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Detroit Police Pose with Seized Articles from the Terrorist Group including Guns, Uniform, and Rule Book



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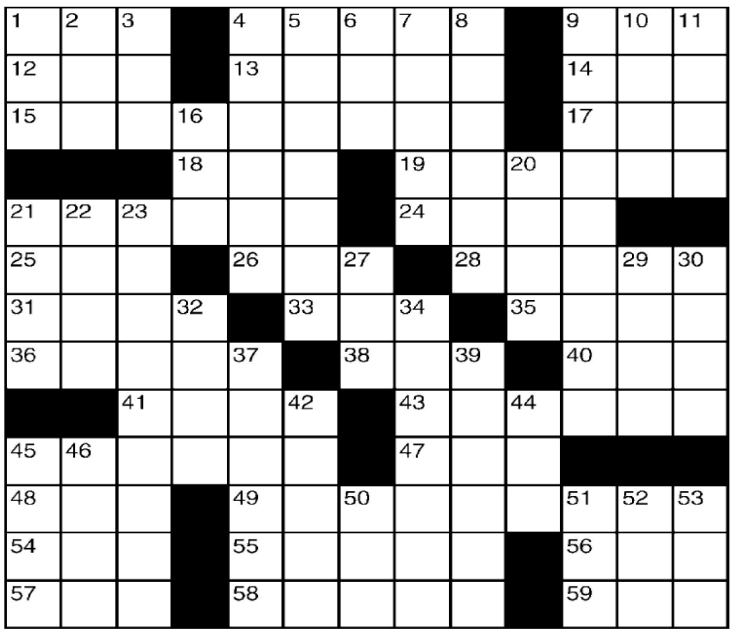

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15 India's movie industry
17 Meadow
18 "The — Daba Honey-moon"
19 Zigzag on skis
21 Agile
24 Alluring
25 Commotion
26 Banned bug spray
28 Not intoxicated
31 — podrida
33 Knight's address
35 Protuber-ance
36 Alabama city
38 Apiece
40 Literary collection
41 Sweet potatoes
43 Chaste
45 Archaeo-logist's relic
47 Greek H
48 Clay, today
49 Broadway heroine who debuted in 1964
54 Poorly lit
55 Precipitous
56 Basketball's Jeremy
57 "Help!"
58 Yonder
59 Enthusiast

DOWN
1 Poke
2 Past
3 Toothpaste type
4 Convertible couch
5 To the center
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7 Lip cosmetic
8 A bunch
9 Dinghy's cousin
10 Cream-filled treat
11 Squad
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20 Nerve cell process
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22 Not working
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27 Gratuity
29 Writer Ferber
30 Authentic
32 You love (Lat.)
34 Party animal
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39 Confirm a password, perhaps
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45 Crazes
46 Hodgepodge
50 Shelter
51 Sprite
52 By way of
53 Hostel

STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Using only $5 and $6 chips, what is the largest amount of money that can't be wagered in exact, whole-dollar amounts?

a. $8
b. $19
c. $47
d. $119

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **E** equals **O**

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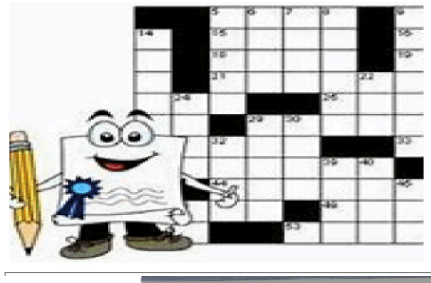

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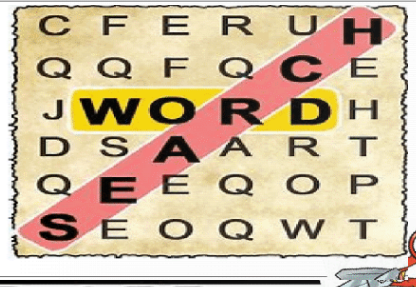



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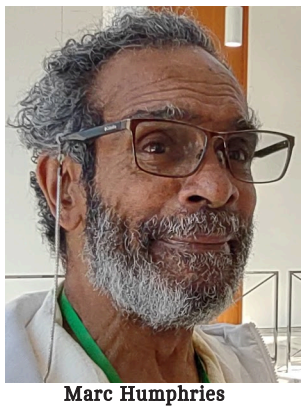
Black Farmers and Urban Growers Conference at Wayne State was a Success!

