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People split the ballot Both Republicans and Democrats win



Rick Snyder - R



Gary Peters - D

As usual the turnout for Midterm Election was low again. The Secretary of State issued a statement that this year's turnout was worst than the 2010 election.

The results are posted here.
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Snyder/Calley

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Wayne Metro launch new youth literacy program



Wyandotte, MI — Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) is pleased to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of a grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation to implement the new and innovative Teen Trendsetter program. A nationwide initiative, Wayne Metro is one of only a few organizations selected for this award.

Teen Trendsetters is a hands-on, reading mentorship program offered to children in the first, second and third-grades. Young readers are paired with a teen volunteer for a period of six months to assist them in gaining a greater understanding of the sciences. Mentoring sessions happen twice weekly under the supervision of an

adult.

At the end of the six month program, the goal is that mentees will have advanced their reading level by one academic year. Data shows that the teen mentors also benefit from participating in the program – with a 98 percent graduation rate compared to the national average of 81 percent (2011-2012 school year, National Center for Education Statistics).

Louis Piszker, Wayne Metro CEO, stated, "The Teen Trendsetter program expands upon our current partnership with the Barbara Bush Foundation that has helped to create three

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Romulus Ministerial Alliance partner with Western Wayne NAACP for a Community Conversation on Crime

By: Gina Steward



Members of Romulus City Government, Department of Corrections, 34th District Court, Romulus Ministerial Alliance, Mayor's Drug

Task Force and the Western Wayne NAACP joined with the community to discuss how to have a better relationship. This was the

first meeting, however everyone involved agreed that this wouldn't be the last time that they met. Stay tuned for the followup.

What's Going On? Motown the Musical excites hometown



Berry Gordy
Founder of Motown

Just 55 years ago, Berry Gordy's Detroit born musical empire, Motown Records, came to embody the collective "Sound of Young America". Fresh, hip, elegant and innovatively stylish, the Motown machine produced an array of hit recordings that launched the careers of legendary acts like Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye-unleashing an alternate reflection of black artistry for the entire world to see in the process.

On October 22nd, Gordy's sensational Broadway production of 'Motown the Musical' made its way to the Fischer Theatre to outline the visionary's exceptional journey from local automobile worker, to the pioneering mastermind behind the most influential music label of all time. Highlighted by over 40 chart topping hits like "My Girl", "Dancing in the Street", "I Want You Back" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough, the show continues to wow audiences with its dazzling performances, glamorous wardrobe changes and thrilling choreography-delivering a nostalgic experience that only "Hitsville U.S.A" and all of its glory can offer.

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CALL TO ACTION

Growing Push to Stop Payday Loan Debt Trap

By Charlene Crowell

In recent weeks a consistent drum beat against predatory lending's small dollar loans has reached regulators and legislators alike. Broad consensus on the real-life harms caused by these lending products has united consumers in all 50 states and forged an unprecedented call of concern linking 467 organizations including civil rights leaders, clergy, labor, veterans, elder and consumer advocates. Pending legislation and an upcoming rule by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) together triggered a deluge of advocacy with a single purpose: stop the debt trap of triple-digit interest rates on a range of predatory products like payday, car title and high-cost installment loans.

In September before the Senate Committee on Banking Housing and Urban Affairs, Hilary Shelton, Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau testified on the specific harms inflicted on communities of color. "We need to rid our neighborhoods of predators and stop the proliferation of abusive predatory lending products that strips, rather than builds, financial health and wealth in our communities," said Shelton.

In October, the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), representing more than 45,000 churches and 40 different denominations, sent a resolution to CFPB Director Richard Cordray, the nation's top financial cop. In part it states, "We call on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to investigate predatory lending abuses and to establish just regulations that protect the poor in our communities."

"Christians and churches should also advocate for just and responsible practices among lenders and reasonable state and federal regulations that protect the poor in our communities," added Galen Carey, NAE

vice-president. On the heels of NAE's resolution, 467 consumer advocates representing every state in the nation and more than a million consumers called for specific minimum standards in the small-dollar rulemaking. Coordinated by Americans for Financial Reform, the allies urged CFPB Director Richard Cordray to end payday, car-title and high-cost installment loans with 300 percent interest or higher interest rates. After citing well-documented research on predatory lending, the group letter reminded the regulator of the serious harms caused to consumers.

"All one needs to do is travel a street in a low-income community or community of color to witness the strikingly high concentration of payday and high-cost lenders. Additionally, these loans are particularly devastating to individuals with a fixed-income, such as seniors on retirement or Social Security income," states the letter.

The consumer advocates also identified specific reforms to effectively end small-dollar predatory lending:

1. Require the lender to determine the borrower's ability to repay the loan – including consideration of income and expenses;
2. Restrict lenders from requiring a post-dated check or electronic access to a borrower's checking account as a condition of extending credit;
3. Establish a 90-day limit on the length of indebtedness in a 12-month period – the same limit first-identified in 2005 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and
4. Ban repeat loans or any others that allow poorly underwritten loans to be made.

Celebrate with a Veterans on November 11

Veterans Day occurs on November 11th every year, and the city of Detroit and its surrounding areas have many events to commemorate it. Check this list for the best events to attend.

Detroit Zoo
8450 W. 10 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-5717
www.detroitzoo.org

Date: Nov. 11, 2014

The Detroit Zoo offers free admission to all veterans as well as "active military personnel" on Veterans Day, and \$2 off admission all other days. Check out all of its animals as well as its exhibits. You can also take a ride on the Zoo's carousel or the Tauber Family Railroad. The park is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (November 1 through March 31), so make sure to plan your visit accordingly.

Veterans Day Ceremony
Historic Elmwood Cemetery & Foundation
Civil War Lot
1200 Elmwood Ave.
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(313) 567-3453
www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org

Date: Nov. 11, 2014

On Veterans Day, the Historic Elmwood Ceremony & Foundation will present a ceremony to honor its deceased veterans, sponsored by the Detroit Historic Civil War Society. The office will sell red, white and blue bouquets, and can be bought in person or over the phone for \$10. The cemetery is able to place the bouquets on veterans' graves, or you may stop by to pick up the bouquets and place them yourselves. Bouquet quantities are limited.

Hoops for Troops
The Palace of Auburn Hills
6 Championship Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
(248) 375-4065
www.legionpost328.org

Date: Nov. 9, 2014

The Detroit Pistons will have its first Hoops for Troops this year at the Palace, and all veterans will be honored. The night will include an in-arena military recognition, a Veteran of the Year Award, several recruits being sworn into the military and other surprises. Each group that attends will receive a message on Palace 360 as well. Pricing ranges from \$20-\$35 and tickets can be bought (mailing in a check) or by calling the Palace.



