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**The Tragedy and Horror
of Wrongful Convictions**

By: Steven Malik Shelton - Telegram News Reporter



Walter Swift spent 26 years in jail for a crime he didn't commit

It is ironic that the two branches of the system that have the power to ensnare the innocent - police agencies and the judicial system - are also some of the most secretive, imperious, and hostile to outside scrutiny. Sadly, they are also unlikely to receive indictment and punishment if they abuse their authority.

I got a glimpse into this terrible

phenomenon when I interviewed Walter Swift in 2008. Swift was wrongfully convicted in November of 1984 for the rape and robbery of a woman in Detroit's Indian Village when he was in his early 20's. It was later adjudicated that he was innocent of the crimes and he was released after spending 26 years in prison.

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**Local college student
participates in 'Never Again'
March**

By Renee Summers - Telegram News Intern



Students protest in Florida on March 14th

Photo by Alexann Zahara

University of Michigan-Dearborn (UMD) student, Alexann Zahara, spent time in Florida during spring break, like many college students do. Zahara

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**Civil Rights Leaders Remember
Martin Luther King Jr.
on April 4**

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)



On April 3, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his prophetic but inspirational "I've Been to the Mountaintop," speech at the historic Masonic Temple in Memphis, Tennessee.

One day later, the famous civil rights champion was assassinated.

While gunman James Earl Ray's bullet silenced the legendary leader, his legacy con-

tinues to live on through contemporaries like Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. and organizations like the NAACP.

Younger organizations, like

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in the U.S.

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CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY

MLK50: Fifty Years after Kerner and King, Racism Still Matters

By Derrick Johnson (President and CEO, National NAACP)



On the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., NAACP President Derrick Johnson talks about Dr. King's assassination and the Kerner Commission.

Segregation and poverty have created in the racial ghetto a destructive environment totally unknown to most white Americans. What white Americans have never fully understood but what the Negro can never forget—is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it, and white society condones it.” —Report by the Kerner Commission, 1968

Fifty years ago, the nation was rocked by the brutal and public assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Eerily echoing the title of King's final book "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?", his murder sent a powerful shock wave through the soul of America resulting in urban rebellions springing up in over 100 cities and placing the nation at a political and social crossroads. As cities burned with rage at King's murder, most of America had already dismissed and forgotten the damning and prophetic report published only a month earlier by the presidential commission chaired by Illinois Governor Otto Kerner. Officially called the National Advisory Commission on Civil

Disorders, the Kerner Commission identified systemic racism and poverty as the causes of the major Black rebellions in both Newark and Detroit the previous summer. The report warned that America was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white – separate and unequal" and offered concrete suggestions for confronting immediately this "deepening racial division."

However, the Kerner Report's recommendations for reconciliation and progress were never heeded; in fact, they were actively disregarded. Despite commissioning the report, President Lyndon B. Johnson went out of his way to suppress the spread of its findings. The consequences have been severe: "Whereas the Kerner Commission called for 'massive and sustained' investment in economic, employment and education initiatives, over the last 50 years America has pursued 'massive and sustained' incarceration framed as 'law and order,' while the 'war on drugs' has failed," says a new book, "Healing Our Divided Society," co-edited by former Sen. Fred Harris, the sole surviving member of the Kerner Commission.

Today, many of America's Black communities bear the sustained scars of physical and economic injuries. Even in Baltimore, the headquartered home of the NAACP, communities are still reeling from the police-custody death of Freddie Gray. The deaths of Black Americans like Michael Brown, Alton Sterling, and, most recently, Stephon Clark—shot eight times by police in his own backyard—remind us we are still not seen as full-citizens by many in our nation.

In our recent Economic Inclusion Reports on Baltimore, Charlotte and St. Louis—three

cities impacted by protests and revolts linked to police violence and misconduct—the NAACP noted "similarities between the past economic realities of African Americans during Reconstruction and legalized racism and the current economic realities more than 150 years after the abolition of slavery and promise of freedom." Our reports expose that African Americans are "still living in highly segregated communities and school districts, comprising the lowest median household income, highest unemployment rate, highest poverty rate, and ongoing barriers to the creation of small businesses." For example, the mid-2000 housing crisis caused by Wall Street excesses led to trillions of dollars in bailouts and the decimation of major portions of African American wealth—wrapped up in their foreclosed homes. This recession removed huge swaths of intergenerational wealth and many families have yet to recover.

As the leader of the oldest and largest civil rights organization, I recognize the temporal connection between America's past and present identities. Our country has let the pestilent wound caused by a continuing legacy of racism fester. This chronic condition is aggravated by the often-silent progressives who still cannot grasp the stark emotional reality of what partial freedom feels like to a full human being.

In his commencement address to Oberlin College in 1965, King said, "We must face the honest fact that we still have a long, long way to go before the problem of racial injustice is solved."

Half a century after Kerner's report and King's assassination, our government continues to perpetuate an unacceptable level of systemic and structural racism, which permeates our communities and fuels our protest.

As we remember King and Kerner, we will not do so in solemn reflection, but instead with resolve. We commit to making the social and political healing America has continued to defer become a reality. The progress for which NAACP members fight rings in harmony with the Kerner Commission's unapologetic condemnation of White America's failure to make democracy real for all of us.

Derrick Johnson is the president and CEO of the NAACP, America's largest civil rights organization. Follow him on Twitter @DerrickNAACP.

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s I've Been to the Mountaintop' speech (Part 1)



The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what has become known as the "mountaintop" speech on April 3, 1968, at Mason Temple (Church of God in Christ Headquarters) in Memphis, Tennessee. Thank you very kindly, my friends. As I listened to Ralph Abernathy and his eloquent and generous introduction and then thought about myself, I wondered who he was talking about. It's always good to have your closest friend and associate to say something good about you. And Ralph Abernathy is the best friend that I have in the world. I'm delighted to see each of you here tonight in spite of a storm warning. You reveal that you are determined to go on anyhow. Something is happening in Memphis; something is happening in our world. And you know, if I were standing at the beginning of time, with the possibility of taking a kind of general and panoramic view of the whole of human history up to now, and the Almighty said to me, "Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?" I would take my mental flight by Egypt and I would watch God's children in their magnificent trek from the dark dungeons of Egypt through, or rather across the Red Sea, through the wilderness on toward the promised land. And in spite of its magnificence, I wouldn't stop there. I would move on by Greece and take my mind to Mount Olympus. And I would see Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Euripides and Aristophanes assembled around the Parthenon. And I would watch them around the Parthenon as they discussed the great and eternal issues of reality. But I wouldn't stop there.

