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Ecorse holds town hall meeting for local residents

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Mayor Lamar Tidwell addresses city concerns during the town hall meeting

Last week, Ecorse held a town hall meeting to discuss developments occurring within the city. On the panel were Mayor Lamar Tidwell and various city council members, City Clerk Dana Hughes, City Attorney Cassandra Booms, Public Safety Director Michael Moore, City Administrative Assistant Laura D'Onofrio, Community Development Manager Terri Capra, City Controller Tim Sadowski and City Administrator Wayne O'Neal. The first matter placed on the table involved the city's current status with the state of Michigan, an aspect that has

kept the area under the control of a city administrator for years. "As most of us know, Ecorse is in receivership, and we'll be here up to a year after the governor releases us from this status," said O'Neal. "We don't know when that will occur because we have bonds that need to be paid off, and a lot of other things that need to be taken care of." During the meeting, O'Neal also addressed citizen concerns regarding the city's

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Presidential Candidate Bernie Sanders Meets with Black Pastors

By Freddie Allen - Senior Washington Correspondent NNPA News Wire



(Left to right) Lisa M. Weah, president of the Freddie Gray Communit Association, Senator Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.), and Reverend Jamal Bryant, the pastor and founder of Empowerment Temple Church walk through the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood in Baltimore, Md. (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA News Wire)

When presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.) met with a group of Black civic and religious leaders in Baltimore, Md., Jamal Bryant, the pastor and founder of Empowerment Temple Church said that it was critical for the senator to have a conversation with those who

are the eyes and ears of the Black community.

Bryant said that Sanders needed to see the realities of Baltimore and the struggles of everyday working people and not just the rejuvenated Inner Harbor.

During a walking tour through the poverty-stricken Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood, Sanders noted the boarded up row houses and the lack of grocery stores in the community, as residents

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Homeward Bound, a Christmas Miracle

Romulus Animal Shelter helps reunite family with lost dog that had been missing for three years



Darrin Green picking up his dog, Rexxn, from the Romulus Animal Shelter.

ROMULUS – Earlier this month, Romulus resident, Donna Wreford, found a small Yorkshire Terrier wandering around the outside of her

home. After getting assurances from neighbors that it was not theirs, she delivered the dog to the Romulus Animal Shelter.

Animal Shelter staff evaluated the dog upon intake and, with the utilization of an electronic wand, they determined the dog had a microchip implant that revealed there was owner information on file with the American Kennel Club (AKC). Animal Shelter Staff then contacted the AKC who confirmed that the dog was reported missing by a family located in Columbus, Ohio over three years ago.

The AKC made contact with the owners, Ta-Shina and Darrin Green who were still currently living in Columbus, Ohio and advised them to contact the Romulus Animal Shelter for some good news regarding their lost dog.

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Legacy of Christmas

By: Cedric Dukes - Special to the Telegram



The holiday season is here. The hustle and bustle of holiday shopping draws us to a frantic pace with sales at every turn of the corner. I enjoy seeing decorated houses, visiting family and friends and the smell of sweet

baked goodies. You too have experienced a different kind of memorable legacies. Memories left to us by our parents and grandparents will never

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CALL TO ACTION

Do you know why you do the things you do at Christmas?
Start your own family traditions



It's Christmas time. Do you know what the traditions mean that you celebrate? Sometimes traditions pass down from generation to generation and the meaning gets lost in the transition. I have also found out that people celebrate or do certain things, without knowing the meaning why. I am not a big Santa Claus – Christmas person. I believe Jesus is the Reason for the Season and I prefer to keep Christ in Christmas. But as I did some research on the traditions that people follow during the Christmas season, I found some interesting facts.

We are very quick to buy candy canes, Christmas trees and mistletoe.... But do you know how they got included in the Christmas celebration? Throughout this issue, we focused on sharing some history about how the people of the United States moved from celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas to the commercialization of the season and what some of the items mean. I believe the Christmas season is not about getting presents; it is about family and celebrating together. This year when you celebrate, start some traditions that have meanings to your family that can be passed on to the next generation.

Merry Christmas from my family to yours

Gina Wilson Steward
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Knezek Amendment Puts Up To \$149 Million Into School Aid Fund

Bi-partisan compromise to attract 1,000 jobs, protect school dollars



David Knezek
State Senator

LANSING – Senator David Knezek (D-Dearborn Heights) recently won an amendment to Senate Bill 616 that would protect state investment in the School Aid Fund (SAF) while still providing the necessary incentives to attract a \$5 billion investment to the State of Michigan. According to the non-partisan House Fiscal Agency, Senator Knezek's amendment will ensure that approximately \$149 million will be restored to Michigan schools that would have otherwise been lost.

"In my first three years of serving in the Legislature, I've watched as millions of dollars were summarily cut from the School Aid Fund in a process I commonly refer to as 'death by a thousand cuts.' Oftentimes these were the unintended consequences of otherwise good public policy, but inevitably even small cuts add up to big problems for school funding in Michigan," said Knezek. "I've offered an amendment to every bill that's ever passed the Senate to try and restore all funding that could be lost to the School Aid Fund as a result of that given bill. After dozens of attempts

and countless conversations across the aisle, I'm very encouraged to see that it was finally adopted with bipartisan support."

Senate Bill 616 would amend the tax code to encourage data processing centers to relocate to Michigan. One such company, named "Switch", is currently based out of Nevada. However, with the recent changes in the tax code, Switch will be moving their entire operation to Michigan beginning immediately. The move will bring 1,000 jobs and countless other economic development opportunities to the state. Changes to the sales tax for data processing centers, however, would have stripped millions of dollars from the School Aid Fund, affecting every student across the state. Senator Knezek's amendment ensures that every penny lost to the School Aid Fund as a result will be replaced with General Fund dollars.

"I'm committed to doing everything I can to attract new businesses and create jobs here in Michigan - but not on the backs of our children. School districts across the State of Michigan continue to struggle to make ends meet. Declining enrollment and lack of investment have been major contributing factors and we as policy makers need to make a concerted effort to not only protect the money that is already designated for education but also increasing this investment," added Knezek. "Our future depends on a well-educated workforce that can meet the demands of the 21st Century economy. In my opinion, that begins with K-12 education."

Senate Bill 616, along with two others in a three bill package, have passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate. They will now be presented to Governor Snyder for his signature which is expected in the near future.

Elimination of Straight-Ticket Voting



Bert Johnson
State Senator

On the last day of legislative session, the elimination of straight-ticket voting was passed in both chambers. The votes, 24-12 in the Senate (via Senate Bill 13) and 54-51 in the House, set the stage as the bill awaits a signature on the governor's desk.

By eliminating straight-ticket voting, you can expect longer lines at the polls. When legislation that makes voting difficult is passed, it goes to the very core of what our founding fathers wanted in this country – it goes against the foundations of the Constitution.

In my opinion, such legislation is not pro-voter, and goes against the democratic process.

Join Me for Coffee!

I value hearing my constituents' questions, comments and concerns, and host four coffee hour visits per month around the 2nd Senate District.

Happy Holidays!

Thanks to my family, I have always remained grounded, remembering the lessons that my parents instilled. So, as always during the holiday season, I am thinking of others at Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Work duties aside, I have made it my duty to help the less fortunate. As we approach the New Year, let's reflect upon 2015 and look forward to 2016, thinking about how we can become better stewards for our fellow man.

