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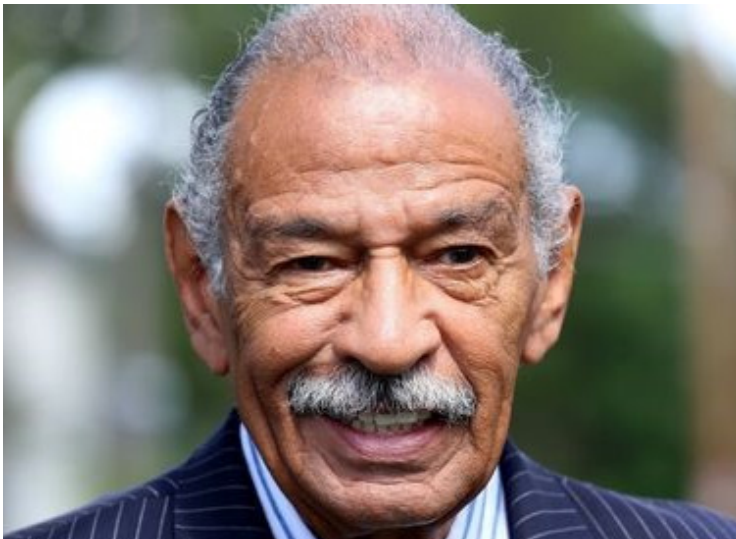


TELEGRAM

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John Conyers Steps Down As House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member

Written By Nigel Roberts



Congressman Conyers - The Dean of the House

Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) announced on Sunday that he's stepping down as the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee while he's under a probe by the House Ethics Committee for sexual harassment and age discrimination, ABC News reported. A lawyer who worked with Conyers on the House Judiciary Committee accused him of

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Poll: 70 percent of Marketplace Enrollees Satisfied with Obamacare



As President Donald Trump continues to sow confusion about the Affordable Care Act (ACA), a recent poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation, shows that, although some of his tactics are working, many consumers still plan on signing up for healthcare during the open enrollment period. and will end December 15 in most states and despite its critics, the law has effectively reduced the uninsured rate for Blacks; healthcare advocates have said that access to preventive care provided by the ACA could also limit the effects of healthcare disparities, like infant mortality rates and

The ACA open enrollment period started on November 1

Healthcare Page 10A

Not All Heros Wear Capes

Written By - Xavier Jones Media Specialist



Ecorse mayor, Lamar Tidwell (in back row) and council persons recognize local heros for good deed

The Public Safety department of Ecorse has presented a Certificate of Recognition at its November 21st city council meeting to 'heros'. Jodie D. Morales and Heather L. Watts were driving down Jefferson Ave. on a typical day. In addition to heavy traffic, there was

a tragedy awaiting for anyone who wasn't ready for it; As if anyone could be ready for a horror scene.

A man had been fatally struck by a car, Steven Serda told me. It was a scene too graphic for the Telegram Newspaper to

describe. Truly a horror scene. He pulled over into the turning lane and let the dynamic duo do their job.

The ladies ran out of the car.

Organ donation - Page 6A

AT&T Contributes \$15,000 To Operation Refuge Contribution to Support STEAM Summer Camp



State Representative Jewell Jones (center) with Operation Refuge board members are joined by Robert Jones - AT&T Michigan Regional Director of External Affairs as he presents the \$15,000 check from AT&T

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ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

Shopping Black Friday should start today in your community



There is always so much hype during this time of year as people prepare for Christmas Day. Much of that hype has to do with getting good deals on presents for their loved ones on Black Friday. I do not get into the big commercialization of Christmas Day celebration. Christmas Day is to celebrate the birth of Jesus, so we should be giving him gifts...But that's another column.

I believe Black Friday (shopping and spending lots of money) should be every day, but it should start in our own communities. There are many businesses within all of our communities that are just waiting for your business. They pay taxes to the cities in which we live, they employ people from the community and they donate to charities and programs within the community. Why do you drive pass the businesses in the city to go spend your money elsewhere? I want to encourage you to shop at the businesses in the community, first. If they don't have what you need, then go somewhere else.

I know some people say that they don't shop with the local businesses because either 1) their prices are higher than the bigger stores and 2) their service is not good. Well those are not valid reasons because those issues can be addressed easily. First, their prices are higher because they can't purchase the volume of items that would allow them to price their item lower because they would be stuck on the shelves because you are not shopping with them. This forces them to buy a smaller quantity at a higher price and they have to roll that over to the customers. So if you and your family shop there they can purchase more items at a lower rate and pass those savings on to you. (That's not rocket science)

Second, their service is not good. Well tell them about it. That is an easy problem to solve. People from the community are the hardest people to please. But it is possible. In most cases, you know the owner, so just pull the owner aside and share your concerns with them. I'm sure they will make the adjustment. Before you make the decision to not support your local business, think about the service you received at businesses outside of the community. Be honest with yourself. Did you stop shopping with them, when the service wasn't good? I bet you didn't.

So, think about it and plan to Shop Locally.

Gina Steward
Publisher

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Conyers won't run for re-election

From Page 1A



Conyers during his campaign last year

"sexual discrimination." That is in addition to a former staffer with whom Conyers settled a sexual harassment case for more than \$27,000 with funds taken from his congressional budget.

A chorus of voices are calling for Michigan's Democratic Rep. John Conyers to step down over sexual misconduct allegations, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi wants to step on the brakes, calling for "due process" Sunday on "Meet the Press," NBC News reported.

"John Conyers is an icon in our

country. He has done a great deal to protect women – Violence Against Women Act, which the...right-wing – is now quoting me as praising him for his work on that, and he did great work on that. But the fact is, as John reviews his case, which he knows, which I don't, I believe he will do the right thing," Pelosi added.

It came to light on Tuesday that Conyers settled a sexual harassment claim with a former employee in 2015 for more than \$27,000. Former staff members also accused Conyers, 88, of making repeated sexual advances on female

staff. The high-ranking, longest serving member of Congress allegedly requested sexual favors from some of his female staff and allegedly transported other women to Washington with whom he was suspected of having affairs. The former staff member filed her complaint in 2014 with the congressional Office of Compliance. It accused Conyers of firing her because she declined his sexual advance.

After the news broke, GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan called the report "extremely troubling," and Michigan's Republican Rep. Bill Huizenga was among the first to call for Conyers' resignation. In his initial response to the report, Conyers seemed to deny paying the settlement. But he later clarified that he indeed settled the case through his congressional budget but denied the allegations. This comes against the backdrop of President Donald Trump backing Alabama's GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore, who has been accused of sexual misconduct with underage girls when he was in his 30s.

Update: Congressman will announce in January that he won't run for re-election

DTE Energy and THAW have partnered to host
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- Copy of your DTE Energy utility bill that you are seeking assistance with.

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CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY

Can we just finally stop it?

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Columnist



with themselves.

They are upset that they were born white, for the most part Christian, in intact families.

They need special zones set up where they are not offended.

They grow up to be bitter, old liberals that hate everything America stands for.

