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Black Women, Democrat Doug Jones Win Alabama Senate Race

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)



Alabama celebrated after Doug Jones pulls off an upset in this week's US Senate election

A heavy African American turnout in Alabama's special election propelled underdog Democratic candidate Doug Jones to victory, in a hotly-contested race against the flawed, yet heavily-favored, Republican candidate Roy Moore. The New York Times reported that Jones defeated Moore 49.9 percent to 48.4 percent for Attorney General Jeff Sessions' vacated United States Senate seat. According to CNN exit polling, 68 percent of White voters, including 72 percent of White men voters and 63 percent of White women voters, supported Moore, an alleged child

predator. Meanwhile, 96 percent of Black voters supported Jones, including 93 percent of Black men voters and 98 percent of Black women voters. Blacks accounted for a 29 percent share of all voters in the special election in Alabama. Black voter turnout played a key role in getting Jones elected as Alabama voters were forced to choose between a Republican who's perceived as a racist and accused of child abuse and a Democrat who has earned his chops prosecuting the Ku Klux Klan.

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National Adolescent Drug Trends Do you know what your youth are doing; Smoking, Drugs, Drinking? Part I



Marijuana Use Edges Upward for Youth

ANN ARBOR—Marijuana use among adolescents edged upward in 2017, the first significant increase in seven years. Overall, past-year use of marijuana significantly increased by 1.3% to 24% in 2017 for 8th, 10th, and 12th graders combined. Specifically, in 8th, 10th, and 12th grades the respective increases were 0.8% (to 10.1%), 1.6% (to 25.5%) and 1.5% (to 37.1%). The increase

is statistically significant when all three grades are combined. "This increase has been expected by many" said Richard Miech, the Principal Investigator of the study. "Historically marijuana use has gone up as adolescents see less risk of harm in using it. We've found that the risk adolescents see in marijuana use has been steadily going down for years to the point that it is now at the lowest level we've seen in four

decades." The results come from the annual Monitoring the Future study, now in its 43rd year. About 45,000 students in some 380 public and private secondary schools have been surveyed each year in this U.S. national study, designed and conducted by research scientists at the University of Michigan.

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ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

The Tide Changed

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The contest also was viewed, by many, as a test of racial progress in the Deep South, and the power of President Donald Trump’s rhetoric to sway voters.

Trump campaigned hard for Moore, recording a robocall for the former judge, and convincing the Republican National Committee (RNC) to back the man who was possibly banned from the local mall in Gadsen for badgering young women, according to “The New Yorker.”

On the day of the special election, #RoyMoore trended all day on Twitter with some straight-forward and emotional posts.

“That White Supremacist #RoyMoore rode in on a horse to vote. Kudos to him,” tweeted Greg Carr, chair of Howard University’s Department of Afro-American studies and frequent guest on “NewsOne Now” on TV One. “As White Supremacy dies, this is what it looks like. It won’t go without a fight. Bannon. Trump. Moore. All of their comrades and enablers. They’re daring humanity to respond.”

One of Wisconsin Representative Gwen Moore’s posts was retweeted more than 30,000 times:

Already facing numerous accusations of sexual misconduct with children, Moore, in recent weeks, further aligned himself with the old South with his racially insensitive comments.

When asked by a reporter to explain the last time America was great, Moore didn’t hesitate to respond with stunning clarity with an answer that seemed to out-Trump the president’s comments when he was on the campaign trail.

“I think it was great at the time when families were united—even though we had slavery. They cared for one another,” Moore said. “People were strong in the families. Our families were strong. Our country had a direction.”

Later, he added: “The greatness I see was in our culture, not in all our policies. There were problems. We had slavery; we’ve overcome slavery. We’ve had prejudice; we still have prejudice, but we’ve turned the tide on civil rights. We’ve done a lot of things to bring this country around, and I think we can still make it better.”

Moore’s wife, Kayla, even got into the controversial fray. One day before the election, Kayla Moore argued that her husband isn’t a bigot.

“One of our attorneys is a Jew,” she said. “Fake news would tell you that we don’t care for Jews. And I tell you all this, because I’ve seen it and I just want to set the record straight, while they’re here,” she said gesturing to mainstream media outlets that were in the room.

“One of our attorneys is a Jew.

We have very close friends that are Jewish, and rabbis, and we also fellowship with them.”

Moore has never been one to stay above controversy. Even before the allegations that he pursued sexual relationships with teens, Moore was the most controversial major-party U.S. Senate nominee in recent memory, according to CNN.

He was booted off the Alabama Supreme Court bench when he served as chief justice for refusing to remove a two-ton statue of the Ten Commandments that he’d ordered placed on state property. He was elected back to the job, but ousted again in 2016 for refusing to abide by the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision legalizing same-sex marriage.

Moore said that homosexual activity should be illegal and argued against removing segregationist language from the state constitution.

One of Moore’s accusers said he molested her when she was 14; another said that he tried to rape her and she fought him off. Still, Trump and the RNC threw their support behind him.

Fifty percent of voters said the allegations against Moore were definitely or probably true, while 44 percent saw them as definitely or probably false, according to preliminary exit poll results reported by ABC News.

A majority of voters (54 percent) said the allegations were a minor factor or not a factor at all.

Chris Cillizza wrote that, “Jones’ victory means that for now Democrats are only two seats away from the majority—Vice President Mike Pence casts the tie-breaking vote when it is 50-50. While a Democratic move into the majority still looks like a long shot, it’s now not out of the question.”

Jones, an attorney and prosecutor, served as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, and won acclaim for prosecuting the remaining Klansmen responsible for the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that killed four African American girls in 1963.

Shortly after mainstream news outlets predicted that Jones had won the special election, he took to Twitter to celebrate the victory.

In a statement about the Alabama Senate race, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr., the founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, said that a coalition of Black and White voters spared Alabama from international shame and disgrace by electing Jones to be the state’s next United States Senator.

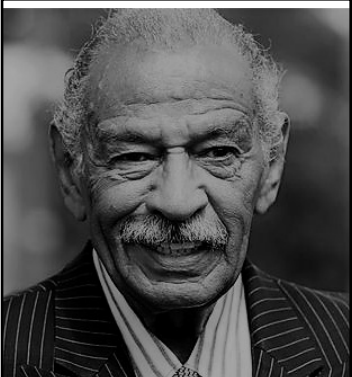
“The coalition that pushed Jones over the finish line can win and redeem the whole South,” said Jackson. “It is a stinging repudiation of the divi-

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Gov. Rick Snyder announces special election dates for 13th Congressional District formerly held by John Conyers, Jr.



