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



The Michigan State Police (MSP) Missing Persons Coordination Unit invites fifth grade students statewide to participate in the 2018 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. The annual contest creates an opportunity to promote child safety while discussing the issue of missing and/or exploited children. More than 1,000 children are reported missing each week in Michigan.

Michigan's winning artist will have a shot at the national contest, which includes a free trip to Washington D.C. and their artwork featured as the National Missing Children's Day poster. The 2015 national winner was a Michigan student from Grand Blanc.

Contest rules are as follows:

Applicants must be in the fifth grade.

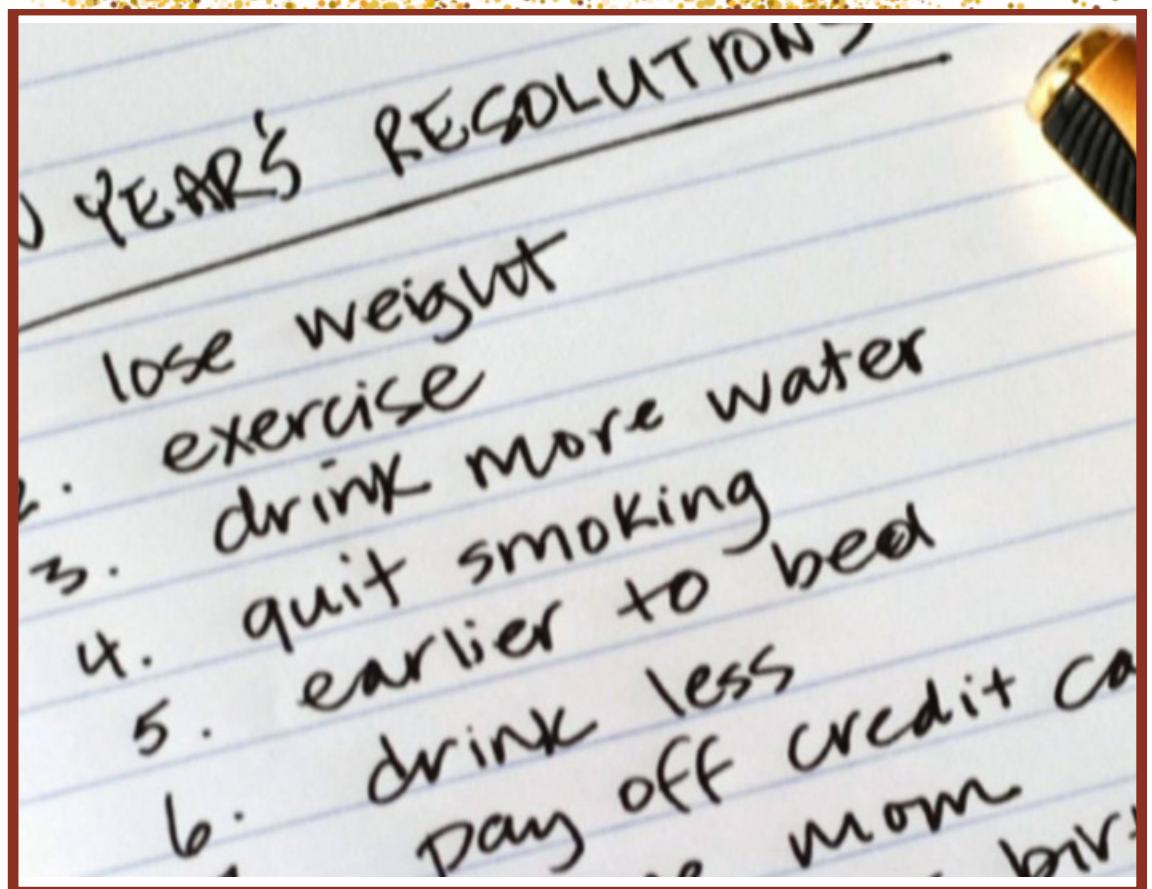
Original artwork should reflect the theme "Bring Our Missing Children Home" and the phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.

Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping will not be eligible for consideration. The finished poster must measure 8½ x 14 inches. The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the artwork and a brief biography of the artist, either written or typed. Submissions are due by Jan. 31, 2018, and must be mailed to:

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Three new council members were sworn in during a special ceremony before Westland's Council meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2018. The new council persons are James Hart II, Tasha Green and Michael Londeau. Also taking the oath were Councilman Peter Herzberg and Mayor William Wild who were re-elected in the General Election in November 2017.

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Michigan Lawmakers Demand Real Solution to Children's Health Care Crisis, Flint Recovery Effort

Democratic leaders urge Congress to act, highlight framework for lasting fix



LANSING. — State legislators in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives are pushing Congress for a comprehensive, long-term solution to the crisis surrounding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Funding for CHIP lapsed in September 2017, and without a resolution by December 22, 2017, families of more than 116,000 Michigan children will receive notices in January informing them that they could lose coverage.

CHIP also has a unique impact on Michigan. Much of the Flint Water Crisis recovery resources, including services for health assessments and lead pipe replacement, are tied to the program. "The news trucks and cameras may not be here every day, but Flint families will be struggling to recover for years to come," said **Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint)**, who lives in Flint with his wife and two-year-old son. "Congressional leaders like Speaker Ryan, who came to Michigan

and made promises to my city, need to live up to them — and that means fixing the children's health crisis they've created."

On behalf of their respective caucuses, **Sen. Ananich and House Democratic Leader Sam Singh (D-East Lansing)** wrote to Congress and outlined key elements and recommendations for a final CHIP agreement.

"Children deserve better than to become collateral damage in the partisan warfare that consumes our Capitol -- they deserve healthcare," Rep. Singh said. "This shouldn't be a partisan issue. CHIP has had strong bipartisan support for decades. It's more critical than ever for Congress to show that they have at least some ability left to work together and get this done right."

Their concerns echo that of citizens and advocates across the state and across the U.S., who are demanding that cer-

tainty be provided to those who rely on the program. Their recommendations suggest that a final deal must:

- Provide long-term stability. The turmoil, for families who may not have any alternatives, should be alleviated through a multi-year, comprehensively funded agreement;
- Avoid fixing one problem while creating new ones. There have been some suggestions of drastically reducing other important health initiatives to shore up CHIP, which is unacceptable; and,
- Not shift more burden to states. Michigan, like many other states, is already struggling to address numerous budget needs and is ill-prepared to absorb any additional mandates from Washington, D.C. Pediatrician Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, who was instrumental in exposing the Flint Water Crisis and leading recovery efforts and lead abatement awareness, recently added her voice to the cause. "The health of our children should always be our number one priority, and that should go without saying," Dr. Hanna-Attisha said. "It's a sad state of affairs when we have to petition our government to fund health care for its youngest constituents. We cannot continue down this path of leaving CHIP funding hanging in the balance — a long-term, stable solution needs to happen now."

