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State leaders announce proposal to protect Detroit retiree pensions

Governor Snyder, Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville and House Speaker Jase Bolger announced they are working with the Michigan state legislature to allocate up to \$350

million over the next 20 years to be combined with funds raised by private Michigan foundations to assist in saving retiree pensions. The governor recommends these state Detroit Pensions - Page 9A

15th Walk for Warmth at Ford Field Seeks to Raise \$100,000 to Keep Wayne County Warm



Winners of the Best Team Name - Bringing the Heat - a prior Walk for Warmth

WYANDOTTE—Today, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency announces its goal to raise \$100,000 to keep Wayne County residents warm this winter. With support from corporate sponsors, civic and religious organizations, schools and concerned citi-

zens, the Agency tasked with alleviating the causes and conditions of area poverty is attempting to double what it has raised in years past through this annual fundraising event.

The recent frigid weather con-

ditions combined with the high demand for emergency utility and housing assistance has tripled the call volume coming into the Agency's client call center. As a result Agency leadership is putting a call out for donations big and small to

Walk for Warmth page 9A

Westland Mayor Bill Wild Announces Candidacy for Wayne County Executive



DETROIT— After months of traveling throughout Wayne County listening to residents and business owners, Westland Mayor Bill Wild will officially announce his run for Wayne County Executive.

"The message is clear--people want a transformation in Wayne County. They are tired of scandals. They want, expect and deserve more for their tax dollars. It has been frustrating and embarrassing watching what has happened in our county" declares Wild, mayor of the state's 10th largest city and the third largest in Wayne County.

"When I took office, I immediately assembled a team of talented individuals with integrity," adds Wild, a lifelong Wayne County resident. "In Westland, we have faced many of the same financial issues Wayne County faced and we addressed them. My team took one the state's largest City's, one that was expected to run out of money

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2014 Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program accepting nominations



Nominations for kids ages six to 18 will be accepted January 31 – March 14 at kohlskids.com, and nominators must be 21 years or older. Through the program, Kohl's will award more than 2,300 young volunteers nearly \$400,000 in scholarships and prizes to reward kids who have made a positive impact

on their communities.

Two nominees from each of the more than 1,100 Kohl's stores nationwide will win a \$50 Kohl's gift card.

Nearly 200 of the store winners will win regional scholarships worth \$1,000 toward higher education.

Ten national winners will be

awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships for higher education, and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on each national winner's behalf.

The Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program is part of Kohl's Cares, Kohl's philanthropic program focused on improving the lives of children. Since the program began in 2001, Kohl's has recognized more than 19,500 kids with more than \$3.9 million in scholarships and prizes. To learn more about last year's winners, visit kohlskids.com.



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CALL TO ACTION

What are you doing for others?

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



Now that Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday is over, what have you decided to do differently? The Nation gave us a day of celebration to honor and remember the life of Martin Luther King Jr. He is known as a person that fought and died for the civil rights of all people. His efforts along with many other organizations paved the way so that people of color could have the same rights of others. Have you thought about how different your life would be if you were still living in the manner that your ancestors lived in the 1950s and early 1960s. Think about it.

President Barack Obama has encouraged people to use this day (the 3rd Monday of January) as a Day of Service. That day of service ties into what Martin Luther King Jr.

believes. Two of his famous quotes that deal with service to others are, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" And "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

How did you spend your Martin Luther King Day? Did you attend an event? Did you participate in a walk? Did you talk to your children and/or grandchildren about Martin Luther King? Did you serve the homeless? Did you help the elderly? Did you mentor a young person? Just what did you do on your day off? I hope you did something positive

There are some people that can give money to help a group or a cause. But there are many more of us that can volunteer their time to help someone else. I challenge you to spend one hour a week doing something for someone else. That doesn't sound like a lot does it? You can have the remaining 167 hours to yourself to do something for

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Why Americans Have Grown to Hate Congress

By William Spriggs - Contributing Writer

Congress has itself to blame for its low ratings among the American people. Policymaking is all about choices; it is the calculus of weighing costs and benefits and the distribution of those costs and benefits. In theory, there are lots of policies that can make everyone better off, but they can only be accomplished by redistributing the gains of the policy.

Congress recently passed a budget deal that ended extended unemployment benefits for those unemployed for more than six months. Congress could choose to increase government expenditures-rather than their current stance of decreasing them-as was done in all other economic recoveries.

Republican members of Congress think America's working families have forgotten that Republicans expanded real government expenditures (adjusting for inflation) in the 1980s under President Ronald Reagan and 2001 under President George W. Bush by about 16 percent at this point in the business cycle.

The stalemate caused by Republican refusal to increase government expenditures has resulted directly in lower public sector employment-the loss of hundreds of thousands of public school teachers across the country; and more broadly in a tepid recovery.

The argument against restoring government is that it will increase the federal deficit, leaving unpaid bills for our children to pay and put pressure on interest rates that will hurt investment and homeownership by the middle class and tie the hands of future budgets with large interest costs. Well, of course, the failure to back President Barack Obama's America's Job Act back in 2011 has meant fewer teachers for our children today, rising class sizes and closed schools in many of America's cities, meaning our children will pay with higher dropout rates, lower achievement and lower future earnings. So, that is a trade-off most people think is not sensi-

Currently the Federal Reserve, understanding the dire situation of the economy, has been aggressively pursuing a policy to keep long-term interest rates down. Its efforts has moderated the loss of wealth in housing that most people experienced when the housing price collapse took away the savings America's workers stored in their homes as equity.

The Fed policy also has meant a tremendous growth in the Fed's holding of U.S. Treasury notes. The odd thing about that is that the Federal Reserve's profits from receiving interest payments from holding those bonds go back to the U.S. Treasury. So, currently the structure of U.S. debt is at long-term low rates, and the net interest payments are lower because the Fed pays the interest back to the Treasury. This makes the arguments about interest rates silly.

Ultimately federal debt does have to be paid. Since 2009 and the current recovery, 95 percent of income gains have gone to the top 1 percent of American incomes. In the fairness category, most people would agree that if the net result of policies has benefited the top 1 percent only, then they should be the ones paying taxes. It follows directly from a belief that everyone can be made better off, but only if the people benefiting from the economic policy share the gains with others.

But, Republicans have fought hard to protect the 1% from paying their share of policy gains with others. One example is of corporate CEOs who have boosted their salaries by shipping U.S. jobs overseas

because of "trade" agreements favoring corporations over human, worker and environmental rights. Through the 1970s, CEOs made 20 times their typical worker; today they take home more than 230 times the pay of their typical worker. And, while the federal government isn't taking advantage of low interest rates, CEOs are by using corporate borrowing to buy back the company stock and boost stock prices and CEO wealth and pay.

So, if the point of all this fiscal austerity is to protect us from federal debt in a time of low interest rates, we see who is benefiting. If we favor austerity over creating jobs, then we should at least compensate the people we are asking to suffer-those who are unemployed.

Oddly, the research on the effect of extending unemployment benefits has pointed to this anomaly-people getting the benefit are more likely to keep looking for jobs longer rather than give up and drop out of the labor force (disappearing from the statistics). By ignoring them, Congress wishes they would go away. By ignoring the imbalances in their choices, the American people are wishing Congress would go away.

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Support our Black Colleges

By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. - NNPA Columnist



There is a critical and long overdue discussion about the fate of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) now finally taking place around the nation. Yes, this is the time of year where annual government allocations and budgets are debated, passed or adjusted to meet both federal and state priorities. The issue of higher education and the adequate funding for all colleges and universities is one of the most important budgetary matters in 2014, given the increasing costs of higher education. But for most HBCUs, the concerns today about annual funding are far beyond routine dialogue and consultation. It is now for HBCUs a matter of survival.

Given the outstanding academic achievements and contributions of the 105 HBCUs and 50 Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs) of higher education, finances should never be an issue. I am, therefore, joining the National Association for Equal Higher Opportunity in Education (NAFEO) in issuing a national and global urgent call for increased financial support of HBCUs and PBIs.

