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## Romulus Chamber announce February Luncheon Speaker

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - ERIKA GEISS



**ERIKA GEISS**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Come out and meet your new State Representative at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's February Luncheon.

State Representative Erika Geiss is in her first term representing the 12th House District, which comprises Romulus, Taylor and a portion of Van Buren Township. Geiss

is a small-business owner operating a home-based editing business that she started in 2001. She is a published non-fiction book author and freelance writer.

Geiss has been active in her community, serving in many different capacities.

Geiss is the granddaughter of Panamanian immigrants and spent most of her life on the East Coast before moving to Michigan over a decade ago. She and her husband Doug, live in Tay-lor and have two children.

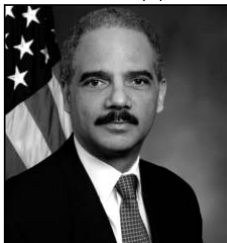
The luncheon will be held on February 26 at The Clarion Hotel located at 8600 Merri-man Road in Romulus, MI 48174. The program begins at 12:00. Seating is limited.

RSVP no later than Friday, February 13, 2015.

Call 734.893.0694 or info@romuluschamber.com

## Statement from Attorney General Holder on Yearly Law Enforcement Officer Fatality Statistics

Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspaper



WASHINGTON — The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund today released preliminary fatality statistics for 2014. The data in the report shows that 126 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial officers were killed in the line of duty this year. The report further showed that in

2014, 50 officers were killed by firearms, 49 officers were killed in traffic-related incidents, and 27 officers died due to other causes including 24 who suffered from job-related illnesses—such as heart attacks—while performing their duties.

Attorney General Eric Holder made the following statement today:

"These troubling statistics underscore the very real dangers that America's brave law enforcement officers face every time they put on their uniforms. Each loss is both tragic and unacceptable — a beloved father, mother, son, or daughter

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## City of River Rouge gets new Police Chief Deborah Price

First woman to hold the position

By: Gina Steward



New Police Chief Deborah Price

to witness history as Deborah Price was sworn in as the first female Police Chief for the City of River Rouge. The vote passed unanimously by Mayor Bowdler and the City Council.

Chief Deborah Price has served the community in a public safety capacity for over thirty years. She worked as a Wayne County Sheriff for three years. During that time she received Departmental Commendation for actions she took after the Northwest Flight 255 Crash. She also received several awards of appreciations while there.

She has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice & Psychology from the University of Detroit and has also taken classes towards her Master's Degree in Public Administration. She has served on the River Rouge Police Depart-

There was standing room only at River Rouge Council meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Attendees were on hand

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## Countdown to NAIAS 2015 - Act One: The Gallery at MGM Grand Detroit

Exotic vehicles, Wolfgang Puck, and high fashion set to launch event



DETROIT, /PRNewswire/ -- The North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) today announced the lineup of vehicles that will grace The

Gallery at MGM Grand Detroit, the first of several official NAIAS events to be held in Detroit over a jam-packed two weeks.

The Gallery at MGM Grand Detroit features more than \$7 million of the industry's most

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who never came home to their loved ones.

"That's why, over the last six years, my colleagues and I have taken action to support these courageous men and women. As we speak, the Justice Department continues its efforts to empower local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement personnel to do their jobs as safely and effectively as possible. In 2011, I created an Officer Safety Working Group in response to concerns about violence directed at law enforcement. The department is currently funding thorough analysis of 2014 officer fatalities, including ambushes of law enforcement and other incidents, so we can mitigate risks in the future. And through groundbreaking initiatives like VALOR, we are providing cutting-edge training to help prevent violence against law enforcement, to improve officer resilience, and to increase survivability during violent encounters.

"Through our Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, we're helping to provide lifesaving equipment to those who serve on the front lines. And through the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, we're offering our strongest support to our brave officers and their loved ones in the toughest of times.

"Going forward, this unshakable commitment to those who serve will continue to guide our efforts to improve 21st-century policing and build trust between law enforcement and the communities they protect.

"I have always been proud to support these selfless public servants. All Americans owe our courageous law enforcement personnel a tremendous debt of gratitude for their patriotic service, for their often-unheralded sacrifices, and for the dangers they routinely face in the name of public safety."



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**NAACP General Membership Meeting**  
Monday, January 12, 2014 - 7:00pm

**Christian Faith Ministries**  
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Everyone is welcome

## ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER DELIVERS REMARKS AT THE PORTRAIT UNVEILING FOR CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS



WASHINGTON, D.C. -

Good afternoon and thank you all for being here. It's a pleasure to be with you today. And it's a tremendous privilege to join so many distinguished guests, colleagues, friends, and Members of Congress as we recognize Congressman [John] Conyers, the Dean of the House of Representatives, for his lifetime of dedicated service; as we celebrate his leadership and his many invaluable contributions; and as we unveil the portrait that will adorn the walls of the great institution he has so faithfully served for over four decades – and that he will no doubt continue to serve with honor and integrity for years to come.

From the moment John Conyers began his patriotic service – in the Michigan National Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War – to his presence in Selma, Alabama, on Freedom Day in 1963; from his election to the United States House of Representatives in 1964, to his chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee, to his current status as Dean of the House and longest-serving Member of the United States Congress – this extraordinary leader's life has been defined by a singular drive to serve. His actions have been guided by a deep and abiding love of country and community. And his service has been animated by an unwavering commitment to the cause of justice.

As one of the 13 founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Representative Conyers helped bring together other trailblazers and pioneers in order to empower – and give voice to – people of color throughout the nation.

Years ago, he led the fight to secure appropriate recognition

for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by introducing legislation to establish a national holiday in his honor. And at every stage of his distinguished career – through times of trial and great consequence – he has dedicated himself to advancing the principles of universal human dignity, tolerance, and respect.

As a major proponent of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, he joined with then-Senator Joe Biden and other Congressional leaders to bring help and hope to millions of Americans who had too long suffered in silence – fighting to end the poisonous notion that violence in a person's home was a private affair.

As a champion of legislative efforts like the Motor Voter Bill of

1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002, he has consistently worked to ensure that every eligible American will always have fair and free access to the ballot box – no matter who they are, what they look like, or where they live. He continued that work in the 113th Congress with Representative Sensenbrenner, another strong leader and former Chairman of this Committee, in crafting legislation to address the void that was left by the Supreme Court's unfortunate decision to invalidate one of the core provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

Representative Conyers has also been a key leader and partner on fairness in sentencing, from his work pass

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## COMMENTARY

## No Justice, No Profit

By James Clingman - NNPA Columnist



What now?

What a raucous, topsy-turvy, heart-wrenching, angry year we experienced in 2014. We had everything from the sadness of lives lost on airplanes and ferry boats, to the anger of Black men being killed and Black women being beaten by police officers, to the elation of a record-breaking stock market and the lowest gasoline prices since 2008. Certainly our emotions have been mixed as we witnessed a potpourri of ups and downs as we pondered the question: "What's next?"

Of course, none of us knows what will happen the next minute, much less the next year, but there are things we can do from day to day to solve some of our problems and improve our lot in life. I invite you to think about your personal and our collective situations, and make a commitment to do what you can to make the much needed changes we must have for self-empowerment and self-determination. After you seriously and honestly think about those things, I implore you to take appropriate action.

