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## Inkster's 50th Anniversary was Golden

By: Gina Steward



Bill Fuller with the beautiful ice sculpture setting the stage for the evening

Congratulations goes out to the Inkster 50th Anniversary Committee and the residents of the City of Inkster who had the vision to put on this awesome event. A famous quote is "You can go forward if you don't know your past."

During the elegant evening at the Booker Dozier Recreation

Center on November 15th, friends and family came together to Celebrate Inkster. The history of Inkster and the people that helped to shape the city was reiterated throughout the program.

Mayor Hilliard Hampton, II paid 50th Anniversary- Page 9A

## Changes to Thanksgiving Day Parade route

M1 Rail Construction leads to street closure



Individuals attending the America's Thanksgiving Parade and Turkey Trot on Thursday, Nov. 27 should be aware of road closures and certain restric-

tions on parade viewing along Woodward Avenue as a result of the M-1 Rail construction.

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## Grand Jury Decides

*No charges against Officer Wilson in Michael Brown's death*

By: Shelby Jefferson - Telegram Staff Reporter



Mike Brown, unarmed teenager killed on August 9th in Ferguson.

MISSOURI-A Ferguson grand jury has decided that no formal charges will be filed against Officer Darren Wilson for the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown.

In the days leading up to the announcement, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency—summoning the National Guard to the area and closing down several schools in anticipation of potential unrest that could theo-



Officer Darren Wilson not charged in Brown's death

retically result from the forthcoming verdict.

The outcome was read during a televised press conference Monday evening by prosecutor Robert McCulloch, who has been heavily criticized from the beginning for opting to present evidence in secret to a grand jury instead of filing formal charges. While several individuals testified that Wilson shot Brown as he stood with his raised hands in the air, McCulloch pointed to eyewitness testimony that was allegedly

contradictory. He also claimed that there was purported physical evidence that revealed the teen was supposedly charging toward Wilson when the shots were fired.

Following Monday's verdict, outraged citizens poured into the streets of Ferguson—some of them throwing objects at law enforcement officials, while others set buildings on fire. This was certainly reminiscent of tensions that first commenced last summer following Brown's death, where days of protest were met with police descending on demonstrators with riot gear and tear gas. Residents later revealed that this August 9th shooting of an unarmed 18-year-old represented the breaking point in a long history of racial tension in the St. Louis suburb, which included a highly militarized police department accused of misconduct for years.

In spite of the disappointing events, Brown's parents have continued to urge the public to

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## City of Romulus honored for being entrepreneur-friendly

ROMULUS - Romulus has been recognized for its work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. Romulus was honored as a four star community along with 32 other communities across the state.

"We value the importance of completing a project on time and on budget", said Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff. "To that end, the City has pledged to work with business to bring certainty to the development process."

The eCities research surveyed 83 communities from 30 counties in Michigan that are home to 26 percent of Michigan residents and 33 percent of its college graduates. These communities count for nearly one quarter of the state's entrepreneurs with over \$2.6 billion in self-employed income as residents. These communities also had more than \$12.3 billion in 2013 commercial construction and account for more than 31 percent of Michigan's commercial property.

"We are seeing the nature of economic development evolving, and eCities is a tool to help

local governments demonstrate their role in the changing economy. These governments are supporting unique and innovative efforts locally, while collaborating regionally to help Michigan business compete in an ever-changing business climate," said Tim Davis, Director, iLabs.

The communities were honored on Thursday, November 13, at UM-Dearborn. Support for eCities is provided in part by the DTE Energy Foundation, Miller Canfield, Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs

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In this season of Thanksgiving, I believe the core reason for the holiday has been forgotten. The utterance of two words can make the difference... .."Thank You".

I always say Thank You. It's a way of showing gratitude. For example, when I'm going through the serving line at church or at a buffet, I always say thank you. That person with that spoon in their hand has given up their time with their family and put off eating to serve you. So why not say Thank You.

When my son played Coach Pitch baseball, his coach, Judge Marrow, would give each kid a piece of bubble gum (as long as their parents said it was ok) before each game. Each kid responded with Thank You. Was training them for future behavior? I believe so. Those habits last forever.

When my grandkids and I stop for ice cream, they are saying 'Thank You' before they take the first lick of their cone. That makes me proud. Their mothers are training them the correct way.

How hard is it to teach your children to say thank you? I think it is very easy. What I have noticed is that children learn from what they see. If they see you or other adults saying "Thank You", I'm sure they will begin to mimic that behavior.

Now it's time to retrain those teenagers and young adults that were not taught to say 'Thank You'. This is the perfect time to get it started. As families get together to eat turkey and watch football, it time to demand a new behavior. Thank You is the action phrase for the week. Demand that all of your family begin to say 'Thank You'. It will rub off. As I go through each day, I always pause to say Thank You to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and I pray that after this week there will be a paradigm shift with more people saying Thank You than not.

Gina Wilson Steward  
Publisher

Romulus

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and UM-Dearborn's College of Business.

The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepreneurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan's regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, 197 communities across Michigan have participated in the study.

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FERGUSON IN PERSPECTIVE



How long will the horror continue?, the shooting, the robbing, the riots, and destroying of property. I am not in a position to judge the circumstances that led to the shooting of Michael Brown by officer Darren Wilson. Having had some exposure to both sides of law enforcement, I do know that there are a few bad police officers out there who are cleverly disguised until something horrible removes the mask. I have had PERSONAL experience with some of them. I can tell you it is not pleasant and can make you fearful of even a common traffic stop. But I am more concerned about people putting themselves in bad situations and ruining their lives. Our society has somehow come to embrace this mantra of entitlement, disrespect and dishonor. Listen to the music, observe how some people act in public, just drive down a local freeway. It's a wonder we have survived this long. I can remember growing up how important I was told about respect and self respect. Not only by my parents, but by all my relatives, by my teachers and even my neighbors. Respect especially meant you never challenged a police officer on the street even if he was

right or wrong. There is a time, place, and procedure for it but it surely was not on the street. Thats a good way to get yourself killed. My heart goes out to the racial concerns brought about by the Michael Brown shooting. But I know if you challenge a police officer while they are doing their duty, I don't care what color you are or the officer is, you are taking your life into your own hands. But where is the outrage for black on black killing? Where is it!?!? We kill more of each other than any police or Klan group or hate group ever will. We have come to this point in our culture where an exchange of looks, wearing the wrong color, bumping into someone, gestures with your hands or just standing in the wrong place can get you killed. Very few people talk about walking away, managing your anger, or other civil solutions. It doesn't seem cool to do that anymore. Can someone tell me what is cool about setting buildings on fire? or just destroying the stuff of innocent people,...in your own neighborhood no less!! Is there any responsibility in the news media focusing on these horrible atrocities? Seems so little attention is given to the decent citizen. I don't know the answer. I do know that those of you out there who believe know what I mean when I say "this world is not my home". But while I am here, I can only hope and pray that the hand of love, peace and respect will reveal itself more prevalently.

