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Driver Responsibility Fees eliminated 'Reinstate your License'

15 Little Known Facts About Malcolm X's Life, From Birth To Death

Written By Nigel Roberts



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson made the following statement regarding the announced deal to eliminate Driver Responsibility Fees:

"This announced deal to ad-

dress and fully eliminate Driver Responsibility Fees is great

news for Michigan motorists.

The automatic fees collected by the Department of Treasury were a terrible mistake during the dark days of Michigan's lost decade. They're a doublepenalty that hit hard-working

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Malcolm X continues to live in our collective memories as an icon in the pantheon of fearless Black leaders.

'People are angry': Pain turns political in Parkland



Gunmen killed Malcolm X on February 21, 1965 in Harlem, silencing an important voice in the civil rights movement. But he continues to live in our collective memory as an icon in the pantheon of fearless Black leaders.

Here are 15 facts about the man who championed Black human rights in the United States:

targeted his father

Malcolm X's father, the Rev. Earl Little, was a supporter of the pan-African leader Marcus Garvey, which caught the attention of the Ku Klux Klan and other White supremacist groups. Little, a Baptist minister, was under constant threat.

2. Children in his family separated At age 6, Malcolm X's father

stances, likely at the hands of White supremacist. After his mother suffered a nervous breakdown, welfare workers separated Malcolm X and his siblings.

3. White teacher discouraged his ambitions

Although Malcolm X was thriving in school, his eighth-grade teacher discouraged him from

On a day when Parkland began burying its young dead, a dozen people stood on a street corner holding up "More Gun Control" signs as passing drivers honked and

shouted in support. "Look what we started," said Carlos Rodriguez, 50, who was on his way to work when he stopped to join the protest on Fri-

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White supremacist groups died under mysterious circum-

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Black History Month is Still Needed

by: Steven Malik Shelton - Telegram Reporter



Every year during the month of February, we make a special effort to celebrate the achievements of Black Americans.

The idea to set aside time specifically for this purpose was conceived by Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Woodson recognized that America's legacy of racism and its system of miseducation and mental genocide toward the descendants of its former slaves required a period of intensive study and recognition of the contributions and accomplishments that Black people made in the development of America and the world.

It should, of course, be obvious to all reasonable people that Black American history is an integral and inseparable part of American history and the brilliant contributions, innovations and life-enhancing achievements of Black Americans has resounded far beyond their initial point of impact. And Woodson's vision that special attention be devoted to Black history during a week (as was initially the case) or month (as it eventually became) was a response to the sad state of American institutions of learning as they related to Black people.

There is a consensus among some that the decades old tradition of Black History Month has outlived its usefulness, and that contemporary America has (somehow) moved beyond the forces of ignorance and

bigotry that sparked its initial need. This reasoning is, at best, wishful thinking.

We are all Americans, the argument goes, and as such there should be no need for Black American history or Chinese American history or Mexican American history or White American history-just American history. On the surface this sounds ideal, and it would be if the initial causes and conditions for the promotion of Black History Month were no more. Yet, sadly, this is not the case. For the contributions of Black Americans are still glossed over, ignored, and overlooked. And its glorious legacy still twisted and minimized in America's public schools as well in her private institutions of higher learning.

In theory it would be nice to integrate the teachings of Black history with mainstream curriculums in schools across America. Yet the reality is that integration in any form, as it relates to Black Americans, has always failed miserably.

Moreover, to suggest that there is no further need for Black history studies is like saying that since we are all enlightened Americans and have moved beyond racial equity programs

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Driver Responsibility **Fees**

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Michigan families and unlike the underlying traffic ticket, judges couldn't review or offer alternate ways of taking care of the added fee.

"The fact that we're eliminating these fees shows how much Michigan has come back over the past seven years. I'm thankful that the Legislature and the governor are moving swiftly to close this painful chapter in our history. The fees had nothing to do with traffic safety, never should have been adopted and are now finally on the way out."

As a state representative in 2003, Johnson voted against Driver Responsibility Fees. As secretary of state, she has pushed for repealing the Driver Responsibility Fee law, successfully advocating that lawmakers eliminate the most common fees in 2011, create a community service option for certain fees in 2015 and begin phasing out all fees.

Driver Responsibility Fees were an additional fee automatically charged for various traffic violations, including nonmoving violations, on top of regular traffic citation fines and court costs. Unlike traditional court fines and fees in which a judge can take into consideration a driver's ability to pay and order alternatives, such as payment plans or community service in lieu of payment, the automatically assessed Driver Responsibility Fees cannot be waived or reduced by a judge.



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Malcolm X

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Malcolm X founded the newspaper "Muhammad Speaks"

pursuing his interest in becoming a lawyer. The teacher suggested that carpentry was a more realistic goal for a young Black man. That prompted Malcolm X to quit school and become a hustler.