It is a sad reality that too many people take for granted the legacy and continued importance of these particular colleges and universities. That is why African Americans must insist on proper funding for HBCUs and PBIs. If African Americans are not more vocal in expressing support for these colleges the stage will be set for more reduced funding of these vital institutions of higher learning that have done so much to make the world a much better place.

I am always impressed with the dedication and commitment of NAFEO and its members to represent and defend the interests of our colleges and universities. NAFEO is the nation's only 501 (c) (3), not-for-profit membership association of the presidents and chancellors of the nation's richly diverse 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and approximately Predominantly Institutions (PBIs). NAFEO

Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs). NAFEO members are CEOs of 2- and 4-year public, private, landgrant, sectarian and non-sectarian, undergraduate, graduate and professional schools in 35 states, the District of Columbia and Virgin Islands.

HBCUs and PBIs represent 500,000 students, 53,000 faculty, and 5 million alumni worldwide. NAFEO member institutions educate disproportionate percentages of lowincome students-in excess of 60 percent of the students enrolled at HBCUs are eligible for income-based Pell Grants. Because HBCUs educate disproportionate percentages of low-income students, they have designed, tested, and perfected a myriad of sucprograms cessful that increase the numbers of lowincome students prepared for, entering into and graduating from HBCUs and PBIs.

At a recent meeting at the White House Skills and Education Summit, NAFEO President and CEO Lezli Baskerville challenged the summit participants to both increase the funding for HBCUs and PBIs and to see the clear strategic academic priority for strengthening HBCUs and PBIs in order to achieve President Barack Obama's higher education goals for the nation.

Baskerville emphasized, "The ability of the nation to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of today and tomorrow depends to a great extent on our science, technological, engineering, agriculand mathematics (STEAM) enterprises and ability. We must train 100,000 new STEAM teachers over 10 years and create an American workforce and entrepreneurs prepared for a new generation of high-tech manufacturing and high-paying jobs. To have an America that is 'Built to Last,' President Obama projects that we need to increase the number of college graduates to roughly 60 percent by 2020, which equates to approximately 8 million more Americans with a 2- or 4-year college degree. To realize that goal, the nation must educate at least 2 million more African Americans with college degree by 2020 and many will be graduates of HBCUs and PBIs."

Unfortunately at a time when there is a clear, demonstrated need for more funding for HBCUs and PBIs, the political will does not appear to be there at the local, state or national level. Therefore, it calls on us to inform all our elected officials that increased funding for our colleges and universities has to be a top priority. This is not an option — our future and the future of our nation depends on it.

Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. is President of Education Online Services Corporation and the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network and can be reached at the following link: http://drbenjaminfchavisjr.wix.com/drbfc

New coach, same old Lions?

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Jim Caudwell was named the 26th head coach of the Detroit Lions. He brings with him two Superbowl Rings and the creation of Peyton Manning in Indianapolis and Joe Flacco in Baltimore.

Most are questioning the choice but I am liking the pick. He was with Tony Dungy in both Tampa and Indianapolis. He won his first Superbowl under Dungy in Superbowl XI.I.

He took over the Colts in 2009

Under Caudwell's first season the team went 14-2 and went to the Superbowl.

In 2012 Caudwell helped Jim Harbaugh win Superbowl XLVII against San Francisco.

Now he comes to Detroit with a winning background.

And he needs to win now, not in two years.

I would like to see a 10-6 season and the team not make the playoffs. That would show effort on their part.

He also has to change the culture of losing. That has been around for over 40 years, except for 1991 and that was and anomaly.

The Lions had the Mike Utely accident to play for.

I wish him luck!

Westland Mayor

from page 1A

by 2010, and created a \$60 million dollar balanced budget with a \$5 million dollar surplus without cutting services, asking for millages and avoiding labor issues. I know that what we did in Westland, can be done in Wayne County."

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Inkster City Manager talks about relationship with youth (part 3)

Christopher Young - Staff Writer



CY: You already had a leg up in that direction when you said that you were working with the YES (Youth Equals Success) organization. Now as you know, the YES organization is led by three Inkster High graduates and former football players.

RM: I've met with Joshua (Howard) in the group and we're actually meeting weekly. We're in the process of helping them set up their private non-profit because they're using their own money for the hair cutting, to cut the grass, for back-to-school and father-daughter dance. They use their own money for this, so we're helping them file the paperwork to create their own non-profit. These are all young men who are substitute teachers, teachers or paraprofessionals in education that want to give back to Inkster. That's a prime example of how we need to let our light shine, because we had youth that could go anywhere they wanted to go, but they choose to come back here and make a commitment to empowering Inkster, and changing the lives of the young adults here. That goes back to the character of Inkster. That nurturing, that caring, that commitment. They don't have to do it, but they do it because they love their community. I'm very excited about working with the youth.

CY: Not only were they graduates of Inkster High, but they were members of those football teams that made it to Ford Field. So they are fully aware of what a champion's spirit is, and the hard work that is necessary to be put in. RM: I watched the film of some of these young adults playing football, and I was amazed. I was also amazed that these were highly recruited blue-chip athletes and got scholarships, and graduated from college, yet they are humble. They have chosen to live a life of service, to be real difference makers. We get degrees not to say we have a title, but to be real difference makers. I've found that the young adults I work with in the YES group, that they are committed to be real difference makers.

CY: That brings up another point about athletics. With the unfortunate closing of

Inkster Public Schools, a lot of that history will not have pages added to them. But it was a rich history, full of championships, state, regional, and district, state title game appearances, countless conference championships, and many going on to play professional sports. But that goes back to engaging the youth. That's something that Flanagan and Dillon didn't realize when they dissolved the system, the role that extracurricular activities played in developing the child, which was just as much-if not more-than the academics did.

RM: Its amazing that you said that. In Little League and high school, the character it develops in terms of being on time, being disciplined, being dependable, and working with a team for a common good, and taking responsibility for your actions. For the hard work involved with practicing everyday, shows the hard work that is necessary to get what you need in life. Listening to direction from your coaches, and it develops leadership and develops winners. We talk about sports a lot when it comes to the development of that desire to win. Winning is not about an individual, but it's about sacrificing and doing what is good and necessary for the team. That goes right back to the character I've seen in our Inkster residents, that commitment and trying to figure out what's best for our organizations. Sports taught me

CY: What I fear with the district being split up, and a lot of those athletes going to other schools, they may get the push necessary to go to the next level, and they may not. But it's not about going to college just to play a sport. It may not even be about going to college period. It's about growing and developing as a person. But those coaches in those districts may not proattention to those Inkster kids as they do to their homegrown Taylor, or Romulus, or Wayne or Westland kids.

RM: I have sisters that are educators. I value education, and educators do have an obligation to make a positive impact in our young adults' lives, and to value and respect every person, no matter their walk of life or background. We all are obligated. I would hope that our young adults in the other districts that those in positions of influence will have their arms around them, see them as valuable and important, and cherish the opportunities that they have. We can learn a lot

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The Lucky Doctor

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



I recently had a conversation with a retired emergency room doctor. He had worked in one of the most demanding trauma center hospitals in the country. He had seen the worst of the worst medical emergencies. At his hands, countless lives had been rescued.

We reflected on his career and I couldn't help but commend him on tremendous career.

I suggested to him that it takes a special kind of person to do what he did for so many years, being responsive and as calm as possible in a high intensity environment. With a background in neuro-science, I gathered that he must be a

very intelligent man.

He grew up in a religion but later chose not to subscribe to any religion in particular or religious doctrine. This did not surprise me because many intellectuals become mechanical and function less in their feelings. Maybe it's because adding feelings to the array of thoughts that flow in their minds could get overwhelming. I don't know.

I do know there are many religious doctors out there who have faith and acknowledge God. Thank God for them. Even though this doctor denied being religious, he had a faith system. He was fully aware of a force bigger and more powerful than himself that functioned alongside him in the ER. When I told him he must be pretty smart, he humbly declined the compliment, calling himself 'lucky.'

