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FOR VETERANS  
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Treasury Provides Special  
Benefits to Military  
Members and Veterans



With Veterans Day approaching on Nov. 11, the Michigan Department of Treasury reminds current and former military members about the special benefits they may be entitled to receive.

“Our service men and women make great sacrifices to keep us safe,” State Treasurer Nick Khouri said. “Treasury works closely with our military members and veterans to ensure they receive the tax relief and other special benefits provided under state law.”

Current and former military members may be eligible to receive:

Military Pay Tax Exemption. Military pay is exempt from Michigan tax, including military retirement benefits and exit and separation pay.

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant. This program provides undergraduate tuition assistance to the children of Michigan veterans who were totally and permanently disabled, missing in action or died while serving.

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And the winners are



Mike Duggan

Detroit Mayor



Karen Weaver

Flint Mayor



Tasha Green

Westland Councilwoman Elect

The General Election is in the history books. It was more of the same. Low voter turnout, Low voter turnout. It was predicted and the people didn't disappoint. Throughout Wayne County, the people just didn't go out to the polls and voice their opinions. It's like they don't care about who is in leadership in the cities.

In the city of Detroit, Mike Duggan was able to be re-elected by a large margin. Mayor Karen Weaver of Flint was able to retain her position as she fought off a Recall. But in the City of Westland, new comer Tasha Green was elected to City Council. She is the first African American woman to be elected to the position of City Council.

Here are the results of the elections in the Telegram Newspaper coverage area.

Detroit Mayor  
Mike Duggan

Detroit City Clerk  
Janice Winfrey

Detroit City Council At-Large  
Brenda Jones  
Janee Ayers

Detroit City Council District 1

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ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

Are you holding our  
Elected Officials accountable?



I sometimes ponder on the question, what is the responsibility of elected officials? I believe that their main responsibility is to represent the people in the area where they were elected. Whether it is a city council, state representative, governor, etc., they are to represent the people. But do they?!

There are times when elected officials seem to vote their own agenda. They may vote to pass legislation that will benefit their friend's company and sometimes they may vote not to support the best qualified contract. Instead, they vote and lobby for a company because of personal gain, friendships or kickbacks. That shouldn't happen. If you are paying attention, many officials in the Michigan Legislature are making decisions that will affect us for years to come.

The checks and balances must come from the people. So many times, residents are not paying attention to what is going on in their city government and the legislature. They listen to the candidates when they are running for election, and then they vote like it is a popularity contest instead of an employment opportunity. The elected officials work for us. Their salaries come

from tax payers' money. They are not to make frivolous decisions that will cost the taxpayers more money just to make sure their personal interest is attained. I challenge the readers of the Telegram to get more involved in your communities and talk to the elected officials. You must attend the city council meetings and stay in touch with your state legislators by attending coffee hours, sending them emails or calling them. Remember, the elected officials work for us. Contact your local officials. Let your Mayor and council know how you feel and ask that they send a resolution to all the legislatures on issues that you are passionate about. Then contact them yourself. Just do something.

I am issuing a Call to Action. Form a team so that one person will not have to attend all of the meetings. Read the minutes of the council meetings that are published in the Telegram and other newspapers. Watch the council meetings on cable for the ones that are recorded. I impress upon you to get involved. Your city's survival and whether you know it or now, your survival depends on you getting involved.

Gina C. Steward  
Publisher

ELECTION RESULTS CONTINUED

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✓ James Tate

Detroit City Council District 2

✓ Roy McCalister Jr.

Detroit City Council District 3

✓ Scott Benson

Detroit City Council District 4  
Andre Spivey

Detroit City Council District 5  
Mary Sheffield

Detroit City Council District 6  
Raquel Castaneda-Lopez

Detroit City Council District 7  
Gabe Leland

Detroit Police Commissioner District 2  
Conrad Mallett

Detroit Police Commissioner District 4  
Willie Bell

Detroit Police Commissioner District 5  
Willie Burton

Detroit Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance  
Yes

Detroit Medical Marijuana Zoning Proposal  
Yes

DEARBORN  
Dearborn Mayor  
John B. O'Reilly, Jr.

Dearborn City Clerk  
George Darany

Dearborn City Council  
Susan Dabaja  
Michael Sareini  
David Bazy  
Robert Abraham  
Erin Byrnes  
Leslie Herrick  
Brian O'Donnell

DEARBORN HEIGHTS  
Dearborn Heights Mayor  
Daniel Paletko

FLINT  
Flint Mayor Recall  
Karen Weaver

GARDEN CITY  
Garden City City Council  
Mark Jacobs  
Jaylee Lynch  
Brian Earle  
Patricia McKarge

Garden City Street Improvement Bond  
No

Garden City Public Schools Millage  
Yes

ROMULUS  
Romulus City Council  
John Barden  
Tina Talley  
William Wadsworth  
Kathy Abdo  
Celeste Roscoe  
Virginia Williams  
Eva Webb

Romulus Treasurer  
Stacy Paige

Romulus Community Schools Operating Millage  
Yes

Romulus Community

Schools Sinking Fund  
No

TAYLOR  
Taylor City Council  
Alex Garza  
Tim Woolley  
Charley Johnson  
Angela Croft  
Caroline Patts  
Herman Ramik  
Daniel Bzura

Taylor Schools District Operating Millage  
Yes

WESTLAND  
Westland Mayor  
William Wild

Westland City Council  
Jim Hart  
Tasha Green  
Peter Herzberg  
Michael Londeau

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How Black Undocumented Immigrant Copes With Changed DACA Status

For this dreamer the options are limited, but she clings to hope

Written By Nigel Roberts



Scores of young undocumented Black immigrants are reeling from suddenly finding themselves at risk of being deported from the only country they know.

KUT 90.5 spoke with 21-year-old Oluwatoyosi (the outlet revealed only her first name), a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient who said she lives with the stress and isolation of uncertainty about her future. She's a chemical engineering major at the University of Texas, scheduled to graduate in December. Her parents brought her to the U.S. from Nigeria when she was just 3 years old. Her protection under the Obama-era DACA program, for those brought to the U.S. as children, expires in September 2018. And President Trump's decision to rescind the program means she

cannot renew her status, unless Congress passes legislation that the president approves.

Oluwatoyosi is among the estimated 2 percent of undocumented Black immigrants who have DACA protection. Feeling that their backs are against wall, many like Oluwatoyosi cling to a few lifelines of hope. She's weighing her options.

—Employer sponsorship

Sponsorship from an employer is one way that DACA recipients, also called dreamers, can avoid deportation. But employers are increasingly hesitant to extend or renew sponsorships. CNN reported that some lawyers are advising companies to stay clear of DACA employees.

