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UPCOMING EVENTS

RALLY AND MARCH FOR JOBS, PEACE, AND JUSTICE

January 21st, 2019
12:00pm, followed by a community
meal at 3:00pm
St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's
Episcopal Church
8850 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202
FREE

MLK DAY AT THE DIA

January 21st, 2019
11:00am - 3:00pm
DIA
5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202
Play kid-tested and approved games! Look for the
Gallery Games cart in Prentis Court by Artie the
Donkey for free family fun with take-away games
to play in the museum.
FREE for residents of Wayne, Oakland and
Macomb counties.

KING: A FILMED RECORD...MONTGOMERY TO

MEMPHIS

Monday, Jan 21, 2019
1:00pm
Detroit Film Theatre
5200 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
FREE for residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb
counties.

MLK DAY AT THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM OF AMERICAN INNOVATION

Monday, January 21st
9:30am-5:00pm
20900 Oakwood Blvd.
Dearborn, MI 48124
FREE

NAMES UNSPOKEN: UNSUNG HEROES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Monday, January 21, 2019
6:00pm-8:00pm
Nandi's Knowledge Cafe
71 Oakman Blvd.
Highland Park, MI 48203: FREE

REFORM IN THE NEW YEAR

BY EDWARD SANDERS

In a fast moving succession of cases, the U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged that adolescents are less culpable in acts of crimes and more capable of reform or rehabilitation. Changes in the nation's state and federal laws in recent years display the Supreme Court's opinion in effect. In recent years the U.S. Supreme court was aided substantially with increased understanding of brain science and more than half the states have followed the Supreme Court's lead. However, compared to other states, Michigan falls short on efforts to reform prisons and change policies. "Fixing the damn roads" and decreasing auto insurance costs are important issues, but Michigan politicians should make prison reform a priority for more than nonviolent offenders. The Supreme Court has declared that age is a factor in determining the culpability of the crime committed, so why are we still locking up children for life? Just before the new year, the outgoing governor gave a commutation to someone who served 52 years in Michigan's prison system. Going forward, will there be an agenda to commute more sentences of juvenile lifers left behind?

INTERESTED IN FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION?

The TRiO Educational Opportunity Center offers free academic, vocational, career, and financial aid counseling to adults interested in earning GEDs or entering college and vocational schools. To apply, call (313) 577-7528 or e-mail wsutrioec@wayne.edu

TRiO Educational Opportunity Center
Wayne State University
Educational Opportunity Center
5700 Cass Ave. Room 2701
Detroit, MI 48202

JOBS

CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE

FOCUS HOPE

1400 Oakman Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48238

Salary discussed upon hire

Full Time

apply at www.focushope.edu

MULTIPLE POSITIONS

E.W. GROBBEL SONS, INC.

2500 Orleans St.

Detroit, MI 48207

Salary discussed upon hire

Full Time

apply at www.grobbel.com/careers/

MASTER STAFFING SOLUTIONS

MICHIGAN WORKS!

Job Fair

January 23rd, 9:00am-12:00pm

35731 W. Michigan Ave.

Wayne, MI 48184

Masterson Staffing Solutions are hiring for the following positions:

Production Packagers (\$ 10.00),

Machine Operators (\$ 10.50) and

Chemical Mixers (\$ 14.00-16.00).

Interested candidates can apply in person at Hiring Event or online.

ETD SERVICES

MICHIGAN WORKS!

Job Fair

February 1st, 9:00am-12pm

35731 W. Michigan Ave.

Wayne, MI 48184

ETD Services are now hiring for: Hi-Lo/Shipping & Receiving Clerks (\$ 12/hr.) for locations in Western Wayne County & Sorters (\$ 10/hr.) for Livonia, Brownstown, Wayne & Flat Rock. To see a full job description go to the Michigan Talent Connect website search for: (MTC Job Code: 8860981) Hi-Lo/S & R Clerks & (MTC Job Code: 6294036) Sorters. Interested applicants can apply in person or online.

