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White Party "Off The Chain"



If You didn't Go-You'd Better Ask Somebody! The California themed 1st Annual . "All White Party" celebrating Ed "Jerome Jones' 57th Birthday was held July 6, 2019, Pictured Lt. to Rt. Jerome Jones, Fonda Brewer and Marcus Jefferson.

Roy Ayers Jammin at the Aretha!



Roy Ayers Headlined the Superstars of Jazz Fusion Tour on July, 10, 2019 at the "Aretha "in Detroit, Michigan. Ayers was joined by Miki Howard and Lonnie Liston Smith-Photo by Bill McClain

R.I.P. Mattie Lee Robinson 1936-2019



Lonnie G. Bunch III

Washington (CNN) The first African American to head the Smithsonian Institution was elected Tuesday by the collection of museums' board of regents, the organization announced in a statement. Lonnie G. Bunch III was elected as the 14th secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, which maintains more than a dozen museum and galleries, as well as the National Zoo. Bunch previously served as the founding director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Bunch will replace the outgoing secretary, David Skorton. His appointment makes him the first historian to hold the position and the first museum director to serve as secretary in 74 years, according to the Institution.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who also serves as the Smithsonian Institution's chancellor, lauded Bunch in the statement.

"Lonnie Bunch guided, from concept to completion, the complex effort to build the premier museum celebrating African American achievements," Roberts said. "I look forward to working with him as we approach the Smithsonian's 175th anniversary, to increase its relevance and role as a beloved American institution and public trust."

Bunch, who has been in the museum field for more than 35 years, said he was "humbled and honored" to be selected as the institution's new secretary.

"I am excited to work with the Board of Regents and my colleagues throughout

the Institution to build upon its legacy and to ensure that the Smithsonian will be even more relevant and more meaningful and reach more people in the future," he said in the statement.

According to the institution, in addition to working at the African American museum, Bunch also had stints at the National Museum of American History and the National Air and Space Museum and served for several years as president of the Chicago Historical Society.

The historian has also published books on several topics and taught at the George Washington University and American University, among other places, according to the Institution. Picture/Article courtesy CNN/Devan Cole.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope Makes Voting Easier for August 6th City Primary Election after Approval of Proposal 3

Extended Hours on Wednesdays & the Weekend prior to Election Day
Voter Registration available until Election Day at City Clerk's Offices

Lansing - The South Washington Election Unit will be open to Lansing City voters for walk-in early voting and voter registration for the August 6th City Primary Election, which will narrow down the number of candidates for the two City-wide City Council positions and the First Ward City Council seat.

Located at 2500 S. Washington, the Election Unit offers free parking, a 24-hour secure drop box, and is conveniently located on CATA Route #2. Walk-in early voting will be available at the Election Unit until Election Day at the following times:

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Monday, August 5 Only	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (due to state law)

In addition to regular hours, the Election Unit will be open on the following weekend day:

Saturday, August 3rd	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday, August 4 th	Noon - 4pm

Walk-in absentee voting is also available at the Clerk's City Hall Office, located on the 9th floor of City Hall at 124 W. Michigan Avenue during regular office hours.

There are two exceptions in Michigan election law which restrict early voting. On the day before Election Day, no ballots can be provided after 4 p.m. except in an emergency situation. Also on Election Day, absentee ballots can only be given to people registering to vote on Election Day.

Voters may download the form to request an absentee ballot, check on the status of their absentee applications, and list of candidates with their contact information at lansingmi.gov/clerk. Absentee voters who want to skip the required postage when returning their ballots may use the 24-hour secure drop boxes, which are located in the parking lot at the South Washington Election Unit and on the sidewalk outside City Hall.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope is encouraging everyone to sign up to be placed on the automatic application list to vote from home for future election. Voters can request to be placed on this list by contacting the Clerk's Office at (517) 483-4131 or visiting lansingmi.gov/clerk.

There is no longer a deadline for voter registration. From July 23rd through Election Day, a citizen can come to either location of the Clerk's Office with proof of residency, register, and vote all in one visit. Alternatively, a citizen may take their ballot with them or vote in their precinct; this option depends on which day they come in, per state law and the new constitutional amendment.

Other changes to election law include: voter registration up to, and including, Election Day; straight ticket voting in partisan general elections; automatic voter registration when applying for, updating, or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card; election results audits; and more.

