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Progress and Teamwork, main themes of Inkster's State of the City Address

By Christian Young - Contributing Reporter



Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen, AKA President Danielle Williams and State Representative Jewell Jones at the State of the City Address

The third time may be a charm, but it also means that it's report card time. Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen pointed this out during his State of the City address. "My first state of the city address came after being on the job for only four months," he said. "This is my third, which means it's report card time." And if he is to be graded by progress, then those marks are rising. The major focal point of

his second State of the City Address was the revision of the city charter, which turned over day-to-day control to the mayor and city council for the first time since the city's incorporation in 1964. Before a rapt audience of city officials, community members, state representatives, senators at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex on February 1,

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White House wants to deliver food to the poor



Think of it as Blue Apron for food stamp recipients. That's how Budget Direc-

tor Mick Mulvaney described the Trump administra-

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Family and Friends want justice for William Marshall who died in Westland Jail

By: Gina Steward - Telegram



Family and friends of William Marshall along with community members peacefully protest outside the Westland Police Department

The family of William Marshall want answers. It has been over two months since he died while in the custody of the Westland Police Department. On December 10, 2017, Marshall (35) years old was pulled over by the Westland police for a suspended license. Once

taken to jail within a five hour time span he had died.

What happened within those hours? That's what the family wants to know. The family met with Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik the day after the incident and he explained that they were

going to be transparent and get to the bottom of what happened. Even though the lines of communication are open between the family and the department, something still seems to be missing. The Westland Police department

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Deacon Stanley Davis and his wife Parthenia share the love of sharing food with the community. Each week for the last nine years they distribute food to numerous locations in Romulus, Inkster and Wayne. Their ministry started at Romulus Community Baptist Church when they just provided food for the church members. But it has been growing as they added the Booker Dozier Recreation Center to the list two years ago. Senior citizens and other members of the communities are able to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables each week. On this particular day Coach Marlon Thomas (pictured in center) was leading the residents in the singing of church songs as they when shopping for free.

ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

What's next –
Police brutality is continuing



It started in 2016, now it's 2018. What has changed? Former San Francisco 49er player, Colin Kaepernick brought attention to the plight of African American and people of color who have become victims when many are confronted by the police. His silent protest was simply taking a knee while the National Anthem was being played during the start of each football game. Police brutality against African Americans and other minorities isn't anything new. It has been going on since the 1960s and before. However, over the last five years the number of young men being killed at the hands of police officers has increased. Kaepernick was joined by many other NFL players who also took a knee or many people who boycotted watching the games and some people who didn't attend any NFL games. (I was one of those who didn't watch any NFL games this sea-

son. Not even the Superbowl and I like football) But more needs to be done. I also emailed Roger Goodell a few times and expressed my concern about the non-statement the NFL had taken as potential NFL players were gun down in the streets. I also held many conversations about what needs to be done to make sure our young men are safe when they come in contact with police officers. Now that the season is over, the people that protested must continue to let their voices be heard. As we discussed the number of people that are dying while in police custody, it was shocking to hear that there are more happening each month. Then, I get a call from a friend that her nephew was just killed by a police officer in Ohio. Why? We must continue bringing attention to the untimely death of our young people. They are losing their life from Black on Black crime and from Blue crime. Talk to the youth, talk to the police officers in your city. Talk, talk talk, train, train, train. The problem isn't going to fix itself. We must work on this together.

Gina Steward
Publisher



Colin Kaepernick taking a stand against police brutality against people of color, by taking a knee

THE STUDENTS OF RALPH BUNCHE ACADEMY
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January Transformers: [Front Row] Jade Frierson, Cali Frierson, True Williams, London Finley, Layla Davis; [Back Row] Jamarrie Moore, Devin Brown, Lamar Malone, Takima Perry [Not Shown In Picture] Chase Ward, , Desmond Hamilton, , Khloe Randell, Benjamin Brown,

Transform Sisters Network (TSN), founder Jerret Johnson is delighted to announce and champion the students from Ralph J. Bunche Academy who participated in the program "Keep Transforming," Mindfulness Morning Practice during January 2018. Every morning after breakfast the students voluntarily come down to the gym to part take in their mindfulness practice. TSN provides a space for the children to focus on themselves by reminding the transformers "This is YOUR time!" "You are the MOST important person NOW and Beyond!" and "Try YOUR BEST to be YOUR BEST!". The meditation instructor gives notice to the transformers it's time to do what's required for their practice , "Criss-cross applesauce , palms on knees, eyes close and focus on breathing. Relax and breathe in through your nose, breathe out through your mouth, concentrating on breath and find quiet for 10mins." Before heading off to class the students say their affirmations, "I choose to be happy! I love myself! I love others! I am unique and gifted! I believe in ME! Positive thinking makes a Positive life! I transform everyday into my BEST self! I'm going to make today GREAT!" Again, these quotes are to boost the confidence of our transformers and to send out positive energy throughout their day. To show recognition to our transformers, monthly the program selects students who make the weekly commitment to attend and fully engage during meditation on their grade level specific day. All of these transformers realize the importance of mastering the skill of being focused which will lead to enhancing their learning ability, memory, problem solving and decision making capabilities, during school and in their daily lives. Transform Sisters Network works to remind their parents and our Downriver community to encourage our youth to strive everyday to transform into their best selves.

If you would like more information and/or want to get involved with Transform Sisters Network's "Keep Transforming" program please give Jerret Johnson a call at 734-957-2596.