American Diabetes Month®
The vision of the American Diabetes Association is a life free of diabetes and all of its burdens. Raising awareness of this ever-growing disease is one of the main efforts behind the mission of the Association. American Diabetes Month® (ADM) is an important element in this effort, with programs designed to focus the nation's attention on the issues surrounding diabetes and the many people who are impacted by the disease. Here are just a few of the recent statistics on diabetes: Nearly 30 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes. Another 86 million Americans have prediabetesa condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal but are not high enough for a diagnosis of diabetes. People with prediabetes are at increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes and for heart disease and stroke. Other names for prediabetes are impaired glucose tolerance and impaired fasting glucose.X and are at risk for developing type 2 diabetesa condition characterized by high blood glucose levels caused by either a lack of insulin or the body's inability to use insulin efficiently. Type 2 diabetes develops most often in middle-aged and older adults but can appear in young people.X. The American Diabetes Association estimates that the total national cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is \$245 billion. American Diabetes Month takes place each November and is a time to come together as a community to Stop Diabetes®! America Gets CookingSM to Stop Diabetes® is an initiative designed

to inspire people to live a more active and healthier lifestyle, empowering all Americans to cook nutritious and delicious food, and be more active. Join us this November— visit us online each week and get tips on staying healthy throughout the holiday season, learn how to host a special, food-themed event and vote for your favorite recipes to help create the perfect holiday meal! Meet the Faces Joining America Gets Cooking to Stop Diabetes DJ Spinderella - Spinderella is a member of the iconic hip-hop group Salt-n-Pepa and has personally seen the severe consequences diabetes has had on not only the person with the disease, but an entire family. Her mother passed away from complicationsharmful effects of diabetes such as damage to the eyes, heart, blood vessels, nervous system, teeth and gums, feet and skin, or kidneys. Studies show that keeping blood glucose, blood pressure and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels close to normal can help prevent or delay these problems.X of diabetes, and now she watches her brother and young nephew live with diabetes every day. Spinderella is committed to raising awareness of diabetes and the importance of eating healthy and being active. Robyn Webb, MS - As the food editor for Diabetes Forecast and also an award-winning cookbook author and culinary instructor, Robyn has been a passionate advocate of cooking and eating wisely. Because of health problems within her own family, most no-

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Watching the Elections from Abroad

By George E. Curry - NNPA Columnist



JERUSALEM — On Election Night, I usually stay awake as long as my eyelids are willing to cooperate. But this year was different. Instead of alternating between watching CNN and tracking results on the Internet, I was in the Holy Land, nearly 6,000 miles from my office in Washington, D.C.

With Daylight Savings Time going into effect last Sunday, I was in a time zone Tuesday seven hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. That meant that instead of hearing the TV network projections trickle in as polls closed in different regions of the U.S., I had to go to bed not knowing if Democrats had lost control of the Senate, as predicted, and how well African Americans had turned out in the pivotal states of North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

I fell asleep in my hotel room confident of two things: First, no matter how strong Blacks went to the polls in this off-year election, when voting historically favors the party out of the White House, Democrats were unlikely to regain control of the House of Representatives. Second, if Republicans managed to wrestle control from Democrats in the Senate, Democrats would blame the low turnout among African Americans.

Before departing Washington, I already saw this scenario unfolding. Both the New York Times and the Washington Post, the two most politically influential newspapers in the nation, had published stories

about the importance of the Black vote in Tuesday's midterm election and that without a heavy Black turnout, the prospect of Democrats retaining the upper chamber were doomed.

Missing in the analysis was how Democrats had shot themselves in the foot. It is important to understand that most White voters don't support Democrats. The last three Democrats elected president — Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama — won each time with a minority of the White vote. Considering there are more White voters in the U.S. than Blacks, perhaps a more appropriate question is: Why are White voters not turning out for Democrats? All that weight should not fall on the shoulders of Black voters.

A second point to remember is that even with Black voters being key to Democratic success, Democratic strategists have not, as the old lady making church announcements puts it, governed themselves accordingly. Even in battleground states, they didn't purchase ads in most Black newspapers, if they bought any ads at all, until the waning days of the campaign. Last-minute White House efforts were largely directed at radio programs hosted by comedians and DJs, as if they could mobilize Black voters all by themselves with shallow drive-by interviews.

Although I was on foreign soil on Election Night, I did my civic duty by voting before I left. That, too, was different. I usually enjoy the energy of voting on Election Day, seeing who turns out and watching as children enter the voting booth with a parent. Voting early this year had its own satisfying sensation. There was the sheer joy of knowing I had made my voice heard, even though I wouldn't be home on Tuesday.

My attention for the past two weeks has been split between the midterm elections in the U.S. and growing tension between Israel and Palestine. Though I have been in the Middle East for that period, at times I had to double-check to make sure I wasn't reliving my childhood in segregated Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon, reacting to pressure to settlers on land formerly occupied by Palestinians, has proposed barring Palestinians who live in the West Bank, but commute to work in Israel from riding the same buses as Jewish riders. The proposal to operate segregated buses like the ones I grew up with in Alabama is facing a strong pushback from other Israeli leaders and supporters of Israel in the U.S.

Equally disturbing, a delegation of African Americans visiting the village of Bil'in Saturday afternoon was looking at the long, concrete wall encircling a large settlement on previously occupied Palestinian land in the West Bank when one of our hosts noticed a jeep inside the housing compound headed in our direction. No one worried because we were on the outside of the settlement, which is about seven miles west of the Ramallah, and we were not breaking any laws. Still, moments later, several canisters of tear gas were fired just yards from us, forcing us to flee. Most of us were coughing and feeling a burning sensation in our eyes as we quickly fled. It was but a small sample of what Palestinians experience in their everyday life.

I will be returning home this weekend after a fascinating two-week trip. I will write a series of stories based on visit upon my return. And like all trips abroad, I will be following news out of the Middle East more closely than before. That is always one of the lasting benefits of traveling to other parts of the world.

Nominations accepted for Romulus Person of the Year

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has announced that they are seeking nominations for the 30th Person of the Year. The criteria for the nominees are individuals that have made significant contributions to Romulus and its residents. A biographical synopsis should be provided stating reasons the nominee should be awarded the Person of the Year. An award banquet will be held in the spring of 2015. The deadline to submit these nominations is 4:00 p.m. on December 5, 2014.

