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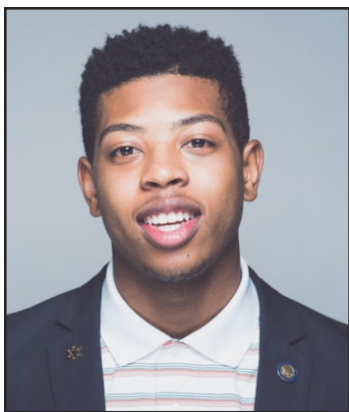
THE TELEGRAM

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From Councilman to State Representative

Jewell Jones takes his next step to Lansing

By Angel Frierson - Telegram Intern



Jewell Jones

Being the youngest State Representative in Lansing will be the title that Jewell Jones will hold beginning January 1, 2017. He was elected by the citizens in Inkster, Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Livonia and Westland to represent them in District 11.

Jones was interviewed by the

Telegram to find out what makes him tick in a hope to inspire other young people to get involved in the political process.

TN - How do you Manage taking on More responsibility since you are now State Rep, along with being an ROTC Officer in the Army, Deacon at church, and College?

I figure out how to tie everything into each other, to maximize my time and resources everywhere that it is possible.

TN - What will you recommend to a young person who may want to start in leadership?

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Nonprofit Director Loses Job After 'Ape In Heels' Comment About Michelle Obama

Written By Clarissa Hamlin



First Lady Michelle Obama

The West Virginia nonprofit director who referred to Michelle Obama as an "ape in heels" in a November Facebook message has lost her job after a weeks-long suspension and announced Dec. 23 return to the position, reports The Washington Post.

Officials' termination of Pamela Ramsey Taylor, who led the Clay County Development Corp., coincided with a state agency decision to take control of the nonprofit, which provides services to the elderly and low-income residents, writes

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Four more charged in Flint water crisis

By Sara Ganim and Sarah Jorgensen, CNN



(CNN)Four officials in charge of Flint's water, including two who reported directly to Governor Rick Snyder, have been named in the fourth round of charges announced by the Michigan attorney general's office as it investigates the city's water crisis.

Two of Flint's former emergency managers and two water plant officials were charged Tuesday for felonies of false pretenses and conspiracy -- the allegations are

that they misled the Michigan Department of Treasury into getting millions in bonds, and then misused the money to finance the construction of a new pipeline and force Flint's drinking water source to be switched to the Flint River.

Jerry Ambrose and Darnell Earley, both emergency managers put in charge of Flint during a years-long financial crisis, reported directly to the governor and are the highest level officials to be charged so

far. They also face misdemeanors of misconduct in office and willful neglect of duty.

The other two men, Howard Croft and Daugherty Johnson, were city water plant officials involved in making the switch from purchasing drinking water from the city of Detroit, to treating water from the Flint River.

Flint family says Navy is retaliating for speaking out about water crisis

The charges today mark the 13th since the water crisis began.

"All too prevalent and very evident during the course of this investigation has been a fixation on finances and balance sheets," said Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. "This fixation has cost lives. This fixation came with the expense of protecting the health and safety of Flint. It's all about numbers over people, money over health."

The charges lead Congressman Elijah E. Cummings to renew his call for Snyder to be subpoenaed once again before the House Oversight Committee.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



LaChelle Anderson along with her mom, Deborah Anderson and uncle, George Anderson Jr. perform their monthly street ministry of providing the community with Bag Lunches and Prayer at Church of the Resurrection in Ecorse. Rain or shine they are there the 4th Wednesday of the month

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CALL TO ACTION FROM THE PUBLISHER

Why does Donald Trump get a pass?



I've thought about it over and over, and I am unable to come up with a good answer to these questions... How do you decide to have a person represent you and the United States of America who has so many character flaws? How do you respect a person that says negative things about people?

I know growing up, my parents taught us, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say nothing. But, I watched throughout the election process as Donald Trump did and said things that would have gotten him a spanking or definitely put on punishment. He talked about Muslims and said they should be banned from the country. He said he was going to build a wall to keep out Mexicans. But when he said the lady was a 'piggy' and then used the 'P' word. Where is the soap? His parents obviously didn't wash his mouth out when he was younger. That type of behavior wasn't learned when he turned 60 years old. He has

probably been doing these types of things his entire life.

But it gets worst. He basically confessed to Sexual Assault of women. Isn't that a crime? But I wonder what Wesley Snipes and Ron Isley are saying. They both did time in prison for not filing/paying income tax. President Elect Trump has yet to produce any of his income tax returns. But then bragged about being 'Smart' because he found a loop hole that allowed him not to file. But get this, the taxes that the American people pay is used to keep cities, states and the national operating.

I don't get this either. Donald Trump will be the leader of the Free World. He has selected people with no experience to lead the departments of the United States. They have all had an interview with the President Elect. The majority of them don't have any experience in the field that they were chosen to work in. When has that happened to you? Have you interviewed for a job, didn't have any experience in the field, but was given the job? (I'm not talking about an internship.) That normally doesn't happen. All I'm saying is Donald Trump has been given a pass. It has put an uneasy feeling in my gut. What if the next group of people running for election have the same character flaws?

Pray for us all.

Gina Steward
Publisher

NEWS FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Electoral College belongs in 1787: John Conyers Jr. Under the right circumstances, the political will for reform can exist.



Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

With the Electoral College meeting Monday to formally elect Donald Trump as our 45th president, it is time that we reconsider whether a political compromise approved in 1787 bears any principled or practical reason for being today.