Some of them are thinking, right now after reading what I wrote, that America stands for oppression and conquest.

Our history isn't pretty and the guilty, white liberal is trying to sanitize it.

They tear down our historical monuments and are offended by the flag.

They now consider the National Anthem racist.

The guilty, white liberal are busy telling minorities what they should be offended by, causing the trouble between cultures.

I won't say races because there is only one race.

So get over it snowflakes and let us live our lives as we see fit.

I am getting tired of people being constantly offended and looking for racism everywhere.

People are now offended by an intact, nuclear family.

Liking hockey and eating peanut butter and jelly are considered racist.

What is it with all the hate?

The thing is, it isn't really Black Lives Matter movement or people from CAIR.

It is the guilty, white liberal.

The snowflakes.

These are the people that are going to ferment trouble between the races and probably ruin America.

They are offended by everything and anything.

Their problem is they hate who they are and are unhappy



THE INKSTER/WESTERN COUNTY CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN PRESENTS:

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10:00am

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Life Is Too Short

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



With that said, I imagine that life was short even when people were living for hundreds of years in Genesis. I wonder how the aging process worked back then. Methuselah, the oldest person recorded in the Bible, lived 969 years (Genesis 5:27). That's almost a day to God. Then shortly after Methuselah died, the Lord said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. (Genesis 6:3)." So God put a cap on our lifespan.

I recently eulogized a 29 day old infant girl. I wanted to say that her life was too short. Then I realized that even if she had lived two years, ten years, twenty years, thirty-six, fifty or even sixty-six, it still would have been too short. Even when my grandmother died at nearly age 85, I still want her to have more time with her.

No matter what one's age is at death, life is too short. David reflected in a Psalm saying, "... You made my life short, so brief that the time means nothing to you. Human life is but a breath, and it disappears like a shadow..." [Psalm 39:5,6]

Anytime someone we love dies, a part of us wishes they could have had more time to be with us. Unless they were about 120 years old, then maybe we would say, 'they've had enough of this place.' The way we experience time is so different from how time is to God. To Him, a thousand years is like the passing of a day, or like a few hours in the night (Psalm 90:4).

Then David, in Psalm 90:10 says, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten [70 years]; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years [80 years], yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Some people fall somewhere in between. But it seems like these days, more and more younger people are being diagnosed with diseases that used to primarily affect the elderly. More young people are dying, so it's difficult to gauge what life expectancy should be.

The bottom line is, life is too short to be proud, making trouble or being jealous (Galatians 5:26). We need to spend our precious time being loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled (Galatians 5:22,23). Life is too short to procrastinate. Life is too short to waste on foolishness. Life is short, so love the Lord and be the best you can be.

Do the best you can with what you've been blessed with. We don't know how many days we have, so let's make our days count. Live life in all its fullness, that's why Jesus came (John 10:10). May God bless your life.



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Church School at Study9:30 a.m.
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Mid-Week:
Wednesday - Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

CORPORATE PRAYER

Sun 6am Wed 6pm

They that trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Psalms 125:1

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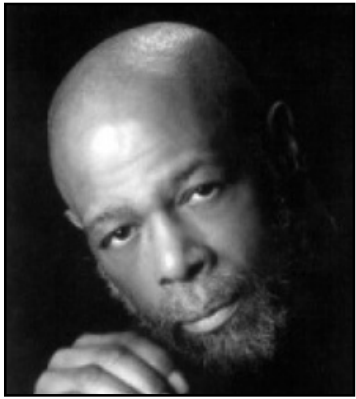
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Spiritually Speaking: You Gotta See the Devil Coming

By James Washington (The Dallas Weekly/NNPA Member)



Invariably as a Christian, the notion of Satan will come up and that conversation can range from soup to nuts, as we all know. I am often encouraged in these, sometimes crazy, discussions that God's plan is very precise and obvious to those looking for His Word. My favorite point of reference in all of this is Matthew 4:1-11 regarding the three temptations of Jesus in the desert after 40 days of fasting. Remember when Satan offers Christ 'all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor?' I was shocked at the power the devil has to tempt each and every one of us as we operate on what is essentially his turf. Now you've got to remember Lucifer hung out with the Lord in heaven. They were roadies for a while until he got the big head and was banished to this physical realm where we reside.

Once Jesus rebuked Satan for the third time, scripture says, "Then the devil left Him and

angels came and attended Him." So once Jesus withstood temptation, God then delivered unto Him all that Satan had offered and more. You see, in reality, all that stuff that Satan tempted Christ with was Jesus' birthright anyway and get this: It's ours also. So, let me get this straight. The devil probably knows the Bible better than we do. He understands what tempts us, because he knows what pleases the Lord. Remember, they once hung out together. It stands to reason that I am a much easier target than Jesus was and ruination for me won't necessarily take the promise of all kingdoms of the world and their splendor. However, my biblically inspired common sense lets me know that I am made in the image of God and I'll be okay if I surrender all that I have and all that I am to Him; He, who is my Lord and Savior. By doing so I should be able to put myself in a position to at least see the devil coming. If I can just see him coming, then maybe I'll be able to withstand, for a moment in time, the perceived need to have my wants and desires satisfied by sacrificing the integrity of my soul for momentary gratification.

Intellectually, I understand the difference between the temptation of sin and a test of faith. It's all about perspective, that which is spiritual and that which is secular. Once Jesus answered each of Satan's successive

temptations with Matthew 4:4: "It is written; Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." Matthew 4:7: It is also written; Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Matthew 4:10: "Away from me Satan! For it is written, Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only," then the devil left and the angels came.

The key then is to get on the other side of temptation by walking in the Word consciously enough to understand that just saying no to Satan is an absolute guarantee of getting all that you desire and need in this life. What must be overcome however is the cunning nature of the devil in his efforts to get you and me to forget, ignore or not take seriously that he is indeed the source of the temptation(s) designed to kill you and hurt the Lord. When in doubt, call on the name of the Lord and eventually Satan will be replaced with angels ready to attend to you. As Jesus so appropriately put it, "Seek ye first the kingdom and whatever it is that you desire, you will have more..."

May God bless and keep you always.

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CRIME ALERT - POLICE DEPT. BLOTTER FOR RIVER ROUGE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24TH, 2017

November 25th, 2017

At 0409 hrs. Officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Maple Street on a Domestic Violence complaint and made contact with a 43 year old female. She states she got into verbal altercation with her 44 year old husband over family issues. She states she tried to diffuse the situation by leaving the residence but he restrained her from going. He became so combative and began assaulting her, choking her neck with an open hand, scratching her face and pulling her hair. She was in fear of her life during the assault. Officer observed bruises on her face neck and she refused rescue. The husband fled before officers arrived.

November 20th, 2017

At 1709hrs, officers responded to the 1st Block of Louis Street on a Trespassing complaint. Upon arrival they spoke to a 42 year old male, who states he

observed a male with a dark coat carrying a Windex bottle walk into his home. The male left upon his request. The Ordinance officer observed a male matching the description in the 300 Block of Burke Street. Officer arrived and stopped the male and the male stated he did not mean to walk into his home. He stated he did not give an answer why he did it. He was placed under arrest and transported to the police station where he was booked, allowed to make a call, and then housed.