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Crying Out

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist




Have you ever cried out from your core? From the depth of your soul with everything in you? People are generally able to do this when in deep distress. It's not the kind of cry that can be mustered up. It's pouring out and you cannot pour out what's not there. It's like a purging of pain, like agonizing labor. This kind of cry is an intense release that occurs when all else has failed and there is nothing left to turn to for relief. It comes from our deepest sorrow and helplessness. After crying and praying to seemingly no avail, the screeching cry out can be uttered if one even has the strength to do it. That is a level of despair that is the most painful and one we dread experiencing. This is

why a lot of people simply detach or disconnect so they don't have to feel that kind of intensity. Sometimes it is inevitable no matter how much you try to avoid it. When you cry like this to God, it grabs Him by the heart. If anyone witnessed you cry like this, they might think you've lost your mind. It's an uninhibited, unrestrained crying roar of a broken heart. It's so intense that your lip might even quiver uncontrollably. Weeping is a part of life just as much as laughter is. Thank God it only endures for a night so that joy can follow in the morning (Psa. 30.5). It is only after intense weeping that one can truly appreciate and enjoy laughter. Morning comes. Our blessing comes. Don't forbid the tears. Crying is the release that moves you into the healing process. Don't refuse to cry out. You don't have to make a big scene or be seen. You can go into your prayer closet and do it privately. Women can gather together and wail like in the Bible days. The voice of wailing is heard out of Zion (Jer. 9.19). When the children of Israel found themselves hungry and thirsty with their souls fainting,

they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses (Psalm 107.5, 6). Cry to out God and let Him deliver you.

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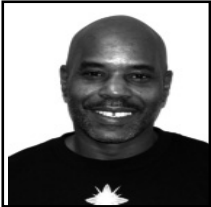
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A big thank you goes to Olive Roberts for years she picked her up for lunch at the Senior Center. I can only guess how many times Ollie waited while my mom had to get the dogs in before leaving. Lorraine was affectionately called the Cat Lady for she re-lentlessly worked with rescue groups finding hun-dreds of loving home for cats and kittens. Even Waste Management knew whose door to knock on to save a litter of kittens they found abandoned. And every year the joy she got in buying those special cookies at Christmas time for DPW.

Although she is deeply missed by her daughter, Sharon Williams, also a resident of River Rouge, I know she will be missed by so many of you.

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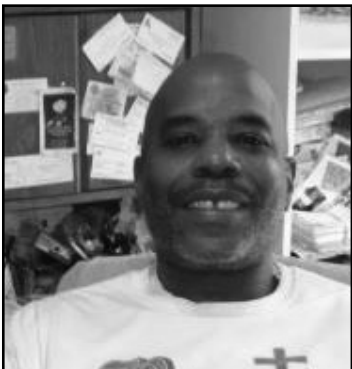
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IN THE SPIRIT

What's Wrong With Our World Today?

Part 2

By: Pastor Gerald Overall



So what is the answer to our dilemma of being surrounded by violence? What is the answer to solve this problem before it's forever to late. Well if you are a Christian this is your only answer.

The Fight against Evil
Ephesians 6:10 Finally, let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong. 11 Put on all the armor that God gives, so you can defend yourself against the devil's tricks. 12 We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world. 13 So put on all the armor that God gives. Then when that evil day comes, you will be able to defend yourself. And when the battle is over, you will still be standing firm. 14 Be ready! Let the truth be like a belt around your waist, and let God's justice protect you like armor. 15 Your desire to tell the good news about peace should be like shoes on your feet. 16 Let your faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Let God's saving power be like a helmet, and for a sword use God's message that comes from the Spirit. 18 Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God's people.

As for the world it is a rap. Sad to say but that is just the way it is.

2nd Peter 3:8 Dear friends, don't forget that for the Lord one day is the same as a thousand years, and a thousand years is the same as one day. 9 The Lord isn't slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost. 10 The day of the Lord's return will surprise

us like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a loud noise, and the heat will melt the whole universe. Then the earth and everything on it will be seen for what they are. 11 Everything will be destroyed. So you should serve and honor God by the way you live. 12 You should look forward to the day when God judges everyone, and you should try to make it come soon. On that day the heavens will be destroyed by fire, and everything else will melt in the heat. 13 But God has promised us a new heaven and a new earth, where justice will rule. We are really looking forward to that!

So in closing The Armor of God is the Christians only hope. There is nowhere on earth to run from the devil and he not be able to find you. My prayer is the same prayer that Jesus Christ prayed for us when the devil asked him to sift us his disciples as wheat. And that is that our faith in all God has said to us from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 fails not.

For those who want protection from the devil and the demons (fallen angels) who serve with him, Jesus Christ is your only answer.

Romans 10:8 All who are acceptable because of their faith simply say, "The message is as near as your mouth or your heart." And this is the same message we preach about faith. 9 So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. 10 God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others. 11 The Scriptures say that no one who has faith will be disappointed, 12 no matter if that person is a Jew or a Gentile. There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. 13 All who call out to the Lord will be saved. 14 How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? 15 And how can anyone tell them without being sent by the Lord? The Scriptures say it is a beautiful sight to see even the feet of someone coming to preach the good news. 16 Yet

not everyone has believed the message. For example, the prophet Isaiah asked, "Lord, has anyone believed what we said?" 17 No one can have faith without hearing the message about Christ.

Acts 4:12 Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone.

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Pastor Gerald Overall is Pastor at Runner for Christ Ministries in Ecorse

City of Inkster Transitions to Monthly Billing for Water and Sewage Usage

By: Shelby Jefferson



In response to persistent concerns over the cities rising water costs, Inkster citizens will now be billed monthly for residential water use. The municipality insists that this approach will enable customers to easily track personal usage and budget their household bills more efficiently.

"One of the main reasons for the change was that it became difficult for many people to pay their monthly bill. So now instead of three months, it's a much smaller amount," Inkster Councilman Timothy Williams explained. "This helps senior citizens in the community as well because the majority of them are on fixed incomes."

Through the City's official website, a number of additional factors have been supplied to further educate residents with the transition. While these modifications remain in the early stages, Councilman Williams contends that he has received relatively positive feedback from community members regarding the recent amendments to the City's water billing practices. On the contrary, some residents

maintain that meter readings continue to register at inaccurately high levels, generating persistently high bills-even under the new system.

For Councilman Williams, one proposed remedy to this ongoing issue may lie in the creation of community workshops that will teach residents how to accurately interpret meter readings in their homes. As a short term solution, he suggests that any issues regarding high water bills be taken directly to the city council for immediate assistance.

"Call me, or the councilperson from your district so that we can speak on your behalf," Williams insisted. "Contact us first, because we have direct access to the Treasurer. I want this to be as smooth as possible for the citizens of Inkster. I definitely want them to know that I care."

Residents seeking additional information are also invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting scheduled to be held later this month.

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6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
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Join several students and parents from surrounding schools for an exciting evening of parent and student forums, financial aid workshops and onsite admissions.

Students will learn ways to better prepare themselves for the future. Find out about the

fastest growing jobs and who is looking to hire you. Students will learn about what to expect in a college, how to maximize their college experience. Parents will learn various strategies to support their child during their transition from high school to college. There will be a financial aid expert on hand to help parents and students maneuver through the financial aid application. There will also be a college care package raffled off to a lucky senior. So mark your calendars for November 19, and don't miss out on this exciting event.

The event will take place from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. For a complete agenda for this event visit their website at www.riverrougeschools.org



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Trendsetters

From Page 1A

Centers for Family Literacy in Wayne County. This program will allow Wayne Metro to further engage young students, and also help to create leadership skills in young adults."