Over and over again, this doctor had experiences where he knew something bigger than him was present and working on his behalf. I know it was God at this doctor's side, helping him do his job. The doctor knows he had help, but he defines it differently than I do. A lot of people call God, luck. Even when they do, it's no less God.

Even when people around us do not recognize God at work, let us pay attention and know when God is at work in our lives and in the lives of others. Sometimes it doesn't seem fair to us when we see God being active in the lives of people who do not even recognize or acknowledge Him. But remember this, "...He gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust too" (Matt. 5:45).

We don't know what deters people from religion or what causes them to deny God at work in their lives. Sometimes the best thing we can do is 'be light' and demonstrate God's love to people. This may be the only way to spark their interest in knowing the God we serve.

It's funny how God can use us with or without our permission or even our knowledge of being used. God is awesome and amazing like that. After all, He is omnipotent! He is

God no matter what you call Him. Even though this doctor called himself lucky, I recognize him as someone that God was able to use mightily to help rescue lives.

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HERMAN NORRIS Sept 2, 1923 -

Herman joined the U.S. Army from 1940 - 1945. He became sergeant for 2 years.

Herman leaves his loving memories to his daughter Gloria Blakley-Smith, three Grandchildren; Tiffany and Lance Norris, three Great Grandchildren; Anthony, Jasmine, Elijah and the baby within Courtney, two sister-inlaws Mary Wise (Jack) and Hattie Rankin, and a host of nieces and nephews.



Final arrangements were

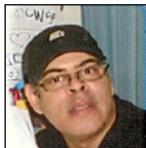
CECELIA STEPHANIE FACEN

Sept 26, 1957 - Dec 27, 2013

She enjoyed roller skating, ice hockey, photography, music (favorites: Stylistics and Isley Brothers) and a good game of Bid Whist.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy; Mother, Della Louise Brown (AI), two sons, Lance and Larnell Facen, a special daughter Genea, Daughter -in-law Rose, Two grandchildren, Lance Jr., and Courtney Facen, sisters; Deborah Millier (Gary), Liesa (Katie), Selenia Robinson (Wayne), Wanda Thomas (Neil), Brothers; Glenn, Eric, James Green Jr., and Vincent Green, Uncle James and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives. and friends.

Final arrangements entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home



CURTIS J. GILLIARD JR Mar 4, 1957 - Dec 31, 2013

Curtis found pleasure in a number of hobbies including feeding the birds in the winter, traveling, going to festivals, taking humorous photographs of birds and other animals, and watching classic movies.

Curtis leaves to cherish his

memory: Fiance Angela Long, daughter Whitney Gilliard siblings Stephanie (Arnold) Sheard, Keith Gilliard, Susan Holt, Allison arby, grandsons Cameron and Kayden Lopez, extended family Tanesha (Jamal) Dobbins, DeShawn Long, haunte Long, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



SYLVESTER DAVID LYNEM III Dec 1, 1952 - Jan 5, 2014

Family, protective, funny,fun loving and cool are words that best describe Chip.

He leaves to cherish his parents Sylvester and Martha; sister Sylvia Dickerson; (Charles) brother Darryl (Robin) Lynem; daughter Shaynna and her mother Sheryl Washington; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes **Funeral** (chapelofchimes.com)



VERNELL EUGENE **BURRELL, JR** Dec 14, 1958 - Jan 7, 2014

Vern was kind, energetic, friendly and a true man of God who had a passion for encouraging and uplifting other.

Left to cherish his memory are his children Nyree A. Jordyn Diane Pugh, Randall and Isiah Gregory Randall, his beloved sister Vernette "Penny" Burrell, of his children Jordvn and Isiah, Cindy Randall and a host of relatives and friends.

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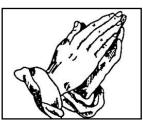
MARION MARIE KLINGMAN

Jun 2, 1918 - Jan 10, 2014

Marion was a very intuitive woman, and God blessed her with the gift of writing insightful prose and poetry. Several of her published works include: "Then There Was You," and "Pathways to the Inner Journey,"

She leaves to cherish her memory her sister Sarah Frances (Klingman) Lowe, niece Mary Ann Sparkman, nephew Dr. Edward M. Greene (Jacqueline Jones), nephew Rev. Stanley U. Sims (Jacquelyn), great nephew Milton J. Sims, cousin Carolyn Smalley (James), and a host of other loving cousins and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral (chapelofchimes.com)



VINCENT BROWN Jul 7, 1951 - Dec 25, 2013

He was a hard worker and a team leader for General Motors for thirty years.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories his wife of over 36 yrs. Sandra Clemons, daughter Idrissa, 2 grandchildren Tyie & Darrius Timmons, his mother Ruby, sister Shirley, brother Cornel, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Final



Joseph E. Westley Jul 7, 1947 - Dec 29, 2013

He loved his family, children and grandchildren. He loved cooking, watchfootball, watching

CNN, listening to gospel music and reading the Bible.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life his wife of over 48yrs. Karin Westley, six children, Joseph (Rena), John (Carolyn), Angela(Keith), Markcus, Danielle, two sisters, 3 brothers, 23 grandchildren, 1 great grand, family and freinds.

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IN THE SPIRIT

TIME TO FLY THE COOP

by Minister Karen S. Williams

God often speaks in ways we don't expect. Recently I sensed He wanted me to research - now don't laugh a cartoon character featured onWarner Brother's Looney Tunes, "Miss Prissy." Yes. Miss Prissy.

Prissy the Chicken. The beleaguered, white-bonneted and spectacled matron of the hen house who slowly drawled "Yah-uss" when asked a question.

After I watched a few episodes featuring her, I realized two things: (1) Prissy somewhat symbolized the biblical figure, Hannah (1 Sam. 1:1-3,6-7); and (2) her experience of barrenness in key life areas further highlighted how God wants to heal areas of unfruitfulness we too have. Time to Silence the Barnyard Like Hannah, Prissy shared space, rather a hot, noisy chicken coop, with a saucy, strutting brood of Penninah's. "You can't lay any eggs," they'd cackle. "Or get a husband." Consequently, Prissy would lower her eyes, sigh and then droop about the barnyard, hurt and shame dusting her feathery countenance.

Life too, unfortunately, can confine us into similar "coops. For instance, perhaps a family member's experiences at church, work or at home aren't going well. Do you squawk at their plight then join Penninah's brood to mock them? Or do you encourage them to press into God in prayer until He cracks

the shell of barrenness in their life and breaks them through? I hope the latter.

Time to Fly the Coop!

Regardless of where you live, there are Prissy's and Penninah's around you that are surrounded with many teachers. But these unique birds -- like you and I -- need natural and spiritual fathers (1 Cor. 4:15), who will spur them into an even more enriching relationship with God himself. Only He can best help any of us to steward our lives into being as fruitful as He would like for them to be.

Let's pray: Father, in the name of Jesus, I don't believe I wake up every morning with the intention of being barren in any area of my life. Help me to be like Hannah and pray and travail until I give birth my son. He may not be an actual, physical child, but I know this "child" represents the natural

spiritual fruit, in righteousness, that you want me to bear in my day to day world. So to do it, help me to first love You with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. Help me to love my neighbor as I love my self. And help me to forgive anyone who has ever served as unhealthy teacher or father role model in my life.

Help me to see how they that they only behaved with me, and toward me as their own life had prepared them to. Help me to forgive them and be reconciled to them, if they are still alive. And if they are no longer with me, help me to honor and savor pleasant memories of them, and forgive them still. I would not be here today, becoming the person you are shaping me to be, without their input into my life. In the name of Jesus, Amen."

Karen S. Williams is a prophetic minister and intercessor at Good News Christian Church in Inkster, Michigan, where Rev. Rodney Brown is pastor.



TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER'S SENIOR STAR



Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:32 (NIV)

MARY J. COOPER

River Rouge resident turns 90 YEARS OLD



Born in Opelika Alabama, Lee County Mary has 14 Children, 43

Grandchildren, 63 Great **Grand Children**

She was born on January 24, 1924. Mary was married for 46 years and all of our children graduated from River Rouge High School. She was an longtime active member of Union Second Baptist Church and a member of a Community Christmas Club. She was a Den Mother with the Boy Scouts in the Community. She was recognized with several Citizen Appreciation Awards.