—Sponsorship by a family

member

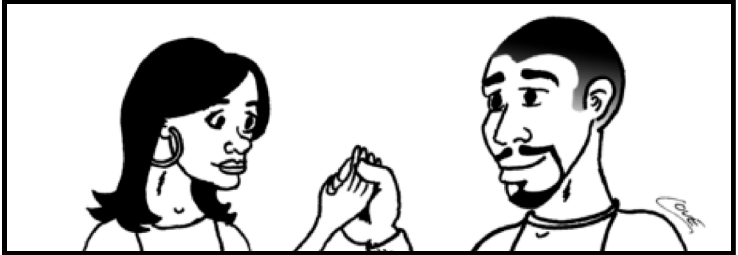
Many of the dreamers have a younger sibling born in the United States. As Business Insider said those who have an immediate family member could obtain a green card once that sibling is old enough. Even then, it's a long process that could take many years.

—Network of support

Think Progress highlighted that there's a growing community of support for Black undocumented DACA recipients. Organizations like UndocuBlack and the Black Alliance for Just Immigration provide not only a community but also services, such as legal and medical, to the dreamers.

Meanwhile, Oluwatoyosi and other dreams are keeping their fingers crossed that Congress will pass legislation to protect their status.

JEFFERSON AVE RAPPER & THE MICHIGAN AVE GROUPE



What's up Rap?  
Nothing much Group.

I was just wondering, did you vote on Tuesday?

Nope. Vote for what?

What didn't you know it was an election in the city of Detroit for Mayor and Council? No I didn't. I was wondering why I saw people at the school.

Man, you are just like those other people that didn't vote.

Why didn't you tell me?! What are they going to do any way?

I don't know, but my daddy said, I have to vote in every election. It is my right to vote and I'm not going to let it go to waste.

I see. let;s talk about it later. OK. Till next week.

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More trouble for Hillary?

By Jim Abeare



I don't know about you, but I am finding it fascinating that as the media and the left continue to try and find collusion between Trump and the Russians, some actual trouble finds Hillary Clinton.

This time in the form of a book by former Democratic National Committee chairperson Donna Brazile.

In the book, Ms. Brazile supposedly claims that the Democratic primary was rigged to get Hillary nominated to run for president, instead of Bernie Sanders.

The Clintons supposedly took control of Democratic funding.

They also had the Democratic superdelegates support. Democratic superdelegates are free to support any candidate for the presidential nomi-

nation. This contrasts with convention "pledged" delegates who are selected based on the party primaries and caucuses in each U.S. state, in which voters choose among candidates for the party's presidential nomination.

According to the publication The Hill, Democratic senators are talking about changes in the way nominees are selected.

Part of the discussion has got to be about the superdelegates.

The superdelegates went with Clinton instead of Sanders regardless of who the state delegates voted for.

But I think karma struck the Clinton campaign and Trump won.

Funny thing, I think Sanders would've won if he got the nomination. He was more well liked, by everyone.

I might have even voted for him. For now we have more allegations of a corrupt Hillary instead. The left had better stop looking into Trump, because more Hillary keeps coming out.

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Watchmen on the Wall

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



Recently, I pulled into a parking lot to drink my coffee and check messages on my phone. Searching for a space to park, I noticed a police car in the lot also. An officer was sitting in the squad car, apparently watching.

Cars drove up and down 8 mile without much of a thought about the police sitting there watching. Focused on their destinations and activities of the day, I doubt that many noticed him watching, perhaps looking for something out of the ordinary.

Sometimes, we take for granted that things will be ordinary, that life will move along just the way it's supposed to. Usually, it does. But, how often do we pay attention to odd things when we are preoccupied with life? We have so many things on our minds. However, police are trained to spot things that are out of the ordinary. Not only are they are to fight crime, but also to prevent it.

The police officer I noticed, was quietly on watch. He was ensuring the safety of the area. He was being a watchman. He was diligently watching to make sure that everything is everything. How often do we take our safety and wellbeing for granted?

When things go awry, who do we call? Not Ghost Busters. In the event of an emergency, life threatening emergency, our first impulse is to dial 911 for help. When we have been violated, who do we call for help? The police are usually first on the scene. They investigate, assess and write reports of incidents multiple times per day.

We should take the time to recognize and acknowledge the first responders. They are the ones we call on when we feel threatened or have been victimized. When we need rescue, they are a phone call away. The police officers who patrol the streets, the firefighters who are on call, sleeping lightly through the night, ready to get up at any given moment to come and rescue any one of us in the event of a fire, and even the paramedics who are on standby waiting to help us and possibly save our lives are all heroes who often to unsung and under-recognized.

Janine Folks  
Minister. Writer. Author. Chaplain  
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Inspired to write; Writing to inspire

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**IN THE SPIRIT**

**Why Black Faith Leaders Must Lead the Fight for  
Healthcare Access**

By Julianne Malveaux (NNPA Newswire Columnist)



First of all, despite the Trump Administration's efforts to kill ("repeal and replace") the Affordable Care Act (ACA), it is still the law of the land, and because of the federal mandate, everyone is required to have some form of health insurance. However, since "45" and his team have declared it all but dead, they have shortened the enrollment period from three months to a mere six weeks, from November 1-December 15, 2017. Additionally, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has drastically cut the budget for outreach. This time last year, there were television and radio announcements, billboards on buses, and other reminders that people should enroll for healthcare, if they didn't already have healthcare through their jobs.

The Trump Administration hopes that, without outreach,

people will not enroll for healthcare through the ACA, so that they can then crow that people "don't want" healthcare. Some faith leaders, however, have pledged to use their pulpits to remind their congregations to get enrolled for healthcare through the ACA. Rev. Dr. Barbara Williams Skinner, the first Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus and an activist who melds faith with public policy, who is also a spiritual advisor to many Black leaders, has developed a toolkit for communities of faith to help them do the work that our government won't: encouraging people to sign-up for affordable healthcare.

You can follow the faith leaders' conversations about open enrollment and healthcare on social media using the hashtags #SOULSTOENROLL or #SOULS2ENROLL, and by liking the Facebook page, Facebook.com/FaithinPublicLife, where you can find the toolkit adopted from the government page, GetAmericaCovered.org; instructions for the weekend campaign that will begin November 12, suggestions for faith leaders; a sample bulletin announcement; a PSA; and social media tips. In other words, the faith community is being encouraged to treat healthcare enrollment like any other grassroots organizing campaign and get

involved in it.

Back in the day, before social media, we used to talk about "the drum," how we shared information in the Black community; many of our radio stations, or public broadcast programs, and newspapers were our drums. Now, faith leaders are taking the drum viral to ensure that people who don't get the word, because of lack of government outreach, will get it through churches and through the Internet.