With funding received from the Barbara Bush Foundation in 2012, Wayne Metro successfully implemented an award-winning family literacy program based in the community of Hamtramck, Michigan. Wayne Metro's Literacy Education and Parenting Success (LEAPS) Family Literacy Program offers GED and ESL classes to low-income families and helps parents learn how to support their children's school readiness while they are also learning themselves. Due to the success of the program, the Barbara Bush Foundation increased the level of funding to seed additional LEAPS sites in the City of Detroit. These sites are located in Brightmoor, Cody Rouge and Highland Park. All of these sites are currently enrolling new participants.

Adding to an already established family literacy program funded and run by Wayne Metro in collaboration with Don Bosco Hall, Wayne Metro's first Teen Trendsetters program is set to launch in spring of 2015. Additional Teen Trendsetter initiatives will be created housed in various Wayne Metro sites throughout Wayne County.

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Grandport Academy in Ecorse Teaches Boys How To Be Men Through the “Gentleman’s Group”

By: Shelby Jefferson



The young men of Grandport Academy are eager to participate in The Gentlemen’s Group.

The “Gentlemen’s Group” is all the rave at Ecorse’s Grandport Academy.

Members are taught to carry themselves like true young men. They dress to impress in suits and ties, and are always polite and respectful.

Designed by Grandport Principal Elijah Rozier and Dean of Students Michael Talley, the organization began in September with just 20 kids, and has since blossomed to a membership of 45 students. With participants ranging from 3rd to 8th grade, the club was founded with the purpose of teaching young boys the basic skills necessary to help them in their eventual shift to manhood. Weekly meetings deliver essential life lessons like how to tie a tie, table etiquette, good hygiene practices, anger management and the value of higher education.

“The reason why we started the program was because we want to condition their minds early,” Mr. Talley said. “Things like ‘yes sir and yes ma’am’, holding the door open for young ladies. Tucking your

shirt in, and making sure your tie is straight. I think we should start them young before they get to high school and start to go in other directions... They’re actually coming up with some pretty good responses, so I’m impressed with that. We’re just trying to raise young men”.

Since its introduction at the beginning of the school year, these efforts have gained much momentum-everyone is asking to be a part of the “Gentlemen’s Group.”

Much of this can be attributed to the culture created at Grandport that promotes positivity, encouragement and brotherhood. Kids are greeted with smiles and pleasantries in the morning by male faculty members, and are taught important communication skills that will benefit them in their future development. Principal Rozier and Mr. Talley acknowledge noticeable improvement in the demeanor of many of the students in the group, some of whom may have experienced academic struggles or exhibited behavioral issues prior to their involvement.

“Sometimes you don’t do better because you don’t know better,” Principal Rozier expressed. “When you’re exposed to a better way of speaking, of handling yourself and being able to build relationships, these are ways that you can grow. Anything that’s building the esteem and culture in the school is very important to me... I want this to be something that is a complete experience for our children.”

In addition to the factors already in play, the group has great things in store for the future. Incentives are in place for students performing well academically to be treated to fun outings, which will include Detroit Pistons games. Addition-

ally, the club will arrange tours of local university campuses to give kids a taste of college life. Through events like these “The Gentlemen’s Group” will provide these boys with knowledge and positive experiences that they will carry with them the rest of their lives.

For leaders like Talley and Rozier, the greatest reward comes from rallying together to impact these kids for the better.

“I’m excited because everyday they’re looking at me, Mr. Rozier and the rest of the men in the building to lead,” Mr. Talley expressed. “With the leadership we’ve had, it’s been a wonderful experience.”

Community Meal

Blessed 2B Giving Foundation invites you to a community Thanksgiving dinner on November 15, 2014. The dinner will be held at the Telegram Newspaper in river Rouge, MI Doors open 2:00pm & food will be served at 3:00pm There will also be arts and crafts for the kids and good music.

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What's Going On?: 'Motown the Musical Star Shines As Marvin Gaye As Motown the Musical Makes Its Motor City Run At the Fischer Theater

By Shelby Jefferson



Night after night, the touring productions cast bring an authentic energy to their characters praised from critics on all sides. One of the most notable performances is provided by Jarran Muse, the New Jersey native who vibrantly stars as Marvin Gaye. With raw emotion and infinite depth, Muse's performance is so poignant that it leaves spectators with a sense that the legendary songster has actually appeared before them in the flesh.

"I'm definitely not trying to imitate or be some sort of caricature of Marvin Gaye," Muse admits in regards to the development of his character. "He was such an icon, so there was definitely a lot of pressure. Instead of trying to be pitch perfect with his voice, for example, I felt like I couldn't try to do an imitation. Nobody can be him, he was too unique...I just want to make him and his family proud."

While we can't speak for Gaye's blood relatives, Muse certainly doesn't have to worry about garnering the approval of the late singers Motown family.

Countless label greats that included Stevie Wonder, Martha Reeves, and Smokey Robinson beamed with pride from the red carpet at the shows Detroit homecoming last month, expressing how impressed they were with the productions recreation of their musical journey. While sharing time and space with these artists was undoubtedly unforgettable Muse, (who also had the rare privilege of playing a part in the original Broadway show), maintains that what remains most memorable about that historic evening was the actual feeling of performing here in Detroit where it all began.

"The pressure was on to open the show on Broadway, but it

was ten times greater at the Fischer. I mean, it's half a mile from "Hitsville". You can feel the energy; the crowd gets every single joke. It's also really cool to see the reactions to the mentioning of Detroit DJ's and the local personalities that are in the show... Most people's families are in the audience, or the people themselves. We just know that with every single show, that's the energy coming from the audience, so it's completely different."

And understandably so.

But for some audiences, perhaps one of the most captivating elements found within the show lies within the larger implications behind Berry Gordy's dream. In an era plagued by racial segregation and civil unrest, Motown's music and all of its entities entirely revolutionized the landscape of popular music as we know it.

Its youthful sound was universally appealing and easily relatable to mainstream audiences. Suddenly, songs by black artists could be heard in heavy rotation on predominantly white airwaves. Black musicians were now booking regular appearances on some of the nation's biggest television programs, from "American Bandstand" to "The Ed Sullivan Show". Motown was absolutely everywhere. Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson-all household names and leading global superstars. Ultimately, Berry Gordy's

creation shook the foundation of an entire culture, becoming a medium that could help to bridge a significant gap along racial and socioeconomic lines.

This stage play is able to capture just that.

