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Due Process was the topic of discussion at a rally/press conference on Monday, December 4, 2017. State Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) pulled together local ministers,

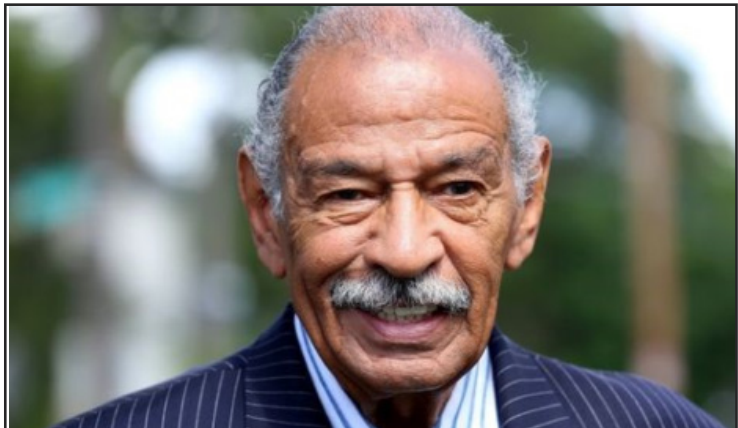
grass roots activist, civil rights groups and community members to stand in solidarity as they demanded due process for Congressman John Conyers, Jr.. Allegations of sexual harassment and

harassment has been filed against him by three different ladies. Last week, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said Conyers should step down. Paul Ryan also joined in the call. Al-

though Conyers said that he was willing to participate with an internal investigation, the top Republican and Democrat suggested to bypass

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CONYERS RETIRES



LAST DAY IN OFFICE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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“Law enforcement officers want you to arrive home safely,” said Michael L. Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. “We’re encouraging everyone to make the right choice—never drink and drive.”

Drunk driving has serious consequences to not only victims who are injured or killed, but also to drivers who are arrested for the crime. Michigan law considers persons with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or greater to be driving drunk. Penalties for the first offense can include up to 93 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$500, with enhanced

penalties for BAC of 0.17 or above. Convicted drunk drivers are subject to an additional \$1,000 penalty under the driver responsibility program for two consecutive years.

“Before you go out for an evening of activities, be sure to plan ahead to get a safe ride home,” Prince said. “Do a 360-degree assessment and ask yourself: How will I get there? How will I get home? Who is coming along?”

In 2016, 416 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol and/or drug-involved traffic crashes. During the same year, 2,986 (31 percent) of drivers in alcohol-involved crashes were between the ages of 25-34 and 2,279 (23.7 percent) were 24 or younger. More information about how to “Do a 360” can be found at www.michigan.gov/360.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Due Process

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the investigation and just have Conyers resign.

Three hundred people attended the rally at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church to display a sense of support and demand due process for Conyers. The common statement was why had Conyers been asked to resign and others such as Senator Al Franken and President Donald Trump who has also been accused of

sexual misconduct had not been asked to resign. The show of solidarity says that the community was demanding due process.

The group made sure that everyone knew that they were not siding against the women who had come forward and that they respect women, as some of the speakers were women, they felt

that Congressman deserved due process.

The next day Congressman John Conyers called into the Mildred Gaddis show and announced that he was going to retire that day.

He endorsed his son John Conyers III to fill his seat.

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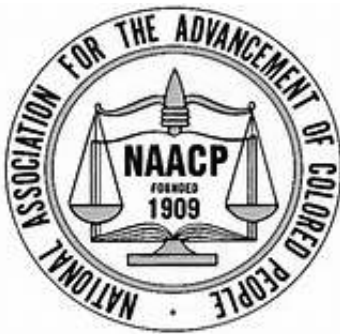
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CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY

NAACP Commends American Airlines on Plan for Change

Plan Includes Overhaul of Discrimination Complaint Process and Company Wide Training on Implicit Bias



Dallas —In a meeting yesterday, the NAACP and several civil rights organizations agreed with American Airlines on a package of changes to the company’s internal processes for addressing claims of racism and discrimination.

“This is a good start to changing internal processes that allow for discrimination, racism and implicit bias to continue to exist within companies,” said NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson. “We think that the steps taken by American Airlines, if fully implemented, will not only change the way they engage their customers and employees but will serve as a model for other companies.”

American promised to implement the following actions:

- 1. Conduct a diversity and inclusion gap analysis, led by an independent firm that will re-

view its diversity and inclusion practices, including hiring, promotion, training, customer and team member experience, and make recommendations where gaps exist compared to industry best practices. With that knowledge in hand, it will develop an action plan to become world class in all areas.

- 2. Implement company-wide implicit bias training to examine ways to recognize – and begin to correct – implicit bias. This training will start with American’s leadership team, and include each of its 120,000 team members.

- 3. Overhaul its customer discrimination claims process and create a new customer resolution team that will specialize in managing discrimination complaints to improve response, visibility and coordination across the company.