November 20th, 2017

At 1600hrs, a call came into River Rouge Police Station from Wayne County Child Protective Services regarding the wellbeing of some children in the 300 Block of Richter Street.

If you see something, say something. Contact your local police department.

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priority to churches listed in the directory*

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

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Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm

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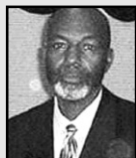
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The Family of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

Invites Family Friends and the Community

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Annual Christmas Community Dinner

When: Saturday, December 16, 2017

Where: Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church
29066 Eton Street
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Time: 3:00PM to 6:00PM

Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth, Pastor



Organ Donor

From Page 1A



Morales and Watts described what to be, "Second Nature." They jumped out of the car, rushed to the scene and tried to resuscitate the stranger. They kept him alive long enough for the ambulance to get there. The man was transported to the hospital where he later died.

It's not all bad news, the man was an organ donor. He was able to save lives and improve the lives of many people in his

passing.

Watts and Morales were honored by the City of Friendship for their bravery and selflessness.

For more information on becoming an organ donor visit www.organ-donor.gov. There are two ways to register. You can sign up online or in-person at your local motor vehicle department. Registering online takes just a few minutes. All you need is some identification information and your driver's license or photo ID number

Small Businesses have new place for assistance

The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce (SWCRC) and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) are pleased to announce the establishment of free, walk-in mentoring sessions for small businesses.

SCORE mentors will be available to assist small businesses on January 9th and January 25th and on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month thereafter. Hours are from 10 AM to 4 PM at the SWCRC offices on 20904 Northline Rd. Taylor, MI 48180. All small businesses, planned, new or existing, are welcome.

For further information contact the SWCRC at 734-284-6000 or go to www.swsrc.com.

Background on SWCRC
The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce serves members in 21 communities in Downriver Wayne County Michigan. Established for more than 50 years, the non-profit Chamber has over 500 members including businesses (start-ups to international corporations), civic leaders and elected officials who work together to promote the Downriver community.

Chamber activities include participation in legislative matters, economic development, education, and promotion of local businesses. The Chamber also provides networking opportunities to enhance business relationships, professional growth and business promotion.

Background on SCORE
SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, is a non-profit subsidiary of the Small Business Administration. Its mission is to nurture small and prospective businesses and ensure that they grow and thrive.

SCORE volunteer mentors have significant, high-level experience in many industries and are trained extensively on the mentoring process. Mentors assist entrepreneurs as they address issues with start-up, ongoing operations and growth. Mentors can give guidance on operations, marketing, financing and business planning.

Local Organizations provided Thanksgiving meals for Romulus families



The program is reaching more families through partnerships. This year Jonathan Kinloch, chair of the 13th Congressional Democratic Party joined Virginia Williams of the Romulus Citizens for Social Change to donate Thanksgiving meals for six Romulus families. Williams said this is the 7th year that they have

provided meals for residents in the city of Romulus. "I believe it's a way to be thankful for what I have and to help others who may not have as much." It's a joy to know that these families will be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal in the comforts of their home with their family.

TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ecorse
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 7:30-9PM there will be a city council meeting at the Ecorse city hall, 3869 West Jefferson.

Harper Woods
There will be a city council meeting December 4, 2017 at city hall, 19617 Harper Ave., at 7PM.

Inkster
City Council Meeting
There will be a city council meeting December 4, 2017 from 7-9PM in the council chambers of city hall, 26215 Trowbridge.

Lincoln Park
City Council Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting in the Lincoln Park city hall, 1355 Southfield Rd.

Romulus
City Council Meeting
Monday, December 4, 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
City Council Meeting
There will be a city council meeting December 5, 2017 from 7-9PM in the council chambers of city hall, 23555 Goddard Rd.
Computer Basics: Email
Join us December 6, 2017

from 10:30-11:30AM at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee) to learn how to send basic email

Wayne
Holiday Night at the Museum
Join us December 2, 2017 from 5:30-8:30PM for a spectacular Night at the Museum: Holiday Edition.
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 8-10PM, there will be a city council meeting at the Wayne city hall, 3355 S Wayne Rd.

Westland
City Council Meeting
December 4, 2017 there will be a city council meeting at the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Rd., beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Deck the City Hall
Join us December 6, 2017 at 5:30PM at the Westland City Hall (36300 Warren Rd.) for the official tree lighting, a meet with Mr. and Mrs. Clause, arts and crafts, and light refreshments. Bring an unwrapped gift for the Goodfellow's Toy Drive or make a \$/child, \$10/family donation to skip the line to meet Santa.

Wyandotte
City Council
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The All Stars Give Back

5,000 turkeys, dinner fixings and services distributed to the community

Written By - Xavier Jones Media Specialist



Thousands of people from Metro Detroit came to River Rouge High School for the Annual All Star Give Back Program

Tuesday November 21st the doors of River Rouge High School opened up for the third annual All Star Give Back. The house was packed with press, people and positivity. The line formed early as citizens from the surrounding cities came to enjoy the festivities.

All moving parts of the district worked in unison to ensure the best results. Volunteers of all ages came out early to get the show started. Lead organizer Tarence Wheeler made it a priority to ensure every guest came and left with a smile, and enough food to feed multiple families. The River Rouge Marching Band started the show with a live performance of their renowned talent.

The Marathon Gas Company, Metro PCS, and even the FBI paid RRHS a visit. Cadets of the Marine JROTC were tasked with the crowd control. Lines were kept clean and orderly under their control. Lee Payton, Alexander Carter, Reggie Pearson, and other leaders of the football team went out their way to help ladies carry their goodies to their vehicles. Coach Corey Parker was tasked with picking up NBA star Gary Payton and bringing him to the shindig. Chef Steve Watkins set up a marvelous spread. Stacked with fish, chicken, and a plethora of other items creating

an all star brunch.

Platinum selling and award winning artist Big Sean headlined the All Star Giveback for the third year in a row. Big Greg, Deelishis, and the Hot 107.5 Morning Heat kept the event going over the airways. Athletes, movie stars, rappers, singers and over five thousand turkeys paid River Rouge High School a visit.

I was given the privilege to collect statements from some of the All Star Give Back's key components.

Chef Steve Watkins - In the words of Coach Parker, "It's a great day to be a Panther." This entire morning as been heaven sent. We have a lot of great people here, NBA and NFL players are here to give back to the community. It's an honor to have my students be apart of the program. It's humbling. I feel blessed, my kids want to work, learn and be apart of great things. I can't ask for more.

Gunnery Sergeant Jonathon Robinson - River Rouge and the collaborations they have with Marathon and the other organizations are giving back to the community. There's certainly a need to the community based on the amount of people who are coming. Families in need are going to get what they need. So they can enjoy

the day it's about the people. If you are a child of poverty you keenly understand what folks need and what folks go through. People are struggling, people are doing the best they can with nothing. If we have a position to enrich the lives of other people it's mandatory we do it. Last year we had four thousand turkeys this year we have five thousand. The event is growing and earning some new partners The community looks forward to this every year.

seem frivolous. But it's our way to give back to our community that supported us so much throughout the season. Teaching them championship effort and doing things that men should do. I was happy to see my guys help out. Their starting their next four years of college off by helping women they don't personally know carry things to their cars. They opened up their hearts and minds to help someone else's mother and grandmother. My boys showed championship patience and got the job done. We all continue to get better as time goes on.