In one specific scene during the show, Marvin Gaye's yearning to challenge key social issues of the time is met with much contention from his brother in law and label CEO Berry Gordy, who insists that socially conscious music lacks commercial viability. Eventually Jarran Muse emerges, sporting Gaye's signature fitted skull cap and scruffy beard, to deliver a passionate rendition of "What's Going On"-all against the backdrop of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the 1967 Detroit riots. This work would become the most successful of Gaye's lucrative career, illustrating that despite Gordy's opposition, Gaye's "message music" can be considered an ultimate manifestation of Motown's sociopolitical power. Inadvertent or otherwise, the labels existence alone as a leading black enterprise and cultural game changer stood as the upmost symbol of resistance to racial inequality during the Civil Rights era.

While acknowledged presumably in retrospect, the lasting power behind Marvin Gaye's vision seems to hold great value with Gordy through his interpretation of the icon in his concep-

tion of 'Motown the Musical'-an aspect that proved to be highly beneficial for Jarran Muse as an actor.

"One thing that I will share is that Mr. Gordy said that Marvin Gaye was his truest artist," Muse stated. "If you wanted to know what he was thinking about or how he was feeling, really listen to his music. He recorded exactly how he felt, and what he was going through. That's another reason why they butted heads so much...Marvin wanted it his way, and Gordy didn't always see eye to eye with that vision."

We had a lot of one on one conversation and I was able to completely pick Mr. Gordy's brain to get detailed stories about Marvin Gaye...I was definitely able to put that into the development of my character."

In essence, all of these elements woven together are what make 'Motown the Musical' so special. The timeless sound. The remarkable dance. The incomparable fashion style. The story and historic legacy behind a monumental record label whose insurmountable influence will continue to carry on generation after generation.

Motown was more than just music. It ultimately changed the world.



For Jarran Muse, this remains perhaps the most rewarding factor about starring in a production as epic as 'Motown the Musical'.

"When you think about Motown music, it really is the fabric that America was created around," Muse said. "Motown is everywhere. It's what I grew up on; it's what a lot of us grew up on."

...At the end of the show, people come backstage and say, 'It took me right back to when I was in high school.' Or they say, 'I fell in love to "My Girl"....This reaction from them just means we're doing the right thing. People really pour their hearts out because of this music, and that's the biggest review for me. They have these huge smiles and tears of joy, and they're telling us how proud of us they are, and how happy they are that we're continuing with the story. That makes everything right; it gives me the greatest satisfaction."



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Improved quality of Medicare plans and steady premiums are great news as Open Enrollment begins

By Marilyn Tavenner, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator

Fall is a wonderful time of year. Changing leaves. Cooler weather. It's also the season for people with Medicare to review their current Medicare coverage, as Medicare Open Enrollment begins.

As we prepare for Medicare Open Enrollment, which began on October 15 and ends on December 7, Medicare wants everyone to know that quality continues to improve both in Medicare Advantage and in the Part D Prescription Drug Program.

Each year, plan costs and coverage can change. During open enrollment, seniors and people with disabilities across the country have the opportunity to review their current Medicare coverage and see if they want to make any changes for the next year. It's important for people with Medicare to take the time to make sure their current situation still meets their health care needs best.

To help people choose a plan, Medicare calculates plan "star ratings" for Medicare health and prescription drug plans. Each plan gets a number of stars on a scale of 1 to 5—with 5 being the best—based on quality and performance. These ratings are designed to help people with Medicare, their families, and caregivers

compare plans, in addition to information on their premiums and benefits.

This year, people with Medicare who choose to enroll in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan will have access to more high-rated, four- and five-star plans than ever before. Approximately 60 percent of Medicare Advantage enrollees are in a Medicare Advantage Plan earning four or more stars in 2015, compared to an estimated 17 percent back in 2009. Likewise, about 53 percent of Part D enrollees are currently enrolled in stand-alone prescription drug plans with four or more stars for 2015, compared to just 16 percent in 2009. Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, enrollment in Medicare Advantage will increase to 42 percent to an all-time high of over 16 million and Medicare Advantage premiums will have decreased by 6 percent.

For people with Medicare, this is good news in how they receive care. Plans that are higher rated deliver a high-level of care, such as improving the coordination of care, managing diabetes or other chronic conditions more efficiently, screening for and preventing illnesses, making sure people get much-needed prescription drugs, or getting ap-

pointments and care quickly. A high rating also means these plans give better customer service, with fewer complaints or long waits for care.

If you have Medicare and need assistance, you can visit Medicare.gov, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). You should have received the 2015 "Medicare & You" Handbook and important notices from your current plan, Medicare, or Social Security about changes to your coverage. If you're satisfied with your current coverage, there's nothing you need to do.

Better quality in Medicare health and prescription drug plans isn't the only good news for people with Medicare. For most seniors who have Original Medicare, the 2015 Part B premium will stay unchanged for a second consecutive year at \$104.90. This means more of seniors' retirement income and any increase in Social Security benefits will stay in their pockets. The Part B deductible will stay the same as well.


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ARIES

You feel centered this week and full of efficient energy. Use this week to accomplish tasks, make plans, and finalize arrangements that need to be made. Face into personal responsibilities with love and pleasure now.

Soul Affirmation: I am willing to make changes in my life.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 21, 24

TAURUS

You can build a bridge with your imagination to reach the person you want to meet. Build the very best bridge your imagination can afford. Your soulmate will then cross over to you. Your intentions are warm and sincere.

Soul Affirmation: This week I find joy in the gifts that life has already given me.

Lucky Numbers: 28, 37, 44

GEMINI

While those around you may seem disagreeable, mind your own business and don't take anything personally. Focus your mind on the project you most want to work on this week and put your beautiful energy into that with love.

Soul Affirmation: I give my busy brain a rest from worrying this week.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 48, 51

CANCER

A happy week is in store for sociable you. Lots of friends and a party or two or three will keep your energy bright. Use caution while driving and watch for a pleasant surprise or two this week.

Soul Affirmation: Trust gives me a deep sense of peace and joy.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 21, 37

LEO

Lots of creative energy available this week, and you can use this in many creative ways. Whatever your heart tells you to focus on, focus on that. Maintain emotional balance by taking periodic breaks from your work.

Soul Affirmation: True friendship is a mirror into which I look to see the beauty of my inner self

Lucky Numbers: 9, 13, 30

VIRGO

Your sense of self is feeling unusually well-defined. And it's causing you to look confident. People will notice your regal bearing and noble outlook this week.

Soul Affirmation: My emotions provide me a pathway into the sunshine of my being.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 29, 45

LIBRA

The week may start off cloudy but will soon turn bright if you keep your outlook positive and your thoughts on higher, more optimistic ideas. Be thankful for your wise and generous heart. You have a shining spirit.