During her life she was employed doing Domestic Work (cleaning) Farming, Textile Work, Great Lakes Steel (janitorial work, Concrete work and making steel.

Some of my family members have passed on; Husband (Curtis Cooper, Sr.) Daughter (Geraldine Cooper Hughes) and sons (Curtis Cooper Jr., **Edgett Charles Muhammad** -Cooper) and Calvin Cooper) My living children Virginia, Burnice, are Gwendolyn, Chester, Robin, Clinton, Cornelius, Donna, Robert and Tammy.

The motto I live by is "It's better to give than receive"

Who inspires her is - her mother, President Barack Obama and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Rev. E. C. Copeland, Rev. J. W. McCrary and Pastor Dr. Kenneth Brown.

What do you remember most about growing up in the community where you grew up? Always working, attending elementary school, living in rural areas, farming with siblings and parents. I also remember sharing games with friends and family when time permitted.

Who were some of your friends who grew up with you: Addie Pearl Cooper, Eloise Clark, Mingo Luke, L. C. Clark, Helen Campbell, Gloria Frazier and Bertha Walker-Cooper.

What do you think needs to change in your community? Children's' dress attire, rapid drug and crime rate. We need to patronize our own businesses and not shop outside the community. We also need to have more activities for our youth.

My favorite sports Team are the Detroit Pistons, Tigers and Lions. My favorite singer is Mahalia Jackson.

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River Rouge High School Presents The Chevrolet Cadets Leadership Program

By: Gina Steward



Students participating in the Cadet program participating with Gleaners, Kroger and the United States Postal Service to help 'Stamp out Hunger' as part of their community service session

The Chevy Cadets program is off to a good start and moving along well. The program is designed recognize high performing students in the 10th through 12th grades, and allow them to participate in a four month leadership program that provides life skills, exposure to culture and arts,

community service, and college scholarships. At the completion of the program, students will participate in a Cotillion and Beautillion Ball, as a way to introduce them to society.

Students had to meet certain criteria to participate in the program. Students must possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and have no more than 5 unexcused absences in the current school year, and no suspensions. Students must also adhere to these guidelines among others for the duration of the program.

Participants meet once a week for four months, December 2013 through April 2014. Some of the topics that will be covered in the sessions include: Etiquette Class

- · Self-esteem and Making Smart Choices • Branding vourself/Dress for Success
- Community Service Projects
- Personal Finances
- · How to Network (Mocktail party)
- Job Shadow Day with Chevy

Ballroom Dance Lessons

- GM Plant Tour
- River Rouge Alumni Session
- Shark Tank Group Think and Public Speaking activity
- Arts and Culture

The session that was held last week, was a community service project at the school. The project included folding bags donated by Kroger for a national food drive to help Gleaners Food Bank. The National Letter Carriers will be collecting food from select zip codes to donate to Gleaners. In total, 600,000 bags will be attached to post cards for residents to donate food, which letter carriers will collect and deliver to Gleaners, as part of their "Stamp out Hunger" campaign (http://www.nalc.org/commun/foodrive/). The Cadet students folded approximately 1,000 bags as part of this effort. The bags will be attached to postcards mailed to residents.

The Cadet program is a collaboration between Chevrolet, United Way, River Rouge School District and other supporters of education and youth.

Refrigerator

Find and circle all of the refrigerator items that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional item found in many refrigerators.

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near 7 Mile Road where she is also a Wellness Educator. The school is next to her business, The Water Station and Healthy Soul Natural Food Store located at 18710 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, 48203.

Dr. Keefa's studies and practices of Wholistic health care date back to 1977, and stretch across the globe; encompassing both Eastern and Western healing arts. She is a 35 year+ cancer survivor and attributes her healing to her metaphysical and health studies. She is the author of seven books and

manuscripts. Her latest book is titled "Standing in the Majesty of Grace." Her passion and enthusiasm to serve and support, motivate and inspire, educate and empower humankind is evidenced in her meticulous yet candid, gleeful, simplistic and comprehensive style of education.

She is also the Founder and Director of the SanKofa LIFE Youth and Family Rites of Passage Program.

Her other areas of expertise include being the television and radio host of "Live Well Naturally with Dr. Keefa," and a newspaper and magazine columnist. She is a Wholistic Health Practitioner, 3rd Degree Mahikari Yokoshi. 3rd Degree Reiki Master, Certified Nutritional Consultant, and N.L.P. Trainer and Consultant. Dr. Keefa is the recipient of the esteemed Spirit of Detroit award in, and many other awards.

New Mt Hermon MBC is located at 3225 S. Deacon St, Detroit, MI 48217. For more information please Mardena Willis at 313-728-3741.

Glaucoma Awareness Month **Observed in the District**

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



Courtesy of the National Eye Health Education Program Glaucoma silently steals eyesight from more than 2.7 million Americans each year and offials at the National Eye Institute in Bethesda, Md., project that more than 4.2 million will have the disease by 2030.

Further, nine to 10 percent of those with the dreaded disease ultimately go blind, said officials at the Glaucoma Research Foundation in San Francisco.

Glaucoma, defined as a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight without warning and it has no cure, counts as the second leading cause of blindness in the world.

After cataracts, it's the leading cause of blindness among the African-American community in which it's six to eight times more common for blacks to go blind from the disease than whites.

Statistics from several health organizations show that African Americans are 15 times more likely to be visually impaired from glaucoma than whites.

"Glaucoma does not typically show symptoms until it has reached more serious stages, which make it necessary to have routine eye exams to detect the condition before it gets worse, said Dr. Hylton R. Mayer, an ophthalmologist at Eye Doctors of Washington in Northwest, who recently performed the first iStent Trabecular Micro-Bypass Stent an implant procedure that's done during cataract surgery - in the metropolitan area to treat glaucoma in cataract surgery patients.

Several in the local health community are calling on individuals, particularly African Americans, 40 years and older to get checked for glaucoma and other potential eye-related issues.

"It's something that I had to push my father, my uncle and one of my cousins to do," said Leslie Dyer, a physician's assistant in District Heights, Md. "As African Americans, there are many things we have to be concerned about when it comes to our health, and glaucoma is certainly one of those concerns," said Dyer, 51.

ing to statistics provided by the Glaucoma Research Foundation.

The risk for glaucoma proves 20 percent greater for those who have family members with the disease and for African Americans over 40, with extreme nearsightedness, diabetes. hypertension and those who have had prolonged steroid use.

Although the most common forms primarily affect the middleage and the elderly, glaucoma can affect individuals of all ages, officials said.

"Black people should get a thorough check for glaucoma every one to two years after they turn 35," said Dyer, echoing what's recommended by the research foundation, which notes the reason for the higher rate of the illness in African Americans remains unknown.

Studies performed by several institutions, including Baltimore Eye Survey, noted that one way to attack glaucoma is through treatment and early detection.

Officials said there are two primary types of glaucoma - the primary open-angle glaucoma and the angle-closure glaucoma and the appropriate treatment depends upon the type and other

"The most common type of glaucoma, which is chronic open angle glaucoma, really has no symptoms and sneaks up on patients, causing slow but progressive damage to their field of vision," said Dr. Brad Spagnolo, an ophthalmologist at the Baltimore Washington Eye Center in Raltimore

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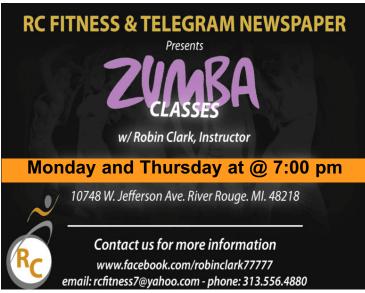
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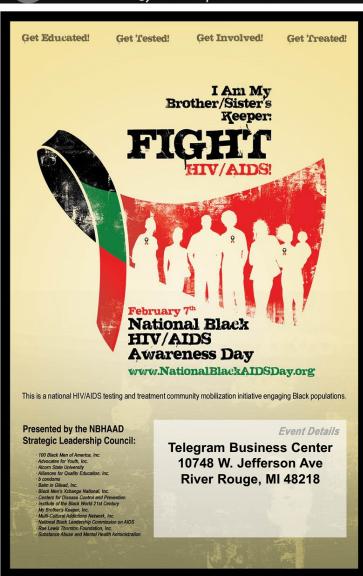
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This New Year, Take a Stand against Obesity

By Dick Resch - Contributing Writer



Olivia Judson on the influence of science and biology on modern life. Calories, chairs, Exercise, Obesity, offices, sitting, Walking Your chair is your enemya

What's your New Year's Resolution? Hitting the gym more? Cutting carbs?