Coach Corey Parker - It's great to help out as many families as we have. Just by giving our time and effort. My guys are strong because we lift weights. So carrying a couple bags a couple blocks may

Photos by Xavier Jones. More photos can be seen at www.facebook.com/telegramnews

themselves for the holiday. Their going to be grateful and it makes a difference. My kids are maintaining the line, passing out turkeys, and doing clean up. We put this on their transcript and in their books. It teaches them that they not only get, but they have to give.

Mr. Donald Bilinski - The turkey drive was a big success. We took care of they people waiting outside. There was a hospitality truck providing hot chocolate and a bathroom. We got the gym filled and people out of the cold. We ran out of some things, but it didn't make a difference. Turkeys were delivered the night prior to senior homes and people who couldn't make it.

Tarence Wheeler - I think this a great opportunity for us to serve the people. At the end of



AT&T Contributes \$15,000 To Operation Refuge Contribution to Support STEAM Summer Camp



INKSTER — Local area students will have the opportunity to attend educational summer camps thanks in part to a \$15,000 contribution from AT&T to Operation Refuge. The contribution will support the Organization's Camp Inspire initiative – a STEAM-focused summer camp providing thirty young, female students the opportunity to hone and further develop their science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) skills. AT&T executives joined Operation Refuge team members for a check presentation on Monday, November 27 at the home of Operation Refuge, 27717 Carlisle in Inkster. State

Representative Jewell Jones was also present for the event.

"Thank you AT&T for stepping up and providing the support we need to give these young ladies the exciting, enriching summer camp experience they deserve," said Jean Overman, Executive Director of Operation Refuge. "Thanks in part to AT&T's generous contribution, I'm confident Camp Inspire will continue to succeed in its efforts to encourage our community's young ladies to explore and consider further education and careers in STEAM fields." Camp Inspire emphasizes a hands-on approach to learning

that incorporates interactive workshops, field trips, learning fairs and guest speakers all related to some aspect of a STEAM field. The camp is a three-week long experience. "I applaud both Operation Refuge and AT&T for their commitment to inspiring our next generation of female STEAM professionals," said State Representative Jewell Jones. "Our young students today need to develop strong math and science skills if they hope to be competitive applicants in the job market they'll eventually face. Camp Inspire is doing an amazing job of making sure young ladies are on track to develop those important talents."

"We are proud to support any effort encouraging young adults to develop and nurture an interest in math, science and other STEAM fields," said Jim Murray, president of AT&T Michigan. "There's a whole world of exciting possibilities in science, engineering and technology, and we're thrilled that we can help in the effort to expose these young students to those opportunities."

For more information on Camp Inspire or Operation Refuge visit their website <https://www.operationrefuge.net/our-story>

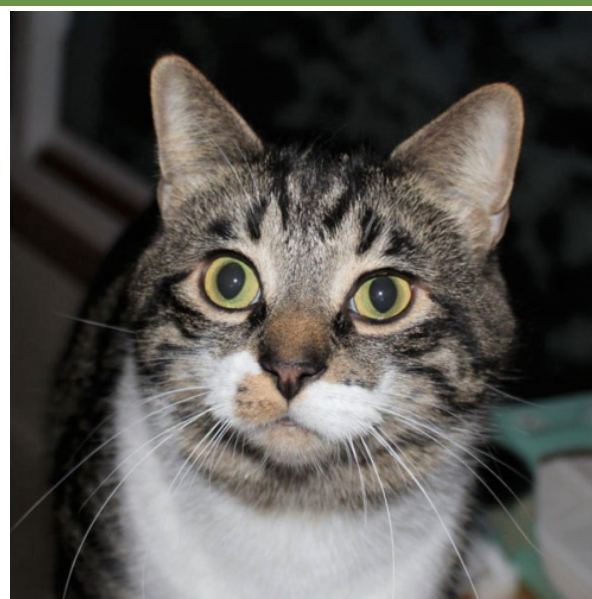
About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T

AT&T Inc. is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. In 2014, nearly \$127 million was contributed or directed through corporate-, employee-, social investment- and AT&T Foundation-giving programs. AT&T Aspire is AT&T's signature education initiative that drives innovation in education by bringing diverse resources to bear on the issue including funding, technology, employee volunteerism, and mentoring.



Students from the 2017 class of Camp Inspire

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This is Angus

He is a domestic shorthair cat that resides in Livonia with his mom, Telegram intern, Renee Summers.

He is 4 years old and enjoys watching songbirds outside at the birdfeeders,

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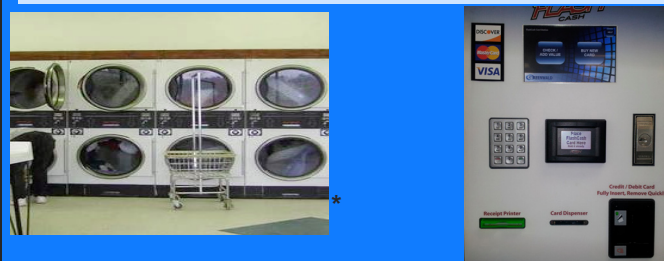
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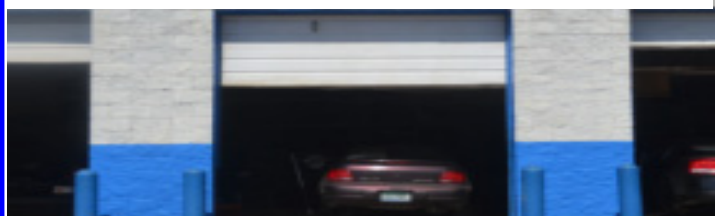
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Everything You Need To Know About The Libyan Slave Auctions

Here's a log of the horrifying events unraveling in the North African country.

Written By Stephanie Long, Cassius Life



On November 14, CNN published an exclusive report detailing what was then a rumored slave auction taking place in Libya's capital, Tripoli. Since that initial report, the news outlet has spoken with a number of officials confirming what have been called "organized gangs" and "smuggling rings" operating throughout the country.

As world leaders congregate and protesters demonstrate for freedom, here is a timeline of the horrifying events reportedly unraveling in Libya.

November 14
CNN releases its exclusive report, "People for Sale: Where Lives Are Auctioned for \$400," after cell phone video footage of an alleged slave trade in Tripoli, Libya's capital, begins making its rounds on the internet. At the time of CNN's initial report, nine auction locations are cited, and there are believed to be "many more."

While First Lieutenant Naser Hazam of the government's Anti-Illegal Immigration Agency in Tripoli hasn't witnessed a slave auction himself, he tells CNN of "organized gangs" running

"smuggling rings" in the country.