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT

CLYDE POTTS

CAME HOME SEPTEMBER 2018

HOMETOWN

Inkster, Michigan

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Writing poetry, working out, and seeing new stuff

SUCCESS SINCE RELEASE

I have some accomplishments, including school and work, but they aren't successes quite yet.

STRUGGLES SINCE RELEASE

None yet, it's been pretty smooth sailing.

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Whatever struggles you're going through, whatever hardships that you're facing, stay positive and keep moving forward in life.



FIND HOPE!

Hope Community Church Support Meeting:

Next Meeting: Friday, February 1st

6:00-8:00pm

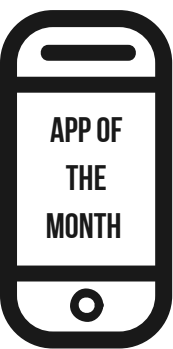
Hope Community Church

14456 E. Jefferson

Detroit, MI 48215

Hope Community Church hosts support meetings on the first Friday of every month. Meetings are a healing space for individuals, family members, and friends with loved ones who are or have been incarcerated in the past. If interested, all you have to do is show up.

FOR ASSISTANCE APPLYING TO JOBS OR TO BE CONNECTED TO EVENTS AND RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE REACH OUT TO PROJECT REENTRY.



Duolingo

WHAT IS DUOLINGO?

Want to learn a new language? Duolingo is a free language-learning website and app. The app is extremely user-friendly and easy to download on any smartphone. Duolingo offers courses for 37 different languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Italian, German, French, and Chinese. Duolingo language courses are entertaining and have a video game like structure. Duolingo is a great tool to use if you are interested in learning a new language on the go.

BUMBLEBEE SOUP

BY CHEF JOHN

Serves 4-6



INGREDIENTS

4 strips bacon
1 onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 quart chicken stock
1/2 tsp chipotle pepper
1/2 tsp oregano
2 (15-oz) cans black beans
2 cups frozen corn, thawed
salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut up bacon in 1/2 inch pieces and cook until done.
2. Leave 1 tablespoon bacon fat in the pan and add the onion and salt and cook for ~5 minutes to soften.
3. Add garlic and cook another minute. Add chicken stock.
4. Rinse beans and add to pot. Add seasoning, corn, and half the bacon. Bring to a simmer for 30 minutes.
5. With a potato masher, mash about half of the beans in the pot. Simmer for another 10-15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with residual bacon.

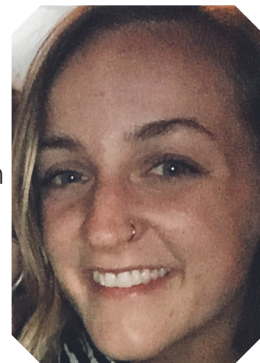
PAROLE REFORM BY ALLISON GORINE

On December 12th, 2018, House Bill No. 5377 became effective. The purpose of the bill is to provide the parole board with evidence-based and objective guidelines when deciding whether to grant parole. Under state law, the parole board reviews a number of factors including current sentence, institutional conduct records, mental health, age, and post release housing plans, to aid in determining parole eligibility. Prior to the new policy, the parole board could also determine parole eligibility based on undefined "substantial and compelling reasons." Consequently, this led the parole board to deny individuals parole based on subjective reasoning, such as speculative opinions of character, and without evidence. The new law clarifies "substantial and compelling reasons" and limits the number of circumstances where "substantial and compelling reasons" can be used to determine parole eligibility.

WHERE IS...

BROOKE WOLTERS NOW?

Later this month, Project Reentry will welcome four new team members but in the spirit of post New Year's reflection, take a look to see where one of the team's original members is at now. Brooke Wolters is the co-creator and first editor of the Drum.



HEY BROOKE, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOWADAYS?

