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## Are you a distracted driver?

**Take the Telegram's distracted driving pledge  
to make your vehicle a safer place today!**

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



You are supposed to drive behind the wheel of your car

It's an everyday occurrence – we find ourselves in a constant mode of distraction as we navigate through our busy lives. Venturing from destination to destination, we're drawn in by the chime of a smartphone, prompt-

ing us to type out a quick text message as we drive because, as we all know, it's simply too "important" to wait. We make a brief call as we head off to our morning meeting, later grabbing a bite to eat for the

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## The Importance Of Voting



Voting is the cornerstone of a democracy but sadly far too few people vote.

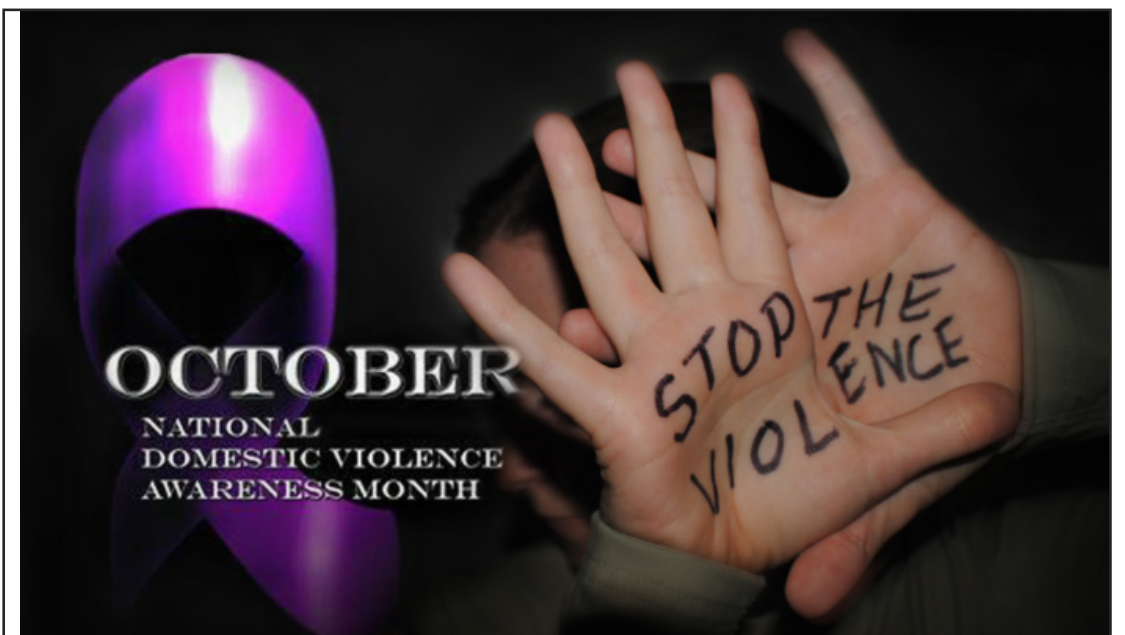
There remains wide gaps between those who do vote which undermines representative democracy.

For the past three decades

voters have been disproportionately of higher income, older or more partisan in their interests. Parallel to participation gaps are widening gaps in wealth, reduced opportunity for youth and frustration with the polarization in poli-

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## Awareness month ends, domestic violence doesn't



We're at the end of National Domestic Violence Awareness month, but that doesn't mean the issue goes away. Families continue to suffer as individuals act out, and lives are impacted for

decades by the trauma suffered as a child. The effort to stop domestic violence continues whether or not there are purple or white ribbons everywhere.

The advocacy work that is done continues year-round, and in some ways it is disheartening that there is only a month a year given to

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## SWAP brings mentorship opportunities to Inkster girls

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Swap mentors gather together during the annual banquet

Since 2004, SWAP has provided programming geared toward empowering women and girls throughout the Inkster

area. An acronym for Sisters Who Are Powerful, SWAP continues to make a difference at the Booker Dozier Recre-

ational Complex, "with the goal of allowing women and

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CALL TO ACTION

Let's talk about voting on social media



When the polls open on Election Day, every citizen over the age of 18 will be able to cast a vote. It is a right we take for granted, one that defines our nation as a democracy. But universal suffrage — letting everyone vote — did not appear overnight with the ratification of our Constitution.

Two hundred years ago, you had to be white, male, and wealthy in order to vote. Now, everyone has the right to voice their opinion by voting. Why is it that people seem to always have something to say about issues that don't amount to a hill of beans, but don't speak out on issues that affect their community, home, state or government? I have been updating the community via our facebook and twitter pages, telegramnews, as we expand our reach online. As I read through the post, I con-

sistently say to myself, 'What??? I'm shocked most times. But I say, if these same people get passionate about the community, Wow, what a difference it would make.

I encourage you to use your same facebook and twitter voice to address what goes on in your city, state or in the country. Whether you know it or not that same voice can be heard at the election polls. As things in most cities take on a different path as the economy changes, the make up of the citizenship changes, school districts are dissolved, Emergency Managers are taking our cities, Congress is holding the country hostage while changes are enforced by Lansing has increased the pressure for the right officials to be elected.

You have the opportunity to select those people during the election process. It is your right to voice your opinion and vote in the upcoming election on November 3, 2015.

I can't impress upon you how important it is for you to take the first step and register to vote and then next Tuesday, go to the polls and vote. Then spread the word that you voted on your facebook page or send out a tweet.

Now that is something to talk about.

Halloween is coming!!!

Friday, October 30th the City of River Rouge needs volunteers to patrol the city streets. If you can help please be at the River Rouge Police Station at 6p.m. Lights will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Must have a valid driver's license.

Ann Visger Elementary School will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 29th from 4:30-6:30p.m at the school's parking lot.

River Rouge Library will be hosting a make a Halloween Pumpkin Event at 5:00 p.m on Thursday, October 29th at the library.

Trick or Treating at the River Rouge City Hall will be from 3:30p.m. — 4:30p.m. on Friday, October 30th

The City of River Rouge's City Wide Door To Door Halloween Trick or Treating will be on Saturday, October 31, 2015, From 4:00p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

The River Rouge Fire Department will be cooking Hot Dogs donated by Old Man Beaver's Garage with Juice donated from the River Rouge Police Department from 4:00-6:00 p.m. October 31st

The River Rouge Police Department will be checking Halloween Candy on October 31st so stop on by to assure the safety of your child's candy.

MS. Spriggles will be hosting a Trunk Or Treat at the River Rouge High School parking lot from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Halloween, October 31st.

Mr K.'s will be hosting a Trunk or Treat across the street in the parking lot from Mr. K's from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Halloween, October 31st

NEWS FROM LANSING

Legislators Introduce Juvenile Justice Reform Package



Leslie Love

State Representative LANSING — State Representative Leslie Love (D-Detroit) along with other Democratic and Republican legislators in the Michigan House and Senate, has helped introduce a package of laws aimed at addressing inadequacies in Michigan's juvenile justice system. The package includes bills which would emphasize rehabilitation for young offenders and potentially increase familial contact and support during incarceration, with a main focus on raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 17 to 18. Michigan is one of the only remaining states which automatically prosecutes 17-year-olds as adults for certain offenses, despite numerous studies confirming the connection between youth incarceration and violent crime later in life.

"There are a variety of factors that influence the decisions a young person makes in that critical juncture between 12 and 18," said Rep. Love. "We don't trust a 17-year-old to sign a binding legal contract or to use the

restroom in school without permission, but as soon as they commit a crime, we assume they have the cognitive reasoning abilities of an adult? That's nonsensical. We need to be focused on the rehabilitation efforts which help kids take responsibility for, and change the course of, their lives."