I would go on, even to the great heyday of the Roman Empire. And I would see developments around there, through various emperors and leaders. But I wouldn't stop there. I would even come up to the day of the Renaissance, and get a quick picture of all that the Renaissance did for the cultural and aesthetic life of man. But I wouldn't stop there. I would even go by the way that the man for whom I am named had his habitat. And I would watch Martin Luther as he tacked his ninety-five theses on the door at the church of Wittenberg. But I wouldn't stop there. I would come on up even to 1863, and watch a vacillating President by the name of Abraham Lincoln finally come to the conclusion that he had to sign the Emancipation Proclamation. But I wouldn't stop there. I would even come up to the early thirties, and see a man grappling with the problems of the bankruptcy of his nation. And come with an eloquent cry that we have nothing to fear but "fear itself." But I wouldn't stop there. Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say, "If you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the 20th century, I will be happy." Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around. That's a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. And I see God working in this period of the twentieth century in a way that men, in some strange way, are respond-

ing. Something is happening in our world. The masses of people are rising up. And wherever they are assembled today, whether they are in Johannesburg, South Africa; Nairobi, Kenya; Accra, Ghana; New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; or Memphis, Tennessee -- the cry is always the same: "We want to be free." And another reason that I'm happy to live in this period is that we have been forced to a point where we are going to have to grapple with the problems that men have been trying to grapple with through history, but the demands didn't force them to do it. Survival demands that we grapple with them. Men, for years now, have been talking about war and peace. But now, no longer can they just talk about it. It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are today. And also in the human rights revolution, if something isn't done, and done in a hurry, to bring the colored peoples of the world out of their long years of poverty, their long years of hurt and neglect, the whole world is doomed. Now, I'm just happy that God has allowed me to live in this period to see what is unfolding. And I'm happy that He's allowed me to be in Memphis.

I can remember -- I can remember when Negroes were just going around as Ralph has said, so often, scratching where they didn't itch, and laughing when they were not tickled. But that day is all over. We mean business now, and we are determined to gain our rightful place in God's world. And that's all this whole thing is about. We aren't engaged in any negative protest and in any negative arguments with anybody. We are saying that we are determined to be men. We are determined to be people. We are saying -- We are saying that we are God's children. And that we are God's children, we don't have to live like we are forced to live. Now, what does all of this mean in this great period of history? It means that we've got to stay together. We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula for doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity. Secondly, let us keep the issues where they are. The issue is injustice. The issue is the refusal of Memphis to be fair and honest in its dealings with its public servants, who happen to be sanitation workers. Now, we've got to keep attention on that. That's always the problem with a little violence. You know what happened the other day, and the press dealt only with the window-breaking. I read the articles. They very seldom got around to mentioning the fact that one thousand, three hundred sanitation workers are on strike, and that Memphis is not being fair to them, and that Mayor Loeb is in dire need of a doctor. They didn't get around to that. *The remainder of the speech will be in next week's issue*

The War on Statues

By Jim Abeare



The War on Statues is starting to get out of hand, if it wasn't out of hand already. First cities across the south started to take down statues commemorating the Confederacy. Then cities across the country started to tear down statues of Christopher Columbus because he dared discover North America. Well actually that was the vikings, but I don't think there are any actual viking statue outside of Minneapolis. Last year talk started around Monroe about taking down the statue of George Custer. Now the California city of Arcata wants to up the stakes. They are going to be the first city in the country to take down a statue honoring a president. Arcata is going to take down their 8 1/2 foot statue of President William McKinley. Why?

According to a city official who appeared on the Tucker Carlson show on Monday night, he said that the reason they were taking down the McKinley statue was that it was the city's only statue. The group actually behind the removing of the statue says that McKinley is a proponent of "settler colonialism" that "savaged, raped and killed". So now we are going to start taking down statues of presidents that might have some history that offends some. It seems that the only safe statues are those of marxists, communists like Che Guevera and Vladimir Lenin. I don't think that the city of Seattle is talking about getting rid of their Lenin statue. It is sad that in America today that statues that honor American history are offensive, but those honoring Communist icons are okay. Washington and Jefferson owned slaves. Jackson fought indians. Heck, Lincoln cut down trees, I am sure that the tree huggers are offended by that. Are we going to start taking down those statues? You can't sanitize American history so it is less offensive to you.

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In The Spirit

The Problem isn't the problem



Luke 22:39-46

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" And one of them (Peter) struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And He touched the man's ear and healed him (His name was Malchus.).

There is a crisis that is happening in this passage. Judas has betrayed Jesus and Jewish and Roman soldiers have come to arrest Jesus. Peter thinks it's time for a fight. But for a servant named Malchus, there is a major crisis. He just lost his ear!

Do you panic in a time of crisis? Certainly a crisis will test our faith. Many times in this life we will be hit with a crisis that will knock us off our base. It's like us looking down and realizing it's OUR ear that is on the ground! This man, Malchus didn't know Jesus well enough to know if He could or would heal him. Why should Jesus or anyone else care? Weren't they there to arrest Jesus of Nazareth? Yet in the middle of it all, Christ Jesus was in control. Yet in the middle of what everybody else thought was important, in His love for the hurting, Jesus thought it necessary to take time to heal this servant who had come there to be against Him.

Whenever people found themselves in crisis - Jesus would never refer to the crisis. He would question their faith. Where is your faith? Many times the problem isn't the problem. Many times the main problem is lack of Faith. Before we came to Christ, we were on His mind. In a crisis, we must keep Him first on our mind.

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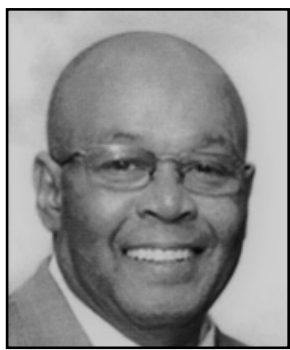


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In 1971, Delma and the Watkins family relocated to Detroit, MI., where she was educated in the Detroit Public School system. She became a minister, an avid prayer warrior, a mentor to young children, as well as a mother figure. She will be remembered as having a kind and gentle spirit, a huge heart for her family, helping others before herself, and definitely being an extraordinary Mother and Grandmother.

Delma leaves to cherish her memory her two loving children: Mitchell and Uniqua Watkins; grandchild: Tavon Watkins, age 13; siblings: Larry Watkins, Leatha Watkins, Dorothy Watkins, Nelda Kellom, Jeanor Watkins, and Leasha Watkins; two sisters-in-law: Tonya Watkins and Rosita Watkins; and a slew of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home 16540 Meyers in Detroit



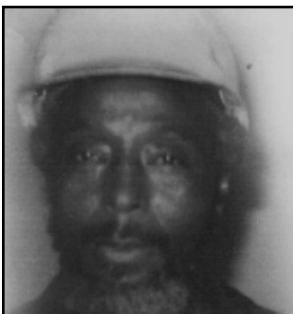
Isaiah Prince III

July 18, 1945 – Feb. 20, 2018
Isaiah Prince III was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He moved from Alabama to Detroit, Michigan when he was 5 years old. Isaiah graduated from Northwestern High School and was a boxer at the Kronk Recreational Center. He served during the Vietnam War in Germany. While working for Chrysler, he started a printing company (MTM Printing) in the basement of his home. The business grew and moved it to the Northwest side of Detroit.

