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# THE TELEGRAM

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## Taylor Police to kick off Hope Not Handcuffs campaign



A kick off for the Taylor Police Department's "Hope Not Handcuffs" program will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the City Council Chambers located on the first floor of Taylor City Hall, 23555 Goddard (east of Telegraph, at Pine Street). Police Chief John Blair will introduce the program to those attending, and participating agencies from the Downriver chapter of the program -- along with judges and other officials - will be on hand. The public is welcome to attend.

"Hope Now Handcuffs" is a program which allows an individual who needs aid for sub-

stance abuse dependency to come to the police station for help without fearing of being arrested. Taylor officers will not question them, but will contact a coordinator who will dispatch an "Angel" to the Taylor Police Department. That Angel will meet with the individual and assist getting them into treatment. Angels are specially trained volunteers who aid with paperwork and support.

This program is currently active in Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer and Wayne counties. Over 1,000 individuals have

Hope not Handcuffs - 13A

## Michigan recidivism rate falls to its lowest level at 28.1 percent



Lansing. —The number of Michigan offenders who return to prison has reached its lowest level since the state began recording three-year re-incar-

ceration rates. Michigan's recidivism rate, which measures the percentage of offenders who return to

Prison - Page 3A

## Nationwide student walkouts protest Gun Violence

ReShonda Billingsley - Defender News Service



From Maine to Hawaii, thousands of students planned to stage walkouts Wednesday to protest gun violence, one month after the deadly shooting inside a high school in Parkland, Florida.

Organizers say nearly 3,000 walkouts are set in the biggest demonstration yet of the student activism that has emerged following the mas-

sacre of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Students from the elementary to college level are taking up the call in a variety of ways. Some planned roadside rallies to honor shooting victims and protest violence. Others were to hold demonstrations in school gyms or on football fields. In Massachusetts and

Ohio, students said they'll head to the statehouse to lobby for new gun regulations. The coordinated walkout was organized by Empower, the youth wing of the Women's March, which brought thousands to Washington, D.C., last year. The group urged students to leave class at 10 a.m. local time for 17 minutes — Youth Speaks Out - Page 11A

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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# Remembering my mom

She was part of the Women's Movement over 40 years ago



As I look over the years since my mom went to be with her Lord and Savior I remember these things.....  
Get involved. Help other people. Vote in every election. Read a book

These are the values that my mom, Regina Wilson taught me and my siblings. Not only did her and my dad teach us these values, I believe those values rolled over to our friends.

My mom worked in many elections. I remember having to pass out handbills for people running for schoolboard and city council in the City of River Rouge. As time went on, we would help her and my dad, Robert Wilson, campaign as they got involved into the governmental process. It was fun and really we didn't have a choice. It was family time for us. My sister, Ingrid, got the bug and is serving on the River Rouge School Board now.

So, I am a little surprised that it took this long for women to now realize that they have a voice. Don't get me wrong. I'm glad they realize it and are now getting involved. But to me it is nothing new.



As I speak to organizations and people and encourage them to get active in their communities I say, that we failed the generation after us, because we have not expressed the importance of being involved in the community. I include myself as part of the problem, but really, I'm not. My mom made sure she instilled in us a sense of responsibility. To whom much is given, much is required.

My parents worked hard to make sure we not only had college educations, but we all knew we were to be part of the village that helped others. We always had our own families, but because of their insistence that we help others, we all have extended families that we share with.

That's a Women's Movement.... That's what my mom taught us. I love your mom.

This is written in honor of my mom, Regina Wilson, who still lives inside of me and my siblings and a piece of her lives in my children and all of our extended families.

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Prison

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prison within three years of release, has dropped to 28.1 percent, placing Michigan among the top 10 states in the nation with the lowest recidivism rates. Offenders can be returned to prison for committing new crimes, or for violating the conditions of their parole. The current figures represent individuals who were released from prison in 2014. “Ninety-five percent of people in prison will be paroled and 100 percent of them need a

job,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “Finding employment is the best deterrent in keeping former offenders from returning to prison. The Department of Corrections should be proud of the work it’s doing to help our returning residents – to give them the chance that best helps them find a successful path in life.”

Last year, the department announced recidivism rates had dropped to 29.8 percent – which was the second lowest level since the state began recording the three-year rates. The state’s lowest recidivism rate previously came in 2014 when 29 percent of offenders were returned to prison following their release in 2010. Recidivism in Michigan has hovered around 30 percent in recent years and it reflects a sharp drop from 1998 when the rate was 45.7 percent. “Our communities are safer when we give offenders the tools they need to become successful and productive members of society,” said Michigan Department of Corrections Director Heidi Washington. “The department has made it a priority to provide high-quality education, training and support to offenders returning to our neighborhoods, and Michigan’s declining recidivism rates show these efforts are working.” The department’s “Offender Success” model aims to provide prisoners with education, skills and job training in high-demand fields that can lead to stable careers and lower the risk of re-offense.

Training programs include the Vocational Village, which operates at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia and Parnall Correctional Facility in Jackson. The program provides training in automotive technology, welding, CNC machining, robotics, commercial truck driving, forklift operation, carpentry, plumbing, electrical trades and concrete and masonry work.



Trump makes good move

By Jim Abeare



Early Tuesday morning, President Trump made a major move and fired Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

As soon as I heard the news I thought it was a good move.

When Trump first nominated Tillerson I thought he was a mistake.

Tillerson seemed more businessman and less a diplomat.