4. Detroit Red

Friends nicknamed Malcolm X "Detroit Red" because of the color of hair. As a hustler in Boston and Harlem, he got involved in drug dealing, gambling and pimping.

5. FBI surveillance

During one of his many prison stints, Malcolm X penned a letter to President Harry Truman declaring himself a communist who opposed the Korean War. This caught the attention of the FBI, which began surveillance of Malcolm X that continued for the rest of his life.

6. Satan

Fellow prisoners nicknamed Malcolm X "Satan" because of his hostility toward religion.

7. Memorized the dictionary

His awakening came while serving a prison sentence. Malcolm X worked feverishly to improve his reading and writing skills. To that end, he tied to memorizing the dictionary and improve his penmanship by copying entire pages.

8. Nation of Islam

Part of his awakening was spiritual. Upon leaving prison in 1952, Malcolm X moved to his brother's house near Detroit,

10. Minister Malcolm

He rose rapidly in the Nation of Islam and was named minister of the prestigious Temple 7 in Harlem, where he spent a decade as head of the mosque.

11. Newspaper publisher

Malcolm X founded the newspaper, Muhammad Speaks, which he printed in the basement of his home. He's credited with starting the tradition of requiring male members of the Nation to sell newspapers on street corners.

12. Elite university engagements

Recognized as an engaging speaker, elite universities, like Harvard and Oxford, invited Malcolm X to speak and debate.

13. El-Jajj Malik El-Shabazz

Malcolm X changed his name a second time. After splitting from the Nation and converting to traditional Islam, he took the name El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz.

14. Home fire bombed

After breaking away from the Nation, Malcolm X announced that members who remained loyal to Elijah Muhammad, the founder and leader of the Nation, were plotting to kill him. One week before he was killed, someone threw Molotov cocktails into his Queens, New York home.

15 Assassination

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where he attended the local Nation of Islam mosque.

9. Slave name

To make a clean break with White, European culture, Malcolm X dropped his last name (Little), which he said was his "slave name" and replaced it with the letter "X."

The growing hostility between the Nation and Malcolm X ended with gunmen fatally shooting him at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem while he was delivering a lecture.

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2/07/2018

At 1607hrs, officers went to a home in the Block of Abbott Street to investigate a report of children outside without proper clothing. A caller states that the kids mother will not let them back into the house. The mother was out on the roof and mentioned that her kids had been out there for over fifteen minutes. So when officers arrived they observed a 12 year old boy and 12 year old girl standing on the sidewalk in short sleeve shirt, blue jeans and wearing a pair of tennis shoes. The sister was sitting on the porch wearing a hood sweatshirt, pants and tennis shoes. Her sock was covered in snow. It was 25 degrees outside and ten mile per hour wind. The officer asked them why were they outside and they stated their mother wouldn't let them back into the house. The officer knocked on the door and the mother answered, and when questioned about them being outside, the mother stated she was upset with the daughter because she had not cleaned her room. The mother states when she went to take the garbage outside both of them ran out of the house. When she told them to come back in they refused. The officer advised the kids to come back inside and when they entered the officer noticed a known sex offender sitting on the couch. The officer asked to come in and check the house out and upon doing so found the house clean and food was in the kitchen. Al the juveniles were clean and bathed. The mother was issued a citation for Child Endangerment and notified CPS.

02/07/2018

At 1455HRS, officers were dispatched to a home in the second Block of Elm on a Disturbance. When officers arrived they observed a 64 year old male standing in the front of the residence and stated his 44 year old girlfriend broke property inside the residence. She stated she defended herself when he grabbed her and wouldn't release her inside the residence. He states incident began when she came over to visit at his residence and they began to argue. They have been arguing since February 2, 2018. He states they have been dating for the last 11 years and when he arrived home he caught her talking on her cell phone and asked her who she was talking to and she told none of his business. So he told her to pack up her stuff and get out of his house. She states she approached him and asked him if he was serious and he told her once again to pack up her clothes and leave the house. He states he waited an few minutes then heard the sound of glass breaking in the living room. He looked and observed the glass broken on the China Cabinet and observed her holding a hammer. She told him he was going to need a television and she broke the television with the hammer. He told her he was calling police and grabbed her in a hugging position to keep her from leaving. They began to wrestle on the ground and the front glass broke. She told the officer she was mad and that's why she broke the china cabinet and television. She was placed under arrest for Damage to Property and transported to the police station where she was booked, allowed to make a call, then housed.

and set-asides, there is also no need for any programs or resources which are designed to level the playing field of centuries of preferential treatment for Whites.