Many Prominent Agriculturalists Attended the Event Including former Congressional Advisor Marc Humphries

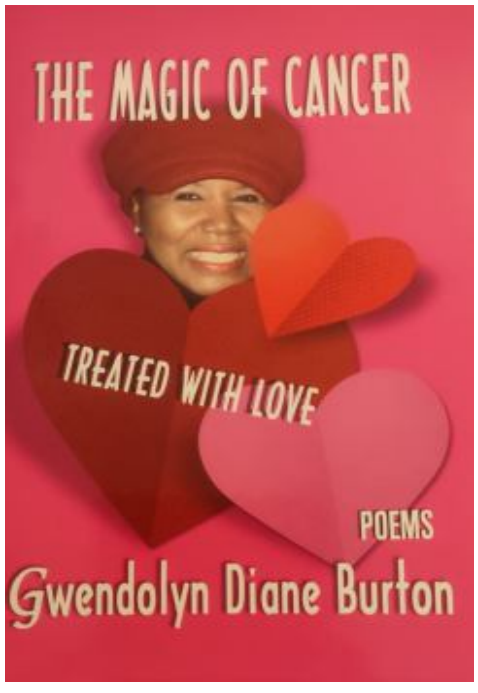


Marc Humphries

This past October, Wayne State University was invaded by BUG's. No. It's not the type of bugs you might be thinking of. These bugs are Black Urban Growers. (BUG's) For three days, the BUG's family took over the city. Growers, educators, chefs, and food justice leaders from across the country introduced themselves, collaborated, and celebrated their accomplishments. Every year brings new voices, fresh strategies, and the kind of energy that resonates long after the weekend is over. This year, long time Washington D.C. insider Marc Humphries attended the conference. Mr. Humphries was a Mineral Economist and Energy Policy Specialist. He conducted research and policy analysis at the request of the United States Congress.

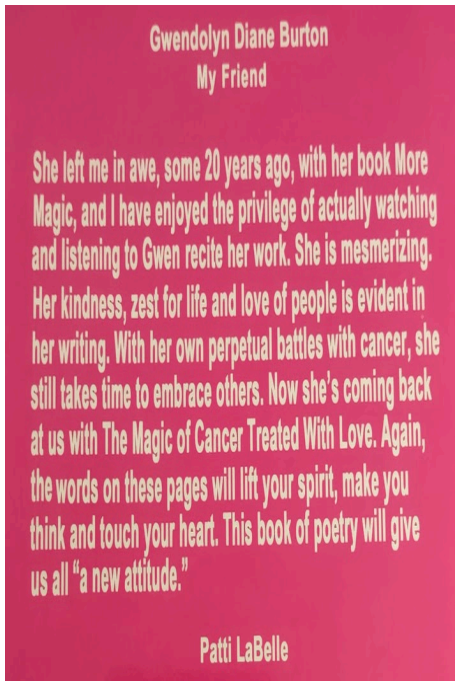
This was a very serious event. Workshops, panels, and local farm tours were utilized to plant seeds for the agricultural future of Detroit and other urban centers across the nation. Marc Humphries said it best: "The BUGs Conference was well organized and provided plenty of opportunity to network with like-minded people. It was a gathering of Black folks doing the hard work of growing and marketing urban farm and garden produce. It was especially good to see owners of the Detroit People's Food Co-op involved. It was my first BUG's conference but it won't be my last." Interested? Contact BUG here. **www.blackurbangrowers.org**

The New Book By Detroit's Poet Laureate is a Must Read!



The first book of poetry by Gwendolyn Diane Burton was written over 50 years ago in 1976, and she is still going strong. Ms. Burton is well known among the who's who in Detroit as well as nationally. The late great poet Nikki Giovanni wrote the Forward to her latest book. Additionally, she counts Patti LaBelle as one of her friends, evidenced by the dedication of the on the back of her latest book of poems "The Magic of Cancer Treated With Love."