Trump and Tillerson never seemed to be on the same page, from the Iran Deal to moving the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The president plans on nominating current CIA chief Mike Pompeo as new Secretary of State.

A good move as they both seem to agree on most things internationally.

President Trump selected

CIA deputy director Gina Haspel to replace Pompeo, making her the first female CIA director.

The big question now is, that as we get closer to talks with North Korea, how will Pompeo weigh in?

Like I said, Pompeo and Trump may see to be on the same page in most things, but that doesn’t mean everything.

I do think that things will now smoothe out at the State Department.

I just hope the firings at the White House stop.

I know it is his right to replace people from the previous administration, the major media have been drying about that for the last year.

Right now though, Trump is firing people he brought in.

I don’t think he vetted some of his choices too well before nominating them.

Now with the change at the State Department, Trump has made a great move.

Good luck Mr. Pompeo in your new position.

Both Haspel and Pompeo would need to be confirmed by the Senate.

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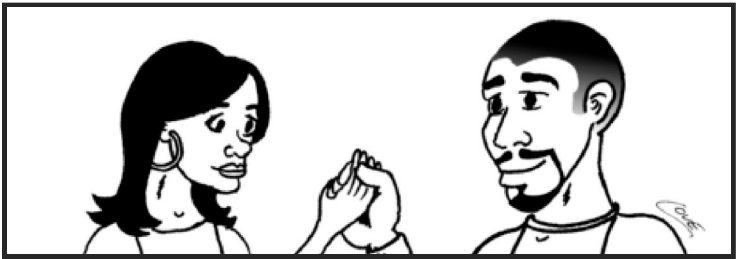
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What’s up Group?

Nothing new Rap. Just trying to survive. What’s up with all of the shootings going on in the schools?

I don’t know. They say it is because people have mental illness.

Right. I heard that too. But just because people have mental illness, doesn’t mean they are going to shoot somebody.

I know right. My cousin, Justin has a mental illness. You know we don’t talk about it that much. But I don’t think he is

going to shoot anyone. He doesn’t even have a gun.

Maybe he will buy a gun and go shoot someone.

Buy a gun? He doesn’t have any money to buy a gun. Whenever he gets some money, all he want to get is some McDonalds.

I guess some people are just evil or they have anger issues against people.

Well, just be careful, man. Keep an eye on Justin and his friends.

Alright...will do.



# In The Spirit

## I won't sin again....



Romans 6:1-6  
Have you ever found yourself wondering why you did the wrong, sinful thing that you did? Even knowing it was wrong when you planned it, knew it was wrong while you were doing it, felt bad about it afterward, said you would never do it again, and ... you did it again. You even told God you were sorry and asked Him to forgive you, but when tempted, again - you.... Paul said, "Are we to remain in sin so that grace may increase?"

Absolutely not!" When you get the flu you feel bad and you hurt all over. You wonder where it came from and when is it going to leave. Separation from God is much like the flu. We just don't appear so bad at first. Sin makes you feel bad because it hurts. Just like the flu, we may think we can overcome sin by continuing to do what we are doing. Sin makes you hurt from the inside out. Separation from God puts a hurt on our relationships, our friendships, our mind, and our body. Sin separates us from God, so we get sicker and sicker and sicker. Our decision has to go beyond our desire to feel better. We must open our LIFE as well as our hearts to CHRIST. We can't just feel bad about our sins. God hates sin. We must hate sin more than we hate being sick! Christ Jesus is the strength we need when the flu comes, He is the only cure for the temptation of sin!

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# Spiritually Speaking: The Fight Is Fixed. You Won

By James Washington (The Dallas Weekly/NNPA Member)



Some of you may remember that I declared this some time ago and it bears repeating. I wish it was original, but it is not. It comes straight from the pulpit and not from me. Circumstances in my life and maybe yours have me drifting from time to time. I don't believe any Christian should indulge in wishy-washy thinking about their own salvation. Whatever you're going through, however insurmountable the odds appear to be, if the deck is stacked against you in your eyes, remember, "This fight is fixed."

All the evil that comes at you in this world is intended to confuse you into defeatist thinking. Then in a state of confusion, you act (negatively, I might add) as if somehow you're in charge. If only you were more in control, had more money, or more willpower, then maybe you could change things, change jobs, change mates, change the past, alter the future or erase your addictions. For some reason, we want to take way too much credit for our lives or, out of a state of confusion, take little to no responsibility for them. Blame

becomes a way of thinking or even a lifestyle for many of us who claim Jesus. I'm here to suggest to you that just like so-called professional wrestling, the outcome for whatever you're going through, has been predetermined. The fight is fixed.

Jesus took the heavy blows, endured the emergency trip to the ER and survived the intensive care unit on Calvary. What we tend to forget is His fight was "The Fight" and His victory was and continues to be our victory. Because He won, we won. Let me put it to you this way, whatever you're going through, Your fight is fixed and you've already won!

"Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms of Jesus Christ in order that in the coming ages, He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ." Ephesians 2:6-8.

Does that not mean you win? Hence, there is real meaning in the refrain, "The fight is fixed." Practically speaking, take another look at your situation with the fundamental truth that you've already won and then go forward. See, you gotta understand and act deliberately and consciously upon the truth that Christ is in your corner. From there, faith will never allow you to ever enter the ring

again and your opponent not know who yo' Daddy is; Mess with me at your own risk. You see, I'm figuring out that all the mess I'm going through or someone is trying to put me through, is but an opportunity to run home and get my Big Brother J.C.