"They fill a boat with 100 people, those people may or may not make it," Hazam said. "(The smuggler) does not care as long as he gets the money, and the migrant may get to Europe or die at sea."

November 17
Libyan authorities launch a formal investigation into the slave auctions following CNN's first report.

"A high-level committee has been convened encompassing representatives from all the security apparatus to oversee this investigation," Anes Alazabi, an official with Libya's Anti-Illegal Immigration Agency, told the news outlet. "Priorities of the investigation are not only to convict those responsible for these inhumane acts, but also to identify the location of those who have been sold in order to bring them to safety and return them to their countries of origin."

The investigation is welcomed by The International Organization for Migration, though its chief of mission for Libya warned "that the smuggling networks are becoming stronger, more organized and better equipped."

He continued: "We definitely welcome the news for any investigation and we hope that this will cover not only this case but definitely all the cases of abuse and violence against migrants in Libya."

November 18
Upon his return to English professional football (soccer) club Manchester United, midfielder Paul Pogba raises his arms in a handcuff gesture during a game against Newcastle United. "While very happy to be back, my prayers go to those suffering slavery in Libya," he later explained on Instagram. "May Allah be by your side and may this cruelty come to an end!"

November 19
Protests erupt in Africa and France in the wake of news coverage. Particularly, hundreds of young Black protesters organize outside of the Libyan Embassy in central Paris to fight for "an

end to the slavery and concentration camps in Libya."

"We have to mobilize — we can't let this kind of thing happen," a protester told TV station France 24, according to The New York Times. "Did we really need to see such shocking pictures before taking a stand? I don't think so."

Police officers reportedly tear gassed organizers when the rally became violent.

November 20
UN Secretary-General António Guterres called for all countries to adopt the UN Convention Transnational Organized Crime and its protocol on human trafficking while expressing "horror" at news reports.

"I abhor these appalling acts and call upon all competent authorities to investigate these activities without delay and to bring the perpetrators to justice," Guterres said. "I have asked the relevant United Nations actors to actively pursue this matter."

November 21
The UN Security Council called for investigations into Libya slave auctions.

"In recent days we have all been horrified by images of African migrants being sold as 'goods' in Libya," UN Secretary-General António Guterres said during a meeting. "Slavery and other such egregious abuses of human rights have no place in the 21st century."

The full story can be found at www.newsone.com

Diabetes prevention: 3 tips for taking control

Changing your lifestyle could be a big step toward diabetes prevention — and it's never too late to start. Consider these tips.

By Mayo Clinic Staff

When it comes to type 2 diabetes — the most common type of diabetes — prevention is a big deal. It's especially important to make diabetes prevention a priority if you're at increased risk of diabetes, such as if you're overweight or you have a family history of the disease.

Diabetes prevention is as basic as eating more healthfully, becoming more physically active and losing a few extra pounds. It's never too late to start. Making a few simple changes in your lifestyle now may help you avoid the serious health complications of diabetes down the road, such as nerve, kidney and heart damage. Consider the latest diabetes prevention tips from the American Diabetes Association.

1. Get more physical activity
There are many benefits to regular physical activity. Exercise can help you:
Lose weight
Lower your blood sugar
Boost your sensitivity to insulin — which helps keep your blood sugar within a normal range

Research shows that aerobic exercise and resistance training can help control diabetes. The greatest benefit comes from a fitness program that includes both.

2. Get plenty of fiber
It's rough, it's tough — and it may help you:
Reduce your risk of diabetes by improving your blood sugar control
Lower your risk of heart disease
Promote weight loss by helping you feel full
Foods high in fiber include fruits, vegetables, beans, whole grains and nuts.

3. Go for whole grains
It's not clear why, but whole grains may reduce your risk of diabetes and help maintain blood sugar levels. Try to make at least half your grains whole grains. Many foods made from whole grains come ready to eat, including various breads, pasta products and cereals. Look for the word "whole" on the package and among the first few items in the ingredient list.

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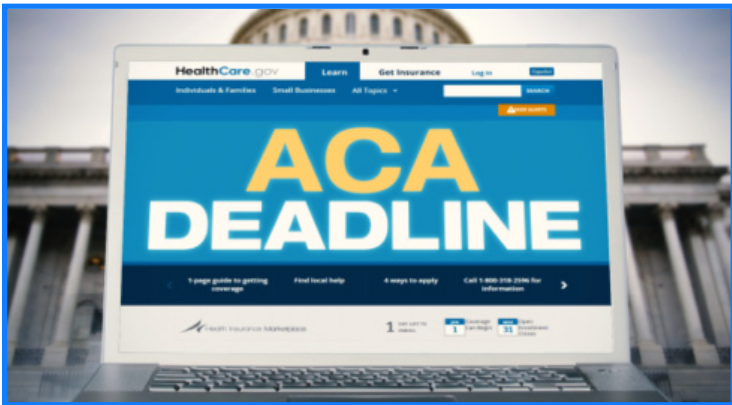
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Healthcare enrollment

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deaths from breast cancer among Black women.

Even though the ACA, also known as Obamacare, provided healthcare to millions of Americans—some of them Trump supporters—the current president has worked to cripple the law in tweets and actions.

Deep cuts to funding for advertising about the ACA are having expected results. In previous years, television ads played a key role in educating people about open enrollment and the ins and outs of the ACA. Trump cut that advertising budget to the bone.

According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) poll, “few of those most likely to consider marketplace coverage report hearing or seeing any ads providing information about how to get insurance under the health care law.”

Less than 20 percent of the uninsured and just 12 percent of market enrollees said that they saw ads in the past 30 days that provided information about how to get insurance.

The poll also reported that just 5 percent of the uninsured and 25 percent of the marketplace enrollees were aware of the month when open enrollment ends in their state.

Despite White House efforts to discourage Americans from signing up for healthcare and the House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) claims that people would choose not to buy Obamacare, if the government didn't force them, 90 percent of marketplace enrollees said that they would continue to buy

their own insurance, even if the government stopped enforcing the individual mandate.

Most marketplace enrollees like their health insurance under the ACA.

The KFF poll revealed that 70 percent of current marketplace enrollees are satisfied with their insurance choices.

“The vast majority (85 percent) of marketplace enrollees also say they plan to sign up for health insurance during the 2018 open enrollment period, and most of them (54 percent of the total marketplace enrollees) prefer to renew their current plan if it is available next year,” according to the KFF poll.

Most enrollees will also get help paying for healthcare through the ACA.

“Insurers are still required by law to provide reduced deductibles and co-pays for low-income marketplace enrollees,” said Larry Levitt, senior vice president for special initiatives and co-executive director of the Foundation's Program for the Study of Health Reform and Private Insurance. “Premiums are increasing, but consumers will also get more help.”