Rick Snyder
Governor



John Conyers
Former Congressman

LANSING. – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced a special election will be held next year in the 13th District of the United States House of Representatives to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Conyers, D-Detroit, who resigned on Dec. 6.

“Having ample time for candidates to make a decision about running for office and file their paperwork gives people more options as to who will next represent them in Congress,” Gov. Snyder said. “In order to allow several months for that to take place and to reduce the financial burden on local taxpayers, the primary and general elections will be held when regularly scheduled elections are already occurring.”

A special primary election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term will be held on Aug. 7, 2018. The general election will be held on Nov. 6, 2018.

Candidates wishing to be on the Aug. 7 primary ballot must file by April 24, 2018, at 4 p.m. For additional information and other relevant dates for this special election, see the attached letter filed with the Secretary of State’s office.

sive politics of Moore, President Donald Trump and strategist Steven Bannon and bodes well for Democrats looking at House and Senate congressional races in 2018.”

Freddie Allen contributed reporting for this story.

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Lt. Gov. Calley responds to hepatitis A outbreak

LANSING, Mich. -- Lt. Gov. Brian Calley today announced the activation of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to coordinate Michigan’s response to the hepatitis A outbreak. The Community Health Emergency Coordination Center (CHECC) also was activated Tuesday by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to direct the response and provide guidance to the multiple local public health jurisdictions in the prevention and investigation of cases.

Since August 1, 2016, there have been 457 confirmed cases of hepatitis A, including 18 fatalities, associated with this outbreak in the City of Detroit and Huron, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties reported to MDHHS.

“The health and safety of Michiganders is the top priority as we work to contain and prevent this deadly virus from spreading further,” Lt. Gov. Calley said. “Activating the SEOC will ensure that all state and local agencies are working together to combat this outbreak.”

The SEOC is overseen by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and coordinates response and recovery efforts by state agencies and local government. The SEOC is staffed by members of state agencies for decision making and information coordination during disasters or emergencies in the state of Michigan.

The CHECC provides support to impacted jurisdictions including local health departments, hospitals, EMS, healthcare coalitions and other healthcare providers. This coordination and communication support includes responding to requests for health-related resources, developing and distributing guidelines and educational materials to meet the needs of this outbreak.

More information about the hepatitis A outbreak in Michigan and current recommendations are available at www.michigan.gov/hepatitisAoutbreak. Michigan residents are also encouraged to contact their local health department for more information or vaccination.

CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY

Voters not Politicians

It's time to draw the lines fairly



A little less than four months ago, our 100% volunteer petition circulating team hit the streets after the petition for an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was unanimously approved by Michigan's Board of Canvassers.

Everyone told me that we wouldn't be able to collect the required 315,654 signatures in the 180 consecutive day window with an all-volunteer force. The experts said that it couldn't be done.

Well, we proved them wrong.

We hit our goal of 315,654 signatures to get the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission on the ballot in November 2018!

In fact, our 100% volunteer petition circulation team has collected almost 450,000 signatures from every one of Michigan's 83 counties and have verified and validated enough signatures to turn in to the Secretary of State before the end of the year.

The Lansing elites, opposed to

change, have taken notice and are preparing to try any trick they can to keep us from succeeding. Kenson, can you chip in \$25 to helps us continue to reach thousands of voters every day?

This unprecedented success proves that the people of Michigan are behind an independent and transparent redistricting process to make democracy more representative in our state. It shows that Michiganders are ready for **VOTERS** to be in charge of democracy, **NOT POLITICIANS!**

We could not have achieved this feat without the dedication and passion of our 5,000+ volunteer circulators, led by 13 incredible volunteer Regional Field Directors and 200+ volunteer Field Captains.

Madalyn, our Upper Peninsula Regional Field Director, loved "the joy and fellowship that was built by the volunteers. They went out and did the impossible and touched so many people."

The fellowship among our vol-

unteers is what connected James and Roberta (and Roberta's seeing-eye dog Caliber!) at the Lansing Halloween celebration and Boo at the Zoo. James told us that "Roberta's willingness to get out there and engage people overrode my introvert inclination," and together, they collected signatures from Michiganders to help end partisan gerrymandering.

Whether you volunteered, contributed, or signed (or all three!) you helped us clear the first hurdle in making an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission a reality in Michigan - thank you!

However, we aren't done yet. We are gearing up, just like our opposition, to prepare for 2018. We still have a long way to go on our path to ending gerrymandering and we could use your help!

If you are ready to end gerrymandering, sign up to volunteer here or chip in to help us gear up for the next phases of the campaign. We're preparing for legal battles, attack ads, and more funded by the establishment elite who don't want to lose their corrupt control over Michigan's democracy.

Together, we - the people of Michigan - can execute our right to direct democracy to bring real change to our state!

Katie Fahey
President and Treasurer, Voters Not Politicians
<http://www.votersnotpoliticians.com/>

BET Turns The Page To Begin A New Chapter

The Black network will have new leadership in 2018

Written By Nigel Roberts



Scott M. Mills

Debra L. Lee

The longtime president at Black Entertainment Television Debra L. Lee is stepping down from that role on Jan. 1 and will serve as chairman and CEO of the network, Black Enterprise reported. Scott M. Mills, who has worked at the cable channel for two decades, will replace her. "As I look to the future, I believe it is the right time to take a step back from day-to-day responsibilities at BET," Lee said, reflecting on her more than 20 years leading BET.

Lee's accomplishments at BET are numerous. Under her leadership, the network gained traction with scores

of African American viewers. The cable channel focused on launching original programming, including "Being Mary Jane" and "The Game." Under her guidance, BET also added several live events and award shows to its roster. Bob Bakish, president and CEO of BET's parent company Viacom, praised Lee's contributions toward turning the network into "a truly global entertainment powerhouse." After Lee turns over the reigns of daily operations to Mills, she will focus on developing the network's relationships with external stakeholders and communities.

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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE Season

Seasons

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



An interesting thing about living in Michigan is that you can clearly see the changes in seasons. By now, the leaves have fallen from the trees. Through the naked branches, you can see abandoned bird nests that are no longer occupied.

When seasons change, so do the weather conditions. When weather conditions change, it changes our ability to withstand conditions as it relates to air temperature. Birds survive and thrive better in warmer weather. So when it gets cold, they migrate to a place that is more conducive to their survival. In Michigan's case, the birds leave and go south.

I realize that no matter how well-crafted the bird nests are, no matter how much time and effort was invested into putting them together, they had to be left behind. Perfectly good nests abandoned in trees to endure winter.