We will rely on these methods of communicating more and more, as this administration attempts to contract, not expand, the information people need to get essential healthcare (and other services). The toolkit and other resources are proof that our community has the ability to out organize the evil that is seeping out of Washington. "Woke" members of Congress are working with Rev. Skinner and others to get the word out. Congressman Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) had his PSA up before the enrollment period opened on November 1, and some members of Congress have PSAs posted on their webpages; but everyone won't log on to a congressional website to get access to the PSA. That's where the churches and community organizations

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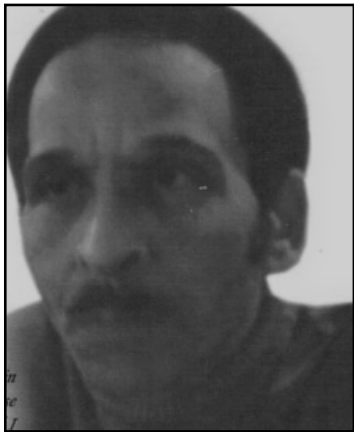
**2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**



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**BESSIE DOUGHTY**  
SEPT. 28, 1921 – OCT. 11, 2017  
Bessie was born in Nashville, TN and she was an accomplished concert pianist. She taught music in the Detroit Public School System. Her longevity was due in part to her belief in healthy eating and daily exercise. She was an avid bowler up to age 86. She is survived by her three children Laeland, Sandra and Glenn, three grandchildren, two great-grands, one great-great-grand and many nieces and nephews who all loved her dearly.  
*Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home 16540 Meyers in Detroit*



**COZINE WELCH, JR.**  
AUG. 26, 1930 – OCT. 21, 2017  
Cozine was born in Meridian, Mississippi and was affectionately known as 'Bubba and Big DA'. Cozine was employed at the Peny Store Warehouse. He was also an entrepreneur and owned his own maintenance business. He accepted a position at Chrysler in Detroit where he worked in supervision until he retired. He retired again after working 10 years for Henry Ford Health Systems. He leaves to cherish and honor his memory his loving wife Alberta Welch, three children, Andre, Deborah and Eleanor, seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren and a host of loving relatives and friends.  
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**JASON TAYLOR**  
OCT. 18, 1972 – OCT. 10, 2017

Jason was born in Marquette, MI and settled in Detroit in his early years. He graduated from Redford High School and upon graduated he join the United States Marine Corps Reserves. Jason consistently gave everything he had to anyone who had a need or a want. Jason leaves to cherish his memory his parents, John and Gwendolyn Taylor, grandmother Lillie Clements, sisters Erika Taylor, Nicole (Brandon) White, Alikah Martin, brother Ryan (Bridget) Taylor, two sons, Marque Taylor and John Taylor; one daughter, Savannah Marie Ruedisueli and a host of loyal and loving friends and family.  
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**GREGORY WILLIAMS**  
AUG. 25, 1967 – OCT. 14, 2017  
Gregory was born in Detroit, MI and was known as 'Lil Shot'. He was educated in Detroit Public Schools and St. Martin Deporres Private School. Gregory enjoyed listening to music and was an absolute animal lover but he had a special place in his heart for cats. Gregory leaves to cherish his memory his mother Doris Williams, father-figures Gaylord Roger and Theodore Olds; siblings; Rudy Williams, Natika Williams, Maisha Brown (Jamarr Brown) Tyehimba Rogers, Masai Rogers, Adisa Rogers, Sheba Rogers, Tyneal Carter, Clara Readus and Sherry Lewis; his children Talibah, Jelani, Tyrae, Brittney, Antwan, Shaneez, Gregory Jr., India, Marquis, Daja, Jakai and other baby boy and a host of friends.  
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**WILLIE CURRIE, SR.**  
OCT. 16, 1936 – OCT. 6 2017  
Willie was born in Mississippi and was known to be a friendly guy. He was the fifth of seven children and was named after both his father and his uncle. He is survived by his younger brother Earl Currie, children LeDawn Evans, Wil Currie, Vaughn and wife Karole Currie, Omar Currie, Danielle Traylor,

David Currie and Gerald Currie; 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends.  
*Final arrangements were entrusted to Trinity Funeral Home 20226 W. McNichols in Detroit.*



**LEROY DAWSON**  
May 24, 1938 - October 30, 2017  
Leroy was born in Greensboro, Alabama.

At the age of 15, Leroy decided to leave Alabama and join his family in Michigan. When moving to Michigan he worked at Maggie's Shrimp Hut where he inherited a gift from his cousin Maggie Scott "Frying Fish". Leroy was known for his Fried Fish, Ribs, and most of all his sweet potato pies. He later became employed at Ford Motor Company for 30 years, retiring in 1992.

He leaves to carry on: his wife of 50 years, Carolyn Dawson, two sons: Leroy Jr. Dawson (Sherita), Lawrence Dawson, and one daughter, Cassandra Dawson; six grandchildren: Three great Grandchildren: brothers: Floyd Dawson (Bernice), Percy Dawson, Johnnie Dawson (Helen), Jerome Dawson (Diane), Terrence Rawls (Dorolyn), Christopher Rawls (Nikki), Marlon Rawls, Orlando Rawls, Byron Long (Shone); sisters: Mary Green, Lucy Rawl, Tina Rawls, Patricia Dallas (Vincent), Erica (Alexander, Charlotte Hendon (Charles); and a host of relatives and friends.  
*Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home 5670 Inkster Rd in Westland.*



**LAWRENCE VAUGHN**  
May 19, 1952 - October 28, 2017  
Lawrence Neal Vaughn was born in Romulus, Michigan. His family gave Lawrence the nickname Kippy as a baby and that became the name he was commonly called. Lawrence graduated from Romulus High School in 1970. Kippy loved to have fun and was often the life of the party. He was a comedian who kept you laughing. Kippy loved to dance. He danced at the Fox Theater's Motown Review and The Scene, which was televised. He left behind his dedicated and devoted soulmate, Veronica VanHorn; his mother, Ardena Vaughn; daughter, Latoya (Keith) Jackson, their children, Del'Quante, CorTaz, Ka'Mya, and Braylon; daughter, Kenyetta (Arthur Jr.) Willis, their children Amir, Arthur III, and Adonis; daughter, Samantha Vaughn; two sisters, Trudy Vaughn and Patricia Barden and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Health Care

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come into play.

Once upon a time, we were great at mobilizing. Without any Internet, 250,000 people managed to get to Washington, D.C. for the March on Washington on August 28, 1963. Mimicking that effort, and using both word of mouth and the Internet, more than a million women made it to Washington D.C. for the post-inaugural Women's March. Now we have the opportunity to rally millions to participate in the benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

There are consequences to not enrolling. If you don't enroll by December 15, you may have to wait a whole year before getting access to affordable healthcare and the subsidies available under the ACA, and you may have to pay a fine for not enrolling. Some states (California, Washington, Minnesota, Colorado, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.) will allow enrollment until January, but most will close enrollment on December 15. Even with a longer enrollment period, the best thing to do to ensure that the people who need health insurance get it is to encourage them to enroll early.

