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Treasury: New Federal Tax Law Does Not Affect 2017 Tax Year



With the passage of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the Michigan Department of Treasury reminds taxpayers the 2017 tax year will not be affected when tax season begins later this month.

Taxpayers should file their taxes like they have in previous years when the state Treasury Department begins accepting 2017 state

income tax returns on Jan. 29. Any changes to tax laws will be experienced during the 2018 tax year and next year's state income tax filing season.

"The new federal tax law does not affect the 2017 tax year," said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of Treasury's Tax Administration Group. "Please

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Redford Township District Library a home away from home

By: Renee Summers - Telegram Intern



As part of the Telegram's series to highlight local public libraries and their services, we turn this week to the township of Redford.

Library service to the residents

of Redford Township first began in the 1920's via bookmobiles. It was not until 1945 that the first library board was appointed and the public li-

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Minister Shabazz and The Movement to Find the Missing

By: Steven Malik Shelton - Special to the Telegram



Minister Malik Shabazz with Akila Redmond and his grandson Nigel as they pass out flyers in an effort to find out information on John Kimbrough who has been missing since December 21, 2017.

I first became aware of minister Malik Shabazz over 20 years ago when my brother Gary showed me a video of him confronting the proprietor of a Detroit liquor store for selling alcoholic beverages and pornographic

magazines to a minor. He approached the Arab owner (fortified by a dozen or so members of his New Garvey Movement/Black Panther Nation organization) and demanded that he stop selling alcohol and smut

books to children. And he promised to shut the store down if they didn't reach a detailed agreement based on actions and principles of behavior that Shabazz spelled out.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Community activist still going strong. These young ladies attended the Downriver International Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King, Jr. program in Southwest Detroit. (Heloyse Moore, Reletha Moch and Dorothy Jones)

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continue to file your income tax returns as you have in previous years.” Taxpayers are encouraged to gather tax-related documents and update their home addresses with current and former employers so W-2s and other financial documents can be mailed to the correct address. Incorrect addresses typically lead to information being mailed to the wrong location and could cause delays when filing tax returns. When tax season opens, taxpayers can e-file their state tax returns instead of mailing a paper return. To learn more, go to www.mifastfile.org. Later this month, forms and instructions may be viewed and downloaded from www.michigan.gov/taxes. In

addition, commonly used forms will continue to be available at Treasury offices, most public libraries, northern Michigan post offices and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services county offices. All state income tax returns must be e-filed or postmarked by April 17, 2018. For the benefit and convenience of taxpayers, both the beginning and end of the state income tax filing season are the same as the Internal Revenue Service. To learn more about the state of Michigan’s state income tax, go to www.michigan.gov/incometax. Federal tax information is available at www.irs.gov.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Statement from State Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo on her vote against House Resolution 234:



Sherry Gay-Dagnogo
State Representative

LANSING — Today, the House of Representatives voted on House Resolution 234 calling on Michigan State University President Lou Anna K. Simon to resign or be removed by the Board of Trustees. In response to her no-vote, state Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) issued the following response: “While I stand in full support of the courageous women and teens who came forward to ensure that Dr. Larry Nassar was held accountable today at the conclusion of the six-day sentencing hearing, by Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina, who sentenced Nassar to 40-175 years in prison for first-degree criminal sexual conduct — and I believe the trauma he caused deserves the death sentence — I believe that it is

the responsibility of the elected Board of Trustees to carry out the duties of fully determining the president’s knowledge of the victims. “While our resolution was symbolic and would have no legal standing, the challenge I faced today in voting for a resolution HR 234, to call for the resignation of MSU president, highlights the continued misuse of our legislative body, picking and choosing when we should invoke justice. We have yet to vote on whether to call for Gov. Rick Snyder’s resignation for the atrocities caused in Flint: the thousands of children that will have cognitive damage impeding their ability to learn — and worse, those that died from Legionnaire’s disease. We have not called on the resignation of President Donald Trump for his misogynistic practices, sexual harassment or rape. While it is very difficult to stand in a minority, I stand

on principles that are consistent with my vote to not expel former Rep. Cindy Gamrat vote, my position on not calling on the resignation of Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, and my dismay with members of my party that called on the resignation of Congressman John Conyers Jr., circumventing due process, principles and protections which exist in our Constitution. “I urge the Board of Trustees to fully execute their powers in exercising due diligence, to examine all available testimony to learn what the president knew, and what she did not know, and if that evidence reveals that she is guilty of obstruction of justices, the Board of Trustees should determine to fire her effectively immediately, and legal protocols should be followed to prosecute her to the fullest extent of the law.”

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CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY

Alfredo Hernandez Joins Michigan Department of Civil Rights as its First Racial Equity Officer



Lansing — Alfredo Hernandez has been named Racial Equity Officer with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and will begin his duties today, January 16, 2018.

“The Department of Civil Rights looks forward to leveraging Alfredo’s experience in working on racial equity issues across the state. His background in working with local jurisdictions, foundations and other stakeholders offers our Department the opportunity to better assist local governments to be more responsive to the needs of their residents,” said Agustin V. Arbulu, MDCR Executive Director.

Hernandez comes to MDCR with a deep knowledge and understanding of racial equity. Previously, Hernandez served as the program director for the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance, located in Holland, Michigan, which led him to develop and present training programs and consulting strategies to thousands of

participants across the state and nationally. In 2016, Hernandez was part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation-led national economy team, Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) enterprise, a multi-year national and community-based effort to engage multiple sectors across the United States in racial healing and addressing present-day inequities. He holds a Masters of Art in Comparative Religion from Western Michigan University and a Bachelor’s Degree in liberal arts from Grand Valley State

University.

Hernandez has taught philosophy, religion and anthropology courses at Muskegon Community College. Originally from Panama, he is a naturalized citizen, fluent in Spanish and worked as a medical interpreter for Mercy Health Partners. The Michigan Department of Civil Rights is charged with investigating and resolving discrimination complaints and works to prevent discrimination through educational programs that promote voluntary compliance with civil rights laws. The Department also provides information and services to businesses on diversity initiatives and equal employment law. For more information on the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, go to www.michigan.gov/mdcr.

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Bad news, Trump healthy

By Jim Abeare



old’s and drinking Diet Cokes, how healthy can he be?

CNN health reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta said, without examining the President that he suffers from heart disease. Really? Going against the White House doctor? Only because they didn’t like what he said.

The medias’ hopes were crushed. The economy is doing great. Russian collusion is going no where and now the President won’t die an early death.

How will they get rid of him? I guess they will just have to vote and hope the Democrats win. Then maybe, if they are lucky they will get an impeachment.

But they still won’t get a Democratic President. Pence is next in line. Though there is a group that is called “Impeach Trump, Impeach Pence, keep impeaching”.