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It seems like things are still the same. I will have to bring you up to date on the things that are going on near Visger Rd. Ok, next week. I can't

wait to tell you all of the stuff that is going on off Michigan Ave. I used to live off Jefferson Ave, but I moved the family out a little ways. But don't worry, we have the same type of stuff going on out there too. OK Rap, looking forward to next week. Bye Group.... Til then

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# Democrats Beat Themselves

By Ron Daniels - NNPA Columnist



In the face of a calculated and relentless assault by Republicans on Barack Obama, a president with a dismal approval rating, Democratic candidates panicked and frantically ran away from the president and his/their "record" over the past six years. Moreover, they forgot Congress' ratings were considerably lower.

Historically, midterm elections have traditionally been unkind to the president and party in the White House. A loss of seats in the House and Senate is not unusual. It was also a particularly difficult year for the Democrats because they had to defend so many Senate seats in red states. However, the difficult political terrain does not explain the magnitude of the debacle, the rout, the bloodbath the Democrats suffered, including the scare in Virginia where Mark Warner barely survived, the loss of governors in deeply blue states and major gains by Republicans in state legislatures around the country. It was brutal!

Democrats lost control of the Senate and suffered unusually high casualties in other offices because they focused almost exclusively on turn-out instead of both message and turn-out. Ducking and running from the president or his/their record was not a "message" likely to motivate the base or independent voters to "turn-out" in the numbers necessary to stem the tide of what became a red wave of political destruction for the Democrats.

How in the face of a steadily improving economy did Democrats lose so badly? The unemployment rate has gradually come down to 5.8 percent with increases in jobs in the 200,000 plus range for several months — not spectacular but in the right direction. The stock market is breaking records, and even though this has mostly benefited wealthy interests, the 501k plans of workers and middle class people have also recovered from the disastrous losses of the Great Recession. Gas prices are low and continuing to decline, a trend that usually brings relief to working people.

And, why did the Democrats run away from the impact of the Affordable Care Act? Despite a bungling launch, millions of

Americans who previously lacked access to affordable health care now have it. And, what about the Affordable Care Act's impact on the deficit? Remember what a big issue the deficit has been for the Republicans in recent years? The fact is that the Affordable Care Act has slowed the escalating cost of health care and contributed to a significant reduction in the deficit.

Moreover, President Obama's "policies" have significantly contributed to the reduction of the deficit because the recovering economy is generating more tax revenue to pay the bills. Little wonder you heard not a peep from the Republicans about the deficit. But, you didn't hear a peep from the Democrats, either.

In 2012, the economy was in much worse condition than it is today. By conventional wisdom, President Obama should have been soundly defeated. He was re-elected despite much higher unemployment/joblessness than is currently the case. Because enough voters were hopeful that conditions would get better, they defied conventional wisdom and re-elected President Obama.

Today's economy is better, but there is a legitimate complaint that the recovery is plagued by low wage jobs and wage stagnation. Hence, the argument goes that people are sour on the direction of the economy and Obama. Under these circumstances, it was critical that the president and the Democrats create an overarching narrative that reminded the American people which party's policies wrecked the economy, creating the pain in the first place.

And with millions of people out of work, which party fought time and time again for extensions in unemployment benefits that eased the pain. While wages are stagnant, the American people needed to be reminded that it was/is President Obama and the Democrats who have repeatedly called for an increase in the minimum wage over the objection of most Republicans. This is a proposal that had traction because voters in five states, including a red state like Arkansas, passed referenda supporting increasing the minimum wage. Nonetheless, in Arkansas, Mark Pryor, the Democrat who favored the minimum wage, lost decisively to his Republic opponent.

How is this possible? While local/state issues are obviously important, and candidates must conduct good campaigns, as a general proposition, Democrats like Pryor lacked a message that connected the reality of an improving but sluggish economy to

a positive agenda for lifting workers and the middle class out of the doldrums of wage stagnation.

The lessons of the Democratic debacle should be clear: there is always a need for a message, a compelling narrative to motivate voters to turn-out. For the Democrats this should mean consistently articulating people-oriented, progressive values, principles and policies; ideas that have been consistently opposed by conservative Republicans. Voters need to be clear about which party is on the side of workers, the middle class and poor people. Candidates must have the courage to run on rather than from a record of success in order to give people a reason to vote.

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# Ferguson

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Photo by D. Rich  
One of many National Action Network sponsored rallies throughout the country today at noon in Detroit.

avoid violent retaliation, asking them to honor their son's legacy through peaceful demonstration. President Obama expressed similar sentiments during a news briefing following the announcement. In addition, Attorney General Eric Holder released a statement revealing that in spite of the recent grand jury decision, the U.S. Justice Department will continue its investigation into the incident.

"While the grand jury proceeding in St. Louis County has concluded, the Justice Depart-

ment's investigation into the shooting of Michael Brown remains ongoing," he said. "Though we have shared information with local prosecutors during the course of our investigation, the federal inquiry has been independent of the local one from the start, and remains so now. Even at this mature stage of the investigation, we have avoided prejudging any of the evidence. And although federal civil rights law imposes a high legal bar in these types of cases, we have resisted forming premature conclusions."

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Thanks-living: Praise

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Thanksgiving is approaching, and it's a great time to remind you that we all need to practice 'Thanks-living' every single day. Thanks-living is living with an attitude of gratitude at all times. Even in troubled times, we need to have a thankful heart.

Giving thanks is the same as giving praise. The Bible says that His praise shall 'continually' be in our mouth (Psalm 34:1). Not sometimes. Not when things are going well. Praise at ALL times. That would include the difficult times too.

In fact, it is during the difficult times when praise is most powerful. Anyone can praise God when they are happy. That does not take much effort. However, praising God during the difficult times can be a sacrifice. When you praise in the midst of trouble or in the face of your enemies who are in position to destroy you, it prompts God to move on your behalf.

Some people think it's just a cliché to say, "When praises go up, blessings come down." It's more than a cliché. It's Word. It's basically a paraphrase of Psalm 67:5-7 which says, "Let the people praise You, O God; Let all the people praise You. Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us..." (NKJV)

In 2 Chronicles 20, Jehoshaphat's army from Judah, went on the battlefield singing, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever" (v.21), and LORD set ambushes against those who had come against Judah; and they were defeated (v.22). Praise was their weapon. The battle was the Lord's (v.15). Who wouldn't praise a God like that?