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CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY

National Civil Rights Group Responds to President Trump's Executive Order Disbanding Election Integrity Committee



Washington, D.C. — Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, released the following statement after President Trump issued a January 3, 2018 Executive Order disbanding the highly controversial Election Integrity Commission:

"The President's Election Integrity Commission was a vehicle launched for the singular purpose of laying the groundwork to promote voter suppression policies on a national scale. This unprecedented effort demonstrated this administration's clear hostility to voting rights. We mounted successful litigation against the administration that exposed its failure to abide by federal transparency requirements and vowed to keep fighting until the Commission was terminated. Today's Executive Order

disbanding the Commission is a victory for those who are concerned about ensuring access to the ballot box across the country.

That said, we will remain vigilant. As with the Muslim Ban, this administration has a track record of repackaging and reissuing old and discriminatory policies. At every turn, we will fight this administration's attempts to restrict the voting rights of ordinary Americans."

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law had undertaken a series of comprehensive actions to challenge the Commission. Those actions included mounting successful litigation in the D.C. District Court demanding the Commission operate in a transparent manner pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA); launching a hotline for the

public to report instances of voter suppression (866-OUR-VOTE); sending letters to Secretaries of State demanding they not comply with Mr. Kobach's unprecedented request for voter roll data; filing a Hatch Act complaint against Mr. Kobach regarding his repeated exploitation of his Commission role to solicit campaign contributions and promote his candidacy for Governor of Kansas; and issuance of a FOIA letter to the U.S. Department of Justice to expose collusion between the Election Integrity Commission and the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division's Voting Section.

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Year ends with same result for Lions

By Jim Abeare



Under his leadership, Austin has made the defense into formidable weapon.

It was ranked second in 2014. Bob Quinn and other general managers have an idea of what kind of head coach he would be.

The other interesting name is New England defensive coordinator, Matt Patricia.

His entire coaching career has been spent on the sidelines with the Patriots.

The results pf his efforts can be seen every week on the field.

Coming from the Pats himself, Quinn should have a good idea about Patricia.

One person left in question in this shake-up is offensive coordinator, Jim Bob Cooter. Under Cooter, Stafford has turned into an upper level quarterback.

Do the Lions really want to loose him to another team that might come back and haunt them.

I heard the Bears are interested in him as their offensive coordinator.

Caldwell will go down as one of the Lions better coaches, probably the best since legendary coach Joe Schmidt.

Who ever the Lions choose as their next coach, winning is the key word.

Anything else will be a failure.

The season is mercifully over for the Lions, and even though they had a winning record (9-7), for the second year in a row, they missed out on the playoffs.

There has been casualties. Head coach Jim Caldwell has been released and so has the offensive line coach.

There will be more. Under a new coach, some players will also be cut.

But the Lions should be an attractive location for a possible head coach.

One of the better quarterbacks in the league with Matt Stafford.

There is also Darius Slay, Glover Quinn and Golden Tate, though a gut feeling tells me Tate won't be here next year.

I hope I am wrong. There are plenty of people that Lions should be looking at.

Two that top that list are Teryl Austin and Matt Patricia.

Teryl Austin is the current Lions defensive coordinator and has been talked about as a possible head coach around the league the last three years.

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In The Spirit

Is God Relevant in your Life?



Romans 1:24-32  
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evant to my life, at least not right now. I need to be free to do me. I got things to do.”  
There is a difference between freedom and desiring to be free from God. If you are not free in Christ - you are not free at all. Unrighteousness is the greatest and darkest form of slavery, because you think you are free. When people don’t surrender themselves to the freedom of God, they enslave themselves to the desires of their heart which leads to a very dark place.  
For many, God is not relevant until there is a need. THEN GOD becomes very relevant. Those of us who are is Christ knows that God has a way of making Himself relevant very quickly! The question is, will the recognition come in time to save you from the penalties of your actions? No God no Glory.  
Lord, we pray that recognition does not come too late. Freedom from God is not freedom.  
*Pastor Mark Zockheem  
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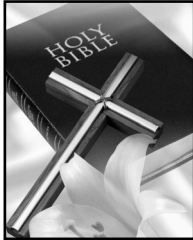
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# Activist Erica Garner, Daughter of Eric Garner, Died December 30

By Stacy M. Brown (NNPA Newswire Contributor)



Erica Garner, who became an activist for all who were wronged by the American justice system, died on Saturday, December 30. She was 27. A Twitter account associated with Erica Garner spoke of her compassion for humanity. CNN reported that her family is controlling the account. "When you report this you re-

member she was human: mother, daughter, sister, aunt," Garner's account tweeted. "Her heart was bigger than the world. It really, really was. She cared when most people wouldn't have. She was good. She only pursued right, no matter what. No one gave her justice." Garner famously and fiercely sought justice for her father, Eric Garner, who died from a police chokehold in Staten Island, New York on July 17, 2014. She led marches and demonstrations in New York City and other places, and even appeared on national television imploring the Department of Justice to review the circumstances that led up to her father's death.

Erica Garner's mother, Esaw Snipes, said, "She was a fighter, she was a warrior and she lost the battle. She never recovered from when her father died," according to CNN. Snipes said that Garner suffered from the effects of an enlarged heart after giving birth to her son three months ago, CNN reported. "I warned her everyday, you have to slow down, you have to relax and slow down," Snipes said. According to Erica Garner's Twitter account, the activist went into cardiac arrest and suffered major brain damage from a lack of oxygen. In a statement about Erica Garner's work as an advocate for criminal justice reform, Rev. Al Sharpton called her a warrior.

## DEATH NOTICE



Freddy worked at BASF for many years. He served as an active member of Triumph Church under the leadership of Pastor Solomon V. Kinloch, Jr. until his transition. Freddy had an amazing voice and loved to sing. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 43 years Janis; six children, LaNesse (David) Minor, Frea, Damelia Glenn, Fred, Murdic, Reginald Moorehead and an adopted son, Ronnie Hardy; nine grandchildren, Akira, Lorenzo Jr., Alanzo, Trevon, Armetrus, Reginald Jr., Tailour, Tamya and Madisynn; five great-grandchildren, Aziya, Anaija, LaZaya, Ashton, London and one on the way. Siblings, Jenifer (Cordell) Martin, Charlene Hodges and Gracie (Richard) Brown; Murdic.