Just like the seasons change the weather, seasons change in our lives. What is appropriate in one season, may be unnecessary in the next season. We cannot worry about how much time we invested in something, or how many resources we put into it, it we have to go and leave it behind, go and leave it behind. You don't see birds trying to travel with nests taking them to their new destinations. They move on without them.

There are some things you have to move on without in this new season. You will even have to change the way you dress, the way you think and act, and have a to-

tally new perspective. You have to adopt philosophies and behaviors that are conducive to success in your new season. Old ways won't work here. Old thoughts will not apply here. Your environment will change and all else will follow suit.

You are evolving into a greater person as your sphere of influence continues to expand and deepen. Yes, you're stepping out into the deep where the greatest blessings are. As you leave old things behind, new things will appear in your life. New resources, new opportunities and a new lifestyle awaits you. Walk into it.

Birds fly to a new place to begin anew due to seasonal change. They don't try to carry last season's nest with them. They don't worry about how they're going to get a new nest. God always provides.

"Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?" (Luke 12.24) Learn from the birds, but also be responsible. Walk into your new season! Don't take things with you that you are not intended carry. Be free. Go.

"I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons" (Psalm 16.7). He appointed the moon for seasons..." (Psalm 104.19). "And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding" (Daniel 2:21).

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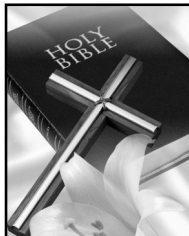


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KATIE MAE FOX
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Katie was born in Lexington, Kentucky. Katie board a Greyhound bus headed for Detroit when she was 13 years old. She had a big heart and she worked as an EKG Specialist at Detroit Osteopathic in Highland Park until her retirement. Katie was an excellent cook and loved to cook for her family. She leaves to cherish her memories he two daughters Jackie Fox and Janice Brown, two sons Clifton (Cookie) Coleman and Alexander Nichols who preceded her in death. Katie Mae leaves to cherish her memories a host of grandchildren and other family members. Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home 16540 Meyers Detroit, MI.



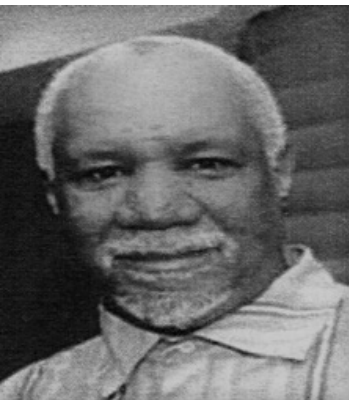
TRAVIS WILLIAMS
FEB. 28, 1980 – NOV. 17, 2017
Travis was born in Ann Arbor and graded from Stone School and the Job Corp where he earned his degree as an computer technician. He experienced love like he never felt before with the birth of his daughter, Trinity. He adored his Nooter and she meet the world to him. Travis enjoyed telling people how much he loved her and loved spending time with her. Travis leaves to cherish his memories; his mother Majorie Williams, father,

Carl (Adeline) Carter, daughter, Trinity Harris; grandparents Barbara Williams, Charlie (Annie) Carter Sr. Eight sister's and brothers; Carlos (Andrea), Carla (Scott), Kimi, Lathasha, Julia, Olivia, Andrew and Laura and a host of other family and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Trinity Chapel Funeral Home 20226 W. McNichols Rd in Detroit.



JOYCE WILLIAMS
APR. 10, 1936 – NOV. 19, 2017
Joyce Ford was born in Detroit and graduated from Detroit Public Schools in 1954. She also met her lifelong friends Maggie, Sadie and Pauleen. Joyce was honored to be the 2007 Veteran's Donor of the Year. She received various awards throughout her life. She attended Unity Baptist Church where she exercised her love for Christ and served as a dedicated member to the Trustee's Board and Senior Choir. She was well traveled and always strived to keep the family together. She leaves behind her loving sister, Baber Lackey, son Gerald Anthony, three grandchildren, Antoine Dion, Tiara Shante' Wells (Brandon), Dominique Shabazz; five grandchildren Braylen Tyler Wells, Kariona Zion, Kaleah A'Mya, Jameer Ramon Wells and Nolan Roy Wells and many other friends and family.

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KENNETH RICHARDSON
APR. 25, 1957 – NOV. 22, 2017
Kenneth was born in Detroit, MI and attended Detroit Public Schools and Job Corp. Kenneth was employed at the Detroit Memorial Hospital until he could no longer work due to health reasons. He was a faithful member of Good Fight of Faith Church and New Creation Church. He was a gentle giant who always gave of his time and talent helping others. He leaves to celebrate his life his loving wife, Gloria, daughter, LaShawndra, Grandchildren, LaDarrin, LaSavion, LaMonte and LaMarion; Sister Wanda Barnes and many other family members and friends and his very special friend 98 year old Ms. Weaver. Final arrangements were entrusted to Trinity Chapel Funeral Home 20226 W. McNichols Rd in Detroit, MI.

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CRIME ALERT - POLICE DEPT.
BLOTTER FOR RIVER ROUGE

December 8th, 2017
At 1715hrs, officers were dispatched to a home in the 400 Block of Polk Street on an Assault & Battery complaint that involved an adult striking a juvenile. Officer arrived and spoke to a 30 year old female, who stated that her friends, a female & male were left at the residence with her 12 year old son. She states when she returned, her son told her the 18 year old male punched him in his stomach and chest. The son had some scratches visible on his chest and upper body. The son stated the male pulled him down the stairs and broke the railing off the wall.

December 7th, 2017
At 1837hrs, an officer was stationary at West Jefferson near Cora, when he observed a 2004 Ford Explorer disregard the traffic control signal on West Jefferson Ave near Stoner Street. The officer initiated a traffic stop and ran the license plate that came back "cancelled" out of SOS for Fraudulent Insurance. The officer made contact with the 28 year old driver and asked for the Driver License, Registration and Proof of Insurance. The 28 year old male driver came back Suspended with one Prior Conviction. The officer advised he was under arrest and placed him the patrol vehicle. The conducted an Inventory search of the vehicle he discovered a bag of suspected Marijuana in the armrest. The male was transported to the police station, booked, allowed to make

a phone call, and then housed.

December 5th, 2017
At 2324hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 200 Block of Richter Street, on a Malicious Destruction of Property complaint. A 24 year old male states he was getting ready to go to sleep when all of sudden he heard glass shattering outside the residence. He also heard a male giggling and then start running south bound on Richter Street. The male stated he opened the screen door and observed the shattered glass on floor from the front screen door. He believes it may have been his girlfriend's brother who lives in the city of Ecorse.