What happened during the past year, whether positive or negative, is now a lesson for all of us. We must move forward. We can't live in the past; we can only learn from it. In light of that reality, here are a few suggestions to help get you moving in a positive direction in 2015.

First and foremost, build, strengthen, and nurture your spiritual foundation. Be thankful for each day, and use it wisely. Stay informed with real news, not with opinions from talking heads. Remember that followers pick their leaders; it's not the other way around. So pick leaders who work in your best interests rather than self-serving charlatans who are only concerned about themselves.

Make an even stronger effort to support Black businesses and, Black business owners, take care of your business by doing what you say you will do with honesty and professionalism. It's tax time, so if you need a tax preparer use a Black firm. Compro Tax Service is an excellent and wise choice. Look online to find the office nearest you. Talk to your church leadership about joining or forming a local chapter of the Collective Empowerment Group (CEG), also found online.

Don't waste your vote. Give it to someone who is not afraid to state his or her position on regarding Black voters during the

campaign and afterwards—and then fulfill their promises. If they fail to do so, don't vote for them. Also, on the political side of things, stop putting the same old folks into office, especially if they have not delivered anything to Black folks and/or if they have been in their particular office for decades. Put some new "young-bloods" with fresh ideas into office. We will never be politically empowered until we start playing to win instead of playing just to play.

Find a Black certified financial planner and get involved in some level of investment in the stock market. As we are standing in line to buy Nike shoes, we should also be teaching our children how to buy Nike stock. Also, teach entrepreneurship to our youth. Let them know they can own a business even if they end up working for someone. Teach them early by using examples of young Black business owners such as Jasmine Lawrence, Moziah Bridges, Cory Nieves, Omar Bailey, and many others you can find on the Internet.

Make it a habit to listen to the Carl Nelson Radio Show (1450AM WOL in Washington, DC or [www.woldcnews.com](http://www.woldcnews.com)), Brother Daren "State of the City" Muhammad in Baltimore, Dr. Rosie Milligan in L.A., Elliott Booker (Time for an Awakening) in Philadelphia, and other conscious and informative radio shows.

Finally, in response to the outrageous treatment some of us have received, boycott prisons. That is stop committing crimes and putting yourself at the mercy of a system that cares absolutely nothing about you. Second, in addition to the protests the young folks are doing now, add a strategy, an end game that uses economic sanctions (No Justice, No Profit!) as leverage to get the CEO's of various corporations to come out publicly and denounce the abuse being inflicted upon the people. Remember, it's not simply about withdrawing our money just to hurt someone else; it's about using that same money to help ourselves by building our own economic infrastructure.

Lastly, but certainly not least, sign up as one the Million Conscious Black Voters and Consumers by going to [www.amefika.com](http://www.amefika.com) or contacting me at [jclingman@blackonomics.com](mailto:jclingman@blackonomics.com). Our goals is 1 million Black folks willing to leverage our votes and our dollars can change our situation. Get involved in 2015; let your actions outweigh your words, and let's move forward.

*Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and can be reached through his Web site, [blackonomics.com](http://blackonomics.com).*

## Conyers

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passing the law that reduced the unjust disparity in sentencing for crack and powder cocaine to his recent partnership with other Members of Congress of both parties — like Bobby Scott and Raul Labrador of the Judiciary Committee — who realize that we must make common-sense changes to our federal sentencing scheme, not just for fundamental fairness but also for the sustainability of our budget.

Throughout his tenure as a member, and especially as Chairman, of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary, he has been a key national leader — and a vital partner — in the Justice Department's ongoing effort to secure our nation, to protect the American people from crime, and to ensure the full rights and protections of our Constitution for everyone in this country.

Time and again, I — and numerous Attorneys General before me — have relied on Congressman Conyers' sound judgment, extensive expertise, fierce advocacy, and honest counsel to strengthen the rule of law while advancing our most sacred principles and most cherished freedoms.

I have always appreciated the unique insight, the remarkable wisdom, and the consistent devotion to service that he has brought to every challenge that has come before him.

And on a personal level, over the years, I have also come to regard Congressman Conyers not only as an important partner, and a valued friend, but also as a man who made it possible for me and Barack Obama to attain the positions we now hold. We stand on Congressman Conyers' broad shoulders.

Congressman, I want to thank you — once again — for your outstanding service, and for the innumerable contributions that you have made to the nation, and on behalf of the citizens we are honored to serve. Your unique place in the history of this great institution is more than assured. And today, with the formal dedication of this portrait, we pay fitting tribute to a legacy, and a shining example, that will continue to guide and inspire generations of lawmakers, in this new Congress and long into the future — just as it has inspired countless leaders and Attorneys General over the last four decades, including me.

## Governor Snyder should return DPS to Board rule

By Dr. John Telford



The protests spreading across America have revealed our country's discriminatory, divisive, and systemic societal inequalities with a renewed, sharper focus. One example of this inequity was the 1999 state takeover of Detroit's public schools that proved to be the initial spearhead of a neo-Jim Crowist assault on African-American voters' rights in Michigan. As we embark upon 2015, it's important to note that the 1999 ruling engendered and sustains DPS' free-falling tailspin under the weight of that unwarranted takeover and under subsequent "emergency" management which in effect began during the administration of then-Governor John Engler. One has to wonder how much of that DPS history newly reelected Governor Rick Snyder is aware of, or whether he has read the damning research data on the so-called "Educational Achievement Authority" (EAA). Having been crucially instrumental in freeing the city of Detroit from emergency management and bankruptcy, were the Governor now to follow up that liberative act by returning all Detroit public schools to the aegis of the duly elected board, he would become a national hero ideally positioned for nomination to the vice presidency in 2016, where he could conceivably benefit our state and the rest of the country, particularly given his recently expressed commitment to rescuing impoverished

neighborhoods—specifically those in Michigan's largest city.

At the time of the 1999 takeover, Detroit Public Schools boasted an approximate \$100 million surplus—and its test scores were at the state midpoint and rising despite the city's chronic social problems engendered by what nationally recognized urbanologist John A. Powell and I described in a May 5, 1999 Detroit Free Press column as "concentrated poverty" by race and by residence. However, Detroit voters had recently passed a \$1.5 billion construction-bond millage, and individuals close to Gov. Engler were hungrily eying those potential contract bids. When DPS Emergency Manager Robert Bobb departed ten years later, he left the school system with test scores that were the worst in America and a \$327 million deficit partially caused by payments to multiple out-of-town consultants whom he had rewarded exorbitantly. Also, in 2008 the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Inspector General audited DPS' Title I records for 2004 - 2006 and issued a report that included \$53,618,859 in negative findings which led to MDE placing DPS on high-risk status.

Bobb was succeeded as Emergency Manager by former General Motors executive Roy Roberts, who virtually gave away fifteen schools, including six high schools (one which was brand-new and cost \$50.5 million) to the now-spectacularly failing EAA that was imposed only on 85-percent-black Detroit. EAA administrators—some who may face prosecution for fraud—subsequently trumped up and trumpeted some imaginary academic "accomplish-

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## RollerCade Roller Rink Celebrates 60 Years!!

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



It began in 1955. When original proprietors, LeRoy and Johnnie Mae Folks, opened the rink, I wonder if they imagined that 60 years later, the business would be thriving consistently with a full parking lot and full skate floor every weekend in 2014 and into 2015.

RollerCade Roller Rink opened at 2130 S. Schaefer on the Southwest side of Detroit. RollerCade has served families for 60 years in the Tri-City area (River Rouge, Ecorse and SW Detroit).