Freddy M. Johnson was born on March 22, 1955 in River Rouge, Michigan to Fred and Ollie Mae Johnson. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and answered his call to the ministry. He graduated from Ecorse High School in 1973. He met and married the love of his life, Janis. They were blessed with four children; LaNesse, Frea, Fred and Murdic.

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# NAIAS, PNC Foundation to Host Detroit Pre-K Students at "PNC Grow Up Great Day"



DETROIT, /PRNewswire/ — The North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) and the PNC Foundation will greet over 400 Detroit Public School pre-K students as part of "PNC Grow Up Great Day" at the show, Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018.

Dedicated to providing the very youngest members of the community with a fun and engaging look at the auto industry, "PNC Grow Up Great Day" at the NAIAS is part of PNC Grow Up Great®, a \$350 million, multi-year, bilingual initiative to early childhood education.

Ric Devore, PNC regional president for Detroit and Southeast Michigan, will kick off the pre-K event, now in its eighth year. Plenty of age-appropriate, hands-on science, technology, reading, engineering arts and mathematics (STREAM) activities will follow — many based on the participatory-based HighScope Pre-school Curriculum. Activities will include a coloring contest, an Arts and Scraps project, a parade of cars and teachers, a group photo and a number of other entertaining workshops on the show floor.

"This special day at the show provides young, inquisitive minds with an innovative and fun way to think about cars and the auto show," said 2018 NAIAS Chairman Ryan LaFontaine. "Some of these youngsters may be future leaders within our industry, so let's spark their imagination and curiosity about automobiles at the earliest possible age."

Every participant will go home with a copy of the book, "Pincy's Auto Show Adventures," in addition to receiving a stuffed animal

version of the lovable canine. Pincy was created by NAIAS and PNC to give youngsters a lighthearted way to learn about automobiles and the auto show.

"PNC's support of 'PNC Grow Up Great Day' reflects our strong corporate commitment to early childhood education in Detroit and communities served by PNC," said DeVore. "Over the past eight years, PNC has brought more than 2,900 DPS preschool students to this world-class show in an effort to spark an interest in math and science at an early age."

"PNC Grow Up Great Day" students will also be given lesson plans to bring NAIAS STREAM education home and engage families in the children's learning. In addition, a booster seat will be awarded randomly to one lucky preschooler.

About the PNC Foundation The PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group, actively supports organizations that provide services for the benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence. The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on

early childhood education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture. Through Grow Up Great, its signature cause that began in 2004, PNC has created a \$350 million, multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life.

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## SENIOR LIVING

### Stuck in the Middle: What You Need to Know About Caregiving



Caregiver, Kathie Wells, her husband Robert, and their family.

(StatePoint) As the population ages, more people (particularly women) will be “sandwiched” in between taking care of their parents or other family members in need, and their children.

Take telenurse and nurse educator Kathie Wells, RN, BSN, CCM. At age 55, she is juggling full-time work, while raising school-age kids and caring for her husband Robert, 64, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (PD) in 2002.

As a nurse, Wells understood the onset and progression of PD, which often includes motor symptoms such as tremor, rigidity and balance issues. But her husband's disease progressed in a surprising way when he began to see and believe things that weren't real.

PD is a neurodegenerative brain disorder often involving both motor and non-motor

symptoms, including hallucinations and delusions. When those symptoms appear, it may be Parkinson's disease psychosis (PDP) and it occurs in more than half the people with Parkinson's during the course of their disease. Yet, only 10 to 20 percent of patients will proactively report their hallucinations and delusions to their doctor.

When Wells' husband began to experience delusions, she found his behavior frustrating and alarming. For example, Robert would spend hours in the yard digging up garden stones, convinced he'd found valuable “treasure.” Neighbors remarked on Robert's behavior and his children wouldn't invite friends over to avoid them seeing their dad relentlessly digging. Robert's delusions combined with his other PD motor symptoms were hard for Wells to manage. She struggled to get enough sleep caring for Robert, and their

children were hesitant to go out in public with their father because he shared his treasure hunting stories with strangers all the time.

While there's currently no cure for PD, there are different treatment options to address both motor and non-motor symptoms. Wells says it was a relief when her husband's neurologist suggested an FDA-approved medication indicated for the treatment of hallucinations and delusions associated with PDP.

Wells recommends the following to caregivers of people with Parkinson's.

- Consider talking to a professional, as caregivers are more likely to experience relationships or social life suffering and emotional stress than non-caregivers. Likewise, caregiving can take a toll on physical health. Take time to sleep, destress, eat well and exercise.
- Seek logistical and emotional help from family, friends, support groups and advocacy groups, who often have free resources available. For example, the Parkinson's Foundation has advice for caregivers and a helpline staffed by nurses, social workers and therapists.

- Even if you understand your loved one's condition, report new symptoms or concerns to a healthcare provider as they arise. “I now know that delusions along with hallucinations are telltale signs of Parkinson's disease psychosis, however, I didn't recognize those symptoms immediately,” says Wells.

For more information visit [www.moretoparkinsons.com](http://www.moretoparkinsons.com).

Remember that you're not alone. Support exists to help you manage the struggles associated with caring for loved ones.

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4 Ways Parents Should Comfort Their Kids After A Tragedy



In an ever-dangerous world reported on by round-the-clock media, the emotional effects of major tragic events transcend local boundaries. They trouble the national psyche, bringing sadness, anger, fear and anxiety throughout the country, and they can make a particularly heavy impact on children and teens.

Two of the five deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history occurred in a recent five-week span – the killing rampage on Nov. 5 at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, that left 26 dead, which followed the murder of 58 at the Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas. Such horrific news, for which there are no easy answers, often prompts questions from kids to their parents. Parenting experts say that while these tragedies are difficult to explain, it is vital that parents be especially tuned in to their kids and help them through a period that can be confusing, scary and traumatic.

“All parents want to protect their children from pain, including emotional pain,” says Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio (www.greengateleadership.com), a family therapist and author of Simple Habits of Exceptional (But Not Perfect) Parents.

“These crimes frighten and confuse all of us, regardless of age and whether or not the latest one happened near where we live. We want our kids to know that we’re right there with them, and that we’ll help them get through the mess of feelings they must be having.” Dolan-Del Vecchio gives four tips to help parents comfort their kids in the wake of national tragedies:

- Listen. Children need a sounding board for their questions. “It would be great if there were magic words to take away their upset feelings, but there are none,” Dolan-Del Vecchio says.