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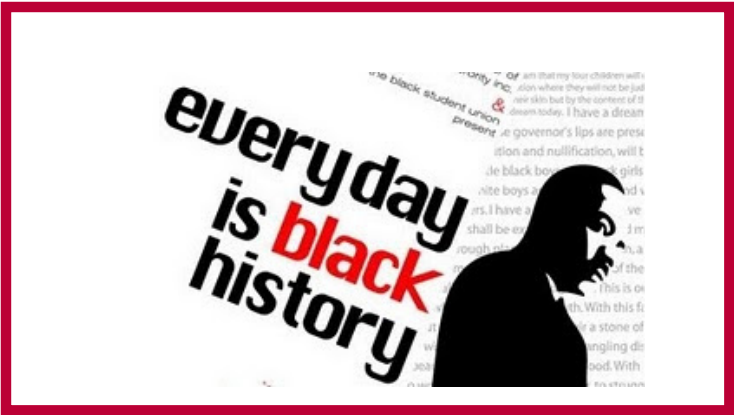
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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Legislators Unveil Principles to Protect Survivors of Sexual Assault

LANSING — Members of the Progressive Women’s Caucus (PWC) announced solution-oriented legislative principles today aimed at combating sexual assault on college campuses. Over the last year, several legislative proposals have been introduced to address campus sexual assault. The PWC’s principles expand on these bipartisan conversations about how we can prevent tragedies like the Nassar case from ever happening again. Today’s announcement is the culmination of months of work to holistically address campus sexual assault through prevention, protection and accountability.

“The Progressive Women’s Caucus wants to let every survivor know: we stand with you, we see you and we support you,” said state Rep. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit), chairwoman of the PWC. “For too long, survivors of sexual assault on college campuses have been ignored, threatened and censored into silence. Time is up and we need to take action at the Capitol. I am optimistic that our efforts in collaboration with legislators on both sides of the aisle will result in real change for women and girls in Michigan.”

According to the Association of American Universities’ 2015 Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct, 1 in 4 women report having been sexually assaulted by the time they graduate college. The PWC’s Campus Sexual Assault package focuses on legislative reforms to strengthen university, community and state responses to incidents of sexual assault on campus, as well as to reinforce protections for students on campus and in university health facilities. This includes:

 • Prevention: Ensure young people in Michigan have a comprehensive education on the importance of consent, what constitutes sexual assault, and available resources, as well as their rights during sensitive medical procedures.

 • Protection: Expand programs that provide support to sexual assault survivors and strengthen Title IX resources so students who report sexual assault or violence are protected from intimidation or retaliation.

 • Accountability: Hold individuals accountable for reporting sexual assault and expand the statute of limitations to ensure survivors have more time to come forward and pursue both criminal and civil penalties.

“Our college campuses must be safe havens where people can learn and grow, without fear for their safety or wellbeing. Unfortunately, that has not been the case as predators like Larry Nassar have been given free reign throughout our state’s academic institutions,” said state Rep. Erika Geiss (D-Taylor), vice-chairwoman of the PWC. “As an adjunct professor on a college campus, I understand all too well how derailing it can be for a student who is sexually assaulted to continue their studies uninterrupted. We owe it to survivors everywhere to show them that we believe them and we support them.”

This proposal comes at a pivotal moment as sexual assault has become a focal point in state and national politics following the #MeToo movement and the on-going Larry Nassar investigations. The timing of this package is even more critical after U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos ended 2017 by revoking guidance on sexual assault on college campuses, beginning a softer approach on perpetrators of sexual assault and violence.

“Sexual assault is not just a Michigan State or a Larry Nassar issue. There is a culture of sexual assault and harassment that not only permeates our college campuses, but our communities, workplaces and throughout our day-to-day lives,” said state Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton), co-chair of the PWC’s Gender Violence Task Force. “As the national spotlight remains on Michigan in the wake of the Larry Nassar scandal, we must not only be diligent in our response to ensure that all survivors are heard, valued and believed, but we must also take meaningful action to ensure something like this never happens again. Our response should be focused on solutions, not politics, so that all survivors have access to the unique support they need to move forward and heal.”

Joining Reps. Chang, Geiss, Pagan and Donna Lasinski (D-Scio Township), secretary of the PWC, for the announcement were House Democratic Floor Leader Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills) and state Reps. Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids), Pam Faris (D-Clio) and Tenisha Yancey (D-Harper Woods).

Letter to the Editor: Why Was I Stopped by the Police?

Last week I worked a late night, being the only person in the building I had the peace and quiet to catch up on all of my work. Words couldn’t describe the level of exhaustion I felt leaving the office. But there was one thing I wanted before I could go home and prepare myself for the next day’s duty.

The thirst for a Pepsi kept me from going immediately home. I visited the closet store for my soda and proceeded homebound. On the way I drove past a police officer who used the turning lane of the street to cut through a side path. I carried on, happy for my beverage and the warm bed that was in my near future.

I cruised the road in complete silence. A set of headlights approached the back of my bumper at a peculiarly fast, reckless and unnecessary speed. It didn’t take long for me to realize I was being stalked by the city’s finest.

The image of a police enforcement has never been one of safety, or protection among my peer group. But a stained image of terror, fear, frustration, and confusion. I’ve done nothing wrong and had all my paperwork in order. That didn’t stop the strings of uncertainty building inside of me. It’s common knowledge that situations involving police take turns for the worse. Being innocent and having all of your paperwork doesn’t discriminate you from the dice roll.

I was followed for about a mile before the glorious red and blue lights of justice were flicked on. The officer asks me to confirm my address before I gave him my paperwork. My address was a two minute drive from where I was pulled over. The officer knew that before turning on his lights. I’m willing to bet his system also read my license plate, confirming my drivers’ license and insurance was in order.

When I asked the officer his reason for the stop, he informed me of a non-functioning tail light, and advised me to get it repaired immediately before moving on. I made it home, shortly before 1:00am, and to my surprise my tail lights shined bright in the darkness. So I have one question..... Why was I stopped?

I’ve kept my gender, race, and city of this incident anonymous due to the fear of retaliation and further harassment from law enforcement. This scene could happen in any state in our country and most definitely isn’t a random occurrence.

I share my story for the many who can relate, and for those who care to listen. And for one day to see the day the police platform is not being used as a playground to walk over the citizens it’s paid and sworn to protect.

Has this happened to you? Contact the Telegram News 313-928-2955

High School cancels play after lead role is cast

By Jim Abeare



A high school in Ithica, New York cancelled a play after they named the lead actress.

That actress was a white girl. The horror!

The play was the musical “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”. The girl got the role of Esmeralda. In the original Victor Hugo novel, Esmeralda was written as half Roma and half French. But for some reason the character the musical changed her to a “Romani woman” who is an outcast racially and cuturally. The only place I have seen that is in the Disney movie.