- 4. Sharpen its focus on team member concerns by increas-

ing awareness of work environment policies and the process to report concerns, and improve its internal oversight and resolution of team member discrimination claims.

The plan was made public after a meeting yesterday between American Airlines CEO Doug Parker, NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson, NAACP General Counsel Brad Berry, Tamika Mallory, activist and co-President of the Women’s March, Ajmel Quereshi of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and representatives of other civil rights organizations.

While acknowledging the positive steps taken by American Airlines, the NAACP will continue its travel advisory until sufficient progress toward the goals are met, and will continue to accept reports regarding alleged discrimination on its website.

“We think were on the right road, but the NAACP will continue to meet with Doug Parker and other senior American Airline employees to ensure that the company walks the walk as well as it talks the talk,” said President Johnson.

For more information on the NAACP or to find your local branch visit www.naacp.org.

No need to worry about the Lions season any longer

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Columnist



Knowing Stafford, he will try and start against the Buccaneers in Tampa on Sunday.

With the Lions looking to watch the playoffs instead of participating, I would probably start Rudock instead of Stafford. Then let Stafford try and finish the last three games and go for a “winning” record of 9-7.

As for Coach Cadwell, if there is anyone out there, he should be replaced. Especially after fielding an Arena League team on a key down.

Heck, even the Hamilton Tiger-Cats hired June Jones as full time coach.

Let us not forget about the running backs. The offense needs running backs. Right now the Lions is a one trick pony.

Shut down Stafford, you shut down the offense.

Face it, the Lions season is basically over, let’s just enjoy these last four games, and get ready for next year.

With four games left in the season and the Lions setting at 6-6, there is no longer any need to worry about their season.

Spoiler alert! They aren’t going to the playoffs.

Even if they win their four remaining games. They just don’t hold any tiebreakers.

Golden Tate even has doubts.

The Pontiac Silverdome has shown more backbone than the Lions offensive line.

Quarterback Matthew Stafford now has a hurt hand.

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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE Season

Life Is Too Short

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



In Detroit, I was fascinated every time I drove up or down I-94 past DTW Airport. I remember expressing my fascination to a passenger who felt like it was no big deal. “Planes come and go all the time,” he said.

With a sharp side eye, I did not verbalize a response. Just because something is a common occurrence, doesn’t mean the awe of it has to be reduced. Coordinating take offs and landings is no small or menial task. It’s kind of a big deal to me. Not to even mention that these large aircrafts are defying the laws of gravity right before my eyes.

I don’t take these things for granted. I am continually fascinated. I am awe struck every time I see a plane take off or coming in for landing. Even when I am a passenger on a plane, I am in complete awe and in constant prayer.

In Dallas, Texas, when I ride up a stretch of Interstate 121, near 635 and 114, I count a the very least 10 to 15 planes coming and going within a minute at the DFW Airport. I confirmed this number with a pilot. It’s a very busy international airport with 3 runways that are in constant motion.

The timing on all the landings and take offs have to be coordinated with perfect precision. One second off could be catastrophic for hundreds of lives. The knowledge and skill of pilots, air traffic controllers and other related staff is put to the test at all times. Thankfully, they pass. Otherwise, there would be utter chaos and carnage.

When there is an unexpected turn of events, like inclement weather conditions that make flight and landing dangerous, they have to know how to react

and manage the situation. They coordinate hovering while conditions are bad and communicate to pilots alerting them when entry into a certain altitude is safe. Timing is everything.

I liken all this interaction and hustle and bustle activity in the sky to the activity in the spirit realm that we cannot see. There is constant movement and communication. Angels are continually being dispatched to assignments. There is constant coming and going where God sends angels to intervene and rescue us.

If we were aware of a fraction of the activity in the spirit realm, we would be utterly amazed. We have no idea how many times we narrowly escaped death and if it were not for the angels always at work, we would be dead thousands of times over.

I believe angels are always active in our lives in every aspect. Angels are busy at work with the pilots and air traffic workers too. I’ll never forget the atheist Emergency Room doctor I met who told me it was more than him who helped saved lives. Even though he would not credit God or angels for the amazing things that occurred on his watch as a doctor, he knew it wasn’t just him. Even though he did not have a name for it, he knew something bigger than him was helping him. He did not believe in God, but he unwittingly convinced me even more that angels are real.

We are all like the airports. Situations surround us and angels are always coming and going and conspiring to assist us. Sure bad things happen, but I shudder to imagine magnitude of atrocities that would occur if angels were not intervening. Lives are spared every second.

Finally, don’t let the high frequency of angelic movement desensitize you to the AWE of their being and activity. Always be mindful and in AWE of our amazing CREATOR, HIS LOVE for us and the ways HE has ANGELS coming and going at all times to help us.

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IN THE SPIRIT

Community AME Welcomes Pastor Kabs

Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



Rev. Kabrielle Baker interacting with her congregation

This Summer Community AME Church was introduced to new leadership. Reverend Kabrielle Baker is now the head of the Ecorse worship center; Sometimes addressed as Pastor Kabs. Community AME has had a revolving door of leaders. But Pastor Baker doesn't plan on leaving anytime soon. She's firm in her calling and commitment, and is set on making a change.