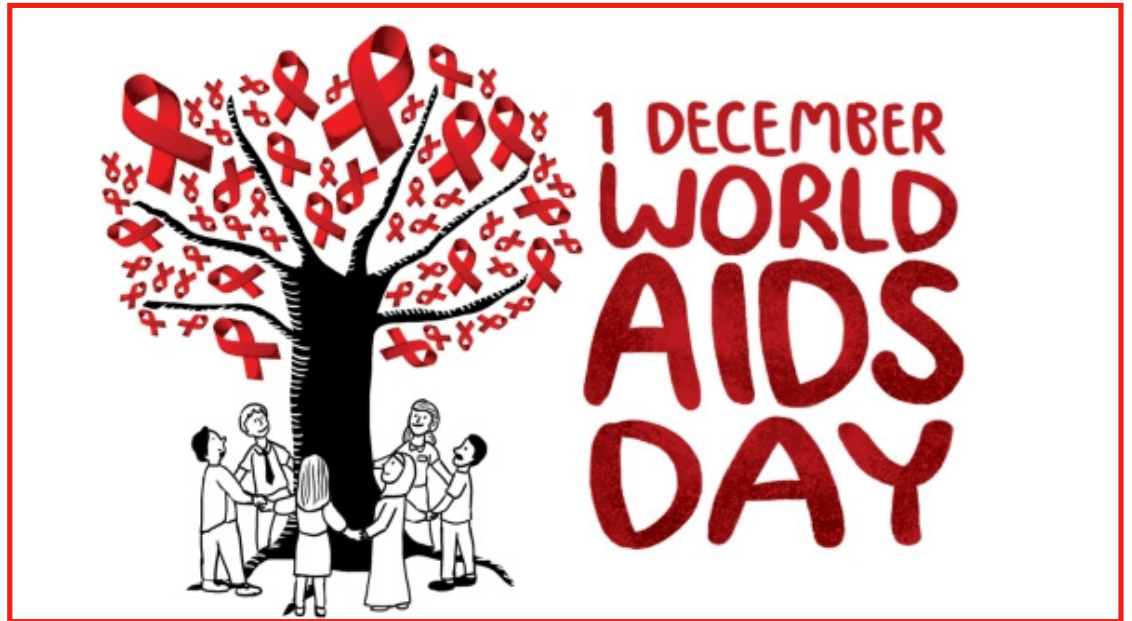
Even though consumers will get help paying for health insurance, this isn't President Obama's open enrollment; many things have changed so it's important to start reviewing plans now.

Don't just “auto-renew” your health insurance plan. Study your options carefully.

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World AIDS Day 2017:

Better drugs, prevention, but opioid epidemic fuels spread of HIV



When Jeff Simmons, now 52, was diagnosed HIV-positive in 1991, the virus was still a death sentence for many — and he went to several friends' funerals.

As he makes plans for World AIDS Day, Simmons has lived to see big changes in treatment and management of HIV, though not without scars. Early on, he battled the virus with the drug AZT (zidovudine), infamous because it had to be taken every four hours to minimize the chance the virus would mutate and become resistant, and because it came with a long list of horrible side effects.

Even after the drugs improved, Simmons gulped down handfuls of pills daily just to keep the virus from genetically encoding itself into more and more cells, turning them into virtual factories where it could replicate itself.

The drug companies keep refining medications to keep HIV in check, and Simmons now takes only three HIV pills, although he takes other meds for a litany of side effects the virus has caused over the years: diabetes, high cholesterol, neuropathy.

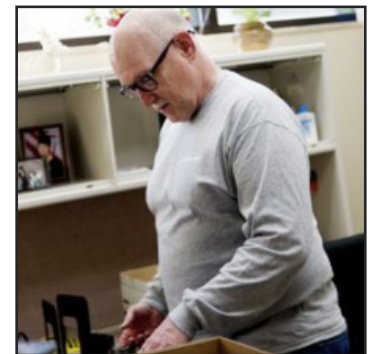
But if he were newly diagnosed, he might now get by with a combination of drugs in a single pill, taken once a day, with little to none of the side effects that characterized the older classes of drugs.

“I'm not on ‘one pill once a day’ yet,” Simmons said. “If it's not broke, don't fix it.”

Fewer pills, more survivors — with fewer side effects — has made a tremendous difference in the survivability of HIV, said Dr. John Narro, medical director for the Centers of Excellence HIV Specialty Clinic at Knox County Health Department. That's because people are more likely to take the medications, crucial in curbing the spread of the virus, which can mutate rapidly.

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THE CITY OF INKSTER ORDAINS:

Certificate of Compliance:

A. The following text amendments to the City of Inkster Code of Ordinances; Certificate of Compliance

Amend the existing ordinance to designate a resident agent.

A Complete text of the amended Ordinance 864; Certificate of Compliance; City of Inkster Code of Ordinance can be found at the Inkster City Clerk's Office located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, MI. 48141.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk
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CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 865

Dangerous Buildings Notice

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Amend the existing ordinance to post notice on dangerous buildings to serve as proper notice.

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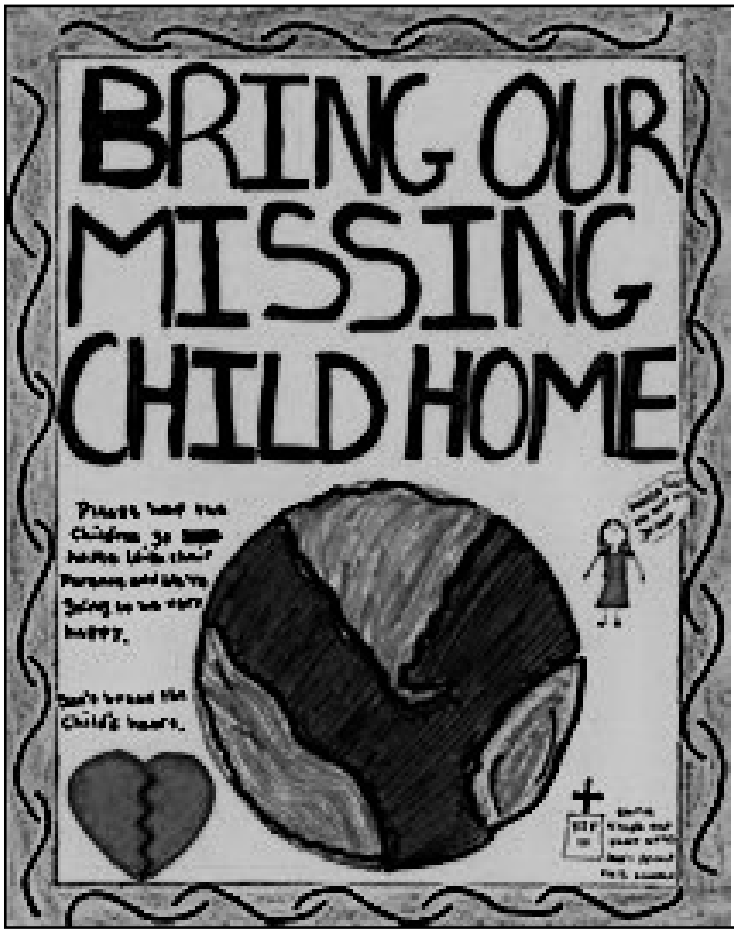
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- Approval of Certificate of Compliance.
- Approval of Dangerous Buildings.
- Approval of the purchase of 4336 Williams St.
- Approval of 258 Vacant Land Purchases from Wayne County Land Bank.
- Approval a residential purchase of 4166 Allen.
- Approval of the 2018 City Council meeting dates.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