Soul Affirmation: Jewelry reflects the beauty of my feelings about myself.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 45, 51

SCORPIO

Who is your spiritual family? Celebrate your life with these people this week. Offer praise and grace-filled vibrations, and share your blessings. Things on the mundane level are clearing up and working out perfectly.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy discovering new territory this week.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 14, 29

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Panthers Eeks a Victory over the Panthers

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

It was a Halloween Night at River Rouge High School home venue known as Panther Stadium as the kickoff of the 2014 District Football Playoffs began as mother natural complemented the two teams involved, Detroit University Prep and River Rouge High with a storm that was raging the night in a bewitching, creepy, cold, wet, theater setting that kept many admirers in a eerie frame of mind. Yes the fans who came to brave the element to watch the players on both teams slip, slide, and fought to dearly hold to a football during this nights football game that was a enormous challenge. Nevertheless, the first and only score of the contest was a Dontez Blackshear 12 yard run with 2:12 remaining in the first half and with Rouge converting the two point play to give them a 8-0 lead in which it was the only score that was needed for the them to advance to the next round of the 2014 District Football Playoffs. However, Rouge had chance to increase the score as on the kick off to Detroit University Prep their kick returnee fumble the football, Rouge recover on University Prep 22 yard line. Indeed, the Panthers move the as close to University Prep 10 yard line however, penalties called of twice during the drive

push them back to University Prep 23 yard line. In spite of the setback Rouge did move the ball as close to the 16-yard line of before University Prep also nicknamed the Panthers stopped the drive. University Prep offense was not equal to the offense of the Panthers of River Rouge High all night long, nevertheless, their defense repeatedly kept them in a close game and also their team in striking distant throughout the contest. "Absolutely, it was a nasty, dirty, old fashion high school football game, and I loved ever minute of it" said, winning coach Corey Parker of River Rouge High School as he was impressed with the unity of his team during a bewitching, creepy, cold, wet, Halloween Night. "I very happy with my players as the element were rough however, the offense and the defense all night long continue to pat each other on the back and each other going all night during this game and I am pleased with them all." River Rouge with the win has earned another home game at Panther Stadium this Friday against the Bluestreaks of Ida High School who shut Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 24-0. The winner with move on to the regional, November 14 or 15, to continue in the march to win the right to play in the finals at Ford Field.

Here are the rest of the football games being play this high school playoff Friday.

Division 1,
Detroit Cass Tech (10-0) at Dearborn Fordson (10-0)
Friday, 7:00 PM.

Division 2,
Wyandotte Roosevelt (8-2) at Brownstown Woodhaven (10-0)
Friday 7:00 PM.

Division 3,
Dearborn Divine Child (7-3) at Redford Thurston (7-3)
Friday, 7:00 PM and
Trenton (7-3) at New Boston Huron (9-1)
Friday, 7:00 PM.

Division 5,
Ida (8-2) at River Rouge (9-1)
Friday, 7:00 PM.

NFL AND DETROIT LIONS HOST FOOTBALL SAFETY CLINIC FOR MOMS AT ALLEN PARK HEADQUARTERS

More than 200 Detroit-area moms will take part in the free clinic, which will include education on proper equipment fitting; concussion awareness; heat and hydration; and USA Football's Heads Up Football program. As part of the event, moms in attendance will practice

Heads Up Tackling. The event is one of a series of football clinics for moms. The clinic is the first Moms Clinic to be hosted by the Detroit Lions. Tuesday, November 11, 2014; 6:00PM – 9:00PM Detroit Lions Headquarters and Training Facility 222 Republic Drive | Allen Park, MI 48101

Eagles grounded by Trojans, 20-6

By Christian Young

For Romulus's return to the playoffs for the first time in 14 years, the stage was set at Trenton's Farrer Field. They would face the host Trojans in an MHSAA Division 3 playoff opener on a cold, rainy fall-resembling-winter night. Unfortunately, that rainy night played a big part, as slippery wet balls led to fumbles and turnovers—and led to a 20-6 victory for the hosts. "I'm a little disappointed that we didn't have a better showing," Romulus coach Thom Patterson said. "The weather played a part in it and our special teams didn't step up. But those things happen." After a Romulus three and out, the Trojans marched down the field before quarterback Christian Mercure punched in a two-yard touchdown with 6:05 remaining in the first quarter. Romulus answered with their own drive, capped off with a five-yard Oscar Brown plunge on fourth down to bring the Eagles within 7-6 as the first quarter ran out. The two teams showed off good old-fashioned Midwestern ball, with two tough defenses slugging it out the entire

second quarter. In the third quarter, the Eagles drove all the way down before Trenton stopped Romulus tailback Lorenzo Williams on the Trojans' 1-yard line. It seemed like Romulus would get some life after stopping the Trojans' drive. But a Romulus player muffed the punt, and the Trojans recovered at their 41-yard line—and received a jolt. Mercure bolted for a 59-yard touchdown to extend the Trojans' lead to 13-6 with 3:17 left in the third quarter, and later when Romulus had to punt, they muffed the ball and the punter was sacked, giving Trenton the ball at the Eagles' 12-yard line. A few plays later, Mercure busted in from five-yards away to put the final nail in the coffin on the Eagles' season. Despite the loss, Patterson saw that there was plenty to look back on. "We were 0-8 two years ago," he said. "We knew had the talent to get to this point. I'm proud of the boys. It showed what we were capable of this year and we'll build toward it next year."

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Bulldogs check out against Old Redford, 14-6

By Christian Young

With high expectations for this season after a 6-0 start, the Dearborn Heights Robichaud Bulldogs entered last Saturday's contest as the easygoing, obliging hosts to Detroit Old Redford for a Division 4 MHSAA playoff opener. Unfortunately, according to Robichaud coach Al Demps, the hosts were too obliging, to the point of giving gifts. "We gave them a present, two touchdowns early," he said of the two touchdowns that proved to be the difference in the Ravens' 14-6 victory over the Bulldogs. "We were discombobulated for some reason." Robichaud's defense had been tough all year, but the Ravens ran right down the field and scored on a six-yard plunge by Old Redford running back Roderick Davis with 7:34 left in the first quarter. The Bulldogs responded with their own long drive, having success running up the middle but experiencing difficulty getting anything going on the edge or through the air. Defensively, the Bulldogs went through the same thing—largely keeping the Ravens' passing game and interior running game in check, but having trouble with runs on the outside. "We couldn't get anything

going in the first half," Demps said. "I don't know what we can attribute that to, whatever it was, we couldn't get anything going." And that's exactly where the Ravens went for their second touchdown, as the Old Redford quarterback converted a fourth-and-one into a 50-yard touchdown run off the left side. A run up the middle for the two-point conversion put Old Redford up, 14-0, early in the second quarter. Robichaud, however, would get new life as William Melchor stripped the Old Redford fullback and recovered the fumble, and went down on the field on the legs of quarterback Jairus Grissom and tailback Michael Carter. On a crucial third-and-eight, Grissom weaved through the field to get the Bulldogs down to the Old Redford two-yard line. Two plays later, Carter punched it in to close the Old Redford lead to 14-6, with 4:31 left in the first half. The Bulldogs snuffed the ensuing Raven drive with a Traivon Clayton interception, but then promptly coughed up an interception themselves. The two teams slugged it out throughout the entire second half, and an interception by



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Army Pvt. Dion M. Brooks

has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Ga. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values. Brooks is the son of Lisa Y. Brooks of Detroit. He is also the nephew of Beverly Jones of Detroit and the grandson of Allegra Brooks of Eastpointe. The airman graduated in 2013 from Renaissance High School in Detroit.

