signing bonus, 2) The financial impact of the elimination of the furlough days, and 3) The bottom line financial impact of the retiree health care buyout option - how many employees?  
**9. New Business**  
**10. Communication:**  
Councilwoman Makowski announced upcoming activities at the Romulus Library.  
Councilwoman Roscoe announced "Can Do".  
Councilman Crout spoke about Helping Hands.  
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg gave a reminder about the Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 11, 2015 to

**CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE (Minutes continued)**

start at 9:30 a.m.  
15-401 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Crout to pay Warrant 15-21 in the amount of \$1,711,323.09.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.  
12. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo 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 November 9, 2015.

**CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS  
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

**December 3, 2015**

**Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

County of Wayne Department of Health, Veterans and Social Wellness Community Development Division 500 Griswold Street, 10th floor Detroit, MI 48226

On or about December 11, 2015 the Charter of Wayne County will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93.383), as amended, for the following project:

**Wayne County  
CDBG PY 2014: -\$7,204 City of Inkster**

These funds will be used to for the demolition of a commercial building located at 27210 Michigan Ave, Inkster MI 48181

**Public Comments on Finding**

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at the County's address listed above on or before December 10, 2015. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of Federal funds or take administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds**

The County of Wayne will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing & Urban Development Act of 1974. The County of Wayne is certifying to HUD that the County of Wayne and Executive Warren C. Evans, in his capacity as County Executive, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the County of Wayne may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**Objections to County and HUD Release of Funds**

HUD, Detroit Area Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Wayne's certification received for a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Wayne (b) the County of Wayne has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, Detroit Area Office, Patrick V. McNamara Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD, Detroit Area Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dr. Mouhanad Hammami  
Director, Wayne County Department of Health,  
Veterans & Community Wellness

Posted: December 3, 2015 to December 10, 2015

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**RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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**PICTURE WITH SANTA**

Saturday December 5th  
Time: 10 am—12 pm  
There will be a craft for kids while the kids will be waiting for their turn for picture. Pictures will be taken on First-Come, First-Served bases. Each child will receive a free goody bag

**ROMULUS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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# GIVING CIRCLE

Romulus High Culinary Arts Students Donate Pies



'Tis the season to be giving. As the holidays come around, we tend to become more generous. Many would say, "Giving is not about the quantity, but Quality". For Chef Walter D. Bands, his Assistant /Sous Chef, Antoinette Perry, and the student Sous Chefs at Romulus High, they achieved both quantity and quality. The team baked a variety of Pies: Cherry, Dutch Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin, and Sweet Potato Pies. On Tuesday November 17th, the team delivered a total of 50 pies to accompany the Senior Citizen Luncheon at the Romulus Senior Citizen Center. The students baked the pies to be served at the luncheon. The extra pies were given to the senior to take home and enjoy.

The Romulus High School Culinary Arts Program was created to develop/populate more experienced chefs and food service managers in a recovering economy. Students learn all aspects of operating a kitchen, customer service, hospitality, and menu design and safety standards. The Culinary Arts Program is directed by Chef Walter Banks.

## BLESSED 2 B GIVING COLLECTS FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING



Blessed 2B Giving CEO, Markus Agee celebrated their fourth annual giving season. They collected food and distributed it to people from the community.

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# Big Sean hands out turkeys at annual All Star Giveback celebration

*Other celebrity guests join in*

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Tommy "Hitman" Hearns, Derrick Coleman - River Rouge School Supt., Big Sean and president/CEO of All-Star Giveback LLC, Tarence Wheeler

As part of River Rouge High School's annual All Star Giveback: Thanksgiving Edition, multiplatinum rapper Big Sean and the Sean Anderson Foundation joined forces with a plethora of celebrity guests to hand out turkeys to various local families.

Also in attendance were retired NBA players Chauncey Billups, Derrick Coleman and John Long, in addition to Local 4 Meteorologist Andrew Humphrey, former Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, radio personalities Foolish and Deelishis, and Hall of Fame boxer Tommy "Hitman" Hearns. The event, established by River Rouge High School's Parent and Community Liason Tarence Wheeler, additionally featured the school marching band, and included appearances by the Panthers football team and their coach Corey

Parker. Over the course of several hours, thousands of families entered the gymnasium to accept their complimentary turkeys, also receiving gift baskets filled with boxed goods that included macaroni and cheese, stovetop stuffing and canned vegetables – each handed out personally by numerous celebrities in attendance. As a slew of guests shifted through the lengthy lines, many expressed infinite gratitude – some stopping to give thanks to those dispensing food products, while others seized the opportunity to snap pictures with notable names like Detroit natives Big Sean and Deelishis.