Kabrielle is a 2006 alumna of Detroit Technology High School. A school funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Baker received her Bachelor's Degree in Arts from Wayne State University in Urban Studies and Planning. She's working on her Masters of Divinity, Concentrating on Christian Community Development from Payne Theological Seminary.

Minister Baker was raised in the church. Serving as a youth pastor in her father's church. St John AME in Southwest Detroit. Joining the ministry at the age of twenty, Pastor Kabs received her appointment at Community AME August 19th and started actively as Senior Pastor the next day. Pastor Kabs was stricken with pneumonia shortly after and preached to the people against Doctor's orders.

Kabrielle's upbringing as a preacher's kid has taught her how to prioritize and balance life. She learned and understood the lifestyle as early as she could. Her own preacher's kid, eight year old Joshua is aware that he's still his Mother's biggest priority. Pastor Baker weekly schedule consist of working, running a church, and "Joshua Days!". A weekly holiday where the mother and son spend well needed quality time together.

Joshua is a football fanatic, he played for the Southfield Jayhawks last season. Kabrielle took on a position as a Team Mom. Joshua even plays the drums during church.

Pastor Baker preached from Luke 8, 43-48 on December's first Sunday. Kicking off the series, Unwrapping Christmas: An ADVENTurous Journey. Kabrielle is certainly bringing a different flavor to Community AME. The woman of God stands with confidence in the pulpit. Delivering the word with a smooth confidence that shows she loves the people and she's here for a good reason.

Telegram - Differences between Youth Pastor and Senior Pastor?

Pastor Kabs - Being Youth

Pastor I was a youth Minister. As Senior Pastor I'm over everything in the church. It's been exciting. Definitely a transition being a single mom, a student, and working full time. I'm finding a balance.

Telegram - Why has the church been lacking younger faces?

Pastor Kabs - I think we preach and teach in a guarded environment. Young people are placed in a lot of situations that church didn't prepare them for. The church pushes abstinence, but when you have someone who becomes pregnant nobody knows what to do. Because nobody likes to talk about it. There's a lot of things that aren't supposed to happen. That doesn't mean they aren't happening. I think it's us not exposing the kids to reality, it's a tactful way to introduce kids to what's really going on. I'm going to be the Pastor to do that. Keeping silent is ridiculous.

Telegram - How are you bringing change to Community AME?

Pastor Kabs - I'm not a traditional figure in the walls of the AME church, very out of the box. I preach with sermon series. We dress a bit more relaxed, it's different and my people welcome that. Trying to become a lot more relevant and twenty first century. I've introduced electronic giving. I plan on unsheltering the church. Addressing the real world, the way people need to hear it.

Telegram - What is Community AME doing for the community?

Pastor Kabs - One of my biggest things is community involvement. We walked the streets for a meet and greet, passed out flyers and cards with our new branding. We gave away Thanksgiving day baskets to the schools of Ecorse citizens in the surrounding area, and hosted a trunk or treat for the kids. I want to build a partnership with the local schools and sponsor a sports team.

Telegram - What's on the itinerary for Joshua Day?

Pastor Kabs - Whatever he likes to do! He loves to go to the movies! He loves Dave and Busters, he should have his own credit card. Sometimes I sit with him and we watch a football game. Last week it wasn't Joshua Day, but I had some Joshua time. We cranked up the Christmas music and put up our tree.

Community AME is located at 4010 17th St. in Ecorse. They can be reached at 313-386-4340.



Reverend Kabrielle Baker with her son Joshua

The process is complete for Jackson and Harper



Rev. Robert Harper and Rev. Marquis Jackson hold their certificates that were presented by Rev. Arthur Willis, Sr.
Photo by Stew

The Ordination Service for Rev. Marquis Jackson and Rev. Robert Harper was held on Sunday, November 26th at Pentecost Missionary Baptist Church.

There were several Pastors participating in the service and other clergy members in attendance. Many community members were there to offer their support to the young men. The sermon was given by Pastor LaThomas Willis from New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

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Minimum Wage to Increase from \$8.90 to \$9.25 for Michigan Workers

December 1, 2017 – Effective January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage will increase to \$9.25 an hour. This is the final scheduled increase provided for in Public Act 138, the Workforce Opportunity Wage Act of 2014. Any future adjustments after January 2018 shall not exceed 3.5 percent and will be established by the State Treasurer based on the unemployment rate and the Consumer Price Index.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson suspends registration of Sams Auto Sales 1 an auto repair shop in Detroit



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced today that she has suspended the registration of Detroit auto repair facility Sam's Auto Sales 1, Inc., 14007 Schaefer Highway, for failure to maintain records as required by law.

Department of State regulation staff attempted to inspect the facility's records on Nov. 13 and owner Ray Ahmad Fayad was unable to provide a parts log, estimates or invoices, among other items. During the same inspection, an officer from the Detroit Police Commercial Auto Theft Section arrested Fayad for allegedly having stolen auto parts at his facility. The suspension order was issued Nov. 29.