Several serious concerns were raised at a forum I organized earlier this month featuring leading experts in history, constitutional law and political science. Most obviously, we learned that the Electoral College is anti-democratic. Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has so far received over 2.8 million more votes nationwide than Trump — the largest divergence between the popular and electoral votes in history. This is the second time there has been a divergence between

the popular vote and the Electoral College in the last five elections, and the fifth time that a popular-vote loser won the White House.

We also learned that the Electoral College is rooted in slavery. At our forum, Yale law professor Akhil Amar explained that slave states opposed direct elections for president because "in a direct election system, the North would outnumber the South, whose many slaves . . . could not vote. But the Electoral College . . . instead let each Southern state count its slaves, albeit with a two-fifths discount, in computing its share of the overall count." Our forum also made clear that many of the arguments in defense of the Electoral College are anachronistic. Electoral College defenders argue that it serves to check the passions of ordinary voters, pointing to Alexander Hamilton's view in The Federalist Papers that the Electoral College would help ensure "that the office of President will never fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications."

However, the Electoral College does not meet to deliberate about who should be president. The general public does not even know the electors'

identities, and the Electoral College's choice for president has largely been reduced to mere formality. Members of the Electoral College are party loyalists who are subject to various state laws, some of which prohibit them from even exercising independent judgment. This is why over time there have been very few faithless electors, and none that have decided an election's outcome.

Rather than protect small-population states and rural areas from domination by large-population states and urban areas, the current system encourages candidates to overlook a majority of states and focus nearly all their campaign efforts on the small number of so-called swing states. In 2016, for instance, both major party candidates largely bypassed three of the four largest states by population during the campaign. They also skipped 12 of the 13 smallest states, from "Blue" Rhode Island to "Red" Wyoming.

Finally, some Electoral College defenders argue that direct elections for president could lead to messy nationwide vote recounts. Our experience in Florida in 2000, and Michigan, Pennsylvania and

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NC NAACP to Consider Economic Boycott

By Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II (President, North Carolina



In light of all the gross wrongs by the extremist Republican controlled legislature over the past two weeks, that follow a pattern over the last 3 years during which they have passed unconstitutional laws that were overturned in the courts 13 times, we say enough is enough! Their actions are in violation of and are antithesis to the values of our Constitution, our civil rights commitments, and the deep moral values of justice we share as a state and nation. The extremist Republican leadership in the NC General Assembly has engaged in a modern day political and policy coup d'état, by passing regressive laws such as SB4 and HB17. The legislative overreach into our access to the court system takes away the political power of the people by undermining our vote. It violates the separation of powers between the legislative and judicial branch. These actions were taken after an African American won the Supreme Court race by nearly 350,000 votes thereby changing the ideological makeup of the courts by having two African Americans.

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, NC NAACP President said, "In fact, according to the Electoral Integrity Project at Harvard University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of Aarhus in Denmark, legislative power in our state no longer depends on the ballot; instead, one party has won roughly half of the votes but gotten one hundred percent of the power. A recent article by one authors is entitled, "North Carolina Is No Longer A Democracy." These outrages also resonate with

the legislative extremists' voter suppression law that "targeted African Americans with almost surgical precision," according to a ruling by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 4th District. They remind many North Carolinians of how the all-white Republican caucus has abused power with their secret efforts and refusal to hold public hearings. We have always stood against extremism whether perpetrated historically by Democrats or Republicans. Our lawyers are pursuing every legal option for challenging these unconstitutional laws." Therefore, after the Christmas holiday, the NC NAACP Executive Committee will convene and engage in some serious deliberations and develop a formal request to the National Board of Directors of the NAACP calling for an economic boycott of North Carolina until the NC General Assembly:

1. Restores the People's full and immediate access to the Supreme Court that does not allow the legislature to choose which courts hear actions against their decisions based on their partisan bias.
2. Repeals the hijacking of the State Board of Elections that seeks to guarantee Republican control even after they lost the Governor's seat.
3. Pass fair redistricting laws that give the people of this state a fair chance to elect legislators of their own choice.
4. HB2 and all of its provisions, including the provisions against raising the minimum wage, limiting the timeframe to take employment discrimination cases before the state's courts, and the provision that undermines the ability of local municipalities to write progressive anti-discrimination laws, have been repealed in total. Not only are these policies unjust, but also the prior actions of this legislature have hurt the poor and working people of our state. They repealed the Earned Income Tax Credit, increasing taxes for 900,000 working poor people, and have denied 500,000 working poor people Medicaid expansion. This decision has cost NC 25,000 new jobs and \$2 billion in federal funding each year. We are calling for a Mass Moral March of Raleigh & HKonJ People's Assembly on February 11, 2017. We must stop this kind of political overreach here in North Carolina or it will spread to other states. We cannot stand for it now and we will not stand for it tomorrow because our fore parents did not stand for it yesterday!

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Wisconsin this year, have taught us that statewide recounts under differing and confusing rules bring neither clarity nor finality to our electoral process. By contrast, a national popular vote is historically far more likely to establish a clear winner, avoiding the necessity of recounts altogether.

Many voters have told me that the political obstacles to reform are insurmountable, with a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate and ratification by three-quarters of the states. Yet in 1969 I was one of 338 members of the House of Representatives who voted on a bipartisan basis to amend the Constitution to eliminate the Electoral College. As that shows, under the right circumstances the political will for reform can exist.