The left won’t be happy until a Democrat is back in office. Maybe the media should actually start reporting what is happening instead of trying to figure out how to get him out of office.

How do you tick off a room full of reporters? You tell them that the President they hate is physically healthy and mentally sound.

Oh, did that send them into a tailspin. That even made the media call in the credentials of the doctor who has taken care of the two previous presidents.

Never mind that he took care of Presidents Bush and Obama, he dared say that Trump was healthy. The air went out pf the press room and the questions began.

Mostly of the President’s mental stability.

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In The Spirit

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Romans 1:24-32
Have you ever tried to tell someone about how good God is? You were giving them the Word, sharing God’s blessings, and showing them the benefits of living in the will of God and they looked at you or reacted to you like were a fool. Paul talks about not seeing fit to acknowledge God. The statements we often hear now is; “God is not relevant in my life, at least not right now.” Many say, “I’m not in-to going to church, because church is not relevant to my life, at least not right now. I need to be free to do me. I got things

to do.”
There is a difference between freedom and desiring to be free from God. If you are not free in Christ - you are not free at all. Unrighteousness is the greatest and darkest form of slavery, because you think you are free. When people don’t surrender themselves to the freedom of God, they enslave themselves to the desires of their heart which leads to a very dark place.
For many, God is not relevant until there is a need. THEN GOD becomes very relevant. Those of us who are in Christ knows that God has a way of making Himself relevant very quickly! The question is, will the recognition come in time to save you from the penalties of your actions? No God no Glory. Lord, we pray that recognition does not come too late. Freedom from God is not freedom.
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Redford Township District Library a home away from home

By: Renee Summers - Telegram Intern



library was operating out of a fire station. Four years later, the library was moved to a small building on Five Mile Road near Beech Daly Road. A new and improved Redford Township Public Library operating in a larger building debuted in 1962. As needs grew over the years, that building underwent renovations and additions but ultimately both the residents and the library board agreed that a larger facility would best serve the needs of the growing community. Following an arduous search for a construction site and the achievement of an \$8.5 million bond campaign to fund the new project, the 65,000 square foot Redford Township District Library opened in August 2004.

The two-story library is an impressive facility. It features two large quiet-study rooms for uninterrupted reading and 24 computers are available for adult use. Throughout the library's first floor are numerous soft, upholstered chairs, along with tables and chairs for serious studying. The upstairs holds two large rooms for meetings or community use. Also upstairs you can find gently used books, movies and music at the Friends of the Library Used Bookstore, which is open Saturdays only from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Redford Township District Library is part of The Library Network (TLN), which is a co-operative of 65 libraries located within Wayne and parts of Oakland Counties. TLN allows library patrons in one city to access the resources of a library located in another city. Redford's Library Director, Garrett Hungerford, says in addition to books and magazines, the library features an expansive collection of digital and downloadable materials. "We have the largest collection within the cooperative at the moment," Hungerford says. "We definitely have a lot of books and resources that are available to the public." The library includes material available through Hoopla, Freegal and the Mel eBook Collection.

Not only does the library boast a broad collection of materials, it also has its own café. Called the Best Seller Café, it offers sandwiches, salads, soups and beverages. It opens for business at 11:00 a.m. Monday

through Saturday. The Best Seller Café can be reached at 313-531-5960.

As for programs, the library has something for all ages. Adult offerings include craft events seminars on investing and retirement. On Wednesday, March 21, the library will be presenting a lecture titled, "Remembering Hudson's—Detroit's Legendary Department Store." Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the event, which is free.

For teens and younger children, the library offers Lego Clubs, craft events, book clubs. Storytimes are offered for the very young, ages 17

months through 6-years old.

Additionally, for adults this spring the library will offering computer classes which will offer introduction to using computers and using Microsoft Office. A Movie Night is offered once monthly with free popcorn! On Wednesday, January 31, the film "Victoria and Abdul" will be shown at 6:00 p.m. More details can be found on both the computer classes and the film schedule at the library's website, redfordlibrary.org.

Indeed there is plenty to do and see at the Redford District Public Library. "It's a great library," Hungerford adds, "the community has been very supportive of the library and we're pleased to be able to offer them all the services we do."

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I discovered that Shabazz and the group he founded is regularly involved in calling store owners to task for such violations as the selling of rancid meat, expired produce, beverages and dairy products as well as for filthy stores infested with vermin and insects. His activities also include monitoring and closing suspected illegal drug houses, providing help for the youth and senior citizens, and he is co-founder of the Detroit 300, whose mission is to assist in finding violent criminals and turning them over to the judicial system. In addition, he has rallied against corrupt police and civic officials that abuse their power under color of authority.

I had my first personal contact with Shabazz a few years later. I was attending the African Festival in Detroit's Hart Plaza. It was twilight and I was preparing to leave when I spotted a huge bear of a man walking near the plaza's fountain. I approached him, introduced myself, and we talked briefly. I was impressed that contrary to his militant reputation and formidable physical stature, he was very soft spoken and exuded politeness and compassion. We exchanged phone numbers, and this began a friendship that has endured over 12 years.

Since 1992, Shabazz has been active in targeting suspected unlawful drug dens, which, for obvious reasons, is not the safest of occupations. "We deal with the crack and heroin houses," said Shabazz. "And we deal with those nasty, disrespectful liquor stores, grocery stores and gas stations. We also register people to vote and we give away food and clothing, and we go to the schools and talk to the youth about violence, about Black history and about having pride in themselves." He has also taken great concern and interest in the phenomenon of missing persons, particularly in the Detroit area. He's been working diligently to help the mother of Tamela Nikki Wells who went missing over five years ago. And of John Kimbrough, who went missing after he left a party sponsored by his job last December. "Missing persons, unsolved cases, the murder, the rape, the robbery and the missing persons; we look at it all as being interconnected," offered Shabazz. "One criminal act leads to other criminal acts. The missing persons problem is a global phenomenon, and there are many different aspects to it. There are pedophiles who abduct children. There is abduction for organ harvesting. Others are kidnapped for prostitution. Some are kidnapped to dance in clubs."

One of the great mysteries is that over the last 30 years there are thousands of Detroiters that have gone missing without any valid or feasible reasons. And they cut across all gender, age, and ethnic barriers. And although the police are criticized for not doing enough to prevent it or to catch the culprits, it is not the police alone that must be more active, but we must all do our part to make our streets and

our communities safe. For Shabazz, this is not just an ideal, it's a daily reality that demands action. "We have to play a role in making our city safe. I don't have to know you. We're supposed to be brothers, no matter what your color is. No matter what your education. All people from Africa to Russia, to El Salvador; all human beings are brothers and sisters."