"Repair facilities must comply with the law," Johnson said. "If they do not, we will take action

to bring them into compliance to protect consumers."

As part of her focus on strengthening her office's consumer protection efforts, Johnson created the Office of Investigative Services, which investigates and inspects automotive-related businesses.

Repair facilities may request an administrative hearing to contest their suspension and may regain their registration if they show they've complied with the law. Additional administrative actions are also possible.

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Skate with Santa one of many events during busy holiday weekend schedule in Taylor



Skate with Santa at the Sportsplex on Saturday ... if you can find the time during this fun, busy weekend in Taylor! Skate with Santa will take place from 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsplex. Tickets are \$5 per person, cash only, at the door. The program starts at 4:30 p.m. with a "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman" on the soccer field. That will be followed by at 6 p.m. by Skating with Santa in the ice arena. Skate with Santa is just one of several Christmas activities this weekend.

It all starts with Breakfast with Santa from 9-noon on Saturday at the Lakes of Taylor. Tickets are \$10.50 per person, \$5 for those under 3, and must be purchased from the Lakes Pro Shop (tickets are limited). Included is a great breakfast buffet, stories, games, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and a free stuffed animal for every child.

Reindeer Days begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Park Petting Farm. Tickets are \$5 per person, and a free shuttle will run from the Sheridan Center parking lot. This is your chance to see live Reindeer, meet Santa and have some hot chocolate and cookies. Pizza available at \$1 per slice. On Sunday, Reindeer Days will continue at the Petting Farm from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Capping off the busy weekend, the Taylor Community Chorus will hold its annual holiday concert from 4-6 p.m. at the William Ford Senior Activities Center, 6750 Troy. Tickets are \$8 per person at the door.

Don't miss a chance to bring in the holiday season with quality events in Taylor: Breakfast with Santa, Reindeer Days, Skate with Santa and the Taylor Community Chorus' annual holiday concert!

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Sing all that hear in heaven
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Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
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O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dearborn Heights City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

Romulus City Council Meeting
Monday, December 11, 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 Gifts from the Gardens
Ages 10-18 can create festive gifts with Maria from the Taylor Garden Club. Sign up before event to ensure a spot. This event will take place Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 2-3PM at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee). Contact Julie Sebest at 734-287-4840. **Holiday House Program**
Create decorations for your house. Materials will be provided free of charge. This event will take place December 11-14 at 6PM. This event is open to ages 5-15. Space is limited, so call Rebecca Price at 734-287-4840 to register. Event will take place at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee). **Computer Basics**

Join us December 13, 2017 at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee) from 10:30-11:30AM to learn the basics of Microsoft Office.

The Scrap Pack
Join us December 13, 2017 from 6-7PM at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee) for scrapbooking with friends. Bring your photos, books, and supplies. The library will provide basic materials such as paper, hole punchers, and scissors.

Westland Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting
Join us for an old-fashioned celebration of the season at historic Nankin Mills (33175 Ann Arbor Trail). On December 9, 2017, from 4:00 – 5:15PM, families can participate in unique holiday games and make several seasonal crafts to take home. Afterward, there will be a community sing-along and a visit from St. Nick. Event is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. \$1 extra for non-Wayne county residents. Pre-registration is required.

Wyandotte City Council
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Head-to-Toe Winter Fashion Tips for Men and Women



(StatePoint) We all need solid, traditional staples in our wardrobes when the weather cools. But be they scarves, jackets or socks, the trend in this winter's clothing staples is all about putting a fun twist on classics when dressing for seasonal weather.

Here are some head-to-toe fashion tips for both men and women, as brands and designers focus on basics with an interesting edge.

Scarves
Extra-long scarves and blanket scarves are in style this season, worn in just about any way you can dream up. They are being worn as wraps, shrugs, head coverings and more. Wrapped around your shoulders and crossed behind your back, blanket scarves become a wrap or shrug-like experience to keep you toasty. Worn over the head a traditional scarf will keep your ears protected from chilly breezes.

And looped traditionally around your neck, longer scarves become, well, simply scarves designed to keep your neck and upper body warm when the mercury dips.

Jackets
Belted jackets for women are

on point this season, according to experts, enabling the wearer to style them with versatility to create different looks with the same garment. And making a bold resurgence are denim jackets, as this rugged fabric proves to be a nice defense against cool breezes, especially with a proper lining. Denim jackets are now coming in a variety of styles and lengths -- from short to long, straight edged to frilly.

For men, outerwear is trending towards quilted or padded, and traditional jackets are being outfitted with a bit more of an edge in oversized proportions. Think classic with a twist or business attire with attitude.