Our challenge is not to try and win this fight alone. We cannot. We will surely fail. My witness is to always let my opponent know exactly what I'm fighting with. It ain't gonna be fair. I'm not playing by their rules and if only they knew like I do that I'm going to win, they would just leave me alone. I have not met the man or woman, yet who can beat Satan at his own game. I tried and without Jesus, I failed miserably. That should not surprise any of you and especially those trying to go it alone right now. Satan has a big advantage in this world, but I don't worry about that anymore. My knowledge of the outcome lets me handle the tricks of the enemy. I know the fight is fixed. I win. And guess what? You do, too. See. We got it like that.

May God bless and keep you, always.

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# State Treasurer Announces Grants for Distressed Municipalities

State Treasurer Nick Khouri today announced a total of \$5.4 million is being awarded to 11 municipalities through the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships (FDCVT) Grant Program.

Municipalities can participate in the FDCVT Grant Program if they are experiencing one or more conditions indicative of “probable financial stress” as defined in state law. The grants fund specific projects, services or strategies—including infrastructure and public safety enhancements—that move a city, village or township toward financial stability.

“I am pleased to announce that this year’s awards will help communities enhance infrastructure and public safety,” Khouri said. “These dollars will help improve the services residents depend on every day.”

For fiscal year 2018, \$5 million was appropriated for the program with a \$400,000 carryover from the previous fiscal year. The FDCVT Grant Program has a \$2 million cap per municipality and grants are awarded based on applications submitted by the municipality.

The following communities will receive funding this year, with projects and amounts noted (alphabetical order):

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**City of Lincoln Park**  
Public safety enhancement through replacement of a fire engine.  
\$420,000

**City of Melvindale**  
Water system enhancement through replacement of water meters.  
\$720,000

City of River Rouge  
Water system enhancement through combined sewer overflow basin repairs.  
\$357,000

City of Wayne  
Public safety enhancement through replacement of an ambulance.  
\$190,968

All appropriated funding has been spent. No future rounds will occur in fiscal year 2018.

More information is available on the FDCVT Grant Program website.

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Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining 34 letters spell a secret message.

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## Progress

[noun prog-res, -ruh s or, esp. British, proh-gres; verb pruh-gres]

Example Sentence- Progress is the key to ultimate success.

Word of the Week by Renee Summers  
Words taken from “Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 16, 1963)  
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# Lucy of Ethiopia Remains One of the Oldest Known Women

By Renee Summers - Telegram Newspaper Intern



Scientists speculate that human beings evolved from an early species of primates. Indeed, humans and primates, or apes, do share a variety of characteristics. Not everyone is convinced, however, of the theory of evolution. Whether or not you believe humans descended from apes, you must admit the 1974 discovery of the now famous Lucy is both interesting and thought-provoking.

Paleoanthropologist Donald Johanson worked as a professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. According to History.com, in November of 1974, he was part of an international field team of scientists who were encamped near Hadar, Ethiopia, on a search for fossil remains. The region they were searching in, known as the Afar Triangle, had previously yielded numerous early fossil remains of hominids, a family of upright-walking primates. Scientists believe hominids and humans are related.

Johanson was out one day exploring the area with grad student, Tom Gray, when the two made the remarkable discovery. They first noticed what appeared to be a bone protruding out from the dirt. Closer inspection revealed it to be an elbow. The pair searched the spot where the elbow bone was found and recovered pieces of a thigh bone, vertebrae, and ribs. All appeared to be part of the same skeleton. The expedition team spent the next several days excavating the area and unearthed numerous intact pieces including a leg, arms, a pelvis bone, and part of a skull. It all amounted to about 40 percent of a total skeleton.

The team celebrated the discovery with dinner and beer while The Beatles' album, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band played in the background. When the song, "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" came on, a team member suggested they call the skeleton Lucy.

The team attempted to determine what Lucy may have looked like using her skeleton.

They determined she was less than four feet tall and may have weighed about 60 pounds. The team indicated that she was

indeed female due to her large pelvic opening. Examining her teeth, they speculated she may have been around 20 years old when she died. The skeletal structure indicated she walked upright on two legs.

Lucy was transported to the United States for further study. Geologists used several dating methods to determine the age of the fossilized skeleton and eventually suggested she was 3.6 million years old. Later studies have amended Lucy's age to be 3.2 million years old. Lucy was the oldest and most complete skeleton ever un-

earthed at that time.

Today, Lucy is the most famous hominid skeleton in the world, despite the fact that scientists have discovered hundreds of more fossilized skeletons just like her. Reproductions of her bones are in both the collections and exhibits of numerous museums around the globe. In the 2000s, hundreds of thousands came to see her during a traveling exhibit of her original skeleton, making Lucy an ancient international celebrity. Today, Lucy's remains are preserved at the National Museum of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa, where she was visited by President Barack Obama in 2015.

Photo from History.com

## PET OF THE WEEK



### This is Angus

He is a domestic shorthair cat that resides in Livonia with his mom, Telegram intern, Renee Summers.

He is 4 years old and enjoys watching songbirds outside at the birdfeeders,

If you want your pet to be the 'Pet of the Week' send in their photo and a little information to [info@telegramnews.net](mailto:info@telegramnews.net) or drop it off at the Telegram office 10748 W. Jefferson in River Rouge.

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It all starts with the opportunities offered through more than 300 areas of study in 90 undergraduate and 38 graduate programs. Outstanding faculty members inspire learning and self-discovery while guiding students every step of the way. Unique learning opportunities abound, from student-directed research projects to in-the-field training to a robust study abroad program that is one of the tops in the nation for participation.