On January 13, Shabazz organized an initiative to blanket the area around Freud and Lemay streets, where John Kimbrough disappeared, with leaflets. About 20 people went house to house passing out flyers and providing details of the search. He is convinced that someone knows something about the disappearances. And it's important to canvass the city, ask questions, and let it be known that missing people are loved and not forgotten. "These are two human beings, John Kimbrough and Tamela Wells, who would not abandon their family and their children, but they're gone without a trace and my concern is if we don't yell, if we don't scream, if we don't gripe, if we don't say something, then this type of stuff, this type of nefarious activity is going to continue. Where did the people go? Are they on the mother-ship with doctor Funkenstein George Clinton? Are they on the mother plane with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad? Have their body parts been cut up? Are they being used for sex trafficking? Have they been shipped to another country and forced to work? Where are these missing people?"

Shabazz and his organization have been successful finding some missing people, especially teens who, after he applied pressure to suspicious places and faces, were returned home. Yet the problem of missing people in Detroit as well as throughout the nation persists and is growing worse. "This is a national outrage," said Shabazz. "And it's happening to all types of people. Black, White, Chinese; however, everything bad affects us disproportionately. And we are determined to do all that we can do. I am a father. How are my daughters safe? How are my grandchildren safe? How are my nieces safe? How are my little cousins safe, if yours aren't safe? If yours are beaten, raped, robbed, or if they disappear; then mine are under threat. And that's how we need to look at it.

For more information on Minister Shabazz or to support his mission contact him at 313 646-3375.

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The Sights and Sounds of CES 2018
My Discovery About The Future of Technology

By Willie Brake - Contributing Columnist



The Consumer Electronics Show, also known simply as CES, is the world's biggest and splashiest showcase for the latest and greatest in consumer electronics with more than 4,000 exhibitors (including more than 800 start-up companies) and 180,000 total attendees covering nearly 3 million square feet of event space in 2018. It is held in Las Vegas every January and is the global proving ground for innovators where next-generation innovations are introduced to the marketplace and the gathering place for all who thrive on the business of consumer electronics.

A long list of technology products that changed the game were first seen here. Yes, everything from the VCR to the CD, DVD, Blu-Ray, even the original Nintendo Entertainment System as well as the first Xbox.

Most of the time, we're waiting many years and sometimes even decades as these innovations trickle down from the early adopter tech community to mainstream society. If you can recall as prices started to drop, that stack of VHS tapes that you once owned became a shelf full of DVDs. Now the discs are starting to disappear too as they are being replaced by a stick about the size of a pack of chewing gum streaming online content from providers such as Netflix and Hulu in their place for under \$40.

The feeling the I got from the floor of CES 2018 was that we're somewhere in the middle of that timeline. I saw a lot of categories that were not here last year such as smart cities. Now we are moving quickly to self-driving cars, smart cities. 5G, artificial intelligence, virtual reality and things that were not even in our vocabulary just 10 years ago and now they are considered major parts of

CES. You can see where all this amazing technology is going to take us eventually, but we are not quite there yet. Automobiles are electric and thanks to collision avoidance and self-automation technologies, will eventually become crash proof someday, whether a human is driving or not. From folding smartphones to robotic cat doors to televisions larger, sharper, and smarter than those currently in our homes, you can best believe there is even more revolutionary gizmos and gadgets emerging from the world's largest technology show.

Meanwhile, sensors and cameras are being embedded into clothing, shoes, home appliances and just about everything else that you can imagine. Artificial intelligent voice assistants like Google Assistant and Amazon Alexa are appearing in more technologies at CES this year, such as a Sense Smart Deadbolt manufactured by Schlage which allows user to unlock doors on command. This is a tangible example of how real the connected home and the Internet of Things has become. I definitely saw the definition of wearable technologies broaden beyond the wrist, with everything from smart suits, smart shirts, smart glasses and smart bras. Nearly all of these seem intent on monitoring every aspect of your body's activity in hopes that more data can get us all on the road to better health and fitness.

CES has always been a big show for TVs and 2018 was no different. Giant screens dominated the floor, at resolutions as high as 8K which is looking to make 1080p as old fashioned as black and white models. The successful development of the world's first 8K OLED display is definitely a milestone and displays the exciting potential of the technology.

My takeaway was the idea of technology integrating our lives in multiple ways has really exploded. As you can probably imagine, I had tons of fun and came back home with a ton of new inspiration. I can't wait until next year!!

Willie E. Brake is a Computer Expert and Industry Analyst at All About Technology, a Certified Minority Business Enterprise and Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher, based in Detroit, Michigan.

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COALITION LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR
COMPREHENSIVE ELECTION REFORM

Amendment would make ballot more secure, accessible



People gather to make the voting process work for everyone

Photo by Dale Rich

Between two jobs and four kids, Angela Willson has little time to spare. So Willson figures she should be able have the option of voting absentee in elections---without giving a reason.

“Allowing all registered voters to choose to vote absentee would make my life a whole lot easier,” said Willson, a nurse anesthetist from Grosse Pointe Park. “And it would help our state line up with 37 others that allow all registered voters to cast their ballots on or before Election Day.”

Willson made her comments Monday at the kickoff for Promote the Vote campaign, an effort to place on the November ballot a constitutional amendment to provide comprehensive election reform for Michigan. Citing the need for an accessible and secure ballot for all, a coalition which includes the League of Women Voters, the ACLU of Michigan and the state and Detroit branches of the

NAACP filed ballot language Monday with the Secretary of State’s office, organizers announced.

In addition to no reason absentee, the amendment would give military members more time to vote; let citizens register closer to Election Day; allow straight party voting, automatically register citizens when they do business at the Secretary of State’s office, protect a secret ballot and add audits for election results. The group called the reforms “common sense” designed to give more individuals a secure and accessible ballot.

“We’re all better off when more Americans---Republicans, Democrats and independents---participate in our democracy,” said Judy Karandjeff, president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “Providing a system that works for all isn’t hard; it just common sense.”

The changes mirror reforms enacted in 40 states that make voting more accessible. Once the ballot language is approved, the coalition has to collect approximately 316,000 signatures to get the measure on the November ballot.

“Putting voters first means making sure that our system is fair and has integrity,” said Ismael Ahmed, a longtime community activist. “Under this amendment, our votes would be protected because our elections could be audited.”

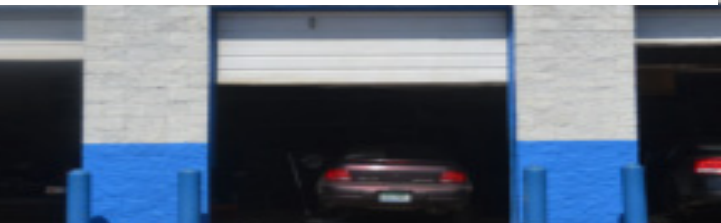
Updating the voter rolls and making the system more secure is good news to Michelle Mills, who had to cast a provisional ballot in 2017 because of inaccurate information at her polling site.