December 5th, 2017
At 1522hrs, an officer was dispatched to a home in the 300 Block of Goodell Street on a report of a female just bitten by a dog. A 19 year old female states she has been bitten by a German Shepherd in the field on the corner of E. Great Lakes and Goodell Street at 1430hrs. She states trouble began when she was walking home and a German Shepherd started chasing her and the bit her on the upper portion of her leg. She states the female who owns the dog lives at a home in the same block. The dog owner was seen placing the dog in her vehicle and drove off with it. The officer observed a puncture in the female's right leg near her buttock. She was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital by her father.

IT'S TIME TO READ
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Intern To Intern

Renee Summers brings her writing experience to the Telegram
Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



Renee Summers brings her writing experience to the Telegram

The Telegram Newspaper has been blessed to work with Renee Summers since September 2017. Renee is an intern from the University of Michigan Dearborn where she is to receive her Associates Degree in Journalism in April.. She's completing her internship to fulfill her program requirements.

I myself also served as an intern to the Telegram. Through the Michigan Works Youth Program in 2015. I've learned my way around the office, and moved on to become the Telegram's current Media Specialist. I had a talk with Renee, from past intern to current intern to get to know her story and what drives her.

Renee is a Livonia native and resident. Graduating from Livonia Stevenson in 1982. Life gave her a struggle early on but she overcame each and every obstacle. As a Native American citizen Renne's education is tuition free.

She's using her education to ensure the next half of her life doesn't repeat the cycle of the past. Renee used her skill of

the language to win second place in the Campus Writing Awards in 2015. Submitting a piece analyzing Martin Luther King's Letter From a Birmingham Jail.

Renee is a member of the Soar Program. A coalition for non traditional students. Everyday Renee gets closer to her new found talent. Her favorite thing to cover is animals and nature. 'Any critter that comes close to the yard is a guest.'

The Telegram is only the first step in her plan. Renee's looking all over for newspaper outlets to spread her message. She ultimately wants to settle up north. To be as close as she can to Mother Nature, and possibly start a career as an author.

Telegram - How did you develop an interest in journalism?

Renee - I didn't know I could write until I went back to college. I placed way ahead on the English Placement Exam. There was some kind of aptitude I had for writing and the english language that I was previously unaware of.

Telegram - Have you had the opportunity to take on a mentee?

Renee - I have not planned it. But if such an opportunity made itself available I would definitely step up to the plate. We all need a guiding hand as were coming along.

Telegram - How does your environment affect your desire to work in the communications Industry?

Renee - My background does. As a Native American many of us don't get recognized for our achievements. I was brought up in poverty. My father left when I was young and my mother was an alcoholic. I wanted more for myself. The money from working at the deli counter wasn't going to do it.

Telegram - What issues are your generation currently facing?

Renee - Saving up enough money to retire. Having enough to live on. Asking yourself, can I keep my home? Will I have to work until I'm seventy years old? Some people work until they die we want to live.

Telegram - Thank you Renee

TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ecorse
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 19, 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 18, 2017 at city hall, 19617 Harper Ave., at 7PM.

Inkster
City Council Meeting
There will be a city council meeting December 18, 2017 from 7-9PM in the council chambers of city hall, 26215 Trowbridge.

Lincoln Park
City Council Meeting
Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting in the Lincoln Park city hall, 1355 Southfield Rd.

Taylor
City Council Meeting
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Tuesday, December 19, 2017

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City Council Meeting
December 18, 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.

Wyandotte
WBA Third Friday
The Wyandotte Business Association's Third Friday event will take place December 15th beginning at 5PM in downtown Wyandotte. Many of the shops and restaurants will stay open later than usual, offer giveaways, specials and discounts. In addition, there is musical entertainment and horse and carriage rides throughout the downtown district. For more information please call 734-324-4514.

City Council
Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7PM, city council will meet in the council chambers of Wyandotte city hall (3200 Biddle Ave., Ste. 300).


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Mrs. Brinston explaining instructions to judges

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the more than 70 volunteers who helped make this event a success. "It is important that we support our students so they can sharpen their skills and pursue their passion " said, Brinston. Each year Michigan HOSA conducts eight regional level and one state-level competitive events conferences. Students and teachers, from across Michigan gather to compete in events such as Biomedical Debate, CPR/First

Aid, Prepared Speaking, Medical Terminology and more. Since its inception in 1976, HOSA has grown steadily reaching over 200-thousand members through 51 chartered HOSA Associations. HOSA is a student led organization and has a two-fold mission, to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

Alternative Ways to Make College More Affordable



(StatePoint) A college education is one of the largest expenses you're likely to have in your lifetime, second only to buying a home. Unfortunately, the cost has increased dramatically in recent years.

Tuition plus fees at four-year public colleges jumped 71 percent over the last decade, forcing many would-be degree seekers to delay or even forgo attending college. For others, it's meant heading to school while taking on large amounts of debt.

Today, however, new solutions are popping up to address the college affordability crisis. Most people know about grants and scholarships. Students can now also consider alternate paths to college credit, helping them graduate faster and more affordably, say experts.

Here's what you need to know:

- The average cost of a typical undergraduate college course is \$1,782. In high school, take as many Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) courses as you can handle, increasing your opportunity to earn college credit and save money on tuition.
- The College Board's CLEP, while not as well-known as AP, is a 50-year-old credit-by-examination program accepted by more than 2,900 schools and universities. Check to see if the colleges you are considering accept CLEP credit, and then work hard to succeed on one or more of the 32 CLEP exams. CLEP courses and exams are rigorous, but shorter and not as challenging as AP.
- Consider new programs such as "Freshman Year for Free," an initiative developed by Modern States Ed-

ucation Alliance, a charity dedicated to making a college degree more affordable and attainable for everyone. Students can use Modern States' 40+ tuition-free online courses -- all taught by top college professors -- to prepare for the AP and CLEP exams.

- One advantage of CLEP tests is that they are offered every day at thousands of testing centers. AP exams can only be taken in high schools in May. Modern States is paying the AP and CLEP exam fees for the first 10,000 test-takers, making the program, which also includes free textbooks and practice questions, totally free.

"This is a great on-ramp to college and an opportunity to save both time and up to 25 percent of the rising cost of a degree," says Steve Klinsky, founder and CEO of Modern States Education Alliance.

To learn more, visit modernstates.org.

- Attending community college for the first two years and then transferring to a four-year institution offers another opportunity to cut costs. Dual-enrollment programs, whereby students take college courses at a city or community college while still in high school, are another great way to head to college with some credits under your belt.

More than one-third of Americans ages 30 and younger who haven't attended college attribute their decision to the high cost, according to a Federal Reserve survey. In fact, U.S. student loan debt stands at an all-time high of \$1.34 trillion. Don't miss out on an education or let it saddle you with debt. Seek out alternative methods for earning college credits.