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Leaders Provide Vision — not Division

By Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr.- NNPA News Wire Columnist



Rev. Jesse Jackson says that Donald Trump has chosen instead to foster greater fear, to divide us one from another, while calling on us to abandon our own values. Photo taken during a panel discussion on the the Voting Rights Act of 1965 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on February 18, 2015(Freddie Allen/NNPA News Wire)

Leaders provide vision. They help people understand where they are, how they got there and what they must do to go forward. They help calm nerves and strengthen courage. They are steady in times of trouble, inspiring in times of demoralization.

Donald Trump’s reaction to the terrorist acts in Egypt, Lebanon, Paris and San Bernardino, Calif., both divides and weakens us. And for the most part, his rivals for the Republican presidential nomination have allowed him to lead the Republican Party and its run to the White House to ignominy.

Americans are understandably worried. We have been fighting wars in the Middle East for over a decade. We lost thousands of lives and spent literally trillions of dollars in a wrong-headed war of choice in Iraq. We toppled the Taliban in Afghanistan, Saddam Hussein in Iraq, Muammar Qaddafi in Libya, producing failed states and generating more terrorists. Now we are trying to take out Assad in Syria even as his mortal enemy ISIS takes credit for terrorist horrors in Paris and Beirut. The violence keeps spreading; the terrorists keep reviving. And Americans grow more and more worried.

The task of leadership is to provide clarity, and a strategy that quells fears and offers a way out. Mr. Trump has chosen instead to foster greater fear, to divide us one from another, while calling on us to abandon our own values.

It is time for people of conscience to once more stand up. We are not in a war with our brothers and sisters of the Muslim faith. They are neighbors and friends. Some volunteer to defend this country. American Muslims despise ISIS and the way the terrorists distort and disgrace their religion. We should not lock our doors or close our hearts to those who are the victims of ISIS and the terror in Syria and Iraq whatever their religion or tribe.

The threat to lock out Muslims

is harmful, hurtful and divisive.

It is immoral and perversely counterproductive. There are more Muslims than Americans. ISIS may declare war on Western civilization, but that just illustrates their madness. We are not at war with Islam.

We are at war with terrorists who threaten our people. We want to enlist the overwhelming majority of Muslims to stand with us, not provoke them to stand against us.

In this Christmas season, we should not forget that after his birth in a manger, Jesus was a refugee, fleeing into Egypt with his parents from the threat of Roman violence. He taught us to care for the stranger on the Jericho Road, not spurn and scorn him.

I grew up under segregation, locked out because of the color of my skin. The race test was hurtful because I could never pass it. The same is true of the call to exclude all Muslims. We must speak forcefully against those who would mindlessly impose a religion test for entry into the U.S., and those who would call for closing down Mosques or cracking down on places where Muslims gather peacefully. America will not defeat terrorism by dividing one from another.

Terror is the weapon of the weak. For a people with hope, the hate of ISIS has no attraction. For people who are integrated into a society, ISIS’ call to violence goes unanswered. ISIS calls for jihad, arguing that the West is waging war on Islam. We need to isolate the terrorists, not inflate them. We need to give lie to their calumnies, not provide evidence for them.

Anyone who aspires to lead this country ought to demonstrate that they will respect and defend the values on which it has been built. In this time of trouble, Mr. Trump and many of his rivals are denigrating the very principles that make America strong.

Candy Cane History



It was not long after Europeans began using Christmas trees that special decorations were used to adorn them. Food items, such as candies and cookies, were used predominately and straight white candy sticks were one of the confections used as ornamentation. Legend has it that during the 17th century, craftsmen created the white sticks of candy in the shape of shepherds’ crooks at the suggestion of the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany.

The candy treats were given to children to keep them quiet during ceremonies at the living creche, or Nativity scene, and the custom of passing out the candy crooks at such ceremonies soon spread throughout Europe.

According to the National Confectioner’s Association, in 1847 German immigrant August Imgard used the candy cane to decorate a Christmas tree in Wooster, Ohio. More than 50 years later, Bob McCormack of Albany, Georgia supposedly made candy canes as treats for family, friends and local shopkeepers. McCormack’s brother-in-law, Catholic priest Gregory Keller, invented a machine in the 1950s that automated the production of candy canes, thus eliminating the usual laborious process of creating the treats and the popularity of the candy cane grew.

More recent explanations of the candy cane’s symbolism hold that the color white represents Christ’s purity, the red the blood he shed, and the presence of three red stripes the Holy Trinity. While factual evidence for these notions does not exist, they have become increasingly common and at times are even represented as fact. Regardless, the candy cane remains a favorite holiday treat and decoration.



War on Christmas 2015

By Jim Abeare - Telegram Columnist



It may not have made many news headlines this year, but the War on Christmas has reared its ugly head.

Every year it seems taht someone somewhere get offended by the holiday and its traditions.

There are a handful of occasions that made the news this year.

I am not even going to get into the Starbucks cup controversy. That has been blown out of proportion.

It's a red cup, get over it.

But some actual examples are:

W.R. Castle Elementary school in Kentucky a county schools superintendent cut Linus' speech from a student performance of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" because it contained a passage from the Gospel of Luke.

Microsoft producing a tv commercial featuring a chorus of young people singing the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth," skipping over the line "With God as our father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony." A National Review writer said, "Really? Is that the

point American culture has reached, that a Christmas video from a major corporation scrubs God from the song?"

The University of Tennessee warned its students not to through Christmas parties. They wanted to ensure that students holiday parties weren't Christmas parties in disguise.

Just recently students at San Jose's Sartorette Elementary school had its annual trip to Santa Claus canceled over inclusivity complaints.

It is not just here in the States, in Tokyo, Japan a group of 20 mostly single men marched through the streets carrying banners that read "Smash Christmas!"

Christmas isn't an official holiday in Japan and is celebrated more as a romantic occasion. it's a date night for couples who excahnge gifts on Christmas Eve.

The group calklis itself "Losers with Women", or officially the "Revolutionary Losers' League". the march sought to quash what the men view as a “capitalist play” exclusively for couples.

That is some of the examples of the War on Christmas this year, to see more check out <http://www.newsmax.com/TheWire/war-christmas-season-holidays/2015/12/18/id/706395/>.

Some are quite revolting. Newsmax.com contributed to this column.

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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 abandon their carefully and well-crafted nests 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 leave them behind. Perfectly good nests abandoned in trees to endure winter. You never see birds trying to carry nests with them when they migrate.

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 have to recognize the seasons and not try to carry certain things from the former season into the new season. We cannot worry about how much time we invested in something, or how many resources we put into it. Sometimes we have to go and leave things behind. Like birds, we have to learn not to become attached to things that are temporal. We have to learn to

move on without things that would weigh us down.

As things change in this season, you may have to change the way you dress, the way you think and act, and have a totally new perspective. You may have to adopt new 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. Detach from the old. Let God do a new thing in you.

"I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons" (Psalm16:7). 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).


Speaking of season, 'tis the season to be jolly! Merry Christmas to you and your family.

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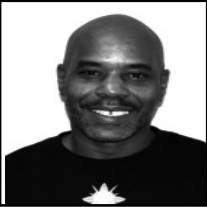
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RALPH BARNES

May 1, 1929 – Nov. 16, 2015

Ralph Barnes was born in Camden, South Carolina. He relocated to Michigan for gainful employment at Thomas McCally Construction where he spent many years before retirement. In 1980, he married the love of his life, Juanita Elam Barnes who preceded him in death.

Ralph loved dancing, fishing, thrifting, yard work and helping others. But what he loved most was spending time with family and friends all while sitting in his "man cave" yard.