There's an easier way to get healthy in 2014, and it doesn't require gallons of sweat or the elimination of bread. It's called standing.

A growing body of research shows that spending more time on your feet -- whether at home, at work, or during meals -- can have surprising health benefits. Even better, it's a whole lot easier to keep a New Year's resolution to simply stand more.

Remarkably, regular exercise can't undo the negative effects of sitting. According to Dr. Genevieve Healy, a researcher at the University of Queensland's School of Population Health, "We've become so sedentary that 30 minutes a day at the gym may not counteract the detrimental effects of 8, 9 or 10 hours of sitting."

It's no exaggeration to say that sitting is the new smoking. An analysis published in

the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that every hour spent on the couch watching television shaves 22 minutes off one's life.

Smoking a cigarette, meanwhile, costs the average person only 11 minutes.

But unlike kicking a nicotine habit, sitting less is as easy as straightening your legs and standing up. And believe it or not, giving your recliner or office chair some time off can bring substantial health bene-

A study published in the February issue of PLOS ONE, a science journal, found that, when it comes to reversing the harmful effects of sitting, "increasing the time spent walking/standing is more effective than one hour of physical exercise." Good news for those of us who may have trouble making it to the gym.

A renewed commitment to standing can start at the office. An astonishing 86 percent of Americans spend their workdays planted in a chair.

But that's easy to fix. For starters, keep an eye on the clock and make sure to stand up at least once every thirty minutes. Instead of riding the elevator, opt for the stairs once or twice a day. Phone calls also provide a great opportunity to spend some time on your feet -- or to pace a little to get the blood flowing.

Height-adjustable sit/stand desks can help workers make standing an even more integral part of their office routine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that such desks can reduce workplace sitting by as much as 224 percent. Workers who adopted a sit/stand approach also reported having less back and neck pain -- and were in a better overall mood.

At home, it's important to resist the urge to plop down on the couch. As it turns out, television sets work just as well when viewers are standing up.

Although we rarely realize it, most furniture -- from lunch tables to computer desks -- is designed with sitting in mind. A shift to a more upright, standing-centric lifestyle, therefore, will require a change in furniture.

All too often, January's selfimprovement project becomes February's personal disappointment. As 2014 dawns, avoid falling short of vour resolution to be healthier in the New Year -- and simply stand up.

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Detroit pensions

From Page 1A

funds would come from tobacco ed towards the settlement. settlement revenues. A coalition Among these conditions are of foundations recently pledged that all state participation would over \$330 million over the next go solely toward pensions, 20 years, which jumpstarted a independent fiduciaries manmediation solution to resolve key age the pension funds going elements of the Detroit bankrupt- forward, and appropriate cy process.

sound mediation solution with employees and retirees. clear conditions. We will not par- "Our citizens, their retirement ticipate in a bailout, nor allow and our art and cultural herthese funds to go anywhere itage warrant consideration of a other than directly to retiree pensions," said Snyder. "This is an opportunity to work together to find solutions that will allow Detroit to get on a firm founda- Detroit impacts our entire state. tion faster, help pensioners, and I am open to working with the ultimately save the Michigan taxpayers millions in the long run. I Detroit on a solution that want to applaud the foundations emphasizes oversight and for taking this unprecedented accountability to ensure history and generous step and the medi- does not repeat itself." sions."

conditions on any funds allocatreleases from litigation claims "We are working on a fiscally are obtained from the unions,

> reasonable, long-term solution," Richardville said. "Detroit pensioners live all across Michigan and the future of Governor, the House and

ators for facilitating these discus- A settlement based on participation from the state legisla-The governor called for strict ture, the foundations, and oth-

ers would have positive implications for city, unions, retirees and the state, including the opportunity to save millions that would otherwise be spent in legal costs and on social servic-

Bolger said the city of Detroit cannot stand alone and that the entire state must work together to resolve the bankruptcy.

"I won't cut off taxpayers' noses to spite Detroit's face, but I also will not ask the state's taxpayers to make a bad investment. That's why we must look at how we can work together to move Detroit out of bankruptcy as quickly as possible. This is the right thing to do in order to serve the Michigan citizens who live in Detroit, the pensioners who devoted their hard work to the people, and the taxpayers throughout the rest of the state who deserve to be protected."

* COMMUNITY NEWS*

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Winterfest on 1/24 & 1/25 (see Winter brochure attached or online for rates and schedule) includes:

o Glow Skate will be held all weekend (1/24 - 1/26) during the Open Skate schedule at the Wayne Community Center and every Friday at the Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland from 8 - 9:20 PM.

o Northpole Classic on Saturday, 1/25 at 10 AM

at the Westland Municipal Golf Course to benefit Youth Aquatic Programs.

o Mid-year Dance, Gymnastics, Baton Show on Saturday, 1/25 at 1:00 PM

o Euchre Tournament (Sat., 1/25 from 6 - 10 PM) with the Wayne Rotary and Wayne-Westland Parks & Recreation to benefit community projects.

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ARIES

At work, some matters have been on hold but now you will get the green light. Continue to work as diligently as you have been in the pass to ensure success. Have faith that your plans are on target. Soul Affirmation: Anticipation of a beautiful immediate future lights up my week.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 53, 54

TAURUS

A message this week may necessitate travel on your part, and you may feel obligated to do something you don't want to. Let the energy flow past you and do what you think is best. Who you are is who you are—be glad about it!

Soul Affirmation: People love me when I love them.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 22, 41

GEMINI

Use better judgment with regard to financial matters. Stop rationalizing. Money is important. Do something about the fact that you might find yourself broke more often than you wish. Continuing to deny it will delay doing something about it.

Soul Affirmation: I find comfort in the familiar.

In the familiar.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 22, 51

CANCER

This week make your spiritual interest pay off in cash. Enough of goodness for goodness sake. You've got bills to pay. People expect generosity from a big hearted person like you. Ask them for something in return or they'll drain you.

Soul Affirmation: I call on my creative talents to pay my bills.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 8

LEC

Compromise to get what you want this week. You'll want to meet others half-way, and in the long run, you'll get what you want anyway. You can afford to be gracious and giving. Do it with all your heart and soul.

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

Lucky Numbers: 6, 17, 43

VIRGO

Money matters may seem a little unstable this week; post-pone a shopping trip. On the plus side, however, your friends are unusually supportive and wonderful. You'll enjoy conversations and being with another, especially after dark! Soul Affirmation: I enjoy working with others this week.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 30, 50

LIBRA

Personal goals are important to you this week, and you'll want to budget some time to spend on formulating plans for your brilliant future. Something that happens without your knowledge is going to prove to be a huge benefit. Enjoy your lucky streak! Soul Affirmation: My life itself

is my greatest creation. Lucky Numbers: 7, 40, 43

SCORPIO

Your straight-up attitude is going to come in handy this week. Plain talk is favored; keep it simple so others will understand where youre coming from. You'll get a lot done if you stick to a plan this week. Soul Affirmation: I forgive, forget and keep on moving towards my good fortune.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 29, 31

SAGITTARIUS

This is a good week to think about long-term plans. Your mind is clear and your vision of things to come will be lighted by your razor-sharp instincts. All week long be careful not to sound too sarcastic when you tell people stuff that you know and they don't.