However, other options are available, with 11 states accounting for 165 electoral votes having already entered an interstate compact to cast their electoral votes for the national popular vote winner. Legislation to enter the compact has been recently passed by at least one legislative chamber in four more states, potentially bringing us even closer to the 270-vote threshold needed for the interstate agreement to kick in.

The Supreme Court has long held that the "conception of political equality from the Declaration of Independence, to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, to the 15th, 17th, and 19th Amendments can only mean one thing — one person, one vote."

It is time that the election of our nation's president and vice president reflect those principles as well. The greatest democracy on Earth deserves no less.

John Conyers Jr. represents Michigan's 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is the senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

TAKE TIME TO READ

Rev Jackson: Real Christmas story remains relevant today –

By Rev. Jesse Jackson - Tribune News Service



Last week, the Electoral College met to cast their ballots for the new president after a bitterly contested election in a deeply polarized nation. On Sunday, the vast majority of Americans will celebrate Christmas, literally the mass of Christ, marking the birth of Jesus.

Christmas is not simply a day for exchanging presents and cards. It is not simply a holiday; it is a holy day. Each year, I use this column to remind us of the real meaning of Christmas.

Jesus was born under occupation to a couple ordered to go far from home to register with authorities. The innkeeper told Joseph that there was no room at the inn. Jesus was born in a stable, lying in a manger, an "at-risk baby."

He came at a time of great expectation among the poor and the oppressed. Prophets had predicted that a mighty Messiah would be born — a king of kings — to defeat the occupiers and free the people. They expected a powerful warrior, one who would lead them against Rome's legions. But Jesus rallied no army. Jesus was a liberator, but He was a Prince of Peace. He gathered disciples, not soldiers. He converted rather than conquered. He accumulated no worldly wealth. He threw the money-lenders from the temple.

We cannot speak of Jesus in the past tense. He is the Prince of Peace today. Peace, He showed us, is not the absence of noise; it is the presence of justice and righteousness.

We will be judged, He told us, by how we treat "the least of these," by how we treat the stranger on the Jericho Road. He called on us to serve the

poor, to care for the sick, to reach out to the refugee.

Now, of course, Christmas has become a holiday, more secular than sacred. Too many of us stretch our budgets not to lift those in need but to buy baubles for families and friends. Christmas often means more debt until Easter. It has become a marketing scheme, a time of malls and sales, of come-ons and discounts. But we should not allow Jesus the Christ, the redeemer, the emancipator to be displaced by Santa the Claus, and more debt and unaffordable things.

Let us use this holy day to reassess where we are. We are spending trillions in wars without end. Inequality has reached extremes not witnessed since the eve of the Great Depression. We continue to lock up more people than any nation in the world. On an average day, 27 people die from gun violence in the United States; in Canada and other western nations, the average is fewer than five per day.

The good news is that since last year, unemployment is down, poverty is down and incomes have begun to rise. But we've lost ground this century, with more people and more children in poverty than in 2000. There are 45 million Americans living in poverty, a number that would be far worse without Social Security (which lifts 26.5 million out of poverty), refundable income tax credits and SNAP or food stamps. Last year, the life expectancy of Americans began to decline.

The rich, on the other hand, have more money and pocket a greater percentage of the nation's income than ever. So why would an incoming administration focus on more tax cuts for the wealthy and more cuts in basic services for the poor and working people?

You don't need to be a Christian to understand the relevance of the real Christmas story today. Jesus taught us the overwhelming power of faith, hope and charity, the importance of love. He taught us that people of conscience can make a difference, even against the most powerful oppressor. He showed leaders the power of summoning our better angels, rather than rousing our fears or our divisions. This Christmas, this surely is a message to remember. Merry Christmas, everybody.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson is founder and president of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, a progressive organization working for social change. Send email to jjackson@rainbowpush.org. Follow Jackson on Twitter @RevJJackson.

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Purpose Pusher: Sharon Tolbert

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



When I had the bookstore, It Is Written, she periodically came in on Fridays after teaching all week. She never spent less than \$100. I don't know if she really needed the things she purchased. She always found something to buy. I really believe she did it so she could support me and my dream. She often stayed and shared encouraging words.

There are people in life who find their gift and they use it. Most people flow in their gift so naturally, that they don't even realize what a huge gift it is. Some people are gifted to be purpose pushers.

Purpose pushers are people who speak life into others. They see potential in others and encourage to maximize their talents and abilities. Purpose pushers sow into lives of dreamers and remind them that they are to be great.

The world recently lost the physical presence of a very special purpose pusher: Sharon Tolbert. She taught at Boynton Middle School in SW Detroit for many years. She impacted literally, thousands of lives. As a testament to the mark she made on this earth, many students came back and shared in memoriam, how Ms. Tolbert changed and even saved their lives.

I watched her as a wife and saw how happy her husband was. I knew it had a lot to do with who and how she was. I gleaned from her so that I can be a great wife too. I saw the light in her eyes when she spoke of her children and felt the glow of a mother's pride. She made want to be a better mother. Although she was not my school teacher, she taught me a lot in a brief period of time. She taught me how to love, support, be positive and use my faith.

This past summer she shared a written proclamation with me entitled: "I Am Set on High." This piece was so inspiring, it made me feel like I could accomplish anything. I retyped it and posted it at home and at my workplace. When I read it, I feel empowered.