There is absolutely no reason a rock should praise in your stead (Luke 19:40). If you are wondering whether God wants your praise, the answer is simple. If you are breathing, you should be praising (Psalm 150:6)!

Start praising and giving thanks, then watch things happen in your life. I'm talking about 'for real' praise, not 'for show' praise! Cheerfully give your praise and thanksgiving. God loves that (2 Cor. 9:7). Have a grateful heart, always. Thank and praise the Lord and Happy Thanksgiving!

Janine Folks  
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BIBLE VERSES

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.[a]

Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things

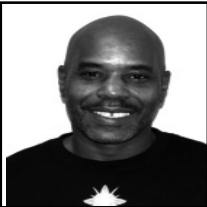
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Dec. 27, 1951 - Nov. 1, 2014

Roberta Wilyene Battle was born 1951 in Huntsville, Alabama. Roberta was educated in Westwood Public School system and graduated from Robichuad High School in 1970.

She touched many lives and made long-term friends who became part of the family. Roberta was caring, loving, and very passionate and loved her bid whist card games.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her mother, Daisy B. Battle; her daughter, Tametra R. Battle; her beloved grandchild, Grace Liberty Chambers; one sister, Yvonne Evans; three brothers, Ronald Battle, Ralph Battle (Joanne), and Ned Battle, Jr. (Yvette); and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends.  
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**PAUL ALLEN**  
Aug. 5, 1941 - NoV. 3, 2014

Paul was born in Brook Haven, Mississippi. Paul accepted Christ at an early age. He married his high school sweetheart, Luther Mary Allen. They married on January 6, 1961 and had twins, Marcus and Michelle Allen.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting and traveling. He also enjoyed dancing. Everyone who knew Paul couldn't do anything but love him. He always had a smile on his face. He was always willing to help anyone. He loved his family dearly and always put God first.

Paul leaves to cherish him memory: Luther Mary Allen, Marcus and Michelle Allen, Deshanton Allen, Johnnie Mae, Michelle Wells, Aletria Barnes, Artavia Barnes; his brothers: Charlie Allen Jr., Joe Willie (Deborah) Allen, and Bobby Allen; sister M.L. Matlock; and a host of nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law,  
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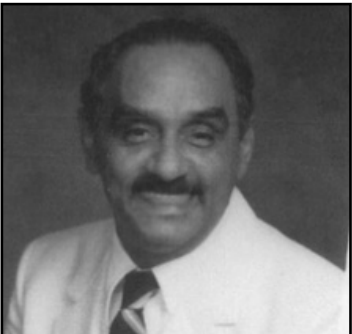
**DEBORAH ANN ADAMS**  
Aug,t 7, 1952 - Nov. 10, 2014

Deborah Ann Adams was born in Hamtramck, Michigan and she attended Westwood Public Schools. While Deborah never had natural children, she spent her entire life loving them and taking care of them. She once said, 'I don't need to have children; there are enough of them in the world who need to

be taken care of." She took care of everyone.

Deborah was well known and respected as a civil rights leader in the Inkster community. She served as the Vice President of the Inkster chapter of the NAN (National Action Network) and was very active in social issues as well as the last presidential campaign. She founded and served as president of the Florence street block club association. Deborah believed in a co-operative economics and sharing wealth.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Deborah Barnes, brother and sisters, Kevin Barnes, Evelyn Barnes, Crystal Barnes Linton, and Jacob Barnes; and a host of nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many dear friends. Her presence, commitment and loving spirit will continue to live on in each of us.  
**Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes (chapelchimes.org).**



**AARON JONES**  
Dec. 21, 1928 - Nov 11, 2014

Aaron Jones Jr. was born in Inkster, Michigan and he graduated from Inkster High School. Upon discharge from the Army he worked at the Ford Motor Company. Aaron married his high school sweetheart Theola McKay. Together they raised a beautiful family. He was a great father and provider, caring, unselfish and giving. One of the great delights of his life was playing the role of Santa Claus for his church and the community for the Inkster Head Start Program at Lincoln and Carver Schools. Aaron was a very humble, peaceful man who delighted in his family. He never had a harsh word to speak about anyone or anything. He loved everybody and he loved the Lord. Although he faced many health challenges for thirty-eight years, he never complained.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his faithful wife of sixty-six years, Theola; his son, Aaron III; his daughter, Rita (Lloyd Jr., his son, Dennis(Regina) and grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of family and friends; The family is deeply grateful to John Robinson, who faithfully assisted in the care of Aaron.  
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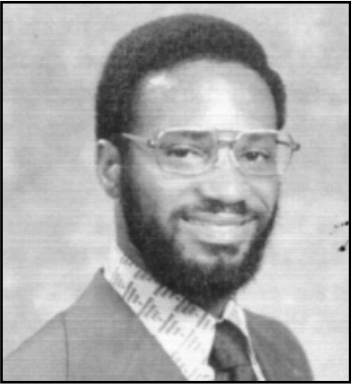
**OLLIE V. BROWN**  
Nov. 27, 1922 - Nov. 11, 2014

Ollie V. Brown was born in Princeton, County of Dallas Arkansas. As she journeyed through life,

Ollie (Big Mama) was blessed with three children, Earnestine, Carolyn and Eliza Susan. Later in life she married Charles Brown (Big Daddy) of whom she spent many happy years with as a homemaker. She loved Cadillac's, hamburgers, hunting and going to the casino. Her greatest love was anything sweet, all the time.

Ollie visited the Romulus Senior Center for over two years, where she had many friends who helped her throughout the day. She frequented Romulus Community Baptist Church where she enjoyed Sunday Services, Monday Youth Choir rehearsals and Wednesday night bible study with her granddaughter and guardian Tanya. She loved to go to Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory; two daughters, Earnestine and Carol Thompson (Gregory); Nine grandchildren;; Fourteen great-grandchildren: two great great grandchildren and a host of cousins and friends.  
Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes (chapelchimes.org).



**DAVID M. DUNN**  
Jan. 5, 1952 – Nov. 3, 2014

David was born in Detroit Mi. He graduated from Cass Tech and when on to graduate from the University of Michigan earning Bachelor's, Master's and Doctor's degrees. He was a practicing physiatrist until he retired. He loved to travel and visited 48 of the 50 states in his lifetime. He loved to read and learn. He instilled that love in his children, who both went on to receive a college education.

David leaves to cherish his memories his two daughters, Lisa and Alyse, his partner Marion, two brothers John and Doug and many additional family and friends.

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Parade

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The City of Detroit also issued a reminder to parade watchers that the building of scaffolds and any device without a City permit is prohibited during Thanksgiving events in downtown Detroit on private or public property. Violators will receive tickets, and the scaffolds will be removed.