For Wheeler, a Southwestern High School graduate who established the All-Star Giveback nearly two decades ago, the annual festivities always serve

as a momentous occasion. Having kicked off its second year at River Rouge High School, the event nearly doubled in size – drawing more than 2,000 families in need of assistance this holiday season. According to Wheeler, this brings much needed cheer to the community during the most joyous time of the year.

"This is a way of bringing people together who have the resources to enrich the lives of our people," he said. "When I was younger, my mother and I received boxes of food and gift bags from Focus Hope. Because of that, I made a pledge that if I ever got to a position where I could give back and pay it forward, I would. Now we have the All Star Giveback that showcases to our community that black men really care, and also shows that everybody is an all-star and that every person has value."



Retired NBA player Derrick Coleman, radio personality Foolish and other volunteers hand out food during the annual All-Star Giveback

## CRIME ALERTS

### RIVER ROUGE

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2015

At 0849hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 1st Block of LeBlanc Street regarding a female who wanted hurt herself. Upon arrival the officer met with the 25 year old and asked how he could help her. She stated that she couldn't live anymore and wanted to be with her grandmother. She told the officer her grandmother was in heaven and that's where she wants to be. She took a bunch of pills in an attempt but stats she woke up. The officer asked the female to put on her shoes and coat and that he would transport her to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. She told the officer she didn't want to go there but suggested that he shoot her in the face. The officer escorted her to the patrol vehicle and transported her for Psychiatric Evaluation where she was placed in their care.

floor window where they observed the screen ripped and bed sheets outside the widow. The young male and his sister ran away before to the grandmother's house. The Kari Altman of Orchard Child Services was notified and purposes to do a follow up with the foster mother. The officers went to Wyandotte PD and pick the youth up and returned him to the foster mother's home. He was trying to get to his father's home in Ypsilanti.

November 21st, 2015

November 22nd, 2015

At 1101hrs, the police station received a called from Wyandotte PD who stated an 8 year old male called their agency stating he was trying to get home. The little boy stated he left his foster mother home in the 500 Block of Campbell Street and now is lost and trying to get to his father's house. Officers went to father's home and made contact with the foster mother of he and his sister. She states she noticed he was missing after being told he was gone by his sister. He must have jumped out of the second

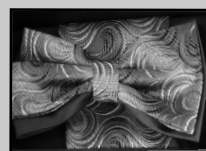
At 2344hrs, officers met a Wayne COUNTY Sheriff Officer at the police station on a warrant arrest. Upon arrival a 28 year old female was turned over to the Desk Command Officer. The officer could smell a strong odor of Marijuana emitting from her breath and person. Officers asked her if she had any marijuana on her and she replied that it was in her pocket. Officers removed the plastic bag from her jacket pocket and then another one from her left pocket. She was placed under arrest for VPHC and pocket. The officer began to process the female but she refused to be fingerprinted and became combative. So officers placed her in a cell and the female spit on the officer, hitting the right side of her shoulder. and then spit on the other officer. She was charged with Assault & Battery on a Police Officer.

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# TeleTainment

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## Movie Review: Creed

By Dwight Brown - NNPA News Wire Film Critic



Michael B. Jordan stars in "Creed."

(Courtesy Photo/Warner Bros.)

"Why would you pick a fighter's life if you didn't have to," asks the old, retired ex-boxer Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone). He would know. The life, it ain't easy. Yet as he stares into the eyes of Apollo Creed's son Adonis (Michael B. Jordan), somewhere inside he knows the answer. His reservations and the young man's unbridled fighting spirit are the push-and-pull that drives this surprisingly compelling film that's a descendant of Rocky, the highest grossing film of 1976 and winner of an Oscar for Best Picture. Forty years later, a pugilist's story is still a draw.

Sylvester Stallone has written six Rocky films. The difference with this chapter is that the idea, story and script is the brainchild of the very bright and innovative writer/director Ryan Coogler, who won a bevy of awards for his directing debut Fruitvale Station. The creation of the character Adonis "Creed" Johnson came from a very organic place for Coogler. He'd watched the entire series with his dad. His co-screenwriter Aaron Covington had a similar experience. Together they tapped into the old school formula and gave it a fresh urban twist. They've hatched a tale of hope filled with vibrant people, an engaging storyline and dialogue that feels real and understated.

As an orphaned kid, Adonis Johnson (Alex Henderson) gets busted for fistfights in a Los Angeles juvenile detention center almost daily. One day a mysterious woman, Mary Anne Creed (Phylicia Rashad), comes to visit. He has no idea who she is. He's shocked when he finds out she was the wife of his father Apollo Creed, and that Adonis was the result of an affair the former box-

ing champ had with a younger woman. Adonis goes home with Mary Anne. He lives a privileged life in L.A., growing into a young man with opportunities and promotions aplenty at an office job. Yet, something doesn't feel right.