State Police Seeks Participants for National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest



LANSING, MICH. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Missing Persons Coordination Unit invites fifth grade students statewide to participate in the 2018 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. The annual contest creates an opportunity to promote child safety while discussing the issue of missing and/or exploited children. More than 1,000 children are reported missing each week in Michigan. Michigan's winning artist will have a shot at the national contest, which includes a free trip to Washington D.C. and their artwork featured as the National Missing Children's Day poster. The 2015 national winner was a Michigan student from Grand Blanc. Contest rules are as follows: Applicants must be in the fifth

grade. Original artwork should reflect the theme "Bring Our Missing Children Home" and the phrase must appear somewhere on the poster. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration. The finished poster must measure 8½ x 14 inches. The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the artwork and a brief biography of the artist, either written or typed. Submissions are due by Jan. 31, 2018, and must be mailed to: Michigan State Police Missing Children's Clearinghouse Attn: Ms. Jolene Hardesty 7150 Harris Drive Dimondale, MI 48821

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Remembering Coleman Alexander Young

May 24, 1918 - November 29, 1997



Coleman Alexander Young 1918-1997 was the first African American Mayor of Detroit. In the photograph was lying in state after his death at the Charles H. Wright MAAH in November, 1997. He served as Mayor of Detroit from 1974 to 1994.

A controversial Coleman quote, "I issue a warning to all those pushers, to all rip-off artists, to all muggers: It's time to leave Detroit; hit Eight Mile Road! And I don't give a damn if they are black or white, or if they wear Superfly suits or blue uniforms with silver badges. Hit the road."



Tributes to Mayor Young continue

This unidentified Detroit woman visited the grave site of former Mayor Coleman Young on Saturday, the day after his burial, to pay tribute to the man and his legacy. The tributes continue to flow in and some of the many poems, thoughts and articles on the man can be found on pages A10 and 11.

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Pistons Still 1st in the Central Division

By Butch Davis

Can you believe it, the Detroit Pistons 13-6, own the fourth-best record (as per this past Monday) in the NBA this season? Pistons guard Avery Bradley spoke to me after the loss to the Cavs of Cleveland and made this statement to me after the game, "It's been really good for me so far. We have a great group of guys, a great coaching staff that's pushing us every day and I feel like we're going to continue to grow as a group." In addition, Andre Drummond's sudden ability to make free throws has been a revelation, however, he has taken his overall game to the next level. Besides his career-best free throw percentage, Drummond currently is having a career year in offensive rebound percentage and assists percentage. Overall, while the Pistons aren't playing at a remarkable pace or net efficiency, they clearly are emphasizing possession of the ball. The Pistons have played a fairly

average schedule, which is a good sign that this level of play will sustain. Fans might just enjoy another playoff appearance, which would only be their second in the past nine seasons. Yes, the Pistons have won their last three of four games played, their loss a home game to Cleveland beating them pretty badly in front of the largest crowd to witness a basketball game at the new Little Caesar Arena. However, the Pistons showed they have bound back power as they beat two very good teams on the road in Oklahoma City against the Thunders last Friday and a victory against the Boston Celtics this past Monday. The Pistons will play road games Friday in Washington D.C., Saturday in Philadelphia, Monday in San Antonio and Wednesday in Milwaukee before returning home next Friday to play the Golden State Warriors.

Lions Must Run the Table

By Butch Davis

Detroit Lions look like an under cook fried turkeys against Minnesota Vikings last Thursday. Yes indeed, the Thanksgiving loss made Detroit's road to the NFC North title very abrupt though not unbearable, while this past Sunday wins by the Carolina Panthers and Atlanta Falcons pushed the Wild Card barrier even higher. However don't get caught up in the trap of looking at these teams with seven and eight wins with five to play and thinking they're all going to end up with 11 or 12 wins. For starters, they nearly all still play each other.

Detroit is currently the second team past the cut, with Carolina and Atlanta taking the two Wild Card spots and the Seattle Seahawks one win ahead of the Lions, at 7-4. It's true that if the Lions don't win every single one of their remaining slate of games, having lost head-to-head against the top three NFC South teams means getting in at 10-6 will be very hard. Nonetheless only once since the 2002 realignment has an 11-5 team missed the playoffs, so those thinking this week's results eliminate Detroit are thinking way too negatively.

Right now the Eagles of Philadelphia and the Vikings of Minnesota are number one and two of the NFC, follow by the Los Angeles Rams who are number three in the conference. So for your information,

here are the remaining eight teams and their schedules including our Detroit Lions. No. 4 New Orleans Saints (8-3) remaining schedule: vs. Panthers (8-3), at Falcons (7-4), vs. Jets (4-7), vs. Falcons (7-4), at Buccaneers (4-7). No. 5. Carolina Panthers (8-3) remaining schedule: at Saints (8-3), vs. Vikings (9-2), vs. Packers (5-6), vs. Buccaneers (4-7), at Atlanta (7-4). No. 6. Atlanta Falcons (7-4) remaining schedule: vs. Vikings (9-2), vs. Saints (8-3), at Buccaneers (4-7), at Saints (8-3), vs. Panthers (7-4). No. 7. Seattle Seahawks (7-4) remaining schedule: vs. Eagles (10-1), at Jaguars (7-4), vs. Rams (8-3), at Cowboys (5-6), vs. Cardinals (5-6). No. 8. Detroit Lions (6-5) remaining schedule: at Ravens (5-5), at Buccaneers (4-6), vs. Bears (3-7), at Bengals (4-6), vs. Packers (5-5).

Well do the Lions face uphill battle to make playoff? Yes, however not impossible, as all five opponents have a 500 record or under. If the Lions win the next five games in a round, a playoff climb is very possible, very possible indeed. However Head Coach Jim Caldwell must have a coming to Jesus meeting will his coaching staff to get the talented group of players on the team to play a better brand of football as many fans feel this squad is capable of presenting.

Health care

From Page 10A

In previous years, the health-care marketplace auto-renewed consumers for the upcoming coverage year. According to the KFF poll, almost 25 percent of marketplace enrollees were auto-renewed for their same plan or auto-reassigned to similar plans in 2016 for the 2017 coverage year.

But experts have said that the auto-renewal feature may not identify the subsidies that you're eligible for accurately and when it comes to prescriptions or other life-saving services that you need, you'll want to make sure that any similar plan fits your needs.

Remember, it's best to enroll early; don't wait until the last minute. During previous enrollment periods, there has been a surge of interest as the deadline nears; that increased activity

slowed down the responsiveness of HealthCare.gov and created longer wait times for the marketplace call center, said Karen Pollitz, a senior fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

"Log-in to HealthCare.gov, update your application for financial assistance, review your plan choices and what they cost, and select a plan for 2018," said Pollitz. "If you want the same plan, select the same plan."