Those left to celebrate the memories of his life: son, Anthony Washington (Marsha); daughters, Veronica Phillips (Boyce), Anita Washington, Rhonda Henderson, Helen Washington and Bornita Mims; one sister, Catherine Barnes; forty-two grandchildren, forty-two great-grandchildren; twenty-three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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CINNIE D. JOHNSON

April 14, 1945 – Nov. 16, 2015

Cinnie Delano Johnson Jr. was born in Inkster. Cid, as he'd like to be called, worked while being educated in the Inkster Public School district. He served in the Vietnam War.

Fishing and cooking scrumptious meals for his wife were among his favorite things to do. He also enjoyed the fellowship of his two best friends, Horace and Bernard. Cid felt it was important for his wife and children to have a spiritual life. His kind and gentle spirit will be missed on Florence Street as well as the community at large.

He leaves to cherish his memory: Devoted wife, Katcherlean Johnson; children, Sidney (Erinn) Johnson, Samuel (Trina) Johnson, LaVonda (Lisa Holden) Johnson, granddaughter Tia Shanice Johnson; two grandson, Myles Sidney Johnson and Grant Aaron Johnson; siblings: Evelyn Davis, Mary Green, Buelah Morris and Thomas Johnson; sisters-in-laws Marlene (Bernard) Rives and Prsicilla Jordan; cousins, nieces and nephews hold dear his memory.

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KATHLEEN LANG

Nov. 12, 1926 – Nov. 23, 2015

Kathleen Norma Lang, was born in the Caribbean Island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. After high school, Kathleen soon immigrated to the United States and settled in Detroit, Michigan and united in Holy Matrimony to Perry Willie Lang Jr. Kathy was a very loving and devoted wife and mother. She loved to cook and was very good at it. She also made the best cakes, pies and dinner rolls.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: Her son Perry (Tina), her daughter Melanie; two god daughters, Priscilla Cook and Porcia Lang; one godson, Ricky King; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren. Her remaining brothers, Clive (Theresa), Lorenzo (Valentine), Neville (Mardella) and Russell (Deana). Also her daughters, Delores and Alecia; her sister-in-law, Otha Logan; brother-in-law Jesse (Patricia), and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Albert (Mickey) Carter, Jr.
Jan. 28, 1943 - Dec. 1, 2015

Albert Carter Jr. was born January 28, 1943 in Lakeview, Arkansas. Everyone that knew him always called him Mickey. On May 1, 1965 he was married to Zella Ilene Timbers and through their union they had 5 children. Mickey retired from Ford Motor Company in May of 2009, serving for 42 years. He had a perfect work attendance for 40 years. Education was very important to him. Mickey funded his children all through private school and college. All of his children successfully completed their college degrees, in which he was very proud. Every Christmas he would play Santa Claus to his grandsons, great-nieces and great-nephews. Mickey leaves to cherish his memory and love to his wife Zella Ilene, his two sons Albert III and Charles and his daughter Kimberlee, two grandsons Noah and Kai'Ree, and a host of family and friends.

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William Earl Johnson

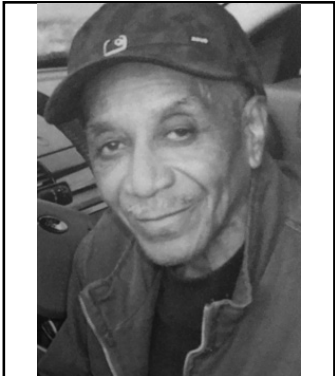
Mar. 24, 1947 - Dec. 2, 2015

William Earl Johnson was born in Charlotte, North Carolina.

William affectionately known as Billy, lived in Inkster, MI all of his life. At age 22 he married Wanda McGriff. He loved working on cars and detailing them. He also loved fishing, riding bikes and was fond of his Pomeranian dogs Lacey and Aries.

Billy leaves to mourn, his beloved partner Sandra Horton; three daughters Tanya, Meoshia and Salina; five sons, Darrin, Tony, Ferris, Brandon and Eddie, Jr.; two granddaughters: Audrea and Anjala; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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FRANK LEE HENDERSON

Dec. 9, 1930 – Dec. 2, 2015

Frank Lee Henderson was born in Anniston, Alabama. He moved to Inkster, Michigan at the age of nine years old and attended Inkster Public Schools. Frank enlisted in the United States Army and served in active combat in

both Japan and Korea.

Frank was a diligent and proud provider who was devoted to his family. Frank earned his Solo Aviation Certificate and he loved airplanes and often flew his plan as a hobby with his son.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife Barbara; seven children: Audrette (Larry) Wilson, Arlette (Maurice) Anderson, Katherine (James) Douglas, Tonia Henderson, Barbara C. (Derrick) Brazle, Faith (Melvin) Ivey, and Wallace Frank Martin Henderson. His beloved sister, Katie Shockley, 17 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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TELEGRAM COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

DETROIT

7th Precinct Community Meetings
Friday, December 25, 2015 from 6:00-7:30PM at the DPD 7th Precinct located at 5100 E. Nevada, Detroit MI 48234.

6th & 8th Precinct Community Meeting
Monday, December 28, 2015 from 7:00-8:30PM located at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 17567 Hubbell and W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48223.

Michigan Science Center
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Dec. 29 – Circuit Play
Dec. 30 – Brain Games
Dec. 31 – Playful Mistakes
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'Michigan Science Center 5020 John R Street Detroit, Michigan 48202 -

INKSTER

Monday, December 28, 2015 from 11:00AM-noon, the Leanna Hicks Public Library will be hosting a National Diabetes Prevention program. This event is located at 2005 Inkster Rd., Inkster, MI 48141.

Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 4:00PM, the Leanna Hicks Public Library will be hosting Movie Day featuring "A Christmas Story."

ROMULUS

Birthday Potluck and Bingo
Monday, December 28, 2015 the Romulus Senior Center will be hosting a monthly Birthday Bash with bingo, a potluck, and cake. Located at 36525 Bibbins St, Romulus, MI 48174.

City Council Meeting
Monday, December 28, 2015 at 7:30PM a city council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Romulus City Hall, located at 11111 Wayne Road, MI 48174.

Ready to Read Story Time
Every Wednesday until February 24, 2016 at 10:30 AM. We will be playing, reading, crafting, and snacking each and every week! Ages 0-4 are welcome to attend.

Located at the Romulus Public Library at 11121 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174.

Free Blood Pressure Checks

Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 10:00AM the Corpore Sano Home Health Care, Inc. is providing free blood pressure checks at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36525 Bibbins St, Romulus, MI 48174.

**TAYLOR
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Friday, December 25, 2015 from noon to 3PM. Enjoy a free Christmas dinner at the City of Taylor's William Ford Senior Activity Center, located at 6750 Troy, west of Telegraph Road and north of Ecorse Road. The meal is open to everybody, especially those alone, less fortunate or hungry – and their guests. This year, the delicious meal will include turkey and all the trimmings, ham, white and sweet potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, beverages and desserts. The city donates the use of the Ford Center. The Taylor Police Department helps sponsor the event. Those who cannot arrange transportation to the Ford Center can call for a free ride in advance or on the day of the event. The telephone number is 313-291-7740.

WAYNE

Sew Friendly - Senior Services Office
Wednesday, December 30, 2015 from 1:00-3:00PM at the Recreation & Exercise Club, located at 4635 Howe Rd., Wayne, MI 48184.

This group (all ages) gets together to work on their hand-sewn (quilting, knitting, needle-point, etc.) projects. Share your ideas or get some help. Come give it a try!

WYANDOTTE

Sunday Funday
Sunday, December 27, 2015 from 12:00-4:00PM at the River's Edge Gallery located at 2024 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. For more information, contact (734) 246-9880.

To have your event listed in the Community Events Calendar, send an email to Estefania Arellano at info@telegramnews.net.