But no matter. After a girl of color didn’t get the lead role, she quit the play.

She claimed the part was written for girls of color. A student group was formed over the casting of the white student to protest. They claimed “cutural appropriation”, whatever that means.

The student group also said that the actress that got the role was a stellar singer and actress.

Sounds to me like the best student got the role. But they still believe a girl of color get the role. If she was best, she should’ve gotten it, but from what I read she wasn’t.

Here is the thing, no race, gender or skin color are guaranteed a particular role. If there was some of the most recent, excellent castings wouldn’t have happened.

When Hawaii Five-0 was rebooted Kono became a woman. When Battlestar Galactica was rebooted, the talented Katie Sackoff was cast as Starbuck. Turn out to be a great choice. In Supergirl, the role of Jimmy Olsen, written for years as a short, freckled, red head, went to Mechad Brooks, a tall, bald, muscular, black man. In the upcoming Lost In Space, actress Parker Posey is taking on the title role of Dr. Smith. That should add a new dimension to the Don West-Dr. Smith feud.

Heck, for centuries the portraits of Jesus portrayed him as almost Ayrian instead of middle eastern. No one has a guaranteed role. It should go to the best talent.

I think the school made a mistake cancelling the play.

The left ruins everything it teaches, now they are trying to ruin school plays. Everyone just take a chill pill and relax, no need to be so offended by everything.

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we who are in Christ now stand in the bright light of His grace, and we no longer live in the shadows of disgrace. His grace is freely given through Jesus and gained only by the courage of our faith. We can now enjoy the peace of God because we now have peace with God.

Although we are unworthy, we have been declared righteous by His grace through what He did on our behalf while we were His enemy. You can go from un-loved to Beloved by just opening your heart to Christ Jesus and allowing Him to love you best. Truly the love of our God is beyond our understanding of true love! This Love you can not find, this Love found you first!

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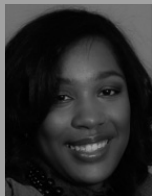
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We want Justice

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Friends and family protest for Mr. Marshall

were originally conducting the investigation, but the case was turned over to the Michigan State Police Department.

During a meeting between Mayor William Wild, the police and fire chiefs along with local clergy and community groups, Chief Jedrusik assured the attendees that Marshall was under constant video surveillance. Marshall's family and their attorney, Karri Mitchel, has requested that the family be able to see the video. However, the video and all information had been turned over to the Michigan State Police Department.

Now that the MSP has com-



William Marshall

pleted their investigation, the case has been turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. The video won't be released until their investigation is complete.

The family and many friends of William Marshall feel that his death was preventable. If he was constantly under video observation then he should have been taken to the hospital once he was observed having health issues. If he was taken to the hospital sooner, he may have still be alive today. The family has held several peaceful protest/rallies to make sure the community and police department don't forget William Marshall. They want answers and justice.

The death of William Marshall was the third death of a man in the Downriver area while in police custody. On June 11, Frank Porter died while in the Ecorse jail and on August 11, Devon Glass died while in the River Rouge jail. All three cases have been turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

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tion's proposal to replace nearly half of poor Americans' monthly cash benefits with a box of food. It would affect households that receive at least \$90 a month in food stamps, or roughly 38 million people.

"USDA America's Harvest Box is a bold, innovative approach to providing nutritious food to people who need assistance feeding themselves and their families -- and all of it is home-grown by American farmers and producers," said Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue in a statement. "It maintains the same level of food value as SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] participants currently receive, provides states flexibility in administering the program, and is responsible to the taxpayers." Powered by SmartAsset.com

SmartAsset.com Part of the president's fiscal 2019 budget blueprint, the idea immediately sparked concerns and questions among consumer advocates and food retailers. They feared it would upend a much-needed benefit for more than 80% of those in the program.

Related: Why Trump's budget proposal is too optimistic on deficits Here's how it would work: Instead of receiving all their food stamp funds, households would get a box of food that the government describes as nutritious and 100% grown and produced in the U.S. The so-called USDA America's Harvest Box would contain items such as shelf-stable milk, juice, grains, cereals, pasta, peanut butter, beans, canned meat,

Food Box

poultry or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables. The box would be valued at about half of the SNAP recipient's monthly benefit. The remainder of their benefits would be given to them on electronic benefit cards, as before.

The administration didn't detail exactly how families would receive the food boxes, saying states could distribute them through existing infrastructure, partnerships or directly to residences through delivery services.

The proposal would save nearly \$130 billion over 10 years, as well as improve the nutritional value of the program and reduce the potential for fraud, according to the administration.

Related: How Trump plans to cut prescription drug prices Consumer advocates, however, questioned whether the federal government could save that much money by purchasing and distributing food on its own. Also, they were concerned that families would not know what food they would get in advance nor have any choice regarding what they receive. Plus, it could be difficult for families to pick up the box, especially if they don't have a car.

"It's a risky scheme that threatens families' ability to put food on the table," said Stacy Dean, vice president for food assistance policy at the left-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