Each page of the book has a thought-provoking poem. Here's an excerpt. Her poem VICTORY reads: ***living my life is now victory, I can now talk about things that were in the past, each day I rise I will celebrate it like it's my last.*** In addition to writing books the cancer-surviving Poetess is a public speaker who is in demand across the country because she delivers an uplifting message of hope. Book and speaking inquiries can be addressed to gdianeburton@gmail.com.



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BEFORE and AFTER

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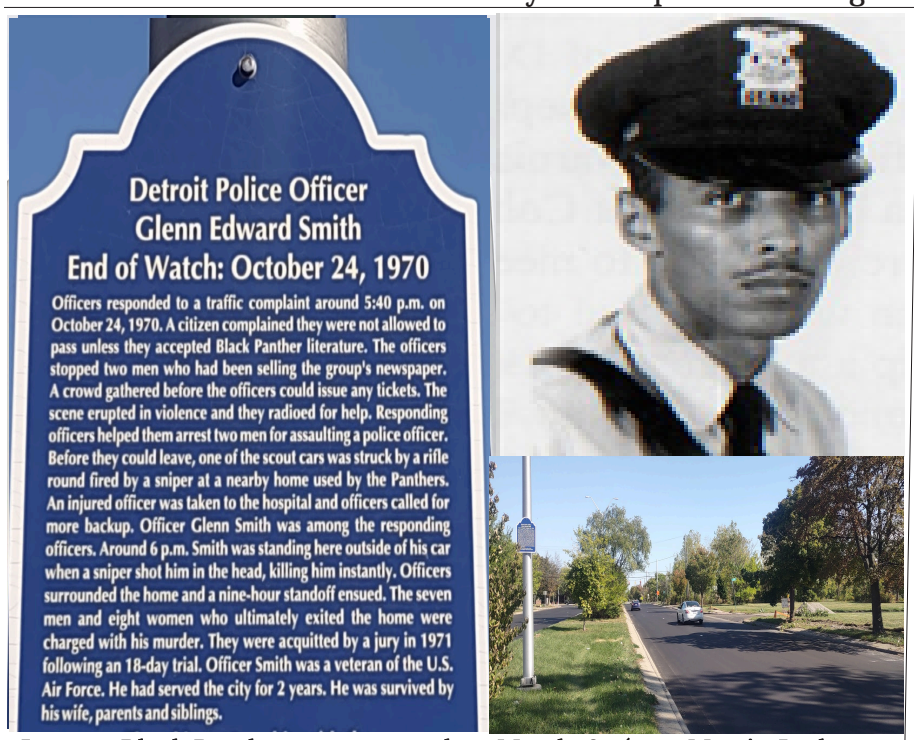
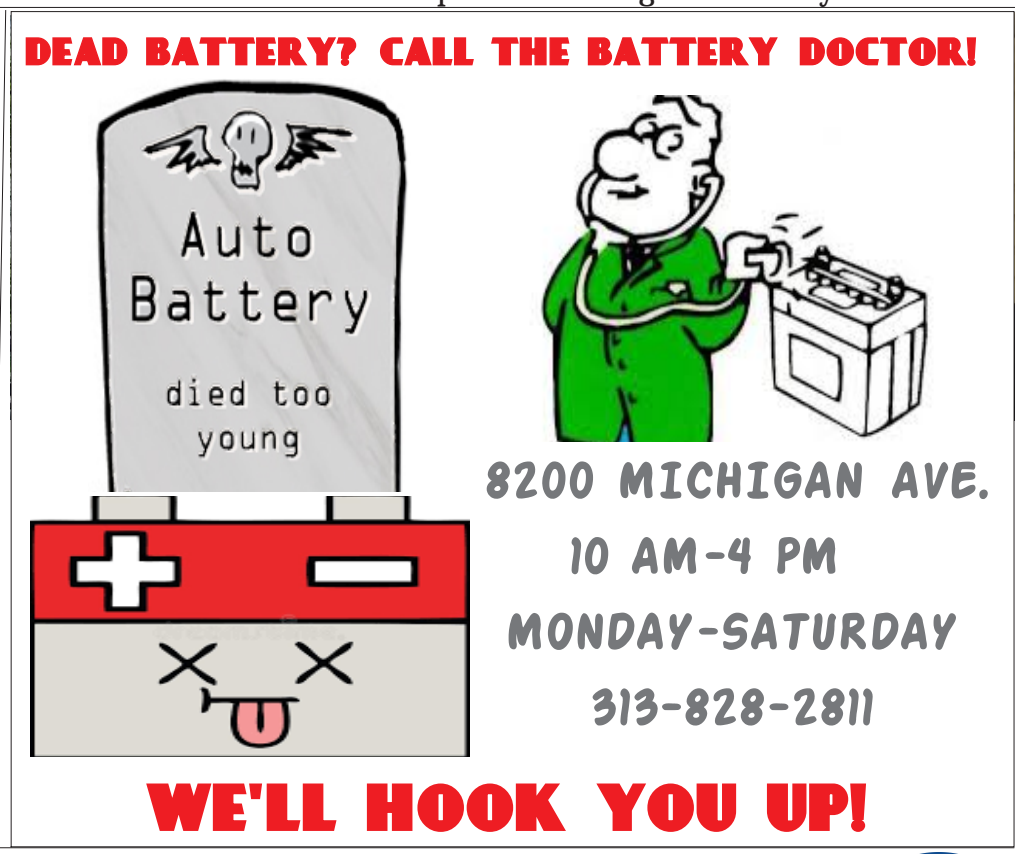
What you are viewing is progress in the city on Garland street on the eastside of Detroit. These homes interact with the historic home of Dr. Ossian Sweet and the new Dr. Ossian Sweet Memorial Park which is located directly across the street. In 1925, when Dr. Sweet moved into his home located at 2905 Garland an enraged all white mob threw large rocks at his home breaking windows. A member of the Sweet family fired shots, killing a man. Clarence Darrow, the most famous lawyer of the era, represented Sweet and gained an acquittal from an all-white jury. For years this neighborhood suffered. (We know because the genesis of The Monthly Standard began just one block away at 3422 Garland a little over 61 years ago). Visit Garland street today and see the results. The City of Detroit's Housing and Revitalization Department's Bridging Neighborhoods team (HRD) has renovated a total of four vacant homes that are to be occupied. The addresses of the newly renovated homes are: 2912, 2918 (both pictured above) and 2924 and 2931 Garland street. These restorations unveil the history of that particular neighborhood & reveal what can be replicated throughout the city of Detroit.