Grand Valley also helps shape students' futures through a liberal education foundation that emphasizes critical thinking, creative problem solving, and cultural understanding — preparing students for life in a fast-changing world. In addition, the university fosters a commitment to economic, social, and environmental sustainability and an inclusive

campus that values diversity.

Meanwhile, state-of-the-art facilities promote academic achievement and a fulfilling living experience. Grand Valley's main campus in Allendale is home to modern classrooms and labs, some of the newest and most inviting living centers in Michigan, outstanding fitness and sports facilities, a comprehensive library, and much more. Just 15 miles east, in the heart of Michigan's second largest city, the 69-acre Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus offers a dynamic urban academic setting. The Pew Grand Rapids Campus features the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, which is part of an expanding synergistic health campus that includes Raleigh J. Finkelstein Hall, set to open in May, as well as another new building with a scheduled May 2021 completion date. This setting

has made Grand Valley a catalyst for health care partnerships and joint ventures that put students in the heart of unique learning experiences along Grand Rapids' Health Hill.

The combination of cutting-edge facilities and rigorous, supported academic pursuits leads to success on Grand Valley's campuses, where the graduation rate is consistently one of the highest in the state. And Grand Valley's forward-thinking education empowers students to expand their horizons to prepare for success both on the job and in the community.

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SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS

Source Booksellers;  
A Detroit Source of Knowledge

By: Steven Malik Shelton - Telegram Reporter



Alyson Jones, the daughter of Janet Jones who started the Source Bookstore in 2002

In midtown Detroit on Cass Avenue just north of Willis street, stands a Black owned bookstore that is mightier than the sum of its parts. This is true because although books are solid, tangible items; the knowledge and the ideas within them can open possibilities that are immeasurable. They can transport readers far beyond their physical grasp of reality.

Owner Janet Webster Jones developed a passion for books at an early age. The daughter of a librarian, books and learning have always been at the center of her life. "We had the opportunity to go to the library regularly. It was a wonderful experience to search out the books I liked, and to take them home and read them," she said.

Jones, who worked as a Detroit Public School teacher for over 40 years, would bring books to her classes to enlighten the class and she was known as the "book lady" by her students. "I would bring books with me to illustrate some of the things I was teaching about history and ancient civilizations," said Jones.

The amazing experience of opening the world with books and seeing the expression of wonder on her students faces inspired her to open a bookstore in 2002. Her bookstore can remain competitive against the large chain bookstores and the popular online book sellers because she offers services and an atmosphere that they don't. She hosts weekly speakers, and she features exercise classes and community events.

Jones is 80 years old, but she is as energetic and as committed to providing great books and service to the people as when she began. She operates the store with her daughter Alyson seven days a week. She also provides maps, organic snacks, Detroit-made jewelry, inspiring decorations, and, perhaps, more importantly, she shares a passion for learning with her customers.

Bookstores and other centers of learning are especially important to Black Americans given the history of chattel slavery, when enslaved Blacks were prohibited from reading by law and the threat of severe punishment. And later in the 1960's when F.B.I. director J. Edgar Hoover ordered his counter-intelligence program be used against people he considered un-American. This included civil rights activists as well as Black independent booksellers.

The rationalization for Hoover's directive against Black bookstores was essentially the same as the push against Black education during chattel slavery and after; the belief that a knowledgeable Black population is a threat to a system that wants to suppress and exploit them. In view of this, Source Booksellers has a very important legacy to uphold, for it is only one of 105 Black American owned book stores that remain in America. "The idea of teaching, learning and knowing is all a part of what I do," said Jones. "I didn't have a grand business plan when I started out, but things can get started just on interest, demand and passion. And my formulae is that I sell non-fiction books. I have nothing against literature; literature is another way of knowing, but I prefer non-fiction because that's how I started and that's where my interest is. My daughter and I select all the books."

They stock four major categories of books: history and culture, health and wellbeing, books that are by and for women, and books on the metaphysical and spiritual. Source Booksellers was recently nominated by Publisher's Weekly for "Bookstore of the Year" and is among the top five finalists slated to receive the award.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as a nominee for the Publisher's Weekly Bookstore of the Year Award," said Jones. "We put in a lot of hard work to meet our community's interest in books and reading."

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Steven Malik Shelton is a Detroit based writer. He can be reached at: malikshelton562@gmail.com

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BOOKS IN THE HOOD REVIEW

By - Xavier Jones Media Specialist

National Reading Month Special Edition -  
Jael - Cool Crusher -  
Bringing back the Comic Book



Author Asher Shelton showing his new comic book

Comic books have changed over the years. Characters, settings, and themes are constantly evolving in this diverse, historic genre.

Jael Idol Crusher is another Comic that breaks the norm. The story was written and created by Asher Shelton. Travis Jones and Chris Shelton are behind the art and coloring of Jael's first issue. Asher also owns reborn comics.

Our heroine is Jael. As a young girl she witnessed the violent, tragic murder of her parents. By the hands of the powerful and fear mongering Lord Tzu. Tzu expects his victims to respect him as an Idol and obey his word for holy text.

Or else.

Over ten years later Jael is still haunted. Driven by revenge for Lord Tzu. She works as a justice dishing vigilante. Blowing up giant stone monsters that plan on sacrificing and destroying the human race.

Jael is a busy woman that young fans could look up to. A woman with a dark past, who is putting the task of brightening it into her own hands. Nothing will stop her quest, Tzu must be stopped! Idol Crusher is a short exciting read that ends on a cliff. We will see more of Jael's backstory and journey in upcoming issues. Issue two is to launch May of this year.