Socks
In keeping with the theme of basics with a twist, think fashion-forward socks. Whether it's rich shades, jewel toned patterns, knit boot socks, or not so basic black, brands like iconic Gold Toe, are churning out on-trend accessories for the season. For instance, everyone has heard of the Little Black Dress, so Gold Toe is introducing the Little Black Sock -- a collection of women's socks that offer styles featuring scalloped edges, stripes and subtle patterns. These wardrobe sta-

ples come in a variety of toe covers, luxury trouser socks and lavish crews, with styles made from lace, prima cotton and microfiber, to name a few. And the brand's new Fairisle Crew is a traditional boot sock that has a touch of bright colors as a fun nod to sweater season.

When it comes to men's socks, the season is bringing with it a blend of style and innovation. For instance, the Gold Toe Fashion Singles feature a number of bold autumn shades that incorporate Fresh 24/7 technology to help prohibit the growth of bacteria that causes odor. These styles are fashionably flexible and can be dressed up or down no matter the occasion. With colorful stripes, novelty prints and winter patterns, these socks can step up your wardrobe this season. More information about men's and women's socks for the season is available at www.goldtoe.com.

Head-to-toe fashion trends for cool weather are all about new takes on classics to kick wardrobe basics up a notch.

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Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens a Beautiful Place in All Seasons

By: Renee Summers - Telegram Intern



The Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is located at 22314 Northline Rd

If you enjoy gardening and the things that grow outside, this time of the year may have you longing for spring already. But for just a short time, before the snow begins to fall, you can get out and enjoy some of the fading greenery at the Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. While botanical gardens are a popular destination during the warm months, in late fall and early winter, there is still much to see. This time of year, the conservatory in Taylor is cheerfully adorned with seasonal decorations and Christmas lights, which makes for a beautiful sight at dusk.

According to the city of Taylor's website, the conservatory was built at the request of DTE Energy in 1999 to be used for the DTE Energy International Bloomfest, once known as Michigan's largest horticultural event. In 2004, DTE Energy donated the structure to the city of Taylor. Handcrafted of aluminum and 28-feet tall, the open-air structure now serves as the entrance to the Taylor Botanical Gardens located at 22314 Northline Road, inside Heritage Park.

Since opening in 2007, the Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens have continued to expand each year. According to its website, the gardens have added new plantings each year, including flowers, foliage, trees and shrubs. In addition, container gardens and lighting elements

have been added. Each year, the gardens introduce a theme such as Fantastic Foliage and Protect our Pollinators. Special programs are held during the spring and summer. This past August, the gardens hosted "Yoga in the Gardens." The gardens are available to host weddings and parties, and each year presents "Music and Art in the Gardens," featuring the best in local jazz musicians.

The gardens are managed by the non-profit organization, the Taylor Conservancy Foundation, founded in 2005. Their mission is creating beautiful public spaces, promoting the arts and sciences, and preserving our natural environment. The foundation along with volunteers holds fundraising events throughout the year. The Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens are supported solely by donations, which help pay for upkeep, the purchase of supplies, and, of course, plants and trees.

The botanical garden's executive director, Patty Donahue, says a wellness educational series is planned for January, which will be held at Wayne County Community College and will emphasize strengthening your immunity with herbs and nutrition. Donahue also wants to get the word out about the botanical garden's biggest fundraiser being held in February of 2018. The 11th

Annual Mardi Gras Gala will be held at the Bentley Banquet and Conference Center in Wyandotte on February 10.

There is no admission charge to walk through the conservatory and gardens. Events and programs, which you can find listed on the garden's website, www.taylorconservatory.org, charge a nominal fee. Garden hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The gardens are closed during the winter and are inaccessible during times of snowfall. So grab a thermos of hot chocolate and head out to the Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Gardens before the snow flies.

They are located at 22314 Northline Road. There is no on-site office, please check the website where you can find information regarding the wellness classes and other upcoming events and how to rent the gardens for hosting a wedding or special event.

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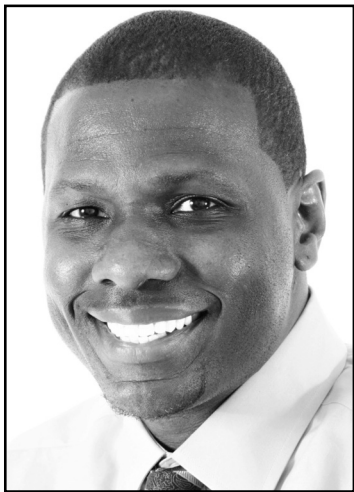
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TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Four Tips for Donating a Computer

How to donate or recycle your used equipment
By Willie Brake -



Your old computer might have some life left in it, however dropping it off at your favorite nonprofit, charity, or library might not be the best way to pass it on. I will help you learn about the environmentally smartest options in this article. As companies, nonprofits, charities, libraries, and individuals find reasons to upgrade their computers, the problem of how to safely discard used equipment continues to grow. There are many reasons to donate or recycle your used equipment:

Every computer dumped into a landfill represents a missed opportunity to provide technology and tools to individuals and organizations that may not be able to afford it. Even if a computer cannot be reused, recycling ensures that valuable raw materials are recovered from used computers and that any waste is disposed of in an environmentally sound fashion. Unfortunately, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) only 15 to 20 percent of computers and other electronic devices are being recycled in the United States. All About Technology has a long history of working with the Environmental Protection Agency, Microsoft, local nonprofits, and other organizations to improve the environment and bridge the digital divide by helping consumers and businesses properly donate or recycle computer equipment. We also have expertise in computer equipment refurbishing through our Electronics Recycling Initiative. We provide reliable, warrantied desktop and laptop computers to individuals, small businesses, nonprofits and charities at the lowest possible cost. Below are some tips for passing along your used but still useful equipment.