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Youth Drug Use

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gan’s Institute for Social Research and funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Students in grades 8, 10, and 12 are surveyed. This increase in marijuana drove trends in any illicit drug use in the past year. In both 12th and 10th grade this measure increased (although the increase was not statistically significant), while use of any illicit drug use other than marijuana declined (although the decrease was not statistically significant). In 8th grade neither of these drug use meas-

ures significantly changed, although they both increased slightly. First-Ever U.S. Standard Estimates for Vaping of Nicotine, Marijuana, and Flavoring The 2017 survey also reports first-ever national, standard estimates of nicotine vaping, marijuana vaping, flavoring-only vaping, and any vaping. Previously, no national study has published estimates for vaping of specific substances for the standard time periods of past 30 days, past year, and lifetime.

Levels of marijuana vaping are considerable. One in ten 12th grade students vaped marijuana in the past year, and levels were 8% and 3% for 10th and 8th grade students, respectively. These annual levels are about the same as the levels for lifetime prevalence1 of vaping marijuana use, indicating that almost all marijuana vaping had occurred within one year of the survey. Levels of nicotine vaping are also considerable, with 19% of 12th grade students vaping nicotine in the past year. The annual prevalence levels were 16% and 8% for 10th and 8th grade students, respectively. It is also possible that additional students are getting nicotine in what they vape but are not aware of it, so these are lower bound estimates. Levels of overall vaping were similar in 2017 to their previous levels in 2016, although the measures are not directly comparable. Updated vaping questions in 2017 asked about vaping of specific substances, while in previous years vaping questions were about any vaping in general. With this caveat, the percentage of students in 2017 who reported vaping flavoring, marijuana, or nicotine was similar to those who reported that they had vaped anything in 2016, with the two respective percentages for use in the past 30 days at 17% in 2017 and 13% in 2016 among 12th grade students, 13% and 11% for 10th grade students, and 7% and 6% for 8th grade students. “These findings emphasize that vaping has progressed well beyond a cigarette alternative,” said Richard Miech. “Vaping has become a new delivery device for a number of substances, and this number will likely increase in the years to come.”

Youth Drug Use

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TELE- FASHION

WINTER FASHION TIPS

By Ms. Bourne



1. Become a layering pro
There is a reason layering is always on-trend in the winter: It's a massively practical way to dress when it's really cold. So don't be afraid to pile on the layers. A turtleneck, under a sweater, under a jacket, under a coat, for instance, will definitely keep you warm. So will a dress or skirt over a pair of pants (much warmer than a pair of tights). When it's really, really cold outside, sometimes even the items in your wardrobe that you always depend on (everything from ripped jeans to cashmere sweaters) no longer cut it. This is when you have to find creative ways to layer under your clothes that no one will notice. You can, for instance, throw a pair of tights or sheer stockings under a pair of ripped jeans or layer a form-fitting sweater over a long-sleeve T-shirt. Also don't be afraid to




whip out the long johns you normally reserve for ski trips—sometimes during the winter they'll come in just as handy for the walk to work.

2. Let your boots steal the show
Great winter style really boils down to a great pair of boots. Got a great pair of over-the-knee boots? Show them off pairing them with a short dress. Have killer ankle boots you want to make sure the world gets to see? Pair them with cuffed jeans or a dress. And if it's snowing and you are forced to wear less than fashionable snow boots? Use them as a jumping off point to put together a great new inventive outfit, rather than just throwing them on with just anything.

3. Belt your coats to give them new life

By the middle of winter it's pretty inevitable that you're going to start to feel some fatigue when it comes to putting on your boring old winter coat day after day. Add new life to your coat simply by belting it. Cinching your waist will make it seem almost like you have a brand new coat. The best news of all: This styling trick will work with just about any coat style—we've even seen some serious fashionistas belt puffer coats!

4. Embrace fur (or faux fur, of course)
There aren't many redeeming factors about living through really cold weather fashion wise, but it is the only time during the year that you can wear fur (or faux fur, of course). So just have fun with it! You can wear fur with just about anything to give your outfit an instant upgrade. Unvest in a statement fur topper, throw on a fur vest or stole over your winter coat, or find cool fur accent pieces like fur collars or even fur mittens to liven up your winter outfits.



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I have the Winter Blues

Is It Seasonal Affective Disorder or Not?

By Renee Summers - Telegram Newspaper Intern



Depression is more common than you think

For many people, it begins when Daylight Saving Time ends and we turn our clocks back each fall. The days suddenly appear shorter, and in fact, there are fewer hours of daylight as the year winds down. Winter months frequently bring grey, gloomy days, which can trigger feelings of depression. It's enough to make almost anyone want to climb under the covers and hibernate until spring.

According to the Mayo Clinic, reduced sunlight during winter months can cause a reduction in the neurotransmitter, serotonin, which affects mood. Reduced levels of serotonin can lead to depression. Additionally, reduced sunlight can have an effect on our biological clocks, another disruption which can contribute to a sluggish, low energy feeling.

The Mayo Clinic defines the condition as Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. The symp-

toms are numerous, including fatigue, difficulty sleeping, changes in appetite or weight, difficulty concentrating, and loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed.

Apart from the effect of shortened daylight hours, no specific cause has been found. In fact, Scientific American Magazine reports that a 2006 study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control on more than 34,000 participants, revealed no evidence of seasonal affective disorder. In contrast, Dr. Norman Rosenthal, M.D., claimed in 2008 that seasonality affects people all over the globe. Rosenthal is retired from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and claims that 6 percent of the U.S. population is affected by SAD, primarily those who reside in norther climates. Another 14 percent, says Rosenthal, suffer from a lesser form known primarily as the "winter blues."

The existence of SAD is confirmed by both the National Institute of Mental Health and the U.S. National Library of Medicine, and is treated as a depressive mood disorder by doctors across the country. So what should one do if they find themselves feeling depressed and hopeless during the winter months? The first stop should be to your primary care doctor. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), SAD can often be misdiagnosed as hypothyroidism or infectious mononucleosis. Depression can be serious and its best to let your doctor know if you are not feeling your best emotionally. A correct diagnosis is important.

If your preference is towards a natural treatment as opposed to anti-depressant medications, the obvious solution to seasonal affective disorder is to get outside and get more natural daylight exposure. Mind-body connection techniques such as deep breathing, yoga or tai chi, and music or art therapy can also be helpful. Exercising, such as a long walk outdoors on a sunny day can be especially helpful. You can also work at making your indoor environment brighter, by opening the blinds or window shades, adding additional lighting and even a cheery houseplant or two.