Telegram - What's your Inspiration for the story?

Asher Shelton - To inspire

young women to overcome adversity. Sometimes the past can hinder you. Jael's case her past propels her to fight and fulfil her goal.

Telegram - Favorite comic?

Asher Shelton - Black Panther is hot. I like Batman. He doesn't have powers but that isn't stopping him. I like how he uses his powers to fight crime and train the next generation of crime fighters. Wolverine is also cool for his endurance and adaptability.

Telegram - What's next in Jael's story?

Asher Shelton - Without giving out too much, my character develops and the story intensifies. We see how she's deeper connected to the villains.

Telegram - What's Reborn Comics?

Asher Shelton - Characters going through major changes and transformations. Failing and overcoming challenges. Reborn Comics is about telling the stories of characters that will find strength and victory.

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The following Commissioners were present:  
Meeting called to order at 8:11 pm  
Present: Campbell, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward  
Absent: None  
Excused: Cooney  
Mayor Bowdler in the Chair  
  
18-60 Approval of minutes of 02/20/2018  
18-61 Voucher approval  
18-62 Business license approval  
18-63 Approval of annual dues for Guidance Center - \$1200.00  
18-64 Approval of Downriver Sewage Disposal System Definitive Transfer Agreement  
18-65 Approval of proposal for a five year bond for road repairs  
18-66 Approval to go to bid for Splash Park  
18-67 Approval to go to bid for bathrooms and dressing rooms for Splash Park  
18-68 Approval to go to bid for batting cages for Great Lakes Field  
18-69 Approval for Feed Da Streetz to hold an event at Memorial Park on June 23, 2018  
18-70 Approval to open Belanger Park for the season on March 30, 2018  
18-71 Approval to have park guards on duty beginning March 30, 2018  
18-72 Approval to sell parcel 5008140042002 and 50008140041001  
18-73 Approval to sell property at 235 Goodell  
18-74 Approval to sell vacant lot (parcel 50005033003001) in the amount of \$500.00  
18-75 Approval to purchase 20 Louis in the amount of \$499.00  
18-76 Approval to sell vacant lot at 165 Charles  
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18-79 Motion to adjourn  
  
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Patricia Johnson City Clerk

Youth Speaks Out

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one minute for each victim in the Florida shooting. Although the group wanted students to shape protests on their own, it also offered them a list of demands for lawmakers, including a ban on assault weapons and mandatory background checks for all gun sales. "Our elected officials must do more than tweet thoughts and prayers in response to this violence," the group said on its website.

It's one of several protests planned for coming weeks. The March for Our Lives rally for school safety is expected to draw hundreds of thousands to the nation's capital on March 24, its organizers said. And another round of school walkouts is planned for April 20, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado.

After the walkout Wednesday, some students in Massachusetts say they plan to rally outside the Springfield headquarters of the gun maker Smith & Wesson. Students and religious leaders are expected to speak at the rally and call on the gun maker to help curb gun violence.

At Case Elementary School in Akron, Ohio, a group of fifth-graders have organized a walkout with the help of teachers after seeing parallels in a video they watched about youth marches for civil rights in 1963. Case instructors said 150 or more students will line a sidewalk along a nearby road, carrying posters with the names of Parkland victims.

The walkouts have drawn support from companies including media conglomerate Viacom, which said it will pause programming on MTV, BET and all its other networks for 17 minutes during the walkouts, and students will temporarily take over MTV's social media accounts.

The planned protests have drawn mixed reactions from school administrators. While some applaud students for taking a stand, others threatened discipline. Districts in Sayreville, New Jersey, and Maryland's Harford County drew criticism this week when they said students could face punishment for leaving class.

In suburban Atlanta, one of Georgia's largest school systems announced that students who participate might face unspecified consequences.

But some vowed to walk out anyway. "Change never happens without backlash," said Kara Litwin, a senior at Pope High School in the Cobb County School District.

The possibility of being suspended "is overwhelming, and I understand that it's scary for a lot of students," said Lian Kleinman, a junior at Pope High. "For me personally this is something I believe in, this is something I will go to the ends of the Earth for," Kleinman said.

Other schools sought a middle ground, offering "teach-ins" or group discussions on gun violence. Some worked with students to arrange protests in safe locations on campus.

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# Girls and Boys Teams Marching On

By Butch Davis

These are the Girls teams that remain in this past Tuesday quarterfinals from the Telegram News reading area. The following winners are from Regional 6 Detroit Martin Luther King, Regional 7 Wayne Memorial 66, and Regional 11 Michigan Center 49. The semifinals are today and Friday and the successes will take part in the finals Saturday at Van Noord Arena, Calvin College March 17, 2018.

By the way congratulations to the Boys teams winning there district battles. District 24 Detroit Martin Luther King, District 25 Gibraltar Carlson, District 26 Belleville District 27 Dearborn Edsel Ford, District 28 Wayne Memorial, District 43 Flat Rock, District 44 Dearborn Divine Child, District 45 River Rouge, District 46 Detroit Henry Ford Academy Creative, District 104 Plymouth Christian, and District 105 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

## Lions Ready to Retool

By Butch Davis

Yes indeed it's that time of year where there are several veteran players who will be looking for a new home that have played some bigger role for Lions teams of the past that the front office could look to bring back to fill several holes. Detroit Lions will have 17 players hitting the market as unrestricted free agents when the NFL's legal tampering period opened up on this past Monday at 12 p.m. Haloti Ngata, Tahir Whitehead, Tavon Wilson, D.J. Hayden, Darren Fells, Travis Swanson and Nevin Lawson are just some of the Lions who will look for more money from the parent team or find greener pastures elsewhere.