We had no idea that she would soon be leaving this place. Even though I am terribly saddened by the loss of her physical presence, I am thankful for what she left me with. The treasure of words she shared that I can keep with me. She sowed into my life and into the lives of countless others. Her legacy is enormous and many of the thousands of success stories connected to her may never be told publicly.

I am thankful for the opportunity to share my small story. I share it in hopes that you will be inspired to glean from your purpose pushers. I also want you to know that you too are a purpose pusher and you flow in your gift many times without even realizing what a blessing you are and how you are changing and saving lives, a lot like Sharon Tolbert did for so many of us.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom..." (Proverb 31:26a)

Happy New Year 2017!! On PURPOSE!!!

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Experts Remind Parents to Remember Quality Time During Winter Break



LANSING, Mich. - By now, kids across Michigan may be going a little stir-crazy from the holiday break, and parents may be counting the days until their return to school. But experts are reminding us about the importance of quality time this holiday.

Samantha Gray, executive director of the group Attachment Parenting International, said it's important to remind ourselves about how much the holiday break means to children.

"Try to see it from their point of view; they have a lot of anticipation about it," she said. "Then, planning a few things, don't over plan, but have a couple of kind of 'milestones.' So, that kind of thing helps us make the most of the days, because actually by the end of it, it's over faster than you knew."

She said 'milestones' may be a plan to see a movie one day, and baking cookies the next.

Gray added that it's also important as an adult to know when to take a moment for yourself if patience runs thin. She said holiday traditions, no matter how small, are valued by children, so don't underestimate their importance.

While the build-up to the holidays often makes parents feel like every event should look like a scene from "It's a Wonderful Life," Gray said you can look for ways to make it easier on you, and offers an example:

"You create these high expectations, and saying, 'This year we're just going to do ready-made hors d'oeuvres for Christmas Eve. We're not going to go all-out and make every single thing from scratch.'"

Other ways to spend quality time with kids include a family game night, going for a walk, having a movie night or cooking together.

Local Author Provides Inspiration For Romulus Middle School Students



Students from Romulus Middle School display their new book from Celia Gold

Having been a teacher for over 23 years helping young people was part of Celia Gold's daily life. This was until she abruptly left the teaching profession, which resulted in a two-year battle with depression. "I did not know who I was and I felt like I was hiding behind a mask my whole life", said Gold. Her mindset began to change when her therapist asked the simple question "Do you like your hair?" Gold says this was a turning point in her life, having worn wigs through

the duration of her life and career. A defining moment took place once she decided to have her hair done at the Dorsey School of Beauty, a moment that led to her finding her true identity. Gold says, "I felt like a brand new person again, the cosmetology professionals helped inspire me to find myself and overcome my emotional troubles". This new mindset led Celia to writing and illustrating her young adult fiction book titled "The Hair Fairy: My Angel". Her new mission is to mentor young ladies and to

instill in them an internal confidence where they have hope and believe all things are possible. On December 22nd Gold and her team visited Romulus Middle School, where she not only delivered an inspirational message but also provided 40 students with a copy of her book and a gift certificate to the Dorsey School of Beauty in Taylor. Gold said, "I just want young ladies to embrace their identity and to know life is good". You can find The Hair Fairy: My Angel on lulu.com



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State Representative

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Jewell Jones (center) participates in the Ford Freedom Awards at the Charles Wright Museum

Get started now. The sooner you start, the more you can learn and grow, and by the time you get to the age of those who are in leadership, you will be well ahead of the curve.

TN -What are your main issues you care deeply about when it comes to social and economic development? And what will you do to provide all resources?

I am passionate about empowering our youth and strengthening families, as a basis for bettering our community. Additionally, we work to improve service quality and delivery to the citizens, public safety in our neighborhoods, and community and economic development, in terms of getting resources to business to help sustain them, and get them on their feet (for beginning/small) businesses.

To provide resources, I pledge to work with everyone at all levels of the government to make sure that there's a focus on the people and what they need.

TN -Have you faced any obstacles while preparing for your new Position, and if so how have you dealt with any negativity? Even back while being councilman.

No real obstacles, per se. And as far as negativity goes, I don't entertain it. Positive vibes only.

TN -Do you try to make free time for yourself?

Not necessarily - I enjoy what we do, so I like to stay relatively busy!

TN - How has your family impacted you?

My family definitely got me started in the people business, through church and community. My family was, and still is, the group of people that are so magnificently diverse that I've learn to build with all kinds of people while focusing on cultivating relationships.

TN - What do you wish to have accomplished before your term is over for State Rep, and what are your plans after?

I hope to address issues that are prevalent in the 11th State House district, as well as other areas that my colleagues represent. However, I really hope to bring financial and other tangible resources back to the communities I represent, whether it's new businesses, projects, or improvements on existing infrastructure.

TN - Who are your Role Models?

Everyone - I think we can take

something from everyone we meet that will help propel us forward.

TN - Are you going to make Your Favorite Word "Holla" go International? #holla
Who knows - I like the hashtag, and others do as well. It brings a sense of comic relief to the political arena.

Congratulations Jewell Jones

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What's Really Going on with Mr. West?



Dear Alma,

Alma, I'm wondering what's going on with Kanye West? Do you think there are some underlying reasons why he's suffering from 'exhaustion' and canceling his shows? I am a huge fan and I made sure to see him anytime he was within 100 miles from where I live. As a super fan, I mean from way back to the "College Dropout" days, I am seriously worried about him and was wondering what your take is?