“We need a system that works for all,” she said.

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Prophet Cedric Banks Interviews Judge David Perkins, 36th District Court on The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program



Judge David Perkins and Prophet Cedric Banks

Prophet Cedric Banks:
We have Judge David Perkins, LIVE here today on the Community Shall Be Restored TV Show. Judge Perkins how long you been a Judge at 36th District Court?

Judge David Perkins:
I have been at the 36th District Court for three years now. After that I was a Referee in Juvenile Court for 17 years, and before that I was a Part time Magistrate in Highland Park for two years,

Prophet Cedric Banks:
OK being a Judge you see a lot of cases and people that come down there. Do you have a program or something that they can go to besides just sending them to jail.

Judge David Perkins:
Well it is not easy sending someone to jail. When you have judgement on someone there are rules that need to be followed being in Adult Court or Juvenile Court.. Juvenile Court is not jail but there is detention. But you have to pray and hope you make the right decision.

In terms of our Alternative Programs, we are blessed at 36th that there are diifrent programs that we have in our system. There is a Drug Free program. There is a program that Judge Miller does, it is a street program. There is the Community Program and the Community Justice Program that generates from Southwest Detroit.

Residents in parts of Southwest get an opportunity to take part in this Diversionary Program where the fines are not as much and they get to do

Community Service. It is about giving back to the Community. I think a lot of people now are beginning to come to understand the importance of these Diversionary Programs.

You can't legislate morality and you can't lock up everybody. At the 36th District Court unlike at a lot of other places like traffic, if you have 25% of the fines, you can get into a payment plan. What other District Courts do you hear doing that? Also, if you can't pay on that particular day you can go on a docket and you can go seven weeks later before another Judge and make arrangements to pay. Then that Judge is in a position to sentence you to jail in Isabelle County but even at that stage, the Judge could give you the right to make a phone call.

Prophet Cedric Banks:
I'm glad that there are options available.

This Sunday at the Heart of Jesus Church located at 14111 E. 7 mile road at Gratiot (behind Ross Employment Solutions),Prophet Banks will be preaching a powerful and anointed word. The service will start at 2:00 pm. Also, you are welcome to come to the LIVE Studio taping of The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program at 1:30 pm, right before the service. You can view The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program every Saturday at 8:00 pm on Comcast TV 90.To view the TV episodes On Demand visit www.cedricbanks4detroit.com. /email donetta.3@hotmail.com

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CITY OF INKSTER, MI

PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, the City of Inkster Planning Commis- sion will hold a public hearing on Monday February 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m. in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. The Planning Commission will consider proposed text amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance pertaining to provisions for med- ical marijuana facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that would have the following effect:

- In §155.146 "Medical Marijuana Facilities", update and revise special land use standards.
- In §155.148 "Medical Marijuana Provisioning Centers", update and revise special land use standards.
- In §155.150 "Medical Marijuana Processing Facilities", update and revise special land use standards.
- In §155.151 "Medical Marijuana Testing Facilities", update and revise spe- cial land use standards.
- In §155.152 "Medical Marijuana Transportation Facilities", update and re- vise special land use standards.
- In §155.153 "Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities", update and revise special land use standards.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that complete text of zoning ordinance amend- ments will be available for review at the Inkster City Clerk Office, which is lo- cated at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI, 48141 beginning Thursday, February 8, 2018. All meetings of the City of Inkster Planning Commission are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster City Planner, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 Noon, February 12, 2018. Information may be obtained from the Planning and Community Development Department at 313.429.2366.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and serv- ices, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed ma- terials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon written notice being received at least five (5) business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk
PUBLISH BY: January 28, 2018

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held on January 3, 2018

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

18-01	Approval of minutes from 12/19/2017
18-02	Voucher approval
18-03	Building permits approval
18-04	Approval of 2018 Council meeting schedule
18-05	Approval of business licenses
18-06	Approval to settle labor grievance with Local #1917
18-07	Approval to fill the position of captain in the Fire Dept.
18-08	Approval of property purchase in the amount of \$22,000.00
18-09	Approval of a medical marihuana provisioning center license for P. Mona & L Hudson
18-10	Motion to adjourn at 8:34pm

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***NOTE: Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2018 at 10:30 at the Hyacinth Court Location, 460 ½ Lenoir Court, River Rouge, MI. 48218**

Detroit Tigers Kickoff 2018 this Week

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Tigers’ winter caravan is not right around the corner the journey starts today. Yes indeed, the team’s annual two-day journey across the state of Michigan offers unique opportunities for fans to see players up close starts today and Friday leading up to Tiger-Fest at Comerica Park this Saturday, January 27th. Beginning Thursday, the Tigers will split into two buses, traveling the Metro Detroit area and northern part of the state. They will attend multiple public and private events over the two-day caravan. Though the player assignments for each bus have yet to be released, according to a release from one of the stops on the caravan, the North Bus will include Chad Bell, Ryan Carpenter, Nick Castellanos, Michael Fulmer, Michael Gerber, Shane Greene, Grayson Greiner, Eduardo Jimenez, Gerson Moreno, Zac Reininger, Gregory Soto, Daniel Stumpf, Spencer Turnbull, Drew VerHagen, Alex Wilson and Jordan Zimmermann, along with a number of newcomers to the

Tigers’ coaching staff. Tigers vice president of public affairs Elaine Lewis said in a release. “And we are thrilled to carry on this tradition, filled with excitement and fun, that engages the team with Tigers fans throughout our wonderful communities.” Yes the Detroit Tigers’ winter caravan travels and Tiger-Fest this is the start of the 2018 season that also give the fans one of the premier destinations for summer fun in Michigan since 1901, the Detroit Tigers will continue their tradition of providing quality, affordable family fun for fans of all ages. Comerica Park offers unique opportunities for fans to engage with the club’s storied history and past champions. This summer will showcase a series of summer celebrations including the 50th anniversary of the 1968 World Series champions and the number retirement ceremonies for Alan Trammell and Jack Morris, who were recently elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Class of 2018. By the way; tickets for Tiger-Fest are still available.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL SPORTS TEAMS

Local Basketball this Week

By Butch Davis

This week in high school basketball many rivalry games will take place as basketball is heating up in the State of Michigan. Teams like the undefeated River Rouge Panthers boys’ basketball team hosting the Ecorse Red Raiders, Melvindale versus Lincoln Park and early next week Melvindale takes on neighbor Allen Park. Girl’s basketball with have that rival flavor as River Rouge Panthers girls basketball team hosting the Lady Ecorse Red Raiders and Southgate Girls team playing Wyandotte Girls. Please get out and support one of the events in your neck of the woods soon. Here are the games being played in the Telegram News reading area.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/25
Detroit Cristo Rey at Allen Park Cabrini, 7:00PM
Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/26
Taylor Kennedy at Brownstown Woodhaven, 7:00PM
Romulus at Dearborn, 7:00PM
Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard at Dearborn Divine Child, 7:00PM

Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7:00PM
Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7:00PM
Garden City at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 7:00PM
Detroit Western International at Detroit Henry Ford, 4:00PM

Melvindale at Lincoln Park,

7:00PM
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Lutheran Westland, 7:00PM
Riverview at Monroe Jefferson, 7:00PM
Ecorse at River Rouge, 7:00PM
North Warren Michigan Collegiate at Romulus Summit Academy, 7:00PM
Southgate Anderson at Gibraltar Carlson, 7:00PM
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Taylor Trillium, 7:00PM
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7:00PM
Allen Park at Wyandotte Roosevelt, 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/28
Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Lincoln Park, 4:00PM
Southfield Arts & Technology at Southgate Anderson, 7:00PM
Clarkston Everest Collegiate at Allen Park Cabrini, 7:00PM
Dearborn at Dearborn Fordson, 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 1/30
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 7:00 PM
Redford Thurston at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7:00PM
Dearborn Riverside Academy-West at Dearborn Hts Star International, 6:30 PM
Detroit Henry Ford at Detroit Cass Tech, 4:00PM
Canton Preparatory at Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy, 6:30PM
Detroit Western International at Detroit Collegiate Prep, 4:00PM

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

City of River Rouge
Ordinance 16-461-6

On January 16, 2018 An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of River Rouge Michigan, by amending Chapter 16 – Medical Marihuana Facility Licensing of Title 5 – Business Licenses and regulations of said code.

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

Patricia Johnson
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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RE: Case No. 18-06 (Z)

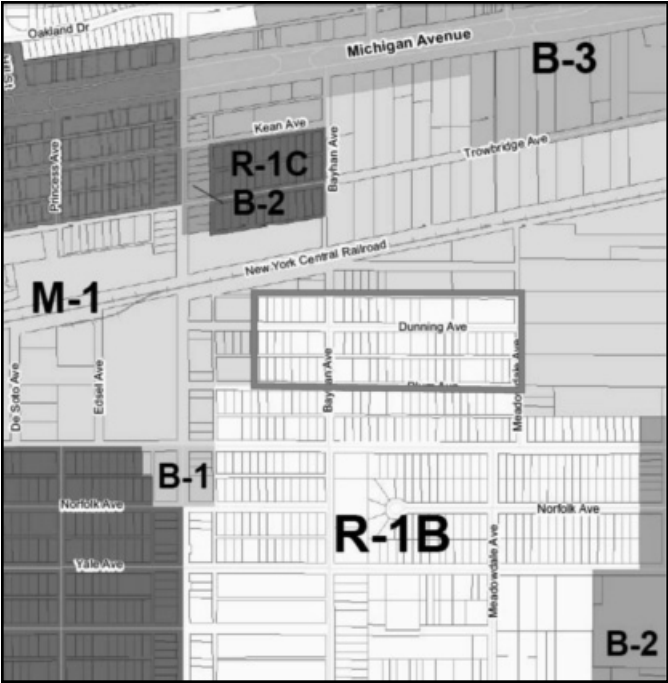
In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, 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. Rezone the area with the following boundaries from R-1B, One-Family Residential District to M-1, Light Industrial: the southern boundary is Plum Street, the eastern boundary is Meadowdale Avenue, the western boundary is located approximately 300 feet west of Bayhan Street, and the northern boundary is approximately 150 feet north of Dunning Street (approximately 65 parcels).

The parcel numbers include: 82-44-020-0220-000, 82-44-020-0221-000, 82-44-020-0222-000, 82-44-020-0223-000, 82-44-020-0225-000, 82-44-020-0226-000, 82-44-020-0227-000, 82-44-020-0228-000, 82-44-020-0229-300, 82-44-020-0231-000, 82-44-020-0232-000, 82-44-020-0233-301, 82-44-020-0235-304, 82-44-020-0240-000, 82-44-020-0242-301, 82-44-020-0243-300, 82-44-020-0246-300, 82-44-020-0248-301, 82-44-020-0249-300, 82-44-020-0251-301, 82-44-020-0252-301, 82-44-020-0254-000, 82-44-020-0255-000, 82-44-020-0256-000, 82-44-020-0257-000, 82-44-020-0258-000, 82-44-020-0259-000, 82-44-020-0262-002, 82-44-020-0263-002, 82-44-020-0265-000, 82-44-020-0266-000, 82-44-020-0268-000, 82-44-020-0269-000, 82-44-020-0270-000, 82-44-020-0272-000, 82-44-020-0274-000, 82-44-020-0275-000, 82-44-020-0296-000, 82-44-020-0297-000, 82-44-020-0298-000, 82-44-020-0299-000, 82-44-020-0300-000, 82-44-020-0301-000, 82-44-020-0302-000, 82-44-020-0304-000, 82-44-020-0305-002, 82-44-020-0307-000, 82-44-020-0308-000, 82-44-020-0309-000, 82-44-020-0310-000, 82-44-020-0311-000, 82-44-020-0312-000, 82-44-020-0313-000, 82-44-020-0314-000, 82-44-020-0315-000, 82-44-020-0316-000, 82-44-020-0317-000, 82-44-020-0321-000, 82-44-020-0322-000, 82-44-020-0323-000, 82-44-020-0238-305, 82-44-020-0244-300, 82-44-020-0261-000, 82-44-020-0267-000, and 82-44-020-0319-002.

The subject properties are outlined on the map below:



All meetings of the City of Inkster Planning Commission are open to the public. You are invited to attend this meeting. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster City Planner, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 Noon, February 12, 2018. Information may be obtained from the Planning and Community Development Department at 313.429.2366.

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 written notice being received at least five business days prior to the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563-9770.

Felicia Rutledge, Inkster City Clerk
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High School Sports, Cont.