Motorists traveling to downtown Detroit on Wednesday, Nov. 26 and for the parade on Thursday, Nov. 27 should note the following road closures.

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\* Harper from Cass to John R  
\* Palmer from Cass to John R  
\* Ferry from Cass to John R  
\* Farnsworth/Putnam from Cass to John R

The following streets will be closed beginning at 6 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27:

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\* Michigan from Cass to Woodward  
\* Monroe from Woodward to Randolph  
\* Lafayette Blvd. from Trumbull to Griswold  
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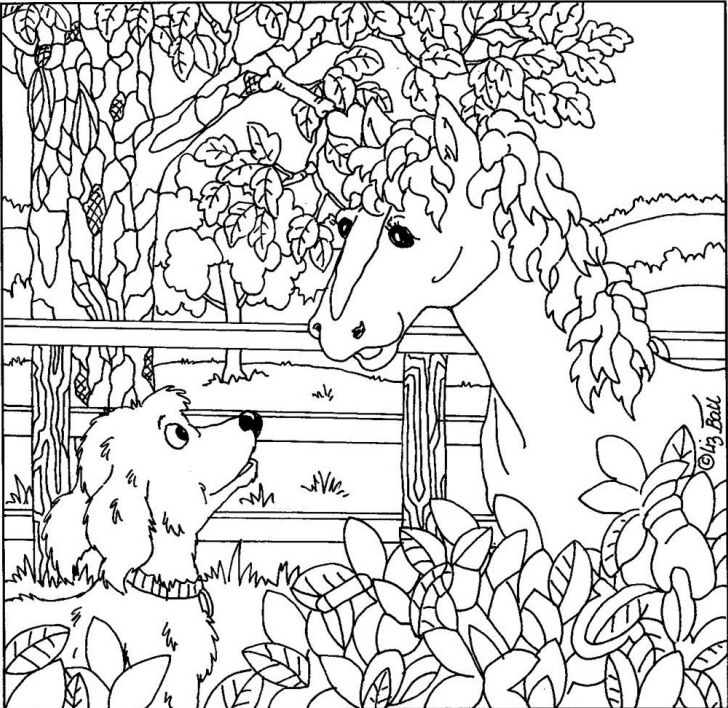
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This year, he decided to do something different. He wanted to actually feed the dinner to the people and that's exactly what he did. On Saturday, November 15th, with the help of several of his friends, he was able to provide a complete hot meal for over fifty people

from the community.

There was holiday music playing and arts and crafts for the kids to do and plenty of food to eat. The group consisted of young kids, families, friends, senior citizens

and some of the kids from Markus' class.

Markus has a big heart and the community was able to feel a little bit of his love. He is already planning his event for next year



Gina Steward showing off a plate of food with Markus Agee (founder of Blessed 2B Giving)

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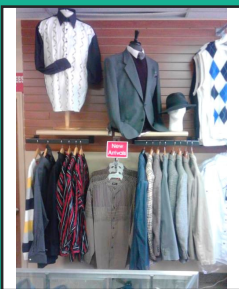
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# 50th Anniversary

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Guest of Honor Jeralean Talley and her daughter Thelma Holloway

homage to former elected officials such as Mayor Edward Bivens and Representative Hiram McNeeley and others who paved the way for him. Rev. John Hearn, Jr. took the attendees down Memory Lane as he told the story of Inkster by calling the names of businesses that used to be vibrant in the city. He also was able to connect families to various time period and pointed out those who were in attendance. To the amazement of the gleeful crowd, the Honored Guest, Mrs. Jeralean Talley came in with so much energy and spirit. Although she is the oldest person in the United States, she showed that she was still able to bust a move as she took her place at the head table.

The program booklet was a history lesson that each person could take home with them. It was full of information that spotlighted the first professionals in many fields. It was complete with photos from the past. Some of the people in the booklet were Principal Ernest

Baylor, Don Barden, Pearlle Hunter, Frances Davis, Maggie Rose, Earl Jones and many more. Hats off to the committee that worked tirelessly to show the world what Inkster was made of. Keynote speaker Rev. Oscar Carter also walked through the history of the country from 50 years ago. He started at 1964 and took the crowd to the future. As he said, he believes in the Resurrection. There is another life for the City of Inkster. I think Tye Tribbett says it best; "If he did it before, he can do it again." With the renewed energy that was generated at the 50th Anniversary, there is only great things on the horizon for the City of Inkster.

The Steering Committee members of the 50th Anniversary Celebration were Councilman Timothy Williams, Ruth Williams, Theola Jones, Geraldine Calhoun, Jeannie Fields, Kim Sledge and Felicia Rutledge. For more information on the event contact any of these individuals.



Rev. Joseph Stephens, Mayor Hilliard Hampton II, Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Councilman Lorenzo A. Moner, Jr. and Councilman Timothy Williams



The winners of the Creativity Contest received a certificate and cash awards totaling \$1,100. The awards were presented at the City of Inkster's 50 Year Celebration. Two first place winners were De-Shayla Robinson and Lauren Mills. Other winners were: Jazlyn White, Nia Pittman, Tiye Taylor, Mya Chandler, Jordyn Taylor, Zion Jordan and Dierdre Carter. Participants attend the following schools: Robichaud High School, Romulus High School, Romulus Middle School, Wayne Memorial High School and Peterson-Warren Academy. The contest was co-sponsored by EQUIPPED and the Mayor Hampton Youth Foundation (Adults in photo Fleta Flemming, (3rd from left, Mayor Hilliard Hampton II and Buford Griffith)



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# Tatar a Star, Weiss is back for Wings

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



Recalled center Stephen Weiss of the Detroit Red Wings scores two goals in his first game back

Detroit Red Wings left wing Tomas Tatar have been selected as one of the NHL's top players for last week. Tatar netted four goals to claim the Second Star, twice scoring the winning goal to help the Red Wings to a pair of victories in three games. He also has a three-game goal streak and stretched his point streak to five straight.

The Detroit Red Wings this past Monday recalled center Stephen Weiss from his conditioning loan with the AHL's Grand Rapids Griffins. Weiss skated in two games with the Griffins this weekend and scored in each contest, lighting

the lamp just 19 seconds in to the team's road game against the Lake Erie Monsters on Friday and adding a power play tally in last night's rematch in Grand Rapids.

The Detroit Red Wings came up short as they sought a perfect road trip. They fell, 4-1, to the Toronto Maple Leafs last Saturday at Air Canada Centre in Toronto. "When you've won your first two games on the road trip, you like to be greedy, you want to win all three," coach Mike Babcock said. "I thought we were setup to do that; we didn't do it." The long-time Ottawa Senators captain and current Detroit Red Wing

Daniel Alfredsson has reportedly decided to hang up his skates and an official announcement could come shortly, according to Sportsnet's Elliotte Frediman. Alfredsson played the 2013-14 season with the Detroit Red Wings after signing there as an unrestricted free agent following a public and apparently acrimonious falling out with the Senators in June of 2013. The 41-year-old winger was productive in his final season, managing 49 points in 68 games. Still the Red Wings have a record of 10-5-5, 4th in the Atlantic Division in the NHL.