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Isaiah leaves to cherish his memory Terry Rose Beauford; four children, Andrea E. Hatchett Brown (Ronald), Isaiah Prince IV, Shailynn Prince, Jermaine Johnathan Prince; three sisters, Brenda Gail Prince, Mildretta Prince Highes (Toney), Shea Prince-Coleman (John); three brothers, Larry Prince, Sr. (Anastacia), Ronald Prince, Leland Prince, (Leslie) and two brothers, Aubrey Prince and Winifred Prince who preceded him in death. He also leaves to cherish his memory a big family.

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Morris J. Cuyler, Sr.

Jan. 17, 1934 – Feb. 20, 2018

Morris J. Cuyler, Sr. was born in Laurens County, Georgia. Brother Morris worked as a Lumber Jack on a farm. He left Georgia in 1951 and came to Detroit, Michigan. Brother Morris helped many people in the neighborhood and across the city of Detroit. Brother Morris built baptism pools for churches, made wedding cakes, 7-tiered cakes. He was a roofer, gardener, and enjoyed fishing. His memory will forever be cherished by: his endearing wife of 61 years Rosa Cuyler; ten children, Pastor Morris (Lee Ann) Cuyler Jr., Vester Cuyler, Veda (Jerome) Wilson, Minister Sharon (Pastor Ronald) Walker, Minister Sheila Cuyler, Mark Cuyler, Dr. Amorita Cuyler, Daniel Cuyler, Shirley Graudiulle of Dublin, GA, and Tony Smith; one brother, Iverson (Fannie) Cuyler; three sisters, Nora Anderson, Lucretia Hilson, and Annie Ruth (Joe) Whipple, and other loving relatives and friends.

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Andrea Michelle Robinson

Feb. 3, 1990 – Feb. 19, 2018
Andrea Michelle Robinson attended the Detroit Public School system. She enjoyed helping others, especially her family. Most important in her life was her daughter Kamiyah; they were inseparable! Andrea had many goals, aspirations and interests. She was very shy, but outspoken when she needed to be.

She leaves to cherish her mother Lisa Robinson, father James Robinson, her daughter Kamiyah Burrell, brother Dejuan Hayes, sister Salina Hayes, grandmother Lula Robinson, and family and friends.

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MOTHER HELEN PHILLIPS
NOV. 22, 1929 – MAR. 15, 2018

Helen was born in Marietta, Arkansas. She and her family migrated north to Detroit in 1952. Mother Helen was known as a person who encouraged, counseled, reminded, prayed and consoled no matter your background or mistakes. She believed in taking care of the body and spirit and always reminded us to make sure we were healthy.

She leaves to cherish her memories six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, 18 great-great grandchildren and many relatives all around the world.

Final arrangements entrusted to Penn-Orr Funeral Home 3015 Inkster Rd. in Inkster.



GLADYS HARDRICT
APR. 11, 1943 – MAR. 23, 2018

Gladys Love affectionately known as "Pookie" and she was born in Shaw, Mississippi. He was employed by the University of Michigan where she dedicated 33 years of service and shared her love and gift of cooking with many students. She loved sitting on the porch and looking at her beautiful flowers and attending Union Grove where she ushered faithfully.

She leaves to cherish her memories her daughter; Shirley Nell Medley, two grandsons, three sisters, Earnestine Brown, Catherine (Robert) Williams, Martha Jean (Ezzie) Perry, two brothers; James Love and Clarence (Jacqueline)

Love and a host of family and friends.

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JACQUELINE FORD-RHODES

JUL. 6, 1955 – MAR 13, 2018
Jacqueline was educated in the Detroit Public School System. She enjoyed music, traveling and casino games. Jackie was known to her nieces and nephews as "Auntie Fifty". Jackie leaves to cherish her memory; her two children Kelley (Dorian), Eddie Jr. (Jessica), Eight grandchildren, sisters and brothers, Marilyn Walker (Clyde), Joyce Cooper (Gene), Cynthia Dennis (Jerry), Homer Jr. (Jerry), Anthony (Deborah), Cassandra Williams, Betty Williams and a host of family and friends.

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BENNY UNDERWOOD

APR. 22, 1941 – FEB. 8, 2018
Benny received his education through the Detroit Public School system and graduated from Pershing in 1959. He found his church home at Oakland MBC where he served as Deacon. Benny was known for his smooth walk and style, his infectious laugh and caring personality. He loved gospel and R & B music.

He leaves to cherish his memory his sister Linda, two daughters; Darlene and Catherine (Donald), 3 sons Tobresse (Marcia), Dewaun and Benny Jr. (Yolanda), 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and a host of family and friends

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MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

Remote Locker Allows Dearborn Students to Access Library Materials

By Renee Summers - Telegram News Intern



Salina School Media Specialist Cindy Alvarado demonstrating how the remote library locker is used

As a conclusion to the Telegram's series, 'More Than Just Books', the focus this week is on the collaborative efforts of the Dearborn Public Library system and the library staff at Dearborn's Salina Intermediate School to get library materials into the hands of students.

The southeast end of Dearborn is a highly industrialized area, yet it is also home to a tight-knit population of recent immigrants, mainly from the Middle East. Within this community sits Dearborn's Salina Intermediate School, the location of Michigan's first remote library locker.

Most residents in this neighborhood bordered by factories and smokestacks are low-income and many do not speak English. For most, owning a car is not a possibility and access to reliable transportation is lacking. The remote library locker at Salina School means that for students who are unable to visit a library located several miles away, the library will come to them.

The remote library locker was made possible through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant totaling \$110,000. Dearborn Public Schools and the Dearborn Public Library partnered to install and maintain the remote

locker. The location at Salina Intermediate School was chosen as it is an area of the city underserved by library services. Salina School's Media Specialist, Cindy Alvarado says, "We've been talking about access for this community because they are geographically isolated from the rest of Dearborn. It's difficult for parents to get their children to the library."

While Salina Intermediate does have a library for the students to use, as a school library, its collection is limited. The remote library locker enables students to access library materials from all three of Dearborn's public libraries. "It definitely expands the availability of materials that students can have," says Dearborn Public Library's Deputy Director, Julie Schaefer.

The remote locker is located in the community center which was constructed as an addition to the school in the early 2000s. Students use the community center's computer lab to access the Dearborn Public Library's website and place their orders for materials. Library staff retrieves the requested items and delivers them to the remote locker at Salina School. The student receives a notification e-mail when their order is ready for

pick up and they are able to get it from the locker, which has 28 separate drawers for holding materials. The entire process takes less than two days. Most students acquire their items after school when the community center is open for tutoring and study time from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays.