Black History

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It would be even better to teach a more comprehensive and intensive form of Black history in our schools, not just for Blacks, but for Whites and other cultural and ethnic groups in America so they can learn about this facet of American and world history that has been warped and hidden for so long, and which continues to be misrepresented and underrepresented.

Does it make Jewish holocaust museums any less needed or vital because they do not include information about the holocausts of

American Blacks, South Africans, Armenians, Native Americans or Rwandans? And are we to petition those that have established Mexican Towns, and China Towns and Little Koreas, Tokyo Towns and Arab Towns across America to include a more multinational and multicultural agenda within these enclaves? No, because these areas were established first and foremost for the purpose and benefit of each specific group, although all are free to visit them.

Until and unless we experience a city, a community, or a system in America that truly exemplifies multiculturalism with appreciation and recognition of all races and creeds; with status, rewards and benefits flowing to each according to merit and merit alone, there will continue to be a need to set aside time to teach Black history in this country.

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Replacing food stamps with food boxes? Bad idea

By Jim Abeare



Before everyone out there thinks just because I support President Trump, automatically thinks I would support everything, I have a surprise for you. Like every president, not everything Trump does is gold. Case in point, the administration's idea to replace food stamps with food boxes. Logistics itself would be a nightmare.

How does the administration plan on delivering boxes to the million plus households that receive food stamps? The cost would be prohibitive. How would they deliver? UPS?

What would be in the boxes? Some powdered milk and canned fruit?

I am sorry, the government does not know what the individual household needs. Diet restrictions alone make this undoable. There are diabetics, cancer patients, people who have had kidney transplants.

Each with their own diet restrictions. Not to mention religious restrictions.

Is the government going to send a muslim family a can of Spam? No.

The system works fine, for the most part. Yes, there is some fraud. Some people do sell food stamps for drugs.

But that is a minority. Some supporters of this idea say the change will make people go to work if they want food. Let's take a look at that. There people with physical limitations that can't work.

Seniors who have already worked, who have had their pensions cancelled. Are you going to make an eighty year old start a 40-hour shift?

There are also single parents working two full time jobs. How are they going to fit in a third shift? Food stamps help these people survive.

Yes, there is the occasional, lazy beachcomber that uses their food stamps for steak and lobster, but most are busy buying milk, bread, eggs and cereal for their kids.

Some even say that food stamps should restrict what you can purchase.

I have long been an advocate the food stamps should be expanded to include personal health items, such as tooth paste and soap.

I don't really want more tax dollars going the government to pay for dentists when two dollars for tooth paste will do the trick.

No President Trump, don't touch the food stamps. They seem efficient and cost effective. The money goes right on to the subscribers' cards automatically. You don't have to wait for delivery. I understand it only costs tax payers \$30-\$40. I think that is money well spent. There is tax money that helps no one that goes God knows where.

I know that this will make my conservative friends unhappy, but there it is. Leave the food stamps alone. If you want to talk about privatizing them to save money, let's have that discussion.





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I know right. It is a Marvel Comic movie. Fake. But it has

a good guy, some bad guys and a lot of women making it happen. You should go see it.

OK. I am going to go see it this weekend.

I am going to see it again. It has some messages that relate to Black people of today and how we got to where we are. I want to make sure I understand them. Let's go together.

OK. Sounds like a good idea. I will call you later once I check the times

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Can you say, "I was wrong"?



Romans 5:6-11 There are times when we are faced with the reality for being wrong. We can be wrong and lie about it. We can be wrong and try to hide it. We can be wrong and admit it.

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"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, since we have been reconciled, will we be saved by his life?" Oh Lord, I am sorry for the wrong I have done over and over. This is the reality Paul faced each day.

The truth is, you and I face this same reality. Not only did God love us when we did not love Him, but we were His enemy. We were helpless in our wrong. We can not hate what God loves and love God. Because OF the love of God we are truly sorry for how wrong we once were AND sorry for the wrong we sometimes are. We thank GOD for mercy and grace!

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Joshua 24:15 (NIV)



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Cliff Russell a Hero in Journalism, Dead at 61

By Butch Davis



Cliff Russell

A former reporter and anchor for CBS station WWJ-TV and radio in the mid-'80s until 1994, when he became Detroit's first African-American press secretary to the mayor appointed to the position by former Mayor Dennis Archer. In December 2002, Russell was named senior director of communications for the Detroit Tigers, the first African-American to hold the position in Major League Baseball history.

Many fans were tuning in to his regular radio show on superstation 910 this past Monday morning only to hear that Cliff Russell had a medical emergency in Chicago Sunday night and died at 61 years old. Cliff was in Chicago this past Sunday preparing to call a game as the voice of the University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball

ishingly big life, serving most recently Russell has also worked as a full-time lecturer at Wayne State University and a political analyst on CBS 62 Sunday morning. In his college days, he played basketball at University Texas El Paso before transferring to Wayne State University and is in the WSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Russell had a wife, three sons, three daughters, two stepsons and seven grandchildren.