HAPPY  
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# Lions must make good on Chances to go to Playoffs

By Butch Davis

The short week the Lions had to prepare for today upcoming game was the best news coming home on the plane last Sunday night. In other words, they can immediately forget about last Sunday's performance and turn all of their focus to playing the Chicago Bears today on this Thanksgiving Day. Yes, there is no surprise that the Lions lost to New England by a score of 34-9. What is surprising is that the Patriots gave the Lions so many opportunities to make things interesting, yet the Lions refused to take advantage of any of those chances. The Lions were outplayed, and they were certainly out coached with Jim Caldwell having an absolutely awful day. In all, it was a one-sided affair with the Lions coming up short on offense, defense and special teams.

This may surprise you, but the Lions did actually have the lead at one point in this game. They got the ball first, and they marched down the field via passes of 24 and 17 yards to Golden Tate. Unfortunately, the drive stalled once the Lions got down to the New England 30; however, kicker Matt Prater hit a 48-yard field goal to put them on top by three points.

The bad news for the Lions is that the offense failed to do anything during this stretch. Actually, they had two three-and-outs of their own, and their failure to extend their lead came back to bite them quite quickly. I say that because the

Patriots went 64 yards in 2:37 after getting the ball back and scored on a 4-yard pass to a wide-open Tim Wright. The Lions' pass defense made life way too easy for Tom Brady, and this became a theme as the game progressed. Missing out on opportunities were another theme for the Lions, as evidenced by their next offensive possession. A 42-yard pass to Tate put them in position to score, and they managed to get all the way down to the 2-yard line. The Lions failed to score a touchdown, however, thanks in part to a bad drop by Joseph Fauria. Furthermore, instead of going for the touchdown on fourth down, the Lions settled for a 20-yard field goal. Receiver Corey Fuller and Jeremy Ross also dropped balls that were tossed to them that would put points on the board for the Lions.

The Lions still have a solid record at 7-4; nevertheless, can our home team Lions continue to win with a struggling offense? Who needs to play a bigger role for the offense moving forward? Your guest is as good as mind, however, this is a fact, offensive and defensive backs must play better. Period. Happy Thanksgiving!

# Money for College Athletes

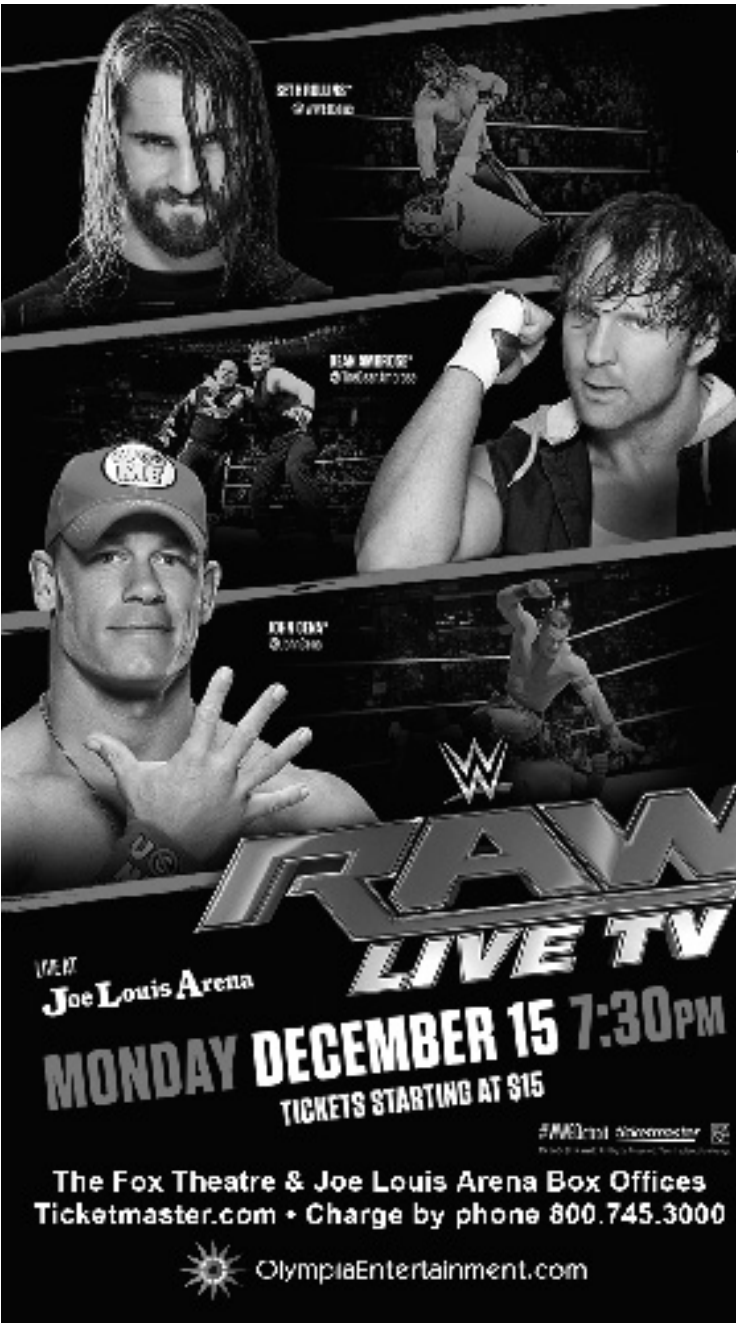
By Omar Tyree



The issue of granting a stipend for the marketing, enrollment, game attendance, sales of school paraphernalia and other monetary gains that popular student athletes provide at hundreds of American colleges and universities is in the national news again—this time because of a recent suspension for illegal profits of Georgia Bulldogs running back and early Heisman Trophy candidate, Todd Gurley II. Gurley, a junior football star, was reportedly paid \$400 by an autograph dealer for signing a few hundred school items during the spring offseason

that are now being sold on Ebay. A violation of NCAA amateur rules that do not allow scholarship athletes to accept or seek payment or gifts for their autographs, appearances or popularity, Gurley was suspended indefinitely from the University of Georgia, who did not have a choice in the matter. Once reports surfaced that Gurley was suspected of NCAA violations, the school could have been forced to forfeit their Saturday game against the Missouri Tigers, along with paying other NCAA fines and penalties. So UGA Director of Athletics, Greg Mc-