This is how the name of the legendary skate club, Tri-City, came to be. The members generally represented the three cities in the area. Membership to this famed club required the ability to roller-skate forward, backward and mastery of some basic skate moves. The dance hall at 2130 S. Schaefer was converted into a roller rink when a River Rouge rink on High Street burned down. Rollerskating was in demand and my grandfather, Leroy Folks, aimed to meet it in 1955.

Over the decades, RollerCade continued to be a popular place to rollerskate. RollerCade is one of few minority owned businesses in the area that has endured the test of time.

In 2012, RollerCade Roller Rink was featured in a French docu-

mentary about the first black-owned roller rink in America. Many skaters and Detroit skating styles originated at the RollerCade.

Since 1955, many area youth have grown up on rollerskates. To this day, RollerCade rink is still a second home to many. Many have passed through who can say, "We worked here. We played here. We made friends here. Bonded with-out family here. We honed our skills here. We grew here in so many ways."

Many people have developed our people skills, business savvy, work ethics, and our physical agility with skating. This place made us strong. Even great relationships have started on rollerskates. Many of these relationships resulted in marriages and families.

The continued legacy that Leroy and Johnnie Mae Folks began would not be possible if not for the dedication of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who still participate in its day to day operations. Special thanks and recognition to Earl Folks, Sr. who managed the rink for many years teaching children to skate and keeping things under control. Now, his nephew, Kyle Black, successfully runs the rink and has breathed fresh new life into it.

RollerCade invites you to celebrate this weekend with three nights of activities: Friday night, family night, there is a live concert for the teens from 8-11pm. Saturday night from 9:30pm-1am, there is a big adult rollerskating party. Finally, the weekend closes with a banquet on Sunday with doors opening at 5:30pm. To RSVP for the banquet, please call 313-736-0832.

Wishing RollerCade continued blessings as it continues to serve the community. Janine Folks Minister. Writer. Author. Chaplain [www.janinefolks.com](http://www.janinefolks.com) Inspired to write; Writing to inspire



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### Growing Forward

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Wednesday Prayer 6:00pm Bible Study - 6:30pm  
Let's worship together down here so  
we can live together up there

## 'Paying it Forward' by showing the Spirit of Christ

By: Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Sr.



Photo by Roger Kadau

Pastors from Royal Oak Township with the Manager from Meijers, Adrian Lewis, who was helpful in the project

Christmas is a very special time for year for most people, but for others its lonely and maybe a sad time of year. Not because of death or sickness, but financial problems for food, gift and toys. What seems so easy for some is very hard for others. However, God always knows what you need even before you know what you need.

This year, God touched a very special person's heart to do something very special for a community and a group of people in need. This special person saw the need and asked the church to help him to accomplish this. He wanted to be a blessing to over 150 kids in Royal Oak Township.

He got together with a few churches in Royal Oak Township. We call ourselves the Fellowship of Churches, Pastor Wolk of Oak Dale Tabernacle, Pastor MoHorne of GoGrace, Pastor Burk of Second New Hope and Pastor Willis of Greater Middle Baptist Church was able to be a blessing to those families with the gift from a very special donor. We took the kids and their par-

ents on a shopping trip at the Meijers Store on Eight Mile Rd in Detroit. Their store Manager and his staff were very helpful to the families. With the remaining funds the group was able to purchase bikes for the kids from Walmart.

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**EDGAR ARNOLD STEVENSON**

Nov. 11, 1939 - Nov. 27, 2014  
Edgar was born in Detroit and attended Ecorse High School. He married his high school sweetheart Helen Price.

He served his country and was recipient of the Purple Heart. He was musically gifted and the family was told that he could play all instruments with the exception of the drums.

Edgar leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helen Stevenson, mother - Ethel Stevenson and brother Benjamin (Diane) Stevenson and step children Kimberly Ellis (Nathaniel), Kevin Hamilton (Charise) and Karoline. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews and friends who all loved him very much.

Final Tribute was entrusted to Clara Funeral Home.



**PATRICIA SALES**

Oct. 23, 1949 - Dec. 14, 2014  
Patricia Ann Sales was born in Detroit, Michigan. She loved life and she loved people. She never

met a stranger. She was small in stature with the biggest heart and shared her love with all that she came in contact with.

PATRICIA leaves to cherish her memories one daughter Rochelle Barlow, one favorite and best son-in-law Wayne Barlow; one son, Lawrence Sales III; eight grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Final services were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.org)



**SHIRLEY ANN CROWELL**  
May 22, 1941 - Dec. 16, 2014

Shirley Ann (Pace) Crowell also known as Mother Shirley had a wonderful loving spirit. She was full of life, joy and wisdom.

She was an active member of the Romulus Community Baptist Church. She leaves to cherish her memory her three daughters: Robin Crowell, Karen Garwood (Phillip Ford), and Valerie (Michael) Darden; her loving siblings: Carl (Larretta) Pace, Anita Carter, and Terrace (Mary) Pace and a host of family members and friends.

Final services were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.org)

**GLADYS MAY MILLER**

Oct. 8, 1931 - Dec. 16, 2014  
She was born in Detroit, Michigan and raised in Black Bottom. Gladys attended Inkster High School. She moved to Romulus in 1942. In 2008 she went under the care of her granddaughter Modesty. Gladys enjoyed doing her crossword puzzles while watching cowboys and game shows. Gladys leaves behind to cherish her memory a host of grand children, great

grandchildren great great grandchildren and her loving sisters in Christ, Sis Clara Williams and Eula Eatmon.  
Final services were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.org)



**TERRI EDISON**  
Nov. 12, 1953 - Dec. 17, 2014

Terri Edison was born and raised in Inkster. She graduated from Inkster High. The Edison's brought a great deal of love and respect to the community. She loved her family, and

She leaves to mourn: her loving brothers: Stanley, Raymon and Greg, all of Inkster; one sister, Diane Harrison of Detroit; and a host of nieces and nephews and loving friends.

Final services were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelchimes.org)



**EARNESTINE WEBSTER**  
Jan. 25, 1944 - Dec. 22, 2014  
Earnestine was born in Princeton, County of Dallas Arkansas.

Her favorite past time activities included: shopping, reading books, baking delicious cookies and cakes and spending time with her family and friends. She leaves to cherish her memory; four children: Glenda (Terrence), Charles Jr. (Robin), Tanya and Christopher. One sister: Carol Thompson (Gregory); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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They should not be promoted to high school with elementary skills. It is tragic that large numbers of Black males enter 9th grade with less than 6th grade reading and math scores. From the moment they walk through the metal detectors of their schools, Black boys are treated with fear and disdain by the adults charged with their care.

Nationwide, they make up 8.5 percent of the student population, however:

- \* Black boys are 80 percent of the African American children placed in special education and are retained more than any other student.

- \* More than 30 percent are suspended from school.

- \* They represent only one percent of gifted and talented students.

- \* In some communities, the Black male dropout rate hovers at 48 percent.

Kunjufu reveals the true source of academic success or failure: school culture. Whether optimistic or pessimistic, for better or worse, it is school culture that births curriculum, pedagogy, principal leadership styles, teacher efficacy, expectations and most importantly, student engagement and academic performance.

"We have refused to enter the world of our boys. We know nothing about them or their culture, and therefore we misread their behavior and have no clue about what motivates them to learn," says Kunjufu.