According to the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency, research has found that youth exiting the adult system are 34 percent more likely to reoffend, reoffend sooner and escalate to more violent offenses than their counterparts in the juvenile justice system.

Rep. Love's bill, House Bill 4964, would help ease financial strain on communities looking to use community-based methods of juvenile rehabilitation by increasing the rate of reimbursement for the County Child Care Fund. Currently, juvenile court services are funded primarily by the Department of Health and Human Services Child Care Fund (CCF), at a 50 percent cost share between counties and state. In order to incentivize the use of community-based programs as opposed to out-of-home placement, the CCF Task Force has recommended increasing the reimbursement rate by 25 percent, meaning a total of 75 would be covered by the state, if the bill passes.

"This state currently spends more on its corrections system than it does on higher education," said Rep. Love. "So clearly reforming young offenders isn't the priority — yet.

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# Watch This Film on Black Friday, Before You Spend Another Dollar

By James Clingman - NNPA Columnist



When you die, what will you leave behind: bills or benefits? That's the main question posed by the upcoming documentary film by Ric Mathis, a videographer and filmmaker in Atlanta. The question is applicable on a personal and collective level; one each of us should honestly answer. Mathis has captured the essence of that question, as well as the practical solutions to the frivolous Black spending phenomenon, in his upcoming film, "Black Friday: What Legacy Will You Leave?" He transposed all the Black Friday rhetoric into appropriate action, not only for that day, but throughout the entire year and for the rest of our lives.

Topics of discussion in the film include negative spending habits, introduction of financial literacy to our youth, and the absence of support for African-American owned businesses by Black consumers. Mathis says, "Black Friday is the Noah's Ark of Economics, if you are not up on this you risk drowning in a sea of debt." After discovering the alarming imbalance of Black spending compared to economic growth within the Black community, Mathis used his videography expertise to educate and stimulate appropriate behavioral change with his film, "Black Friday." He lays out the deficit-based economic model by which most of our people are living, and then presents an asset-based model for which we must strive.

As I stated on Montoya Smith's radio show, "Mental Dialogue" (Atlanta, GA.), considering the fact that Black Friday has saturated our mental tablets to the point of becoming just another cute phrase with no substance, writing and even doing a film on the subject of Black Friday is tantamount to trying to find a new angle to sell a bag of ice.

Having written about Black Friday for a decade or so, and

even though I heeded the calls for blackouts and staying home on that day, my response has always been that blackouts would not really make a difference unless we implemented a long term strategy that directed the dollars we withdraw back to ourselves and our own businesses. It's not just about what "not" to do; it's more about what "to" do.

Mathis deals with my contention in a positive manner by covering the short-term and the long-term repercussions of our withdrawal and recycling of Black dollars in his film. It's not just about Black Friday itself or the few days preceding and following Black Friday. Rather, the film captures the various aspects of a successful economic empowering strategy, beginning with an introspective question each of us can answer, and then building a foundation of information regarding frivolous spending, economic literacy, saving, investing, business development and support, cooperative and collective economics; then Mathis caps it all off with practical solutions to stop the bleeding and reverse our trade deficit with other groups in this country.

The term Black Friday did not emanate from Black people. After several iterations of the term as far back as 1961, it has been promoted as a positive reality of businesses reaping huge profits not only from Black consumers, but from all consumers. Although quite apropos when it comes to the Black consumer, vis-à-vis our penchant for spending our money on everything anyone else makes, the term "Black Friday" does not have to be our reality, which is the basic message from the film. We deserve what we accept, and we must stop accepting the self-deprecating images and self-defeating characterizations attributed to Black people as it pertains to our economic interests. Our

economic imperative must be rooted in the reality of our relative economic position in this country.

Many of the stories we read in mainstream and social media are centered on Black athletes and entertainers who spend tremendous sums of money on material things and/or waste it in clubs on liquor and strippers. We read about robberies and murders by young people who want a certain pair of shoes or a jacket—and the latest craze: young girls are stealing hair!

Except for Black Enterprise Magazine and a few other Black-owned print media entities, not counting Black newspapers, the stories about Black entrepreneurs and others who are doing great things in the economic arena are buried, if they are in print at all. So who bears the responsibility of changing that reality? A long time ago I wrote, "The answer to media bias is 'media by us.'"

Ric Mathis has answered that call of responsibility, and I dare say obligation, to produce a video that will not only enlighten us but also move us to action—move us to take responsibility for the financial resources with which we have been blessed.

As we reflect on our answers to Black Friday's questions, let us also ponder our economic condition and then commit to making appropriate change toward true economic empowerment for Black people. See more information at [www.TheFilmBlackFriday.com](http://www.TheFilmBlackFriday.com).

James Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people.

# Bacon dangerous?

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



The World Health Organization (WHO) stated that bacon and processed meats like hot dogs are as cancerous as tobacco and asbestos.

I prefer to think of bacon as a gift that pigs give you when you are good, as the Arby's commercial goes.

WHO also said that too much red meat, such as beef, lamb and pork, can also increase your cancer risk.

The study was done by French-based International Agency for Research on Cancer, a part of WHO.

Farmers and the meat industry expressed concern about the impact on sales if WHO lists bacon and processed meats as a carcinogen.

The food police will start coming out of the woodwork now, trying to tell people what and how to eat meat.

The study did say that that red meat can form part of a healthy diet. It a good source of protein and provides minerals and vitamins such as iron and zinc.

You just only get to eat a little amount.

The report also said that you should grill over charcoal anymore either because that could release carcinogens.

Are they trying to ruin our weekend?

Why don't they just attack sports, like football, and really ruin our fun.

OH wait, they already have. Soon nothing will be safe to eat, except kale.

Betsy Booren, of the North American Meat Institute, said recently that if they determine that red and processed meat causes cancer, it could take decades and billions of dollars to change that.

(YAHOO contributed to this column)

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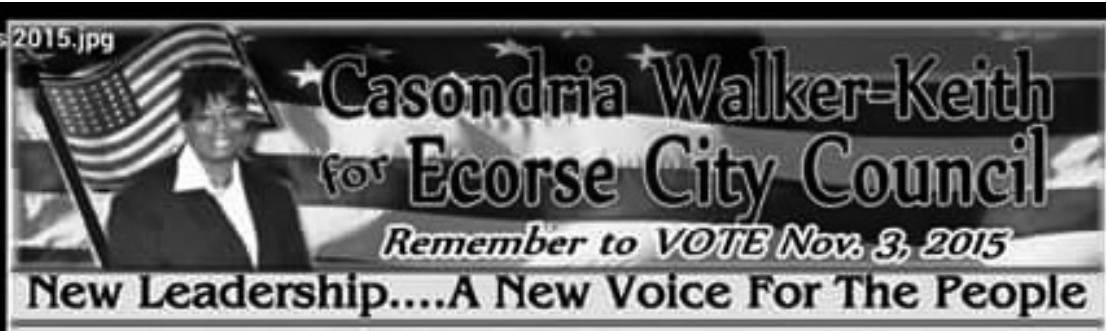
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Lights

by Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



Everyone likes lights. We need light. Without light, we cannot do anything. Light enables our sight. It helps us to see what we are doing and where we are going. Not only that, we are also entertained and fascinated by lights. Lights can be pretty to look at!

Millions of dollars are spent on fireworks every year, which is a phenomenal display of what can be done with carefully orchestrated spots of light. During the holidays, we hang colorful displays of lights on trees, bushes, and along the edges of structures. We love lights!