In 1970, Black Panthers congregated on Myrtle St. (now Martin Luther King) when the racist Detroit Police harassed them causing a scene. A sniper fired a shot that ironically killed black DPD Officer Glenn E. Smith.



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SCRIPTURE -Do not pay back injury for injury or insult for insult. Instead, repay with a blessing, for you were called to this course, so that you may inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9

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Hot Niki's Pizza Hits the Spot in the Fall Season

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Kaleb A. Brown (foreground) is about to enjoy Niki's with Preston & Cheryl Pollister

Niki's Pizza is the best because they are consistent. Their pizza tastes EXACTLY as it did forty years ago. I know because I was a patron forty years ago. They still have that great after taste that stays with you long after you take a bite. That's why you take another bite. and then another. Niki's is simply the best! Pizza is their specialty but the other items on the menu are tasty too. You must try their Greek Salad. It's great! You also will not be disappointed when you try their vast array of gyros, wraps, and sandwiches. The Monthly Standard spoke to happy patrons who have taken advantage of **HALF-OFF WEDNESDAYS.** (All Large Pizzas) Marcel Russell of Detroit said: "I've been eating Niki's for years. This is a great deal!" Ronda Simmons of Hazel Park said: "I work Downtown. I saw the ad in your paper. I figured I would take a pizza home to the kids. You cannot beat their half-off deal." Downtown resident Yvonne King was enjoying a Shish-Ka-Bob with a Greek red wine on a recent Friday night. "This is what summertime in Detroit is all about" said Ms. King. "I love sitting outside in Greektown and watching all the people go by. Niki's Pizza is Detroit." If you haven't been to Niki's this summer, make sure you visit soon! You already know you will enjoy great food, and service, from the best restaurant in Detroit. **Located at 735 Beaubien.**