Students are not the only ones using the remote library locker. Parents find the locker's location convenient for them as well, especially if transportation is unavailable. Alvarado says the remote locker is available to anyone in the community to use as long as they hold a Dearborn Public Library Card. Anything in the public library's collection can be placed on hold and delivered to the remote locker, including DVDs and video games. Schaefer says the most popular requested item is simply books. "It's good to work with the schools," she says of the library and school collaboration. "I think that anything that brings us on the same page is a good thing."

Schaefer also sees application of this program in other areas of the state as well. As this is the first such remote locker program in Michigan, other communities will be able to assess the program in Dearborn and see what works and what doesn't. Alvarado says, "I would recommend to other public libraries that if they have underserved areas like this one, that they should look into it because I feel it's a very effective way to address that." So far, the program is a success and students are eager to obtain library material from the city's public libraries. When the remote library locker was first introduced this past January, librarians weren't sure it would be well received. "We didn't know what was going to happen," Schaefer says. "It's been exciting, it's been fun. If you build it, they will come, that's how I've been feeling."

The remote locker is located at Salina Intermediate School, 2623 Salina Street in Dearborn. School Media Specialist, Cindy Alvarado can be reached at 313-827-6600 or at alvarac@dearbornschools.org. If you are interested in using the remote locker, be advised you must have a library card with the Dearborn Public Library. The community center at Salina Intermediate School is open 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday only. Dearborn Library Deputy Director Julie Schaefer can be reached at 313-943-2338 or at jschaefer@dearborn.mi.us.

Kentucky Derby comes to Inkster

Inktown Derby Party Planned



Inkster - The Inkster Task Force has decided to bring the 2018 Kentucky Derby to the city of Inkster. Dubbed the Inktown Derby Party, the event will be held simultaneously with the events in Kentucky, including viewing the race on May 5. The Booker Dozier Recreation Center at 2025 Middle Belt Road is the site of the event which starts at 5:00 p.m. with dinner. The Task Force, a 501c3 community service organization, is once again

presenting an event that will raise money for charitable causes in the city of Inkster. In addition to dinner and signature beverages, patrons will be able to enjoy gaming activities run by professional dealers at roulette, black jack and craps tables. Betting windows will be available for making bets on the horses in the race and all proceeds from this activity will go to charity.

Ladies are being asked to dress in hats that will be judged in the categories of most beautiful, largest and craziest. Men will be able to compete to be the most dapper gentleman contest. First, second and third place prizes will be given in each category. A hat stroll will allow all participants to show off their outfits for the enjoyment of all present.

Tickets for the festivities are \$40.00 and Eventbrite is the registration site being used for the purchase of tickets.



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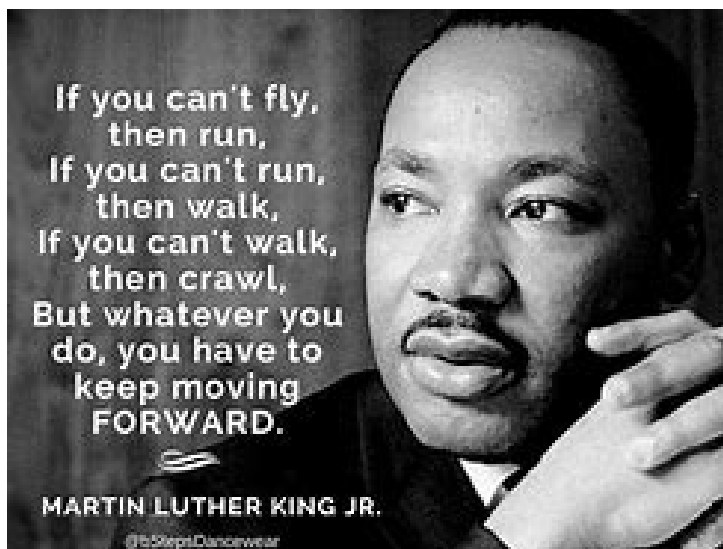


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MLK:50

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Color of Change have picked up the mantle, pushing for justice, freedom and equality around the nation.

"In challenging political moments like this one, it can be tempting to give into despair, which makes it all the more critical for our communities to remember our powerful legacy and draw inspiration from leaders like Dr. King, especially now on the 50th anniversary of his assassination," Rashad Robinson, the executive director of Color of Change, the nation's largest online racial justice organization. "What people too often forget is that beyond inspiring speeches and letters, Dr. King held a deep understanding of strategy and an expert execution of his vision."

Robinson continued: "From the Montgomery bus boycott that brought a city and industry to its knees to leveraging media as a megaphone for the Civil Rights movements, every day at Color of Change we strive to learn from Dr. King's proud legacy and all those that stood with him. We hold corporations accountable and demand they do more than just steal Dr. King's voice for ads, but implement his demands for treating workers fairly and equally." Robinson added that today, civil rights groups work to elect district attorneys around the country that are accountable to the community they represent and focused on ending mass incarceration.

"From the classroom to the ballot box to corporate boardrooms and capitol buildings, King's work to build power and change the rules is the legacy we honor as we create a next generation movement to make justice real," Robinson said.

The NAACP is honoring King with a series of special events in Memphis.

"As we join our spirit of activism with so many in Memphis for [a] march and rally, our overarching goal is to lift up Dr. King's legacy of active participation in our democracy," NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement.

Joined by organizations like AF-SCME, COGIC and a host of workers' rights leaders, the NAACP will commemorate King during a three-day event beginning Monday, April 2 in Memphis. "The NAACP is proud that through the calendar of activities drawn from the striking sanitation workers' iconic slogan, 'I Am a Man,' we'll be able to connect the movements of the past with today's youth and movements for social change, while symbolically passing the mantle, and strengthening and energizing our Youth and College Division Leadership," Johnson said.

Meanwhile, Jackson who stood on that Lorraine Motel balcony in Memphis the day before the as-

sassination said King's death re-defined America.

"On this anniversary...it always hurts. He was 39-years-old, he was hated by our government, attacked by our government, media, shot, killed in cold blood," Jackson said.

The Rainbow Push leader and one-time aide to King recalled the "Mountaintop" speech in which King declared that, "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life... longevity has its place. But, I'm not concerned about that now..."

Jackson said that some people thought that King was anticipating his death the next day.

"He had just come from a plane which had been emptied, because of the threat of the plane being hit by a terrorist attack," Jackson said. Jackson continued: "He was aware, but he felt that a coward dies a thousand times before his death, but the valiant taste of death but once. He refused to be afraid because of the risk of ambush and sabotage. He refused to stop what he was doing out of fear because he did it out of courage."