"We educators must enter their world instead of insisting that they adapt to ours. If we are serious about helping Black boys, then we must welcome their culture into schools with open arms.

Black male problems exceed academics. They include self-

teem, emotional, social, economic and psychological." Schools must address the whole child. Based on his 39 years as an educational consultant, Kunjufu offers the following strategies to transform school culture for Black boys:

- \* Be open to learning about Black male culture and loop with master teachers every 3-4 years.

- \* Integrate aspects of Black male culture, such as money, rap and sports, into lesson plans.

- \* Develop positive relationships with Black boys. Call them "son."

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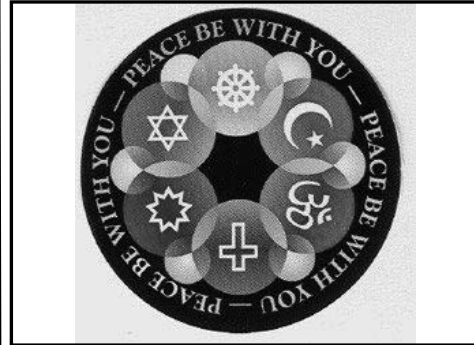
- \* Implement single gender classrooms and schools.

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For the first time, a local mosque will host the annual Martin Luther King observance sponsored by the Dearborn Area Interfaith Network. This interfaith and civic gathering is about remembering the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and looking at the deep challenges we face. The event will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 3:00pm at the Islamic House of Wisdom located at 22575 Ann Arbor Trail in Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

The keynote speaker is Dr. James Perkinson, Professor of Ethics and Systematic Theol-

ogy at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. He is a long-time activist, educator, and poet in Detroit who has been involved in various social justice and community development initiatives.

A Muslim perspective on Dr. King's message will be presented by Dr. Tallal Turfe, a former chair of the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table and the author of several books including *The Children of Abraham: United We Prevail, Divided We Fail*.

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"The kids get access to healthier foods, and it creates economic opportunities for our local farmers in building their connections with schools as a new market for them," Doctor says.

Michigan was one of eight states chosen to take part in the pilot program, which will allow the selected states to use some of their federal funding to purchase unprocessed fruits and vegetables directly. In addition, two Michigan school districts, Detroit and Waterford, received additional funding to

enhance farm-to-school programs.

In 2010, several community groups, farmers and organizations came together to establish the Michigan Good Food Charter, with the goal of sourcing 20 percent of the state's school food from local growers and producers by 2020. Doctor says the effort is paying off.

"In programs where children have time they can spend in gardens, that they actually go to the farms, meet farmers and get a better understanding where food comes from, they're more excited and interested in eating healthier fruits and vegetables," she says.

According to a survey from the Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems, the number of Michigan school food service directors participating in farm-to-school initiatives nearly tripled from 2004 to 2009.

## YOUTH WORKSHOP

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center is hosting a "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshop for youth. Be Proud, Be Responsible! is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. It is interactive, fun, and most importantly, it works!

The workshops will take

place on January 24th and February 21st from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Dorsey Center 32715 Dorsey Westland, MI 48186. All participants will get a FREE snack in the morning, FREE lunch and FREE prizes! For more information or to register, please call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at (734) 467-7904.



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This first holiday season for the Perry Outreach was marked by a very generous gift from UAW Local 931. The UAW donated 100 turkey dinner boxes for distribution by the Perry Outreach Center. The Perry Outreach Center is the resource center for four Catholic Parishes in Detroit, River Rouge, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, and Melvindale.



The center opened in September 2014 with a mandate to aid community development in Downriver Detroit. The Perry Outreach Center was made possible by a gift to SS Andrew and Benedict Catholic Church by the estate of Percy & Idella Perry. The neighborhood convenience store that the Perry Family operated is now an office and food pantry.

There have been many organizations showing love to others throughout the Holiday Season from Thanksgiving through Christmas. The Telegram will continue to spotlight groups that are going the extra mile to help others throughout the year.

Send a photo and a brief summary of the event to [telegram@telegram-news.net](mailto:telegram@telegram-news.net) or mail it to Telegram 10748 W. Jefferson Ave. River Rouge, MI 48218. For information call 313-928-2955.



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And, though few in number, LaRiche said tickets are still available to Detroit's most exclusive car event featuring more than \$7 million worth of the industry's most iconic, exotic and luxury vehicles.

The eighth annual edition of The Gallery at MGM Grand Detroit will be held Sat., Jan. 10, beginning with a private dinner at 7 pm. A portion of the proceeds from the evening will benefit Henry Ford Hospital (HFH), Fundraising Partner of The Gallery. LaRiche said funds will be generated through the sale of only 300 tickets at \$1,000 per ticket. HFH, Detroit's premier medical institution, has been a critical part of the community for generations, and will celebrate its centennial in 2015.

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## Ecorse's Ethel Stevenson Turns 100 Years Old

By: Shelby Jefferson - Telegram Staff Reporter



Ms. Stevenson (center) with Congressmen John Conyers and John Dingell, Ecorse former Financial Manager Joyce Parker, Ecorse councilpersons and former Mayor Tasis and son during redication of Senior center in 2012.

Ethel Stevenson is a walking symbol of local history.

After all, she's lived through seventeen U.S. presidents, served on the neighborhood city council, and even marched alongside prominent civil rights leaders during the 1960's. This week, Stevenson reaches perhaps her most admirable feat yet as she celebrates her 100th birthday—a milestone that fills her with immeasurable gratitude as she anticipates the coming year.

"I come from a family of twelve siblings," she said. "I'm the fourth in my family to reach the 100 year mark. I will spend my birthday this year praising God for another year."

The daughter of a carpenter and a seamstress, Stevenson was born in Georgia and moved to Detroit at a young age. The family eventually moved to Ecorse, where the local treasure has resided for more than 90 years. Having spent most of her life in the downriver area, Stevenson often reflects on the changes she's witnessed throughout the city in its transformation from a former sundown town, to a progressive municipality in 2015. "We came out here in 1925, and this was klan territory," she said. "They didn't hide. In the daytime, you had to be very careful when you came across to the market; you knew never to cross the railroad tracks if the sun was going down. Also,

when we would go to school, the black kids sat in the back of the classroom, and the white kids sat in the front...I remember all of that, and it was terrible. But today, the black race in America has truly come a long way."

Based on these early experiences with racial discrimination, paired with her father's influence, Stevenson developed a keen interest in politics, and would eventually become a community developer, director, supervisor, counselor and proposal writer for grants in Ecorse. In addition, she represented the city alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the historic march on Woodward Avenue, and also participated in the Poor People's Campaign in 1968. Stevenson was also selected twice as a delegate for the National Democratic Convention, making her the first ever person from the municipality to be chosen for the festivities.

Still, even in the midst of this impressive national civic engagement, Stevenson has remained most vigilant within the city that she calls home. During the 1990's, she was summoned to serve as a councilwoman in Ecorse, and even initiated several different programs to introduce improvements throughout the area, including "Operation Dress Up" to provide dresses to local girls in need, as well as the annual

"Light Up the City" contest that awards cash prizes to residents who decorate their homes during the holiday season. Even greater, as a lifelong advocate and leader within the community, the "Ethel Stevenson Senior Center" was dedicated in her honor in 2012. Having lived a lifetime dedicated to uplifting those around her, Stevenson maintains that she will continue to empower the City of Ecorse—an area that will forever hold a special place in her heart.