We create shapes and forms with light. Various light fixtures make lighting fanciful and nice to look at. There are professionals who deal strictly with lighting. Some specialize in lighting as a profession. There are stores and departments specifically designated to provide lighting and light fixtures.

Some specialize in lighting. This attests to the importance of light. We are naturally attracted to light. Some try to hide in the dark, but we all need light. Even the plants need light from the sun for

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nourishment. Light from the sun also provides humans with vitamin D to nourish our bodies. We cannot live without light.

Sometimes we want bright lights, sometimes we need it dimmer and sometimes even in between. No matter what color they are, lights reveal things within our visual range of sight. Bright white light lets us examine a bit deeper while color lights may hide some things. We like to dim lights when we don't want it blaring or overbearing. We make adjustments according to our needs.

It is hard to function in the dark. Light is important and essential to life itself. The Word says, and some of us know personally, that Jesus is the Light of the world. Without him, there is darkness and life is limited in darkness.

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Flashing and colorful lights are nice, but there's nothing greater than walking and being in the Light of Jesus. We need the Light!

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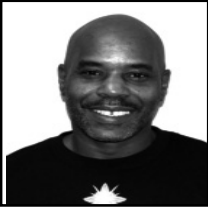
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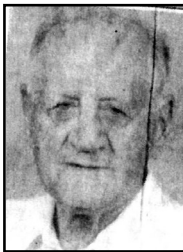
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it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.

3  
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4  
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Distracted Driving

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ride because we didn't leave enough time for breakfast. Finally, as we approach the office lot, we put on that final coating of makeup, brushing our hair and finishing our cup of coffee – all before rushing off to begin our day to day activities. Sound familiar? If so, you're not alone. In fact, statistics show that on a daily basis, thousands of motorists engage in distracted driving, "any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task... endangering driver, passenger, and bystander safety." Examples include but are not limited to:

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Are you interested in having your photo published in an issue of the Telegram? Send a picture of you holding a signed distracted driving pledge to [srjefferson@telegramnews.net](mailto:srjefferson@telegramnews.net). You may also mail photos to: 10748 West Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218.



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Second Annual Veterans Day Parade in Romulus

ROMULUS - The City of Romulus is proud to announce their second annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Individuals and organizations are invited to participate in the parade, as well as all Veterans and their families. Anyone is welcome to enter the parade with a walking or motorized display with a patriotic theme. All veterans and parade entries should meet at the Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) starting at 8:00am. The City will provide floats and motorized vehicles for veterans to ride on, if they wish.

The parade route will begin at the Progressive Hall, head north on Goddard Road, east on Bibbins and ending at the

Romulus Veterans Memorial located in front of the Romulus Municipal Complex at 11111 Wayne Road.

At the memorial, a Veterans Day Ceremony will take place with involvement from local VFW Post 9568 and other community members. The ceremony will be recognizing World War II Veterans as well as highlighting the new bricks that were purchased and engraved at the memorial during 2015.

"Spectators are needed along the parade route and at the Veterans Memorial Ceremony to give the veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve," says Robert McCraight, Director of Public Services and Chair of the City's Veterans Outreach

Committee.

Last year, Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff formed the committee to facilitate veterans programs and outreach in the City. "The freedoms we share and live today are a result of our heroic veterans and for this we should continue to support them whenever we can," said Mayor Burcroff.

Throughout the year the Veterans Outreach Committee conducts clothing, blanket and food drives to support the local veterans, as well as coordinates the Romulus Veterans Day Parade.

For more information on the Veterans Day event, to register for the parade or other suggestions on how to help local veterans, please call 734-955-8960.

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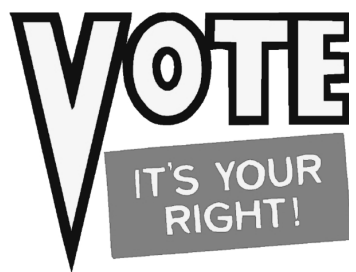
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Voting

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday

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tics. How would our world be different if everyone participated?

Much of this gap is due to communities left uninformed about elections.

There are large gaps in who gets contacted in an election campaign. Millions of Americans, especially those served by the nonprofit sector, report not being reached by traditional campaign tactics like a phone bank.

Not only so, voter participation is a learned activity.

A fact that stands out in the literature is the powerful influence of families in voter and civic participation. As service providers and advocates, we can be too. New voters need our help finding their poll, a number to call for help, learning their voting options and understanding what's on the ballot or the impact of this election on the issues they care about. It's also true that communities who have been traditionally underrepresented in the democratic process often face significant barriers to voting, both discriminatory and inadvertent (we move a lot). It is these people who are least likely to understand the process that we serve.

A functioning Democracy is critical to our Nonprofit Goals and Civic Missions.

The independent sector depends as much as any on good government and fair and open elections. Democracy is something we can't take for granted. It needs our help. Nonprofits are more likely to thrive in an environment where government is held in higher esteem and people are more likely to participate in and trust democracy.

**But why vote?**

Voting matters both to the health of the American political system and to the people who participate in it.

**Who Votes Counts.**

Elected officials know who votes.

If your community is turning out well below other neighborhoods, elected officials will pay less attention, make fewer appearances and fewer appeals to your neighborhoods. Who

votes has a powerful impact on public policy and government. Your constituents have policy and political concerns – whether the direction of an issue or priorities of public budgets – that won't be heard if they don't vote.

Voting also carries Benefits to those who Participate in it.

People who vote are associated with a host of positive civic, health and social factors. Among the most studied are that voters are known to be more engaged in other activities like volunteering or contacting their election official. They are more informed about local affairs and a contributor to their neighborhood's "social capital." Voters live in communities where there is more trust and people have contact with their neighbors. They are more concerned about their communities and peers and have a greater sense of their ability to impact the world around them. While these are correlations that work both ways, voting is an important part.



Daylight Savings Time, or DST, ends on the first Sunday of November. On November 1, clocks are moved back one hour from 2am DST to 1am standard time.

The phrase fall back" is a helpful reminder of these time changes. -

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# CITY OF DETROIT TO ENFORCE EMERGENCY CURFEW AND GAS CONTAINER ORDINANCES DURING HALLOWEEN PERIOD



The City of Detroit will be enforcing emergency curfew and gas container ordinances during the Halloween period. The emergency curfew requires that all minors age 17 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian (with identification) from 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, to 6 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, and from 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, to 6 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. During the emergency curfew hours, minors will be allowed to travel to and from work or educational or

training programs, but they must carry proof of employment or attendance. Minors violating the curfew will be ticketed and held until picked up by a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian may also receive a parental responsibility violation ticket.

A second emergency ordinance prohibits the dispensing of fuel into portable containers in Detroit from October 27 at midnight through October 31 at 11:59 p.m. except for the following emergency situations for persons who are eighteen years of age or older:

- A stalled vehicle
- Heating a residence
- Emergency generator

Violation of the emergency gas container ordinance is a misdemeanor, and violators are subject to a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 90 days in jail.

# SWAP

From Page 1A



Swap teens pose together during an event

girls to network in a harmonious fashion, and gather needed information from one another in order to reach their goals.”

“I started this organization because I understand how important it is for women and girls to feel empowered and experience sisterhood,” said Tania James, SWAP Founder and Executive Director. “We want to also encourage people to give back to their community and the younger generation coming up behind us.”

SWAP offers a monthly support group for women, as well as a program focused on health and wellness in partnership with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. In addition, the organization’s mentoring program aims to help young girls ages 12-17 reach their full potential.

“We do the mentoring program every year,” James said. “It starts in the fall and ends with our annual banquet in May, which we use to support our organization. The young ladies engage in social activities, community involvement and workshops that allow us to bring in guest speakers. The girls are also involved in a youth advisory board to help them develop strong leadership skills.”