Signed,
Missing the Old Kanye

Dear Missing Kanye,

Funny you should ask this question, as I've recently added Kanye to my prayer list. Clearly he has validated for us, money doesn't buy endless stints of euphoria. Nope, life doesn't constantly deliver peace of mind, your way every day or relief from unimaginable grief.

My heart strongly feels Kanye is suffering from just that — grief. He has yet to settle his soul when it comes to the death of his mother. Maybe he feels responsible, as if he contributed in some way. Contemplating perhaps that his dream come true, chance of a lifetime, provided payment for his mother's procedure. His actions, his pain, leads me to be-

lieve he's trying to pay off a non-refundable loan with his life.

My prayer for Kanye to a sister circle of saints, a consecrated collection of comforters who will — call on the Name, guiding him back to his roots, the place where his mama would go when she needed to hear a word...Can I get a Amen?! If I had the chance, I'd say to Kanye, "Sometimes you need a chitchat, a conversation from somebody who knows you by your ole' school nickname not your gangster Grammy game."

Along with prayer, he needs professional help, ain't nothing wrong with that. A professional will guide him out of the hallway of pain and blame, towards a classroom to reconcile, replenish and educate himself on how to live without his loving mother. Understandably, he won't want to attend this course, but it is undeniably a lesson on heart-break that he can't afford to skip.

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Hidden Figures

Film Review by Kam Williams



Katherine G. Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monae).

All of the astronauts picked by NASA to participate in its maiden manned space programs, Mercury and Gemini, were white males. However, behind the scenes, there was a dedicated team of African-American, female mathematicians who played a pivotal role in ensuring that they launched and returned safely, whether from orbiting the Earth or a mission to the moon.

Equipped only with pencils and slide rules, these so-called "human computers" were among the best and the brightest minds recruited by NASA to do the critical calculations needed to win the space race with Russia. Author Margot Lee Shetterly gave these unsung heroines their due in "Hidden Figures," a best seller belatedly crediting their quantitative contributions to the cause.

Besides chronicling their considerable accomplishments, the book also recounted the indignities these brilliant black

women simultaneously suffered, simply because they had the misfortune to be living in Virginia during the dark days of Jim Crow. Back then, African-American brainiacs employed by NASA were automatically assigned to work in its segregated West Computing Group.

Directed by Theodore Melfi (St. Vincent), the overlooked icons' story has now been adapted to the big screen as an uplifting, overcoming-the-odds docudrama. The picture recounts the trials and tribulations of three

members of the unit Katherine G. Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monae).

We are flies on the wall when, without complaining, Katherine routinely has to run to a distant "Colored" ladies room despite the presence of one for whites right nearby. On another occasion, we witness Mary's frustration in furthering her education on account of the fact that blacks aren't allowed to matriculate at the local college offering the courses she needs.

By film's end, both the bathroom and school are indeed integrated, albeit after an emotional intervention by NASA administrator Al Harrison (Kevin Costner). A worthwhile, teachable moment correcting a shameful chapter in American history.

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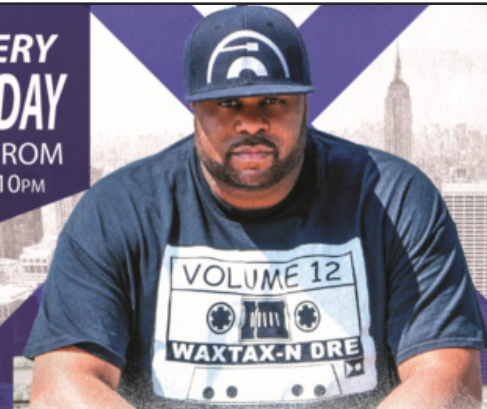
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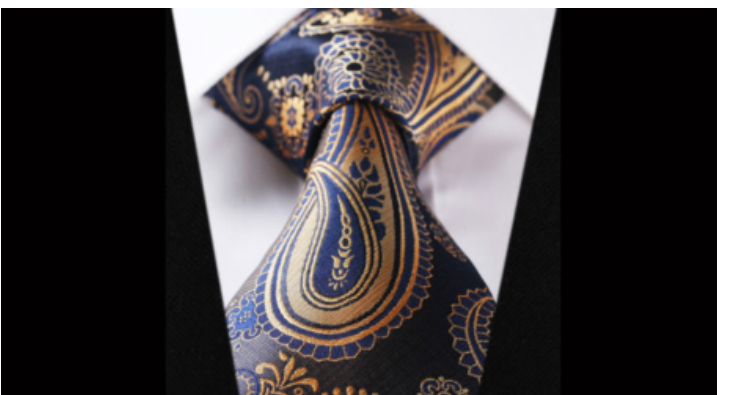
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At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on Dec. 6, 2016

The following Commissioners were present:
Meeting called to order at 7:52p
Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau
Mayor Pro-tem Ward in the Chair

Absent: None
Excused: Bowdler

16-277	Approval of minutes of Nov. 15, 2016
16-278	Voucher approval
16-279	Building permit approval
16-280	Approval to set fees for marijuana dispensaries and warehouses
16-281	Approval to acknowledge and accept pension judgments
16-282	Approval to sell 29 Victoria to J. Beaver
16-283	Approval of annual permits with Wayne County
16-284	Approval of liability insurance policy with Nickel & Saph
16-285	Approval of resolution with Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority
16-286	Second reading of ordinance amendment regarding penalties for marijuana possession
16-287	Second reading of ordinance amendment regarding setbacks for dispensaries & warehouses
16-288	Approval of settlement agreement with OEM Micro Solutions
16-289	Motion to adjourn at 8:30p

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President Obama Signs 'Emmett Till Bill' To Reopen Civil Rights Cold Cases

The new legislation will allow civil rights cold cases that happened prior to 1970 to be reopened
Written By Brandee Sanders



Mamie Till and Emmett Till

In 1955, the death of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African-American teenager who was lynched after allegedly flirting with a White woman in rural Mississippi, sparked controversy across America.