"I never did try to go out and make a big name for myself; my main concern has always been Ecorse," she said. "I would like to see the city where it once was. Everybody was working together to increase awareness in the community, and we were about creating programs to help all people. Today, we really need to be concerned about rebuilding the city. That is what I would like to see."



The Senior Citizen Center was renamed after Ms. Stevenson in 2012

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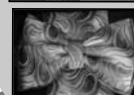


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## DPS

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ments" in an unsuccessful attempt to garner federal funds. Lansing has curiously continued to prop up the EAA despite its declining enrollment, its rejection of Special Education students, and its gang problems, truancy problems, and other chronic student-misbehaviors—not to mention its plummeting test scores.

Many of the solutions for repairing the multiple damages that the takeover has visited upon Detroit's public schoolchildren aren't "rocket science." They include eradicating the rampant truancy via strengthening Attendance Department staffing, ensuring that all early elementary school students learn to read via squeezing the class-size balloon to add students to upper elementary grades in order to reduce class size in the first and second grades, remedying secondary school students who didn't learn to read, and providing compensatory alternative environments (reopening some closed elementary buildings) for the misbehaviors and then surrounding them with social workers, remedial-reading staff, heightened security staff, etc., so that the teachers left behind can teach and those far more numerous students left behind who are behaving can learn. This didn't happen during the disenfranchising takeover under emergency management—but it can definitely happen under restored DPS board governance.

John Telford is a recent interim Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools. His 2010 autobiography *A Life on the Run - Seeking & Safeguarding Social Justice* can be ordered at Barnes & Noble Booksellers or on Amazon. Contact him at DrJohnTelfordEdD@aol.com or (313) 460-8272. Hear him Sunday afternoons at 4:30 on WCHB NewsTalk1200.

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## Valuable Lessons from the Travesty of VH1's New Series "Sorority Sisters"

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Members of Sorority Sisters Reality TV Show

After facing a surplus of online protests and social media backlash, VH1's newest reality brainchild survived to make its controversial debut last December. While the series is packaged as an onscreen journey into the unique lives of sorors hailing from four different organizations in Atlanta, Greek affiliates have expressed outrage over the networks' tactless exploitation of historically black fraternities and sororities.

And who can possibly blame them? After all, one of the consultants for the series is none other than Mona Scott-Young, the ever provocative creator of the "Love and Hip Hop" franchise long criticized for her popular chain of shows that present less than desirable representations of black womanhood. And while her newest endeavor has come to serve as a vital platform to analyze the portrayal of African-American life within the controversial lens of reality television, the fact remains that this is not the first production to display such negativity.

In fact, with the massive success of the reality TV genre over the past decade, a variety of other shows—ranging from Bravo's "Real Housewives of Atlanta" to TV One's "R&B Divas"—have also played a role in regularly reducing black women to loud, superficial, materialistic and instinctively confrontational caricatures. And while major networks will attempt to justify the continuation of age old stereotypes to cre-

ate a source of entertainment that appeals to modern audiences, history has proven that these types of misrepresentations can give rise to harmful consequences.

With the widespread appeal of black reality television and its endless glorification of hood life, baby mama culture, faux luxuriousness and incessant violence, one can only wonder how many young people are internalizing these images with little understanding of the fact that these representations fail to reflect real world standards, and are certainly unworthy of imitation. Furthermore, those outside of the African-American community may not have the wherewithal to decipher between the mirage of reality TV and what actually defines black culture. Thus, some may view these distorted depictions and will fail to distinguish the difference between the educated woman they encounter as they walk down the street from the boisterous, ghetto fabulousness of Ne Ne Leakes from "Real Housewives of Atlanta", or the oversexualized persona of "Love and Hip Hop's" Mimi Faust.

So, as these shows continue to rise in popularity in 2015, viewers must ask the following questions: If we indeed choose to criticize the stereotypical representation found within the travesty of VH1's "Sorority Sisters", shouldn't we strive to place all disparaging images of this magnitude on the chopping block? Just how can someone tune in to watch

"Love and Hip Hop" every week, yet express total disgust over the networks narrow depiction of sorority sisterhood? The fact remains that while the recent outrage over "Sorority Sisters" seems to mark the breaking point in a longtime problematic arena of "ratchet" reality television, ALL of these images should be considered equally destructive, and MUST be dealt with accordingly. So as we enter into a new year, our community must move towards change and hold ourselves accountable for countering these negative depictions that, in many ways, come to impact how we are regarded within American society, but more importantly in how we perceive ourselves as a people. As we continue to demand that #BLACKLIVESMATTER in 2015, we must use these circumstances as an extension of the movement to merge positive representations into the world of television, film, media and other segments of popular culture. Only then will we be accurately represented as the unique, multidimensional beings that we truly are and finally rid our society of these damaging stereotypes—now and forever.

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YOUR IMAGE  
SAY ABOUT  
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## ASK ALMA

### He didn't know he had a child, aaah, what?



Dear Alma,

A friend of mine is engaged to her fiancé of 4 years, she recently found out that her fiancé has a child that he never told her about or talked about. This happened before they got together. He said he didn't want to say anything because he didn't want to hurt her or didn't want it to ruin what they have, he has had no contact with the child or mother since it happened but now it has come out because he has to pay child support, apparently the mother didn't want him involved in the child's life. She is feeling like she can't trust him anymore or even go forward with dealing with the situation, he has stressed how sorry he is and he couldn't find a way to tell her. Should she move forward with him or just move on and let it go?

Not Childless

Dear Not Childless

Hmmm that was a stretch, even for the Rubber Band Man. I wonder how quick he was able to come up with that on, not long I'd surmise. His answer sounds overwhelmingly familiar. You know how we do when trying to offer up an empty resolution. We answer a question with a question. It's one of the oldest tricks in the book. And you, oh wait, your friend, is sitting there ready to receive it. God bless you Honey. Personally, I'd end it. But I'm not you, or your friend and if she really wanted to leave, she'd already be gone. When a person is ready to bounce from a relationship,

they don't tell a soul, except the confidant who's helping them break away. When one decides to go, there is no turning back. Your mind's set and your bed's made ~ there's no room for discussion. In-Tay-Who, back to your package, lets open it up. You've worn these shoes before and where did they lead you? Right back to the intersection of Lied2me Again & Heartbreak Blvd. TBT, you're not lost, this is a familiar place. Hold on, don't think I'm just picking on you. We've all occupied space here at one time or another. Your man, ah, this kind of man will always bring his shortcomings and gift them to you. You know why? Cause you'll rewrap that bad boy into the fantasy you want it to be. Now with that said, let's take a left, leaning towards a positive possibility and see what we can discover. You, oh yea, your friend is obviously one of those women who deliver that "ride or die" kinda love. Stop right here, I'd like to offer an alternative, how about we celebrate the "ride and live" kinda love - for yourself. That's the type of love that requires him to bring his truth and lay it all on the table. How about you insist that he disclose everything to you and tell you why he walked away. Be it unemployment or immaturity, you deserve to know. After he takes FULL responsibility the two of you can start to work on this together, along with all of life's challenges you'll face as man and wife. This is huge, make no mistake about it. The chains of deception are broken and in need of delicate repairs. Seriously speaking, hold him accountable and help him to do right by his child. It's gonna get a lot worse before it gets better. Stay focused and devote yourself to the commitment of your new family. When it feels like you just can't take another step, remember "regular" can sometimes just be an option at the gas pump, LOL. Lawd have mercy, that aint nothing but the truth.