Sanders

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shouted, "Don't forget Freddie Gray!" and "Can you bring some jobs down here?"

After a questionable arrest last April, Gray, 25 suffered a severe spinal cord injury while in police custody and died a week later. As residents took to the streets in peaceful protests against police brutality, others looted and burned stores drawing national media attention.

Following the walking tour, Sanders joined social justice and faith leaders for a round table discussion where they discussed a number of issues including education, housing and mass incarceration.

"You know how much money we're spending a year locking people up? Eighty billion dollars a year, locking up fellow Americans," said Sanders. "So, it seems to me to be an absolute no-brainer that you take some of that money, you rebuild the housing here in Baltimore putting people to work and when you put people to work they're not going to end up in jail, because they have some pride, they have some income."

Sanders said that his support for tuition-free public colleges and universities may seem like a radical idea, but it isn't.

But Lezli Baskerville, the president and CEO of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), a group that advocates for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and predominantly Black institutions (PBIs), expressed concerns that Sanders' vision for tuition-free public colleges may have unintended adverse effects on enrollment at HBCUs.

Baskerville said that HBCUs account for three percent of America's colleges and universities, but graduate 50 percent of African American teaching professionals, 60 percent of African American health professionals and 42 percent of the Blacks who pursue careers in Science Tech-
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Town Hall

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present way of governing. With that, he broke down several facts regarding his position. "It's very important that citizens understand why we currently operate the way that we do," he said. "When the governor declared an emergency in the City of Ecorse, he hired an emergency financial manager who issued 95 different orders. One of them resulted in a charter revision calling for an administrative form of government. Because we're in receivership, our daily operations are in my control as a city administrator." One additional topic of discussion addressed previous rumors surrounding the dissolution of the Ecorse Fire Department – a concern shot down by O'Neal. He did however confirm that the department could likely consolidate with the City of Lincoln Park in

the near future. Likewise, Chief of Police Mike Moore provided an update developments within the police department, indicating that a K-9 dog will soon be ushered into the city, and that the area will additionally introduce new vehicles and body cameras to better serve the community. Toward the end of the meeting, Mayor Tidwell professed optimism over Ecorse's future, also providing a frank rundown on the municipality's financial struggles, even pointing out lasting issues discovered in the budget this past year. "This didn't just happen to our city; this saga dates back decades, long before this mayor and council was even elected," he said. "Looking at the books from previous years, you see that the city was just getting by due to cheaper costs. Now that we're struggling financially, we have to do whatever we can to increase revenue. "We've been getting shafted for years, and it's sad because the tax paying citizens are suffering from a lack of services due to what occurred in the past. However, those of us who are here now keep trying to do the right thing. We have to move our city forward."

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Tuesday, December 29: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 30: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday, December 31: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Saturday, January 2: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, January 3: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Inkster Legends help make Christmas merry for Inkster families

By Christian Young - Contributing Reporter

For the third year in a row, Inkster families in need will have a merry Christmas. And it is thanks to the Inkster Legends foundation.

The foundation, well known throughout the community for its annual basketball camp, has sponsored a food giveaway and drive for the past three years. This year’s edition took place at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex on Dec. 19.

Fred Smiley, Inkster Legends Foundation director, said that the number of families that they have assisted over the years has steadily grown, from 23 the first year, to 52 last year, to 100 this year.

The Legends joined with other community groups and sponsors to help put the event on, and put together packages of food, clothes, and toys for impoverished families.

“We’re progressing each year,” Smiley said.

Kroger is a sponsor for the Inkster Legends. Smiley said that they are very helpful.

“I give them a shopping list and they box everything up,” he said. “We go over with a U-Haul and pick everything up. We do the clothes and toy shopping at Meijer.”

Smiley said that this process takes about two days and that the helpers and volunteers that help do a fantastic job.

The giveaway is funded through numerous fundraisers throughout the year.

One of them was a fundraiser at Golden Corral during the summer. For 12 weeks straight, every Friday night was Inkster Legends night.

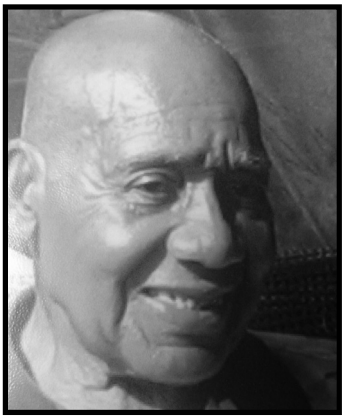
“We had over 1000 people come in,” Smiley said. “We had another fundraiser through our golf outing at Warren Valley Golf Course. We also had a raffle where we raffled off tickets to see LeBron James, flatscreen TVs, gift certificates even autographed basketballs from the Cleveland Cavaliers, Detroit Pistons, and Harlem Globetrotters.”

Smiley, a former Inkster High and Northwood University basketball standout, played briefly for the Pistons in the 1970s. He retired from U.S. Food Service three years ago and has helped direct the Legends basketball camp for the past 18 years.

“I feel like this is my assignment,” he said. “God has given us all an opportunity to do some good work. I am truly thankful for all our sponsors and helpers. We couldn’t do it without them.”

For more information, visit www.inksterlegends.com

SENIOR STAR



Son Hargrave

Mr. Son Hargrave was born December 25, 1915 in Ivor, VA. In 1938, he moved to Detroit, MI and worked as a chauffeur. Mr. Hargrave and wife Mary (now deceased) took the short journey to Inkster, MI.

He resided on Bridgeport Ct. and was employed with the Willow Run Historical Bomb plant in Willow Run MI. He later worked for the Chrysler plant and remained there for over 20 years. Mr. Hargrave owned and worked a bicycle shop located in Romulus MI. He also was a self-taught mechanic and was known as the village of Inkster's Washing Machine Fix-It-Man.

Mr. Hargrave has been a member of St. Clements Episcopal Church for over 60 years. He serves as usher and many other capacities in the church and he has received numerous awards and plaques for his services.

Mr. Hargrave has one son, Fred, six grandchildren; one great grandchild and many friends. He loves sports especially the Tigers and the Lions

HAPPY 100 BIRTHDAY!
MR. HARGRAVE

Christmas

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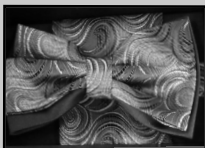
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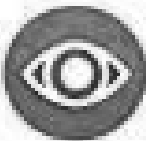
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Pet Reunion

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Ta-Shina Green with Daughter and Rexxn.

The Green family immediately contacted the Romulus Animal Shelter to receive the great news that after three years of being missing, their long lost dog, “Rexxn”, was recently located in the City of Romulus, which is around 200 miles north of his home.

On the very same day, Mr. Green immediately drove the three and a half hour trek from Columbus, making it to the Animal Shelter just prior to closing time where officers reunited Rexxn with his speechless and teary-eyed owner.

“After three years I never thought I would see my dog again. This truly is the best Christmas ever for our family,” said Ta-Shina Green. “When Rexxn came up missing I was nine months pregnant, and my daughter (now three years old) and Rexxn are already at-

tached to one another as though he had been with us her whole life.”

After arriving back home in Columbus, Rexxn was examined by a veterinarian and required multiple surgical incisions to remove the matted

and tangled fur that had grown into his skin. According to Green, he is healing fine and spends most of his day cuddled up right next to his family.

“The vet said other than the fur matting and some physical effects of living on the streets, Rexxn was relatively healthy overall and has a great temperament”, said Ta-Shina Green.