Helping people enroll for ACA benefits is not only a public service, it is also an act of resistance to "45's" pernicious attempts to undermine President Obama's signature piece of legisla-

tion. To be sure, the ACA is not perfect, but it is responsible for expanding the base of people who can get affordable health insurance.

This example of "Faith in Action" may be a template for other ways to use the church to organize resistance. The novelist Dr. Daniel Black (author of "Perfect Peace: A Novel") recently gave a talk in which he described our churches as the backbone of the Black community. Disagree with your pastor, or with the sermon if you will, he said, but still get to church for the sense of community that can only be found there. While the Black church is less impactful than it was in 1963, when most of us could be reached through church announcements, it is still a place where we gather and share information. If you don't usually go to church on November 12, when the #SOULS2ENROLL weekend campaign kicks off, consider making your way there to check this campaign out. If you do go to church, encourage your pastor to participate.

Julianne Malveaux is an economist, author, and Founder of Economic Education. Her latest book "Are We Better Off: Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via amazon.com. For booking, wholesale inquiries, or for more info, visit [www.juliannemalveaux.com](http://www.juliannemalveaux.com). Follow Dr. Malveaux on Twitter @drjlastword.

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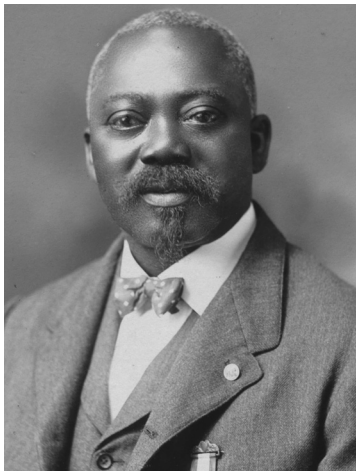
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# AFRICAN-AMERICANS HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO PROTEST



Christian A. Fleetwood  
Medal of Honor



William Harvey Carney  
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Ollie Wells  
Medal of Honor

In every war fought by the United States, from the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan and Iraq, African Americans participated, often to heroic effect. Amid controversies surrounding knee-taking and other forms of civil rights protest, that fact seems lost. The lack of recognition of African American contributions to freedom did not begin with today's political climate.

Among our nation's heroes was Christian A. Fleetwood, an editor, musician, government official and non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. He won the Medal of Honor, the highest and most prestigious military decoration that may be awarded for acts of valor, for his actions during the Civil War. According to the Medal of Honor Historical Society, there are 3,496 MOH recipients, 89 of them African-Americans.

On Sept. 29, 1864, Fleetwood's regiment participated in the Battle of Chaffin's Farm aka Battle of New Market Heights, on the outskirts of Richmond, Va. Among the charging soldiers was Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton, the bearer of two American flags, one of which had been seized from a wounded sergeant. When Hilton himself was wounded, Fleetwood and another soldier, Charles Veale, each grabbed a flag before the colors could touch the ground. Now carrying the flag, Fleetwood continued forward under heavy fire. Retreating back to the reserve line, he used the flag to rally a small group of men and continue the fight. 14 African American soldiers earned the Medal of Honor that Day.

Fleetwood lamented that while individual instances of valor and patriotism among black soldiers during the Revolutionary War abounded, there was no separate record of the contributions of these men, said Fleetwood, sergeant-major of the 4th regiment, United States Colored Troops, state in a 1895 narrative, "The Negro As A Soldier."

From Bunker Hill to Yorktown, Fleetwood said, Negroes played an honorable part. "The history of the doing of the Armies is their history, as in everything they took part, and did their share," he futher

stated.

Fleetwood cited the Revolutionary War contributions of "brave and gallant" soldiers such as Salem Poor, in the Battle at Charleston. Poor was honored with a stamp in the series commemorating the United States Bicentennial. Poor Street in Andover, Md. was named after him. "So many Negroes were offering their lives as a willing sacrifice for the country," Fleetwood said.

Another Revolutionary War veteran, James Robinson, earned a Gold Medal while still enslaved for military valor in the battles of Yorktown and Brandywine. Robinson, who is buried in Detroit, also fought valiantly in the War of 1812.

Yet when the war was over, free men returned to their old difficulties, and some slaves were captured when possible and re-enslaved by their former masters.

Noting that at one point, one of six sailors in the War of 1812 we're black, Fleetwood cited a captain's description of the contribution of two "negro" Navy sailors, John Johnson and John Davis, "The name of one of my poor fellows, who was killed, ought to be registered in the book of fame, and remembered as long as bravery is a virtue. A 24-pound shot struck him in the hip, and took away all the lower part of his body. In this state the poor brave fellow lay on the deck,

and several times exclaimed to his shipmates, "Fire away, my boys! No haul a color down!" Likewise, Fleetwood said Davis, who had been struck in a similar manner, repeatedly requested to be thrown overboard, saying he was only in the way of others.

During the same war, about a quarter of personnel in the Naval squadrons of the Battle of Lake Erie were black. Hannibal Collins, a freedmen, is thought to be the oarsman in William Henry Powell's painting, Battle of Lake Erie.

Robert Blake, a Union Navy sailor during the Civil War, was the first African-American to actually receive a Medal of Honor, in 1864. Born into slavery in Virginia, he'd been one of 400 slaves taken as contraband onto Union ships and sent to North Island in Winyah Bay. While on the island, Blake answered a call to serve on the USS Vermont.

At length, Blake went to the ship's gun deck and was immediately knocked down by an exploding Confederate shell. The blast had killed a powder boy manning one of the guns. Blake had no assigned combat role and could've retreated to relative safety below decks, but instead chose to assume the powder boy's duties. When his lieutenant commander asked him what he was doing, he replied, "Went down to the rocks to hide my face, but the

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Participation. Second, always call ahead to verify locations, times, and participation. Many of the listed companies are franchises and may have different policies. We will do our best to keep this page updated as we find new info.

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**Applebee's,**  
**Nov. 11, 2017**  
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your Veterans Day free meal if you are a veteran or on active military duty.

**Red Lobster,**  
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**Olive Garden**  
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# THE COMMUNITY SHALL BE RESTORED TV PROGRAM

PROPHET CEDRIC BANKS INTERVIEWS  
CoCo - 105.9 FM

Steven D. Hill - Detroit Magic Child Development



CoCo, Steven D. Hill and host Prophet Cedric Banks

**Prophet Banks:**

We have great guests here today and I will allow them to introduce themselves.

**Co Co - 105.9 FM:**

My gift is the gift of people on many platforms and many arenas.

**Steven Hill:**

We are a Youth Organization providing Educational Activities for the Youth in the Community.