Soul Affirmation: I keep my eyes open for the love that is everywhere.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 18, 20

CAPRICORN

The clever way you think could expose you to an experience for you unlike any you've had recently. Move forward. Get into it. Don't doubt your ability to handle it. Don't let your mind get crowded with too much useless information. Love is simpler than you think.

Soul Affirmation: I allow good feelings to flow into my life with ease.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 21, 34

AQUARIUS

If someone has told you that you are more mental than emotional, believe them. This week especially your mind will be working a mile a minute to make sure that what you feel is good for you to feel. Cover the mental processes with an emotional facade, but keep thinking about what is best. Soul Affirmation: I give special attention to special friends

Lucky Numbers: 3, 45, 51

PISCES

Usually you're not much for gambling. You like to investigate and make sure before you make your move. This week you are lucky. Move on impulse. Follow your heart. Pay close attention to the love needs of your mate this week. The needs of children call.

Soul Affirmation: I can be whoever I am conscious of heing

Lucky Numbers: 12, 32, 53

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Lions New Head Coach Filling a Huge Need

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



Teryl Austin the team's new defensive coordinator.

I like Detroit Lions Head Coach Jim Caldwell already as he announced the hiring this past weekend of Teryl Austin as the team's defensive coordinator. As you know I have been a repeated complainer of the Lions lack of play at the position at defensive backfield for the last five years.

Austin enters his first season with the Detroit Lions as the team's defensive coordinator after spending the previous seasons as the three Baltimore Ravens defensive backs coach from 2011-13. During that span, the Ravens ranked first in the NFL in pass defenses with 298. In each of the past three seasons, the Ravens defense has ranked in the Top-10 in Red Zone defense, including a Leagueleading opponent touchdown percentage of 38.1 in 2011.

A former safety at the University of Pittsburgh, Austin brings 22 years of defensive coaching experience to the Lions' staff, specifically with a special talent for developing and teaching defensive backs. He has spent 10 of the last 11 seasons as a defensive backs coach in the NFL, including stints with the Seattle Seahawks (2003-05), Arizona Cardinals (2007-09) With each of his NFL stops; he has helped his teams pave the way to Super Bowl appearances (Seattle in 2005, Arizona in 2008 and Baltimore in 2012). In 2012, he helped guide the Ravens to a win in Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans and also mentored three Cardinals defensive backs to the Pro Bowl as Arizona's defensive backs coach in 2009, including CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, S Antrel Rolle and Adrian Wilson. Cardinals secondary also led the League in interceptiontouchdowns (six) in 2007. In his first NFL coaching stint, Austin's defensive backfield in Seattle ranked 10th in the NFL in interceptions with 67 over his four seasons with the team (2003-06). In addition, **Detroit Lions Head Coach Jim** Caldwell also hired Bill Sheridan as linebackers' coach.

Terms of their contracts were not disclosed. Caldwell have also retained the following position coaches who will join his new staff including: John Bonamego, Terry Heffernan, Bobby Johnson, Kocurek, Curtis Modkins, Evan Rothstein, Jeremiah Washburn and Washburn.

Romulus' Woodson receives huge honor

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer



Regional Athletic Director of the Year **Romulus Athletic Director Mark Woodson**

When someone wins a huge award, it's very rare that the recipient tries to sneak out of the place. But Romulus athletic director Mark Woodson is a rare man.

At halftime of the Romulus boys basketball game on Saturday, the announcement was made that Woodson had won the Regional Athletic Director of the Year award the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association. Instead of heading to the center of the court to bask in the thundering applause, Woodson simply tried to slip out of the gym to tend to other pressing matters. Besides, he doesn't like the spotlight so much on him any-

"I'm not a guy that likes a lot of attention," Woodson said. "I would rather the focus be on other people. I know that there are other people out there that need more help and recognition than I'm receiving for this award."

Modesty is a big part of Woodson's makeup. In fact, he found out he won the award in November before the holiday break, but tried his best to keep things quiet.

"It only got out because I had

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The Watch on Dumars is on

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



Joe Dumars

Many Detroit Pistons fans comes along and the Pistons this past Friday got sick to their stomach as the college player of last year Trey Burke walk in to the Palace of Auburn Hills and shot a game high 20 point three rebounds, 12 assists, two steals and one block shot, for Utah Jazz and knowing good and well that the Pistons and Joe Dumars' had the chance to pick Burke first. Instead Dumars' picked Kentavious Caldwell-Pope who started his first game of the year when Utah comes to visit last Friday and score four points.

Again not a happy crowd leaving the Palace of Auburn Hills and can you blame them. In addition, Monday

have a special MLK Day Matinee Game as over 18,000 fans paid to watch the Pistons and the L.A Clippers' play. Now I cannot understand why for the last two year the Clippers and DeAndre Jordan find a way to make poster children out of our home basketball team. Yes, last year it was Brandon Knight who was poster picture by Jordan.

This past Monday Jordan had 16 points and 21 rebounds, dunking seven times in the Clippers' 112-103 win over the Pistons. Jordan made his first seven shots. Blake Griffin added 25 points and Jamal Crawford

scored 26 for the Clippers, who are now 6-2 since losing star point guard Chris Paul to a shoulder injury.

J.J. Redick added 20 points for Los Angeles, including two four-point plays when the Pistons fouled him beyond the arc and by the way Caldwell-Pope fouled Redick on both four-point plays, amazing! Rodney Stuckey scored 29 points for Detroit and Smith added 24, however, the Pistons got almost nothing from their starting backcourt. Brandon Jennings went scoreless and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored only six points. Jennings missed all seven of his shots from the field, going scoreless for only the second time in 330 career games. It also happened in March, he was with when Milwaukee.

The Pistons dropped to 7-14 at home this season. They are 10-10 on the road. If the playoffs were today the Pistons would not be a part of the playoff party in the weak Eastern Division.

A Couple of Come Backs on MLK Day

Brailen Neely's 8-footer in the lane over Edmond Sumner with two seconds left gave Detroit Western, 2-7 a 66-64 victory over Country Day in the Martin Luther King Freedom Classic at Warren Fitzgerald. Sumner's basket with 2:55 left gave Country Day a 60-57 lead. His two free throws with 2:28 left gave Country Day a 62-59 lead.Kareem Murray's three free throws tied the game at 64-64 with 49 seconds left.

Country Day committed a turnover to give Western a chance to win it. Neely, a 5-8 sophomore led Western with 27 points. "I was trying to get my team a bucket," Neely After the game "Edmond was on me and he's 6-4. I was just hoping he wouldn't block it."

Finally, after a full day of traveling watching basketball I made stop at River Rouge High School to watch the middle of the third quarter of play as Rouge was trailing by six, although, in talk to a Panther fan they were trailing as much as 10 points.

Nevertheless the look on Bobby Thompson Sr. face as his freshman son Bobby Thompson Jr. when on the

blink on the floor of Brent Darby Court as he about single handedly defeat Detroit Collegiate Northwestern, 78-73, Monday night I just last week talked to Bobby Sr. about his son making the teams as I was requesting the roster of the Rouge Panthers Varsity team.

Bobby Sr. said to me at the time that his Son (Bobby Jr.) worked hard to earn his place on the team. Indeed, the quarter and half that I watched I say that the River Rouge Basketball fans have something to look forward too for some years to come.

By the way, in an earlier game this past Monday at Rouge High the Lady Panther beat up Detroit Pershing 54-45 as Staenisha Harris produce 28 points and 14 rebounds, and Dayzhane Green chip in with 15 points for the Lady Panthers in which their record this season is 9-2.

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to request time off and fill out paperwork to attend the (MIAAA) conference in Traverse City in March," he said. "They asked me why, and I had to tell them the truth."

But make no mistake, he is very appreciative of the award.

"I'm really thrilled and honored," he said. "I think that there is no greater achievement or award that you can receive than when it's from your own peers. When it's from your own peers, it means a lot. They realize the hard work and dedication you put into your job."

It is another milestone in a storied, decorated journey for the Inkster native.