Dr. Wornie Reed, the Director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech University who met King during the Montgomery Bus Boycott and joined him on the historic 1963 March on Washington, said in a news release that there remain many myths about King.

"Many years ago, he would answer people who would say...Reverend King we can't legislate morality and he would say we 'are not asking for the government to make my neighbor love me, we are asking the government to keep my neighbor from killing me,'" Reed said. "So, King was dealing with real issues not the symbolic stuff that people talk about today."

In a tweet, Valerie Jarrett who served as senior adviser to former President Barack Obama, wrote about King's final speech and what it means to those who follow in his footsteps.

"Those who fight for social justice today stand on the shoulders of many, including Martin Luther King Jr.," Jarrett said. "I hope King's last speech will give you strength for the hard journey ahead."

King's daughter, Bernice A. King, tweeted that her father was a non-violent practitioner, a social change strategist and a courageous speaker of truth to power. King's tweet about her father continued: "And, when the truth he was speaking plus the work he was doing regarding economic justice, racism, war and poverty became too much for those in power to bear...#MLK50Forward #MLK."

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Never Again

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Alexann Zahara participating in Peace Walk in Florida

was there for a respite from the hectic demand of classes and to visit with her mother, who resides in Florida. While there, Zahara and her mother took a short 20-minute drive to Parkland where, just two weeks earlier, 17 people were murdered and another 17 were wounded in a bloody mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Former student Nikolas Jacob Cruz is accused in the shooting rampage.

Zahara and her mother paid their respects at a memorial erected by the community outside the school building. Both were emotionally touched by what they saw. "This was the first time that I ever felt so, I guess, moved by something that I saw in real life," Zahara says.

When plans were scheduled for nationwide marches and demonstrations against gun violence on March 24, 2018, Zahara and her mother decided they both wanted to participate. They chose to join in the march in Parkland and Zahara flew down to Florida for the event. "This one was more personal for me because the kids were just about my age," Zahara says. "I'm 19, they were high schoolers, so that's someone I could be friends with."

Being aware of social and political issues facing Americans is not something Zahara is unaccustomed to. As a sophomore at UMD, she works in the Women's Resource Center on campus, which sponsors events related to women's rights and sexual assault issues. She is also active in student government. As for the gun safety and school shooting issue, Zahara thinks it is not

necessarily a national crisis. She defines a crisis as something which did not previously exist. School shootings have been happening for years, she says, and people, including herself, are finally becoming vocal about the situation and demanding a remedy. The publicity associated with the demand for change is opening peoples' eyes, she says.

Commentators agree that social media plays a major role in the attention the movement, now called Never Again, is receiving. The movement is being led by the kids who have been affected and are comfortable using technology to communicate on a daily basis. "Our generation is definitely very politically vocal, especially given social media," Zahara adds.

Zahara also wants people to remember that there are other forms of gun violence, including domestic and workplace violence, which sometimes involve guns.

As for a remedy, Zahara agrees with many that the nation's gun laws need to be stricter. She also admits that while it is not factual to claim that all people who suffer with mental illness are dangerous, somehow Cruz, despite his troubled history, was able to get his hands on a gun. She says weapons of war should not be made available to 18-year olds. "It's not about gun control," she says, "It's about gun reform." She also believes that as citizens of a representative government, we should be vocal about what we want from our leaders and lawmakers. Voting is important, she adds. "They use the slogan Never Again, but it's a hope, not a promise."

SENIOR STAR

JESSIE KUYKENDALL IS 103 YEARS OLD

By: KB Steward - Special to the Telegram News



Jessie Kuykendall with her friends and family

Jessie Kuykendall was born on October 14, 1914 in Shaws, Mississippi and currently resides in the City of Detroit. Jessie didn't have any children of her own, but she was a mother to many. She lived in Charleston, Missouri and was married for over 50 years to Samuel Kuykendall. She served at the church and worked at several nursing homes. She served as the mother of the church home at Bethel on East Holcomb in Detroit. She was a minister to the youth and enjoyed visiting the sick.

For her job, she worked in

private homes cleaning and cooking and doing whatever she had to do.

Her parents were Frank and Ella Richardson-Nelson. She had 16 siblings who are all deceased. Her closest relative is her great niece Rebecca Sullivan (pictured above).

The Motto she lives by is 'Live the best I can. That's all I know'. 'I put my trust in The Lord and love one another and treat everybody right. Do good and good will come back to you.'

Her favorite scriptures are the books of Psalms and

Proverbs. When asked, who inspires her. She said her dad when he was living.

When asked what do you remember most about growing up, she said, When my siblings spoke I had to obey. I also remember that I loved to travel, go to family reunions, go shopping and get my hair done. I still like going shopping.

Some of the people she grew up with were her five sisters and brothers that she took care of. Her best friend Annie Grey, her nephews Ervin and Ed, her brother Bud who was a minister and she remembers taking care of Rebecca and Florida.

When asked what needs to change in the community; she said more Block Clubs. "I used to be the chairman of the Block Club.

Her favorite singer – Anyone. As long as they can sing.

Her favorite actor – Clark Gable

Favorite person – Her dad. He was quiet and he took care of me and my siblings.

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Library Book Sale

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**Ecorse
City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 7:30-9PM there will be a city council meeting at the Ecorse city hall, 3869 West Jefferson.

**Garden City
City Council Meeting**

There will be a city council meeting April 9, 2018. All regular meetings of the City Council begin at 7:00 pm in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 6000 Middlebelt Road.

**Romulus
City Council Meeting**

Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city

hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

**Taylor
Saturday, April 7, 2018**

Interested in volunteering at the library? Learn what is required of a library volunteer and how you can help. Join us for the orientation April 7, 2018 from 11AM-12PM at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee).

Computer Basics

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office. Registration is required. This event takes place April 11, 2018 from 10:30-11:30 at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee).

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**Wyandotte
City Council Meeting**

April 9, 2018 there will be a city council meeting at the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., beginning at 7:00PM

**Next Year High School Sport
Classifications**

By Butch Davis



In Lansing this past week the new classification breaks will see 22 schools move up in class for 2018-19, while 15 schools will move down. Effective with the 2018-19 school year, schools with 885 or more students are in Class A. The enrollment limits for Class B are 398-884, Class C is 194-397, and schools with enrollments of 193 and fewer are Class D. The break between Classes A and B increased four students from 2017-18, the break between Classes B and C decreased eight students, and the break between Classes C and D is nine students fewer than the current school year.

Schools recently were notified of their classification on March 26th and 27th, 2018 by MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts who stated, schools may not after lower their enrollment figure. However, if revised enrollment figures should be higher and

indicate that a school should be playing in a higher division, that school would be moved up.

Schools have the option to play at any higher division for a minimum of two years, however must exercise the option by April 15 for fall sports, August 15 for winter sports and October 15 for spring sports. By the way, divisions and qualifiers for the MHSAA Football Playoffs will be announced on Selection this year on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018. Here are the schools that were effected below. Schools in the Telegram reading areas are in **bold print**.