Alma

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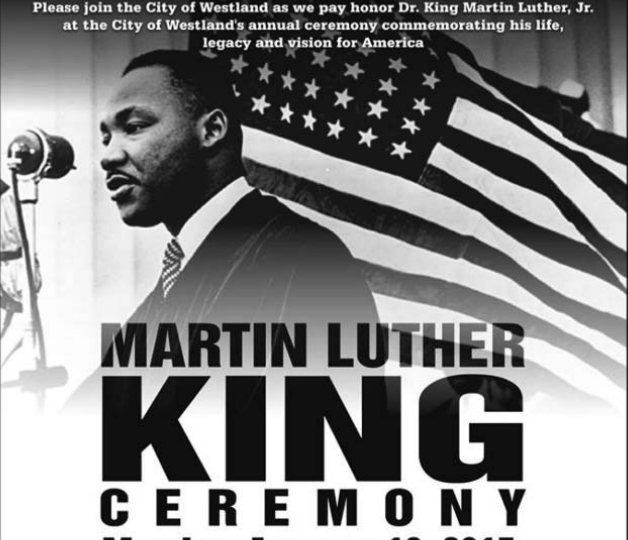


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# MARTIN LUTHER KING CEREMONY

**Monday, January 19, 2015**  
**Westland City Hall • 36300 Warren Road at 10 a.m.**  
 (Hours open at 9:00 a.m. - Event starts at 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship and light refreshments following ceremony)

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**Monday, January 19, 2015**

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**Schedule of Events:**

7:30 am - Meet at 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

(Shuttle Service provided from  
 RHS to Middle School from 7:00 am to 7:45 am)



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## HOROSCOPES

JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 14, 2015

**ARIES**

Keep focused. Your energies are likely to be spread out this week. Your attention is likely to be pulled in many directions. Let yourself be seduced by the things that interest you most. Concentrate on your affairs. Others need you, but they can wait.  
 Soul Affirmation: I find a source of strength in someone I love.  
**Lucky Numbers: 7, 20, 21**

**TAURUS**

Hardly anyone alive learns new skills in an instant, so cut yourself some slack if you feel you've made a beginner's mistake somewhere. Mistakes are part of the learning process that is called Life, so self-correct and proceed with happiness.  
 Soul Affirmation: I let go and let the spirit take control.  
**Lucky Numbers: 20, 42, 54**

**GEMINI**

This week will bring a tendency to dwell on a past betrayal. Your feelings of suspicion are well founded. However, do not personalize it. Work against the harmful act but not against the person who committed it.  
 Soul Affirmation: I am what I consistently do.  
**Lucky Numbers: 5, 6, 23**

**CANCER**

Look forward to excellent financial news based on something you're likely to do this week. Wow! It's about time. This week might be an excellent week to window shop for a dream vacation or luxury purchase. You can even window shop in your imagination for the best possible dream vacation location!  
 Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.  
**Lucky Numbers: 8, 14, 44**

**LEO**

You'll have a busy week, as the energy around you seems super-charged. With everyone rushing about, you'll wonder how you'll get anything done, much less the things you feel you must get done. Not to worry. Stay calm and flexible and a way will be found.  
 Soul Affirmation: Slow and steady is an enjoyable way to go.  
**Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 55**

**VIRGO**

Stand up and get ready. Be a public speaker this week. Any subject you choose is ripe for your "rap." Spin the tale. Tell the story. People will be fascinated by the way you see things. They'll be impressed. Watch out for a jealous friend when attention is on you!  
 Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.  
**Lucky Numbers: 25, 32, 53**

**LIBRA**

week. Make being alert a personal challenge. Watch carefully for details that might otherwise escape your notice as you search for the best way to get things done at work. Be steadfast in your determination and don't be pulled into conflict with coworkers.

Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me.

**Lucky Numbers: 17, 23, 27**

**SCORPIO**

You may feel a bit crabby about your health this early this week. If you feel you need a physical checkup, make the appointment this week. If you want to feel and look better this week, skip lunch and take a walk instead.

Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.

**Lucky Numbers: 29, 41, 52**

**SAGITTARIUS**

Like-mindedness is going to be hard to achieve among your coworkers, but there are likely to be a few who see things as you do. Choose carefully and find someone to walk with you on this week's journey. Some words of encouragement might be needed to enlist the person you choose.

Soul Affirmation: My needs will be met if I just ask.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 43**

**CAPRICORN**

Where are you going in such a hurry? What you want you already have. Stop looking around yourself trying to find out what's missing. Nothing is missing. The best kind of discovery this week is self-discovery.

Soul Affirmation: I get because I give.

**Lucky Numbers: 3, 18, 45**

**AQUARIUS**

Get out and enjoy the sunshine this week. Remember that the sun is always shining somewhere in our big island home, so use your imagination if the weather isn't perfect where you are. You can still enjoy your week and the sun that is shining whether you see it or not!

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the love that others have for me.

**Lucky Numbers: 6, 25, 47**

**PISCES**

Look for an increase in your personal prosperity this week, my little darlings. You'll either be receiving a long-overdue debt, an unexpected bonus, a lucky lottery ticket, or you may just find cash laying at your feet as you are out for a stroll. Lucky! You love feathering your nest and this week the Universe is helping you.

Soul Affirmation: Hope is future's way of shining on me this week.

**Lucky Numbers: 12, 14, 21**

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## Heart

From Page 9A

taxpayer could pay \$244 each year for heart failure expenses.

Heart failure is not only a financial burden, but the condition reduces the quality of life for patients and can increase their risk of serious and sometimes fatal medical emergencies.

Counter to these sobering facts are the results of a recent study, which found that a new medical technology can successfully reduce heart failure hospital admissions when managed by a physician, and improve the quality of life among patients experiencing limitations of physical activity due to their cardiac disease.

This new technology, called the CardioMEMS HF System, directly measures pulmonary artery pressure. Data shows this is a much more effective measure than the indirect markers patients have traditionally used to monitor heart failure at home, such as taking and tracking their own blood pressure or weight on a home scale.

Using a miniaturized, wireless monitoring sensor implanted in the pulmonary artery during a minimally invasive procedure, the CardioMEMS HF system directly measures pulmonary artery pressure and transmits the data from a patient's home to his or her health care provider. These measurements then allow for real-time, personalized and proactive management to reduce the likelihood of hospitalization.

"Since heart failure is a chronic disease, most days are spent outside the hospital," says William Abraham, MD, chief of cardiovascular medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and primary investigator for a clinical study investigating the technology's efficacy. "Accurately monitoring heart failure from home gives physicians the information they need to significantly improve a patient's heart failure treatment."

Results from the CHAMPION clinical trial found that those managed with pulmonary artery pressure monitoring showed a significant reduction in 30-day hospital readmission rates for patients age 65 and older, as well as a significant improvement in quality of life as measured by the Minnesota Living with Heart Failure Questionnaire.

Potential adverse events associated with the implantation procedure include, but are not limited to infection, arrhythmias, bleeding, hematoma, thrombus, myocardial infarction, transient ischemic attack, stroke, death, and device embolization.

To learn more about this technology and for heart failure information resources, visit [www.heartfailureanswers.com](http://www.heartfailureanswers.com).