I still remember sharing the broadcasting booth with Eric Pate (former teacher at River Rouge High) and Cliff during a road trip at Grand Valley State doing a football game in the year 2000 as I was writing sports stories for Wayne State University, South End Newspaper. Yep a bumblebee continues to fly over the head of Eric during the game in the press box throughout the radio broadcast of that game. However Eric was holding your own while Cliff who always had a sense of humor and I were laughing trying too maintaining our composure. Cliff had done so much for us in the business of journalism and broadcasting. I will miss him so...

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MORE THAN JUST BOOKS Dearborn's Henry Ford Centennial Library Has Something for Everyone

By Renee Summers



The Telegram is continuing its series on local public libraries and what they have to offer the community. This week, the focus is on Dearborn.

The city of Dearborn has always believed in the value of a library. In 1919, the Dearborn Garden Club attempted to establish a public library in the then Township of Dearborn. It was decided that a room in the Village Hall would serve as a reading room and library. That small reading room remained the only library to serve Dearborn until 1924 when the city's first library building was dedicated, the land for the new building having been donated by Mrs. Henry Ford. That first main library has since been renamed the Bryant Branch Library, and together with the Esper Branch Library and the Henry Ford Centennial Library, known as the Central Library, the city of Dearborn is wellserved.

The Henry Ford Centennial Library on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn was several years in the making. It was in 1963 that the idea was first proposed to erect a new library as a memorial to the automaker on the occasion of the centennial of his birth. The library was eventually completed and dedicated in 1969. The building itself is a magnificent structure and it is easy to feel intimidated while pulling into the parking lot. What is impressive about the building is that the library and its services are located on the second floor. The first floor is occupied by offices, a computer lab. which is available for public use, and an auditorium. The library utilizes the auditorium for its Blockbusters free film series, held each Monday at 7 p.m. On March 5, the library will feature the suspense thriller, "The Circle," (2017) starring Emma Watson. The free film series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library-Dearborn (FOLD).

The library features all manner of technological conveniences, including downloadable materials and streaming services, audio books and e-books. Tech Time is held on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. and offers assistance to patrons with using any device, including laptops and smart phones. Also offered are educational courses through Gale Courses, which feature enrichment courses and GED preparation.

Also offered at the Central Library are English as Second Language (ESL) classes, which are supplemented by Conversation Circles, which allow students to practice their English use in a comfortable, conversational setting. Adult Services Supervisor Patty Podzikowski says the library has been hosting Conversation Circles for three years so far and the program has been very successful and popular.

The library recently received a federal grant which enables it to provide resources to special needs patrons. The resources include story times, crafts, tours and manipulative toys and activities which help to promote dexterity, cognitive and social skills. "The library is for everybody," Podzikowski says. "We try our best to be an open and welcoming place for all."

The library also partners with Beaumont Hospital to provide classes and workshops for seniors. The topics include living with diabetes and healthy cooking. Regular library programs for adults, as well as teens are also available and include reading programs and lectures on a variety of topics. Children's programs for all ages are included in the mix as well. On March 7, the library will host an evening with writer and speaker Bethany Meloche, author of "How Should a Body Be?" The author will speak, meet with guests and sign books, which will be available for purchase. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and is ideal for adults and teens. "We have all kinds of things for all ages, all different interests," Podzikowski says.

The Henry Ford Centennial Library is located at 16301 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. For information on these and other programs and services, contact the library at 313-943-2817 or at www.dearbornlibrary.org.



Graduate Student Hawya Yassine studies at the library









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Tenants of Apartment Complex Complain of Conditions

By: Steven Malik Shelton



Pic of protestors and media outside Woodford Apts.

After numerous ongoing accusations and horror stories, minister Malik Shabazz organized a protest rally at the Woodford Apartments in Highland Park. About 50 people showed up, many of them tenants or former tenants. The Woodford apartment complex is an old structure built in the 1920's and containing 82 units, almost all of them inhabited by Black men, women and children. And from the stories they tell, one would think they lived closer to Jones Town than to Motown.

Tenants tell of incidents of frigid temperatures in their apartments, and when they complain and leave to go to the store, they can't get back in their unit because management has changed the locks on the doors. Roaches, rodents and bed bugs are as normal and part and parcel of the apartments as walls and windows. And regardless of the Arctic like conditions that have gripped the area in past weeks, management has taken it upon itself to provide heat for the residents only when it feels like it. Even water (which they are obligated to provide free of charge along with heat) is known to run only when man

Grant. The company that owns the property is far more difficult to identify. The only info that's been obtained is it's based somewhere in California.