Girls involved with SWAP are mentored by a dedicated team of volunteers, and engage in activities with the organization at least once a month. For James, active interaction with adult role models continues to make a positive impact in the lives of young girls as they grow into adulthood.

“This is important because we’re able to help these young ladies get out of the house and engage in activities with their peers,” she said. “It also provides an opportunity for a mentor to offer guidance for them as an adult friend. They’re not there to replace their parents, but instead strive to assist them with academics, life skills, etc. Overall, they’re able to stay involved with a network of people all there to help them reach their full potential.”

If you’re interesting in signing up for SWAP programming, or if you wish to become a mentor with the organization, please contact Tania James at 313-729-4948, or via email at [swap\\_org@yahoo.com](mailto:swap_org@yahoo.com).

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**INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION**



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



the awareness of something that impacts our society so profoundly. For example, there is an estimated loss of 8 million days a year of paid work by victims of domestic violence. The cost is estimated to be over \$8.3 billion annually.

Abusive relationships affect everyone, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Men experience psychological aggression at slightly greater levels than women, (48.8 percent vs. 48.4 percent) and equal rates of coercive control in at least one form (four out of 10 people).

Getting to numbers that can be agreed upon is a primary difficulty in solving the problem of domestic violence because making the case for more services in any particular area is tricky without hard numbers. For example, when I discuss domestic violence, oftentimes others want to focus on rape, stalking and ha-

rassment. And while those are examples of domestic violence with higher perpetration rates among men, emotional and psychological abuse by women are often ignored.

In any situation where you can slice and dice the numbers to make them read and support what you want, the opportunity for political gains (chiefly, funding) will become a driving force. There's a reason why the Violence Against Women Act is not named the Ending Domestic Violence Act. Historically, this has been good in that Congress has funded the domestic violence shelters like Sojourn, Valley Oasis, Women's Shelter of Long Beach, Haven Hills and Jewish Family Services.

These providers have been built on a combination of public and private grants, donations and dedicated volunteers who have worked long

hours for low pay to help those in need. The industry is evolving, and unfortunately we're seeing an increase in victims but not an increase in funding.

As the definition of domestic violence has expanded, the need for service providers has grown as well. Government agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have long recognized that certain populations are underserved. A 2011 report on sexual violence notes that analyses of data "suggest that nearly half of female victims and approximately two-thirds of male victims who indicated a need for services did not receive any of the services needed as a result of intimate partner violence experienced during their lifetimes. Research is needed to examine the degree to which needed services are not being received and to determine whether any existing gap is attributable to services being unavailable, inaccessible, or inadequate, or to victims choosing not to use available services."

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# Rouge High Football team Wins a Thriller

By Butch Davis - Contributing Reporter



River Rouge Coach Larry Johnson giving thanks after Panthers quarterback Antoine Burgess cross the goal line to tie the score at 34-34

“Its one thing about my team, its one thing about my city, its one thing about my fans, its one thing about my administration, we don’t give in to nobody. Our team is going to fight every single down” That was the quote given by River Rouge Panthers Head Coach Corey Parker as his team came from 21 point down to tie a robust Riverview Pirates football team with 22 seconds on the clock remaining in regulation and then win the game in overtime by the final score of 40-34.

Riverview started the scoring with a 36-yard run by Alexander Hall and with a kick for extra point by Ethan Hunt gave the Pirates a 7-0 lead. After a three and out by the Panthers on offense Riverview received the ball back running back Tyler Chase who was a hand full for the Panthers running the football ran the ball 34 yard to the 11 yard line of the Panthers. The running the ball for the Pirates continue as Donnell Williams finish the drive with a one yard run and with a point after touchdown by Hunt the Pirates finish the first quarter with a 14-0 lead.

River Rouge in the second quarter was on the move however after a 18 yard gain a fumble loss by Panthers quarterback Antoine Burgess in which the Pirates received the ball back and after three plays Tyler Chase scored on a three yard run and with the extra point Riverview took a 21-0 lead in the locker-room over the Panthers.

What ever was said in the locker room at half time had a huge effect on the River Rouge Panthers football team. Rouge kicks the ball off to the Pirates in the beginning of the half and after one play Riverview fumble the ball on their own 27-yard line with the Panthers recovering the football. On the first play after the recovering Ashawti Howard of the Panthers took the ball to the house to put his team on the scoreboard. Leonard Mo’lette kicks the extra point and the Panthers trail 21-7. Riverview came right back as again Tyler Chase ran off some big yards for the Pirates including one for 29 yard as Eric

Gant finish the drive with a 11 yard touchdown run, with the extra point the Pirates regain a 21 point lead 28-7. River Rouge marching right back with a drive of their own as the key play on the drive was a 30 yard catch from Burgess to Aaron Vinson. Lenell Martin finish the march down the field with a nine yard run, point after by Mo’lette the Panthers cut the lead in half at the end of the third quarter, the score 28-14 and the Pirates were on the move.

It took five second of the opening of the fourth quarter for the Pirates to score again as Tyler Chase scores on a 16 yard run, however, point after the kick was no good, Riverview in the lead 34-14. River Rouge nevertheless was not done as in a blink of an eye Martin of Rouge score on a 44-yard touchdown pass from Burgess, kick after score good, 34-21, Pirates.

After Rouge stopping Riverview on downs they received the ball back and Burgess threw another bomb to a Panthers receiver for 48 yards touchdown, point after TD good and now the Panthers only trail by six 34-28.

In the second half the big keys for the Panthers besides throwing touchdown passes was the Panthers defense stopping the Pirates offense cold including their high power running game led by Tyler Chase who finish the game with 17 carries for 136 yards and two scores and Alexander Hall had 20 carries for 117 yards and a touchdown for Riverview.

With time running down River Rouge constructive a drive with a combination of throws’ and runs perform by Panthers quarterback Antoine Burgess and his Panther teammates and at the 22 second mark of the fourth quarter, Burgess cross the goal line to tie the score at 34-34. However, the Panthers kicker Leonard Mo’lette missed the extra point that would have given the Panthers the lead with 12 seconds left to go in regulation time, nevertheless, both teams when into overtime with River Rouge receiving the ball

first. Lenell Martin who had four catches for 66 yards and two touchdowns in regulation time, caught his fifth ball of the night from quarterback Burgess a winning 10-yard touchdown catch and his third touchdown of the night, this one in overtime, giving the Panther their first lead of the game. Riverview received the ball in return however did not get a chance to score as the Panthers defensive unit held the Pirates from scoring, giving the Panthers of River Rouge High one of the best comeback high school football triumphs played in the State of Michigan this year.

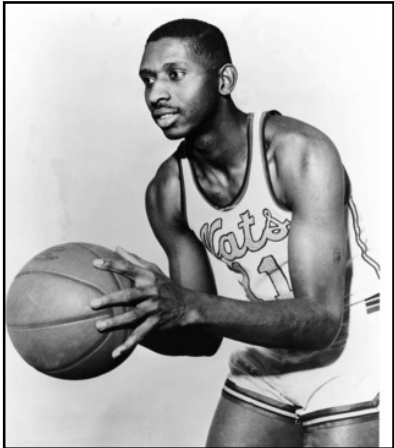
Now the picks for the playoffs are in so here are the 411. River Rouge playing in division five is at home to play Clawson, now if Rouge wins they will receive another home game, as they would play the winner of the Dearborn Heights Robichaud (7-2) at Brooklyn Columbia Central (8-1) game. Riverview this Friday will play at Allen Park in a division three matchup.