The two White men responsible for brutally murdering Till were let off by an all-White jury. The case brought attention to how racism is intertwined with America's justice system. Sixty-one years after his death, Till's horrific experience may carve a path for others hoping to find justice. According to PBS, President Obama recently signed a bill that would give the FBI the chance to reopen more cold cases from the Civil Rights Era.

The legislation, titled the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes bill, was initially introduced by activist Alvin Sykes in 2005. He named the proposed bill after Till because he vowed to his mother, Mamie Elizabeth Till-Mobley, he would fight to reopen the case. The Department of Justice did reopen the case in 2004; it was closed three years later after a jury decided not to indict Carolyn Bryant, the woman who accused Till of whistling at her. Two years after the case was reopened, the FBI started to look into over 100 civil rights cases. In 2008, the bill was placed into law.

The upgraded legislation, which President Obama signed on December 16, will now get rid of the limitations on cases that occurred prior to 1970 and will allow ongoing investigations con-

ducted by the FBI surrounding civil rights cases. This will create an avenue for cases that occurred during the height of the Jim Crow Era to be reopened. Under the revised bill, dubbed Till Bill 2, groups including Emory University's Georgia Civil Rights Cold Cases Project and the Cold Case Justice Initiative at Syracuse University would receive funding to help solve civil rights cases.

Many politicians believe the updated law will allow more cases to be opened and solved. Senators Claire McCaskill and Richard Burr backed the bill at the Senate level. In the House, it was reviewed by Rep. John Conyers, Rep. John Lewis, and Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner.

"As we work to address current questions about racial violence and civil rights, we should be mindful of our history and why so many in the African-American community raise the issue of whether black lives matter," Rep. John Conyers Jr. told USA Today. "Passage of the original Emmett Till Act represented a commitment to resolving the unanswered questions from one of the darkest periods in modern American history."

Over the past 27 years, the reopening of civil rights cold cases has resulted in 24 convictions. The first person to be convicted was Byron De La Beckwith, who was responsible for killing civil rights activist Medgar Evers in 1963.

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE Ordinance 16-461-1

An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of River Rouge, Michigan, By Amending Sec. 5-1605 – Locations; Site Design, Use Standards and Setbacks and Sec. 5-1606 – Application of Chapter 16 – Medical Marihuana Dispensary & Cultivation Facility Licensing of Said Code.

A full and complete copy of the ordinance is available at the City Clerk's office, 10600 W Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218 313-842-5604

Patricia H. Johnson
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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

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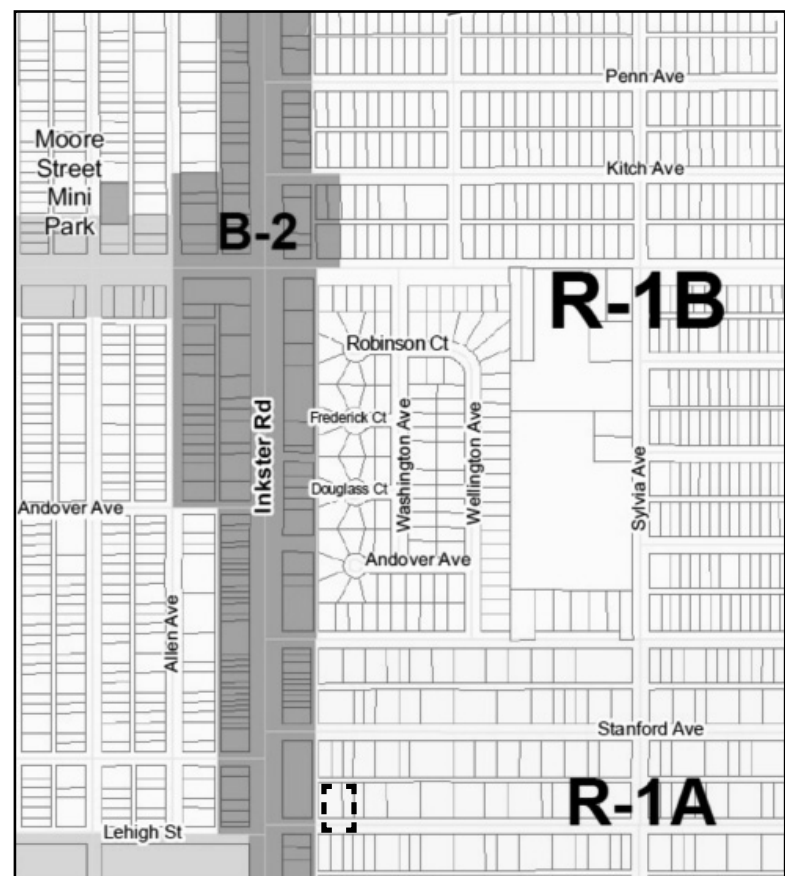
RE: Case No. 16-32 (ZC) - Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map – Conditional Rezoning

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Inkster City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Map.