"With every voter having the option to either vote from home or vote early without providing a reason," said Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope. "I hope it will increase voter participation in local elections which often have the biggest impact on our families and neighborhoods."

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my co-creating God. It is from my soul that I connect with the souls of my fellow veterans as we build a VET II TLGB VET + FAMILY Initiative to address within our congregations our Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

We ought to have support groups and supporting voices upholding our Veterans. Unlike twenty years ago, Veterans are swiftly falling into a category of people without hope, without places to call home, and without the help that the church can provide. The fact that our maladies may be hidden and deep are no less painful. We need to hear from our preachers, teachers, and chaplains that God Almighty has the oil of joy for mourning, praise instead of despair, and beauty for our ashes. A hand-up may seem smaller than a bread basket, yet, it may be the hand that saves a Veteran from death by suicide.

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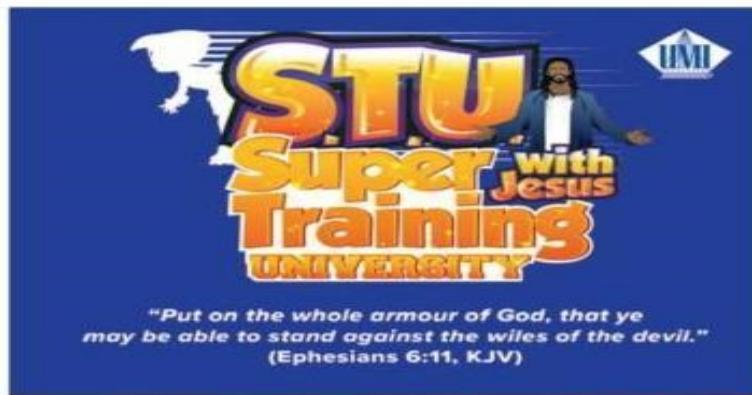
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Announcements

Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

Birthdays in July 2019

- Ms. Jackie Wilkerson enjoyed her birthday on July 5th.
 Mr. Ed "Jerome" Jones enjoyed his 57th birthday on July 6th with a "Blow Out Party"!
 Ms. Allique DeMyers celebrated her birthday on July 7th.
 Mr. Chad Foster enjoys his 51st birthday on July 7th.
 Ms. Latesha Clemons, celebrating her 45th birthday on July 8th, with a celebration at Gregory's Soul Food, on July 7th.
 Ms. Nicole Borrego celebrated her 41st birthday on July 8th.
 Mr. Anhriion Frazier enjoyed his 71st birthday on July 9th.
 Mr. Marcus Jefferson celebrated his birthday on July 10th with friends and family.
 Miss. Savannah Flowers born July 11th celebrated her 8th birthday with her Mom, dad, family and friends.
 Ms. Renee Freeman enjoyed her birthday on July 11th.
 Mr. Charles Moore enjoyed his birthday on July 12th.
 Ms. Danie Jackson celebrated her birthday July 12th.
 Ms. Alexis Evans celebrated her 33rd birthday on July 12th, with Tori, Chris, Momma D, Stacey and our loving DJ Becky. Live life to the fullest and sing your heart out, love you all!!!
 Ms. Sharika J. Smith celebrates her 36th birthday July 13th. She says, "Happy Birthday to Me!"
 Mr. Alixandru Garza celebrates his 15th birthday on July 13th. "Happy Birthday, to my baby from your Mommy; I love forever!"
 Mr. Fred Ortiz celebrated his 63rd birthday on July 13th.
 Ms. Bethany (Big Dinner) Davis will celebrate her birthday on July 13th, with family and friends.
 Miss Alexianna – Jaesse Murray celebrates her 9th birthday on the 14th of July.
 Mr. Alexander Murray celebrated his birthday July 14th.
 Ms. Marie Moody: enjoying her 39th birthday on July 14th.
 Mr. Steven Dickens celebrates his birthday on July 16th.
 Ms. Elena C. Barren celebrates her birthday on July 16th.
 Ms. Regina E. Riddle enjoys her birthday on July 16th.
 Ms. Teleah Payne celebrates her birthday on July 17th, with family and friends.
 Ms. Linda Ortiz celebrates her 60th birthday on July 17th.
 Ms. Annie Mae celebrates her 48th birthday on July 17th. She says, "Live laugh love, for living is life, laughing makes life longer and love makes life stronger!!!"
 Ms. Beckie Knapp enjoys her 29th birthday on July 18th.
 Mr. Jacob Payne celebrates his birthday on July 18th.
 Mrs. April Branson celebrates her birthday on July 19th, with her husband Kirk and family.
 Ms. Miranda Ebright celebrates her birthday on July 19th.
 Ms. Nita Byrd enjoys her 45th birthday on July 20th.
 Ms. Marinell Y. White celebrates her birthday on July 20th.
 Mr. Raynard O. Jones celebrates his birthday on July 20th.
 Mr. Nathaniel Porter celebrates his 16th birthday on July 20th, with family and friends. Boys grow up so fast. "Mommy (Kelly) loves you so much! Hugs & kisses to Nate. Judge Clinton Canady III (Joe), born on July 20th, enjoys his 71st birthday with family and friends.
 Ms. Jennifer Cogswell celebrates her 34th birthday on July 21st, with Jeremy (Smiley) Hill who's love, and friendship will always be treasured. "I LOVE YOU!!!"
 Ms. Kris Phillips enjoys her 26 plus birthday on July 21st, with all her friends.
 Ms. Olivia Sheppard enjoys her birthday on July 21st. "Happy Birthday to Me!!!"
 Ms. Jodi Davis celebrates her 33rd birthday on July 21st.
 Miss. Natalia Milan McWright, born to Erica and Ellsworth Carter McWright, celebrates her 8th birthday on July 22nd.
 Ms. Charlisse Hicks celebrates her 38th birthday on July 22nd, with family and friends.
 Dr. M. Joan Cousin celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
 Ms. Natalie Riddle-Bashford celebrates her birth on July 22nd.
 Ms. Monta Nichols celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
 Ms. Cynthia Yarrell celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
 Ms. Sandra Dixon celebrates her day of birth on July 22nd.
 Ms. Andrea Quintero, born July 25th, celebrates her 34th birthday with family and friends.
 Mrs. Emma J. Jackson celebrates her birthday on July 24th.
 Mr. Jerrell Richards celebrates his 33rd birthday on July 25th.
 Ms. Dede Annis celebrates her birthday on July 25th, with family and friends.
 Mr. Robert Lopez celebrates his birthday on July 25th with family and friends.
 Ms. Krystal Dixon celebrates her birthday on July 25th.
 Mr. Alfred E. Huguley celebrates his birthday on July 26th. GOD BE PRAISED!!!
 Ms. Pamela Martin celebrates her 41st birthday on July 27th, with family and friends.
 Ms. Stephanie J. Parker, E-5, Petty Officer 2nd Class; U.S. Navy celebrates her 55th birthday on July 26th. "We're proud of you!"
 Ms. Grace Majors celebrates her birthday on July 27th.
 Ms. Rhonda Couthen celebrates her birthday on July 27th.
 Ms. Helen Love enjoys her birthday on July 27th.
 Mr. Kol Cee Biggs celebrates his 52nd birthday on July 27th, with family and friends.
 Ms. Mattie Bradley celebrates her birthday on July 28th.
 Ms. Storm and Ms. Stormy Armstrong celebrate their birthday on July 28th.
 Ms. Yvonne Ragland celebrates her birthday on July 30th.
 Mr. Elijah Bermudez celebrates his 14th birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.
 Ms. Roszene DeMyers celebrates her birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.
 Mr. Hugh E. Jones celebrates his birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.
***Anniversaries**
 Mr. & Mrs. Randy and Stacy Ebright celebrated their wedding anniversary on July 11th. "Fifteen wonderful years together"!
 Mr. Kris Graham and Mrs. Gerri Graham celebrated 23 beautiful years together... Happy Anniversary!!!
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Where Can I Smoke My Weed?

By Ayanna D. Neal

Recreational use of marijuana was legalized in Michigan after voters approved Proposal 1, creating the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana (MRTMA) on December 6, 2018.

So, where can one smoke one's marijuana? You can only smoke marijuana in private. It is illegal, a civil infraction punishable by a \$100 fine, to consume marijuana in public. There isn't much clarity regarding what is considered "in public." Some say, "My front porch is where I like to smoke my marijuana because it's private property." But some people have said they've done this but ended up with law enforcement contact. Yes, your porch is private property but is in public view.