Now here are the rest of teams playing in the MHSAA Football Playoffs in the Telegram News reading area. Division 1, Livonia Stevenson (6-3) at Canton (7-2), Ann Arbor Pioneer (6-3) at Belleville (8-1), Dearborn Fordson (5-4) at Sterling Heights Stevenson (7-2), Warren Mott (6-3) at Detroit Cass Tech (7-2).

\*\*Division 2, Lincoln Park (6-3) at Wyandotte Roosevelt (7-2). Division 3 Riverview (6-3) at Allen Park (8-1), New Boston Huron (5-4) at Trenton (8-1), Romulus (6-3) at Chelsea (8-1). Division 4, Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy (7-2) at Milan (7-2). Division 5, Clawson (6-3) at River Rouge (8-1), Dearborn Heights Robichaud (7-2) at Brooklyn Columbia Central (8-1). Division 7, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (6-3) at Riverview Gabriel Richard (6-3). Division 8, Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech (6-3) at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (6-3).

# LITTLE BLACK HISTORY FACT

## EARL LLOYD



On Tuesday night, the National Basketball Association (NBA) kicked off its 70th season. Today, renowned players like LeBron James and Steph Curry continue to dominate the game on a global level, but have you ever heard of Earl Francis Lloyd, the first black player to compete in the NBA? Selected in the 19th round of the 1950 NBA draft, Lloyd played for the Washington Capitols, and became the first black competitor to appear in an NBA game against the Rochester Royals on October 31, 1950.

A 6-foot-6 forward known for tenacious defense and stellar rebounding, Lloyd’s pioneering feat went relatively unnoticed at the time. Still, alongside three other black players who appeared in their first NBA games shortly thereafter, Lloyd broke substantial barriers – experiencing racism from fans, and even enduring segregated hotel and restaurant accommodations along the way.

Playing only seven games with the Capitols, who folded in January 1951, Lloyd later joined the Syracuse Nationals,

where he and teammate Jim Tucker became the first African American players to compete on a championship team when they won the 1955 NBA title. Finishing out his nine year career with the Detroit Pistons, Lloyd retired in 1960 with a career average of 8.4 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. Later serving as Detroit’s head coach during the 1971-1972 season, he was eventually inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003.

Lloyd passed away in February 2015, but his legacy endures as one of the pioneers who helped break the NBA’s color line. As the 2015-2016 season kicks off, it’s important to remember Lloyd’s impact on a league now filled with African American players – many of whom rank amongst the most celebrated athletes in the world.

As Memphis Grizzlies guard Vince Carter stated shortly after his passing: “RIP to Mr. Earl Lloyd...you opened that ever so important door for all African American athletes. Thank You!!!!”

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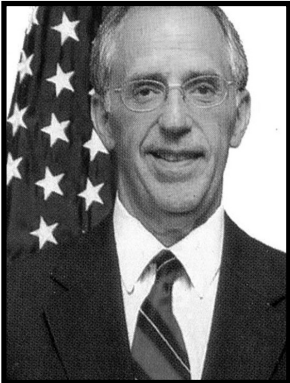
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The Lincoln Park High School football are in the MHSAA football playoffs the first since 2002, viewing the selection show at Vito Pizzeria this past Sunday.

Lincoln Park will play Wyandotte Roosevelt this Friday.



## What a Different a Day Makes

Detroit Lions make changes after loss

By Butch Davis

Yes indeed, what a difference a day make as this past Sunday started the game looking good, however, that was short lived, as again the team looked very, very, bad after a Lions 14-3 lead in the first quarter however a shut down offensively cost the team in a 28-19 loss to the Minnesota Vikings. Head Coach Jim Caldwell said this in an opening statement after the loss to the Vikings this past Sunday, "Obviously, a disappointing loss. It started out, I think, pretty well. The offense moved the ball pretty well early on. We never, I don't think, really stopped them completely defensively, except for we made them kick field goals rather than touchdowns. But they moved the ball down the field. We held them to a number of field goals, but couldn't generate enough points offensively to make a huge difference, particularly from the second quarter on until the end of the ball game. It was difficult, but they did a nice job, you've got to give credit to them as well. They ran the ball pretty well. Our guys were sticky early on, but a couple of long runs. The 75-yard run certainly was one that can hurt you. We've got to be able to keep that one to a minimum of about 12 or so, and then we just had a couple of big plays that we gave up as well. So those things are key. We didn't turn the ball over, which is obviously a plus in that regard, but we just couldn't generate enough firepower."

It took only 24 hours and some change for Coach Caldwell to generated "Firepower" as Coach Jim Caldwell announced, effective immediately, changes to the coaching staff. Caldwell named Jim Bob Cooter offensive coordinator,

Ron Prince assistant head coach/offensive line, Curtis Modkins running backs coach/run game coordinator and Devin Fitzsimmons tight ends coach. The following coaches were relieved of their duties: Joe Lombardi, Jeremiah Washburn and Terry Hefernan.

Now Cooter joined the Lions offensive coaching staff as the team's quarterbacks coach in 2014 after serving as an offensive assistant with the Denver Broncos in 2013. Now in his seventh season as an NFL coach, Cooter arrived in Detroit after helping guide the Broncos offense en route to a berth in Super Bowl XLVIII in 2013. Modkins is now in his eighth year in the NFL and third with the Detroit Lions. Prior to Detroit, Modkins was the offensive coordinator/running backs coach for the Buffalo Bills for three seasons (2010-12). Devin Fitzsimmons joined the NFL coaching realm in 2014 as the Lions assistant special teams coach and is now in his second year with the club. Fitzsimmons first began his NFL coaching career in 2011 while with the Indianapolis Colts as the team's offensive quality control coach. The Lions travel to London today for their Week 8 matchup with the Kansas City Chiefs. The Lions and Chiefs meet for the 13th time in the teams' series history, this time as participants in the NFL's 2015 International Series at London's Wembley Stadium. The game marks the Lions' second-consecutive year playing in London after defeating the Atlanta Falcons 22-21 at Wembley last season (10/26/14).

## Pistons Ready for 2015-16 Season

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Phil 'Flip' Saunders

The Detroit Pistons will start their NBA 2015-16 in the city of Atlanta before performing the front of the hometown fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills this Wednesday past.

The Detroit Pistons announced during last weekend that the team has requested waivers on forward Danny Granger.

The Detroit Pistons organization also has released the following statement this past Sunday regarding the passing of former head coach Phil "Flip" Saunders. "It is with tremendous sorrow that the Detroit Pistons organization acknowledges the passing of Flip Saunders. He will be remembered by Pistons fans as one of the franchise's most successful head coaches - leading the club to three consecutive Eastern Conference Finals appearances and a franchise-record 64 wins in 2005-06. Flip was a great ambassador for the Metro Detroit community and had a positive influence on those who had the opportunity to spend time with him. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Debbie, his children Ryan, Mindy, Rachel, Kimberly and all his friends throughout the extended Detroit Pistons and NBA family."

## First Lady Michelle Obama Praises Amazing Students

By Lynn Lee Special to the NNPA News Wire from The Akron Reporter



First Lady Michelle Obama speaks to the audience about her "Better Make Room" Campaign at the University of Akron's James A. Rhodes (JAR) Arena on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 as NBA star LeBron James and ESPN Sports Commentator Michael Wilbon look on.

(Lynn Lee/The Akron Reporter)

[AKRON, Ohio] – Students in Akron have a lot to look forward thanks in part to city's own NBA legend LeBron James, who recently announced plans to help students pay for their college education.

On Wednesday October 21, 2015 at the University of Akron's James A. Rhodes (JAR) Arena, LeBron James and the First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama addressed this announcement to over one thousand students at a special event focused on education.