Garity, moved to shut Gurley down the athlete immediately, while school officials and attorneys uncover the details of the case with the NCAA. I had just read a great article about this kid Todd Gurley II a few weeks ago. A reporter wrote all about his humble upbringing with a single mother in Baltimore, Maryland, who moved Gurley and his older siblings to Rocky Mount, North Carolina and later to Tarboro for a better cost of living and a simpler life "out in the country." Gurley didn't even have access to cable TV. It wasn't in his mother's family budget. So this kid learned to work hard for everything. All he had was the love of his family, friends and football. His excellence as a high school athlete then paved the way for a grand opportunity to attend the University of Georgia, one of the premiere football schools of







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# Aaliyah Biopic Does Not Succeed *Try Again Lifetime*

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Alexandra Shipp as Aaliyah

With the massive success of last year’s VH1 production of “CrazySexyCool: the TLC Story”, fans of the magical 90’s era were thrilled when rumors surfaced regarding a forthcoming biopic about the late R&B songstress, Aaliyah. When it was officially announced that the movie would air on Lifetime however, most enthusiasm quickly turned to skepticism. (After all, the network has developed a pretty bad reputation when it comes to celebrity biographical films. Did anyone witness the train wreck that became of “Liz and Dick?” or the disaster they developed into “The Unauthorized Saved by the Bell Story?”) Needless to say, everything seemed to be doomed from the start. First, Aaliyah’s family refused to consent to any aspect of the project, which subsequently blocked the rights to the majority of the singers recorded music. There was also a great deal of fan backlash over casting choices that led to the actress initially chosen for the film, Disney alum Zendaya, abruptly quitting the production (she was later replaced by Alexandra Shipp). So when “Aaliyah: the Princess of R&B” premiered earlier this month, it was an anticipated disappointment for many viewers. While it should be acknowledged that condensing the magnitude of Aaliyah’s multifaceted career into one endeavor would probably present challenges even for some of the most seasoned filmmakers, this storyline was underdeveloped and profusely scattered. The movies dense and extremely basic dialogue

was accompanied by abominably dismal acting. And then there was the casting. Who knew that the Missy Elliott we all came to know during the mid 90’s was as fair skinned and markedly petite as the one represented in the film? And what about the tall, lean rendition of Damon Dash that looked more like Chico DeBarge than Aaliyah’s actual longtime love? Then of course we can’t forget R. Kelly. Not only did the chosen actor bear little resemblance to the real life singer/producer, but the portrayal of his forbidden love affair with a teenage Aaliyah was sketchy, uncomfortably romanticized and melodramatic at best. One of the film’s standout moments came when the pair revealed that they had secretly wed. This resulted in Kelly cowering in the corner crying as Aaliyah’s infuriated father demanded an immediate annulment (Kelly was twenty-eight years old when they married, Aaliyah was only fifteen). This was certainly a cringe worthy moment to watch for more than one obvious reason. But for many viewers it may have had less to do with the scene’s awkward content, and more to do with the abysmal acting. On a brighter note however, a token of credit can be given to some of the films wardrobe, which was at times impressively on point. Still even this was overshadowed by lead actress Alexandra Shipp and her Disneyesque, karaoke style attempt to perform Aaliyah’s music. Even worse, the movie noticeably excluded the most successful singles of her ca-

reer, from “One in a Million” to “Try again”—arguably the singers biggest crossover hit (this can once again be attributed to licensing limitations). And with the movies abrupt conclusion—where Aaliyah is seen waving gleefully from the sunroof of a limousine as she leaves for that fateful video shoot in the Bahamas—audiences are left wondering: ‘Where the heck is the ending?’ How can you possibly create a credible biopic without, in some form or another, detailing the tragic plane crash that ended her life and boundless promise at only 22 years of age? Yes this telepic scored a whopping 3.2 million viewers, but based on widespread disgust expressed by countless fans across the landscape of social media, it’s safe to say that this production was an epic failure. For those of us who grew up on Aaliyah’s music this was a lackadaisical, commodity driven catastrophe that failed to even scratch the surface on the legacy of an artist whose impact can still be seen across the spectrum of popular culture, even 13 years after her untimely death. If this was Lifetime’s best effort to honor the life of the Princess of R&B, the majority of us will agree that they need to quickly dust off and try again. Or for our sake, perhaps it would be better for the network to simply call it quits altogether.

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DeAngelo M.

Hi D,

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**NOTICE**

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Patricia H Johnson

City Clerk

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Attention River Rouge Taxpayers

Please take notice that the River Rouge Board of Reviews will be meeting in the Assessor's office, Room 205, at 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218. Date and times the board will be meeting.

**TUESDAY December 9th 2014 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

This meeting is for the purpose hardship applications and errors. Further, State law requires that all applicants for poverty reductions must supply the following information to the board before the board can grant a hardship reduction.

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# Athletes

From Page 10A

the south.  
But once Gurley arrived there as a celebrated freshman, and had immediate success on the field, just imagine the difference this kid felt when hundreds of thousands of fans showed up to cheer and celebrate his name each week, while millions more watched on TV, bought thousands of his team jerseys, and began to ask him for his autograph everywhere we went. Only, Gurley could not make a dime off of anything, and he had to be very careful about the wrong person inviting him out to a movie with buttered popcorn and a Pepsi.  
Sure, I've heard all about the "free rides" of full scholarships that student athletes receive—now worth \$30,000 - \$80,000 a year. But I've also been there at the University of Pittsburgh in my own freshman year of 1987, and those so-called "free rides" are earned, because these schools will work athletics to death in order to win. So good luck with choosing

a major that's actually worth \$30,000 - \$80,000. Most athletes don't have the time for it, and many coaches will tell them so—especially in football and basketball. Nor were these kids invited to school to focus on a major. They are recruited to play sports, while masquerading as students. That's the hardcore reality here.

But every time the conversation to pay them pops up, we are reminded of a million complications. Would these payments destroy the real reason for attending school? How much do we pay athletes? Do we pay them in all sports or only the selected few? Would the payment model be fare to women athletes and Title IX rules of gender equality, knowing that most women's sports cost more annually than they earn?  
These are the many questions of execution and fairness that pop up. But at the end of the day, life is never fair. Is

it fair that a rich kid can earn a full scholarship to school and call home to his parents for thousands of dollars each month, while riding the bench in soccer? At the same time, a superstar basketball player from generations of poverty waits by the school cafeteria door each day with a growling stomach, while the university markets his name, game and jersey for hundreds of thousands of dollars that he can't touch, including the scholarship money that paid for the wealthy benchwarmer in soccer.  
It's all an insane argument that will need to be dealt with sooner rather than later. The NCAA will have to find a better way to make it all work—in fairness .  
Omar Tyree is a New York Times bestselling author, an NAACP Image Award winner for Outstanding Fiction and a professional journalist at www.Omar-

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Ecorse December Board of Review will meet at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 in the conference room on the 2nd Floor of the City of Ecorse, 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI for the purpose of correcting 2014 Homestead Exemptions that were not on the tax roll, to consider poverty exemption request for the current year and to correct clerical error or mutual mistakes of facts. There is no appeal of assessed values at the December Board of Review.