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Robichaud Host Rouge in Season Opener

Girls take to the basketball court

Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



The Robichaud Bulldogs supplied the floor to the River Rouge Panthers for their girls varsity home opener. Both teams are in a season of transition. Robichaud lost two great athletes to college, after a 12-10 season. Rouge has a shift in coaching personal after an 11-5 season.

The Bulldogs came out on top of last years clash but the Panthers were ready for round two. Rouge applied pressure from the tip of the ball. Robichaud struggled against the Moriyah Hammel led offense. The Junior dished and shot the ball well to open up the season.

A hard effort was fought by Ro-

bichaud, but they couldn't clip the Panther's claws. Rouge played a seemingly flawless game. But according to head coach Ant Juan Simpkins his girls still have "A Lot to to learn." There were a few missed defensive assignments, but the coach has the remainder of the season to work out the kinks.

Both coaches agree that the scoreboard doesn't tell the entire story. Coach Anderson of Robichaud is proud of his girls for playing through all four quarters and participating hard regardless of score. He's ready to rebuild the team and knows what he has to do to make it happen.

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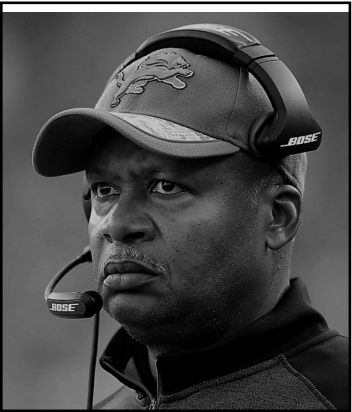
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Caldwell Takes the Blame

By Butch Davis



Fans of the Detroit Lions, the team that called the Silverdome home until moving to a downtown stadium after the 2001 season, joked on social media that the failed implosion was by no means the first time they found themselves leaving the stadium parking lot disappointed. The Lions have not won a National Football League championship since 1957, the league's second longest title drought.

Indeed last week I ended the Lions story last week with this quote, "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 better." Yes many football fans I talked to this past Monday feels that Jim Caldwell's pre-season multi-year extension was a mistake and Mrs. Ford needs to pay for that mistake by firing Caldwell and giving him a nice "multi-year" severance. In addition how about Bob Quinn job as a general manager and the draft choice that were made this year? Are you happy?

The Ravens have one of the worst offenses in the NFL, but Joe Flacco managed to throw for 269 yards and two touchdowns in part because of the Lions' toothless pass rush (zero sacks). Hey how about Caldwell, on having nine men on the field: Caldwell said, "Can't tell you anything, other than the fact that's wrong, and that should never happen. That's my fault. Plain and simple, that's my fault. That's just it. I've got to do a better job."

By the way QB Matthew Stafford's X-Rays on his hand were negative, per coach Jim Caldwell. "Just a bruise, though it's to his throwing hand." Now remember

Stafford suffered ligament damage to his throwing hand last season and was obviously a different player afterward. Detroit lost four straight games after a 9-4 start, including a 26-6 playoff beating at the hands of the Seahawks. At 6-6, the Lions face an uphill climb to the postseason.

Lions Wide-receiver Golden Tate, on the losing after the game this past Sunday, "This is something that I haven't felt since I've been here. Typically, over the years, we've done well late in the season. We had been playing with a lot of confidence and finding ways to get wins, but we don't have that feeling this year. It's clearly not happening for us right now. We've got to keep working, keep grinding. It sucks. During the week, I think we execute decently. There's things that we could clean up, but it is what it is. We've got to find a way to come out and start quickly. We have what it takes to be a really, really good team and beat teams week-in and week-out, but we just don't right now. It's frustrating."

Yes, I can dig it, the Buccaneers of Tampa Bay, this Sunday Lion's next opponent.