Moving Up From Class B to Class A. Detroit Mumford, Flint Southwestern, Haslett, Jackson Northwest, New Boston Huron and **River Rouge**.

Moving Down From Class A to Class B. Battle Creek Harper Creek, **Detroit Cody**, Farmington Hills Harrison,

Hazel Park, and Stevensville Lakeshore.

Moving Up From Class C to Class B. Constantine, Detroit Henry Ford, **Detroit Jalen Rose Leadership Academy**, **Detroit School of Arts**, Houghton, Negaunee, Pinconning, and Wixom St. Catherine of Siena.

Moving Down From Class B to Class C. **Dearborn Advanced Technology Academy**, **Ecorse**, Harrison and Millington.

Moving Up From Class D to Class C. Bark River-Harris, Big Rapids Crossroads Academy, Hope of Detroit Academy, Mesick, Morenci, Munising, Rogers City, and Wyoming Potter's House Christian.

Moving Down From Class C to Class D. Detroit Southeastern, Mendon, New Buffalo, Pittsford, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central.

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NFL OFFSEASON WORKOUT PROGRAM

By Butch Davis



Voluntary offseason workout programs are intended to provide training, teaching and physical conditioning for players. The calendar for 2018 Detroit Lions is below. As per Article 21 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, each club's official, voluntary nine-week offseason program is conducted in three phases. Phase One consists of the first two weeks of the program with activities limited to strength and conditioning and physical rehabilitation only. Phase Two consists of the next three weeks of the program. On-field workouts may include individual player instruction and drills as well as team practice conducted on a "separates" basis. No live contact or team offenses vs. team defense drills are permitted. Phase Three consists of the next four weeks of the program. Teams may conduct a total of 10 days of

organized team practice activity, or "OTAs". No live contact is permitted, however 7-on-7, 9-on-7, and 11-on-11 drills are permitted.

Now article 22 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement stipulates that clubs may hold one mandatory minicamp for veteran players. This minicamp,

noted below, must occur during Phase Three of the offseason program. In addition, new head coaches are entitled to conduct an additional voluntary veteran minicamp. Any voluntary minicamp for veteran players must be conducted prior to the NFL Draft (April 26-28), nonetheless no earlier than week three of the club's offseason workout program and after at least one week of the two weeks of Phase One activities that the clubs may hold pursuant to Article 21. This year, seven clubs will hold voluntary veteran minicamps.

The Detroit Lions schedule is as follow, First Day is April 9th. OTA offseason Workouts: May 21-22, May 24, May 30-31, June 11-12, and June 14. Voluntary Minicamp: April 24-26, Mandatory Minicamp: June 5-7.

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Public Announcement

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River Rouge Housing Commission (RRHC) hereby notifies the general public that the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waiting list will open for applications on Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 12:01 am and will close Sunday April 22 at 11:59 pm. Applications for the waiting list will ONLY be available online at <https://riverrouge2018.hdswaitinglist.com> or the RRHC website at <http://www.riverrougehousing.com>. River Rouge Housing Commission will restrict the total applications to 1,000. Applications received online will be entered into a selection lottery to be placed on the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list.

River Rouge Housing Commission

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Date: April 26, 2018
Time: 11:00 AM EST

Place: Board of Education
School District of the City of River Rouge
1460 W. Coolidge Hwy.
River Rouge, MI 48218

Attn: Karen Donahue, Director of Business and Operations

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after April 3, 2018.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ARCHITECTURE, INC., 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

Return Bidding Documents to the Architect within ten (10) days after opening receipt of proposals. Documents are to be complete, in clean and usable condition and free of marks or other defacement.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Compliance Form must be included as well. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include both of these statements, which are included on the proposal execution form.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2018-2019 STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 during the Regular Council Meeting held at 7:30 PM within the Council Chambers, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI. The City Council of the City of Ecorse will hold a public hearing to hear objections to the street lighting special assessment revenues and expenses. All parcels of land situated in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan are subject to the proposed special assessment. The City Council has declared its intention to undertake special assessments for certain Costs of Street Lighting as outlined below:

Purpose	Type	Millage to be Levied July 1	Millage to be Levied Dec.1	Total
Street Lighting	Special Assessment	2.6892		2.6892

Revenues		
Street Lighting	Special Assessment	\$305,554

Expenditures		
Street Lighting	Expenditures	\$315,180

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Clerk's Office during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

Dana Hughes
City Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE COMBINED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES AND 2018-2019 BUDGET

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 during the Regular Council Meeting held at 7:30 PM within the Council Chambers, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI. The City Council of the City of Ecorse will hold a public hearing on the recommended budget and ad valorem special assessments to be levied in 2018 for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL ALSO BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI. The total number of mills to be levied and the purposes for each millage are:

Purpose	Authority	Millage to be Levied July 1	Millage to be Levied Dec.1
Operating	Charter	18.6713	
Rubbish	PA 298	2.9481	
Pension	Charter	0.2500	
Longevity	Charter	0.4913	
Library	Charter	0.2456	
Bond Debt	Court Order	5.0716	
Pension Debt	Court Order		10.5230
Police Operating	PA 33	2.0000	20.2997
Fire Operating	PA 33	2.0000	6.2877
Library	Charter	1.0000	
Lighting	Charter	2.6892	
Total		35.3671	37.1104

The total revenues and expenditures by fund are:

Fund	Revenues	Expenditures	Net Income
General	\$10,230,379	\$10,134,228	\$96,151
Major Street	\$491,500	\$484,183	\$7,317
Local Street	\$344,500	\$368,233	\$267
Rubbish	\$513,519	\$528,000	(\$14,481)
Library	\$178,285	\$172,192	\$6,093
Judgement Bond	\$817,683	\$765,145	\$52,538
Water & Sewer	\$7,029,286	\$6,902,812	\$126,474
Total	\$19,629,152	\$19,354,793	\$274,359

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CITY OF ECORSE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2018-2019 POLICE & FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Regular Council Meeting held at 7:30 PM within the Council Chambers, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave, Ecorse, MI. The City Council of the City of Ecorse will hold a public hearing to hear objections to the police and fire public safety expenses and to the proposed ad valorem special assessments permitted under Public Act 33 of 1951. All parcels of land situated in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne and State of Michigan are subject to the proposed community wide ad valorem special assessments in a column provided on the regular tax roll. The City Council has declared its intention to undertake ad valorem special assessments for certain Costs of Public Safety as outlined below:

Purpose	Type	Millage to be Levied July 1	Millage to be Levied Dec. 1	Total
Police Operating	Special Assessment	2.0000	20.2997	22.2997
Fire Operating	Special Assessment	2.0000	6.2877	8.2877
Total Public Safety Special Assessment				30.5874