At the public hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the following amendment to the Zoning Map:

1. Conditionally rezone property located on the north side of Lehigh, just east of Inkster Road from R-1A Single Family Residential to B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed Use District subject to conditions offered by the applicant. The purpose of the proposed conditional rezoning is to accommodate a retail building.

The subject property is legally described as follows: 31F1765 1766 LOTS 1765 and 1766 also S 1/2 of ADJ VAC ALLEY WATSONIA PARK SUB NO. 2 T2S R10E L55 P9 WCR. Property ID # 44-025-02-1765-300. Jason M. Russell on behalf of Zaremba Group is the applicant.



NORTH ↑

Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Planning, Building and Economic Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Please reference Case No. 16-32 (ZC) in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

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Clay County

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Pamela Ramsey Taylor
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the news outlet:
The [state agency] move was prompted by Taylor's November Facebook post, in which she celebrated incoming first lady Melania Trump, while calling Obama an "ape in heels." Robert Roswall, commissioner for the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, told The Washington Post that the controversy exposed loopholes in how the nonprofit was being run.

The Clay County Development Corp., for instance, is required by contract with the state to have open meetings, to respond to public records requests and to have nondiscrimination

policies. The fact that those rules weren't being followed became apparent after the public outrage over Taylor's comments. "We started getting lots of reports about different things that we were checking," Roswall said. "There was little things popping up all over."

State officials said they had two options: They could either withdraw government funding or take over the agency. Roswall said they

chose the latter. According to a statement released Tuesday by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's office, the Appalachian Area Agency on Aging will manage and oversee the Clay County Development Corp. on a daily basis for six months.

The state requested specific assurances about Clay County Development Corp. officials following anti-discrimination policies, reports The Huffington Post.



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Local High School Sports

By Butch Davis

Due to Christmas and New Years vacation the schedule for high school basketball is very light indeed. However, after the holiday break, league play with began for the Girl's and the Boy's with a full slate of games. Here are this week's schedules of Girl and Boy's basketball in the Telegram News reading area.

Varsity Basketball (Boys) 12/29, 12:40 PM, Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. Milford, 5:40 PM, Hazel Park vs. Dearborn Divine Child, Detroit Cass Tech vs. Walled Lake Central, 12/30, 7:30 PM, River Rouge vs. Warren Michigan Collegiate, Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Waterford Our Lady, 01/03, 7:00 PM, Bloomfield Hills

Roeper vs. Allen Park Cabrini. Varsity Basketball (Girls) 12/29, 11:00 AM, Bay City John Glenn vs. Romulus, 3:00 PM, River Rouge vs. West Bloomfield, 7:00 PM, Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 12/30, 7:20 PM, Detroit Collegiate Prep vs. River Rouge. Warren Michigan Collegiate, Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Waterford Our Lady, 01/03, 7:00 PM, Bloomfield Hills Roeper vs. Allen Park Cabrini.

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Pistons Win with Changes in Lineup

Butch Davis

Pistons forward Tobias Harris scored 21 points while coming off the bench for the second straight game after starting the previous 31 games for the home as the Pistons snapped a five-game losing streak by downing the Cavaliers 106-90 this past Monday night at The Palace. The last-place Pistons (15-18) never trailed in game. That performance by Harris followed up a season-high, 26-point outing against the Warriors last Friday.

"It's different," Harris said after the game. "Obviously, when you come off the bench, you have to use that time on the bench to evaluate the speed of the game, how we're playing, what we're doing well, what we're not doing well. And when you get into the game, you have to try to make that impact from there."

LeBron James got the night off in Auburn Hills as he played 40 minutes in Cleveland's 109-108 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Christmas Day. Yes, James sat in street clothes and watched his team's offense crumble. The Cavs shot 38 percent from the field and committed season-high 22 turnovers.

The Pistons offense saw rare success from beyond the 3-point line as well. The Pistons tied their season-high with 16 made 3-pointers on 28 attempts. As Stan Van Gundy pointed out at his postgame press conference, the Pistons struggled on shots closer to the basket. They shot just over 44 percent from the floor.



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Must Win for Lions this Sunday

By Butch Davis

Detroit now 9-6, had won five straight to get to 9-4, however, if they lose a third straight game next Sunday against the Packers, Green Bay (9-6) would win the NFC North. If that happens, the Lions would have to have the Carolina Panthers (6-9) beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (8-7) and have the Washington Redskins (8-6-1) lose at home to the New York Giants (10-5) in order to make the playoffs.

The Lions had no answer Monday for the Cowboys terrific trio of Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott and Dez Bryant. Nonetheless, Zach Zenner, the little-known undrafted back in his second year out of South Dakota State, filling in with Theo Riddick sidelined for a wrist injury, had a career-high 64 yards and two touchdowns at halftime. The Lions rushed for three touchdowns, seven and five yards by running back Zenner; one yard run by QB Matthew Stafford in the first half against the Dallas Cowboys, marking the first time the team rushed for three touchdowns in a game since October 27, 2013 against the Cowboys at Ford Field. However, Zenner was given the ball only two-times in the second half in the play calling of the Lions offensive scheme, finishing

with only 67 yards for the game. Bummer. Despite a second straight loss following five consecutive victories, Detroit (9-6) still controls its postseason fate. The Lions will be at home against Green Bay (9-6) with the NFC North title at stake in the finale Sunday. Had the Lions won Monday, they could be playing next week for the number two seed if the Atlanta Falcons (10-5) were to lose at home against the New Orleans Saints (7-8). Of course, a win over the Packers, who have won five straight, would still give the Lions a division title and a home playoff game. It was clear the Lions missed injured cornerback Darius Slay, who is questionable for next week. Things were going so well for the Lions just a couple of weeks ago. However, now they are fighting for their playoff lives.