“With the successful reunion of Rexxn with his family, I’m hoping this story will encourage more pet owners to consider having their pet microchipped with both the identification and tracking devices to ensure all pets make it back home,” said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

To learn about getting your pet microchipped, please contact your vet. For more information about the American Kennel Club’s registration program, please visit www.akcreunite.org.



Rexxn dressed in a Santa Suit for Christmas



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Santa Claus History



The origin of Santa Claus begins in the 4th century with Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, an area in present day Turkey. By all accounts St. Nicholas was a generous man, particularly devoted to children. After his death around 340 A.D. he was buried in Myra, but in 1087 Italian sailors purportedly stole his remains and removed them to Bari, Italy, greatly increasing St. Nicholas’ popularity throughout Europe.

His kindness and reputation for generosity gave rise to claims he that he could perform miracles and devotion to him increased. St. Nicholas became the patron saint of Russia, where he was known by his red cape, flowing white beard, and bishop’s mitre.

In Greece, he is the patron saint of sailors, in France he was the patron of lawyers, and in Belgium the patron of children and travellers. Thousands of churches across Europe were dedicated to him and some time around the 12th century an official church holiday was created in his honor. The Feast of St. Nicholas was celebrated December 6 and the day was marked by gift-giving and charity.

After the Reformation, European followers of St. Nicholas dwindled, but the legend was kept alive in Holland where the Dutch spelling of his name Sint Nikolaas was eventually transformed to Sinterklaas. Dutch children would leave their

wooden shoes by the fireplace, and Sinterklaas would reward good children by placing treats in their shoes. Dutch colonists brought brought this tradition with them to America in the 17th century and here the Anglican name of Santa Claus emerged.

In 1822 Clement C. Moore composed the poem A Visit From Saint Nicholas, published as The Night Before Christmas as a gift for his children. In it, he portrays Santa Claus:

. He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly,
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

Other countries feature different gift-bearers for the Christmas or Advent season: La Befana in Italy ~ The Three Kings in Spain, Puerto Rico, and Mexico ~ Christkindl or the Christ Child in Switzerland and Austria ~ Father Christmas in England ~ and Pere Noël, Father Christmas or the Christ Child in France. Still, the figure of Santa Claus as a jolly, benevolent, plump man in a red suit described in Moore’s poem remains with us today and is recognized by children and adults alike around the world.

Merry Christmas

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River Rouge police and firefighters bring Christmas to local kids

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Police and fire departments gather for unveiling of gifts to be presented to Rouge children

For their first annual Give a Kid a Christmas, the River Rouge police and fire departments came together to collect gifts for local youth. Children 3 months to 13 years old were included in the holiday giveaway, capped off by a personal visit from Santa Claus, who rode up to each family home on the back of a firetruck. “We wanted to do something to strengthen ties between our police and fire divisions, so we decided to do something special this Christmas,” said Police Chief Deborah Price. “After collecting tons of gifts, we collectively packaged everything up, after which everyone went door to door to deliver presents with Santa. I think the kids were impressed. Hopefully they can look at us in a different light as a result.” Give a Kid a Christmas was enhanced by a generous donation from US Steel, in addition to the USW Local 1299. Contributions allowed for 157 kids to obtain gifts this Christmas, in addition to 12 families who received turkeys for the holidays. Also of note were efforts made by Rouge police officers and firefighters, who went above and beyond to

raise additional funds for the project. “Both departments participated in a boot drive to collect money from citizens as they drove by on the roads,” said Price. “They should all be commended because they took time out of their busy schedules to volunteer and raise money. They ultimately collected more than \$4,500.” Members from each division additionally handpicked toys and other items bestowed as gifts this year. According to Fire Chief Roberto Cruz, kindness shown by area businesses also contributed to both department’s ability to present Rouge kids with a joyous Christmas. “I specifically want to thank the Woodhaven Walmart,” he said. “I went there by myself, and everyone was so helpful in assisting me as I picked out gifts for these kids.” Lieutenant John Poe recalled a similar experience at a local Five Below. “There was a lady named Diana, and four other employees who made sure that we were well taken care of,” he said. “Due to this collective effort, each kid on our list re-

ceived at least five items for Christmas. We’re extremely grateful.” This week, as Santa made his rounds, Rouge families expressed equal appreciation, gleaming with gratitude as he approached their homes accompanied by police, firefighters and a plethora of gifts. For Price, witnessing each individual reaction confirmed that Give a Kid a Christmas should be an ongoing project during the holiday season. “We were so happy to do this because when we walked up to those doors, for many kids, it was their only Christmas. Unfortunately their parents may not be able to afford gifts,” she said. “We would love to do this every year, Lord willing.”



Police Chief Deborah Price with Mike Palazolo and Kandi Wood who donated a check from US Steel



Kids pose with Santa after receiving their Christmas gifts

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(Shuttle Service provided from
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Schedule of Events:
7:30 am - Meet at Romulus Middle School
8:00 am - Community March Begins
8:00 am - Continental Breakfast in
the Romulus High School
Cafeteria.
9:30 am - MLK Celebration in the
Romulus High School
Auditorium

Please contact Rev. Arthur Willis, Committee Chairman, at (313) 701-2423 or
Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545, for more information

Titans, Young and Hungry with Locals

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Gerald Blackshear and Josh McFolley (formerly of Western International High), Jalen Gibson (formerly of River Rouge High School) and Aaron Foster-Smith, (formerly from Taylor Truman) contributing to the Detroit Mercy Titans basketball as Freshmen

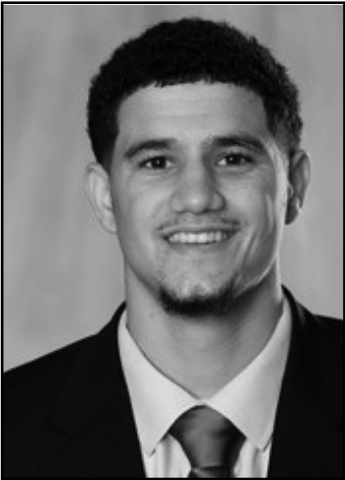
You hear much press on Michigan, Michigan State, and yes Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, or maybe Western Michigan, however, how much you know about the University of Detroit Mercy? The Titans men's basketball teamed battled past University of Central Florida, 95-89, last Saturday afternoon for the team's fourth-straight victory and also remained undefeated at home at 6-0 and has won nine straight at Calihan Hall dating back to last season. Four players scored in double figures for the Titans, led by junior Chris Jenkins' (Detroit, MI. / U of D Jesuit) career-high 26 points. He also had 10 rebounds for his third double double of the year along with three steals and two assists. Sophomore Paris Bass had 23 points, senior Anton Wilson 13 and freshman Josh McFolley netted 12. You recall Josh McFolley, a state championship as a senior who helped conduct the last district, regional and state title at Western International

as a senior help guide the team to a 26-0 record as a senior, after winning just nine games the previous season is playing guard for the Titans. In addition, his teammate at Western International High, Gerald Blackshear is also playing as a Titan forward. Also included Jalen Gibson a three-year varsity letter winner at River Rouge High School who helped lead his Panthers team to a regional semifinals appearance and 18 wins in his senior year is playing forward. Although "redshirting on the team as a freshmen", Aaron Foster-Smith, 6-7, 220 lb. forward from Taylor Truman is assure to be making contributions for the Titans roster in the near future. All of the following players I mentioned played basketball for their high school team in Southwest Detroit or in the Downriver area. All four players I mentioned are freshmen on the team and playing major minutes and contributing to the Titans basketball team learning the college game on the fly in their roles.