**Prophet Banks:**

You both have something great going on in the Community I think it is Nov. 16th, 2017 that the Community needs to know about. Can you tell us about that event?

**Steven Hill:**

This is our first Black Tie Gala Event, a Fundraiser for the Detroit Magic Child work that we do in the Community. We provide Mentorship, Tutoring and Leadership Development Programs for the youth to help in developing them for their futures.

**Prophet Banks:**

You have a Leadership Program; In what area will the people be learning about leadership?

**Steven Hill:**

First, they learn how to be Productive Citizens in Society. They understand that Education is the most important thing you can achieve. The youth that we deal with are low income and underserved. The programs that we provide are programs they probably wouldn't get if we would not have brought them into the Community. We piggy back off of the schools. We provide tutoring assistance with their homework. We teach them about Anger Management and Conflict Resolution. There they learn how to resolve things peaceably as opposed to violently.

**Prophet Banks:**

What age group are the children?

**Steven Hill:**

Between 6 years and 16 years.

**Prophet Banks:**

That is very good. We have Co Co here from 105.9 FM, Mason & Co Co in the Morning. Co Co what is your role in this Event? We know you are an outstanding Comedian, Actress, and Talk Show Host.

**Co Co 105.9FM:**

Yes, I do it all. I realize that to whom much is given, much is required. When you ask GOD to enlarge your territory and to exalt your position to where you can be a true, true soldier, you have to be able to do and to serve. Steve and I have been friends for a very long time and they have always been active in the Community. So I know his vision and his position. So when he asked me to host his Black Tie Fundraiser Event, I told Pastor that I was very busy and I would check my Calendar.

So it was in divine order and I was available. We plant seeds in children and they grow, and even from the womb the environment that child was in what was said to that child, all plays a role. If the mother was addicted to drugs when she was pregnant, that played a role on the child. We as society want to blame the mother. But what about the Father. So the child may have some issues and problems. We want to be able to assist the child, not throw the child away.

**Prophet Banks:**

You know that is so true. The environment the Mother was in when the child was in the womb plays a vital role in the development of that child.

You can view this interview with Co Co of 105.9 FM,

Mason and Co Co in the Morning and Pastor Steven Hill, Exec. Director of Detroit Child Magic in it's entirety on the upcoming episodes of The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program on Comcast TV 90. The program can be seen every Saturday at 8:00 pm.

Also, every Sunday at 2:00 pm. You are welcome to attend The Heart of Jesus International Deliverance Church Service. We are located at 14111 E. 7 Mile Road, Senior Pastor Prophet Cedric Banks. For more information email us at [HearttofJesusChurch@yahoo.com](mailto:HearttofJesusChurch@yahoo.com).

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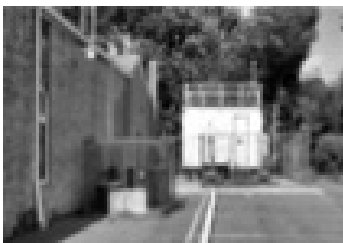
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### OPEN COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Date: Monday November 20, 2017 Time: 6:00-7:30 PM  
New Mt. Hermon Baptist Church

#### AGENDA

Presenters will discuss air sampling data collected between September 2016 and September 2017. The air monitors have been collecting samples of heavy metals, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) among others. This will be the third community informational meeting since the monitoring station was sited at New Mt. Hermon in August 2016. A final report will be issued in late December with a final meeting in January or February 2018.

#### Presenters:

**Ms. Susan Kilmer**  
Air Monitoring Unit Supervisor  
Michigan Dept of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

**Dr. Keisha Williams**  
Toxicologist  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

#### Available for Questions:

Ms. Mina McLemore – Supervisor and Mr. Jeff Korniski -Assistant Supervisor  
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## 20 more new DDOT buses hit the streets of Detroit

City has now added a total of 100 new buses over past three years;



DDOT to purchase 20 new buses each year; nine more to arrive in January 2018

New bus features include: rear destination signs, large rear window, two skylight roof hatches and additional camera on exterior of the bus

The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) has added another 20 new buses to its fleet to improve reliability and reduce the average age, DDOT Director Dan Dirks said today. The new buses have been arriving over the past several weeks and nine more will hit the streets in January.

“This is another important step forward for DDOT and it strives to continually provide better service to its customers and younger, more reliable buses on the road,” Dirks said. “Our plan is to purchase at least 20 new buses each year for the next five years to get the age of our fleet in line with other major transit systems.”

DDOT currently has about 300 buses in its fleet. At peak times, 240 buses are on the road, allowing the rest to receive routine maintenance to keep them operating well. The new buses will bring the average age of vehicles in the DDOT fleet to about 8 years, down from an average age of more than 12 years when Dirks took over in 2014. Dirks says the ideal average age for buses in a transit system of Detroit’s size is about six years.

The new buses will facilitate service improvements as well as help to improve the rider experience.

**New buses, new features**

The New Flyer XD40 model buses are replacements for aging buses that will be removed from the fleet and decommissioned. The new buses come with a few significant new features including, destination signs on the rear of the bus, large rear windows and skylight roof hatches to allow more natural light on the interior, and an additional security camera on the exterior of the bus.

Since adding its first 80 new buses in 2015, DDOT has implemented its largest service expansion in nearly two decades (1,500 additional weekly trips), including:

- Adding 9 new 24-hour routes (previously there were none).
- Adding 6 new express routes to connect neighborhoods across the city to major job centers in downtown and midtown.
- Adding a new Fresh Wagon route that provides direct roundtrip bus service to Eastern Market every Saturday with 6 convenient pickup locations across Detroit.
- Adding a new Mid-City Loop route to connect more low-income neighborhoods in the central part of the city with the jobs and amenities of the new center and midtown areas.

Partnering with RTA and SMART to provide express “Reflex” service to and from the suburbs along Woodward and Gratiot Avenue.

DDOT also has installed security cameras on the inside and outside of all of its buses and added a dedicated transit police force, which together have significantly improved safety across the transit system.

**Opportunities available at DDOT**

DDOT has remained committed to improving transit both internally and externally for drivers as well its customers, by hiring more than 100 bus drivers in 2017. The starting wage for bus drivers is currently \$12.69 - \$18.29 hourly, including benefits. To be eligible for a bus driver position with DDOT, applicants must have the following qualifications:

- Completion of high school or G.E.D.
- Must be able to obtain a Michigan Commercial Driver's License with Group A or B designation and Passenger and Air Brake endorsements
- Preferably, two years of experience operating automotive vehicles, as demonstrated by a State Driving Record

All persons interested in employment opportunities with DDOT are encouraged to apply for the Transportation Equipment Operator (Bus Driver) positions at <http://www.detroitmi.gov/employment>.