“There is a certain degree of magic, however, in just listening and reassuring our child that their feelings of shock, fear and anger are normal. And when they ask questions about why people do such terrible things, we can let them know that we wrestle with the very same questions.”

- Be real, be calm. Sometimes the best reassurance is two-fold: Acknowledging that there is danger in the world and, also, reminding our child that their school and neighborhood do everything possible to keep everyone safe. “Our calm demeanor, honesty and reassurance demonstrate courage, put the news in perspective, and help our kids manage their fears,” Dolan-Del Vecchio says.

- Limit exposure to graphic details and images. Exposure to the constant news stream or repetitive, graphic images can be damaging. “This is an event they’ll long remember,” Dolan-Del Vecchio says. “Over-exposure to the news unnecessarily heightens their fears and anxieties. It reinforces the traumatic impact.”

- Observe them closely. Engaged parents pay attention to their child’s emotional health “and seek assistance if needed, just as they would for any other health concern,” Dolan-Del Vecchio says. “They recognize when their child feels emotional distress.” Parents should watch for any dramatic changes in behavior or a dip in school performance.

“Our kids are always watching us. Everything we do teaches them something about how to live,” Dolan-Del Vecchio says. “In times of national tragedy, we can reinforce their safety and teach them not to live in fear.”

By: Ken Dolan-Del Vecchio

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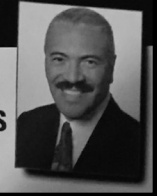
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INSPIRING SUCCESS

Ms. Brown Reaches The Light

Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



Diamond Brown - River Rouge High School Graduate, Eastern Michigan University Graduate

Diamond Marie Brown has been on the receiving end of handfuls of blessings. Brown, a resilient young lady native of River Rouge. She received her Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Diamond double majored in English and Communications. She held a minor in Women in Gender Studies. Diamond is the first of her five siblings to graduate from college.

Commencement was no way an easy feat for Diamond. Resulting in her having to grow, thrive and learn in an environment where some don't make it out. Diamond was raised by her grandparents. Marie and Otis Willingham.

Marie worked as a nurse and retired as a quality inspector. Otis retired from Great Lakes Steel. The Willinghams did their best to raise their grandchildren together. In a family oriented home Diamond declares was more "church than cable,". Kenyel, Javon, Ryan, Le'Otis, Pierre, and their little sister overcame life after their Mother's death.

Diamond matured fast and caught on to the world quick. Excelling on the schoolyard participating in Tri City and Sand Castles as a kid. In 2011 she would finish high school in River Rouge. Lettering in all sports Rouge had to offer, winning the award of most athletic.

Despite accolades high school didn't come without tragedy. Shortly before graduation, Marie passed away. Shifting the family dynamic. Causing Javon and Ryan to step up and fill in energy their Grandmother left behind. Diamond went on to live with her Godmother, Tina Laginess after her Grandmother's death. Tina introduced Diamond to a special, nurturing female strand of wisdom.

2012 Diamond enrolled in Eastern as a transfer student. But this phase of her life couldn't start without a setback in the family. Unexpectedly Javon was murdered in cold blood. Twisting the world around overnight. The family searched for the perpetra-

tor as Diamond started school.

Otis passed away in 2013, leaving behind lessons of independence. Diamond used what the strong and silent man left behind to help her push through the loss. His famous quote hangs over us to this day. "Nobody cares about the labor pains, they just want to see the baby."

During her third year of school she birthed a baby boy, Maurice Otis Bostic. Diamond educated her son on her own terms. This helped her settle down on her major after cycling through different programs. Biology, occupational therapy, nursing, women in gender studies and psychology.

When asked about her journey Diamond had this to say.

"Never let your past define who you are. Life may detour you from your dreams just keep your faith and push through and when life starts to take a toll on you just remember what you are doing and who you are doing it for."

Diamond plans on teaching, young kids and older pupils. Working to become a professor teaching in African American and Interracial Communications. She plans to use her personality to advocate for children who are on the autism spectrum.

Ms. Brown certainly speaks to the survivor in all of us. She couldn't do it alone. Diamond was backed by an iron curtain support system. The people in her life have truly been a breath of fresh air behind her back. She gives special credit to Tina Laginess, Tatiana Monroe, and Walter Sasser. It was an inspiration to hear her story.

Telegram - How did losing your Mother at a young age impact your life afterwards?

Ms. Brown- Some people took advantage knowing you have limited resources. I always felt like a part of me was always missing so I always tried to stay ahead of the game. Not having her made me grow up fast, I saw things for what they really were.

When I failed I learned how to pick myself up. Dealing with situations that most people would have to call their parents for.

Telegram - What did Javon mean to you? And how did you feel after his death?

Ms. Brown - Javon was my hero. More than a big brother, like a father figure. He was on me about grades, choosing the right friends, sports, independence, and stability. He's got a lot of influence on the way I move and handle business. For awhile I felt empty and unsure. There was a phenomenal woman inside of me that he always saw. He taught me how to overcome anything. Knowing it's always a way to get yourself out the hole. I want to smile and tell him I made it!

Telegram - How did it feel to graduate college?

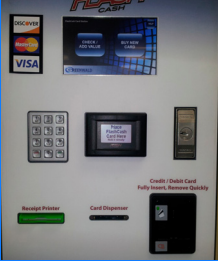
Ms. Brown - Proud of myself. I overcame so much and worked so hard to get there. I've finally seen a little bit of the light at the end of the tunnel! I'm one step closer to my goal of earning my doctorates degree.

Telegram - What does your Grandfather's words mean to you?

Ms. Brown - Nobody cares about what you went through. In the end they are just ready to judge the results.

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HISTORY LESSON

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter From Birmingham City Jail

Part I



Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy being arrested in Birmingham, Alabama