In the meanwhile, the free-agent negotiating period has open up this past Monday, and the Detroit Lions already have their first two visits lined up. The Lions are hosting running backs DeMarco Murray and Jonathan Stewart on free-agent visits Monday. ESPN first reported the news of both visits. Murray, who ran for a career-low 659 yards last season, was released by the Tennessee Titans last week and is eligible to sign immediately with any team. Stewart, the Carolina Panthers' all-time leading rusher, was cut last month.

The Detroit Lions have some big free agency moves they

could make in the weeks ahead, and we're taking a closer look at some of the pros and cons of the splashes they could take when the signing period opens with some of the bigger moves they could make. Considering their wide variety of needs offensively and defensively, there's no question that plenty of positions will be in play this March for the team. Hey, you know Ndamukong Suh is scheduled to be an NFL free agent after the Miami Dolphins move to cut him in the coming days and the former Lions defensive tackle could make sense for a return given the team hasn't really replaced him since he departed. However would Suh, older and perhaps a bit wiser, really come back to the town he once left high and dry to cash in years ago? Now let me ask you fans something, would the Lions be better served to fix their needs elsewhere and let Suh's market shatter?

Indeed NFL teams can begin negotiating with free agents whose contracts expire after the 2017 season and are eligible to sign those players when the new league year opens at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Lions general manager Bob Quinn has made no secret about his desire to upgrade a running game that ranked last in the NFL last season and the defense as well.

# Detroit Martial Arts Legend Sekou Bomani

By: Steven Malik Shelton



Sekou Bomani taking a moment to have lunch

Grandmaster Sekou Bomani is a humble, unassuming man in his 70's. He greets everyone with a warm smile and a friendly wave of his hand. But human predators should not be misled by his cordial demeanor. For if he is attacked or threatened, he can turn incredibly ferocious, and he has the skill and ability to defend himself.

Bomani's martial arts lineage goes back over 50 years, beginning with his study of judo under the tutelage of sensei Louie Furkawa at the downtown Detroit YMCA when he was still a teen. He later received instruction from judo savant Johnny Osaka as well as renowned martial artist, Dr. Asheeda, who worked as head coach of several Olympic and college judo teams. In 1969, Bomani founded the Bomani Martial and Healing Arts Academy and became an Olympic judo coach himself in the 1980's.

He is a small man, only 5'7 in height, and tips the scales at about 160 to 170 pounds. But according to Bomani it's not about how big or small you are. It's not even about how much you know. What it all boils down to is, can you fight. Will you fight? Do you have the warrior spirit?

He has traveled to West Africa to study the fighting dance sys-

tems of the Senegalese masters. He is proficient in the pen-cak silat fighting techniques of the Indonesian Islands, and he merges them all with a myriad of dynamic styles and disciplines. Bomani is also a master of the science of redirecting energy and eliminating circulatory blockage with acupuncture needles as well as with the palms of his hands. While practicing, exploring and teaching the fighting and healing arts for over half a century, he has advanced scores of combat enthusiasts and adherents who are unfailingly respectful and regardful of his knowledge and expertise.

"I teach a from of African science martial arts," said Bomani as we talked over lunch at a local sandwich shop. "I teach a street form of jiu jitsu, and I teach chi gong for exercise and healing. All of which has its base in African style martial arts. I tell people that when you study antiquity you will find me there, especially as it relates to the arts and sciences. I've been there and done it and I will continue to add to it."

Throughout America women and children are relentlessly attacked by sexual reprobate and degenerates. They are usually attacked from behind or from the side, with the arm of the assailant tightly placed around the victim's neck, or a

lustful hand reaching out to snatch the vulnerable person into an alley way, a vacant building, or a vehicle.

Being aware of surroundings, being physically fit and radiating strength and vitality are effective deterrents to human predators and criminals. Many of us live in urban jungles and, sadly, some of our fellows have become like beasts in human form. They are targeting those they perceive as the weakest and the most vulnerable.

"Keep your friends close and your enemies closer," Bomani advises.

"A man will grab a woman and pull her near him to intimidate her and carry out his assault. In doing so he exposes his most vital and sensitive body parts; his eyes, his throat and his genitals, and he leaves himself open to counter-attack. The problem is that most people are not trained or conditioned to become as ferocious as tigers when they are attacked. But it is essential that they learn to be so for survival." Yet, Bomani is dismissive of people that seem unwilling to comprehend that the legacy of the warrior tradition is more than just breaking bones or pounding someone into helplessness.

"True, the word martial is similar to militaristic, which is of or related to warfare," he said. "But it's not enough to say that I teach how to deliver a punch or a kick, or that I can shoot a gun, or use a knife. We must learn the African science of martial arts; which is a science of government, a science of statehood, a science of etiquette, culture, philosophy, math, medicine, spirituality and much more. We must have all of this abundance that we came from."

You may contact Grandmaster Sekou Bomani at: (313) 556-4339

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**Garden City**

**City Council Meeting**

There will be a city council meeting March 19, 2018. All regular meetings of the City Council begin at 7:00 pm in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt Road.

**Harper Woods**

There will be a city council meeting March 19, 2018 at city hall, 19617 Harper Ave., at 7PM.