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# Revenge is a Dish Best Served Cold

## Rouge Panthers win Districts

By Xavier Jones - Sports and Entertainment Reporter



The River Rouge Panthers team, cheerleaders and coaches celebrate after District win

Friday November 4th 2017. The Panthers of River Rouge marched West on highway 94 for an emotional District Championship against the Bulldogs of Chelsea. Despite Outscoring Chelsea 69-26 Rouge is 1-1 against the mortal enemy the team earned at the 2016 Pep Kick Off Classic.

The game started with a housecall from the initial kickoff for Junior Daraun McKinney, he chugged the ball 79 yards through the Bulldog tacklers. The extra point after McKinney's first touchdown was missed by Sophomore Avery Burch, but the fork jammed the the Bulldog's side was deep the opening seconds of the game. The Panthers won their fourth interpreted district championship in the 35-10 Broil Against The Bulldogs.

De'andre Bulley carried the gold for the next River Rouge touchdown. The extra point was a smooth success to make the game 14-0 until Chelsea kicked back for a field goal late in the first quarter. Bulley forced it past the de-

fense for 21 yards. Boosting the score 21-3 for Rouge.

The Bulldogs offense warmed up but couldn't but the bun in the oven until the fourth quarter of the game. By then quarterback Emmanuel Ferguson had thrown a momentum shifting interception at the end of the first half, and Daraun McKinney had ran another kick back in a record breaking performance.

The Panthers played with prayers and condolences for

Junior Cortez Thornton, who lost his father a week before the game. This was more than a district title game for Rouge. But a symbol of solidarity and brotherhood for The Panthers.

Chelsea finishes the season 9-2. River Rouge moves on in the race to Ford Field to face Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood at home in the regional district finals. CK is begging for the Panthers after its first District title against the Mumford Mustangs.



The Panthers Defense was to much for the Bulldogs  
Photo by Xavier Jones

**TEAMWORK  
MAKES THE  
DREAM WORK**



The River Rouge Panther Cheerleaders have been full of spirit to cheer on the team  
Photo by Xavier Jones

**GOOD LUCK PANTHERS!!**

# Pistons are in First Place?

By Butch Davis



Andre Drummond is shooting 78 percent (28 of 36) from the line this season.

At 7-3, the Detroit Pistons are off to their best start of the season since 2008-09. Detroit also has a 4-2 record against teams that have a better than .500 record. In addition, Andre Drummond scored 24 points, going 14 of 16 at the free throw line, and the Pistons took over sole possession of first place in the Central Division with a 105-96 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday night. Drummond scored 14 during a third quarter in which he made 10 of 12 foul shots, quite a showing for a player who is under 40 percent from the line in his career. It was the most free throws Drummond has made in a game in his career, and he's shooting 78 percent (28 of 36) from the line this season. "It's just a mental toughness thing," Drummond said. "Being ready all the time to shoot the same shot." Here are some highlights on Drummond and the Pistons so far this season.

- At 4-1, Detroit is also tied for the best home record in the Eastern Conference.
- Andre Drummond recorded season highs in points (24) vs. Milwaukee (11/3) and rebounds (19) vs. Sacramento (11/4).
- Drummond is averaging 16.7 points and 15.3 rebounds, while shooting 65% from the field, in his last three games.
- Drummond connected on career-high 14 free throws (14-16) vs. Milwaukee (11/3).
- Drummond is only the sec-

ond player (Kevin Love) over the last 35 years to record 12-plus rebounds in each of his first 10 games of the season.

- Avery Bradley has scored 20-plus points in four of his last six games and is averaging 19.4 points in five home games.
- Reggie Jackson has recorded five-plus assists in nine of 10 games this season and is averaging a career-best 6.3 assists per game.

The Detroit Pistons lead the NBA in comeback wins of 10-plus points this season with three. Here are some stats that stick out in Detroit's comebacks. According to Elias Sports Bureau, Detroit's 21-point comeback victory against New York (10/21) was just the second 20-plus point comeback for the Pistons in the last 10 years and the other a 21-point comeback-win against Boston, 10/18/13. Drummond said this about the early season success his team the Pistons are having, "It shows the hard work we put in this summer, each and every one of us, individually and as a group. We came in as a unit early and worked really hard, just before training camp, and we built that camaraderie we needed. We have a great group of guys here that are willing to fight for each other."

The Pistons has three more games at home (11/10, 11/12, 11/15) before hitting the road again for two games.

## Local High School Sports News

By Butch Davis

The MHSAA Football Playoff drive to Ford Field and the Superior Dome continues for District Winners. Regionals are next for 11-player, while 8-player football looks ahead to semi-finals. So we at the Telegram News say congratulations to the following teams who will move on to make their spot in striving to win their regional game. Here are teams still participating in the Telegram News reading area.

Detroit Cass Tech (8-2) at Clinton Township Chippewa Valley (10-1) F 7:00 PM

Ypsilanti Lincoln (9-2) at Detroit Martin Luther King (10-1) F 6:00 PM

Riverview (10-1) at Dearborn Divine Child (10-1) F 7:00 PM

River Rouge (9-2) at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (10-1) S 1:00 PM

By the way congratulations to the following teams who have won their Girls Volleyball Districts and will move on to further action in the Regional Tournament. The following teams listed are teams moving on to regional play in the Telegram reading area. District 27 Allen Park, District 43 Carleton Airport, and District 105 winner Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

# TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Dearborn Heights Christmas Fair

November 11, 2017 from 10AM-5PM, there will be a Christmas Fair at 610 Beech Daly Rd. This event will feature a bake sale, raffle, and crafts.

## City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

## Romulus City Council Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

## Taylor Book Discussion

Join us November 15, 2017

from 6:30-7:30PM at the Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee, for a relaxed discussion of Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli's "A Most Curious Murder."

## Westland Veteran's Day Ceremony

The Westland Veterans Association will be hosting the Veterans Day ceremony at 2pm Saturday November 11 at the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland. The Westland Veterans Association would like to recognize all Westland Purple Heart recipient Veterans that will be attending the ceremony or if someone is attending who is not a Veteran but their loved one received the Purple Heart and has passed, please call for more information 734-788-7753

## Black Veterans

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rocks said there is no hiding place here. So here I am, sir." The Confederates eventually abandoned their position.

Some black soldiers who weren't particularly recognized still felt it an honor to serve their country. Cpl. Joseph J. Proctor was a member of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment Infantry, which saw extensive service in the Union Army during the Civil War. In a letter to his wife Winnie, Proctor wrote, "I enlisted in the Army to be a man and to help show to the world that the race to which I belong are men and entitled to be respected as such. And if I should die on the battlefield what prouder words could you say than your husband died for ... freedom."