Pictured above: A tasty Niki's Pizza

COVER STORY

The Black Legion Terrorized Blacks, Jews, Catholics, Foreigners, and Union Organizers

The Black Legion, an offshoot of the Ku Klux Klan, began in Lima, Ohio in the early 1930's. The violent terrorist group reportedly had up to 1 million members, mostly in the small towns of West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, but the metropolis of Detroit is where the organization thrived. Upon initiation, recruits had pistols pointed at both sides of their head and their back. To become a member they had to recite this: **"Our purpose is to tear down, lay waste, destroy and kill our enemies without mercy as long as one enemy remains alive or breath remains." After the recruit swore to the oath, he was given the password — "Elect only members to office"** — and handed a 38-caliber gun cartridge to keep as a reminder of both his oath and what would befall him should he betray it.


The Detroit News

Vigilante Society Is Exposed Here in Arrest of 16 Members in Killing

Woman on Bank Jury Under Fire

Detroit News account of Black Legion story Detroit News Archives x 4

Blacks were especially targeted. The Black Legion felt that any black that held a factory job was taking that job from a white man. One of many incidents against Black Detroiters is the story of George March. He was an autoworker who tried to organize black and white workers under one union. In 1935, six Black Legion members dragged George from his house in front of his wife and kids. His remains were found in a shallow grave with his hands bound with barbed wire and a bullet in his chest. No arrests were made. How could there be when police were probably a part of the crime? In Detroit, Black Legion members reportedly included the police commissioner, a third of police officers, a prosecutor, and N. Ray Markland, the mayor of Highland Park. Even Mickey Cochrane the catcher of the Detroit Tigers was said to be a member. The family of Malcolm X always felt the Black Legion killed their patriarch in 1931, in East Lansing, Michigan, and left him in the street to be run over by a streetcar. Unfortunately the hoodlums in the Black Legion terrorized the black community of Detroit, and the state of Michigan, with impunity.


MRS. REBECCA POOLE, 21-year-old wife of the victim of the secret society shooting. This photograph was taken at Herman Kiefer Hospital, where the child was born the day after its father's body was discovered.

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CHARLES A. POOLE

Charles Poole. His wife & baby pictured above

In 1936, they made a fatal mistake. They killed Charles Poole a white Works Progress Administration employee who rejected membership with them. The Legion then kidnapped him and killed him because they said he was a wife beater. It was his wife (Rebecca Poole) who sounded the alarm that woke up Detroit. In May of 1936, honest cops in Detroit were put on the case and they applied enough pressure to a Black Legion member, Dayton Dean, who was already under arrest. He gave them pertinent information about the organization and multiple arrests were made. The Black Legion and its activities made national news.. Two Hollywood movies were made. (One of which, BLACK LEGION is our Movie of the Month on page 9).


Convicted murderers of the Black Legion

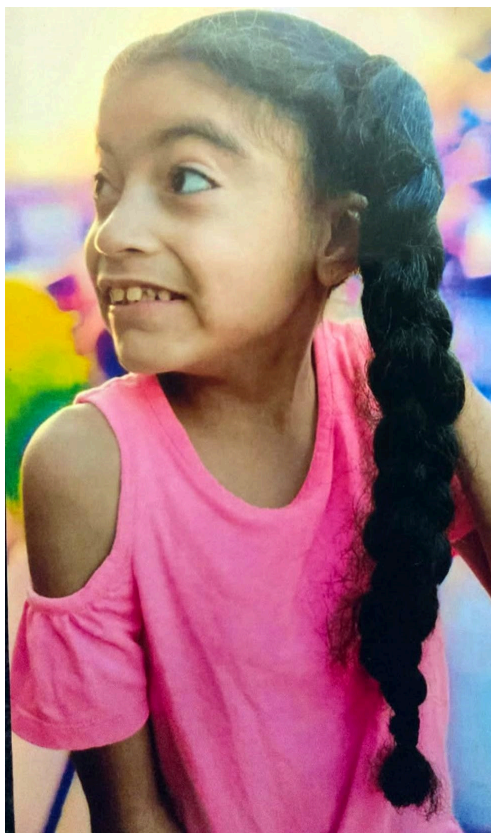
Once the Detroit newspapers got a hold of the story they did not let it go. Readers sympathized for the newly widowed Mrs. Poole and her new baby. Black Legion membership plummeted. Twelve Black Legion members were convicted and imprisoned for the murder of Charles Poole effectively ending the organization. Once the onslaught began it did not stop. Even the 1935 killing of a black man was prosecuted. Five men were convicted of killing Detroiter Silas Coleman and dumping his body in Putnam Township because ringleader, Harvey Davis, wanted to see "what it felt like to kill a Negro." Dayton Dean revealed that horrific crime too.