**River Rouge**

**City Council Meeting**

There will be a city council meeting March 20, 2018 at 7:30PM at city hall, 10600 W. Jefferson Ave.

**Romulus**

**Garden Club**

Join us for Garden Club at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd) March 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

**Taylor**

**City Council Meeting**

There will be a city council meeting March 20, 2018 from 6:30-9PM in the council chambers of city hall, 23555 Goddard Rd.

**Book Sale**

Find great deals on cook-books, technical books, children's books, fiction and non-fiction March 17, 2018 from 10AM-3PM. Donations of good used books are appreciated and can be dropped off

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**Family History 101**

Join us for an information session regarding the many resources available for family history research. This event will take place March 18, 2018 from 2-4PM at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee).

**Westland**

**City Council Meeting**

March 19, 2018 there will be a city council meeting at the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., beginning at 7:00PM.

**Blood Pressure Screening**

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**City Council Meeting**

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Hancuffs

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been aided by the program since February.

The heroin/prescription drug epidemic is growing. More and more people are falling prey to addiction. Surprisingly 73 percent of all addicts succumb to addiction from a legal prescription they received for a sports injury, a pulled wisdom tooth, knee or hip surgery or just ordinary pain. There has been a 40-percent increase in the number of females addicted to opioid pain medicine and over 20,000 babies a year are born addicted to opiates. Four in five new heroin users started out misusing prescription painkillers.

Accidental overdose deaths have surpassed fatal car crashes. America loses a person to overdose every 10-11 minutes. Much education is being done, in schools, town hall meetings and with hospitals, dentist and doctors, yet Americans are trying to change a culture that has been desensitized to medication.

Jails and prisons are overcrowded, and theft crimes and the monetary cost of addiction are at an all-time high. Police cannot arrest themselves out of this problem. Addiction does not end until treatment is provided. Hope Not Handcuffs is a community outreach program designed to reach people struggling with drug addiction to encourage them to seek recovery and regain control of their lives.

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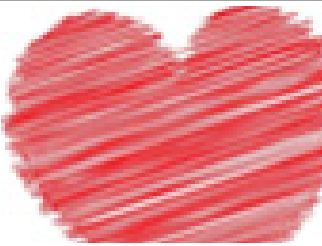
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Dear Tasha,  
So, my cousin is a social butterfly and is always making friends. About a month or so ago, I attended this gathering that she had at her home. Everyone in attendance brought a dish and we had a great time drinking flavored drinks that she made and feasting on some tasty dishes. One of the dishes that her co-worker made was a spicy nacho dip. It was gone in record time. Shortly after the gathering, she invited me to go to a wedding reception; another co-worker got married. The event was catered by the young lady that made the nacho dip. I must admit, the food was delicious and displayed very eloquently, the cake was moist and tasty, and prior to the reception starting, the appetizers were on point as well. Everyone attending the reception agreed that the young lady did an outstanding job and would be seeking her services if they needed some catering done for an event they would have in the future. I couldn't wait to get home and tell my fiancé about the food and that we should consider using her for our wedding and my bridal shower. So, after talking it over with my fiancé, I decided to give her a call and schedule an appointment to see what her prices were like and possibly book her for our event. My cousin continued to rave about how she's done so much catering for others at the job and I should use her. I gave the young lady a call and basically committed to using her catering for our special day and my shower. The day came for me to meet with her personally and I was excited after reviewing all the options she had for me to choose from. Well, I got to her house and was taken aback, when I walked through the door and seen how vile her housekeeping was. She was in the process of working on a catering contract. She had a couple of dogs and a cat. I was sick to my stomach. The dogs were in the kitchen; she was petting them and moving back and forth over the dishes she was preparing. My first thought was; she's a caterer and preparing dishes for people with all this

dog and cat hair blowing about. Not to mention that I had eaten her food on several occasions. I did not want to sample a thing and was so focused on how I was going to tell her that I did not want her business. I called my cousin the moment I got in my car and shared my experience. Help me out of this mess.  
Signed,  
No Contract

Dear No Contract,  
My, my, my! This is truly a bad situation. She has certainly pulled the wool over everyone's eyes. I am sure if people knew about her living conditions they would feel the same as you. Count yourself lucky. If things are the way you say they are, she can't possibly have a licensed catering business, because there are certain stipulations that come with being licensed. First off, you don't owe her an explanation as to why you and your fiancé have decided not to use her services and if she pushes for a reason; be honest. Tell her about what you saw and you don't feel comfortable using her services. She is putting people in an unhealthy situation serving food to people, with the pets in the kitchen. Her food may be tasty, but the way she's preparing the food is not up to standards according to the food prep codes. I am a firm believer of not eating everyone's food if I don't know them personally. Unfortunately, your cousin wasn't aware of her cooking ethics and gave you a bad tip for your special ceremony. But, as you begin your new search for catering services, seek out a reputable caterer, that's trusted and provides a clean environment. Be thankful that you found out when you did and did not sign a contract for her services. When attending any other events with your cousin, where everyone brings a dish; eat before you arrive and only eat dishes from those you know. Everyone doesn't have good cooking habits and the last thing you want is to be sick from a dish that wasn't prepared properly.  
Tasha  
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A Wrinkle in Time

Film Review by Kam Williams



The original ensemble only had a single, non-white member, Alfre Woodard. Compare that to the reboot which features an ethnic rainbow reflective of the direction in which the browning nation has been rapidly heading. Though the film has its spiritual moments, they are more universal in nature as opposed to pushing a Christian agenda.