Earlier in the day, the manager slammed the door in reporter Charley Langton's face when he tried to get in to ask some questions. Shabazz pounded on the same office door moments later with Langton and a group of protestors and tenants behind him. "Come on out and talk to us," Shabazz demanded. "Nobody's going to jump on you." Despite his assurance, the now phantom management staff remained bolted behind closed doors.

"This building and the tenants deserve a professional management company," reasoned Shabazz. "Many of the tenants here are afraid to complain about the horrid conditions, because if you complain you get put out. This building has the reputation that if you complain about no heat, or no hot water, or the cat has urinated on the wall; then when you go to the supermarket to grocery shop, or to pick the kids up from school; when you get home, they may have changed your lock. And if they didn't change your lock they've placed an eviction notice on your door. They are operating like this in the 21st century to human beings that are overwhelmingly Black!"

Landlord/management actions such as lock-outs, charging tenants for extermination services, evictions without the authority of the courts, failure to provide required heating and water, and charging tenants for repairs to the building that owners are responsible for, are all blatantly and grossly illegal according to Michigan state law.

There are reportedly numerous fire violations in the building; violations that could result in mass loss of life. And although records indicate that the building was cited and fined several times, the irresponsible and callous attitude of landlord/management has left the dangerous conditions to fester unabated.

"We want the residents to have justice for this situation," said Cassandra Emerson, a community activist and former tenant. "The property management company out of California has had this building since 2016, and they have cut off the heat on tenants for two years, prompting them to use their stoves to stay

warm. But they don't want you to use the stoves because they can get fined by the fire Marshall for safety hazards. But at the same time, people don't want to freeze. Also, as of March 1st, he's increasing the rent and that's illegal."

According to current resident, Janice Walker, not only are the stoves a potential fire hazard, but they are known to leak deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

"Look at the condition of this building. The steps leading to the first floor have not been mopped since December. Grant doesn't care. His last words to us were, 'If you don't like it, you can move.'

Minister Shabazz along with many others want answers to how owners and management of the Woodford apartment complex have been able to get away with treating the tenants worse than animals. A public rally and meeting with city officials is planned at the Highland Park city council building. For more information contact Minister Malik Shabazz at (313) 646-3375. You can also email him at: malikshabazz@comcast.net

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agement is in a good or happy mood.

"You don't notice the problem in the building until you settle in." said Daniel Hembree, a tenant of the complex for one year. "There's only four fire extinguishers in the entire building, which is a fire safety issue. The manager posts a document that he made and orders you to get out by a certain date. If you don't leave the apartment, then they come in to change the locks and you are forced out of your apartment. There's roaches and rodents, but management will not exterminate unless the tenants pay for it."

The manager that most tenants identify is Victor "Doc" Daniel Hembree standing outside the building

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Alice Walker

Social Activist and Prize-winning Novelist



Alice Walker was born in 1944 in Eatonton, Georgia. Her parents were sharecroppers and her mother worked as a maid to help support the family of eight children. According to Biography.com, Walker was a bright child, but at the age of eight, she was shot in the right eye with a BB gun while playing with her brothers. The incident caused her to be self-conscious about her appearance and she became quiet and withdrawn. She found comfort in reading and writing poetry, however.

The community of Eatonton was racially divided but Walker excelled at her segregated school. She graduated high school as the class valedictorian. She had earned a college scholarship and attended Spelman College in Atlanta, later transferring to Sarah Lawrence College in New York City. During this time she traveled to Africa as part of a program allowing students to study abroad.

Her experience there remained with her. She graduated college in 1965.

graduation, Following Walker found employment as a social worker, teacher, and lecturer. She later became active in the Civil Rights Movement. As a socially active young woman, she met New York lawyer, Melvyn Leventhal. The two were married in 1967, becoming the first legally married interracial couple to reside in Mississippi. A year later, Walker published her first collection of poetry, titled "Once." During this time, Walker gave birth to one daughter, Rebecca. Her debut novel, "Third Life of Grange Copeland" was published in 1970. She and Leventhal divorced in 1976.

Following the divorce, Walker continued to publish poetry and short stories. Her third novel, "The Color Purple" was released in

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1982. It was a huge success and won both the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award for Fiction in 1983. In 1985, Steven Spielberg brought the novel to life. The wellknown film starred Whoopi Goldberg, Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover. The film was a critical success and earned 11 Academy Award nominations, including Best Costume Design. The film won awards for Best Picture and Best Actress in a Leading Role for Goldberg's work.

In the years since, Walker has continued to produce novels and poetry collections. She has received the Mahmoud Darwish Literary Prize for Fiction and the LennonOno Peace Award. In 2006, she was inducted into the California Hall of Fame. Her works have been translated into more than two dozen languages and have sold more than 15 million copies.