After finishing my work at SADO I moved to Grand Rapids and started a job at Covenant House Michigan, a transitional living program housing formerly homeless young adults. Come March, I'll be splitting my time between Covenant House and Eighth Day Farm, a small urban farm in Holland, MI, continually dreaming of what it may look like to integrate farming and other creative processes into therapeutic practice. I miss you all and SADO deeply. I am integrating all I've learned from you into the daily rhythms of work. I wish only the best for you all as you head into this new year. I can't thank you enough for all that you have taught me, and I hope you're able to accomplish all you set your mind to moving forward!

READ BECOMING BY MICHELLE OBAMA

Becoming is a beautiful autobiographical memoir of former first lady, Michelle Obama. With honesty, humility, and humor Michelle shares personal stories from her childhood in Southside Chicago, early college career, and her eight years in the White House.

WATCH KING IN THE WILDERNESS: PETER KUNHARDT

A portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the last years of his life from the The Voter Rights Act of 1965 to his assassination in 1968. Available on YouTube.

LISTEN IN THE DARK, SEASON 2: MADELEINE BARAN

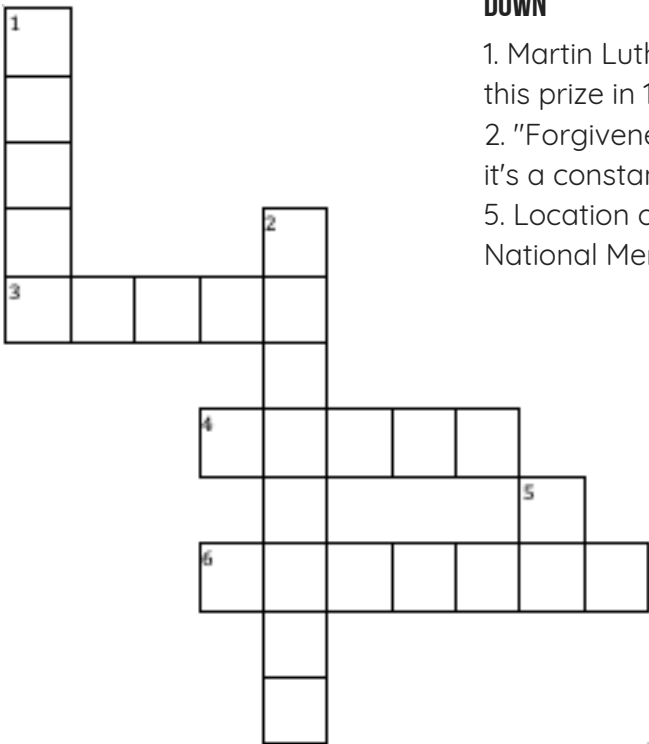
This podcast takes an in depth look at the case of Curtis Flowers, who has been tried six times for the same case by the same prosecutor. Although Curtis has won multiple appeals, due to the prosecutor’s relentless desire to punish, he unfortunately remains on death row today.

VIEW ARTWORK BY RICHARD PHILLIPS

Now 72, Richard Phillips was 26 when he was sentenced to life in prison for a murder he did not commit. After approximately 45 years behind bars, Phillips was released on account of his wrongful conviction and is now a free man. Phillips spoke with reporters about how making art was one of few reprieves he had while in prison to momentarily relieve the pain of being incarcerated. His artwork is currently on display at the address below:

Community Arts @ Level One Gallery
22635 Woodward Ave.
Ferndale, MI 48220
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm
Friday 9:00am-6:00pm

JANUARY CROSSWORD



DOWN

- 1. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded this prize in 1964
- 2. "Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it's a constant _____"
- 5. Location of Martin Luther King Jr.'s National Memorial

ACROSS

- 3. "Darkness cannot drive out hate, only _____ can do that."
- 4. Rights of citizens to social and political freedom and equality
- 6. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to _____ everywhere."

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OR SEND A LETTER TO

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STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE

645 GRISWOLD, SUITE 3300

DETROIT, MI 48226

OR EMAIL US AT

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