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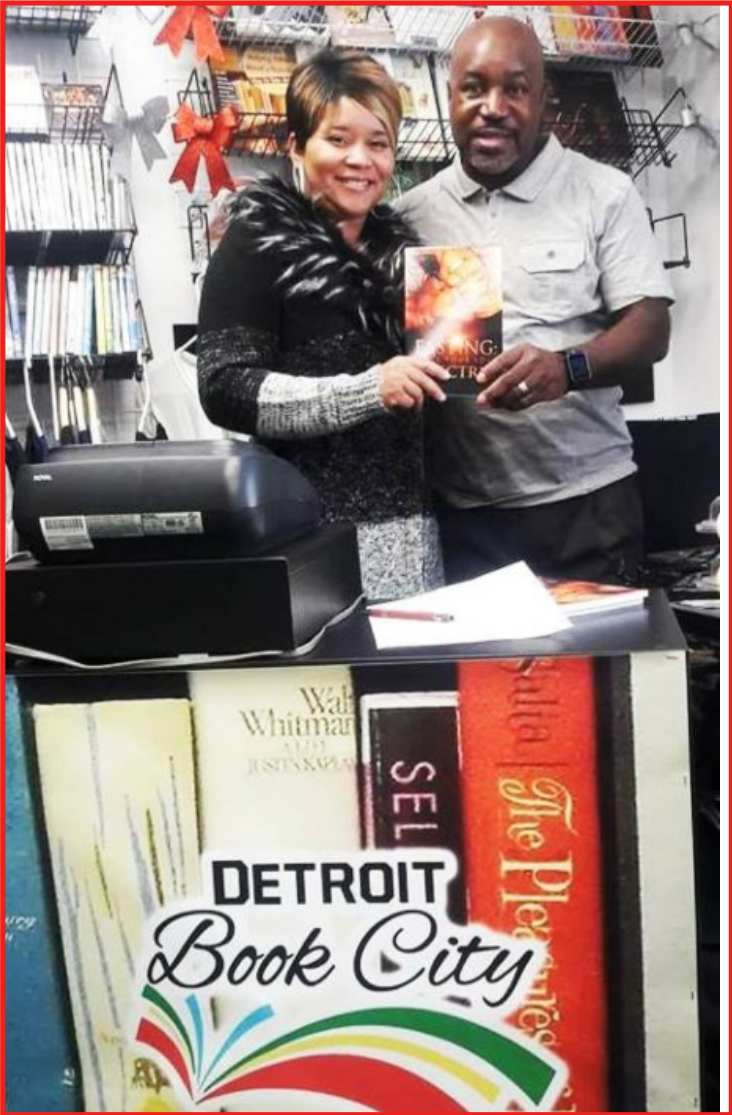
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SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS

Dropping Knowledge With Detroit Book City

Written By - Xavier Jones Telegram Media Specialist



Janeice and her husband Reginald Haynes the perfect team

The state of Bookstores across the country have declined over the years. Many factors contribute to the cease of the traditional book store. Raising E-book sales and popularity, the revolution of technology, and the plain ole fact that folks just don't read like they used to.

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Janeice R. Haynes, a print business veteran is the owner of Detroit Book City. A humble book store in Southfield that specializes in the black consumer market. Most, if not all of the pages in the building were written by black minds. The shelves are packed with books catered to, parenting, dating, finance, health and fiction. All genres are provided new or used.

Detroit Book City started as an online store in 2016. Janeice and her husband Reginald Haynes moved into their new location December 2nd of last year. She considers him a silent partner and a golden link in operations. Together they sell books, clothes, board games, there's enough trinkets to keep everyone in the family satisfied.

Social media has propelled the bookstore into its own slice of fame. The newborn business has made a name for itself appearing at Avenue of Fashion, the Brazilian Fest, and other festivals across the city. Detroit Book City hosted their own festivals last year. Blowing the roof off the building and setting expectations high for this year.

On February 25th. The Detroit Book City 2nd Annual African American Family Book Expo will be in motion. Over seventy black authors will be featured in the show, and have the chance to network and sell their work to a mass crowd.

Detroit Book City puts independent authors on a pedestal. Keeping their hard work propped up high for any and all customers to see. Janeice loves coming to work. Often referring to business as the Knowledge Room and missionary work. So if you are in need of a good book or wholesome conversation go pay Janeice a visit at 24361 Greenfield Road, Suite. 305 Southfield, Michigan 48075.

I stopped by to sign up for the Thursday Night Book Club and asked Janeice a few questions regarding books and business.

Telegram - What's your favorite book genre?

Janeice R. Haynes - Books of black higher conscience, literature that helps me meditate. I also love history! My favorite authors are Wayne Dyer, Russell Simmons, Iyanla Vanzant to name a few.

Telegram - Do you see yourself moving on to a bigger space in the upcoming years?

Janeice R. Haynes - Maybe, only to keep the cost down. I have all the space I need. Sometimes bookstores expand too quickly and hurt. We want to keep our cost down and our room filled. I'd rather fill up every inch of this place with a book than move somewhere that's going to have access space.

Telegram - Are you a writer?

Janeice R. Haynes - I'm a published author with informational guides. I've put out magazines, like Detroit Urban Teen, and written guides reaching out to black business. So I consider myself a publisher. But writer in the sense of novelist, no I am not a writer.

Telegram - How has your husband's support helped the book store blossom?

Janeice R. Haynes - He let's me lead and buys into my dreams. The most supportive man a woman could ask for. He helped me lay the carpet, put up the shelves, and paint the walls. He understands my vision and always has time for me.

Telegram - What principles do your business stand on?

Janeice R Haynes - Building, promoting, and preserving literacy in our communities. The bottom line is getting the black community excited about reading again! Hopefully some of the books will shape and heal their experience. Lastly supporting independent authors giving them a reliable place and space for their work to be platformed.

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Ecorse School District Guided by Enthusiastic Leader Dr. Josha Talison

By Renee Summers - Telegram Intern



Ecorse Supt. Dr. Josha Talison

Dr. Josha Talison believes every parent wants a quality education for their child. High quality education is what Talison intends to deliver to the families of Ecorse. Talison, a native Detroit and product of the Detroit Public School system, came to the helm of the Ecorse School District last June. With him he brings close to 22 years of educator experience. Talison has held positions as special education teacher, assistant principal, principal and superintendent in various school districts in southeast Michigan and Ohio.

Talison credits previous super-

intendent Thomas Parker with delivering financial stability to the school district. Talison says his job is to maintain fiscal soundness already in place and to put a serious focus on academics and learning opportunities. As a team leader in the district, Talison stresses providing a dynamic learning environment for students, thinking ahead to career readiness and ensuring that the educating staff is equipped to accomplish those goals. He emphasizes that a well-trained teaching staff is essential not only to a high quality educational experience, but to ensure students enjoy the

learning experience they receive. Talison says the job of educators is to make the classroom come alive because if teachers are lovers of learning, students will be as well.