The Dearborn Heights Robichaud graduate later went on to play collegiate football at Wayne State (earning a degree in physical education and health along the way) and in the Canadian Football League and United States Football League.

He embarked on a coaching career that included stops at his alma mater of Robichaud (where he was a member of a state championship staff in 1990) and the University of Michigan (where he earned a master's degree in education administration), and being the head coach of Romulus for five years, where a 10-1 season in 1998 earned him a regional coach of the year honor from the MHSFCA.

"We've had some great kids play for me and some great coaches come to work with me," Woodson said.
"Romulus has been a great place for me and my family. It's my second home."

He also was an assistant coach at Eastern Michigan before returning to Romulus to take the athletic director's job in 2005. He also has served as an assistant principal in the past, and even serves as the summer school principal at Romulus High School.

Yet through all of the accolades and experience, Woodson has not lost sight of where he has come from and who has made an impact on him.

"I've learned so much from so many people, and I am grateful to them," Woodson said. "Coach Bob Yauck gave me my first coaching opportunity at Robichaud and my first teaching job there. Coaches Gary Moeller and Lloyd Carr, they showed me a lot about hard work and doing things the right way, values that we try to instill in our kids here at Romulus."

Nor has he lost sight of his mission as an athletic director and educator. Nor will he slack off.

"This is motivation to keep working even harder, because there are so many things that need to be done here," he said. "I see myself, not only as a teacher, coach or AD, but I also hope to be a mentor to so many young people who want to be head coaches or teachers, and try to lead kids in the right direction."

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Eagles sweep, Bulldogs stumble, in week of games

By: Christian Young - Staff Writer



Photo by Christian Young

Romulus' Deonte Bell shoots a free throw against Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Jan. 14.

It's been a wild week for the Romulus Eagles—and one more step towards improvement for the Dearborn Heights Robichaud Bulldogs. The two teams faced off on Jan. 14 on Robichaud's home floor in a key Western Wayne Athletic Conference matchup.

floor in a key Western Wayne Athletic Conference matchup. The Bulldogs hung tough with the high-ranked Eagles, but Romulus soared away with a 63-37 victory.

The Eagles led wire-to-wire, but the Bulldogs did pose a challenge early on, particularly on the glass. However, the Eagles had hot hands in the open court, forcing steal after steal.

"We did a pretty good job of rebounding," Robichaud coach Vernon Crump said. "Our biggest problem was that we didn't cash in on offense." Romulus coach Jerret Smith concurred.

"Robichaud's not a bad team at all, and rebounding's been a weakness for us all year," he said. "We just need to grind out stops and do things the Romulus way."

Romulus held a 35-17 advantage at the break, but the

Bulldogs began the second half stopping Romulus on eight consecutive possessions.

"That's what we wanted to do," Crump said. "We wanted to come out and get a few stops in the third quarter, and we ended up with eight. We just didn't make our layups and free throws."

Romulus took advantage of the Bulldogs' offensive sputter and widened the lead to 53-24 after three quarters, and converted on the turnovers they forced.

"A good offense comes from a great defense," Smith said. Kris Clyburn paced the

Eagles with 18 points and six rebounds, followed by Jaylin Walker with 17 points and seven rebounds. Dacari Gibson led the charge for Robichaud with 13 points and seven rebounds, followed by Vernon Crump Jr. with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Romulus rode the momentum from the win onto their home gym on Jan. 18 with a date with Indianapolis (Ind.) Cathedral.

The Irish were Indiana Class 4A runners-up and one of the state's top ranked teams, but the Eagles broke a 14-14 first quarter deadlock with hot shooting from the outside and physical play to grind out a 73-50 victory.

The Eagles opened things up on the perimeter in the second quarter, when Romulus began shooting hot from the outside to create space in the paint, and combined that with their tough defense to take a 36-23 lead at halftime.

"We did great against a great team, but we can't settle," Smith said. "We can't allow teams to get second chance shots."

Clyburn again led the charge with 26 points and three rebounds, while Tyrone Hamby chipped in 16 points and three rebounds. Walker chipped in 13 points, five rebounds, and three assists. Collin Barthel led Cathedral with 15 points and eight rebounds.

Robichaud, meanwhile, hoped to recover from the sting when they hosted Dearborn Fordson on Jan. 16. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs fell to the Tractors, 57-36. Muhammad Zahr scored 17 points to lead the Tractors.

The Eagles (8-1, 4-0 WWAC Blue) hosted Class C topranked Detroit Consortium on Tuesday, while the Bulldogs (3-7, 1-1 WWAC Blue) traveled to Dearborn Edsel Ford. Results were unavailable as of press time.

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•Albert B. Buday Civic Center, 3869 West Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse, MI •Ecorse Public Library, 4184 West Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse, MI

The Draft 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will also be available for review on the City's website at **ecorsemi.gov**

The City of Ecorse is preparing a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the plan will serve as a guide for the potential acquisition or development of parks, trails, recreation facilities and programs over the next 5 years.

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CRIME ALERTS

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River Rouge Police Department 313-842-8700

January 14th, 2014

At 1312hrs, Officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Frazier Street on a Domestic call, where a 18 year old female was being thrown out of the house with her 1 year old child. Officers arrived and found the female sitting on the porch steps crying hysterically. She was holding her baby as officers observed her red swollen face. The right side of her face was scratched up. She told officers her 21 year old boyfriend began arguing with her about another male while she was in the kitchen cooking. She states when she tried to ignore him and get away he began punching her in the face. The female was trying to run from him when she fell. He began kicking and stomping her head into the floor with his foot. She managed to get up off the floor and began vomiting. The female told officers she had her cell phone and tried to call police but he threatened to kill her if anybody came to the house. The male eventually gave her the phone back and allow her gather her belongings, then forced her and the baby out of the house. What kind of man would kick a mother and baby out in the cold? Officers went to the male and asked what happened and he states when they got into an argument about another man she became upset and started destroying his home. The officer asked the male how did her face get scratched up and he said "Maybe she ran into a wall or something". And when asked about the vomit or the floor, the male said his girl was just being stupid and started spitting on the floor. The male was placed under arrest for Domestic Violence, handcuffed and later transported to the police station. Health Link was notified and arrived on scene to treat the female for her injuries.

January 13th, 2014

At 2010hrs, a 38 year old female entered the police station lobby stating she had just been assaulted and robbed. Officer's observed a large bruise and swelling under her left eye. She told officers incident began while she was sitting in her 2000 Oldsmobile Alero, parked in front of 10900 West Jefferson. She states she was waiting for her boyfriend to get off work, when she heard a voice say "Hey" and turn around and recognize the male speaking to her. She states before she could say anything he struck her in the face with a closed hand fist and snatched her purse in her lap. He ran south on west Jefferson. She recognized him from having previous contact with him at Fairway Party Store about two weeks ago. She told officer he was a tall and skinny male who lives on Goodell. The female states the male took her purse, wallet and money. I know when you read I this tell your friend to turn his self in because he knows we are looking for him. He is the same one who beat up his girlfriend up the other day. And the same one who tried to break into a vehicle on Goodell Street

January 12th, 2014

At 0023hrs, officers were dispatched to the 1st Block of LeBlanc Street on a Disturbance. Upon arrival officers observed a 22 year old female standing next to her 1998 Ford Explorer. She was slurring he r speech and officers could smell and odor of alcohol intoxicants emitting from her breath. She admitted to having four or five drinks. Officers spoke to a 32year old neighbor who states she seen the female strike her parked Dodge Durango. The witness states the female didn't stop and kept on going. The witness states there was no damage to her vehicle, but the female struck a 1994 Chevrolet, a couple of doors down. Officers conducted two Field Sobriety Tests on the female and she was placed under arrest for OWI and Hit & Run Accident.