In 2011, in partnership with Akron Public Schools, the LeBron James Family Foundation began working on the high school dropout crisis, through the foundation's "Wheels for Education" (WFE) program, that targets third graders and following them through graduation.

Now the foundation will guarantee a 4-year, renewable University of Akron scholarship to all qualifying students that are part of the Akron I PROMISE Network (AIPN).

In order to qualify, each student must graduate from a high school within the Akron Public School district, achieve standard testing, maintain good attendance and perform community service.

As a child growing up in Akron, James knows the challenges for many students whose parents face low income challenges and can't afford to send their kids to college. "This will give parents a sense of relief and I can now look forward to my kids having the opportunity to do something I've always wanted to do," said James, The Reporter's 2015 "Man of the Year."

James generated cheers from students as he told said, "this is an unbelievable day and I al-

ways think about the hard work you do. I promise to work hard from the time I get up for work as I go to practice or to appearances, I hold up to my responsibilities and I know you will do the same."

First Lady Michelle Obama followed suit as she came out to a roaring crowd saying, "Wow! I want to take time to talk about Mr. LeBron as you all call him – I'm telling Mr. LeBron that he has two huge fans in the White House; that's me and Mr. Obama."

Obama continued: "We love this man because of the man that he is, not because he's a great athlete. We love him because of the husband, father, the son, friend and citizen that he is. He's a role model and we're so proud of him for stepping up for his state and city. I love LeBron."

First Lady Michelle Obama was on hand to promote her "Better Make Room" campaign, a program that targets 14-19 year-old and is associated with her "Reach Higher" initiative. According to the White House, the "Reach Higher" initiative was designed, "to inspire every student in America to take charge of their future by completing their education past high school, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a four-year college or university."

Obama said that she hoped everyone would soon be hearing about the students' accomplishments as they finished high school and went on to college.

"We want to make room for you and your stories and so instead of everybody always talking about folks like me and LeBron and the next reality TV show, we want them to talk about kids like you," said Obama. "You are the stars, so we want to shine a big bright

light on how hard you are working and how much you're achieving.

ESPN sports anchor Michael Wilbon joined Obama and James in leading the students in the "I Promise" pledge. Students stood up and repeated the words: "I promise to dream big...to go to school, do my home work, listen to teachers; ask questions and find answers."

Many students received hugs and handshakes from Obama, James, and members of the James family.

"I can't wait to tell my friends that I saw LeBron and Mrs. Obama," young Anthony Patterson, Jr. told The Reporter.

His dad Anthony Patterson, Sr. said, "What LeBron is doing says a lot about his character. The fact that he's willing to pay for all of these kids education means a lot to me, because not too many athletes will do this."

"I learned that I need to finish school if I want to get a scholarship," said young Gavin Messner, who said that he wants to be a policeman someday.

Marlon Cheatham said that he learned to always do his best and he shared that he wants to be an architect some day.

Young Haneef Abdulmujib also learned to always try his best and to never give up when it gets hard. Abdulmujib said that he dreams of being a doctor when he grows up.

The first class of the "Wheels for Education" will graduate in the year 2021. For information about the LeBron James Family Foundation, log on to [www.lebronjamesfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.lebronjamesfamilyfoundation.org).

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**CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF ECORSE**

**NOTICE OF LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION**

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ECORSE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Local Primary Election will be held in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, Michigan on:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City of Ecorse Local Primary Election will be held at the following Polling Places:

PRECINCT NO. 1 St. Andre Bessette Parish Center, 27700 W. Outer Drive

PRECINCT NO. 2 Downriver Pennsylvania Club, 3648 W. Jefferson

PRECINCT NO. 3 Ecorse Manor, 4560-9th Street

PRECINCT NO. 4 John F. Kennedy School, 27225 W. Outer Drive

PRECINCT NO. 5 John F. Kennedy School, 27225 W. Outer Drive

PRECINCT NO. 6 Ralph J. Bunche School, 503 Hyacinthe

PRECINCT NO. 7 Ecorse Housing Commission, 266 Hyacinthe

\*\*\*all Polling Places are handicap/voter accessible\*\*\*

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places for said City of Ecorse Primary Election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Absent voter applications and ballots may be obtained through the City Clerk's office. The office of the City Clerk will be open on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee ballots.

DANA HUGHES

CITY CLERK

Published October 22, 2015

October 29, 2015

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**CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 15.12**

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-19, OF ARTICLE II WATER, OF CHAPTER 23 UTILITIES, OF THE ECORSE CITY CODE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO CHARGE THE COSTS OF WATER METER TESTING TO THE REQUESTING RESIDENT AND TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR WATER METER TESTING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

A copy of this ordinance is posted outside the City Clerk's office and outside the Council Chambers at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229. Also a copy of this ordinance can be viewed at the Ecorse Public Library at 4184 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229.

Dana Hughes

City Clerk

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**RIVER ROUGE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Administrative Assistant – Temporary**

**River Rouge Housing Commission – River Rouge, MI**

Reporting to the Housing Manager and general direction of the Executive Director

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for answering telephones; processing incoming/outgoing applications for housing; filing,; providing to the public regarding housing services, policies and procedures; receive/document tenant rental payments,; reconciliation of receivables and data entry.

The successful candidate will be one who demonstrates the following qualities:

- o A positive, enthusiastic attitude;
- o Ability to multi-task in interruptive environment;
- o Initiative and problem-solving skills;
- o A supportive and caring manner;
- o The ability to work independently as collaboratively with colleagues and managerial staff; and
- o Ability to operate a computer and related software, such as word processing, spreadsheet, PowerPoint, excel, etc.

Closing date for applications: Friday, November 13, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

While all applicants are thanked for their interest, only those selected for the interview process will be contacted.

Job Type: Temporary

Required experience:

Experience: One (1) – Two (2) years of full-time office clerical experience requiring extensive public contact and the application of specific program rules.

Education: Graduation from an accredited high school, or possession of an equivalent certificate or diploma recognized by the State of Michigan (e.g. G.E.D)

Possession of an Associate's Degree or two full academic years of training, from an accredited college or university with a major in business administration, social sciences, or related field is desirable.



# Bankable Thanks Job Fair seeks to fill 1,000 openings

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Recruiters from various companies will be on hand to interview applicants for nearly 1,000 openings. Positions include general labor, manufacturing, assembly, Certified Nursing Assistant, customer services, insurance, sales, data entry, clerical, machine operators, press operators, quality inspectors, warehouse workers, MIG/TIG welders, CNC Operators, hi-lo drivers, tax preparers, administrative assistants, communication specialists, production specialists, auditors, special loans specialists, banker licensing specialists, talent specialists, inventory specialists, facilities techs, facilities support specialists, facilities project managers, escrow specialists, government licensing specialists, quality assurance analysts, client care specialists, associate closing specialists, recruiters, short order cooks, counter personnel, food preps and more. The salary range is from \$9 to \$18 per hour. Many of the positions offer full benefits, including health insurance.

Applicants are encouraged to come prepared to interview on sight for a position. Bring plenty of resumes and dress for success to make a lasting impression. However, generic job applications will be on hand for those without a resume to complete.

The job fair is sponsored by the Detroit Native Sun in celebration of its 10 year anniversary.

For additional information, call (313)457-5944, email [detroitnativesunnews@gmail.com](mailto:detroitnativesunnews@gmail.com) and enter Job Fair in the subject line or visit online at [www.detroitnativesunonline.com/Employment](http://www.detroitnativesunonline.com/Employment).