April 16, 1963

My Dear Fellow Clergymen, While confined here in the Birmingham City Jail, I came across your recent statement calling our present activities "unwise and untimely." Seldom, if ever, do I pause to answer criticism of my work and ideas ... But since I feel that you are men of genuine good will and your criticisms are sincerely set forth, I would like to answer your statement in what I hope will be patient and reasonable terms. I think I should give the reason for my being in Birmingham, since you have been influenced by the argument of "outsiders coming in." I have the honor of serving as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization operating in every Southern state with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. We have some 85 affiliate organizations all across the South ... Several months ago our local affiliate here in Birmingham invited us to be on call to engage in a nonviolent direct action program if such were deemed necessary. We readily consented. In any nonviolent campaign there are four basic steps: 1) collection of the facts to determine whether injustices are alive; 2) negotiation; 3) self-purification; and 4) direct action. We have gone through all of these steps in Birmingham ... Birmingham is probably the most thoroughly segregated city in the United States. Its ugly record of police brutality is known in every section of the country. Its unjust treatment of Negroes in the courts is a notorious reality. There have been more unsolved bombings of Negro homes and churches in Birmingham than in any city in this nation. These are the hard, brutal, and unbelievable facts. On the basis of these conditions Negro leaders sought to negotiate with the city fathers. But the political leaders consistently refused to engage in good faith negotiation. Then came the opportunity last September to talk with some of the leaders of the economic

community. In these negotiating sessions certain promises were made by the merchants—such as the promise to remove the humiliating racial signs from the stores. On the basis of these promises Reverend Shuttlesworth and the leaders of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights agreed to call a moratorium on any type of demonstrations. As the weeks and months unfolded we realized that we were the victims of a broken promise. The signs remained. As in so many experiences in the past, we were confronted with blasted hopes, and the dark shadow of a deep disappointment settled upon us. So we had no alternative except that of preparing for direct action, whereby we would present our very bodies as a means of laying our case before the conscience of the local and national community. We were not unmindful of the difficulties involved. So we decided to go through the process of self-purification. We started having workshops on nonviolence and repeatedly asked ourselves the questions, "are you able to accept the blows without retaliating?" "Are you able to endure the ordeals of jail?" You may well ask, "Why direct action? Why sit-ins, marches, etc.? Isn't negotiation a better path?" You are exactly right in your call for negotiation. Indeed, this is the purpose of direct action. Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront

the issue. My friends, I must say to you that we have not made a single gain in civil rights without legal and nonviolent pressure. History is the long and tragic story of the fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily. Individuals may see the moral light and give up their unjust posture; but as Reinhold Niebuhr has reminded us, groups are more immoral than individuals. We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Frankly I have never yet engaged in a direct action movement that was "well timed," according to the timetable of those who have not suffered unduly from the disease of segregation. For years now I have heard the word "Wait!" It rings in the ear of every Negro with a piercing familiarity. This "wait" has almost always meant "never." It has been a tranquilizing Thalidomide, relieving the emotional stress for a moment, only to give birth to an ill-formed infant of frustration. We must come to see with the distinguished jurist of yesterday that "justice too long delayed is justice denied." We have waited for more than 340 years for our constitutional and God-given rights. The nations of Asia and Africa are moving with jetlike speed toward the goal of political independence, and we still creep at horse and buggy pace toward the gaining of a cup of coffee at a lunch counter. I guess it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say wait. But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate-filled policemen curse, kick, brutalize, and even kill your black brothers and sisters with impunity; when you see the vast majority of your 20 million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six-year-old daughter why she can't go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on TV (continued next week)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dearborn Heights

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Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8PM

there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

Taylor

**Computer Basics**

Join us Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 10:30-11:30AM at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee) to learn computer basics. This week we will learn how to search the internet. Call 734-287-4840 to sign up for this free event. Space is limited.

The Scrap Pack

Come scrapbook with friends! Bring your photos, books, and supplies. The Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee) will provide basic supplies such as paper, hole punchers, scissors, and stickers. This event will take place from 6-7PM on January 10, 2018 and is free to the public.

Mike from USA Hearing Aid Services will provide free hearing screenings, free in office repair every second Wednesday, and free batteries for first time clients. If interested, please sign up by January 8th for the lunch that will take place January 10, 2018 from 11AM-1PM at 6750 Troy St. Contact 313-291-7740.

Westland

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

Westland residents can drop off their Christmas tree at the Recycling Center at the DPS building located at 37137 Marquette during regular operating hours Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm, January 8th through January 19th. Trees should be free of decorations. All trees received will be chipped and recycled for use at the City of Westland Community Garden and other location. You can also put your Christmas trees on the curb the day of your trash pick-up January 4th through January 15th. For more information please call 734-728-1770.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines the City of River Rouge is announcing its Public Hearing and objectives for developing projects using Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES

A) To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or to areas which meet the minimum requirements for CDBG eligibility of at least 42.39% low/moderate income persons.

B) To eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis.

C) To maintain, improve and develop affordable housing and infrastructure for all persons throughout the entire community.

D) To reduce negative environmental impacts.

E) Improve the residential environment by promoting the stabilization and/or long-term revitalization of neighborhoods with balanced housing opportunities, neighborhood improvements and economic development.

F) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.

The City can expect to receive an annual allocation of approximately \$126,346.00 for FY 2018-2019.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

Infrastructure Improvements

Location: City-Wide

Amount: \$50,346.00

Public Services

Location: City-Wide

Amount: \$20,000.00

Housing Rehabilitation

Location: City-Wide

Amount: \$44,000.00

Administration: \$12,000.00

A Public Hearing is scheduled before Mayor and Council to listen and take public comments on proposed CDBG projects on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 10600 West Jefferson Ave.

Interested persons are invited to comment on projects you would like to have funded by this program. We encourage your participation. If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend the meeting please write or call the City Clerk's Office (313) 842-5604, 10600 West Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, MI 48218.

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**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

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Wayne Metro Receives Funding to Help Ease Energy Burden



Detroit, MI - Additional funding to help local households during the 2018 winter heating season has come to Wayne County. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) received funding through the 2018 Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) to provide Home Energy Supports and Assistance for individuals and families in crisis.

The purpose of MEAP is to provide funding for energy assistance, crisis intervention and self-sufficiency services to the State’s neediest households with the highest energy burden. Intervention includes services that resolve a household’s immediate need for assistance with home heating fuel or electricity.

“This funding comes at just the right time. These prolonged frigid winter temperatures increase energy usage and bills will be much higher than normal. This financial burden can weigh heavily on lower wage earners and those with fixed incomes such as seniors,” says Wayne Metro Chief Development & Communications Officer Mia Harnos. “This funding is critical and will sustain safe, stable homes for more than 1,000 Wayne County residents this year.”

Wayne Metro is currently accepting applications for energy and water assistance. To learn more or request help today, please call the Wayne Metro CONNECT(™) Call Center at 313-388-9799 or visit [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org).

ABOUT WAYNE METRO

Wayne Metro is the Community Action Agency serving all of Wayne County, including the City of Detroit. Our mission is to empower low-income people and strengthen communities. The agency has been serving needs of low-income individuals since 1971, delivering more than 30 integrated programs, including educational, housing, financial empowerment and basic needs services to individuals, families, and children. We maintain a low administrative rate (8%) so that \$.92 of every dollar can be utilized for direct client services. With corporate headquarters in the City of Detroit, Wayne Metro maintains over 20 service hubs and sites throughout the City of Detroit and suburban Wayne County including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Grosse Pointe, Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Taylor, Westland and Wyandotte.