Some good advice for such a situation is to consume marijuana *inside* your home or inside some other private property that allows it. A landlord can prohibit marijuana consumption so be sure to read your lease to know whether you can consume marijuana in your home if you're a tenant. And if you're a college student who lives on campus in a dorm or other college housing you should definitely know the college or university's policy because many colleges and universities have drug-free policies which would prohibit you from consuming or possessing marijuana on college property. The same is true regarding your motor vehicle. Consuming marijuana in a vehicle is prohibited by the (MRTMA). But the MRTMA doesn't specify what the penalty is for such a violation. The MRTMA also prohibits consuming marijuana while driving. This is not the same as driving under the influence of marijuana. Driving under the influence of marijuana is a crime with possible fines and incarceration just like operating while intoxicated by the consumption of alcohol (OWI). You shouldn't smoke marijuana during work lunch or any other work breaks. Employers own or own the use of their property and can ban marijuana consumption or possession on their property and in their facilities just like a ban on smoking cigarettes. Most employers have a policy that bans being high while working. Employers can do drug testing even though marijuana is legal. An employer can discipline or even terminate an employee for a positive test. It is always best to check with the employer regarding their policy for controlled substances. Some employers do drug testing prior to hiring an employee. Each employer is different as to whether they'll hire a person with a positive marijuana test. A lot of employers have no tolerance policies for controlled substances and some employers may do work for the federal government, which prohibits consumption and possession of marijuana because both are illegal federally, and the feds are prohibiting from contracting with companies who don't follow federal law. If it's a job you really want to get or want to keep and there is a policy against controlled substance consumption, or you don't know what the policy is it's probably a good idea to go on a timeout from marijuana.

Before you light up make sure you're somewhere you can legally fire it up.

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August 6, 2019



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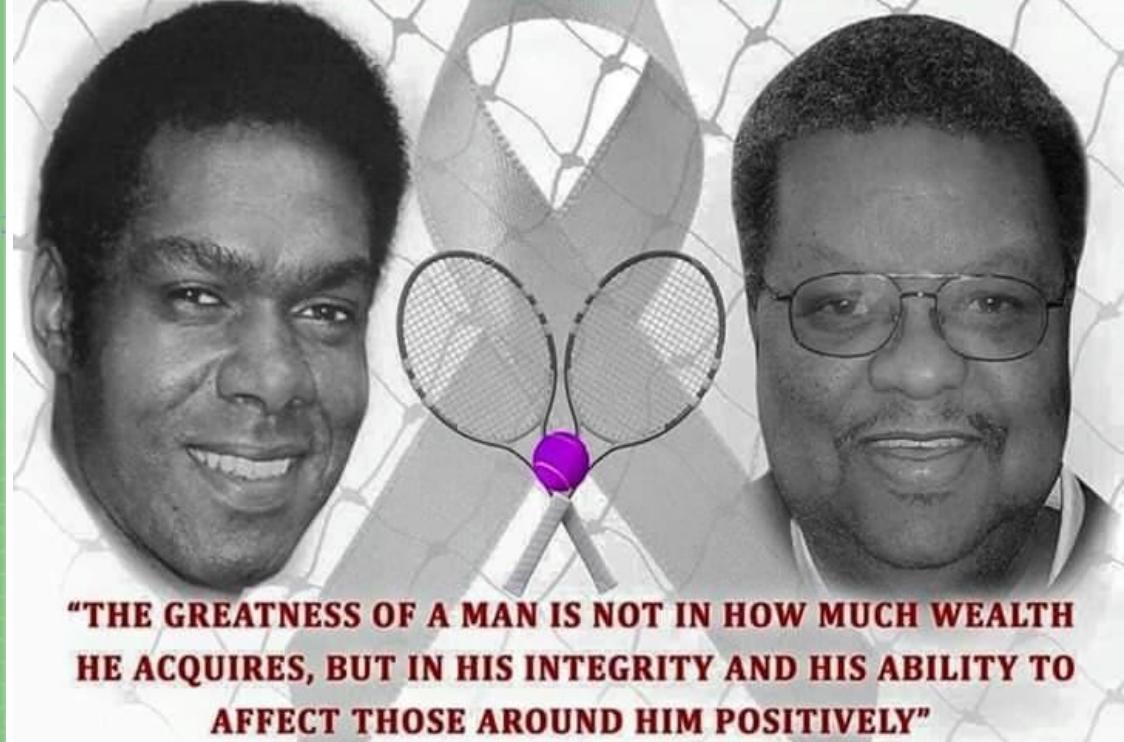
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