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Taylor Preparatory at Detroit Community, 7:30PM
Ecorse at Detroit Henry Ford Academy Creative, 7:30PM
Taylor Trillium at Detroit University Prep Science & Math, 7:00PM
River Rouge at Harper Woods, 7:00PM
Detroit Voyageur at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech, 7:00PM
Flat Rock at Riverview, 7:00PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Riverview Gabriel Richard, 5:00PM
Belleville at Romulus, 7:00PM

West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 7:00PM
Plymouth at Westland John Glenn, 7:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/25
Saline Washtenaw Christian at Lutheran Westland, 5:30 PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/26
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Allen Park, 7:00 PM
Waterford Our Lady at Allen Park Cabrini, 7:00:PM
Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Belleville, 7:00PM
Redford Union at Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 7:00PM
Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7:00PM
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Livonia Clarenceville, 7:00PM
Dearborn Divine Child at Livonia Ladywood, 7:00PM
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian at Lutheran Westland, 5:30PM
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Melvindale, 6:00PM
Ecorse at River Rouge, 5:30PM

Dearborn at Romulus, 7:00PM
North Warren Michigan Collegiate at Romulus Summit Academy, 5:30PM
Westland John Glenn at Salem,

7:00PM
Brownstown Woodhaven at Taylor Kennedy, 7:00PM
Detroit Voyageur at Taylor Preparatory, 6:00PM
Trenton at Taylor Truman, 7:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/29
Detroit Western International at Detroit Communication Media Arts, 4:00PM
Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit Mumford, 4:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/30
Allen Park Cabrini at Ann Arbor Greenhills, 7:00PM
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 7:30PM
Romulus at Belleville, 7:00PM
Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7:00PM

Dearborn at Dearborn Fordson, 5:30PM
Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 7:00PM
International Dearborn Riverside Academy-West at Dearborn Hts Star, 5:00PM
Ferndale at Detroit Country Day, 6:00PM
Marine City Cardinal Mooney at Detroit Cristo Rey, 6:30PM
Ecorse at Detroit Henry Ford Academy Creative, 6:00PM
Westland John Glenn at Plymouth, 7:00PM
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Plymouth Christian, 7:00PM
Harper Woods at River Rouge, 7:00PM
Melvindale at Southfield Bradford Academy, 5:30PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Southgate Anderson, 7:00PM
Gibraltar Carlson at Taylor Kennedy, 7:00PM
Brownstown Woodhaven at Taylor Truman, 7:00PM
Lincoln Park at Trenton, 7:00PM

Marlon ‘Trouble man’ Thomas on a Mission to Better the Community

By: Steven Malik Shelton - Contributing Reporter



Marlon Thomas at his second home, The Inkster Boxing Gym

The sport of boxing has a long history of cultivating positive character traits among inner-city youth. And metro-Detroit is traditionally a magnet for boxing excellence and includes a plethora of boxing champions and fight sages. Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, Tommy Hearn, and the indomitable Emmanuel Steward as well as the legendary Kronk Gym are as synonymous with the city of Detroit as automobile manufacturing and the Motown sound.

Champion boxer and Detroit native, Marlon ‘Trouble man’ Thomas seeks to continue this legacy with the Inkster Boxing Gym. Located in the basement of the Dozier Recreational Center in the city of Inkster, Thomas is the driving force behind the gym’s founding and development. His aim is to provide a place for young aspiring warriors to compete and acquire the skills and spirit that will empower them to face life’s hardships and challenges. And if they reach the higher levels of boxing acumen and become champions, then that will be a bonus for the fighters and for the city.

Thomas has high hopes for a young boxer he’s been working with at the gym. “I’ve got this young kid named Derrick Coleman. He’s been a phenomenal boxer since he’s been about five or six,” said Thomas. “He started boxing at Kronk under Emmanuel, but I got him now and he’s had his first pro fight. He’s only 18 and I think Derrick’s gonna be real special. And then to have him coming out of this city. Inkster needs something big to happen to let people know you can still make it if you fight for what you want. And I think I want to start it off with him. He’s got talent and I believe he’s going to be



Derrick Coleman

a powerhouse.” While I’m talking to Thomas, Coleman arrives, suits up, and starts shadow boxing around the ring. Thomas turns away to watch his protégé for a while. “If Derrick stays on the course that he’s on and has the attitude that boxing is what he’s going to put everything into; he’ll be a champion. His work ethic right now is that he’s good if you push him. I want him to get to the point where he’s going for it for himself. Not because I’m pushing him, but because he knows what it takes and he’s willing to go there.”

Most people agree that the discipline of boxing is a microcosm of what we must face, endure and overcome in the larger world to become successful in life. Yet, ultimately it is not the challenges outside ourselves that we must overcome, but the challenges within us. If the fighter is to be victorious, he must be adept (first and foremost) with igniting those internal qualities that one must have to deal with the world. “Their challenges were relatable to most of us, but compressed and heightened,” writes journalist, Doug Merlino. “Their fortunes rose and fell with every fight, each a step forward or a step back. Stripped of the lights and showmanship, professional fighters were people struggling to come to terms with themselves, to rise above their pasts, to give shape to messy lives, to scratch out a living in a business and society that awarded winners and discarded the rest.”¹

Thomas is aware of the discipline and the Iron will it takes to be a fighter. A profession that most people shy away from because of the toil it takes on both body and soul and the courage and brutality that is required. He was introduced to boxing at the tender age of four by an older brother and later came under the tutelage of Emmanuel Steward and the fabled Kronk Boxing Gym. A skilled pugilist in the lightweight, welterweight, and middleweight divisions he won several championships in a career that spanned 26 years and a 36 and 9 record. And he’s funneled his passion for boxing and the knowledge he’s acquired during his career into helping young marginalized human beings.

“I not only train fighters, I help keep these doors open,” said Thomas. “I’m working hard 24/7 in this gym. I’m sweeping, mopping and cleaning toilets trying to keep this building open because Inkster needs it. With the school going,

I’m trying to pull some of those guys out the gas station. I’m trying to pull some of the young guys standing in front of the store with no money and who might want to rob somebody because they’re told ‘no I don’t have no spare change.’ Well you can come and make money here at the gym. Since you missed out on your A plan, I’m going to offer you a B plan.”

The Dozier Recreational Center is equipped to offer not only boxing, but there are computer rooms available for those students that need them for school or for job searches. There are Art & Craft classes. There is weight lifting rooms and Zumba exercise classes as well as counselors that can provide information, suggestions and advice. And of course, they can always brave the flight of stairs into the downstairs boxing gym and talk to Thomas. “See when you’re in there throwing punches, you’re supposed to know what it’s going to do when it lands,” explained Thomas. “But you have to feel that in your motions and everything; the vibrations have got to go through your body so that when you land a punch on somebody, you’ll know what it’s supposed to do. You have to have a go-to shot where you can say ‘when I let this loose I know he’s going to be hurt or fall.’ And that’s the difference; knowing what’s going to happen when you execute a move. Knowing what’s supposed to happen when you act. That’s confidence. That’s fire and desire.”

On the drive home I think of the Inkster gym and what it could mean to youngsters growing up in the city. I also think of the interview I did with Tommy Hearn back in 2006 at the original Kronk boxing gym days before what would be his last professional fight. Hearn told me that when he was a young kid learning the fundamentals of the boxing arts, some old fight enthusiasts told him to forget about it; that he was far too skinny and his legs too twig-like. He listened to them respectfully, but he had too much desire to allow their negative thoughts about him to deter him. Tommy Hearn believed in his heart that he was a winner. And, of course, the rest is history.