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### CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

##### ITB 15/16-03 2015 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

- (1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.
- (2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Romulus Purchasing Director, Lynn Conway by email, [lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us)
- (3) Two (2) copies of the bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Thursday, November 12, 2015. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

#### RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
ITB 15/16-03 2015 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan 48174

- (4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.
- (5) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us).

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### Halloween

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell an activity played on Halloween.

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| FRIGHTENING | SCARECROW      |           |

## REGISTER TO VOTE TODAY

### CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS  
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR  
MONDAY, NOV. 2, 2015 AT 6:30 p.m.

#### CANCELLED

Notice is hereby given that the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan is cancelled because the City did NOT receive a sufficient number of signed petitions to pursue the proposed Special Assessment District for the purpose of reconstructing Metroplex Drive.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk  
Publish: October 29, 2015

### CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Nabil Zourob on behalf of Jimmy John's  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015 for the purpose of considering a special land use request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider the special land use request for PC-2015-031 for the development of a 1,162-sq.ft. drive-thru fast-food restaurant for Jimmy John's.

The subject property is located at 35351 Goddard. DP# 80-082-01-0015-004.

### 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 October 19, 2015 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED: Approval of the agenda. Approval of the Consent Agenda. Approval of one Board and Commission appointment. Approval to retain Great Lakes to clean city buildings. Approval of FY2016 Budget Amendments. Approval of BELFOR to provide city Board-ups.

Felicia Rutledge City Clerk



# Western Wayne NAACP host 1st Annual Harvest Brunch



Pastor David Bullock


According to Luke 10:2 “The Harvest is Plenty but the workers are few.” This quote applies not only to the Bible, but also to the Civil Rights Movement. The NAACP of Western Wayne County needs you to come out and work to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination in the Metropolitan Detroit community.

Answer the call, and attend

this Harvest Brunch on October 31st from 10:00 am – 12:00pm. at Christian Faith Ministries 27500 Marquette in Garden City. The donation is \$25.00.

The guest speaker is Pastor David A. Bullock of the Change Agent Consortium. For information call 313-949-3133 or 313-477-6710

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE  
Western Wayne County Branch



# HARVEST BRUNCH

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## ASK ALMA

### The Mother Ghost



Dear Alma,

she was in the Bahamas, unreachable for the first six years. I remember telling my father, I don’t know what I’ll do without you. He lovingly answered, “Yes you will, you’ll know.” When it came to my mama, don’t you dare speak the words. I could not even entertain the thought. My heart broke, I was broken. Some might call it irrational, but you’ll never know until it happens to you.

I have a friend and we’ve known each other most of our lives. We’ve spent many years together going on family vacations, dealing with marriages and divorce. We had children around the same time and we’ve always been there for each other. We are now at the stage where you take care of your parents. I’m not taking care of my mom, she’s in a nursing home, but my friend decided to take care of her mom at home. Her mother recently died, but before she died, she told my friend that she would come back and visit her. My friend believes that her mother is back in the house. She told me the lights are blinking on and off in one room and she also said there’s one step that squeaks now that never did before. I think that’s crazy and she thinks it’s her mother. What’s the best way to explain to her, her mother cannot come back from the grave?

Name withheld

Hold up, wait – it could happen...shaking my head, naaawwww, LOL, I don’t think so.

If you’ve followed Ask Alma for half a minute, you’d know I’ve lost my mother, father and one and only big sister Kim, so when it comes to grieving, I’m at the head of the line. I never thought my sister was gonna die, even when she was in a coma. I would talk to her and say, “You can open your eyes now, it’s just me in the room.” After she died, I had to pretend

As far as your friend is concerned, like my mother use to say, if you go looking for it honey, you’ll find it. Well, actually she said, if you keep stirring sh\*t, you’ll start to smell it, but we’re a PG publication here, so let’s just keep it moving, LOL. Humans, unlike our furry K-9 friends, don’t go looking for something for the sake of looking. We always have an agenda, an inkling, something that doesn’t sit right in our belly. You know what I’m saying. She’s looking, so just let her look. Yea, she’s stretching, but that’s her broken rubber band to bend.

I’m not sure why her mom would tell her something like that, although we’ve all got our “Why did my mama say that?” stories to tell. If she believes her mom can operate her lights from heaven, it’s nothing you or I can say or do to change that. And why should we? When I see a beautiful red bird, I say hello to my grandmother, she loved birds. I don’t think the red bird is my grandmother, just like if the lights are flickering in my house, my first thought is to change the bulb.

This, my friend, is not a dilemma you should elect yourself to correct. Let her look for her mama in every twinkling star and tri-color rainbow she can find. As long as she’s paying her electric bill and ain’t breaking any laws, I say, let her grieve her mama as she pleeze.

Alma  
- See more at: <http://www.blackpressusa.com/ask-alma->

## NUMEROLOGY

### HOT PICKS

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CRIME ALERTS

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OCTOBER 17TH, 2015

At 2238hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Elm Street regarding a fight.. Upon arrival a 35 year old female ran into the street as officers were pulling up to the home, and shouted Take me to the police station. The officer identified himself and asks her how could he help. She told the officer to go into her home and uttered she tearing it up. The officer asked who was she referring to and she said it was her girlfriend. Officers walked into the living room and observed broken mirrors, furniture, televisions, tables, all destroyed. Officers could hear noises coming from the backroom of the apartment. Officers observed a 35 year old female sitting on the floor in the bedroom with dried up blood around her mouth and nose. The smell of alcohol emitted from her breath. The officer asked the female to stand up and she refused and continued destroying her girlfriend's property. The officer told her again to stand up and she did in a fighting stance. The officer handcuffed her and another officer escorted her to the front part of the home. All of a sudden she fell to the floor and began to yell and screaming stating him brother died in this house, and she wasn't going anywhere. The officer helped her up off the floor and she kicked him in his private area. Other officers arrived and grabbed her and placed her in the patrol vehicle. She was transported to the police station where she continued to act belligerent and officers could not process her. She later told police that her girlfriend was at her home and just started destroying her home for no reason. And when she tried to stop her, she struck her with a closed hand fist to her face and head area. Officers observed light red markings on the female's face and neck. Health Link was notified and arrived on scene to treat her, but the female's behavior was so bad they were unable to provide medical care to her.

October 17th, 2015

At 0109hrs, officers were dispatched to the block of West Henry Street on a Damage to Property complaint. Officer's received prior information of two vehicles being damaged in the area and observed the suspect's vehicle. The vehicle

was occupied with two males and made contact with the driver who stated he was just driving in the area. The officers detained the two while gathering more information. Meanwhile a 2004 Dodge was damaged while the owner stood by it and told officer he witness one of the males throw a brick at the passenger side of the vehicle, striking the window. Then a 62 year old male came out of his home when he heard a loud noise and looked out and observed a black colored vehicle drive away, after striking his 1999 Dodge windshield. The owner of the first vehicle states he believes that they struck the second vehicle by mistake. The owner of the first vehicle states there has been a long dispute going on between his family and the suspect and the neighbor was not involved. The driver admitted throwing the brick at the vehicle in retaliation to previous encounters with the owner. He was issued a violation for Damage to Property and release without incident.

October 20th, 2015

At 2027hrs, officers were dispatched to the area in the 500 Block of Lenoir Street on a report of several shots fired. Officer made contact with the 56 year old male homeowner who states he was downstairs in the basement when he heard several loud bangs, then his 82 year old mother screaming. When he went to check on her he found her on the floor and screaming they're shooting. The mother states she believed the shooter was inside the house. The son observed debris all over his mother's bed. The son showed officers his mother's room and all observed a spent round laying on her bed and determined the entry of the round came from outside in the area of Eaton & Superior. A fresh bullet hole was hit in the pathway of the mother's window. There was damage to the window frame and the wooden frame around her mirror on her dresser. And upon looking for an impact area the officer observed a full intact spent round behind a picture frame. The suspect vehicle was a blue Chevrolet Cavalier that was chasing a silver unknown vehicle. Officer also recovered another spent round casing on the roadway near Eaton & Superior .