ROBERT L. HELLAR  
Assessor  
313-386-2400

Posted November 18, 2014

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

A special meeting of the Board of Review of the City of Inkster will be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 26215 Trowbridge on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, hear appeals for poverty or hardship exemptions for the current year, and to hear appeals for the Homeowner's Principal Residence exemption for the current year and the prior three years.

Felicia Rutledge  
City Clerk

PUBLISH: Week of November 24th And December 1st

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the November 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

**APPROVED:**  
Approval of the Agenda as amended.  
Approval of Consent agenda.  
Lack of support for TJ Adams Staffing motion.  
Approval of a second reading to the Inkster Zoning Code of Ordinances TCD District.  
Approval to apply for the SAFER Grant.  
Approval of FY2015 Budget Amendments.  
Approval to accept the lowest bid for Street Sweeping.  
Approval to print the 2015 calendar.  
Approval of City Council 2015 meeting dates.  
Approval to direct Administration to look into replacement of appliances at the Recreation Complex.

Felicia Rutledge  
City Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the Court Room of City Hall on Oct. 21, 2014  
Meeting called to order at 7:44p

The following Commissioners were present:  
Mayor Bowdler in the Chair  
Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pierce, Pruneau  
Absent: None  
Excused: Perry,Ward

14-245

Approval of minutes

14-246

Voucher approval

14-247

Business license approval

14-248

Building permit approval

14-249

Approval for Ann Visger Elem. to hold a Trunk or Treat Halloween event on 10/30/14

14-250

Approval for Mr. K's Saloon to use Dan Riney parking lot for a Trunk or Treat event on 10/31/2014

14-251

Approve the request from Feed Da Streetz Tour to hold an informational meeting at City Hall

14-252

Approval of dues to Mich. Municipal League for 2015

14-253

Approval to resolve that all property sold by Wayne County must pay 2014 summer taxes

14-254

Award demolition bid.

14-255

Motion to adjourn

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson, City Clerk

Susan P. Joseph, Deputy Clerk

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the Court Room of City Hall on November 5, 2014.  
Meeting called to order at 7:57p

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

Absent: None  
Excused: None

14-256

Approval of minutes

14-257

Voucher approval

14-258

Building permit approval

14-259

Approval of grant application for Energy Efficiency Capital Improve ments

14-260

Approval to partner with Wayne Metro for a blight elimination grant

14-261

Approval to move all active employees to the BC/BS Comm. 4 health plan

14-262

Approval to change the pre-65 retirees to a BC/BS Comm. 3 health plan effective Jan.1, 2015

14-263

Approval to change all post-65 retirees to a BC/BS medicare advance tage plan effective Jan 1 2015

14-264

Approval of theMutual Aid Box System for the Fire Department

14-265

Table the request from the Building Dept. for a demolition award

14-266

Approval to purchase an F550 truck for DPW, Water and Sewer De-partment use.

14-267

Approval of labor contract with Police Dept. contingent upon approval of the State

14-268

Motion to adjourn

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.

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\*CRIME ALERTS\*

POLICE BLOTTER

RIVER ROUGE

November 12th, 2014

At 2342hrs, while patrolling the area of Visger & Polk Street, an officer observed a white 2003 Cadillac CTS driving recklessly on west bound Visger. The vehicle was weaving in and out of traffic and even cut off the patrol vehicle while switching lanes. As soon as the officer initiated a Traffic stop at Palmerston & Visger, activating his overhead lights and siren, the vehicle turn south bound on 10th Street in Ecorse, going the wrong way on a One Way. The driver turned off his headlights and began to flee away at a high rate of speed, disregarding all Stop Signs between Visger and Outer Drive. The driver continued from the City of Ecorse to the City of Detroit, fleeing down West Outer Drive to Beatrice Street. The driver continued to Fort Street and Outer Drive, cross over the median into oncoming traffic on Outer drive, then slid onto the grass on to the curb, on the south side of the street, striking a light pole and nearby pedestrians. The driver drove off the grass and attempted to continued through Fort Street, but officers managed to stop him after he tried to flee. The 52 year old male was identified and had to be Tasered, because he kept trying to flee in his vehicle. The first Taser spent had no affect on the driver and officers Tased him again as he fought with officers to escape. Officers observed a ¼ full bottle of Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey next to the driver's seat. While officers were standing at the scene a 38 year old female witness told officers she was sweeping the Happy Pizza 's parking lot when she observed the Cadillac cross the median nearly striking a treat and almost striking another pedestrian bystander. Health Link was notified and arrived on scene to treat the driver injuries he sustained in the crash. He was transport to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital and during the trans the driver's clothes had to be cut to properly treat his injuries. It was during this time that officers discovered five small packaged of suspected "Crack Cocaine" that fell off of the driver's person and onto the floor of the ambulance. The narcotics was seized and tagged as evidence. Once treated the driver was taken to the River Rouge Police Station where he was booked allowed to make a phone call, then housed.

November 18th, 2014

At 1630hrs, an officer was dispatched to the police station lobby for a Larceny complaint. The officer spoke to the female, 52 year old, school-teacher of River4 rouge High School. She states about two weeks ago she was teaching a class in Room 215. Upon step-

ping out of the class room during a break, she left her purse with her white I-Pad inside the classroom. When got home she discovered her IPad missing. She notified school staff and reported the property missing and school security checked the video. The teacher states she have had problems with a male student that made statements that he would steal her property one of these days.

November 17th, 2014

At 1938hrs, an officer came to the police station lobby for a Robbery complaint. A 26 year old female states talking to male name "Carlos" at Burke & Batavia Street. The male was just an acquaintance This unknown male asked to use her phone and she gave it to him. A few minutes later while she was texting someone the male reached into her coat pocket and took her money and fled east on Coolidge .She called one of his friends and he told her he would make something up if she went to police. He even told her he would find out where she lives and shoot up her house if she makes a complaint against. She decided not to make the complaint. Two days later the female and her 50 year old mother was driving on West Jefferson and observed "Carlos" at the BP Gas Station. She confronted him and asked for her money while the mother came to the police station. Officers went to the Gas Station and the male was gone. The female stated while she was talking to him he fled down Coolidge.