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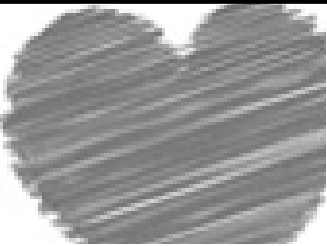
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Dear Tasha,

About 4 months ago, my very best friend of more than 20 years recently filed for divorced after being married for 11 years. During her separation, it was a mutual decision for her to come stay with me and we could share the bills, tell stories, relive our youth and more importantly, I would be mental support for her, during the transition from separation to divorce. The home arrangements, paying the bills, and storytelling has gone well. However, every year on my job, we have a company holiday party and can invite one guest. Long story short, after much pleading, my bestie agreed to attend, only if I let her borrow from my wardrobe. Naturally, I said yes and we attended the party and she looked absolutely stunning, in one of my dresses and received compliments all night. She has never really been a fashionista; more conservative in her style and always commented on the outfits I wear. Here in lies the problem, ever since that day, I have come home to find her wearing my clothes; a dress, blouse, scarf and even my jewelry. Although, we both wear the same size, we are proportioned very differently and I find my clothes stretched to the max. Might I also mention, she wears a very strong perfume, which doesn't seem to wash out and intensifies my anger whenever I get a whiff of the scent. The last straw for me was when we were chatting in her bedroom and I looked in the closet, only to see several of my clothes just hanging there waiting to be worn. I am at my wits end and do not know how to handle this wardrobe bandit. Do I just take my things back and hope she gets the hint?

Signed,
Empty closet.

Dear Empty closet,

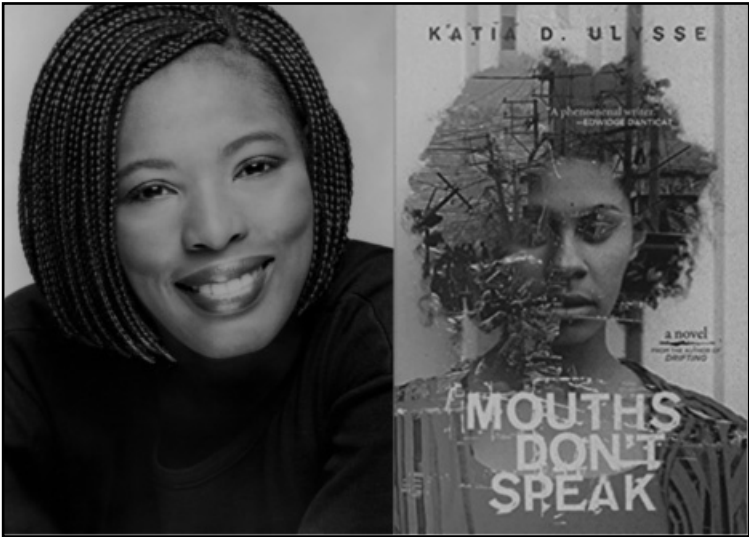
There is a simple solution to this wardrobe bandit, that you created. This is YOUR best friend of more than 20 years. You two are living as housemates, sharing stories and reliving your youth. After 20 years of friendship, there is nothing you should not be able to express to her, even when the situation is pertaining to her. You must keep in mind that she is dealing with a separation and pending divorce and reliving her youth and wearing some of your garments may in fact give her a new sense of freedom. It's time for you to pull-up your big girl britches and get to the topic at hand. When you allowed her to choose an item from your closet, did you lay down the ground rules? Obviously not, otherwise she would not have felt it was okay to invade on your territory and continue to borrow items, especially after you did not put a stop to it, when you saw her wearing something of yours without prior permission. Grab a bottle of wine, have a girl session and firmly state your position about your garments and why it's inappropriate. I'm sure she will understand and comply with your wishes. I would also, as a token of love and peace offering, give her the dress she wore to the party, because if you wore it again, people will think you are the wardrobe bandit. Heck, if you want to go a step further, do a girl's day of shopping and assist her with picking out a few sexy pieces. Friendships are precious, rare and should be valued and it's obvious that what you both share is a sisterhood that many women seek during their lifetime. Don't let a dress, start some mess!

Tasha
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BOOKS IN THE HOOD REVIEW

By - Xavier Jones Media Specialist

Mouths Don't Speak



Mouths Don't Speak is the latest novel from Katia D. Ulysse. The Haitian born writer is also the author Drifting. A 2014 debut novel that intertwines generations of Haitian families preceding the devastation of the 2010 earthquake.

Mouths Don't Speak also starts off after the earthquake's havoc on the land. Haitian born, American bred art teacher. Jacqueline Florestant watches the damage of her home country from home. Worried sick about her parents, Annette and Paul. She hasn't seen them, or been back to Haiti since she left as a child. But her concern for their well being is eating Jacqueline alive.

Jacqueline is taken off work with grief. Keeping busy with her passion of painting, fighting anxieties, and donating countless amounts to Haiti relief funds. She meets Leyla, a woman who is leagues more than what the eye captures. Leyla helps Jacqueline relearn her native tongue, Haitian Creole. The two quickly became best friends. Leyla starts the fire under Jacqueline to get in touch with her Haitian roots.

Jacqueline is married to Kevin. A Marine who's served combat tours across the world, even firing bullets for Haiti's sake. War has changed Kevin, he isn't the same. He knows this, his wife knows it better. Post traumatic stress disorder is constantly chewing Kevin's mind. Taking pieces the Marine will never get back. The affection and flare of their union has faded. Amber, their four year old daughter is the glue keeping the relationship together. She's also the hook keeping Kevin's mind from sinking into the abyss.

A month later Annette and Paul reach out to Jacqueline. Certiantly adding another ride on her emotional rollercoaster. The land survived the quake, but Paul was affected in ways that has altered his spirit. Despite the chaos Paul's love for his country hasn't toppled over.

Jacqueline decides to plan a

long overdue trip to Haiti to visit her parents. Kevin forbids the expedition, refusing to participate and criticizing every step of his wife's plans. Jacqueline didn't need Kevin's approval, with or without him she was going to Haiti. She packed up Amber and went wayward to the homeland that birthed her.

Jacqueline's voyage to Haiti to cut by an unforeseen crisis. Shifting the dynamic of her parents, life and marriage. Home isn't the same. Kevin isn't the same. Jacqueline is swallowed by a despair that only has one solution. To return home to Haiti. The events left everyone trapped in an endless blame game that has too many players to count.

Mouth's Don't Speak is a thrilling piece of literature. I had the chills of a horror story waiting for what was next. Ulysse paints a vivid geography lesson in her pages. Crafting the beauty of the sovereign land for those who may never get to see it. The earthquake is presented in ways that makes readers feel the ground shake, and smell the blood in the air. Mouth's Don't Speak is a gripping tale that covers the truths of many world issues.