Against his surrogate mom's wishes, Adonis heads to Philadelphia. He looks up a friend of his father's, the slightly washed up ex-world heavyweight champion Rocky Balboa. Rocky has retired; he owns a restaurant. Adonis implores the ex-champ to train him in the sport of boxing. Balboa declines. Adonis wears him down. Meanwhile Adonis has moved into an apartment. He clashes with his noisy downstairs neighbor Bianca (Tessa Thompson, Dear White People), a singer. After a testy introduction, discord turns into infatuation, friendship and a romance.

Though he'd done some unsanctioned boxing in Tijuana, Mexico, Adonis has more ambition than technique and experience. Regardless, it isn't long before he has his first legit fight. He wins and is outed as Creed's son. That notoriety brings him the chance to fight an unbeaten British boxer, "Pretty" Ricky Conlan (former three-time ABA Heavyweight Champion Anthony Bellew), who is looking for an easy fight and a big payday. It will be a highly visible match in Liverpool, England. Is the novice ready for the big time?

When the movie opens, there is nothing out of the ordinary, just very everyday stuff. That isn't by accident. Coogler prefers stark realism to theatrics. That technique is what left audiences weeping during the final credits of Fruitvale Station. It takes time for Adonis to find his way, to sort out the anger he feels as an illegitimate son, to forge a relationship with Bianca and Rocky

who become his extended family. He is vexed by the privileges of his birthright. When Mary Anne tells him "You are your father's son," he shudders. Later confessing, "I'm afraid of taking on the name and losing." Bianca steers him to his destiny, "You are Apollo Creed's son. Use the name it's yours."

Adonis struggles. The elder Rocky faces health issues. Bianca has her own challenges. They are misfits. Imperfect people. You stayed glued to their personal dramas. That's the mark of intuitive screenwriting. As you get more and more involved with the characters, the charm of this movie sneaks up on you like a left hook.

Coogler knows how to get great performances out of Jordan. Jordan, an accomplished young actor, knows how to give the director every emotion he seeks. Fear. Anger. Sadness. Joy. You never question Adonis' feelings. They are authentic. Plus Jordan has chiseled his body into a cut, muscular physique. He looks like an explosive boxer. Tessa Thompson as Bianca, the angel who pulls Adonis through to the other side, is vibrant, urban, hip and sweet. Conversely, Anthony Bellew as the flippant Conlan, is as beastly as Mike Tyson just before he bit off Evander Holyfield's ear.

The big surprise is that Sylvester Stallone gives the most compelling and truthful performance of his career. Nothing over the top. Nothing unbelievable. Rocky has lost a couple of steps; his energy is low. He's a senior citizen trying to get by, living vaguely off the past. No wife. Few friends. No glory. He's wrinkled. His hair is gray. He has given in to old age. This is a marked departure from the eternally young-looking Stallone you see on the red carpet, a diehard who looks like he's chasing his youth. Now, he's stripped down and raw, like Mickey Rourke was as Randy "The Ram" Robinson in The Wrestler. Stallone deserves an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor. Ditto Jordan for Best Actor.

When you step into the theater to watch this boxing movie, don't look for Rocky. Yes, you'll see and feel remnants of that spirit. But Creed is its own story. Its own franchise. It's the rebellious son that wandered out on its own. For that reason, Baby Boomers and Millennials will dig it.

## ASK ALMA

### Not Enough Home Cooking



Dear Alma.

Over my long Thanksgiving weekend, everywhere I went I encountered my married brothas complaining about the same thing – wives not wanting or initiating sex. It was as much a constant as football and turkey. These are good men, Alma. They want to do the right thing. But some feel trapped. They can be faithful and celibate or they can creep. And yes, some have already strayed. (One married friend told of an encounter he had with his girlfriend inside a bathroom that made our hair stand on end.) We all agreed that our wives would never do something so...so...so...so damned sexy and daring. Tell me, Alma. Why do wives avoid sex with their husbands (when the girlfriends can't seem to get enough)? And don't give me that lame excuse about wives having to work on their jobs then come home to do housework and homework. Most of my friends share equally in housekeeping and child-rearing duties. Simply put, if a wife won't "cook" for her man at home, shouldn't she expect him to occasionally eat out?

Signed, A Real Bro

Dear A Real Bro,  
You're kidding, right?

Aaaahhh, no. You are not allowed to switch to fast food after you've committed to a fine dining establishment.

Since this is the holiday season, I think it's high time I address this issue and let you guys in on a "cooking" secret. Hear me when I say this: A thoroughly basted turkey turns out moist and tender every time.

Are you feeling me?

Let me break it down. In the beginning, you really don't have to do much to get the gravy going. But once you've had your favorite holiday dish year after year, we all know what to expect.