Titans Head Coach Ray McCallum, is very please with the progress of his four freshmen's players on the team with their energy, the ability to learn quickly, and their passion in playing the game of basketball. McCallum said to me, he enjoy the brand of basketball played in the area and will continue to come and watch games and the players in the area to promote being close to home which is a plus to players who want to get a quality education and still play and live near families and friends, so they can support their love ones and watch them play basketball games not far from home. The Titans are on a Christmas break and will not be in action until the 28th of December when they play Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti in a final tune-up before the beginning the Horizon League opener against Youngtown State University at historic Calihan Hall, in Northwest Detroit.

Pistons Wins Player of the Week Again

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



The NBA announced this past Monday that Pistons Guard Reggie Jackson has been named Eastern Conference Player of the Week for games played from December 14 through December 20. This marks Jackson's second Eastern Conference Player of the Week award and he joins Andre Drummond (11/1 and 11/8) as the only Pistons teammates to win the award twice in the same season. Jackson and Drummond became the

first Pistons to win the award in the same season since Ben Wallace and Chauncey Billups each won Player of the Week honors during the 2003-04 season. Reggie Jackson ranks second in the NBA in drives per game (12.2) and second in points off drives (8.7) among players with 15-plus games played. Jackson averaged 29.3 points (first in the Eastern Conference), 6.3 rebounds and 7.7 assists (second in the Eastern Conference) in leading the Pistons to a 2-1 record for the week against three teams with above .500 records. He shot 46% from the field, 38% from behind the arc and 83% from the free-throw line. Detroit is averaging 111.0 points through 10 games in December and in their last five games – averaging 118 per game. The Detroit Pistons rank third in rebounds per game (47.8) and first in offensive rebounds per game (13.6). Detroit is 14-3 when

they outrebound their opponent and 2-9 when their opponent equals their rebound total or outrebounds them. By the way Brandon Jennings, seeing his first game action since suffering a ruptured left Achilles at Milwaukee on January 24, 2015, recorded 11 points (4-9 FG, 2-5 3FG), three rebounds, a game-high 12 assists and 27 minutes in a 130-104 Drive win over the Iowa Energy in D-League action in Grand Rapids on 12/19.

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Chargers down Cardinals, 54-48

By Christian Young - Contributing Reporter

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist's non-conference schedule has some pretty interesting rivalries. A week after hosting the Battle of Allen Park against Allen Park High, the Chargers found themselves in the Battle of Allen Road when they hosted Melvindale on Dec. 18.

And this time, they would come out victorious, with a 54-48 victory over the Cardinals.

"They battled back, and I thought our guys played very tough at the end," Inter-City coach Mark Kraatz said. "Our secondary players came in and did well for us. It's nice to get a win before Christmas break."

After the defensive breakdowns in their 57-50 loss to Allen Park on Dec. 11, the Chargers (2-1) seemed to come out hard on that end of the floor. However, the Cardinals (1-2) matched their intensity at first, and as a result, both teams had some issues with shots falling early on.

The Cardinals jumped to a 7-2 lead, but the Chargers battled back to steal a 10-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was a straight-up slugfest, with the two teams going shot for shot and blow for blow. Melvindale's DeAngelos Page hit a triple to push the Cards ahead 18-16 with 1:48 left in the second quarter, but two free throws from Josh Estell and five consecutive points from Garrett Kraatz (leading all scorers with 26 points) pulled the Chargers back in front, 23-18. Josh Higgins's 3-pointer got the Cards back within two, but Cameron Hunter hit a buzzer-beating put-back to send the Chargers in at half-time with a 25-21 lead.

"We went into the break down four with pretty much our

whole backcourt in foul trouble," Melvindale coach Mac Horvath said. "It was good to see some fight from the young guys. We just have to go through these trials and tribulations in tough environments sometimes. We don't have a senior on the squad."

Fressell hit a 3-pointer to start the second half, setting the Chargers on an 18-4 third quarter run while getting stops on the defensive end. Marquise Anderson hit the three-point play to stop the bleeding, and five straight points from Montrez Fuster (19 total points) pulled the Cardinals to within 10 at the end of the third.

Fuster hit another 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter, and a Daraun McKinney (10 points) layup cut the Inter-City lead to 43-38, but bad calls and missed opportunities for the Cardinals allowed the Chargers to widen the lead to eventually 52-43 before Fuster banged a 3-pointer with 1:59 remaining in the game. After a time out, Joel Meyers hit a bucket to pull the Cardinals within 52-48, but Kraatz and Caleb Sandoval and hit a free-throw.

Prior to the game, the Chargers showed heartfelt appreciation for a longtime supporter of Charger Athletics that passed away recently.

Girls:

AP Inter-City Baptist 49, Melvindale 27: The Lady Chargers jumped out to a 21-11 halftime lead and poured it on the Lady Cardinals in the second half, leading 43-21 after three quarters. Karalynn Goering led Inter-City with 16 points, followed by McKenna Howell with 11. Danielle Tubbs scored seven to lead Melvindale.

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It is believed that Christ was born on the 25th, although the exact month is unknown. December was likely chosen so the Catholic Church could compete with rival pagan rituals held at that time of year and because of its closeness with the winter solstice in the Northern hemisphere, a traditional time of celebration among many ancient cultures.

Luke, Chapter Two
And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with

Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

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Southfield Christian High School Boys Varsity Basketball beat Catholic Central High School 84-69

The boys basketball team defeated Windsor Catholic Central tonight 84-69 at Romulus High School at their annual holiday showcase. The Eagles got off to a fast start winning the first quarter by 20 points against Windsor who came into the game at 8-2. The team was led Junior Brock Washington with a game high 26 points while Senior Richard Feagin had 21

points and 11 assists. Also, reaching double figures were Sophomore Bryce Washington with 17 points and Senior Marlo Brown with 16 points, 14 rebounds and 5 steals. Windsor was led by Dominic Johnson with 15 points. The Eagles now improve to 4-1 and will play next after the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 5th when they visit University of Liggett at 7:30 PM.

Southfield Christian High School Girls Varsity Basketball beat Melvindale Academy for Business and Technology 36-33

Melvindale, with a score of 36 - 33. Leading the Lady Eagles were senior Maurgan Lee with 13 points and junior Maranda Sailor with 9 points. Melvindale was

led by A. Harris with 11 points and T. Davis with 10 points. The Lady Eagles are back in action at home against Akiva Hebrew Day School on Tuesday, January 5th.

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The Christmas Tree - History



Advent season.

It is held that Protestant reformer Martin Luther first adorned trees with light. While coming home one December evening, the beauty of the stars shining through the branches of a fir inspired him to recreate the effect by placing candles on the branches of a small fir tree inside his home

In 16th-century Germany fir trees were decorated, both indoors and out, with apples, roses, gilded candies, and colored paper. In the Middle Ages, a popular religious play depicted the story of Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden.

A fir tree hung with apples was used to symbolize the Garden of Eden — the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the prophecy of a saviour coming, and so was often performed during the

The Christmas Tree was brought to England by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert from his native Germany. The famous Illustrated News etching in 1848, featuring the Royal Family of Victoria, Albert and their children gathered around a Christmas tree in Windsor Castle, popularized the tree throughout Victorian England. Brought to America by the Pennsylvania Germans, the Christmas tree became by the late 19th century.

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Sanders

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nology Engineering and Math (STEM).

Baskerville suggested implementing a program that invested more in those schools that are educating the lion share of the growing population of minority students.

Sanders said that he visited a number of HBCUs in South Carolina and that he was aware of the extraordinary role HBCUs played in educating Black students, but that they have to be adequately funding and supported. Sanders recommended a major expansion in funding for Pell grants, admitting that it would cost money initially, but save money later by cutting the unemployment rate in the long run.