Winter Sports for High Schools are here

By Butch Davis

The MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) are now done will the Fall Sports season as Winter Sports are here until the end of the month of March. The following sports are in full force until then, Boys Basketball, Finals: March 24, Girls Basketball, Finals: March 17, Boys Bowling, Finals: March 2-3, Girls Bowling, Finals: March 2-3, Girls Competitive Cheer, Finals: March 2-3, Girls Gymnastics, Finals: March 9-10, Ice Hockey, Finals: March 10, Boys and Girls Skiing, Finals: Feb. 26, Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving, LP Finals: Mar 9-10, Wrestling, Finals, Team Finals: Feb. 23-24, Individual finals now Wrestling Mar 2-3. Much winter sports to be play in the MHSAA and the Telegram News will keep you the info thru out the season. Here below are this week's Boys and Girls basketball schedule games play in the Telegram News reading area.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity12/7	7:00PM
Allen Park vs. Flat Rock, 7:00 PM	Basketball (Girls) Varsity 12/7
<u>Basketball (Boys) Varsity 12/8</u>	Canton Preparatory vs. Westland Universal Learning Academy, 5:00 PM
Allen Park Cabrini vs. Westland	Lutheran Westland vs. Redford Thurston, 5:30PM
Huron Valley Lutheran 7:00PM	Riverview vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7:00PM
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Allen Park, 8:30PM	
Dearborn vs. Grosse Ile, 7:00 PM	Basketball (Girls) Varsity 12/8
Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. Detroit Douglass, 7:00PM	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist vs. Allen Park, 7:00PM
Lincoln Park vs. Riverview, 7:00PM	Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Taylor Kennedy, 7:00PM
Melvindale vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 7:00PM	Dearborn Fordson vs. Northville, 7:00PM
Northville vs. Dearborn Fordson, 7:00PM	Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Harper Woods, 7:00PM
Romulus Summit Academy North vs. Redford Union, 7:00PM	Southgate Anderson vs. Gibraltar Carlson, 7:00PM
Taylor Preparatory vs. Dearborn Hts Star International, 7:30PM	Taylor Preparatory vs. Dearborn Hts Star International, 4:30PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. Monroe, 7:00PM	Trenton vs. Taylor Truman, 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity 12/9	Basketball (Girls) Varsity 12/9
Detroit Cass Tech vs. Flint Beecher, 8:15PM	Ann Arbor Huron vs. River Rouge, 12:00PM
Detroit Jalen Rose vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 1:30PM	Dearborn Henry Ford Academy vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:00PM
Detroit Western International vs. River Rouge 12:00PM	Detroit Cass Tech vs. Detroit Osborn, 4:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity 12/12	Basketball (Girls) Varsity 12/12
Allen Park vs. Melvindale, 7:00PM	Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Taylor Truman, 7:00PM
Allen Park Cabrini vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney, 7:00PM	Dearborn vs. Northville, 7:00PM
Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Livonia Churchill, 6:30PM	Dearborn Divine Child vs. Warren Regina, 7:00PM
Dearborn Henry Ford Academy vs. Detroit Denby, 6:30PM	Dearborn Fordson vs. Riverview, 7:00PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy vs. Michigan Math & Science, 6:30PM	Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. Redford Union, 7:00PM
Redford Thurston vs. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 7:00PM	Dearborn Riverside Academy-West vs. Canton Preparatory, 5:00PM
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Stop badmouthing your Ex in front of the kids

By Alma Gill (NNPA News Wire Columnist)



Dear Alma,
My friend is a single mother. Her husband left her and their three children to be with a younger woman he had been working with. He said the new woman was his soul mate. My friend was devastated and I understand. It's been almost a year now and she still continues to spiral into a deep depression. Now I can hardly recognize her. She had kinda let herself go before he left but now she's just gone downhill. What's worst is she constantly talks about her ex-husband in the worst of ways in front of her children. She tells them that their father left because he doesn't love them and she calls him names and lashes her anger out towards them. She will even post nasty things about him on her Facebook page, and I'm sure her teen daughter can see it. I feel sorry for her kids and I'm not sure what to do. How do I get her to understand she has got to get a grip and start taking care of her children?
I hear you and yes, I have a horizon full of advice for her bright as the morning sun. But, TBT, it doesn't matter 'cause she wouldn't entertain this dance at dawn even if it knocked on the front door with a box of chocolates and a dozen long-stemmed roses. I mean no judgment, no shade, truly I understand ~ it's because her heart is broken. While drowning in the pain of rejection, negativity is all she has to offer. The assassination of her marriage has overwhelmed her and she's not sure where to go or what to do.

When living with a broken heart, unwanted criticism isn't welcomed. You'll need to tread lightly and be creative when replacing her sour lemon juice with real cane sugar, sweet tea.
Let's start with casual conversations about parenting. Discuss the pain experienced by children seated in between an emotional tug of war. One parent's critical comments about another are extremely hurtful for a child to endure. We'd all agree, kids deserve limitless love and affection from both parents, married, separated or divorced. Down the road, if a mate turns out to be a rubbish receptacle, it's not the fault of our kids. Bottom line, we must love them, our children, more than we hate our ex partners. Adults adhere a horrible resistance to correction, me included, and I don't know why, especially when I'm pissed. This will take time and can translate into a meaningful support system between friends. Be patient and kind, she's hurting. There's no need to fly a flag of her faults, we all have them and are sometimes blinded by our own unfiltered light. She has been delivered a traumatic blow to her very core. Find out if she'll consider therapy. Yes, she needs to reroute her anger and be strong for her children, but she can't give what she doesn't have and right now she's not right with herself. She needs professional intervention and a good friend to hold her accountable. Take her to church. Give her a number to reach out to social services. She has a big step to take and she needs your help like yesterday. Don't waste another day trying to change her. She doesn't need changing, she needs healing and healing the right way, takes time.