Talison believes he is in his position today because he had quality teachers as a youngster. The youngest of five children, raised by a single mother, Talison recalls his teachers in school cared, encouraged him and told him he could make it in life. He sees his own experience as no different from the students he sees on a daily basis now. “I am unwavering in my commitment to make sure they have the best at all times,” he says. The key, he says, is to make sure kids love to come to school. But Talison and his staff cannot do it all themselves.

Talison hopes parents will be active partners with the school staff. One of his goals is to be approachable to parents and available to address their concerns. He encourages open dialogue between educators and families. “We need parents in the schools,” he says, and encourages parent involvement wherever possible. Talison says research shows

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Inkster on the move

From Page 1A



Members of the Inkster Police Department prepared to keep the city safe

Nolen and his team outlined some of the progress that had been made over the past year. To highlight the team work aspect, Nolen played videos of each department head delineating the progress and accomplishments of each department for the audience—with intermittent and humorous commentary.

Treasurer Darin Carrington stated that the city generated a general fund budget surplus of nearly \$700,000 for the fiscal year ending this past June 30. “As of today, all city funds meet or exceed city fund balance policy requirements,” Carrington beamed in his video. “We have hired additional staff to improve work orders and be more responsive to citizens regarding water bills. This continues to remain a priority.”

Human Resources Director Georgina Clark used her screen time to speak about the hiring of 21 new staff members through various departments, as well as adopting a new partner in First Choice Urgent Care.

Department of Public Services Director Jerome Bivins reported multiple accomplishments and plans, including the completion of a study for road and street repair submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation. Plans for the 2018 fiscal year include construction on Annapolis Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads, as well as repair of the Middlebelt CSO basin.

Fire Chief Chuck Hubbard spoke about the increase of staff from 13 to 30, as well as

the reinstatement of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). His plans for 2018 include a community EMS program and a scholarship for minorities interested in firefighting.

Police Chief William Riley’s report consisted of speaking of community partnerships and community policing efforts, and emphasized the role of community in keeping the city safe.

Director of Senior Services Denise Champagne spoke about the opportunities for senior citizens in the city, including a trip to Lansing for 50 Inkster seniors sponsored by state senator David Knezek. Her plans for 2018 include a computer class for seniors.

Parks and Recreation director Craig Lewis’s report entailed the amount of youth able to be hired as well as renovation of the Dozier complex, in addition to the accomplishments of the local youth football and basketball teams.

Nolen gave kudos to all department heads and council members.

“A mayor or any leader is only as good as his team. when I took over the day to day operations of the city, the first thing I told the department heads is, it is your job to make me look good,” he laughingly said. “Despite the fact that I have a face made for radio, my staff has certainly accomplished that.”

New businesses have opened franchises in Inkster over the past year including Oakwood Health Center, Captain Jay’s Fish and Chicken, Dollar General, and V.I.P. Wear, among others. Nolen thanked the eco-

nomic development team for this taking place, including city planner Adriana Jordan, director of special projects Shardae Fleming, and volunteer Charles Nolen.

“I was able to trick my cousin Charles into helping the city of Inkster with its economic development for free,” Mayor Nolen said with a laugh, which the audience shared in. “How good am I?”

Nolen also spoke about the various community events that take place in Inkster, including the resurrection of the Inkster Summerfest and Memorial Day Parade, and the return of the Winter Blast, and thanked all involved for helping to make those events a reality.

The issue of education was

also addressed in the city. Nolen stated that American International Academy had purchased the old Thomas Gist Academy-North building on Rosewood Street between Eastern and Harrison streets with the intent of turning it into a high school.

A group of residents also decided to bring Junior Achievement to the city. Students from Hicks, Daly, Thorne, and Inkster Preparatory elementary schools benefited from financial literacy education.

Despite the many accomplishments that have taken place, Mayor Nolen said that there is still much to do. Mayor Nolen, in particular, pointed out that areas of focus for the upcoming

year are eliminating blight in the city and further development of the city, including redeveloping the old municipal complex on South River Park Drive.

“We intend to keep the momentum going into the foreseeable future by improving the delivery of services to our residents, and by improving the look and value of our residential neighborhoods and commercial districts,” Mayor Nolen said. “I will work hard to create new partnerships, maintain and grow the existing ones, and with the help of our residents, business owners, and God willing, we will make positive history in the city of Inkster.”

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CORRECTION

City of Inkster, Wayne County

2018-2019 Proposed Final Statement and Public Hearing Notice

Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 6:00pm and March 5, 2018 and at 6:00pm to consider submission of the 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The hearing will be held at Inkster City Hall in Council Chambers located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, MI 48141. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and approve final projects and funding level for Inkster's allocation of the 2018-2019 Wayne County CDBG Program funding as follows:

Activity	Location	Funding
Administration	City-Wide	\$21,000
Code Enforcement	City-Wide	\$75,000
Demolition	City-Wide	\$48,006
Housing Rehabilitation	City-Wide	\$40,000
Public Services (Neighborhood Clean Up)	City-Wide	\$32,471
Total Estimated Request Allocation		\$216,477

The estimated amount is based on the 2017—2018 funding allocation less 10% for Demonstration Projects. The above activities meet HUD's National Objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income persons and aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. To submit comments, please contact Sharde Fleming at 313.563.9764.

Publication Date: February 8, 2018 and February 15, 2018

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CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.8;
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- * Approval of the Agenda.
- * Public Hearing on Vicious Dogs
- * Approval of the Consent Agenda
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- * Approval to waive a site plan fee for the Inkster Library.
- * Approval to extend the refuse and compost pickup for Republic Services.
- * Approval of the 2018 income guidelines.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

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Monday	March 12, 2018	9:00am -4:30pm
Tuesday	March 13, 2018	9:00am -4:30pm
Wednesday	March 14, 2018	1:00pm- 9:00pm

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No Defense, No Wins

By Butch Davis

The Detroit Pistons playing at home last Friday versus the Clippers in a loss by means of 50 points of the visiting team total was off the bench. Pistons bench only scores 20 points. However the main problem stated from Coach Stan Van Gundy is that the defense was bad. Now Sunday at Atlanta, Pistons play with a lead the first half only again lacking playing defense in the second half to lose their second games in a row.