You need to spice that sucker up just a little every now and again. Add a little more hot sauce here and a little less mustard there. It just depends on the occasion.

Give the turkey in your kitchen all the attention it deserves. You don't need to take that extra effort outside your home, 'cause either way you're putting out effort. Why not display all your extra trimmings where it feeds and nurtures your commitment?

Reach into the cabinet and take out everything you got. While you're waiting for the oven to get hot, delicately rub and pat down your turkey. Please tell me you pulled it out of the freezer this morning and you've given it appropriate time and assistance to thaw. Add all the ingredients necessary. Don't be shy; good cooks make sure they get all up in those nooks and crannies. That's the old-skool way; you've got to put your foot in it. LOL.

Once you've seasoned that bad boy to the best of your ability, trust me, it's ready to roast. (And the specials of the week will make you blush!)

Alma

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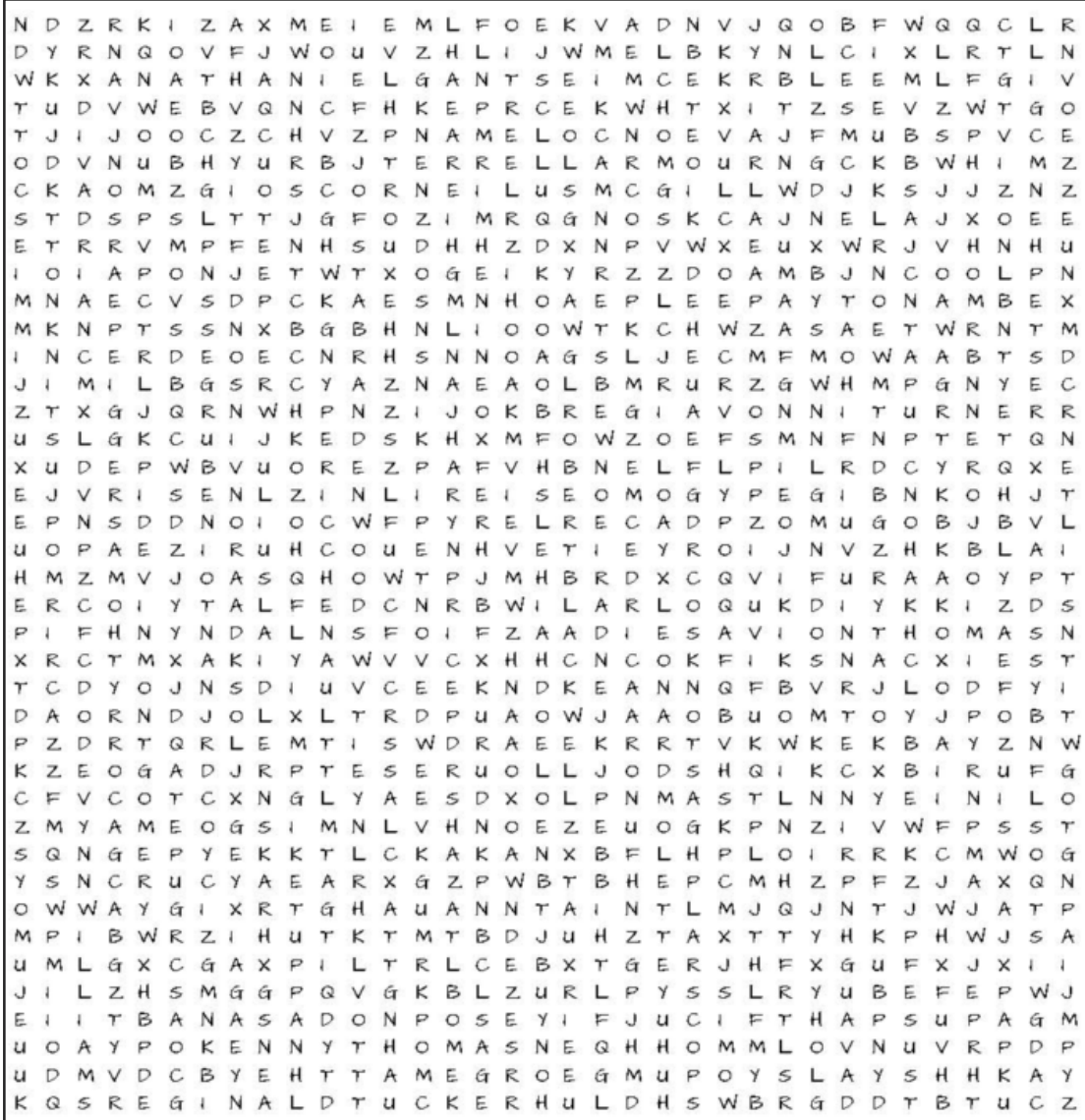
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