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN


RE: Case No. 15-10 (SCU) and 15-16 (Z)

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, January 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider the following:

- A special conditions use to add major vehicle repair to a truck terminal in an M-1 Light Industrial District/B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed Use District.
- Rezoning of the southeastern corner of the property for a truck terminal and major vehicle repair facility from B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District to M-1 Light Industrial. The purpose of the proposed rezoning is to permit the use of the southeastern corner of the property for a truck terminal and major vehicle repair facility.

Alexander Leckman is the applicant. The subject property is located at the north of Princeton on the west side of Beech Daly Road and is legally described as follows:

30T137 TO 139 LOTS 137 TO 139 INCL YALE DALY HEIGHTS SUB NO. 2 T2S R10E L71 P68 WCR (Property ID #44-023-07-0137-000, Commonly Known As 2830 Beech Daly)



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Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, January 11, 2016. Please reference Case No. 15-10 (SCU) and 15-16 (Z) in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

Felicia Rutledge
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ECORSE
Planning Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Ecorse Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday January 13, 2016, at 6 p.m. in the Albert Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan, 48229. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the request of CP Automotive of 205 Southfield for special land approval for a used car lot.

Ecorse Planning Commission

Published: 12/17/2015

People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation at this meeting should contact the office of community development at (313) 386 2400 or the office of the City Clerk at (313) 386-2520, at least three (3) business days in advance to request mobility, visual hearing or other assistance.

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CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the December 21, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:
Approval of the agenda.
Approval of the Consent Agenda.
Approval of Board Appointments to Parks & Recreation, SEMCOG, Police and Fire Pension Board, Nakin Transit and the Planning Commission.
Denial of an offer to purchase one commercial parcel of land.
Approval of a Special Conditions Use at 26266 Michigan Ave.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 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, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Abdo to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-413 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 23, 2015.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-414 2B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on November 23, 2015, 5:00 p.m., study session, Solution to Condition of Local Roads; 6:00 p.m. study session, 34th District Court Proposal.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
3. **Petitioner:**
Special land use request – PC-2015-031/032, Jimmy John’s, Goddard Road. Mr. Ghassan Abdelour, of GAV Associates, gave an overview of the construction plans for the Jimmy John’s Restaurant.
15-415 3A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to approve special land use request, PC-2015-031/032, Jimmy John’s, 35351 Goddard Road for a drive-thru fast food restaurant.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to accept the Chairperson’s Report
Motion Carried Unanimously.
5. **Mayor’s Report:**
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming events in the City of Romulus and thanked everyone who participated in the Goodfellows newspaper drive.
15-416 5A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adopt a resolution to recognize Julie Allison for her annual tea party that benefits the Romulus Goodfellows.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-417 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to award Bid ITB 15/16-03, Official Publications Newspaper for the publication of all City notices to Associated Newspapers for the calendar year 2016 at a per column inch price of \$4.75 per inch.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-418 5B. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choate to adopt a resolution pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code for the North Branch Ecorse Creek Drain allowing Wayne County to make improvements to the flow of storm water within the drain.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
Clerk’s Report:
15-419 6A. Moved by Crout, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ann Ulmer Brown.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
15-420 6A1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Wadsworth to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 15/16-12 to increase the revenue for engineering review fees collected for a new major project as well as increase the expense for engineering reviews conducted by contractual engineers on that same project. This budget amendment was introduced at the Council meeting of November 23, 2015.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
6B. **Treasurer’s Report:**
Treasurer Stacy Paige spoke about the fiscal year quarterly review and she announced that taxes are due on February 16, 2016.
7. **Public Comment:**
Gina Steward-Wilson, editor of the Telegram Newspaper, thanked the City for the past year’s business as the official newspaper for the City of Romulus.
Dave Willett, President of Associated Newspapers, thanked the City for awarding the 2016 official newspaper bid to Associated Newspapers.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the Animal Shelter (adopting a pet for Christmas) and also the many other charities in the City that could use donations.
Councilman Crout announced that Helping Hands needed food donations for the upcoming holidays.
9. **New Business:**
15-421 9A. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jan Conrad.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
10. **Communication**
11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski 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 December 7, 2015.



Did you know that Siza Mzimela is the first black woman in history to own an airline company?



In September, the renowned South African businesswoman launched Fly Blue Crane – a domestic, low cost airline created for her fellow citizens. The company, which currently runs off of 50-seat Embraer Regional Jet 145 planes originating from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, flies solely within South African territory to cities like Nelspruit, Bloemfontein and Kimberly. In the future, Mzimela hopes to expand passenger flights to outside countries like Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It can be said that Mzimela’s previous experience as CEO for both South African Express Airways and South African Airlines undoubtedly set the stage for her unparalleled success, exhibited though Fly Blue Crane’s known reputation for safe, professional and reliable services.

Also the owner of Blue Crane Aviation, Mzimela provides airline consulting services focused on management, operations and expansion, additionally serving as a board member on the South African tourism Board, as well as the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls. In the end, Mzimela ultimately strives to use Fly Blue Crane as a way to advance the South African economy, particularly smaller cities within the country.

“We aim to make our mark serving the increasingly commercially significant provincial and regional capitals,” she said in a recent interview. “Our aim in the coming years is to make air travel an altogether better and more rewarding experience in Southern Africa, and beyond.”

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Joyous Kwanzaa!



The lighting of the candles is a part of the nightly tradition

While most of us are busy stuffing stockings and putting up the tree, this holiday season will be home to another holiday tradition – Kwanzaa. December 26 until January 1, for seven days, will yield a holiday of feasts and gift-giving. The name Kwanzaa stems from the Swahili phrase matunda ya kwanza, which translates to “first fruits of the harvest.” The celebration was begun by Maulana Karenga – an activist, author, and professor of Africana studies – in 1965 to give African-Americans their own tradition. Like Christmas, Kwanzaa is ripe with symbols. Each of the seven days of Kwanzaa is bestowed with its own purpose, or principle. These Nguzo Saba repre-

sent African thought and are as follows:

- Umoja – Unity among family, community, nation, and race
- Kujichagulia – The Self-Determination to define, name, create, and speak for oneself.
- Ujima – The Collective Work and Responsibility to work toward a community where our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems, and to solve them together.
- Ujamaa – The Cooperative Economics to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.
- Nia – The Purpose to make our collective craft the creation and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their

traditional greatness.

- Kuumba – The Creativity to always accomplish as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
- Imani – The Faith to believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Other Kwanzaa symbols include Mkeka (a decorative mat) on which crops, a candle holder (the Kinara) and its seven candles (the Mishumaa Saba), a communal cup, gifts, a poster of the seven principles, and a black, red, and green flag. At the center of the Kinara is a black candle flanked by 3 red and 3 green candles on either side. So this Kwanzaa make sure to greet your friend or neighbor with the tradition Kwanzaa greeting, Joyous Kwanzaa! Pass along these principles this holiday season.





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Legacy of Christmas

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ago that will be remembered for ever. An angel came to Mary to announce the birth of her son. The angel told her the child will be the Son of God named Jesus. The angel affirms that the child shall be great and He shall reign and His kingdom will never end. Mary was troubled by the words but she kept the news privately for fear of rejection and retaliation and embarrassment to Joseph. After Joseph learned about the impending birth, he planned not to marry her but the angel of the Lord came to him in a dream and told him the same prophecy. He immediately took her as his wife.