Whether you choose the same health insurance plan or a new one, don't wait until the last minute to make your decision. This year, thanks to Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress, if you have questions about plans in the final hours of the enrollment period, you might just be on your own.

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You owe me half

By Alma Gill (NNPA News Wire Columnist)



Dear Alma, I'm a single mother supporting my three children with no help from my ex-husband. I am thankful to have a great job that I like very much. I referred my BFF's husband to the company who has since become a regular employee and he is very happy here as well. Once you pass the 90 day probation, the employee who referred you is given a referral bonus. My friend's husband recently approached me and said boldly in my face that he expects me to split the money with him. Needless to say, I was shocked. My BFF has a full time job and they know it's just me caring for my kids. I'm not sure how to handle him and maintain our friendship. What should I do?

Questionable

Dear Questionable

Double-check your forehead. Did you miss seeing "sucker" tattooed between your eyebrows when you washed the sleep from your eyes this morning? LOL. Now, double, double-check the conversations between the two of you, replaying them in your mind's eye. Did you fist bump on an agreement in advance? You know how it goes when you're

fast talking, excited and all. For example, when discussing the vacancy, did you jokingly say, "If you get hired, I'll split the bonus with you." That's the only reason I can see him expecting a few coins heading his way. In all honesty, I don't get the feeling that's what happened here. You didn't mention it did, in your very detailed email.

Seems to me, you feel like you're caught between a rock (your BFF) and a hard place (her husband), not wanting to disturb the friendship. That's kool, I understand. This incident isn't a reason for this friendship to be shaken. If anything, he's trying to take advantage of the relationship. Because he is your BFF's husband, dismiss him. You owe him nothing! Don't allow him to manipulate and get you all in a tizzy. Stand tall, shoulders straight, pumps pointed forward, ready to deal with him directly. Say it once, you don't even need to practice. This should come off as sweet as pineapple pie. Repeat after me "I'm not splitting any money with you." That's it, don't ever discuss it again. You don't owe him a reason, excuse or justification for your response. Nope, nada, nothing. Let me remind you that in this economy, jobs are tough to come by. The best reference anyone can have is an employee, who's a friend that already works for the company. His act of appreciation should be nothing more than, "Thank you for helping me get a job," cause that my friend, is priceless.

Alma

Prophet Cedric Banks Interviews Commander Charles Mahone, 7th Pct. DPD on The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program - Part Two



Prophet Cedric Banks and Commander Charles Mahone, 7th Pct, DPD

Prophet Cedric Banks:
We are here today with Commander Mahone of the 7th Precinct Detroit Police Department. Now Commander we have a lot of people watching this TV Show that have broken relationships that they are in. What can you tell them regarding Restorative Practice if they are looking to work things out, and they don't have the fundamentals, the techniques or the skills?

Commander Mahone:
Restorative Practice does work. I have seen it in action. If you want to get involved, you can get trained and get the knowledge you need by contacting Black Family Development. The training I received helped our calls for service to drop dramatically. This allowed me to take our resources we were using to police the one street Dupree, and to spread them out and thereby providing more residents in the area with service.

Prophet Cedric Banks:
Now have you practiced this technique of Restorative Practice on any person? Have you introduced this to any family members or friends? Because you have seen the productivity of it.

Commander Mahone:
I actually practiced it with my child. Actually he is a young adult. Sometimes with parents and children there are communication barriers. So I used Restorative Practice with my son and it turned out well. I'm not sure if he knew that this is what was happening to him, but I knew that by applying the techniques, it gave him an opportunity to tell me how he felt about the different rules I had in my home. That is what the discussion was about. Certain

rules that we had in the house and how he felt about them.

Prophet Cedric Banks:
So you have seen the benefits of Restorative Practices personally?

Commander Mahone:
I have, and more importantly, it allowed me to touch the lives of the citizens I served which was the 9th precinct, while I was there. I have people today when they see me say thank you. People walked away from those 3 to 4 hour meetings feeling validated, refreshed and some were remorseful for their actions.

This Sunday at the Heart of

Jesus Church located at 14111 E. 7 mile road at Gratiot (behind Ross Employment Solutions), we have an anointed Prophet of GOD Prophet Cleotis Thompson from Flint, MI. He will be preaching an anointed word and praying and prophesying over the people. The service will start at 2:00 pm. Also, you are welcome to come to the LIVE Studio taping of The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program at 1:30 pm, right before the service. You can view The Community Shall Be Restored TV Program every Saturday at 8:00 pm on Comcast TV 90. For more information email us at donetta.3@hotmail.com,



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GIVING CIRCLE

Homeless Veterans Enjoy Community Support

By Renee Summers



Volunteers prepare to serve food to the Veterans that came by for a hearty meal

The men are jovial and warm with one another, talking and joking as the late afternoon sun breaks through the tall windows of the cozy room where they are seated. Despite whatever their circumstances may be, the men are friendly and upbeat as they seat themselves among the many tables filling the small room. The men are United States Veterans. The room is part of a homeless shelter in northwest Detroit where the men reside.

It is the day before Thanksgiving, a day which for many means an abundance of family, food and celebration. For the residents of this particular shelter, Thanksgiving may be just another Thursday--but not if Nadine Jones has her way. Jones is the founder and director of the Love a Michigan Vet Project, a non-profit organization which is dedicated to meeting the needs and improving the quality of life for the nation's forgotten heroes. On this particular Thanksgiving eve, Jones has a plan to provide a holiday gala for the men of the shelter, the homeless veterans.

Together with donations and volunteers, Jones and her small team of helpers will provide the men a dinner of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy and all the trimmings one could imagine. In addition, Jones brings with her a bag of goodies for the men, winter hats and gloves which come in handy this time of year. By the time the party is in full swing, the mood in the room is cheerful as some of the men return to the dinner line for seconds. Jones herself is cheerful and perky, and it is hard to imagine anywhere she could be where there would not be a party mood.

In addition to directing her non-profit organization, Jones attends college at the University of Michigan-Dearborn full time and works as a flight attendant four days a week. Her organization works with four local shelters for veterans, assisting a total of 175 homeless veterans. Love a Michigan Vet Project provides basic living necessities such as toiletries, clothing, and small furniture items and even organizes a food pantry. The organization provides dinner at each of the shelters a minimum of once a month. Jones cites her grandfather's legacy of 26 years of military service as one of the inspirations for establishing her organization.

Jones would like the community to know the Love a Michigan Vet Project is available to provide support services to veterans and their families. She welcomes volunteers and donations. "It takes a village," she says, "I can't do this by myself." She wants the community to realize that there are homeless veterans in metro Detroit and the community can and should step in to help. "When people donate to me, I want them to be involved, I want them to come and see the people who are getting the donation, I think it's important for them to have a face," Jones says.

Love a Michigan Vet Project is located at 1515 Fort Street, Unit 255, in Lincoln Park. They can be reached at 313-693-6556 or at Loveamichiganvet@yahoo.com. The organization also has a Facebook page called Jones Nadine.



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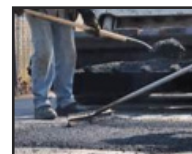
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