While research may be conflicting, SAD appears to be a condition embraced and treated by the medical community.

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APPROVED:

Approval of the Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Approval of three permit to Wayne County.

Approval of a contract with United Resource LLC for SAW Grant.

Approval of the FY 2018 Budget Amendments.

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PET/ANIMAL OUTLOOK



Dearborn Animal Shelter

By: Renee Summers - Telegram Intern

The folks at the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit, formerly the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter, have been working to make the lives of homeless animals better since 1996. It was in that year that the organization took charge of operations at the city of Dearborn's animal shelter. The organization's goal was to provide an improved living experience for homeless animals and an increased opportunity for a second chance at a for-

ever home.

The current animal shelter was built in the mid-1970's and had previously served as the city's dog pound. The building has now been outgrown by the organization and its efforts to shelter and place animals in adoptive homes. The shelter currently has roughly 50 animals, dogs and cats, and are proud to say they have placed 1,817 animals into homes this year.

Are you a proud supporter of the Taylor Police Department Canine Unit?

The Taylor Police Department Canine Unit will be raising funds at Southland Center on Sunday, December 17, to support medical bills for the dogs in the program as well as raising money to build a memorial dedicated to the unit that will be located near the Cameron Priebe Plaza, in front of the police station in the City Hall complex. The drive will begin at noon. The unit will be there until they run out of items. Southland Center is open from noon until 6. Members of the unit -- and their dogs -- will be on hand during the fund-raiser. On sale will be various items from T-shirts to stuffed police dogs, K9 support stickers and wristbands dedicated to the effort. According to experts, some of the most popular breeds of police dogs today include German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois, although other dogs like Bloodhounds (good for tracking) and Beagles (good for drug detecting) are used as well. Regardless of what breed they are, police dogs are usually trained from puppies to learn their jobs. Canine) officers are law enforcement professionals who partner with police dogs (K9s) in the execution of their duties. Canine officers agree to the additional responsibility of training and caring for their police K9s. Scent specialty dogs use their scent to track evidence or individuals. Police dogs are specially

trained for law enforcement duties and partnered throughout their training and careers with specific officers. They spend all of their time with those officers -- even going home with them. When the officer retires, so does the dog. The Taylor Police Canine Unit has been greatly aided by the donations of Sam Simon, founder and chairman of Atlas Oil. Simon first donated "Atlas," named after the company (teaming with Officer Rick Barnosky), and followed a year later with "Simon" (partnering with Off. John Regan). The nationally recognized entrepreneur started his career by supplying kerosene to a dozen gas stations in the Detroit area; he eventually runs multiple gas stations and begins distributing by purchasing his first fuel hauler by credit card. Eventually, Atlas Oil is formed, at first supplying 20 stations. The company has continued expand since that point, and in 2006, Simon, was the recipient of ConocoPhillips' Spirit of Excellence Award during its Branded Marketing Convention in Orlando. The award is given to marketers that show the company's core values of safety, people, integrity, responsibility, innovation and teamwork in both personal and professional lives. The Taylor Police Canine Unit greatly encourages the public to meet them at Southland Center on Sunday and support their cause.

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Assuage
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Verb: to soothe, calm, or mollify:

Ex. Sentence: She assuaged his fear of vaccines by offering a prize afterwards.
Origin: from Old French assouagier, from Vulgar Latin assuāviāre (unattested) to sweeten, from Latin suāvis pleasant

Local High School Basketball
this Week

By Butch Davis

It's early in the season for Girls and Boys basketball as student athletics will share in task of most schools taking those tests and bring up those grades up in class before the holidays vacations weeks originates. Still there is much basketball for the Girls and Boys to be played before the districts are played in February. Here are this week schedule basketball games that will be play by the high school Girls and Boys varsity teams in the Telegram News reading area.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/14
Dearborn Hts Star International at Dearborn Advanced Tech 7:30PM

West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish at Riverview Gabriel Richard 7:30PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/15
Redford Thurston at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 7:30 PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Brownstown Woodhaven 7:00 PM
Birmingham Brother Rice at Dearborn Divine Child 7:00PM
Detroit Universal Academy at Dearborn Fordson 7:00PM
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn Heights Crestwood 7:00PM
Allen Park Cabrini at Detroit Cristo Rey 6:00PM
Southgate Anderson at Lincoln Park 7:00PM
Romulus Summit Academy North at Livonia Clarenceville 7:00PM
Charyl Stockwell Academy at Lutheran Westland 7:00PM
Gibraltar Carlson at Melvindale 7:00PM
Garden City at Riverview 7:00PM
Allen Park at Trenton 7:00PM
Canton at Westland John Glenn 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/16
Ferndale at Ecorse 7:00 PM
Dearborn at Traverse City Central 12:00PM
Dearborn Henry Ford Academy at Ypsilanti Lincoln 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/17
Chicago Longwood Academy (IL) at Dearborn Heights Robichaud 2:30 PM
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Flat Rock 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/18
Lutheran Westland at Taylor Preparatory 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/19
Taylor Truman at Allen Park 7:00PM
Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn Edsel Ford 7:00PM
Cornerstone Leadership and Business at Dearborn Heights Robichaud 7:00PM
Michigan Math & Science at Dearborn Hts Star International 6:30PM
Detroit Western International at Detroit Cass Tech 4:00PM
Brownstown Woodhaven at Melvindale 7:00PM
West Bloomfield at River Rouge 7:00PM
Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Riverview 7:00PM
Marine City Cardinal Mooney at Riverview Gabriel Richard 7:30PM
Redford Union at Romulus Summit Academy North 7:00PM
Westland John Glenn at Salem 7:00PM
Lincoln Park at Wyandotte Roosevelt 7:00PM

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Taylor Preparatory at Detroit Henry Ford Academy Creative 5:30PM
Detroit Davis Aerospace at Detroit Western International 4:00PM
Ferndale University at Melvindale 5:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/15
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Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Allen Park Cabrini 7:00PM
New Boston Huron at Riverview 7:00PM
Lincoln Park at Southgate Anderson 7:00PM
Brownstown Woodhaven at Wyandotte Roosevelt 7:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/18
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Dearborn Heights Annapolis 7:00PM
Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit Martin Luther King 4:00PM
Lutheran Westland at Taylor Preparatory 4:30PM
Grosse Ile at Brownstown Woodhaven 7:00PM
Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Canton Preparatory 5:00PM
Dearborn Fordson at Dearborn Edsel Ford 5:30PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/19
Livonia Franklin at Dearborn Heights Crestwood 7:00PM