HISTORY MAKER OF OUR TIME

Tasha Green Sworn in as First African American Council Women in the City of Westland

By: Xavier Jones - Telegram Media Specialist



Tasha Green is Sworn in by Reasther Everett as her daughter Danyelle Cross holds the bible

Tasha Green has approximately 17 years of experience in the multifamily housing industry and construction industry. Eventhough she is a leader in her chosen field, she has taken on a new position as an Elected Official.

Tasha is the first African American woman to be voted in as a Westland City Councilmember. Truly history in the making. She was sworn in on Tuesday, December 2, 2018 and is ready to start the new year off with a bang. She took a few minutes to answer some questions about this historic undertaking.

Telegram - How does your victory set the pace for black women in 2018?

**Councilwoman Green** - Black women are continuing to take the lead in impacting politics on a national level. Our showing in the recent election of Senator Doug Jones in Alabama was but another confirmation of our ability to motivate, mobilize, and successfully execute. My election as the first African American Woman to Westland City Council was one of many history making elections this year. Monique Owens was elected as the very first African American and African American Woman to Eastpointe, MI City Council and there were also multiple first time Mayoral and Gubernatorial elections of black women nationally. I'm honored to have a voice in affecting the laws and policies that impact the lives of people within my community and for those who look like me who have been overlooked for far too long. I believe you must have a seat at the table for people to hear your voice. I'm grateful to pave the way for other little black girls and boys, and people of all races, who will look at me and know that if I was able to do it they can too.

Telegram - What problems and challenges do you see yourself facing?

**Councilwoman Green** - One of the biggest challenges I see myself immediately facing is the challenge of successfully bringing large businesses into the City of Westland. There's a lot of good competition in the Metro Detroit area as to where a corporation may decide to establish a new headquarters. Downtown Detroit is definitely realizing the positive impact of the revitalization going on in that area and most recently Google has announced that they will join the ranks of many other large companies who've made Detroit their home, which is wonderful. Two of Westland's neighboring cities (Romulus & Livonia) also captured large Amazon distribution centers in their communities. It's imperative that our local government body take a stronger focus to show businesses the value we offer to those who are willing to headquarter in our city. This will result in a revenue increase for our city that is immediately needed to address our ominous budgetary projections.

Telegram - What are the first community issues you will use your influence to change?

**Councilwoman Green** - I'm very blessed to have a strong professional background in real estate management and budgetary control. I would say my top three would be:

-Gaining consensus with other city council members and the current administration on cutting “unessential” expenses and how to increase revenue.

-Bringing large businesses into Westland.

-Expanding our public safety sector, which will be a direct result of our ability to successfully increase revenue.

Telegram - How long do you plan on working in politics and what is your ending goals.

**Councilwoman Green** - My City Council term is four years and I think that's a good start for me. I stepped out on faith and ran for Westland City Council after being obedient to the call God placed on my heart and after much prayer to be able to help people. After I complete my first term, I will have a better idea of how I can best serve the community in the public and private sectors. I'd say my political future is yet to be determined but I'm very excited to continue to move forward and walk into my destiny.

Starting in construction, Tasha has served in positions as Development Coordinator, Community Manager, Multi-Site Residential Manager, Regional Community Director, and is now the proud owner of Green Titan Management, a Detroit based property management and construction company.

Tasha has a diverse background, covering several states and overseeing low-income/tax credit properties, conventional properties, luxury living, condominium association management, and multi-million-dollar capital construction project management. As President of Green Titan Management, Tasha oversees a portfolio of single family homes, apartment housing, and performs environmental abatement services and janitorial cleaning services.

Congratulations to Tasha Green and the City of Westland.

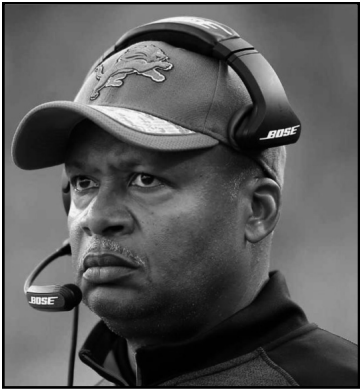
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# Jim Caldwell's stint with the Detroit Lions is over.

By Butch Davis



Yes, Jim Caldwell's stint with the Detroit Lions is over. The team announced this past Monday morning that general manager Bob Quinn informed Caldwell that he will not be returning as head coach. The news doesn't come as a surprise after the Lions lost hope for the playoffs by losing in Cincinnati in Week 16.

In Caldwell's first season with the Lions in 2014, Detroit compiled an 11-5 regular season record. He became the third coach in team history to lead the Lions to the playoffs in his first year with Detroit (George Wilson in 1957; Bobby Ross in 1997).

Following a 1-7 start to the 2015 season, Caldwell led the Lions to a 6-2 second-half record and in doing so, Detroit became only the fourth NFL team since 1991 to start a season with one or fewer wins in the first eight games (1-7 or 0-8 record) and finish with a 6-2 record. It marked the Lions' best second-half finish since the team finished 7-1 in 1995.

The Lions finished the 2016 season with a record of 9-7 and earned the team's second playoff berth in Caldwell's first three seasons. The last time the Lions made the playoffs twice in a three-year span was 1997 and 1999. Caldwell's 2016 season was highlighted by an NFL-record eight fourth-quarter comeback victories.

The Lions ended 9-7 in 2017 after a 3-1 start to the year. Caldwell will finish his four-year run in Detroit with a 36-28 record. He is the first Lions head coach with a winning record since Joe Schmidt in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Detroit made the playoffs twice and finished with a losing record just once under Caldwell.

Despite the winning record, Caldwell's tenure was characterized by a failure to show up

in big games, repeated let-downs against good teams, and close losses coupled with poor game-management circumstances.

Off the field, Caldwell also made an incredible impact in the Detroit community. In September 2014, The Jim and Cheryl Caldwell Foundation, in collaboration with the Detroit Lions, opened "The Project Phoenix Learning Center," a new 21st Century computer lab and learning center at the Detroit Lions Academy. The learning center includes new computers with Promethean ActivBoards, ActivSlate, ActivExpressions, a network printer, internet accessibility and specialized interactive instructional software. Also in 2014, Caldwell was honored by the Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee after becoming the Lions' first African American head coach.

Caldwell also supported the Detroit-area Midnight Golf Program that teaches underserved young adults the game of golf and important life skills, including financial literacy, college preparation and community activism. In addition, he also served as honorary chairman for the Charlie Sanders Foundation "Have A Heart Save A Life" Celebrity Golf Outing, which provides support to Student Healthy Heart Check programs provided by Beaumont Hospital and the Henry Ford Health System.