Revenues		
Police Operating	Special Assessment	\$1,823,000
Fire Operating	Special Assessment	\$ 677,000
Total Public Safety Special Assessment Revenues		\$2,500,000

Expenditures		
Staff Salaries		\$1,515,000
Part-time Salaries		\$ 156,000
Overtime Salaries		\$ 292,000
Sick and Vacation Payout		\$ 55,000
FICA		\$ 59,000
Health Insurance		\$ 364,000
Life Insurance		\$ 2,000
Pension		\$ 25,000
MERS Retirement Contribution		\$ 6,000
Longevity Pay		\$ 10,649
Allowances		\$ 51,000
Office Supplies		\$ 6,120
Ammunition		\$ 1,000
Prisoner Meals		\$ 3,000
Prisoner Maintenance		\$ 50,000
Supplies & Equipment		\$ 19,436
Downriver Mutual Aid		\$ 11,092
Cellular Telephones		\$ 8,000
Contracted Services		\$ 14,708
Miscellaneous Repairs & Maintenance		\$ 2,500
Liability Insurance		\$ 45,900
Training		\$ 11,557
Cable		\$ 1,681
Office Equipment Maintenance		\$ 2,627
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance		\$ 42,024
Vehicle Gas		\$ 47,277
Radio Maintenance		\$ 500
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$ 15,000
Vehicle Purchase		\$ 35,000
Total Public Safety Expenditures		\$2,853,581

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Clerk's Office during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

City Clerk, Dana Hughes

CRIME ALERT - POLICE DEPT. BLOTTER FOR RIVER ROUGE

MARCH 24TH, 2018

At 0311hrs, an officer was dispatched to the police station lobby on a report of a possible Domestic Assault. A 28 year old female states she was assaulted and her child was at home with the suspect. She stated the assault took place on March 20th, 2018. She stated that her boyfriend has a cocaine and alcohol problem and they had been arguing until he became violent. She stated he grabbed her and pushed her down, but she defended herself. She states she was scared but fed up with the abuse. She states she was separated from him but allowed him to stay with her mother to help see about the child. She was advised to contact the court to file an eviction and a PPO if she is that scared of him and fears for her safety. She told the officer she found drugs in her house and confronted him and he told her he didn't care. She gave the officer the drugs she found and it was taken and tagged as evidence.

MARCH 24TH, 2018

At 0455hrs, a male entered the River Rouge Police Station Lobby and walked through the main hallway towards the restroom. The male then walked through the double door to the other side of the building. As he was walking to the top of the stairway to the second floor of city hall the office escorted him out of the building. The officer observed him running south bound of West Jefferson Ave with no clothes on, then observed the male getting on the Smart Bus, which was

parked in front of the building. He later put his clothes back on. The officer radioed for other units. The male appeared highly intoxicated and his person smelled of intoxicants. He had urinated on his self, his pants and other clothing and had also urinated on the floorboard of the vehicle. He was removed with no shirt or shoes and was placed under arrest for Disorderly Person, Damage to property for urinating inside the City of River Rouge Smart Bus.

MARCH 21st, 2018

At 0000hrs, officers were dispatched to a home in the 3000 Block of 19th Street to assist Ecorse PD with an F/A that took place in our city, at Polk & Eaton Street. The female stated that her boyfriend of one year struck her vehicle with his vehicle. When she got out of her vehicle and went over to his vehicle and began kicking and hitting his window with her hands. He suddenly pulled out a Smith & Wesson handgun and pointed it at her and activated the Laser. The officer asked what color was the laser and she stated it was green and stated the boyfriend never said anything to her. The officer examined her vehicle and observed damage to the rear bumper. The Ecorse officer had already placed the boyfriend in his patrol vehicle. He was advised he was under arrest for Domestic F/A. He was transported to the station where he was booked, allowed to make call.

If you see something, say something

From Page 1A



Richard Dan Phillips spent 45 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit

I sat in Swift's Southfield apartment and asked him how the detectives and the prosecutor on his case could have made such a dreadful mistake. "You don't understand," he responded. "It was no mistake, they knew all along that I was innocent."

Most Americans whose knowledge of the criminal justice system is derived from high school civic classes, social studies curriculums, and cop movies assume that a person that is arrested is likely guilty, and when convicted in a court of law, is surely guilty. Because of this jaded perception they do not understand how biased, how racist, and how broken law enforcement and the criminal courts are in America.

Richard Dan Phillips understands very well. He spent 45 years in Michigan's prison system for a murder he was completely innocent of. He holds the record for the most years spent behind bars of any wrongfully imprisoned person in the United States. It is a distinction that he is not proud of, and one he would have rather done without.

Phillips was a 27-year-old Detroit auto worker when Gregory Harris was assaulted and shot to death in 1971. Based on false testimony, Phillips was arrested and convicted for murder and sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. He always voiced his innocence, but like Swift and countless other Black and/or poor defendants in America, his passionate claims of innocence fell on ears that didn't believe him, didn't care, or worse, were determined to get a conviction regardless of the evidence.

Phillips is a large man who carries himself well and speaks with the unassuming dignity of a person that knows he has been through hell on earth (and not only survived) but flourished in many ways. He stuck to his principles and to what he knew to be true, and he would not compromise his humanity, not even for a life without chains. "My attorney came to me and offered me a deal to get out of prison if I

It's just wrong

would admit to the crime," Phillips said. "I told him that I would rather die in prison than admit to a murder that I did not do."

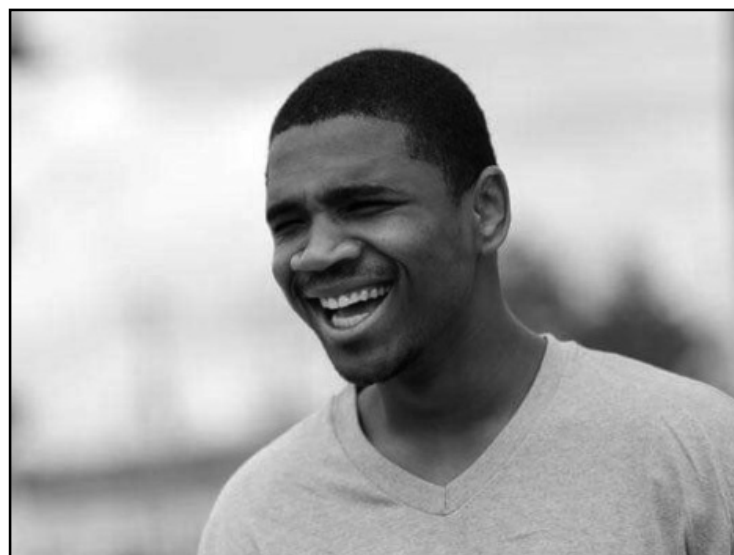
Wrongful convictions are not isolated incidents. There are thousands of cases of innocent people who were railroaded to jail by soulless police investigators, unethical prosecutors, incompetent defense attorneys, and judges who are asleep at the judicial wheel.