The Pistons can't afford losses to the league's bottom feeders, and the loss drops them two games behind the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. It's the second straight loss since the Pistons' five-game winning streak that was fueled by the acquisition of Griffin from the Los Angeles Clippers on Jan. 29. Even when the Pistons were successful, Griffin hasn't shot well. In the five games before Sunday, Griffin shot 41.1 percent from the field. Griffin got free for a bucket to give the Pistons a 103-100 lead with 4:14 remaining. However after he made two free throws to make it 105-102, he committed a turnover that fueled a Hawks fast break layup to cut the Pistons' lead to one then the Hawks took the lead to finish off the Pistons.

This past Monday was a back to back game meaning playing a game the day before as now


they are on their home court to play against Anthony Davis and the Pelicans of New Orleans with again a repeat performance of playing no defense. However, Jameer Nelson pours in 12 points off bench Monday (5-12 FG, 1-6 3Pt, 1-1 FT), five assists, one rebound and one steal across 20 minutes in Monday's 118-103 loss to the Pelicans. Indeed Nelson certainly wasn't shy in his second game with his new team, elevating up 12 shots in just 20 minutes off the bench. With Reggie Jackson (ankle) out for another few weeks and Ish Smith struggling to lead an offense for the Pistons, Nelson is putting himself for more minutes due to a solid first two games with the team. He has 10 assists in two games for the Pistons, and Monday night he showed what he could bring to the table from a scoring standpoint although his three point shooting needs some work, nevertheless, just like the rest of his Pistons team-mates need to work on their defense.

Here is the teams leaders in category, Point Per Game, Blake Griffin, 22.4, Rebound Per Game, Andre Drummond, 15.6, Assist Per Game, Blake Griffin, 5.5, FG% Andre Drummond, 54, FT% Blake Griffin, PF, 79.5, 3Point %, Reggie Bullock, 45.8, BLOCKS, Andre Drummond, 82, STEALS, Andre Drummond, 87, Minutes Per Game. Blake Griffin, 34.4, and no defense!

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Local High School Basketball

By Butch Davis

In many leagues for the Girls playoff are being played, and the Boys are completing their regular season play within a couple of weeks so get out and support games played in your neck of the woods this week. Here are the games played in the Telegram News reading area near you.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/15
 7:00 PM, Universal Academy at Allen Park Cabrini

7:00 PM, Taylor Preparatory at Canton Preparatory

7:00 PM, Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn

6:30 PM, Ann Arbor Central Academy at Dearborn Riverside Academy-West

6:30 PM, Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Westland Universal Learning Academy

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/16
 5:30 PM, Lutheran Westland at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Dearborn Edsel Ford

7:00 PM, Redford Union at Dearborn Heights Robichaud

7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Redford Thurston

6:00 PM, River Rouge at Southfield Christian

7:00 PM, Lincoln Park at Southgate Anderson

7:00 PM, Trenton at Taylor Tru-

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7:00 PM, Allen Park at Wyandotte Roosevelt

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/20
 7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Dearborn Heights Crestwood

7:00 PM, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy

7:00 PM, Garden City at Romulus Summit Academy North

7:00 PM, Taylor Truman at Taylor Kennedy

7:00 PM, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 2/15
 5:30 PM, Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn

4:30 PM, Detroit West Side Academy at Dearborn Advanced Tech

7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Dearborn Edsel Ford

7:00 PM, Detroit Edison Public School Academy at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy

5:00 PM, Ann Arbor Central Academy at Dearborn Riverside Academy-West

6:00 PM, Melvindale at Detroit Jalen Rose

7:00 PM, Riverview at Flat Rock

5:30 PM, Romulus Summit Academy North at Garden City

5:30 PM, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett at Lutheran Westland

5:00 PM, Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Westland Universal Learning Academy

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 2/16
 8:30 PM, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist

7:00 PM, Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn Heights Annapolis

7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Dearborn Heights Crestwood

7:00 PM, Belleville at Romulus

7:00 PM, Allen Park at Taylor Kennedy

7:00 PM, Taylor Truman at Wyandotte Roosevelt

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 2/19
 6:30 PM, Detroit Cristo Rey at Allen Park Cabrini

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7:00 PM, Lincoln Park at Allen Park

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6:00 PM, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest

7:00 PM, Southgate Anderson at Taylor Truman

7:00 PM, Wyandotte Roosevelt at Trenton

HISTORY MAKERS OF OUR TIME

Mark Matthews - Pioneering Change Through Leadership

By Renee Summers



Mark Matthews
Buffalo Soldier

Mark Matthews was born in Greenville, Alabama in 1894. According to "Black History Now," Matthews' family moved to Mansfield, Ohio when he was a child. It was here he grew up around horses and worked in horse stables as a youth. Matthews also held a newspaper route, a job which he performed on horseback. His ability at riding and managing horses led him to employment at a racetrack in Lexington, Kentucky when he was around 15 years old. While at Lexington, he met a group of African American soldiers serving in the U.S. Army's 10th Cavalry Unit, also known as the Buffalo Soldiers, part of six segregated cavalry regiments contained within the U.S. Army. The Buffalo Soldiers, comprised entirely of Black enlisted men, were formed during peacetime to serve as regular Army regiments.

Eager to join up with the Buffalo Soldiers, Matthews used forged documents which declared he was 17 years old, the minimum enlistment age. Following basic training, he served at Fort Huachuca in what was then Arizona territory. It was here he displayed his marksmanship skill and was later assigned to a Mexican campaign whose goal was to capture revolutionary leader Pancho Villa. However, when World War I broke out, the U.S. Cavalry remained posted at home.

Around 1929, Matthews married his wife, Genevieve. The couple had five children. In 1931, the Matthews family moved to Virginia. Matthews had been transferred to Fort

Myer, considered a showcase for the Army cavalry. His duties included maintenance of the presidential stable of horses, playing polo, and appearing in mounted horse shows. He also was charged with escorting King George VI and the future Queen Elizabeth of England during their visit with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Also a member of the Buffalo Soldiers bugle and drum corps, Matthews played at Arlington National Cemetery for burial ceremonies.