In less than 24 hours after this past Sundays game, Bob Quinn, Vice President and General Manager of the Lions arrange to speak with the media at 11 a.m. ET this past Monday. In Quinn's opening statement he said the following, "This morning I spoke to Coach (Jim) Caldwell, and informed him of the decision not to retain him as

the head coach of the Lions. I feel like there was a need in change in the leadership of this team. And starting today, I'll be leading that search to hire a new head coach for the Lions. Coach Caldwell is a good football coach, a good man, a good husband, father, and grandfather. On behalf of the entire organization, I want to thank him personally and for his service over the past four

years. Jim's taught me a lot. Coming in as a first-time general manager, we spent a lot of time together the last two years and he helped me through that. So, I want to thank him for that. Jim has great work ethic. There's not a day that's gone by that his car wasn't in the parking lot before mine, and he puts a lot of time and energy into this team. And where we are today is part of what Jim did, and I'm proud to say that I worked with him. At the end of the day, I want to take this team to the next level, and to me that's winning championships, that's winning playoff games and that's winning the Super Bowl. Ultimately, I'm the person in charge of football operations here at the Lions, and ultimately the record that we've had the last two years is on me. So, last year we went 9-7 and lost a playoff game, and this year we went 9-7 and didn't get the playoffs. So, that's ultimately my record and I take full ownership of that. Really, the standards that I have and the Ford family has for this team are greater than that, and my goal is to go out and find the best head coach to bring us that championship. The search for the new head coach will be thorough and we will interview multiple candidates. I will not put a timetable on the search, but we will update the media and the public as we finish up each individual interview over the next coming days and weeks.

Yes, Jim Caldwell's stint with the Detroit Lions is over. Who's Next?



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# Local High School Sports

By Butch Davis

In many school districts numerous students are still out enjoying the holiday vacation, however, varsity high school Boys and Girls basketball is back in session this week. So please get out the support a game in your area today. Here is a list of games being play in the Telegram News reading area.

### Basketball (Boys) Varsity 1/5

Cornerstone Health/Technology at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, 7:00 PM

Marine City Cardinal Mooney at Detroit Cristo Rey, 7:30 PM

Romulus Summit Academy North at Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy, 7:00PM

### Basketball (Boys) Varsity 1/6

Cornerstone Health/Technology at Ecorse, 6:00PM

Detroit Communication Media Arts at River Rouge, 8:00PM

Detroit U-D Jesuit at Romulus, 5:30PM

### Basketball (Boys) Varsity 1/9

Detroit Universal Academy at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 7:00PM

Lincoln Park at Brownstown Woodhaven, 7:00PM

Redford Union at Dearborn Fordson, 7:00PM

Garden City at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 7:00PM

Canton Preparatory at Dearborn Hts Star International, 6:00PM

Riverview Gabriel Richard at Detroit Cristo Rey, 7:30PM

Taylor Preparatory at Detroit Voyageur, 7:00PM

Detroit Henry Ford at Detroit Western International, 7:00PM

River Rouge at Ecorse, 7:00PM

Riverview at New Boston Huron, 7:00PM

Ferndale University at Romulus Summit Academy North, 7:00PM

Allen Park at Southgate Anderson, 7:00PM

Gibraltar Carlson at Taylor Truman, 7:00PM

Melvindale at Trenton, 7:00PM

Allen Park Cabrini at West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy, 5:30PM

Livonia Clarenceville at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 7:00PM

Wayne Memorial at Westland John Glenn, 7:00PM

Taylor Kennedy at Wyandotte Roosevelt, 7:00PM

### Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/4

Plymouth at Allen Park, 7:00PM

Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic at Allen Park Cabrini, 7:00PM

### Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/5

Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett at Detroit Cristo Rey, 6:00PM

Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy at Romulus Summit Academy North, 7:00PM

### Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/6

Midland Dow at River Rouge, 4:00PM

### Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/8

Riverview at Grosse Ile, 7:00PM

### Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 1/9

Southgate Anderson at Allen Park, 7:00PM

Salem at Dearborn, 7:00PM

Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard at Dearborn Divine Child, 7:00PM

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 7:00PM

Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, 7:00PM

West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy at Detroit Cristo Rey, 6:00PM

River Rouge at Ecorse, 5:30PM

Brownstown Woodhaven at Lincoln Park, 7:00PM

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest at Lutheran Westland, 7:00PM

Muskegon Heights Academy at Romulus, 6:30PM

Wyandotte Roosevelt at Taylor Kennedy, 7:30PM

Westland John Glenn at Wayne Memorial, 7:00PM

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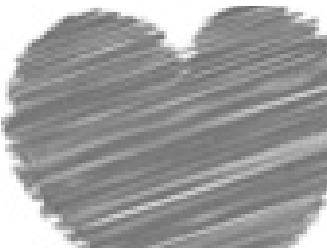
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# Introducing Tasha B. Love



Tasha B. Love

*"Talk  
to Tasha"*

2018 will be a "New Year" filled with an explosion of new ideas, possibilities, dreams, love and relationships, goals and aspirations. It will also be an opportunity to reflect on 2017; relationships, jobs, family and how many of our goals we achieved or did not achieve. And because life can often throw a curve ball in just about every situation, it's important to have someone who can play the game with you and knows how to take the score.

As the score keeper, I take my position very seriously, as I want to ensure that every player on the team and opposing team has a fair and equal playing field. I must review the plays over and over and decipher the hidden moves. I must be open-minded and remove any blind-spots which can have negative outcomes on the game. I will have to call it, like I see it! And, sometimes it might seem unfair, to the team who thought they were winning, but not everything is black and white.

Over the years I have found myself being the score keeper for many different games; love, work relationship issues and even supporting close family and friends. I am Tasha B. Love and I am very excited to be in the game. I hold a Bachelor's of Science in Human Service and a Master of Arts, in Communication. I am a mother; grandmother, sister, best friend and I look forward to keeping you in the game.

So, "Talk to Tasha" is a chance for you to tell me about the Problems-Issues-Concerns (P.I.C.) you are dealing with in your life; relationships, family, co-workers or something that just may be bothering you and you want a different perspective. "Talk to Tasha" is here to help you win the game.