For heroics in the Vietnam War, Detroit native Dwight Johnson received the Medal of Honor for his actions in 1968. Johnson had grown up in the Jeffries housing projects, and was raised by a single mother. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

African-American Henry Johnson was honored posthumously with a Medal of Honor in 2015 for his brave performance in the first black unit of the Army to engage in combat in World War I. On watch in the Argonne Forest on May 14, 1918, he fought off a German raid in hand-to-hand combat, killing multiple German soldiers and rescuing a fellow soldier while sustaining 21 wounds.

About a million African-Americans fought in the military during World War II, according to retired U.S. Army Col. Bill De Shields, a historian and founder of The Black Military History Institute of America in Annapolis, Md. "The symbol of black participation at that time was the Double V. In other words, Double V meant two victories: victory against the

enemy abroad, and against the enemy at home."

For his WWII service, African-American Charles Leroy Thomas, a Detroit resident, was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor in 1997. The official citation reads: "For extraordinary heroism in action on Dec. 14, 1944, near Climbach, France. While riding in the lead vehicle of a task force organized to storm and capture the village of Climbach, then First Lieutenant Thomas's armored scout car was subjected to intense enemy artillery, self-propelled gun and small arms fire.

"Although wounded by the initial burst of hostile fire, Thomas signaled the remainder of the column to halt and, despite the severity of his wounds, assisted the crew of the wrecked car in dismounting. Upon leaving the scant protection which the vehicle afforded, Thomas was again subjected to a hail of enemy fire which inflicted multiple gunshot wounds in his chest, legs and left arm. Despite intense pain, Thomas ordered and directed the ... of two antitank guns which in a few moments were promptly and effectively returning the enemy fire. Realizing that he could no longer remain in command, he signaled to the platoon commander to join him. Thomas then thoroughly oriented him on enemy gun dispositions and the general situation.

Only after he was certain that his junior officer was in full control ... did he permit himself to be evacuated. First Lieutenant Thomas' outstanding heroism was an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces."

In his book, "Black Defenders of America, 1775-1973," the author, Robert Ewell Greene, put African-Americans' military

# SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS



Ecorse Seniors show off their smoke detectors provided by the Ecorse Fire Department at the senior building on Jefferson

Americans are living longer. Currently, the average life expectancy for American males is 79 years and for American females is 81 years. Living longer can mean more time to do things. Living longer can also mean more responsibilities, along with more concerns and problems. In southeast Michigan, there is plenty for senior citizens to do and also an abundance of organizations and agencies to assist with concerns and problems.

If you are a resident of Dearborn Heights, the Berwyn Senior Recreation Center and the Eton Senior Recreation Centers are your source for engaging socially and learning about community programs available to older residents in the city. Both centers are the location of the Focus Hope Food for Seniors Program. The program provides nutritious food free of charge to eligible senior citizens on a monthly basis. Registration is required and you must be a Dearborn Heights resident and be age 60 or older. Both centers also offer a variety of classes including painting and conversational Spanish. On Thursday, November 30, a trip to Frankenmuth for seniors is planned. For more information, contact

contributions thusly: "Information exists in contemporary volumes and in military and state archives, but the black defenders who have served their country with fidelity, bravery and distinction from its earliest days are largely overlooked." These stories are important this Veterans Day, or whenever anyone questions about Black patriotism. From the Dale Rich Collection

For additional information please view the Charles H. Wright video series, Voices of the Civil War Episode 20 and 32 on Youtube.

## HAPPY VETERANS DAY

either center.

The Berwyn Senior Center is located at 26155 Richardson in Dearborn Heights. The phone number is 313-791-3550. The Eton Senior Center is located at 4900 Pardee in Dearborn Heights. The phone number for Eton is 313-277-7765. Both centers are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can also access the city's website at [www.dearborn-heights.mi.us](http://www.dearborn-heights.mi.us).

Residents of the Wayne-Westland community can find the Senior Services office located at the Hype Recreation Center in Wayne. The center offers classes, meal programs and free legal consultation. Go to the city of Wayne website at [www.ci.wayne.mi.us](http://www.ci.wayne.mi.us) to find a link to "Kaboom," the newsletter provided by Wayne Senior Services, which lists activities and programs offered. The Hype Recreation Center is located at 4635 Howe Road in Wayne. The phone number is 734-721-7460. Center hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The center is close Monday and Friday.

Residents in the city of Inkster can benefit from public transportation services, in-home services through The Senior Alliance, and home-delivered

meals through Wayne County Nutrition Services. The city offers a File of Life Program, Enhance Fitness Program and outreach and assistance with finding other services within the community. More information is available by calling the city at 313-563-4323 or checking the city website at [www.cityofinkster.com](http://www.cityofinkster.com).

The Friendship Club meets on Thursdays and provides socialization and card games, dominoes, and bingo. A Walking and Exercise Program is also offered. Both programs are held at the city of Inkster's Recreation Complex. Call recreational activities at 734-728-7560.

Senior residents who feel they may be eligible for Food Assistance benefits, which helps with food purchases and is available through the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, may call Toll-Free at 855-275-6424 to find their local department of Health and Human Services.

The Michigan Legislature has compiled a handbook which details benefits and programs available to Michigan Senior Residents. You can obtain a copy at [www.legislature.mi.gov/publications/servicesforseniors.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/publications/servicesforseniors.pdf).



Inkster Seniors hold summer picnic. Telegram summer interns with Inkster Fire Chief and Senior Dorothy Gardner





# My Friend Is Cheating on his GF with my BFF

By Alma Gill (NNPA News Wire Columnist)



Dear Alma,  
A male friend of mine moved to my city for a six-month work assignment. To welcome him to the area, I took him to dinner and introduced him to my local friends. Well, I just learned that he has been having a sexual relationship with a sorority sister, who's also my best friend. I am uncomfortable with this situation because my male friend has a live-in girlfriend who has been with him for over eight years. I feel like I need to say something, especially now that his assignment may be extended and his live-in girlfriend is planning a visit. My girlfriend says she knows it's temporary and that she plans to break up with him before his significant other arrives. She also confided to me that he told her that he loves her, but cannot leave his live-in girlfriend and doesn't know what to do. She is not a dumb girl. She's an attorney, and she's got it going on. I'm shocked this happened. Do you think it's really love? Should I get involved or mind my business?  
Signed,  
Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck in the Middle,  
If this were my BFF Dee, I would say something like this: "What the hell...Really!! Chile Please!" LMBO. Nah, I'm just kidding. Don't do that. I'm a firm believer in what my mama use to say: "You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar." You want to get her attention, so confront her in a manner that she can embrace. I can sense the pride and ad-

miration you have for your friend when you talk of her accomplishments. Granted, one's occupation doesn't exempt them from making unwise decisions. Anyway, your attorney-girlfriend is rationalizing her actions by thinking she's really not being a skank, because technically he's not married. And since technically he's not married, she can follow this yellow brick road and see where it leads.  
Step up to the bench, my sis-tah, so you can hear me when I say this ain't Kansas and, no, Sweetie, he's not in love with her. He's in really, really like, and I don't blame him. He's found a really smart woman to spend quality time with while he's away from home. He offered her his live-in truth and she accepted it.  
Sometimes we enter a "going nowhere fast" relationship for the sake of not being alone. But truth be told, you can be in a relationship and still be lonely. As a matter of fact, I'd say that hurts more than being alone.  
Explain to your friend that recognizing her true treasures within allows her to be prepared when a mature man comes along. A mature man will offer her the proper love, commitment and devotion she deserves. It's time to cut it off. Don't wait for his main squeeze to visit. Do it now.  
Remind her that she should never settle for a second-hand man.  
Reach out, give her a fist bump and say: "Stop stumbling in the dark with Mr. Wrong, girl, when you could be dancing in the light with Mr. Right!"  
Now that's exactly what I would say to my BFF Dee.