Michigan Math & Science at Dearborn Hts Star International 5:00PM
Wyandotte Roosevelt at Lincoln Park 7:00PM
Melvindale at Livonia Clarenceville 7:00PM
Allen Park at Taylor Truman 7:00PM
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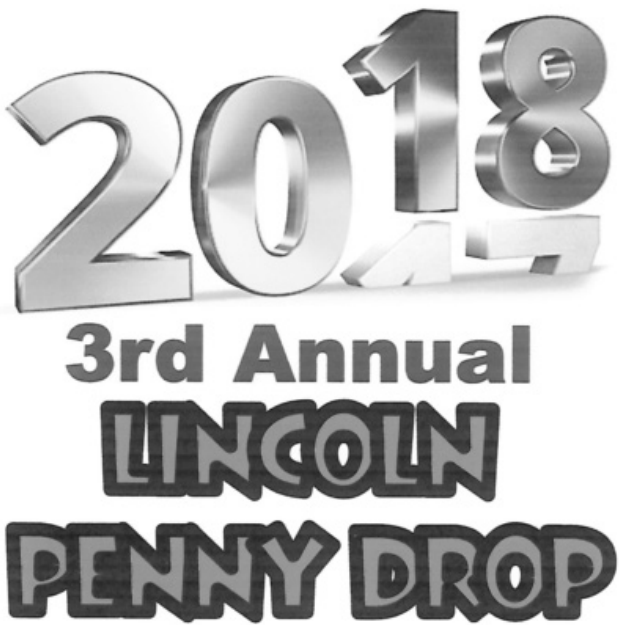
Lions Start a New Winning Stretch

By Butch Davis

Yes indeed, a wild, sloppy 24-21 Detroit Lions win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida on this past Sunday, in addition, Detroit Lions have earned the right to keep their hopes of making the playoffs for at least another week. Perhaps correctly, they did it by making enough plays late in a game to win. Detroit ended its second losing streak of two or more games this season, going 49 yards to set up Matt Prater's 46-yard field goal to beat Tampa Bay 24-21, this past Sunday. In Jim Caldwell's four seasons, the Lions lead the league with 20 wins on drives in the fourth quarter or overtime. They don't always play pretty football, but the Lions are getting just enough from Matthew Stafford and their occasionally opportunistic defense to remain on the fringes of playoff contention. However a fourth-quarter lapse by the Lions made things very interesting, in which they turned to Matt Prater to secure victory on a last-minute field goal, again. Caldwell said this past Monday, on how this team finds ways to fight back and keep the playoff hopes alive: Caldwell responded, "I think we have great men of character. I think these guys love this game, love to play it, love to compete. They're not easily discouraged; they show resolve in every single situation. I think they also realize that within this game it's a great opportunity for lessons to be learned, and how it can affect

the rest of your life and impact your children for generations to come. And these guys set a tone in that regard. They're serious about what they do, but I think the biggest thing is they are not daunted by some huge task and adversity. They use it more as a friend than a foe." Now you know from viewing the Lions all season, Stafford usually doesn't have much of a running game, forcing him to throw a lot and lately he has been very accurate in the one-dimensional offense that relies on his right arm. Nonetheless he is the first NFL player to complete at least 80 percent of his passes in consecutive road games with at least 29 attempts. Against Tampa Bay, he was 36 of 44 and his 81.8 percent completion rate tied for the third-best by an NFL player with at least 44 passes in a game. Detroit (7-6) faces Chicago (4-9) at Ford Field this Saturday afternoon, aiming to close the regular season strong enough to stay in postseason contention. The Lions will have to win their next three games and get some help to reach the playoffs for the second straight time and third overall under Caldwell. There is a chance that Week 17 game against the Packers decides a playoff spot, in which case the Lions will have to prove they finally can beat Rodgers in a meaningful game. Oh, did you heard, Aaron maybe back in uniform for the Packers in the last regular season game against our home team Lions.

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Is it time to go?

By Alma Gill (NNPA News Wire Columnist)



Dear Alma,
I have been with this person for six years, and we've had our up and downs, like any relationship. We are living apart but he still wants us to keep our friendship. I don't, because he needs to get himself together financially and mentally. Basically, I feel if someone truly loves you, they will do whatever it takes to be with the person. He's just not moving fast enough for me. I do love him and want to be with him, but I can't wait any longer. Now my problem is trying to move on and forget him. What's the best way to handle this?

Hey now,
Six is the magic number. So you've been with him for six years. You guys don't live together; you aren't engaged, and he needs to get it together. He wants to continue a "friendship," but you want more, and since he hasn't obliged, you're ready to move on.
First, I applaud you for making the decision to break it off, re-define, redirect and find your joy. Some people stay in an unfulfilled relationship for the sake of being in a relationship, and that's never a healthy decision. Truth be told, let's give him credit; a friendship is all that he wants, and a friendship is all that he has to offer – to you.
You, on the other hand, have decided that's not enough, and that's ok. You know you better

than anyone else. By making the decision to break it off and move on in your mind, all you need now is for your heart to catch on. That ol' heart always takes a little more time with this sorta thing, doesn't it?
While working through the heartache, keep in mind – after a break-up, we think...and ponder...and reminisce... about how we wish it could have been. I call that the coulda, shoulda, woulda stage. Since you will be thinking about it, for a little while anyway, put yourself on the path of thinking about the real deal of what's been happening for the past six years. Even if you have to write it down. That way, you can recall and reread what really happened and how it made you feel.
Now, the next step toward moving on – take the time to refuel. I'd suggest focusing on what brings you strength. If there's a particular minister or motivational speaker you like, listen to them, every day. If you like to walk, run, dance, workout, swim, do that for yourself – every day – or as much as you can. Download your best pick-me-up songs on your iPod, and listen to them. Hum along and take it all in.
Let's imagine you're preparing to take a long road trip. Close your eyes, see yourself at a gas station; you're filling up your tank – a red sports car, I hope, LOL. Do the same for your heart – refuel. Keep busy, find a new hobby. How about volunteering at church, with the elderly, a charity, or with kids? Take the focus off him and focus on you. Use this time to allow yourself to work on being the best person you can be, who without a doubt is taking the time to live her life to the fullest. You can do it!

Sip and Sample Soiree

Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



The best of both worlds collided in a breakout event for two local artist. Poet, Dominique Henson. Who goes by the pen name "A Poet From The D." Teamed up with Urban Contemporary Artist, Meagen

Maree for the Sip and Sample Soiree. A cozy, well put together art show that celebrated both young lady's talents.
Snacks were provided, and guest were treated like family.