Romulus

Eagles ground

Hamtramck Cosmos

to punch playoff

pass, 51-14

By Christian Young

The late Yogi Berra could have summed up the results of Romulus's regular season finale on Oct. 23 with his famous line, "Déjà vu all over again." In Week 8 of 2014, the 5-2 Eagles traveled to Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck and clinched a playoff berth—their first since 2000—with a 48-3 blasting of the Hamtramck Cosmos. This year, with the game at Romulus Middle School, the venue was changed, but the opponent, the stakes—a playoff invite on the line—and the results—a 51-14 victory for the Eagles—were the exact same, as is their final record---6-3.

"I'm very fortunate that we were able to get to six wins and happy about the senior leadership we had this year," Romulus coach Thom Patterson said after congratulating his team. "We showed what we were able to do tonight." The Eagles finished with only 192 total yards of offense, but the numbers were skewed because of the defense and special teams coming up big time and time again, giving them excellent field position.

After the Eagles held the Cosmos to a three-and-out and got good field position, it only took two plays for Romulus to make noise, as Torrence Limmitt's 29-yard burst set up Trey-larenz Anderson-Armstrong's eighty-yard touchdown run. The Eagles pitched another three-and-out, then creamed the Hamtramck punter on the 1-yard line to give Romulus excellent field position. Romulus took a 16-0 lead when Jaylin Tatum punched the 1-yard touchdown in and Malik Price ran in the two-point conversion.

The onslaught continued when George Gillespie and Braden Taylor slammed the Hamtramck returner on the 1-yard line. The Eagles pushed the lead to 24-0 when KeVonte Simmons returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown and Tatum ran in the two-point conversion. Later, Sevann Williams's 30-yard run set up Anderson-Armstrong's one-yard touchdown plunge, and Alfredo Alvarez's kick put Romulus up 31-0.

And all of this was just in the first quarter. Hamtramck did score in the second quarter, when Al-Mutasism Aiyash broke loose for a 60-yard touchdown run, but Romulus matched big-play for big-play when Anderson-Armstrong took a kick return 83 yards to the house. Two touchdowns—one apiece from Anderson-Armstrong in the third quarter and Price in the fourth--shut the door on the Cosmos for good in the second half. The Cosmos only crossed midfield three times on offense in the entire game. The Cosmos' screen game posed some challenges for the Eagles, particularly due to the aggressiveness of the defense. "When you have some young defensive linemen in the game, they're excited to get in, and they're so concerned with getting a deep sack instead of penetrating and looking," Patterson said. Tatum finished 1-of-2 for 13 yards and one touchdown passing, as well as rushing for a touchdown and a two-point conversion. Anderson-Armstrong notched four total touchdowns. Defensively, seniors Kingsley Enechukwu and George Gillespie led the Eagles with four tackles apiece. The Eagles will travel to play Chelsea in first round playoff action tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Halloween

Safety Tips



Trick-or-treating is a fun activity for our kids, but we need to make sure it's safe.

The kids can get dressed up in scary costumes and go door to door searching for "tricks" or "treats" from neighbors. It should be a fun activity, without trouble. Following some easy tips can keep your child safe for Halloween and ensure the fall festivities go off without a hitch.

The excitement shared by children and adults at this time of year can cause some folks to forget to be extra careful. When walking through the neighborhood, everyone must make sure to slow down and take time to practice safety.

Children should only go out during daylight hours, unless accompanied by a responsible adult. If your children are old enough to go out alone, you

should plan a safe route and set a time for their return home.

Let your children know not to cut through alleys, empty lots or fields. Make sure they know to stay in populated places and not to go off the beaten path. Be sure to tell your children to stay in well-lit areas.

Instruct your children not to eat any treats until they bring them home for you to examine. The Police Department will also perform candy checks all evening on Halloween night.

Advise your children never to go into a stranger's home or vehicle, and coach them on how to respond to a stranger if they are confronted with such a situation.

Lastly, make sure your children carry flashlights, glow sticks or have reflective tape on their costumes to make them more visible to drivers.

By following these trick-or-treating tips and taking a little extra time to follow proper safety procedures, you will be sure to make Halloween a fun, safe and memorable holiday for your kids. They'll not only carry on the traditions, but also the added precautions that you taught them to their own families some day.

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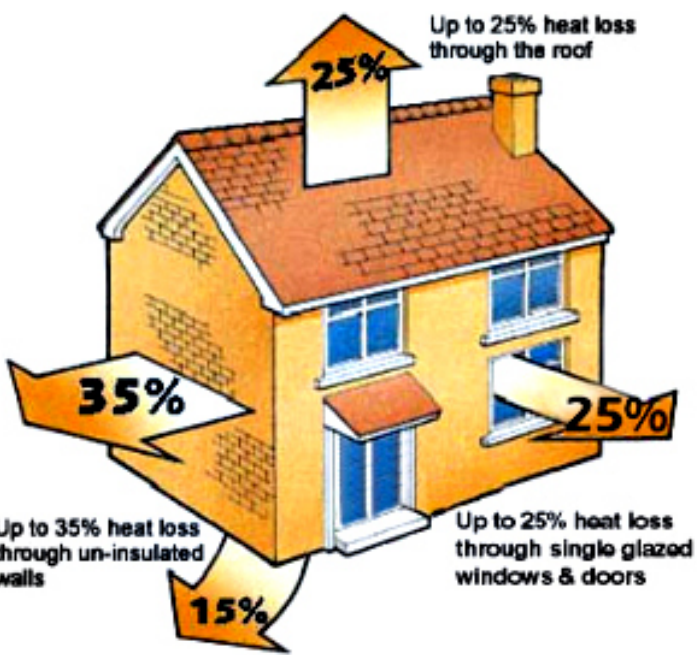
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Wyandotte- Each year on October 30, the State of Michigan observes Weatherization Day. This day marks an annual effort to bring awareness and attention to the ongoing plight of low-income households who spend a disproportionate percentage of their annual incomes on home energy bills.

The National Network of Weatherization Assistance Programs, which Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) is a member of, provides cost-effective, permanent energy saving solutions that help to reduce the heavy burden these families struggle to pay. Weatherization programs not only save energy through advanced technologies to improve the energy affordability for low-income families, but also prevent deaths by identi-

fying carbon monoxide hazards, improve indoor air quality while also helping to detect mold and other health threats.

With support from the US Department of Energy, more than 6.7 million homes have been weatherized across the nation since 1976. Statistics supporting the benefits of home weatherization practices can include:

- For every \$1 invested, weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society
- \$437 or more in annual utility bill savings year after year at current energy prices
- Energy savings average 35% of consumption for the typical low-income home pre-weatherization consumption

• Weatherization decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of 24.1 million barrels of oil annually

• Reduces residential and power plant emissions of carbon dioxide by 2.65 metric ton per year per home

• Over the life of the corrective measures, saves 53 metric tons of CO2 emissions per house

Wayne Metro's Weatherization program serves income-eligible Wayne County residents and provides free, grant funded services including energy efficient home improvements such as insulation, air sealing and replacement of inefficient appliances. Additionally, Wayne Metro partners with EcoWorks to provide valuable energy education to homeowners and provides tips on reducing energy consumption. For more information or to view Wayne Metro's Do It Yourself Energy Savings Video, please visit [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org) or call 313.388.9799.

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