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: [alwaysaskalma@gmail.com](mailto:alwaysaskalma@gmail.com). Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

# Former Pimp Turned Minister Showcases Former Lifestyle Onstage as Sex Trafficker

Stacey J Productions address Human Tracking



DETROIT—It takes place right in our backyard, yet simultaneously around the globe daily—if not hourly. It doesn't discriminate based on race, age or even gender. And even though it's illegal, it somehow continues to grow as a rising epidemic, generating an estimated 32 billion U.S. dollars annually. While human trafficking is a known concern throughout the U.S. and abroad, the level of men and women, boys and girls, who are lured into this modern-day slavery continues to increase at an alarming rate.  
This December, local playwright Stacey Shannon Johnson shines a light and gives a voice to what many choose to simply remain silent about. As a retired police offi-

cer, Johnson is on a mission to help end this plight that continues to plague communities around the nation.  
In the gripping, compelling stage production, A Dream Deferred, Johnson tells the lurid story of many stories left untold by the victims and survivors of this widespread concern. It hits the stage on Saturday, December 9 at The Paul Robeson Theater inside the Northwest Activity Center, 18100 Meyers Road, Detroit, MI 48235. Showtimes are 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. When high school senior, Alison, answers an ad for a potential music recording contract, her dreams suddenly turn into a nightmare that seems it will never end. Will she find herself at the point of no return or will she be res-

cued from the life she didn't sign up for?  
In his debut acting role, Buron Pittman who plays the role of Zeke as the human trafficker wasn't chosen solely based on his audition or acting quality—but because of his dark past. As a former pimp (who is now a minister of the Gospel), Pittman knows firsthand what, or who, lurks in the mean streets of a city that leaves even the smartest person vulnerable. Alongside Pittman, witness the hilariously comedic icon, Velda Hunter and national recording artist and Detroit native, Johnyce—both of which have left a mark on Detroit that can't be erased. Rated PG-13, parents and teens alike will leave empowered and with a greater awareness of the subtle lure of human trafficking.  
Tickets purchased online are \$22 and can be purchased through Eventbrite. Physical tickets can also be purchased through several outlets: Lighthouse Cards and Gifts, 16143 Wyoming (near Puritan) Detroit, MI 48221; TenTwentyThirty Boutique, 18057 E. 8 Mile Road (at Kelly Road), Eastpointe, MI 48021; and Sterling's Old Style BBQ, 18241 Plymouth (near Southfield Fwy), Detroit, MI 48228. For interviews or more information, email [staceyshannon-johnson@gmail.com](mailto:staceyshannon-johnson@gmail.com) or call 313.744.2808.

## SERVICE BUILDERS TO FEED THOSE IN NEED

Family strengthening is goal



On Sunday, November 19, 2017, the Service Builders Foundation, a 501c3 affiliate of the Eta Iota Omega Chapter (Inkster) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® will hold its fourth annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner for persons who are classified as low-income, sick and shut-in

or homeless. The dinner is being held at the Dozier Recreation Complex located at 2025 Middle Belt Road from 1-4 p.m. Meals will be delivered to the sick and shut in. Interested persons may call Ms. Margaret Williams, Family Strengthening Initiative Chair, at 734.326.5464 for more information.  
The Service Builders Foundation focuses on building a stronger Inkster through service to families, initiatives in education, health programs, environmental ownership and raising awareness of global issues that impact their lives. Carlotta Mitchell is Foundation Chair, Danielle Williams is Vice-Chair

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Weatherization 101:  
Ways to Get a Warmer Home this Winter



(StatePoint) Dreading the cold drafts and rising heating bills that come with winter? You're not alone. Nearly two-thirds of Americans live in homes that need to be weatherized to improve heating efficiency and maximize comfort, but many still don't take the time to do so, according to a survey conducted by OnePoll for Duck brand.

Why? The cold reality is that most people simply don't know what to buy or where to start when it comes to weatherizing their homes. But, preparing your house for chillier weather can be as easy as following some step-by-step instructions or consulting a brief how-to video. Here are a few tips to get started.

1. Secure Seals by Weatherstripping. Windows and doors are the two largest draft sources in any home, leading to high heating costs and an uncomfortable living environment. For these reasons, they should be top priorities.

To combat these sneaky air leak spots, use high-strength weatherstripping, such as Duck brand MAX Strength Silicone Weatherstrip Seal. This strong, flexible material makes it easy to seal gaps of different sizes around windows and doors.

2. Dodge Door Drafts. Assess your doors for potential drafts and energy loss, as everyday wear and tear can wreak havoc on thresholds and door seals. Depending on the door style, there are several solutions that provide multiple layers of protection, such as door shoes, draft seals and door sweeps. Most are easily customizable to meet your door width simply by cutting the product down to size. On-line videos can provide step-by-step instructions that show you exactly how to install a variety of different door weatherization solutions.

3. Winterize Windows. There are additional defenses for your windows, such as Duck brand Roll-On Window Insulation Kits. With a few simple steps, you can insulate win-

dows while maintaining a crystal-clear view. These kits offer a pre-taped top for quick and easy roll-on film installation. Plus, there's no measuring required and they fit snugly to window frames for the duration of the winter season. To learn how, watch this how-to video: [youtube.com/watch?v=ZY8qialgEW0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZY8qialgEW0).

4. Cover Sneaky Attic Entranceways. Finally, don't forget about attic access openings or pull-down stairs as a source of air leaks. Since they're usually not insulated, they can be a considerable culprit of energy loss in your house. How do you prevent this? An attic stairway cover is a simple solution to combat heat loss. Plus, they're flexible, lightweight and easily repositioned to maintain direct access to the attic.

For more project ideas and product information, visit [DuckBrand.com](http://DuckBrand.com).

Don't be left in the cold this winter. By taking a few measures, you can prepare your home against drafts and air leaks during the wintry months.

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