During World War II, Matthews was involved. He served in the South Pacific at the Battle of Saipan. He earned the rank of 1st Sergeant during that tour of duty and retired from the Army following the end of the war.

In the years that followed, Matthews worked as a security guard, attaining the title of chief of the guards at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He retired completely in 1970 at the age of 76.

Genevieve Matthews preceded her husband in death in 1986. Matthews remained in good health and served as a link to the nation's history. He met with President Bill Clinton at the White House in 1994. In 1997, he joined a ceremony commemorating the Buffalo Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, at the age of 103. For his 108th birthday, Matthews met with then Secretary of State, Colin Powell. Glaucoma rendered Matthews partially blind by age 109 and completely blind at age 111.

Mark Matthews passed away September 6, 2005. Prior to his death, he was the oldest living former Buffalo Soldier. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



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A History of America's First Black Auto Company
The Patterson-Greenfield Automobile

By: Steven Malik Shelton



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The automobile industry has an intriguing history and wide impact around the world. From its fascinating beginnings in France and Germany, with the first gasoline-powered internal combustion engines; to Detroit's storied history and the innovative production and design capabilities of automotive behemoths General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. Yet there are few industries that Blacks have not contributed to, and the design and production of the automobile is no exception.

On the eve of the Civil War, an enslaved blacksmith named Charles (Rich) Patterson, escaped from a West Virginia plantation, traversed the Ohio River and settled in the city of Greenfield, Ohio. He was hired as a skilled tradesman at Dines and Simpson Carriage and Coach Factory where he was known for his integrity and fine work and he soon rose to foreman.

In 1873, Patterson went into business with J.P. Lowe. After ten years, Lowe died, and Patterson became the sole proprietor and changed the name of the business to the C. R. Pat-

erson Co. He specialized in horse-drawn wagons and carriages and produced over 27 designs and varieties. Among them were buggies, phaetons, backboards, rockaways, and the surrey, which was the most popular of them all.

Patterson married, and he and his wife Josephine were the parents of four children, Kathrine, Dollie, Frederick, and Samuel.

Frederick developed a strong interest in his father's business and would be pivotal in the company's progression into manufacturing and production of automobiles.

By 1883, Patterson's sons Frederick and Samuel joined him in the business and the name was changed to C.R. Patterson & Son Carriage Company.

After Frederick Patterson graduated from Ohio State University (he was the first Black to do so) he taught school for several years in Kentucky before returning home to work again in his family's business. In the early 1900's Frederick was riding through the streets of Ohio and noticed the

strange looking horseless carriages that were becoming more popular as the years passed

"In 1902 there was only one car to every 65,000 people," he observed. "And by 1909 there was one for every 850. I believe it is time to build a Patterson horseless carriage."

Thus, began the idea that would culminate with the Patterson Automobile Company, the only African American car manufacturing company in America.

The first, a two-door coupe, was introduced in 1915, and soon after the company produced a large four-door touring model. They would also manufacture buses (Patterson buses were the first used by the city of Cincinnati) trucks, hearses, moving vans; and the company was among the first to produce two-wheeled trailers.

Reportedly, Patterson automobiles were superior in quality and comfort to the vehicles of many competitors, including the Ford Model T. And they were equipped with special features such as full floating rear axles, demountable rims, left-handed drive, center control, electric starting and lighting systems, one man tops and ventilating windshields. They were also fitted with powerful continental engines and could top speeds at 50 miles an hour. Howbeit in the end, the Patterson automobile could not compete with the mega-financed and mass-produced cars of Detroit's automotive giants. And the final blow was the economic crisis of 1930's depression which caused the company to fold and the Patterson (one of the finest automobiles of its time) to fade from the landscape.

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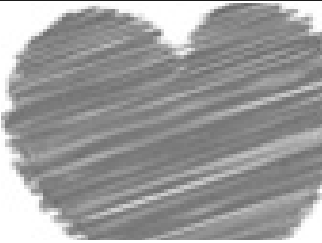


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Dear Tasha,

About 3 years ago, I got engaged to my boyfriend of about 5 years. And 2 years ago, we got married. Shortly after we got married we moved to Nevada and have been enjoying our life together as a married couple. However, prior to us getting engaged we did a lot of traveling back and forth to Nevada, and many other places, including out of the country. Might I mention, Nevada is where my husband's permanent home was, prior to our marriage, as he traveled to and from during our courtship. So, moving to Nevada was always the plan. Once we moved and got settled, I figured my very best friend of 20 years would be eager to spend time with me, by visiting and helping me decorate my home and share special conversations over the phone as we had done for so many years. Every time I call her, she very dry and hum-drum, gets off the phone stating she's going to call back and doesn't. I text her from time to time and it literally takes a week or so for her to respond. I try to engage her by asking questions about things that are going on in her life and she's very vague. It's been over 2 months and I haven't heard anything from her. I just happen to be viewing my social media page and ran across and old friend that was vacationing in Las Vegas and scrolling through the photos and much to my surprise, there was my BFF! Lounging poolside and sipping a fruity drink. She was only miles away; no call, no text. I want to confront her, but wondering if the friendship has ended.

Signed,

Feeling Robbed

Dear Feeling Robbed,

I believe your last sentence may have, and I say again, may have some validity. Sometimes, as we grow older, our paths take a different turn. You have a new life, with your husband and have been enjoying the excitement of a blissful new marriage. Your BFF, or should I say; your BFF of years past has accepted the relationship for what it is. She has moved on and is enjoying her life as well. Don't feel robbed, be happy for her. Maybe you have been so caught up in your happiness, that you've forgot to acknowledge hers. Share with her the photos you seen on social media, and how happy you are that she has found a second-best friend; someone to spend time with, while you are miles away. Send her a card and write a little note about how much you miss the friendship and remind her of a special time the two of you shared. Including a photo of you two, can also be a positive gesture. Sometimes, we grow apart, but that doesn't mean that the friendship can't take a new direction. I believe, in beginning again. 20 years is a long time, and I'm sure she thinks about you more than you know. This is just a kink in the friendship and all kinks can be ironed out. I'm hopeful that you and your BFF will find a road that leads back to the past.