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Prayers For Kohn

Written by: Xavier Jones - Telegram Media Specialist



Mr. Kohn with his family (children and dogs)

Many know the legend of Mr. Greg Kohn. The man has walked the halls, swam the pool, and managed the gym of River Rouge High School for twenty five years. Kohn has become a household name. The room is sure to light up, gleeful memories of the past are brought to surface upon the mentioning of his name. Greg is a native of Flat Rock, but considers himself adopted by the city of River Rouge. Kohn was diagnosed May 5,

2017. Before the Leukemia hit, the fifty six year old man was in the best shape of his life.

Elizabeth, the thirty two year x ray technician, and Greg's wife of thirty one years, ran towards the healing path. Greg was in the hospital by the eighth, his first stint was three weeks later and he's been on his feet fighting his hardest. He was given a bone marrow transplant from his sister on January 11th.

Students of the past remember Mr. Kohn for his kindness and understanding. The gym was always a safe place to go. He came into a new world where the students didn't look like him, and did his best to make their high school experience a memorable one.

Mr. Kohn has teached special education, and coached baseball for years ..

He's been through alot and been around. Striking chemo and losing his mother among his journey. The support sys- Telegram - What's the first tem of this three sons keeps thing on the agenda to do his mind under wraps. Thus al- when you recover?

lowing Kohn and the family to stay mentally strong and leave their game faces on.

Despite Leukemia, Kohn has been fighting onward. The great shape of his physical body has given him a head start on the healing process. Greg misses work with all his heart but getting better is the most important thing. In a little over a year he will be able to return to his old self.

Mr Kohn, we all miss you, and we're praying for a speedy and Successful Recovery! Keep your mind right old man! Get Well Soon!

Telegram - How does it feel to step out on the scene and get the love and support from the friends, peers, and students.

Mr. Kohn - I love it. It always feels good to step out! It really gets me going man! I got a chance to go to Reggie and Lee's signing day.

Telegram - How do you plan on keeping busy while you are at home?

Mr. Kohn - Watching Sports Center! I'm digging up some old baseball cards and trying to sell some old things. The gameshows do a great job of keeping me busy. I hope when the weather comes I can go to a River Rouge baseball game!

Mr. Kohn - A family vacation for sure! Maybe Disney World. I'm not sure about work because it takes at least five years to be deemed cancer free.

Telegram - How's the family support?

Mr. Kohn - My wife has been great! She's been treating me like a baby. She's there all the time for me. Helping me with my food and medicine. My sons call and text me everyday, they visit me when they can. I've got good help right at home.

Get Well Soon.







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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to

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

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Wednesday March 14th 2018.

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The 2018 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 7, 2018 and March 8, 2018 in the Assessment Office from 9:00a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

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the Treasurer's office or Assessor's office no later than MARCH 9TH 2018

INCOME GUIDELINES

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Family of 1	Combined household income	\$13,100
Family of 2	Combined household income	\$16,600
Family of 3	Combined household income	\$20,900
Family of 4	Combined household income	\$24,600
Family of 5	Combined household income	\$28,780
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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RE: Case No. 17-25 (SLU)

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, March 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider a special land use to allow a medical marijuana processing facility in the M-1, Light Industrial District. Ronald Shunia on behalf of HWRSJT Inkster, LLC d/b/a CannWell is the applicant. The subject property is located on the south side of Trowbridge Avenue, between Bayhan and Beech Daly and is legally described as follows:

PARCEL A:

PART OF LOT 6, SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30 TOWN 2 SOUTH RANGE 10 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 26, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF LOT 6 (SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER APPEARS TO BE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 797.50 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE ORIGINAL SOUTHWEST LOT CORNER) AND PROCEEDING THENCE ALONG THE LOT BOUNDARY, NORTH 79 DEGRES 03 MINUTES 40 SEC-ONDS EAST, 150.99 FEET AND NORTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 324.81 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 03 MIN-UTES 40 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF TROWBRIDGE AVENUE, 150.99 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LOT LINE, 324.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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NO ASSIGNED STREET ADDRESSES

TAX ID NUMBERS: 44-020-010-006-007, 44-020-030-008-002, AND 44-020-007-002



Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, March 12, 2018. Please reference Case No. 17-25 (SLU) in all correspondence.