The basic plotline sounds anything but faith-based. In 25 words or less, the story is about a brother (Deric McCabe), sister (Storm Reid) and friend (Levi Miller) who time-travel to distant universes with the help of a trio of astral travelers played by Oprah, Mindy Kaling and Reese Witherspoon.

The kids are searching for the siblings' scientist father (Chris Pine) who went missing several years earlier. Along the way, they learn some big life lessons about what really matters in life.

An overblown, intergalactic saga certain to tug on your heartstrings during unapologetically-sentimental breaks in the action .

**Very Good (3 stars)**  
**Rated PG** for peril and mature themes  
**Running time:** 109 minutes  
**Production Studios:** Whitaker Entertainment / Walt Disney Pictures  
**Distributor:** Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures

Dazzling Adaptation of Beloved Children's Classic Brought to the Big Screen

Madeleine L'Engle finished writing "A Wrinkle in Time" in 1960, but the escapist fantasy was rejected by over two dozen publishers before it finally captured the imagination of John Farrar, co-founder of Farrar, Straus and Giroux. In 1963, the groundbreaking, illustrated novel won the Newbery Medal for being the best children's book of the year.

Four decades later, Disney eviscerated the magical masterpiece of its religious overtones in the process of turning it into a generic, made-for-TV kiddie movie devoid of allusions to Christianity. Even the author expressed her displeasure with the sanitized production, remarking, "I expected it to be bad, and it is." You see, L'Engle, long-time writer-in-residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, had consciously laced the opus with lots of Biblical quotations.

Fast-forward 15 years, and we now find Disney mounting a big screen version of the beloved classic many consider unfilmable. That unenviable task fell to Ava DuVernay, director of Selma and the Oscar-nominated documentary, 13th.

Ava availed herself of state-of-the-art technology to create an eye-popping spectacular designed to enthrall young and old alike. She also cast the message movie in colorblind fashion.

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# Black Panther’ Showcases the Power of STEM Applications

By Tyra Metoyer (External Mobilization Manager, API)  
Article contains spoilers for the “Black Panther” movie.



Princess Shuri uses technnology to win

As I sat in the theater mesmerized by Marvel’s record-breaking “Black Panther,” there were so many moments and messages that filled me with an overwhelming sense of pride. The Black Girl Magic was palpable. King T’Challa was a strong, thoughtful king who loved and respected all of his leading ladies. Erik Killmonger was the best supervillain I’ve seen in a really long time. And of course, I want my next trip to the continent to include a visit to the breathtakingly beautiful Wakanda. However, all of those moments paled in comparison to my fascination with the STEM applications and the genius of Princess Shuri.

I am convinced that we can use Black Panther and Princess Shuri to help young people imagine their own STEM futures and the role they can play in driving innovation as we all prepare for the fourth industrial revolution. This revolution will be characterized by a range of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing and digitization. This revolution can be led by the next generation of “STEMinists.”

The Wakandan princess is the youngest of the strong, female characters showcased in this Ryan Coogler-directed blockbuster. She is unapologetically smart, funny, brave, and beautiful. Her language even demonstrates her tech-savvy leadership of the most technologically advanced nation in the world. As Shuri emerges as an unlikely “Shero,” her position is challenged when M’Baku tries to dismiss her as a mere child. Yet, we are introduced to energy spears, kimoyo beads, sound absorbent sneakers, varia-

tions of the Black Panther suit, vibranium cars, and virtual modes of transportation—all out of the imagination and innovation of the young, hip princess.

In her very first scene, after lovingly teasing her brother, she snaps back, “just because something works doesn’t mean it can’t be improved.” Hence, our first glimpse into her engineering mind. Yes, we fell in love with the way she proudly showed off her latest advances in her lab, but hopefully you took note when Agent Ross expressed his skepticism stating that, “bullet wounds don’t just magically heal overnight.” Shuri chided him, saying, “They do here: but not by magic; by technology.”

For now, I will forgo my strong desire to layout the numerous parallels between vibranium (the fictitious precious metal) and natural gas and oil, but I will say that they are not only driving our advanced manufacturing renaissance in this country, but are also the building blocks of innovations that will support prosperity, discovery and human advancement across the world.

The energy industry is and will continue to be a major source of job opportunities in STEM fields. The natural gas and oil industry supports more than 10.3 million U.S. jobs, and recent reports project 1.9 million job opportunities by 2035, nearly 40 percent of which will be held by African Americans and Latinos. In addition to the large number of engineers, more than a million jobs can be characterized, as semi-skilled and skilled craft trades positions. I like to say that every job in our industry is a STEM job, because they will all include technology and problem solving (engineering).

More than ever, I am convinced that jobs are the solution to so many of our national and global challenges. Jobs (careers) are not only a way out of poverty, but they also give people’s lives purpose, meaning, and a reason to get out of bed every morning; when we’re really fortunate, jobs fuel our passion.

The future belongs to those innovators who are preparing now to address the challenges of tomorrow. That future is a STEM future—no matter what career or profession we choose. Based on everything we understand now and contemplating the disruptions we haven’t yet imagined that are sure to define this fourth industrial revolution, we know that our future will be characterized by constantly evolving technology. I imagine a future where our children thrive on innovation, work in labs like Princess Shuri’s and participate in making choices for how to make our communities safer and better. I am passionate about our industry’s workforce of the future and the role I get to play in building awareness that I hope will lead to more jobs for more women and people of color. I hope you are raising or mentoring the real-life Shuris, who will push the boundaries of what’s possible and lead the innovations of the future. I can’t wait to meet them.

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