*I can be reached via my email at: TashaBLove2018@gmail.com Let's Talk!*

Tasha B. Love

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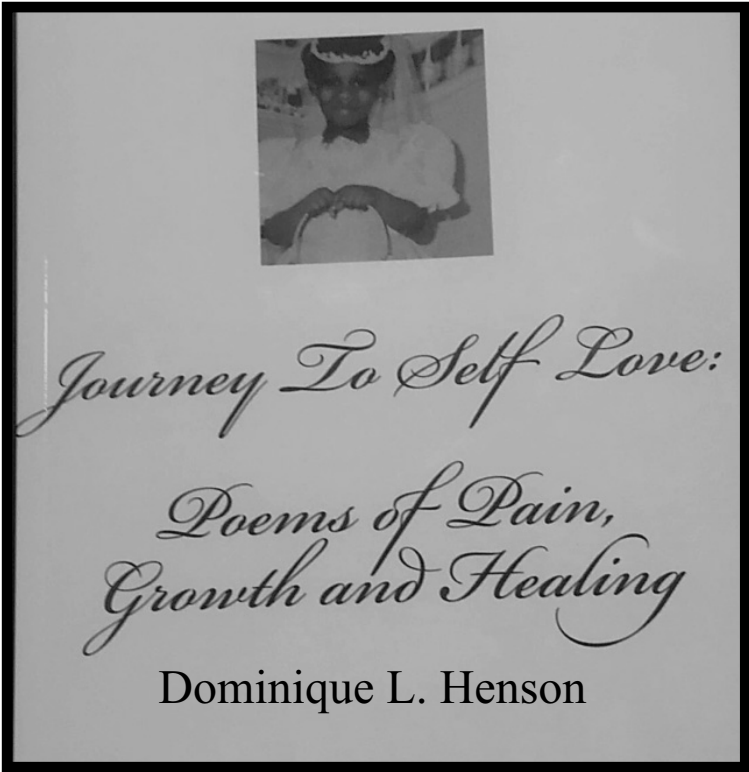
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## BOOKS IN THE HOOD REVIEWS

By: Xavier Jones - Telegram Media Specialist

### Journey to Self Love: Poems of Pain, Growth and Healing



Dominique Henson is a young lady from the city of Ecorse Michigan with extraordinary poetic talent. A pastime picked up at age eleven transformed to a blazing passion. Fifteen years later Henson as adapted the stage name, "A Poet From The D".

A Poet From The D has seen the light of many stages. Felt the snaps and jeers of a vast audience. She releasing her debut body of work, Journey To Self Love: Poems Of Pain, Growth, and Healing. A book for women to reclaim their past and find themselves. Securing a happy, fruitful and beautiful future, that they have complete control over.

Journey To Self Love logs poems related to the experience of black women, and women of color. Casting surveys and questionnaires to build material. The work Dominique puts in the pages are inspired through the life she's lived. There's a special passion in the words that puts you right next to the friendly poet.

Henson dedicated the tales of feminine sexuality, daddy issues, marriage, breastfeeding and hair length to her daughter, Grace Emilee. She prays she never has to suffer the same adversities. The main goal of this book is to promote trickle down growth in the black community. Taking the knowledge that originally sounded like nonsense coming from her mother.

To stop the cycle that starts with traumatized little girls, that grow up to broken adult women. Dominique's literature stems from different points in her life. The wife, mother and Christian uses her tuneful remarks as an alter ego of expression. She wants to connect to the little girl in every adult women. Henson Speaking for victims of sexual assault, and exposing the rest of dust that has been swept under the rug. No matter how much it may make some uncomfortable. Journey To Self Love: Poems Of Pain, Growth, and Healing.



Dominique Henson - author

Has a checklist in its title that assures readers they will face a spark, mentally, spiritually, or internally. 2018 is just the start for Dominique. A Poet From The D has a full storage of poems, stories and bright ideas for the people she loves.

I highly recommend that any man pick up this book, and soak the pages in with an open heart. The women of our community are feeling left out. Screaming for help. We may not have all the answers, but anything helps in gaining a healing understanding.

**Telegram - What was the biggest obstacle to your journey to self love?**

A Poet From The D - Learning how to love myself. Accepting me for just who I am!

**Telegram - How were the results of your survey?**

A Poet From The D - The most shocking results were that forty two percent of the women were just now finding out what self love. Women twenty five and up, some had periods where they were ashamed of their skin color or hair.

**Telegram - What's Your target audience?**

A Poet From The D - Ladies between ages twelve and thirty five. It's around the time most women mature and start their periods. It's in inevitable, monumental moment. That's shunned and chastised in the black community. Instead of celebrated and educated.

**Telegram - Biggest problems women of color face today?**

A Poet From The D - There's a lack of support to build a woman up. A cycle of negativity and poor media portrayal. The mixed image of loud and bossy is still heavily streamed. Women of color are forced to deal with a lot. Not much ability to navigate between having a family and career. There's not enough time to fulfill both avu-vnes. We shouldn't have to choose.

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**Inkster Police Department Shop with a Cop  
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On Tuesday, December 19th Inkster Police Officers accompanied 20 kids and 4 families to the Toys “R” Us in Southgate located at 14333 Eureka Rd. for the IPD’s first annual “Shop With a Cop”.

Inkster Police Officers raised the money for this event by participating in “No Shave Holidays”, where they made a donation to an Inkster child in exchange for not shaving their beard throughout the holiday months.

Thank you so much to SMART for their partnership as well as Toys “R” Us of Southgate for going above and beyond for our families. Toys “R” Us went all out, each person was given a Santa hat to wear while they shopped, a dedicated lane to use during check out, and a visit from Geoffrey the Giraffe while they enjoyed cookies and punch after their shopping was complete. Officer Andrea Lebo - Community Relations Unit said, “It was truly an amazing day, the officers and children had so much fun hitting the aisles and filling their baskets, we couldn’t be more grateful.”

“We would like to thank each and every officer for coming out of their own pocket and taking the time out of their days during the busy holiday season to make this all happen, we couldn’t do it without you, it’s amazing what you can accomplish when we all come together”, Lebo added.. From all of us at the Inkster Police Department, we hope you had a safe and wonderful holiday season!



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8:00 am - Continental Breakfast in the Romulus High School Cafeteria. (Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Romulus)  
9:30 am - MLK Celebration in the Romulus High School Auditorium

Please contact Rev. Arthur Willis, Committee Chairman, at (313) 701-2423 or Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545, for more information

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

*\*Keynote Speaker, Loren D. Townes Jr., B.S.B.A. Washtenaw Community College*

The City of Romulus, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Community Schools Invite the Community to Celebrate!

Please join us at 8:00 am for the Community march from Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Rd.) to Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road). (Shuttle Service provided from RHS to Middle School from 7:00 am to 7:45 am)