The event was spoken into life by an idea suggested by Meagen. A collaborate effort of greeting cards. Where Dominique would craft the good wishes and Meagen illustrated the pictures.



Artist Maegen Maree and Poet Domnique Henson make a good team

Photo by Xavier Jones

A simple thought was transformed to a genius operation. With the help of Dominique's aunt, Kimberly Whitsett, who owns a local printing company, Kim's Quality Printing and More. Kimberly's influence started the fire on the process.

Three weeks later the Sip and Sample Soiree came to be. Christmas cards weren't by far the only loot available. Framed poetry, custom ornaments, and even canvas paintings were up for grabs. It was hard to be in the room and not spend any money.

Dominique and Meagen both finished high school in 2009 and met on the campus of Wayne State University. The sharing of a Subway sandwich started a beautiful friendship for the two creators.

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

Part II

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



Colin Kaepernick Is Recipient of 2017 Sports Illustrated Muhammad Ali Legacy Award

The real story is that a handful of players have stood up for what they feel is right. Now the question is, what is the African American community going to do to support them? Do you have the courage to turn the channel when your favorite team(s) play on Sunday? Do you have the courage to publicly tell people that you support the players who choose to take a knee for justice and not just us? Do you have the courage to proudly wear the jersey of Colin Kaepernick, Michael Bennett or any other player who chooses to kneel or sit during the national anthem? Do you have the courage to start your own personal social media campaign supporting those players who take a knee to say that Black lives matter just as much as any other lives in this country? Are you willing to show your unwavering support for those who are standing tall by taking a knee during the national anthem? Will you write a letter, email or tweet to the NFL, the 45th occupant of the White House and your congressional delegation expressing your concerns about this issue? Do you have the backbone to stand up and advocate for freedom, justice and equality for those who are no longer here to speak for themselves? Don't let the smoke screens fool you. The players have taken a very simple stance

based on their principled beliefs. The NFL is taking a stance based on money, profits and financial interest. Until recently, NFL teams were not required to be on the field during the national anthem, but they changed their policy after receiving money from the government to do so. Those who know me, know that I am a big fan of football and a lifelong fan of the Seattle Seahawks. However, while I support my favorite team, I also realize that there are things in life that are bigger than sports. I firmly believe that the value of a Black life is worth more than a victory by my team on Sunday, and more valuable than winning a playoff game or a championship. The message that the players are sending is about the most valuable commodity that we have—the value of life. We have the attention of the country, whether or not we leverage the sacrifices of the players to bring about true dialogue and solutions to the problem is up to us. The issue before us is not about disrespecting the flag, its about the senseless bloodshed that lies densely on the streets of communities across this country and the lack of justice that relates to issues that affect just us. Like the song says, “Say it loud, I’m Black and I’m Proud.” If you believe that Black lives

matter you should not be ashamed to show it. It’s up to our community to bring that narrative back to its original state. It’s not about the flag, its not about the NFL, its not about the 45th occupant of the White House. It’s about the disparate treatment of Black folks in this country, and why everybody, but us wants to turn a blind eye to it. There are those oppressive souls that will continue to dilute the narrative, muddy the waters and try to silence the calls for justice. It is up to us, not the players, to pick up this torch, wave it as high as we can in the air, and refuse to lose our focus on the prize, because at the end of the day it’s not just about us, its about all of us!

For those of you who choose to protest, here is the best way (I believe) to do so:

- Turn the channel during the NFL’s big three nights—Monday night, Thursday night and Sunday night football. It’s not enough to just turn your TV off and do some other activity. Turn to a channel owned by African Americans during the games like TV One (Cathy Hughes), Aspire (Magic Johnson) or OWN (Oprah Winfrey). This will send a clear message that African Americans are turning away from football and will not allow anyone to spin that narrative. This not only shows that we are united in this fight, but it will also help these channels leverage our eyeballs into more advertising dollars and be able to bring additional culturally relevant programming to our community. It’s time to change the narrative from just us to justice, and you have the power to do it!

Through the eyes of an ink barrel, may peace be unto you.

Chris B. Bennett is an award-winning journalist and co-publisher of The Seattle Medium newspaper. You can follow him on Twitter @The_inkbarrel.

Cleveland, Ohio – The Mid-American Conference announced its 2017 Football Academic All-MAC team as a total of 144 students were named to the 2017 Academic All-MAC team.

Eastern Michigan (Sergio Bailey II, Blake Banham, Jason Beck, Jake Donnellon, Paulie Fricano, Juan Giraldo, Jeremiah Harris, Clay Holford, Brody Hoying, Jimmy Leatiota, Luke Maclean, Keyan Marshall, Steven Nielsen, Johnnie Niupalau, Jalen Phelps, Dan Samuelson, Ike Spearman and Breck Turner) topped the 2017 Academic All-MAC squad with 18 selections.

Western Michigan (Lucas Bezerra, Mark Brooks, Mike Caliendo, Stefan Claiborne, Jaret Curtis, Ra'Sean Davie, Mitch Heimbuch, Luke Juriga, Spencer Kanz, John Keenoy, Nick Matich, Odell Miller, Derrick Mitchell, Zach Novoselsky, Giovanni Ricci and Jon Wassink) was second with 16 selections, while Ohio (Kent Berger, Dorian Brown, Austin Clark, Dylan Connor, Austin Conrad, Jared Dorsa, Cody Grilliot, Kyle Kuhar, Troy Mangen, Quinton Maxwell, Andrew Meyer, Quentin Poling, Eric Popp and Jake Pruehs) was third with 14 selections.

There were 11 students named as four-time selections with Vinnie Palazeti (Ball State), Joseph Davidson (Bowling Green), Ryan Hunter (Bowling Green), Nate Locke (Bowling

Green), Mark Chapman (Central Michigan), Jeff Perry (Central Michigan), Randy Heideman (Miami), Shane Wimann (Northern Illinois), Dorian Brown (Ohio), Cody Grilliot (Ohio) and Quentin Poling (Ohio).

There were 16 students named as three-time selections: Trevor Roop (Bowling Green), Austin Doan (Central Michigan), Joe Ostman (Central Michigan), Blake Banham (Eastern Michigan), Jason Beck (Eastern Michigan), James Alexander (Kent State), George Bollas (Kent State), Marcus Elliott (Kent State), Christian Hagan (Northern Illinois), Max Scharping (Northern Illinois), Luke Shively (Northern Illinois), Nate Jeppeesen (Toledo), Brad Spelman (Toledo), Lucas Bezerra (Western Michigan), Derrick Mitchell (Western Michigan) and Zach Novoselsky (Western Michigan).

In addition, another 43 students were named as two-time Academic All-MAC selections.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

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