Dayton Dean

FOLLOW -UP

ARREST MADE IN THE MURDER OF KYLEE CLARK

The Mother of the Disabled Teen is Charged, Her Boyfriend Remains Uncharged



Kylee Ilene Clark

The Detroit Police Department (DPD) shocked the family of murdered teenager Kylee Clark when they arrested Vangie Averhart, and not her boyfriend Daniel Arquette. The DPD is being tight lipped and is unwilling to disclose any pertinent information concerning current, and possibly, subsequent charges. Kylee's family will have to wait until the preliminary examination of Vangie Averhart to hear exactly what evidence the DPD has compiled against her. It is unclear if the DPD's investigation of Daniel Arquette continues, or if they now look at Arquette as a witness.



Vangie Averhart

Vivian Averhart the aggrieved grandmother of Kylee Clark and mother of the accused Vangie Averhart is not surprised Vangie was arrested. "Ever since she got with her boyfriend (Arquette) she would constantly say: *I don't want her*." The grandmother (Vivian) also mentioned that her daughter (Vangie) was mentally abusive to Kylee, "Vangie would tell Kylee: *Get away from me!*" Grandma Averhart also said "when Kylee was in the hospital fighting for her life, Vangie was sound asleep while everybody else was overcome with grief." The biggest surprise for Vivian Averhart is that Vangie's boyfriend (Daniel Arquette) was not arrested too. "I know he passed a lie detector test, but he could just know how to beat the system. I don't know, but I do know a big change in Vangie occurred when he came on the scene." It's important to note when the DPD arrested Vangie she was with Arquette, sitting in his truck.



Daniel Arquette

SPORTS SHORTS

TIGERS-The Tigers brass loves new age analytics. Let's face it. They've worked. The Tigers are winning, but, as a fan are YOU satisfied? Here at TMS we are not. It hurts to get so close and lose a 15 inning classic. Here's the rub. It should've never come to that. Since baseball began, in an elimination game, you keep your top pitcher in the game! Taking Tarik Skubal out of a 2-1 game was a mistake. Skubal was throwing over 100 miles per hour in the 7th inning. He was not tiring. The purpose of limiting innings during the regular season is to save your stopper for elongated playoffs moments.

LIONS-The only thing that stopped the Lions last year was an enormous amount of injuries. This year Dan Campbell will not allow injuries to derail the train. The Lions are laser focused on winning the Super Bowl this season. Here at TMS we believe they're going to do it. It's going to be tough, but what goal isn't? We predict the the Lions will experience the opposite of what they experienced last season. This year the Lions will be healthy entering the playoffs. Their depth will be the reason they will prevail. Like Sparky Anderson did for the Tigers, Dan Campbell will win it all in his fifth year.

PISTONS-What a season the Pistons had last year. To improve their win total by 30 games was truly remarkable. The quiet and unassuming Trajan Langdon was a respectable player who turned out to be a genius executive. Thus far he has made all the right moves. Hiring the defensive minded J.B. Bickerstaff as Head Coach was his best move. Here at TMS, we thought losing the scoring of Malik Beasley and Tim Hardaway Jr. would cost the team valuable victories this season. That's not the case. Duncan Robinson and Caris LeVert are fitting in well. The Pistons hustle! They'll make the playoffs.

RED WINGS-This is the only team that's questionable. It's hard to believe in the YZERPLAN because thus far, it has not worked. This season the Wings might emerge from the darkness. In the early part of the season the team is winning. Dylan Larkin is playing like a leader should and the new players are contributing. Here at TMS, we notice rookie Emmitt Finnie. He has a chip on his shoulder. Rookie defenseman Simon Edvinsson is big (6'6") and speedy. Veteran defenseman Travis Harmonic could be a key to success. He is gritty and nasty on the ice. Consistency is needed to make the playoffs.