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Winner for Week 6 - Jocelyn Jackson Pictured from left to right: Publisher Gina Steward,Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree, Rev. John Hearn



The District Tournament is Near

By Butch Davis

After the league championships it's District Tournament time for the Girls February 26, 28, with the District Final on March 2, 2018. The teams that survive the districts will move ahead to the Regional Tournament, March 6th with the finals played on the 8th of the month. Teams still in the hunt will take part in the MHSAA Quarterfinals on March 13th. MHSAA Semifinals performance will be March 15-16, follow by the MHSAA Finals, March 17. Girls Basketball Finals

2018 Semifinals and Finals will take place at the Van Noord Arena, Calvin College

By the way this is the final week of the basketball season for the Boys until league championships and follow week when their District Tournaments will commence on March 5th. Here are the following districts locations for the Girls remaining games for the boy's final week of the basketball season in the Telegram News reading area.

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Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 2/22 7:00 PM, Dearborn at Dearborn Heights Crestwood 7:00 PM, Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Garden City 7:00 PM, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy at Lincoln Park 7:00 PM, Ann Arbor Greenhills at Lutheran Westland 7:00 PM, Dearborn Edsel Ford at Redford Union 5:30 PM, Detroit Country Day at Romulus 7:00 PM, Grosse lle at Trenton

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"Girls Will Be Girls"

Dear Tasha,

Every other year, I plan a weeklong girl's trip and nearly 10 of my close friends get together to decide where we want to go. We've been to the Bahamas, San Diego, and Aruba and even on several cruises. The moment we return from one trip, we immediately begin planning for the next. However, these trips have become somewhat expensive for some of the girls and therefore we decided to do shorter excursions; weekend getaways. But, a few weeks ago, a couple of the girls decided to invite me to dinner. We met at one of our favorite restaurants, begin having our drinks and placed our order. It didn't take long for me to realize that one of our good friends wasn't in attendance. Naturally, I inquired and that's when I realized what was happening. The girls no longer wanted her to be part of the girl's getaways. After much conversation, around the question "why not?" They stated that she's always the one who doesn't want to do anything, or late and when she does participate, she complains and usually doesn't have money to spend on all the fun stuff; sightseeing, boating or shows. She drinks too much and gets very scantly with the men and it becomes an embarrassment. I do agree that she can be a handful, and this is what we have become accustom to dealing with. The more we talked, the more I decided that I no longer what her to be a part of the excursions either. She was never like this when we first started our trips. Now, this is the problem; they don't want to be the one to tell her and decided I should be the one to do the dirty work. I've always been the more tactful one in the bunch and had a way of expressing things and smoothing things out. But, how do I tell her this and I'm part of the bunch that doesn't want her

want her to join us on the getaways anymore. Signed. Loss for words.

Dear Loss for words,

Well, I must admit, you've got a situation on your hands. And this is what a call a P.I.C. friend: Problem, Issues and Concerns. But, I don't think that all the dirty work should be left up to you! Just because you know how to be tactful, doesn't make it's totally your responsibility to share everyone's feelings about her behavior. However, I would like to address some things you've shared, which I feel you and the other girls have overlooked. Ask yourself this; is she one of the girls who has expressed the financial burden of the trips? You even stated that she wasn't this way when you girls first started taking your trips. I'm just saying, maybe she has been dealing with some financial issues and hasn't shared this. This may be the reason why she doesn't really want to participate in the extra-curricular activities, while on vacation. If, I could just be frank for a moment; she may want to attend the ball, but can afford the dress and shoes. You girls shouldn't be so hard on her. If you decide to take the challenge of expressing everyone's feelings, please share these words with the girls first and see if a mutual understanding can't be reached, before you girls decide to exclude her from what is probably one of the most uplifting moments for her; being with the girls. And one more thing, if you girls are vacationing, you really should take a few lessons from her and learn to have some fun. Drink, dance and be merry. Who's to say, the reason she didn't want to go out with you girls, is because you all don't know how to have fun. I once read: Vacation is where you drink triple, see double and act single. Tael

Believe the Hype: "Black Panther" Sets

Box Office Records with \$192 Million

Opening Weekend

"Black Panther" starring Chadwick Boseman, Nyong'o Lupita and Michael B. Jordan, surpassed box office expectations during its opening weekend.

With \$192 million in ticket sales so far. the film is expected to take in \$218 million over the four-day President's Day weekend and an incredible \$361 million worldwide. According to ComScore, global ticket sales were set to reach \$387 million over the weekend.

According to Entertainment magazine, "Black Panther" is already the eighth-largest single-day gross for the film industry ever and the third-biggest opening for a superhero movie.

"Black Panther" scored a \$75.8 million opening day. "The Avengers" opened with \$80 million and "Avengers: Age of Ultron" opened with \$84 million.

The film also became the highest-grossing title in history at 33 AMC Theaters across the country, according to a report in the Hollywood Reporter.

"Black Panther earned more at those cinemas on Thursday evening and Friday-along with advance ticket sales for other times during the weekend-than any other movie has in an entire weekend. The number of theaters setting revenue records climbed to 80 locations, more than 10 percent of the entire circuit," wrote Hollywood Reporter.