Army Pvt. Kenji W. Matsumoto has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, Ga. During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values. Matsumoto is the son of William Johnson of Detroit. He is a 2002 graduate of Mumford High School in Detroit.

Army Pfc. Douglas K. Biddles

has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Biddles is the brother of Darius James of Wayne, Mich. He is a 2014 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne.

Army Pvt. Christen Kush

has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Kush is the daughter of Jill Kush of Lincoln Park, MI. She is a 2009 graduate of Lincoln Park High School in Lincoln Park.



U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Blaise J. Boudreaux

graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Boudreaux is the daughter of Malcolm A. Boudreaux of Royal Oak, MI. The airman is a 2001 graduate of Martin Luther King Jr./Sr. High School in Detroit.

A Old Face Returns to Tigers Staff

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Tigers this past Monday announced that Alan Trammell has been named a special assistant to Tigers President, CEO and General Manager David Dombrowski. In his role, Trammell will assist in on-field duties at both the major league and minor league levels, be involved in all personnel meetings, travel throughout the minor league system and participate in community relations.

“On behalf of ownership and the Detroit Tigers organization, we’re thrilled Alan Trammell has returned to the ball club,” said Tigers President, CEO and General Manager David Dombrowski. “‘Tram’ will forever be revered as one of the greatest Tigers to ever wear the old English ‘D’ and we view this as an opportunity to add an outstanding baseball person who offers a wealth of experience and perspective from his 20 plus seasons, all with the Tigers, and his most recent years of managing and coaching. It’s great to have him back.”

“I am very excited to be back on board with the Tigers,” said Alan Trammell. “It is an honor to return to Detroit and I am looking forward to working with Dave and contributing to the organization.”

Trammell, 56, joins the Tigers after spending the previous four seasons as the bench coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Prior to his time in Arizona, Trammell was the bench coach for the Chicago Cubs from 2007-10, where he was part of back-to-back National League Central Division titles in 2007-08. Trammell was the manager of the Tigers from 2003-05 and served as the club’s hitting coach in 1999. In between his stints in Detroit, Trammell served as the first base coach of the San Diego Padres from 2000-02.

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Grissom set up a last minute drive. “We had to put him in the defensive backfield,” Demps said. “We’d been saving him all year, but this time we didn’t have a choice.” However, the drive fell short as a Melchor run was stopped short of the first down, ending the Bulldogs’ season at 8-2. The Ravens will go on to face Chelsea in the district championship on Friday. As for the

Bulldogs, they will be losing some key seniors, but the cupboard is hardly bare. Grissom, Carter, Clayton and receiver Mercer Bryson, among others, will return for 2015. “This is going to hurt, but we have a lot to look forward to,” Demps said. “Guys are hurting right now, so we’ve got to regroup our team, get them back together and get them re-focused on this type of thing.”

Pistons Lose Home Opener

By Butch Davis



Greg Monroe his first game of the season this past Saturday night scoring 18 Points in Pistons third straight loss. Photo Taken By Zottman

It was the Joe Johnson show at the Palace of Auburn Hill this past Saturday night as when the Detroit Pistons got close to the Brooklyn Nets lead or for a brief time the home team work to get a lead in the game a Johnson clown on the Pistons on floor in defensive play and scoring often. Afterwards the results were as the first two Pistons games of this season, a loss. Yes, there were some positives in the game as the Piston in front of a home crowd of over 19 thousand in the house that official debut a multi-million dollar renovations of the 26-year-old Palace, highlighted by a massive six-screen video board at center court. Kid Rock used the new technology as part of a halftime tribute to Detroit that included a surprise appearance. Another positive was the return of Greg Monroe to the lineup scoring 18 points, 11 rebounds and three assists all coming off the bench. The negatives, the Pistons shot 25 percent (8 for 32) outside the paint, and the third straight game Andre Drummond was not effective as foul troubles kept him on the bench the duration of the game. D. J. Augustine and Caron Butler also came the bench to give Pistons energy to stay within 81-75 at the end of three, and they took a 84-83

lead when Caron Butler hit three free throws with 8:49 to play. Nevertheless, Drummond, though, picked up his fifth foul and was return to the bench for the remaining time of the game. I will point out Brandon Jennings had him best game as a Piston this early season scoring also sharing a team point high of 18 points, nine assists, in which most of the was done during the first three quarters of the game as Augustine was on the floor to finish the game for the Pistons. "We got blown up by a great player," Coach Stan Van Gundy said. "I've been coaching against him for a long time, and as you can see, I still haven't found a way to stop him. We wanted to double him, but he was making 23-footers, and you don't want to run a guy out that far. At the end, we didn't have a choice." A disappointment to me was Jonas Jerebko who to me is the Pistons best small forward did not receive a minute of playing time he remain on the bench the entire game. Pistons with a four game home stand this week ending this Sunday play the Utah Jazz before returning to the road for a three game road trip not returning home until November 17, to host the Orlando Magic.

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TRANSITION TO MONTHLY WATER & SEWER BILLING

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Why is the City switching to monthly billing?

Monthly billing makes it easier for customers, especially those on a fixed income, to manage their monthly household finances and budget more efficiently. It also provides customers with more frequent and timely information about their water usage. This allows customers to track their usage, reduce consumption and detect leaks in their household plumbing sooner. Detecting leaks and reducing consumption saves water and money.

What are the benefits of monthly billing?

It allows customers to budget more efficiently. It is easier for customers, especially those on a fixed income, to manage their monthly household finances. It provides customers with more frequent and timely information about their water usage. It allows customers to adjust month-to-month consumption, especially during summer months, which can save money. It allows customers to detect leaks more timely, thus allowing for prompt repairs and reducing the potential of a high water bill as a result of the leak. (Customers are responsible for repairing household leaks).

How often will my meter be read?

Meters will be read on a monthly basis and will be billed monthly based on consumption.

Will my water bill look different?

No changes will be made to the water bill. The bills will contain water and sewer charges for one month of usage verses quarterly usage.

During the transition, will I be billed more than once for the same water and/or sewage consumption?

Customers will not be billed more than once for water or sewer services. Each bill will cover a different usage period.

Where or how can I pay my monthly bill?

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What is the timeline for the monthly billing?

We anticipate a smooth transition from quarterly billing of water and sewer to monthly billing. Below is a timeline describing when you can expect to receive your bill and for what usage period as the transition is made.