Dana Redd

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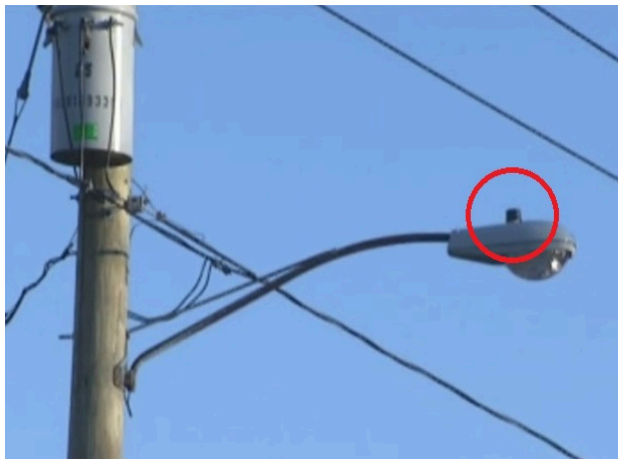

Back in the day, more people literally got away with murder. Nowadays, with cameras EVERYWHERE, times have changed. Cameras have helped solve many crimes, because cameras don't lie. Banks were some of the first commercial businesses to post cameras, but years ago the clarity was pretty bad, and it was difficult to make out the faces. But as technology got better and more establishments installed cameras, the quality improved, in addition to having the ability to access various stationary and mobile devices at real time.

You wonder how criminals think they can get away with crimes. Cameras are mounted throughout all major cities – on light poles, in and around public parks, and they can even take a picture of your license plate when you run a red light. Who would ever imagined that 20 or 30 years ago? And let's not mention the millions of cell phones, ipads and all the other gadgets equipped with cameras. According to Newsweek magazine, in 2005 there were 4,176 surveillance cameras in New York City's Lower Manhattan alone (from below 14th Street – just one-sixth the size of the island), in addition to 4,313 cameras in the city's subway system. And let's not forget about all the satellite cameras that are zooming in from space.

On the lighter side, cameras have changed the game with sports, too. Do you remember when you used to hear stories about baseball players clowning around in the dugout? Now, with cameras in the dugouts, every move is exposed. During the playoffs and the World Series, additional cameras are added, and along with the emergence of HD, they can now clearly catch players like former Detroit Tigers pitcher Kenny Rogers illegally using pine tar on the baseball.

So the next time you have the urge to pick your nose or pull out a wedgie in public, think twice.



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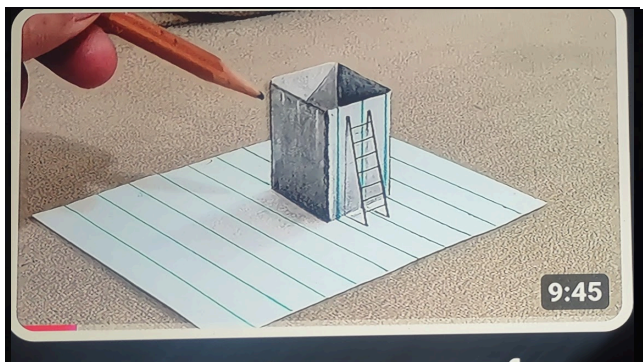
1937 - Black Legion Trailer

Movie of the Month-Black Legion



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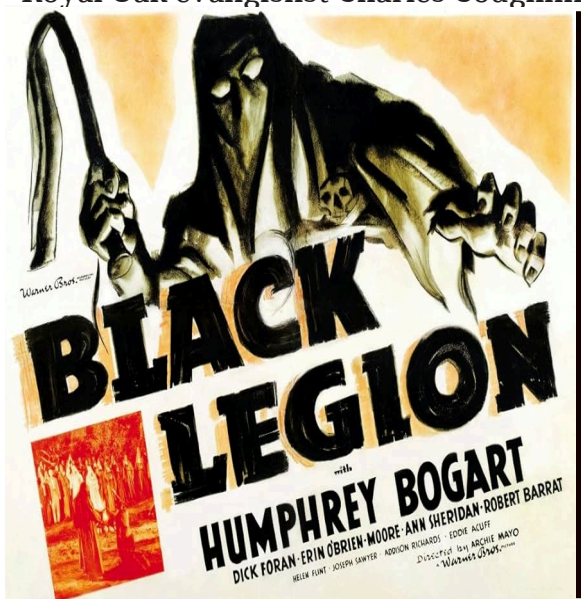
MOVIE OF THE MONTH