Thanks to treatment advances and technological breakthroughs, heart failure patients are living longer and enjoying an improved quality of life.

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# The Party is Over, Lions Out the Playoffs

By Butch Davis



The Detroit Lions started the game off by doing something their offense has not done in a while—score early and often, with the first two drives in the game resulting in a 14-0 lead.

Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford passed to Golden Tate down the middle for 51 yards, resulting in a touchdown to give the visiting Lions a 7-0 score.

The Lions defense was devastating in stopping the Cowboys run and passing, as they punted the ball back to the Lions with the ball landing on their own half-yard line. Cowboys had the Lions in a hole, however. The Lions punted on 4th down as the Cowboys Dakota Watson ran into Lions punter Sam Martin, with the team dressed in Honolulu blue and silver receiving the ball back with a first down on their 11 yard line. Joique Bell running and receiving most of the yards on this drive in the air and on the ground although, Reggie Bush put on the finishing touches by running to the left of the in zone corner for an 18 yard rushing touchdown and with the point after Lions had a 14-0 lead over the Cowboys just in the first quarter of the game.

The Dallas Cowboys scored late in the second quarter with 1:37 left in the first half, as the Lions cornerbacks played zone and quarterback Tony Romo passed to receiver Terence Williams down the middle 71 yards for the Cowboys only TD of the half. Lions on the other hand, drove down the field after the Cowboys kickoff which gave their kicker a chance to make a 39 yard field with three seconds left, as our home team Lions go into the locker room with a 17-7 lead at halftime.

Lions received the ball at the beginning of the third quarter however, Stafford threw an interception to the Cowboys Kyle Wilber to the Lions 19 yard line. The defense of the Lions once again placed the Cowboys deeper in a hole as lineman Ezekiel Ansah sacked Romo for 13 yards, pushing the Cowboys back

further from the goal line. The Cowboys field goal kicker Dan Bailey missed a 41-yard goal as the Lions got the ball back on their own 23-yard line. Lions moved the ball down the field with a combination of running and passing, with huge yards being gathered with Stafford throwing to Calvin Johnson for 28 yard to the Cowboys 26 yard line. The Lions drive stalled on the Cowboys 19, as again Matt Prater kicked a 37-yard field to give the Lions a 20-7 lead.

Cowboys rallied back in the third and fourth quarter, as DeMarco Murray's rushing and teammates Cole Beasley, Jason Whitten, and a long pass and catch of 43 yards to receiver Dez Bryant put the Lions in trouble as Murray finished the job with a one yard run. A 51-yard field goal by Bailey early in the fourth quarter put the Cowboys closer to the Lions 20-17. Note: Ndamakong Suh had two sacks on Tony Romo to force the Cowboys to a field goal.

However, here we go again, the same old song, as the Lions secondary allowed pass completions from the Cowboys Romo to his receiving core, along with penalties by the defensive team of the Lions putting us in a time machine back in the days of yester years as the Cowboys Romo placed a cherry on top of the Lions playoff sundae. The finishing touch was an eight yard touchdown pass to Williams to give the Cowboys the lead for good, ending of the season for our home town Lions. The Lions tried to rally at the end, with a pass interference call only to be reversed in favor of the Cowboys. In the closing moments of the game, Stafford was sacked by Demarcus Lawrence of the Cowboys for a 11 yard loss. On the next play Stafford fumbled, and again Lawrence of the Cowboys alerted on the play, recovered the ball for Dallas to send them into the next round of the playoffs with a trip to Green Bay to play the Packers.

Key of the game, receiver Terence Williams called for pass interfer-

ence late in second quarter only to score on the next play. A pass and run from quarterback Tony Romo down the middle 71 yards for the Cowboys was only TD of the first half. Cowboys in the second half took it to the Lions for the victory. The needs for the Lions are the same as per last June 2014, the team needs cornerbacks that can play the other teams receivers man to man, to stop the three ring clown show of other team's ability to throw the football on the Detroit Lions secondary.

This past Monday was cleaning out the locker day for our home team Lions as the players go their separate ways. However, Head Coach Jim Caldwell had these words to say to the media in his opening statement: "First of all I'd just like to say that one of the things I talked to the team about a little earlier today is that I certainly appreciated their effort. They gave us all they had, I mean they were spent at the end of this ball game, and I think it was just a perfect example of how hard they tried to get accomplished what we wanted to get done, how much it meant to them. They were exceptional. Had some unusual traits and qualities about this team, I think it's a great nucleus of guys but we never had any bickering about who gets the ball, who wasn't getting it enough, who got the credit, or anything of that nature. It was a group that certainly believed in doing things the right way but it was more about team than anything else. You hate that obviously it ends this way but the music stops for every team except for one in this league. When it does it's an abrupt halt, is somewhat of a shock to the system and no matter who you are when you get into the tournament it doesn't feel good when you lose and we had a lot of guys that were hurting yesterday and still today, even though I think they're starting to come to grips with it. To lose it also on somewhat of a controversial issue, the one thing that I told them is that we're not going to ever make any excuses about, or creating any crutches for wins or losses, and in this particular case there will be no exception. The fact of the matter is, it's a controversial call, I think without question it was probably not officiated correctly in my estimation. Nevertheless I do think in this day and age, with modern times where we have technology that can take out the human factor in certain key situations in big games, that we should use that technology to do so, to kind of set the record straight and take the human error out of it. Perhaps from this endeavor we'll find a way to maybe improve that portion of the game."

## This Week's High School Varsity Schedule

By Butch Davis

I would like to dedicate this week's High School basketball schedule in remembrances of my friend and colleague since 1995 when I worked at the "deuce" (ESPN 2) who was in person as one of his catchphrases "cool as the other side of the pillow," Stuart Scott, an enthusiastic anchor on ESPN's SportsCenter since 1993, who died this past Sunday of cancer. He was 49. We all at the Telegram News give our condolences to Stuart's Family, the ESPN Families, Friends and Fans who were entertained with info in such a way, we were always asking for more.

Now here is this week's Girls and Boy high school basketball schedule 01/08-01/13/2015. "Boo-yah!"

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/09, 5:00 PM**

Romulus Summit Academy vs. Dearborn Henry Ford

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/09, 5:30 PM**

Detroit Cristo Rey vs. Dearborn Riverside Academy-West  
East English Village Preparatory Academy vs. Detroit Cass Tech  
Ecorse vs. Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/09, 6:00 PM**

River Rouge vs. Detroit Allen Academy

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/08 7:00 PM**

Southfield Christian vs. Taylor Baptist Park  
Belleville vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford  
Garden City vs. Dearborn Fordson  
Dearborn vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood  
Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Lincoln Park  
Gibraltar Carlson vs. Melvindale  
Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Romulus  
Allen Park vs. Southgate Anderson  
Trenton vs. Taylor Truman  
Livonia Franklin vs. Wayne Memorial  
Canton vs. Westland John Glenn

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/13, 4:30 PM**

Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy vs. Dearborn Hts Star International

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/13, 5:00 PM**

Detroit University Prep vs. Dearborn Henry Ford

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/13, 5:30 PM**

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University  
Liggett  
Romulus Summit Academy vs. Southfield Bradford

**Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 01/13, 7:00 PM**

Garden City vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford  
Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood  
Taylor Truman vs. Lincoln Park  
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Lutheran Westland  
Dearborn Fordson vs. Romulus

**Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest vs. Taylor Baptist Park**

Southgate Anderson vs. Trenton

Allen Park vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/08, 6:00 PM**

Inkster Peterson Warren Academy vs. Ann Arbor Central Academy

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/08, 7:00 PM**

Southgate Anderson vs. Allen Park  
Lincoln Park vs. Brownstown Woodhaven  
Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. John F Kennedy HS

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/09, 4:00 PM**

East English Village Preparatory Academy vs. Detroit Cass Tech

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/09, 5:30 PM**

Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Romulus

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/09, 7:00 PM**

Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Belleville  
Westland John Glenn vs. Canton  
Dearborn Fordson vs. Dearborn  
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy vs. Dearborn Advanced Tech  
Redford Union vs. Dearborn Heights Annapolis  
Romulus vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud  
Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies vs. Ecorse  
Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. Garden City  
Dearborn Henry Ford vs. Romulus Summit Academy  
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech vs. Taylor Preparatory  
Detroit University Prep Science & Math vs. Taylor Trillium

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/09, 7:30 PM**

Detroit Public Safety Academy vs. Dearborn Divine Child  
River Rouge vs. Detroit Allen Academy  
Newport Lutheran South vs. Taylor Baptist Park

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/13, 4:00 PM**

Detroit Renaissance vs. Detroit Western International

**Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 01/13, 5:00 PM**

Detroit Universal Academy vs. Dearborn Riverside Academy-West

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**\*CRIME ALERTS\*****POLICE BLOTTER****RIVER ROUGE**

December 26th, 2014

At 1023hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 200 Block of Kleinow on a well being check. A female caller states that her 25 year old friend might try to kill herself. The officer arrived and made entry to the home with the help of a neighbor. The distraught and crying female refused to open the door but spoke to the officer stating that she didn't care anymore. After talking to the female for a few minutes she finally slid the keys under the door. The officer entered the unit and found the female on the couch wrapped in a blanket crying. The officer offered to take her to the hospital to get help after she stated that nobody cares about her. She agreed to get a psychiatric evaluation and was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. The officer might have save her life today!

December 26th, 2014

At 0130hrs, officers were dispatched to Polk & Beechwood on a report on a half naked man screaming for help. Officers arrived and observed a 16 year old male walking in the alley, wearing only socks and underwear. The young male stated he had just been robbed at gunpoint by two males. He was placed in the back of a patrol vehicle while officers continued to investigate. The male told officers incident began when he was riding around in a Lexus with two males he knew from Northwestern High School. He states they had been riding around since

1600hrs, on Christmas, to meet up with some females they had met earlier at the 276 Visger Marathon Gas Station. Suddenly they pulled into the Polk/ Beechwood alley. One of the males exited the vehicle and pointed 2 black handguns at him and ordered him to get out of the vehicle. The male states he tried to climb over the seats to get away from him when suddenly the other male pulled a silver handgun and pointed it at him and ordered him out of the vehicle. The male states he took off all of his property and was taking out his earrings when the male with the silver handgun struck him on the left side of his face with it and told him to hurry up or he would shoot him. The male gave them all his earring and he got back into the vehicle and they drove off. The thieves took a pair of red Reebok shoes, camouflage pants, a red Hollister long sleeve shirt, a black Iphone, a gold chain with a "Jesus" face and two gold earrings. Healthlink arrived on scene and treated his injuries. The Command Sergeant contact Detroit PD - 6th Precinct officer who stated he was at the victim's in Detroit. After briefing the Detroit officer on this incident that occurred in River Rouge, the Detroit officer stated the same vehicle was involved in a Home Invasion at the victim's home just prior to his arrival. and when his mother was notified of the event his mother was notified. I believe the victim was saved by the "Jesus" face he was wearing.

**JURY DUTY SCAM**

The Third Judicial Circuit Court of Wayne County has learned of a telephone scam regarding missed jury duty. The scam artist will call and advise the person that jury duty was missed and a fine of \$500 has to be paid immediately or the person will be subject to arrest or an arrest warrant will be issued.

The Third Circuit Court advises Jurors:

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this, it is not from the Third Judicial Circuit Court or anyone affiliated with the Court. Do not respond to this phone call or pay anyone any sum of money. Obtain as much information as you can about the caller and report it to your local police department.

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## Ecorse Police Chief Confirms Safety of Residents Following Shooting in December

By Shelby Jefferson - Telegram Staff Reporter

ECORSE - Last month, a fatal shooting took place on 9th Street in the City of Ecorse. Police have confirmed that 68-year-old Will Henry Wright was shot during an apparent armed robbery attempt shortly after exiting an Ecorse home on December 29th. He later died of his injuries. The shooter fled on foot, but was apprehended within 12 hours of the incident with the help of the Ecorse Police Department, the Downriver Major Crime Task Force and DRANO. The suspect was later identified as 18-year-old Alvin Perry Jordan.

In spite of partial accounts delivered during a recent newscast on Channel 4 News, Police Chief Michael Moore seeks to assure local residents that they can feel safe and secure around the area. Furthermore, the department insists that this is an isolated tragedy, and that no war is being waged against the elderly throughout the City of Ecorse. "Contrary to the story on Channel 4 news, there is no one around the Ecorse area preying on senior citizens," Chief Michael Moore said. At the current time, Jordan has

been arraigned without bond, and is currently being held at the Wayne County Jail.



Alvin Perry Jordan

### 22ND DISTRICT COURT offers PROBATION AND TRAFFIC TICKET AMNESTY

From January 5, 2015 - March 30, 2015, the court will WAIVE all default fees, 20% late fees and warrant fees on TRAFFIC and PARKING TICKETS

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## New Chief

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Chief Price (center) with members of the River Rouge Police Department, ordinance officers and auxiliary officers

ment since 1990 where she started as a Police Officer. She worked her way up through the ranks to Corporal, Sergeant, Administrative Lieutenant and now Chief of Police.

Her love for the community was evident by some of the projects that she worked on. They included organizing; crime prevention programs, block clubs, Stop teen violence and Stop the violence march between River Rouge, Ecorse, Melvindale, Lincoln Park and Southwest Detroit. She hires and maintains the crossing

guards for the elementary and middle schools.

The community already has a love for Chief Price. She is always available to speak and offer suggestions to youth in the community. She was always present at events such as the Annual Rouge Days Festival, Fireworks at Belanger Park and any other events held in the City. She speaks at churches, colleges, at community groups and organizations throughout the City of River Rouge as she represents the Police Department.

During her assignment as Administrative Lieutenant, Price was responsible for making sure the day to day operations of the Police Department ran smoothly. Ensuring that each officer had what they needed to perform their job servicing the community was essential. She was also, the first person the community spoke to when they had a concern.

Lt. Price took the lead for the Police Auxiliary Division. She was responsible for recruiting and training the officers. She



Chief Price with River Rouge Mayor Bowdler (front) and commissioners and department heads after the swearing in ceremony



Photo by: Michael Ragland  
Chief Deborah Price and New Wayne County Executive Warren Evans

also increased the partnerships between the certified officers and the auxiliary officers. Because of her efforts that was a 300% increase in membership of the Police Auxiliary Division.

Chief Price said she wants to improve communication and safety in the community between the police department and the residents, but she can't do it by herself. "I am going to need all of you to work together to make it happen." When she asked, "Can you do that?" The attendees all said, YES.

Good Luck Chief Price

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**