January 10th, 2014 At 2225hrs, officers respond-

ed to a Felonious Assault

complaint in the 100 Block of Charles Street. A 41 year old female gave officers detail of had just taken place and officers began to follow a set of shoe prints in the snow that led to the alley behind a neighbor's home. The victim told officers at 2210hrs she took her dog outside for a walk and began walking north on Charles. She states she was 100 feet away when she was suddenly attacked by a male with red hair, 5'10 feet tall, wearing a black hoodie. She states he struck her in her face with his fist while holding a box cutter. When she fell to the ground the male struck her again, this time in both legs with a blunt object. The male took off running west past her house and went into a neighbor's house. The victim told officers she and her son have been fighting with the neighbors the last few months. Officers went to the home on Dwight and made contact with a 30 year old male and a 25 year old female. The female told officers she was babysitting and the male living there never left the house. The victim had three lacerations on a her right cheek along with swelling of her left leg. Health Link arrived on scene and transported her to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

Walk for Warmth

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Ali's Second Wife Khalilah on Their Marriage: 'It Was a Wonderful Struggle'



(L-R) Khalilah Camacho-Ali, New York Times sports writer Robert Lipsyte and filmmaker Bill Siegel speak onstage during the 'Independent Lens/"Trials of Muhammad Ali" 'panel discussion at the PBS portion of the 2014 Winter Television Critics Association tour at Langham Hotel on January 21, 2014 in Pasadena, California

*"Why do we need another film about Muhammad Ali?"

This was the knee jerk response given to filmmaker Bill Siegel when he began pitching his documentary, "Trials of Muhammad Ali," a look at the champ's battle to overturn the five-year prison sentence he received for refusing the military draft. HBO's recent "Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight" covered the same territory, using actors to recreate the Supreme Court drama behind its 1971 ruling in favor of the boxer's antiwar stance.

"I started working on this doc-

with it, and it would be good, I thought, for both films to come out at the same time, which is what ended up happening."

Still, there are tons of Muhammad Ali documentaries in the ether, and Siegel said he would distinguish his work from the rest by keeping interviews to a minimum.

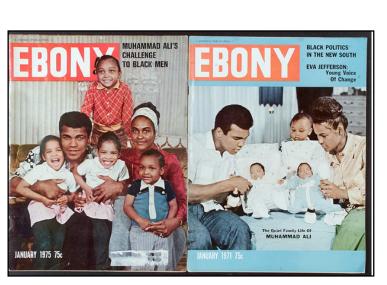
"I just wanted people that were there. The woman that he was married to, the journalist who covered his entire boxing career [Robert Lipsyte], the last surviving member of the Louisville sponsoring group who launched Cassius Clay's pro career, his daugh-



umentary long before that film started," Siegel told the TCA on Tuesday. "So when I first heard about that HBO film, I was mortified. I just couldn't believe it was happening. It was the same story. And then the director made the brilliant decision not to cast Ali and use archival footage. But, after some time, I realized that it wasn't I wasn't in competition

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Farrakhan, and other close associates of the Nation of Islam, and just keep it to that," said Siegel. "No outside academics commentating, no narthing that that and the trove of archival footage that exists out there, I knew, could make a film that hadn't been made, and I think that it's out there



Khalilah Camacho-Ali speaks onstage during the Independent Lens/"Trials of Muhammad Ali" 'panel discussion at the PBS portion of the 2014 Winter Television Critics Association tour at Langham Hotel on January 21, 2014 in Pasadena, California Khalilah Camacho-Ali speaks onstage during the 'Independent Lens/"Trials of Muhammad Ali" 'panel discussion at the PBS portion of the 2014 Winter Television Critics Association tour at Langham Hotel on January 21, 2014 in Pasadena, California

Ali's wife at the time of his Supreme Court battle was Belinda Boyd, who converted to Islam and changed her name to Khalilah Camacho-Ali after their wedding in 1967. It was the same year he refused to be inducted into the Army and was immediately stripped of his heavyweight title. The Muslim fighter cited religious reasons for his decision.

Khalilah was a 17-year-old bride, and went on to bear him four children Maryum (b. 1968), Jamillah and Liban (b. 1970), and Muhammad Ali Jr. (b. 1972).

Below, the feisty Khalilah wants everyone know the type of husband Ali was, her exact role, in their marriage, from 1967 to 1977.

"The Trials of Muhammad Ali" will get a theatrical rollout across the U.S. ahead of its May 2014 premiere on PBS. You can find a list of cities in which the film is screening by going to the official site.

Have a question for Ayana? send email to:telegram@telegram news.net

Rolling the Dice



Dear Ayana,

I need your advice. My fiancé and I are planning our wedding and only have a few months to make a decision to either select a venue or go with a destination wedding. We both have very small families so our friends are extended family and are so special to us. My fiancé would love to head to Las Vegas and invite our closest friends and our immediate family. I think Vegas makes since also; it would cost less than a traditional wedding and we would be able to honeymoon on location. The problem we face is that my best friend, who is my Maid of Honor, is recovering from a compulsive gambling addiction. She has done a great job of getting her life back on track and attends meetings regularly. I want for her to be a part of the most important day of my life, but I don't know that I can have her participate in that environment without jeopardizing her sobriety. My fiancé is willing to put a deposit down on a venue here, close to home, but I can tell that deep down he really wants to go to Las Vegas; so do I. Should I ask my friend to decide whether or not she can handle the temptation of Sin City or plan a wedding here at home? My friend is in her third year of recovery.

Gambling Girl

Dear Gambling Girl,

Your wedding is just thatyours. However, I do understand the situation you're facing. Since it seems that you and your fiancé have your hearts set on Las Vegas, then that's where you should go. Concerning your best friend, she's a big girl and I think you should give her the courtesy of deciding which situations she can handle and which are not in her best interest. Now, I don't think it's a good idea for her to go. The likely hood of her relapsing is probable. Three years is not a long time when we're talking about recovery; but again, only she knows what she is able to withstand. Perhaps she could fly in for the wedding, spend the entire day with you as you prepare, stand by your side as you exchange vows with your soon to be husband, enjoy the dinner reception and then fly home the next morning. Make the suggestion and see how she feels about it. You may also consider standing solo, or if your mother is willing and able, assuming that you have a close relationship, ask that she stand in as your Maid/Matron of Honor. I hope that your best friend will accept and understand whatever you decide to do in the event that she is unable to attend your wedding. If declining is the position she takes, support her in it, love her through it and be proud of the progress she has made in recovery. I hope only the best for you on your wedding day.

Good luck to you.

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from our young adults if we take time to listen and let them know that we care. Lack of familiarity can breed confusion, and even contempt at times. We're going to dig deep and pull the best out of us to do whats good and best for the whole. That's the only way the world will change.

CY: We can also learn a lot from those that have made mistakes in their lives. A lot of times, there are a lot of people from here that, yes they do follow that wrong path, and do their time, but when they come back, there is nothing for them. That plays a big part in recidivism. I believe they want to do right, but there is nothing for them, all these doors are getting shut in their face because they have a felony, then what do you think they are going to do? I was wondering if you had any ideas as far as prisoner outreach programs.

RM: I'm glad you brought that up. When I was in Benton Harbor, again my passion was young adults. I had an opportunity to be a consultant for an organization for youth that had challenges in their past. Knowing that, coming from Detroit, and seeing people who had challenges with the law, everyone who is created was created for greatness. Everyone deserves another chance, but our system is not set up for that. Some of us rise above that, and Judge Greg Mathis is a good example. He is using his life as a testimony to try to change lives. I believe in that. I had brought him out to Benton Harbor to speak, and he had 22,000 people strong inside one of the banquet halls out there in Benton Harbor. These were all young adults and juveniles who had had some type of run in with the law. There were state police, sheriffs, executives, all in awe. One of the things that causes people to get in trouble, is that some kids had low self-esteem issues and don't feel that they have anyone to care about them. We had a rap session, and this is what some of those kids have actually told me. When you have a spirit of hopelessness embedded in your heart, you tend to act out and engage in self-destructive behavior because you feel like there's no hope anyway. We almost must extend our respect. A lot of them feel like they have not been respected. We have a lot of people in Inkster that understand the value of making youth feeling respected and cared for, such as the Deltas, the Grandparents, Viking Pride. There are many people that could be doing other things with their time, but they do this because they care and are committed to our young

adults.



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