The legacy continued as the wise men traveled for a couple of years to honor the new born king with gold, frankincense and myrrh. he king at that time, Herod, was furious because his throne was being threatened. He understood the prophecy in Micah 5:2 would eventually supplant and cause his end. Herod sent a decree throughout the land that any male child under two years old must die (trying to destroy the legacy). Again the angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a

dream and told him to go to Egypt because King Herod was looking to take Jesus' life. The Christmas season is not another event where we buy gifts but it is a season represented by the legacy of love. No one at that time could ever imagine the legacy left. The legacy was protected for you and me. This love was really about the Heavenly Father entering into our world through Jesus so that we may enter into His world (kingdom) forever. The legacy that was left for us: · Mary birthed a child that saved all from their sins. · Jesus became the healer and deliverer for many. · Jesus became the bread of life for those who needed nourishment and internal peace. · Jesus left his Holy Spirit to lead and direct us. · Jesus became sin so that we can become the righteousness of God. The legacy of Christ is really an invitation from God to you to accept his love to become his adopted son or daughter. Make it a great day Cedric Dukes can be contacted at www.cedricdukes.com.

Mistletoe History



ing the cold months of winter.

Mistletoe was used by Druid priests 200 years before the birth of Christ in their winter celebrations. They revered the plant since it had no roots yet remained green dur-

The ancient Celts believed mistletoe to have magical healing powers and used it as an antidote for poison, infertility, and to ward of evil spirits. The plant was also seen as a symbol of peace, and it is said that among Romans, enemies who met under mistletoe would lay down their weapons and embrace.

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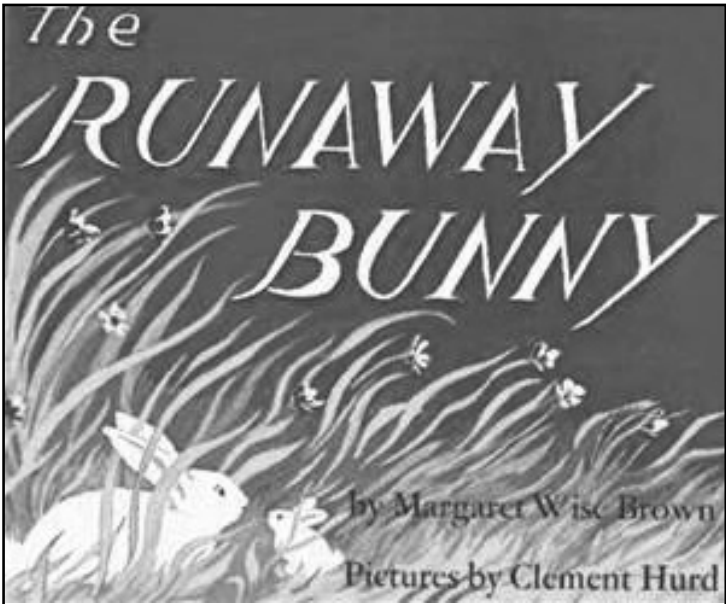
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Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny comes to the Music Hall



Adapted from Margaret Wise Brown's sixty-year-old classic, GOODNIGHT MOON is a celebration of familiar nighttime rituals, while THE RUNAWAY BUNNY's pretend tale of

leaving home evokes reassuring responses from his loving mum. Both feature the endearing animal puppets, stunning scenic effects and evocative music that have earned interna-

tional recognition for Mermaid Theatre. The hour-long staged adaptation brings a fresh appreciation of the stories and images that have delighted several generations.

The Music Hall is located at 350 Madison St. 350 Madison St, Detroit, MI 48226. For more info visit www.music hall.org, REGISTER TO WIN a family 4 pack of TICKETS TO GOOD NIGHT MOON & RUNAWAY BUNNY at the MUSIC HALL

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ASK ALMA

My supervisor is telling my business



Dear Alma, I interviewed for a nursing position at a large hospital in my hometown. The job involves working long hours and I have more than ten years of experience. After I was chosen I received a phone call to come in and sign the offer letter. The Director of Human Relations explained that the vacation time was negotiable. The offer gave me two weeks' vacation after 90 days, but I asked for three weeks because of my experience.

I recently started and when introduced to others, one of the nurses said, oh you're the one who wants extra vacation. Everyone sorta laughed it off, so I guess she was making a joke. Initially I didn't understand, but later realized, the director must have been talking about me. I find that to be totally unprofessional. Do you think I should leave the subject alone or bring it to her attention? Signed,

Pissed. Yes, it appears the director discussed certain tidbits about your recent hire out of place. And yes, that is totally unprofessional. Can you prove it? I think not. Will the outspoken nurse speak on your behalf to the appropriate supervisor? I think not again. So, no, you shouldn't bring it to her attention, at this point just leave it alone. You have however read Miss HRD's hold card, so place that in your back pocket.

You have ten years' experience and whoo-hooo that's a wonderful thing! It still doesn't erase the fact you're the new kid on the block. You haven't had time to see who's large and in charge, who's lame and insane and who's just offering a hot cup of common sense. Remind yourself, you're there to do a miraculous job, not to become best friends with the HR director. I doubt if you'll run into her often. When you think about it, really, she's a very small lily pad in a very large pond.

Take in your first 90 days learning all that you can about this new facility and being thankful for your amazing opportunity. The nursing profession is filled with unsung heroes. We couldn't thank you enough for the contributions that nurses and nursing have made to our community. So hats off to you, my sistah, and a big thanks from all of the readers and supporters of "Ask Alma" from the bottom of our hearts.

Pissed in ER

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Create New Traditions Using Technology This Holiday Season



(StatePoint) The winter months come with many gifts to wrap and unwrap, parties to plan, family-style meals to whip up -- the list goes on. Now more than ever, technology can help us get creative with how to make time with family more meaningful, and then help us capture all the fun so the memories last far longer than just a moment.

Here's how to get started.

Make Things to Share
Interactive computers such as Sprout by HP are recreating what it means to make things by merging the physical and digital worlds. Sprout is what HP calls an Immersive Computer; it comes with a touch screen, touch mat, overhead projector, HD camera and 3D scanner.

With Sprout, you can grab holiday-inspired items -- like holiday wreaths or jingle bells -- and easily scan them into the device. There are several different free apps available

that can help you create, learn, interact and share.

Do-It-Yourself Decorating
If you're in the mood to get crafty with the family, you can make non-traditional items such as garlands out of leftover sprinkles from holiday baking. JoJotastic.com blogger, Joanna Hawley, doesn't throw away leftover ingredients; instead she recycles them for a decorating project. Take her lead by throwing some sprinkles on the touch mat to scan, print and cut the images into your favorite shape. Then, tie each piece to ribbon and voila, festive garlands to hang on the wall for any holiday party!

Beat Holiday Boredom

Spending time at home can be a nostalgic, cheerful experience. But between baking pumpkin muffins and holiday shopping, there are bound to be stretches of free time -- especially for the kids. Borrow a few tips from LunchboxDad.com blogger, Beau Coffron, who uses creative holiday boredom busters

to keep the kids busy! Like Beau and his family, you can explore apps like Crayola DJ to brighten up a chilly winter day. The kids will love interacting with the projected turnstiles on the touch mat to show off their musical skills.

Direct a Family Video
Give the traditional family video a new twist by recording quirky moments and piecing them together on apps like Video Capture. Lunchbox Dad likes the eye-catching DreamWorks Story Producer app that lets you create and direct your own How to Train Your Dragon animated film. You can even choose the difficulty level. Try challenging the family to see who can get the fastest time!

Don't Forget To Share
When used imaginatively, technology can unite the family to inspire new, meaningful traditions.

Celebrate your creations on social media by sharing the hashtag #GoMakeThings and see what others have created with family this holiday season!



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