One of the most shocking and egregious is that of Devontae Sanford. In the autumn of 2007, fourteen-year-old Sanford was pressured and manipulated to confess to a quadruple homicide that occurred in an alleged dope house on Detroit's eastside. Many people find it almost unbelievable that a person would confess to a serious crime, even when they are totally innocent of it. Yet most people are unaware of the lies, fabrications, psychological tricks and stress that can be legally used by police interrogators (not to reveal the truth but) to compel an individual to confess.

Some of the troubling facts in Sanford's case are: His mother was not allowed to be present or to request an attorney which is a violation of Michigan law. Within weeks of his confession, Sanford recanted and said the police gave him key details of the murders to make his confession credible. In Sanford's original statement to the police he did not place himself at the scene of the crime. The real killer, Vincent Smothers, admitted to the killing that Sanford was convicted of; despite this, the judge denied the motion for dismissal resulting in Sanford languishing in prison for almost nine years.

Experts site six main factors that contribute to wrongful convictions: Eyewitness misidentification; junk science; false confessions; government misconduct; the use of informants and jail-house snitches without proper vetting; and bad or incompetent attorneys.

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Devontae Sanford spent nine years in jail before being released for a crime he didn't commit

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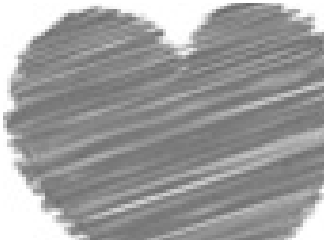
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Dear Tasha,

A month ago, I picked up the Telegram and read one of your articles and the proceeding weeks I did the same. I never thought I would write in to an advice column, but I need your help. About 3 years ago, I started working at this consulting firm and was quickly taken under the wings of my fellow colleague. He and I connected and enjoy spending time hanging out, watching sports and talking about the job and life. It wasn't too long before he and I started having backyard BBQ's, fishing and sometimes playing video games; just hanging out like old buddies and doing family events. But, at one of the family gatherings he introduced me to a long-time friend, this friend is now my fiancé. I've come to respect him and our friendship and can count on him whenever I need him. So, here is my dilemma; I have a best friend that I have known for years. We grew up together, attended the same college and I am also the godfather to his son. But, I need a best man for my wedding. My longtime friend, has an issue with not coming through for me, he's always late for events and never respects the seriousness of issues. Perfect example; he was nowhere to be found and missed the entire birth of his son. I don't want to cause a rift between the fellas, but I don't want to have my wedding day stalled because the best man is late. How do I work out this problem without making my best friend feel some kind of way? We've had conversations about the wedding and I continue to avoid the topic with him, because I know he's waiting for me to ask him to be my best man, but the truth is, I would prefer to have my new friend step into the role, because I know I can count on him to be there and support me with the planning of my bachelor party and do an excellent job. I need to decide soon.

Signed,
Man Down

Dear Man Down,

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and thanks for picking up the Telegram and reading my column. Let me say, you are the first man to seek my advice in the Telegram, and I'm hopeful my response will help you with your PIC friend (Problem, Issues and Concerns). It seems as though you have matured into what most women are looking for, a real man who knows what he wants. However, your long-time friend has some growing up to do and doesn't seem to take life and his responsibilities seriously. Missing the birth of his son, clearly speaks to his lack of support and understanding his role as a man and father. However, your wedding day is special and I'm sure you want all those whom you love to be a part of the special event and play their roles respectfully. So, here we go. Why can't you have both men as your best man. The two of them can work together to plan your bachelor party, attend rehearsals and all the other festivities that come along with pre-wedding fun. Hopefully, as time moves forward your old friend will see how your new friend takes things seriously and will fall in line. He will recognize how you rely on him and be prepared to do what it takes to be a friend; on time and present for your big day. However, if he doesn't fall in line, you will need to have a serious conversation with him prior to the wedding and let him know that he will be witnessing the nuptials with the rest of the guest and you have a best man who's ready to step up to the role. Providing some examples of his lack of responsibility may also be necessary for him to get the big picture. I'm sure he will do what it takes to help make your day perfect. But, remember the only people that really need to be on time and present, are you, your fiancé' and the preacher man/woman. Let me know how things turn out and thanks for seeking my advice.

Tasha,
Talk to Tasha at: TashaBLove2018@gmail.com

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Everyone is invited to the 4th annual Romulus Eco-Fair



Families came out last year to learn about the environment

ROMULUS – The City of Romulus' fourth annual "Eco-Fair" is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

The free event – a celebration of Earth Day – is open to the public and features interesting exhibits, speakers and take-aways for people of all ages.

Local and regional environmentally-friendly organizations and vendors will participate. There will be free activities and door prizes.

"It's all about our environment," said Christine Rohn, a master gardener and the founder of the Romulus Garden Club. "It's about being eco-friendly, going green and conserving energy and water. We all want to have clean air and

water and to be able to grow good food for our children and grandchildren. We'll have presentations on the importance of recycling, how to plant and why not to use insecticides and pesticides. We'll have all that and more all in one place."

The Eco-Fair was started by City of Romulus Director of Community Services Jazmine Danci, who planned a similar event while in college at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She earned a masters degree at the University of Michigan.

"I have my bachelors and masters degrees in environmental sustainability, so Earth Day is something very close to my heart," she said. "It's actually my favorite holiday."

This year's eco-friendly vendors

and some of their topics include:

- Huron-Clinton Metroparks – parks information
- DTE Energy – energy efficiency
- Romulus Public Library – seed savings/seed library; books about conservation
- Romulus Garden Club – gardening tips
- Michigan State University Extension Council – health and wellness
- Southeastern Michigan Butterfly Association – pollinators
- Romulus Schools Recycling – living green and clean
- Michigan State Master Gardeners – produce and plants
- Old City Acres Farm – local organic farmer Alex Ball
- Sierra Club
- Michigan Botanical Club
- Waste Management

Rohn, who is a senior secretary with the Romulus Ordinance Department and Animal Control, will be one of at least three speakers during the day. She will talk about planting, soil, eco-friendly pesticides and what you need to do for a healthy garden.

After each speaker, door prizes will be awarded to someone in the audience.

There also will be crafts for children, who will have the opportunity to create a planter out of recycled newspapers.

"Gardening is my labor of love," Rohn said. "Even though it can be hard work, it's my passion – my special gift from God."

For more information about the Romulus Eco-Fair, call (734) 634-3812.

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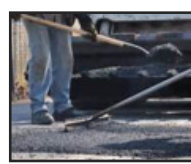
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