"BLACK LEGION"

This is truly the best movie we've ever had on Movie of the Month. This Warner Brothers production was torn right out of the headlines. You know the movie depicts Detroit when you see guys working at a factory. Later you see people gathered at the Rialto theater located on the east side in 1930's Detroit. The film stars Humphrey Bogart as a guy that joins the Black Legion because he got passed over for a promotion by a Polish co-worker. The film even has Bogart listening to a facsimile of the radical and race-baiting Royal Oak evangislist Charles Coughlin. The murder of Charles Poole is accurate too. **Please visit: www.themonthlystandard.news.**









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POWERHOUSE Salad Greens

1. Watercress
2. Chinese cabbage
3. Chard
4. Beet green
5. Spinach
6. Chicory
7. Leaf lettuce
8. Parsley
9. Romaine lettuce
10. Collard green

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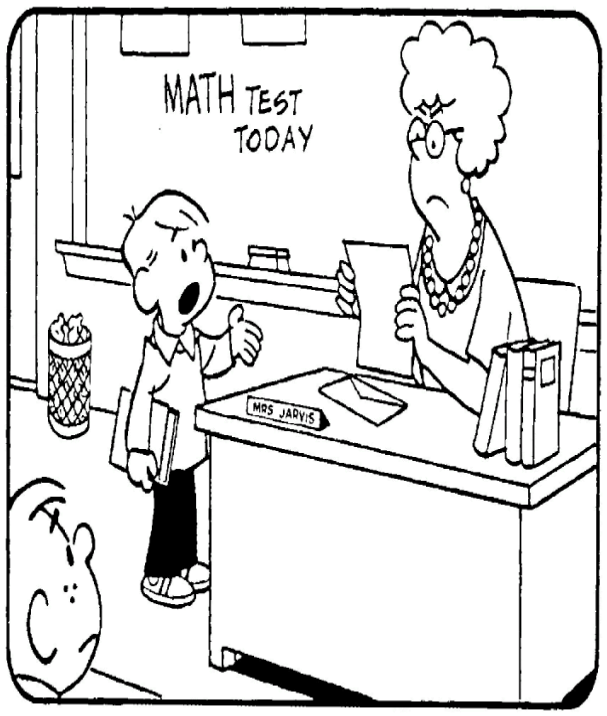
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Wastebasket is missing. 2. Word is different. 3. Nameplate is missing. 4. Envelope is moved. 5. Hair is different. 6. Beads are missing.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Stickelers Answer

The answer is **b. $19.**

CryptoQuip

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1. STIPULATED PAYMENT AGREEMENT:
Puts you on a schedule to avoid foreclosure. (As long as you maintain your payments).

2. DISTRESSED OWNER OCCUPANT EXTENSION:
For those suffering financial hardship. (Must prove hardship, occupancy, and ownership).

3. PAY AS YOU STAY AGREEMENT:
Apply for Poverty Tax Exemption in your city. (If approved, county will reduce your payments).

4. INTEREST REDUCTION STIPULATED PAYMENT AGREEMENT:
If eligible, this plan reduces your interest rate from 18% to 6%.

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER ERIC R. SABREE
INVITES YOU TO THE

SCAN TO REGISTER

DON'T FORGET! ---------->

9TH ANNUAL VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

A FREE EVENT FOR VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND CHILDREN

NOVEMBER 20, 2025 | 10AM - 2PM

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

8200 W. OUTER DRIVE, DETROIT, MI 48219

ASK THE TREASURER

Upcoming Date: (Wednesday)

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Join Meeting Via ZOOM - 6 PM
Meeting ID-812 1577 4048
PASSCODE -415440
No Computer? Participate By Calling
301-715-8592



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