Timeline for the new monthly billing

District	Usage Period	Customers receive bills	Due date	Late fees applied
1	10/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/9/14	1/5/15	1/7/15
2	11/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/9/14	1/5/15	1/7/15
3	9/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/5/14	12/30/14	1/5/15
4	11/1/14 - 11/30/14	12/5/14	12/30/14	1/5/15
First full monthly billing for all districts				
1	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/12/15	2/6/15	2/10/15
2	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/12/15	2/6/15	2/10/15
3	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/10/15	2/4/15	2/6/15
4	12/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/10/15	2/4/15	2/6/15

Billing districts are separated by the first digit of the utility billing account number i.e. "1", "2", "3".

Shut- off for non- payment will be scheduled 30 days after the due date.

How can I get more information?

A Town Hall Meeting is being held to explain the transition process and to address any citizen concerns.

Thursday, November 20, 2014
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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Information may also be obtained on the City of Inkster website at www.cityofinkster.com or by contacting the Department of Public Service (DPS) at 313.563.9774 or the Water Dept (Billing) at 313.563.7704.



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ter to delete the require-
ment for newspaper
publication of requests
for sealed proposals re-
lated to city purchases.

NO

Charter Amendment 1:
Districts Amend charter
to divide the city into six,
single-member districts
for election of city council
members.
YES

Charter Amendment 2:
Elective Office Amend
charter so that no person
is eligible for re-election

as mayor or council
member if that person
previously has served 16
years or more as mayor,
council member, or a
combination of both of-
fices.

Police and Fire Millage
Renewal Renew levy of
1 mill for five years

YES

Crestwood School Dis-
trict Board Member Two
6-year terms

Sue Kaminsky
Colleen Krizanick

Dearborn Heights School
District #7
Board Member
Two 4-year terms
Marcia Lebar
David Mack

Detroit Public Schools
Board Member Four 4-
year terms
At-Large

LaMar Lemmons
Reverend David Murray
Ida Carol Short
Patricia Johnson Single-
ton

Ecorse Public Schools
Board Member Four 4-
year terms

Phyllis L. Cook
Darren Johnson
Kelia Freeman McPhaul
April Ackerman Miller

Melvindale-North Allen
Park Public Schools
School Bond Proposal

Levy 1.98 mills in 2015,
then 1.96 mills annually
to raise \$14,275,000.

NO

River Rouge School Dis-
trict Board Member Four
4-year terms

William Campbell
Darryl Folks II
Ingrid Wilson Johnson
Greg P. Joseph

Romulus Community
Schools Board Member
Four 4-year terms
Theresa Beard
Ulanda C. Caldwell
Devan Safford
John Thiede

Taylor School District
Board Member Three 4-
year terms
Blaine Honeycutt
Douglas Meyers
Thomas S. Zorn

Wayne-Westland Com-
munity Schools Board
Member Three 6-year
terms
Melandie Yvonne Hines
Carol Middel
Shawna Walker

Board Member
One partial term ending
12/31/2016
Trav Griffin

Wyandotte Public
Schools Board Member
Four 4-year terms
Kathryn Petrowski Be-
dikian
Cynthia Wilson Kinney
Patrick J. Sutka
Michael A. Swiecki

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

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along the
river

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Covert on her new book -
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River on
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Brooks Green, 34th Dis-
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Green, 34th District Court
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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 4:00 p.m., in the 2nd floor conference room at the Civic Center, 10600 W. Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

City of River Rouge Initiated Rezoning for 91 Haltiner Road. The site is located between Lewis Avenue and W. Jefferson Avenue on the east side of Haltiner Road and contains three parcels: Parcel 1 (50-008-13-0001-000), Parcel 2 (50-008-13-0002-300), and Parcel 3 (50-004-09-0019-300).

The City of River Rouge will contemplate the rezoning of Parcels 1 and 2 from B-2, General Business to P-1, Vehicular Parking and Parcel 3 from M-2, Heavy Industrial to P-1, Vehicular Parking.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission, City of River Rouge, 10600 W. Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan 48101.



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Husband's questions

Dear Husband's questions

I hope you are prepared to hear me say your spouse is taking advantage and doesn't really care. You are no longer the object of his desire and he has replaced you, possibly with a computer. I'm sorry, really I am. I'm not trying to hurt your feelings and I understand you're working with a fragile heart. TBT, you're scared, hunting for a dead horse and it's time to make a change. You and I both know, grown folks pay attention when pining for each other. There's no need for directions or a how-to manual. If you don't mind, why don't you take the time to become the mate that you seek? If you want attention, give him attention. If you're longing for love, make love to him. If you're searching for him to desire you, desire him first. You feel me? You've got to lead this horse outta the barn and back towards the water, baby. It's ok, he's your husband. Stop offering him back-out options and hop on that Thoroughbred and ride. Get your saddle ready girl, I know you've got some tricks up your sleeve. Show up with a rope, in just your riding boots and getcho rodeo started!

Alma
Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and twitter @almaaskalma.

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Afterschool Participation Grows but Unmet Demand Nears 20 Million Children



(StatePoint) “America After 3 PM,” a new survey commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance, finds that participation in afterschool programs has increased dramatically, from 6.5 million children in 2004 to 10.2 million today. Unmet demand has increased, as well. The parents of 19.4 million children not in afterschool programs say they would enroll their children if programs were available.

Every day, children in afterschool programs expand their horizons, enhance their skills and discover their passions by programming computers, planting gardens, cleaning up parks and playgrounds, and by participating in many more activities that prepare them for college, career and life. But despite an increase in participation over the last decade, the new survey of 30,000 American households found that, for every child currently enrolled in

an afterschool program, there are two more who are not – and whose parents would like them to be.

“I’ve seen firsthand what reams of data have proven: Afterschool programs do remarkable things for our children, families and communities,” said former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, founder of After-School All-Stars. “They help kids with their homework, teach them teamwork, engage them in community service, pair them with mentors, give them the chance to get — and stay — physically fit, engage them in activities like rocketry and robotics that turn them on to 21st-century professions, connect them to community partners, and much more. We need to make an afterschool program available to every child.”

The new “America After 3PM” survey finds that both partici-

pation in, and unmet demand for, afterschool programs are much higher among children from low-income households than households with higher income, and higher among African American and Hispanic than white children. The parents of 60 percent of the nation’s African American children would enroll their children in programs if ones were available, as would the parents of 57 percent of Latino children. The same is true of 35 percent of white children.

“Afterschool programs help students use the skills and information they learn in school, while keeping them safe, inspiring them to learn, and providing essential help to working families,” said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. “While we have made some progress, we are nowhere close to meeting the demand for afterschool and summer programs. Too many children are missing out on the fun, educational activities afterschool programs offer because federal funding has been stalled for years. It’s past time to increase our country’s investment in afterschool.”

The benefits of afterschool programs are clear to families. More than eight in ten parents with children in afterschool programs say these programs help working parents keep their jobs. Eighty-five percent say the programs give working parents peace of mind.



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