By the way, Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw, who graduated from Highland Park High School in Dallas with Matthew Stafford in 2006, attended the game. Nine days earlier, Highland Park celebrated on the same field after its first state title since Stafford led the way in 2005.

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Safe Winter Driving Tips



(StatePoint) While winter can be a beautiful time of year, it can also be a treacherous season on the roads. Winter driving conditions require increased attention and an ability to adapt quickly.

In 2015, 8,010 people nationwide were killed in car crashes between December and March, resulting in an average seven percent per month increase from 2014, according to the National Safety Council (NSC). These numbers are a warning to everyone on the roads about how dangerous winter driving can be.

"Winter looks more idyllic outside our house windows than outside our windshield," said Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council. "The good news is many cars are equipped with life-saving technologies. It is important that drivers understand how the technologies work in order to drive safely in winter conditions."

In an effort to prevent crashes on the road this winter, MyCarDoesWhat, an NSC and University of Iowa initiative, is offering some major pieces of advice for driving in winter conditions.

- Slow down. Drivers frequently underestimate how long it takes to brake and how difficult it can be to steer on slippery roads.

- Don't use cruise control on slippery surfaces like ice and snow. It will diminish your control and reduce your reaction time in the event of a skid.

- Remember, bridges and overpasses freeze before roadways, so be alert in cold weather when approaching one.

- Many new safety technologies (like back-up cameras) have outside sensors that can freeze or fog up. Always make sure they are clear so they work their best.

MyCarDoesWhat also reminds drivers of the safety technologies that can help vehicles adapt in slippery and changing conditions.

- Anti-lock braking systems (ABS) help drivers maintain control by preventing wheels from locking up. ABS works differently than traditional brakes, delivering and releasing precise braking pressure to each wheel as needed. So, don't pump the brakes if you have ABS. Just hold them down firmly and look and steer in the direction you want to go. The brakes may buzz and vibrate when the ABS has activated.

- Traction control helps you accelerate without spinning out on slippery surfaces like snow and ice.

- Electronic stability control senses when you may be losing control around a corner or curve, and can stabilize your car if it begins to veer off the road.

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- The temperature warning feature provides updates about upcoming roadway conditions such as black ice.

"When there is snow and ice on the road, antilock brakes can improve the stability of your braking

so you can steer better," said Dan McGehee, director of the University of Iowa National Advanced Driver Simulator. "Remember to hold the brakes down even when they pulse and vibrate."

For more information, visit MyCarDoesWhat.org and follow MyCarDoesWhat on Twitter and Facebook.

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Is It Time to Quit Your Day Job and Start Your Own Business?



(StatePoint) Many people dream of quitting their jobs and starting their own businesses. But in a time when only half of new small businesses survive five years or more, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, how do you know if you have what it takes to withstand a competitive market?

"Entrepreneurship is a lifestyle choice. It is not for everyone and it doesn't come easy. Even with a great idea you need intelligence and drive to make it happen," says Michael J. Palumbo, author of "Calculated Risk: The Modern Entrepreneur's Handbook."

Palumbo, a highly successful entrepreneur, has built multiple businesses from the ground up, including Third Millennium Trading, which grew from initial capital of \$250,000 to over \$100 million. And now, as a

venture capitalist and real estate investor, he's invested in multi-billion dollar enterprises, including GETCO, a financial services company that was sold at a valuation of \$1.7 billion in 2007, and a medical business with a current valuation of over \$100 million.

With his track record in identifying what makes a winning business, Palumbo, who has offered business advice on Voice of America, WBBM-AM in Chicago and WOR-AM in New York, is sharing insights into identifying whether your great idea is solid enough to quit the day job and start your own company.

Is There a Need?

A truly great business idea takes into account where the marketplace is heading and anticipates technological innovations. Moreover, a great idea usually gives the world something it didn't know it needed. Once deployed, though, the world cannot live without it.

Also, you need to assess where technology is going to be five years from now when your company is launched. Will your idea still be relevant?

The Geography Test

Is your idea relevant on a mass scale? Is it not only timely and relevant, but

hugely needed and scalable?

The Feasibility Test

When the idea is great, but revenue, or some other growth-related metric is not there, something under the hood is likely broken. Unfortunately, it often isn't the idea, it is management. Investors and venture capitalists aren't always looking for profitability. Sometimes they are looking for traction: increasing revenue, rising subscriber-bases, or organic user-growth; these are all things that offset profitability.

Another aspect of the Feasibility Test is determining whether adequate technology infrastructure exists, while questioning whether the world is ready for the concept, points out Palumbo, who has been quoted about business growth by Forbes, The Wall Street Journal and TheStreet.com.

The Competency Test

Ask yourself: "Am I the right person to make this happen?" This is crucial and should be answered with complete honesty. Evaluate your skills, passion, and level of competency for this task. The hardest person to criticize and evaluate will always be yourself, and those who truly understand themselves and their skills are some of the wisest people.

For more entrepreneurial tips and information about the new book, "Calculated Risk," visit www.michaeljpalumbo.com.

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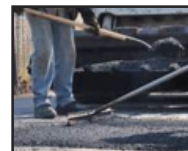
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