If Black Lives Really Matter to Black People, Then It's Time to Stop Watching the NFL

By Chris B. Bennett (The Seattle Medium/NNPA Member)



Colin Kaepernick quarterback for the 49ers

For years, the African American community has been asking and insisting that our professional athletes do more for our community. We ask them to give money towards initiatives and good causes, we ask them to be role models, and we ask them to stand up, speak up and speak out on issues affecting our community. And yet, as you read this article today, there are pro football players that have taken a stance against oppression, police brutality and the killing of Black people by law enforcement officers all across this country. Yet, these athletes are under attack by the media, by "fans" who claim that they have ruined the game of football, because they will not stand during the national anthem...and yes, the players have even come under attack by the 45th occupant of the White House. The Black Lives Matter movement and the many of the NFL players are standing up (or kneeling) for justice and "just us." We are demanding justice for things that happen to just us. We demand justice for the racial profiling that happens to just us. We demand justice for the excessive force that is used against just us. And we are demanding justice, on behalf of millions of voiceless African Americans all across the country, for the lives that have been lost as a result of law enforcement officers shooting us (unarmed, Black Americans) at alarming rates. Numbers don't lie, and videos don't lie either. Black men are killed by police officers in extra-judicial shootings at much higher rates that far outweigh the rate of that White men are shot and killed by police officers, which indicates to me that these killings repeatedly happen to just us; and think about the number of videos that we have seen that show Black people gunned down, choked out, manhandled and beaten; while at the same time we see videos of Whites blatantly disrespecting police officers and daring them to do something to them, and those

suspects are able to walk away unharmed.

In protesting these atrocities, Colin Kaepernick chose to take a knee during the national anthem, because he didn't want to stand up for the flag of a country that oppresses Black people and people of color. In fact, Kaepernick was quoted as saying, "To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder." For taking such a stance, Kaepernick is no longer employed as an NFL player. We hear all the excuses about why he does not have a job as a quarterback in the NFL. You can believe the excuses if you want, but I would challenge you to answer this question: Do you honestly want to see Colin Kaepernick playing quarterback against your favorite team on Sunday? Your honest answer would probably be "No," because despite any flaws or inconsistencies that he may have in his game, Colin Kaepernick is a game changer. He is a legitimate dual threat quarterback, who can find his way to the end zone anytime he touches the ball. So, why is he unemployed? You can answer that question for yourself. As a result of what many believe was the blackballing of Kaepernick by the NFL, many people across this country, many of them Black women, decided to boycott the NFL this

season; and the boycott is and was successful, so much so that the NFL, mainstream media and the 45th occupant led people to believe that the low ratings of NFL games this season were a result of White men not watching the NFL, because Black players were protesting that national anthem. Then, the 45th occupant of the White House, in his puppeteering ways, stepped forward and said that the NFL should fire anyone, who refuses to stand for the national anthem, and accused those who chose to kneel during the national anthem of disrespecting the flag and being unpatriotic. Black folks took offense and I believe that they decided to watch the games in protest to "45"; I bet the ratings increased, too.
Now, fast forward to Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones stating that players on his team, who do not stand for the national anthem will not play, and "45" praises him for doing so. Ironical? I don't think so. Don't let them fool you, "45" and NFL owners have been joined at the hip in the process from the very beginning. The 45th occupant of the White House carried the water of the NFL owners, helped sway some sort of public opinion against the players and now the owners feel empowered to bring down their oppressive hammers on the players. The 45th occupant of the White House will take credit for bringing "law and order" to the plantation, and the NFL owners will walk away with little or no blood on their hands.

Part 2 will be in next week's issue



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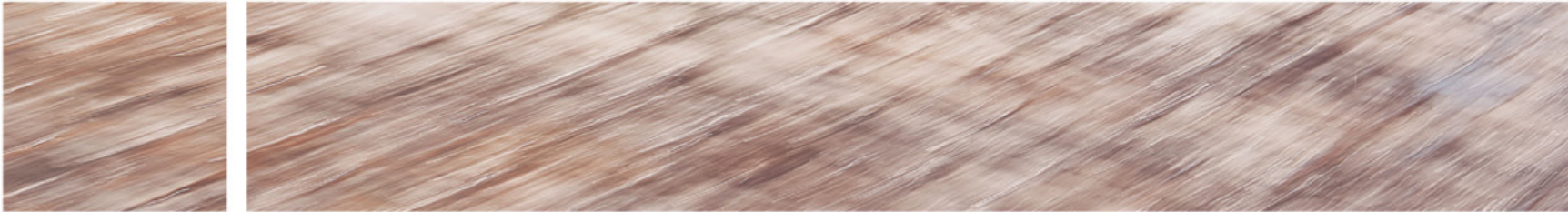
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