With that, "Black Panther" makes director Ryan Coogler the top-grossing Black director in film history. The previous record was held by "Straight Outta Compton," which made \$214 million worldwide in 2015. Marvel established the Black Panther character in the

1960s and the film features a majority African American cast and many strong female characters. The pre-release news, nine month-long marketing campaign and anticipation over "Black Panther" mixed with good reviews and the politics of the time produced a ton of buzz around the film, long before it was released.

What word of mouth will now do for the film may mean that even more records will be broken. Lauren Victoria Burke is an independent journalist, political analyst and contributor to the NNPA Newswire and BlackPressUSA.com. She can be contacted at LBurke007@gmail.com Twitter and on at @LVBurke.

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day. "Look at all these people. One match started a whole forest fire."

This most peaceful and orderly of places has been devastated by the most violent and chaotic of acts. And amid the horse trails, bike paths and gated communities of a city that prides itself on "country elegance," the response to a shooting Wednesday that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School has been a raw, growing and furious burst of activism and demand for change.

Hundreds of people filled the terrace of the Broward County federal courthouse on Saturday, where their echoing chants of "enough" and "not one more" weren't solemn — they were seething. None, perhaps, more so than Emma Gonzalez.

"If the president wants to come up to me and tell me to my face that it was a terrible tragedy and how it should have never happened, and maintain telling us that nothing is going to be done about it, I'm going to happily ask him how much money he received from the National Rifle Association," Gonzalez declared. "To every politician who is taking donations from the NRA, shame on you! If you actively do nothing, people will continue to end up dead."

In a nearly 10-minute address - her black tank top and tightly cropped haircut visible barely behind podium microphones that stood nearly as tall - Gonzalez slammed by name senators who have proposed softening gun laws. Every few moments, the Stoneman Douglas High senior raised her braceletcovered right arm to wipe tears from her eyes. In her left hand she clutched her speech, written out by hand on a stack of college-ruled

paper. She led the crowd in chants of "No more BS!"

Gonzalez was one of half a dozen student speakers at the rally, many of whom noted that despite years of disciplinary issues, Nikolas Cruz, their former classmate who police say has admitted to carrying out the shooting, was able to purchase a gun. "This isn't just a mentalhealth issue!" Gonzalez said, her voice breaking into a scream. "He wouldn't have harmed that many students with a knife!" Grace Solomon, a city com-

missioner who is organizing a large group of parents and students to travel to Tallahassee and then to the Disdemand trict to "common-sense gun legislation," said there's been a palpable shift in the nature of her community.



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SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS

Custom Woodcrafter Opens Gift Shop in Wayne

By Renee Summers - Telegram Intern



Jeff and Mary Powers is joined by city officials and community members for the ribbon cutting

Jeff Powers recalls that when he was around 10 years old, his father, Ray began instructing him in the art of woodworking. He realized that he enjoyed wood crafting and it eventually developed into a lifelong hobby. Powers spent his spare time creating signs, shelves, coat racks and other decorative items out of wood. At the suggestion of a friend, Powers tried to sell the items he had made at flea markets and craft shows, but it wasn't economically fruitful. Powers' father-in-law suggested he open up a store.

When Powers ran the idea past his wife, Mary, she insisted they give back to their hometown of Wayne and utilize business vacancies in the



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city's downtown area. The couple's dream has come true as the grand opening of Powers Woodcrafts was held this past Valentine's Day. The store features handmade wooden gifts, home décor, and custom-made items. Ray Powers passed away late last year and was unable to see the realization of his son's ambition. But Jeff and Mary Powers say they feel his father's presence within the store. "He was supposed to be here today," Powers says. "He taught me just about everything I know."

A vast majority of the products carried at Powers Woodcrafts are made by Jeff Powers himself. He enjoys doing custom work and welcomes special orders. A small selection of items are hand-made by a relative of Powers, a military veteran diagnosed with PTSD, who works with wood to alleviate stress. Powers hopes to partner with other retailers throughout the state who sell "made in Michigan" products. He plans to eventually begin producing small furniture items and patio chairs. Unlike some gift shops, Powers isn't out to sell handcrafted items at excessive prices, as Mary Powers explains, "If we didn't pay that for it, we're not going to charge that for it." She adds, "That's not what we want to do."

The city of Wayne is home to Powers and his wife, Mary. Both like the small town feel. "We just want to be the place where everyone knows who we are and where we know who everybody else is," he says.

If you're looking for a unique, personalized gift, Powers Woodcrafts is located at 35065 Glenwood, east of Wayne Road, in Wayne. The phone number is 734-516-2810. You can also access the business a t

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