November 17th, 2014

At 0215hrs, an officer was stopped at a traffic light at Marion & West Jefferson when he observed a silver 2015 Mercedes Benz with the Hazard Lights on and a male walking next to the vehicle. The officer approached the vehicle and noticed that the vehicle had driven through a cement barricade and the engine on fire. The 27 year old male told the officer he didn't see the barricade and lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the side of the road. The male stated that he injured his right hand. Health Link was notified. The officer could smell intoxicants emitting from his breath along with his blood shot eyes. The male was read his PBT Rights and the officer attempted to perform the test but was unable to do so due to the male stating that his feet were sore. Health Link arrived and the ale had full movement of his right hand and he was given ice pack and treated on the scene. The male was transported to Melvindale PD so a Chemical Breath Test could be taken and returned to River Rouge Police for booking. He was allowed to make a phone call then housed. The male was charged with OWI.

"Spare the Rod" to Debut in December

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



"Spare the Rod", presented by Stacey J Productions, will begin its run at St. Clements Episcopal Church in Inkster from December 5th-7th. Created by retired Inkster Police officer Stacey Johnson, the story revolves around a father who fails to correct his troubled son's defiant ways. As a result, the boy takes a wayward path in life. The plays message is specifically targeted toward teens and young adults to demonstrate how poor decision making can bring about detrimental consequences. "Every teen that sees this play will be touched because they will see how quickly people can turn on you," Johnson said. "It happens every day in law enforcement...they will leave you with the ball. This was a wonderful way to bring an inspirational play that will touch young people and bring them back to the community." Soon after retiring from the police force in 2009, Johnson came to accept her true calling to minister to the world through

her creation of faith based stage productions. Since then, her mission has been to provide uplifting entertainment while "still reaching a multitude of people for Christ". In the end, her experience in law enforcement combined with an unbounded faith have come together to produce an avenue where positive messages can be circulated throughout the community—as she has demonstrated with the introduction of plays like "Spare the Rod". "It's not necessarily one person's story, it's a lot of things that I witnessed in the community," she said. "...I've always



Stacy Johnson  
Producer

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had somewhat of a good rapport with churches and different things going on within the city, so that helps when I want to go out and reach people another kind of way. As opposed to doing it in uniform, I now get to do it on a spiritual level which is a little harder. It's more rewarding though because my faith means a lot to me." And with this type of outreach, she is surely impacting people on and offstage. When Johnson received a phone call last summer following a shooting in Inkster that killed a two year child and seriously injured another, she went on to adapt one of her previous plays to form "Spare the Rod" in an effort to directly address the epidemic of teen violence. Even greater, a portion of the proceeds generated by the production will be donated to the child who survived the bloodshed last July. One additionally positive aspect revolves around the fact that early in its development, "Spare the Rod" was offered as a platform to grant young people a voice. With tensions increasing between citizens and police in a number of communities around the country, Johnson solicited creative input from young actors cast for the play in order to provide a perspective on how law enforcement officials are often viewed in certain neighborhoods. This is certainly effective because it gives the play a personalized angle that speaks to the experiences of much of its target audience. "Just because I wrote the play doesn't mean it's biased from a police officer's point of view," Johnson said. "The leads are young people, and their characters are sixteen and seventeen years old. It was important that they have a voice in the writing process to share how they feel about the police, and what they perceive as threats or problems with local policing...It's very important in light of what's going on in Ferguson, Missouri, so I get a chance to address that in the play also." Fortunately the journey for this show doesn't stop here. After it finishes its run in December, plans are in the works to keep the play circulating through 2015. With its inspirational messages and an incorporation of a variety of themes that speak to the realities of issues affecting young people from all around, "Spare the Rod" definitely seems like a must see stage play that will have a positive impact on everyone who sees it. \*\*\*\*\* To purchase tickets, please visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), or contact Stacey Johnson at (313) 779-0600. If you are unable to attend but still wish to support "Spare the Rod", please consider making a donation. Tickets purchased will be utilized so that an at risk teen will have the opportunity to attend the play.





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# Studies Link Obesity and Cancer

by Stacy M. Brown Special to the NNPA from The Washington Informer



A healthy diet and exercise can help prevent obesity, a regimen that’s being followed by Northeast resident Sharon Carter, who knows that, according to a new study, obesity increases the risk of certain cancers in black and Latino women. (Courtesy of ilaacp.org)

Sharon Carter does everything that she can to lose weight.

After years of overindulging, she said she eats three healthy meals per day, her snacks are healthy and they are few and far in between.

Carter regularly walks and sometimes jogs for exercise, and she also encourages Nichelle, her 15-year-old daughter, to eat only in moderation and to join in her daily regimen.

“Exercise, watching my diet, watching my daughter’s diet is important because we do have some [obese] individuals in my family,” said Carter, 48, of Northeast. “We also know that too much weight gain often leads to other problems.”

Two new studies presented on Nov. 3 at the American Institute for Cancer Research’s annual meeting in Northwest revealed that obesity increases the risk of certain types of breast cancer in postmenopausal black and Latino women.

One of the studies included research on 3,285 Latino women, and it indicated that being overweight or obese increased the risk for estrogen receptor-negative and progesterone receptor-positive breast tumors among postmenopausal women.

“We’ve known this for a long time for white women, but now we are seeing this also in Latino women,” said the study’s author, Dr. Esther John, a senior research scientist at the Cancer Prevention Institute of California.

A separate study, which included research on more than 15,000 black women, indicated that being overweight or obese increased postmenopausal women’s risk of estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer by 31 percent.

The researchers found the risk to be nearly double among black women who at one time could be classified as lean young adults but later gained weight during adulthood.

“We know that breast cancer has several subtypes, and there is growing evidence that these subtypes have different risk factors,” said Dr. Elisa Bandera of the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, who authored the second study.

“The distribution of these subtypes and risk factors are different for African-Americans and Latinos compared to white women,” she said.

Bandera said one study isn’t enough.

“We need to know more about what African-American women can do to prevent and survive breast cancers of all types, which are often aggressive and deadly,” she said.

The studies are not unlike those conducted two years ago by the nonprofit think tank Rand Corporation in Alexandria, Virginia, where officials said disparities in cancer between black and white residents of the District are wider than those nationwide.

Rand officials found that African-Americans are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from cancer than their white peers.

While the overall cancer mortality rate proved to be about 21 percent higher among blacks than whites nationally, the mortality rate in Washington is 90 percent higher among blacks than whites.

“We know from available data that, once diagnosed with cancer, black patients in the District are more likely to begin treatment at a later stage compared to white patients,” said Rebecca Anhang Price, an associate policy researcher at Rand, who also conducted the group’s study. “But richer data on the trajectory of care among cancer patients in the District are lacking,” she said.