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Black Panther' Review:

The Women Of Wakanda Stole The Movie

Written By Clay Cane



Black Panther is about to hit theaters on February 16 and the anticipation is justifiably high. The film, which stars Chadwick Boseman as Black Panther, has already broken pre-ticket sales records. Social media is obsessed with the Marvel film, despite some questionable marketing moves from Disney, like a white version of Black Panther. Co-written and directed by Ryan Coogler, the superhero flick is packed with serious Black star power: Angela Bassett, Michael B. Jordan, Danai Gurira, Lupita Nyong'o, Daniel Kaluuya, Sterling K. Brown and many more.

The movie follows the storyline of Captain America: Civil War — after T'Challa's father is killed in an attack. He returns home to Wakanda to be crowned king, but his crown is challenged, which results in a civil war. It's a classic tale of good versus evil, but told through a superhero lens we have never seen before — unapologetic Blackness.

Ryan Coogler delivered one of the best superhero films I have seen in decades. Black Panther is innovative, intelligent and as empowering as a movie could be. Yes, it's just a movie, but as I watched these Black and brown powerhouses deliver on screen, I could only imagine how overjoyed I would've felt if I were a ten-year-old watching Black Panther. When I was younger, all we had was Billy Dee Williams in Star Wars and a handful of brown extras in the Batman franchise. Black and brown children need a movie like Black Panther to boost their imagination and help them to dream the impossible.

The Marvel film is also packed with social commentary, which will appeal to an older audience. There is talk of guns, police brutality and the economic forces that are destroying Black and brown communities across the globe. Moreover, Coogler clearly wanted to give women a strong narrative. While Boseman and

Jordan are excellent, the women of Wakanda effortlessly stole the film. Lupita Nyong'o as Nakia was an independent boss, never the sniffling damsel-in-distress. Danai Gurira as Okoye (you know her best as Michonne from The Walking Dead) was the greatest warrior in Wakanda and she stopped at nothing to defend her home — not even her man, played by Get Out's Daniel Kaluuya, could stop her. In one epic fighting scene, she used her wig, which she hated, as a weapon, making the audience cheer (side note: Okoye was such a crowd favorite, she needs her own spin-off). Letitia Wright plays Black Panther's teenage sister Shuri, a scientist who is crucial in saving Wakanda and the world.

Then there is the supporting cast of warrior women who helped to light up every frame. Black Panther is as powerful for Black women as Wonder Woman was for white women. Not to say no Black women

were moved by Wonder Woman, but there was a specificity in Black Panther that was palatable in every frame. At times, Black Panther falls into the superhero trappings of CGI fighting that sometimes looks like a cartoon, but it's the heart of the film that redeems any shortcomings. At its core, Black Panther is a story of family and unity, especially in the relationship of Black Panther's father and the villain's father. For boys and men, the films tugs at the heartstrings of fatherhood and boyhood, and searching for an identity even when you feel abandoned. What Get Out did for horror in 2017, is what Black Panther will do for superhero films in 2018. Outside of the endless memes that are destined to come out of the movie, Black Panther will be a cinematic shift in our culture. From the box office to unavoidable think pieces, this is a film that will have a shelf life of a lifetime.



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From Page 9A



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that schools with high parental involvement experience fewer disciplinary issues and higher academic achievement.

As for the students, Talison hopes they will come to school ready to learn and eager to discover something new. In Ecorse, he plans to provide a stable environment for students throughout the school day so they can focus on learning. Talison's goal is for students to be learned in all aspects of education, to include reading, math and science. But Talison is also looking ahead to prepare students to handle life beyond the schoolyard, as well.

Already in place is a highly successful program which trains students in the field of radio and television broadcasting. In the coming year, Talison says the district will be implementing two additional career training programs for

students, cosmetology and web design. In addition to career training, the district will be partnering with Wayne County Community College District's Downriver Campus in Taylor to provide students the option of attending an additional year of high school while simultaneously earning an associate degree. Talison understands that not everyone wants to attend college. With the addition of these curriculums, Talison says

students will have options as they consider their futures.

Talison says the community plays a role in the education equation too. He says city leaders and the school district have are seeking ways to work together to benefit the students. Talison stresses that both groups must work together as one unit if the city and its resident are to benefit. "I'm excited about the possibilities of the school district," he

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taking the proper safety precautions this winter, job providers can protect workers from nasty slips and falls, and illnesses that will cost them and their employees in the future." Lower workers' comp costs save Michigan employers on overhead expenses and give them additional resources to grow their business, hire new workers and increase their employees' salaries. Tips for Winter Workplace Safety Keep all walkways cleared of ice and snow; use de-icing materials. Clearly mark and light all walkways and passageways. Take slow, small steps to walk safely on slippery surfaces. Avoid carrying heavy loads that may offset your balance. Clearly mark or barricade hazardous areas.

Take extra precaution when entering and exiting vehicles.

Dress properly, including three layers of loose-fitting clothing for better insulation; a hat or hood; liner under a hard hat; knit face mask; insulated gloves; and insulated, water-proof boots.

Take frequent short breaks in warm dry shelters to allow yourself to warm up.

Try to schedule work for the warmest part of the day.

Avoid exhaustion or fatigue; energy is needed to keep muscles warm.

Use the buddy system; work in pairs so that one worker can recognize danger signs.

Stay hydrated by drinking warm liquids; avoid caffeine.

Eat warm, high-calorie foods. Workers with prolonged exposure to freezing or cold temperatures may be at risk of cold stress which occurs by driving down the skin temperature and eventually the internal body's core temperature. This may lead to serious health problems, including frostbite and hypothermia; know the symptoms and the first aid steps to address these conditions.

Workers' risk factors that can contribute to cold stress are wetness/dampness, inadequate dressing for cold weather, and exhaustion. Workers with pre-existing health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes or cardiovascular disease; are in poor physical condition; or are taking certain medications, can also be at higher risk for cold stress.

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