I thank Akashic Books for sending it over. I provide an even bigger thanks to Author Katia D. Ulysse for using her talents to write a phenomenal novel, and for reaching back out to me with answers for a series of questions I had.

Telegram - Describe the writing process of Mouths Don't Speak?

KDU - The writing process for Mouths Don't Speak did not differ from any other written work that I have completed. When the story reaches that point where it has to be told, the bed cannot hold me in the morning. I get up before dawn. I give thanks for waking up and for being able to write. I give thanks for the memory of my grandmothers, powerful women and storytellers. I Breathe gratitude. By the time my fingers hit the keyboard,

words are flying a hundred miles a minute. I have to focus to keep up with them. Complete silence is preferable; hence the reason I get up so early. No one wants to be up and about at 3 in the morning. I do have to force myself to not think about the day job and household chores that need to be done. I write until 6:00 in the morning. The characters begin to live on their own. During the course of the day, I imagine what they are doing while I am teaching or otherwise occupied. The next day, I do the same, until I feel that the story is finished.

Telegram - How much of this work is fiction how much of it is reality?

KDU - Great question, Xavier! This book is a marriage between fiction and reality. There is no such thing as a perfect marriage. It's not always 50/50. The earthquake of 2010 was as real as they come. The fact that we lost close to 300,000 human lives is real. The fact that we watched on television how people sprung from their graves is also real. We can use our imagination to conceptualize and concretize the realities facing quake victims and survivors the helplessness, the hopelessness. Creating a narrative about someone whom we've never met would be considered fiction. However, because we know that my Haitian compatriots are tenacious and resourceful, a fictional character with those particular attributes is plausible. We Haitians are creative, and unrelenting. We don't give up. I wanted to capture this spirit in the book. I wanted to tell a story about people surviving in the midst of utter destruction. Haitian people do that every day. Perhaps the book reads more like reality than fiction.

Telegram - Advice for young writers and publishers? Especially ones of color?

KDU - Advice for writers, especially ones of color: Read. Read. When you're done reading, read some more. Read across genres. Plan. Read. Set realistic goals. Keep a journal. Develop strategies to accomplish your goals. Seek advice from those who will tell you the absolute truth. Enroll in creative writing programs. Focus. When your buddies are out enjoying themselves, join them for a little while, but get back to the blank page. Writing is not a team sport. You are on your own. Make a schedule, and adhere to it as you would for the other employer. If you have to wake up at 3:00AM to write, do it. If you wake up at 4:00AM, you're late. Recognize that, and keep going. Never give

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TELE- FASHION

5 Creative Gift Ideas for Your Valentine



(StatePoint) Looking to surprise your loved one this Valentine’s Day with something a bit different? Check out these five creative gift ideas that will help make the day special.

1. Take a trip around the world with your taste buds. Cooking dinner for your partner on Valentine’s Day is nothing new, but kick it up a notch with an “Around the World” theme. Pick some destinations you’d love to travel to and get into the kitchen together to create their signature dishes. For extra points, track down drinks specifically found in those regions to pair with your food. You’ll have fun experiencing new cuisine, and it may even ignite a spark to book a trip!

2. Make more time together. Use some creativity to show your

Valentine that you want to spend more time together. Pair a new timepiece with roses for a unique presentation. Consider classic fashion choices with Casio’s Vintage timepieces, which feature stainless steel bands in different metallic color combinations, a daily alarm, hourly time signal and an auto-calendar, ensuring you are never late for a date.

3. Commission a custom family portrait. Whether you have kids, pets or it is just the two of you, a custom family portrait is a sweet gift and a great piece of artwork for your home. Find an independent portrait artist on a site like Etsy or put your own artistic abilities to the test and create the portrait yourself.

4. Create an at-home spa day. Get pampered without leaving the

house. Book a travelling masseuse or create DIY bath products like bath bombs or scrubs with essential oils. Create a spa-like atmosphere with low lights, candles and flower arrangements. Order dinner in afterwards and enjoy the special time together as relaxed as can be.

5. Write a love song. Whether you write it yourself or pick a favorite that’s personal to you, performing a love song is a touching way to show you cherish someone. Enhance your performance with a portable keyboard that makes learning easy, such as Casio’s CTK-2550. It features 61 full-size keys, 400 high-quality tones and 150 built-in rhythms to ensure you have all the tools you need to create a beautiful musical number for the one you love. Or, connect to your iOS or Android device to use the

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up. Be willing to take criticism. If you receive rejection letters, as I have, read those letters. Some editors will take time to offer advice. Use that advice. Never give up.

Telegram - How do you suggest people find themselves and find their roots?

KDU - If you are fortunate enough to have extended family members, talk to them. Our elderly people are walking encyclopedias. Listen, as they talk. Use whatever technology is available to you. Go to the library. As for finding ourselves, that is a process. The first step, I truly believe, is knowing for a fact, that you are unique and you are necessary. The world needs the contribution that only you can make. There is no one else like

you. No one has the ability to tell the stories which YOU have to tell. And, yes, you do have at least one story to tell. Stay true to your own voice. Do not try to sound like someone else. You are the one we may be waiting for, and just might not know it yet.

Telegram - What’s next after Mouths Don’t Speak?

KDU - I am working on another story collection and books for children.

Telegram - Thank you so much! If your ever in Michigan don’t be afraid to stop by the office!

KDU - Thank you, Xavier Jones ***If you are a local author contact Xavier at***

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Judge Sentences Larry Nassar to 40 to 175 Years in Prison for Sexual Assault



Lawrence G. Nassar former gymnastics coach sentenced

LANSING –Judge Rosemarie Aquilina of Ingham County's 30th Circuit Court today sentenced Lawrence G. Nassar, 54, of Holt, to 40 to 175 years in prison for seven counts of felony criminal sexual conduct in the first degree. Aquilina also awarded restitution to survivors for an amount to be determined. The sentence, read in open court, follows 7 days of victim impact statements. Over 156 survivors were able to present their statements to court either

in person, via video or having it read on their behalf. Nassar was previously an osteopathic sports physician at Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics. Attorney General Schuette initiated his first charges against Nassar on November 22, 2016, and the second round of charges occurred on February 22, 2017. Nassar pleaded guilty to seven felony counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree on November 22, 2017 in Ingham

County, and to three felony counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree in Eaton County on November 29, 2017. The case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Angela Povilaitis, Robyn Liddell and Chris Allen and funded by a United States Department of Justice grant awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women and is administered by the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. Department of Attorney General Victim Advocate Bekah Snyder and Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan Victim Rights Training Specialist Angela Tomasko coordinated victim testimony and impact statements. The Michigan State University Police Department, led by Chief Jim Dunlap and Det/Lt Andrea Munford, were the primary investigative agency. Nassar will next appear in Eaton County on January 31, 2018 in front of 56th Circuit Court Judge Janice Cunningham.

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