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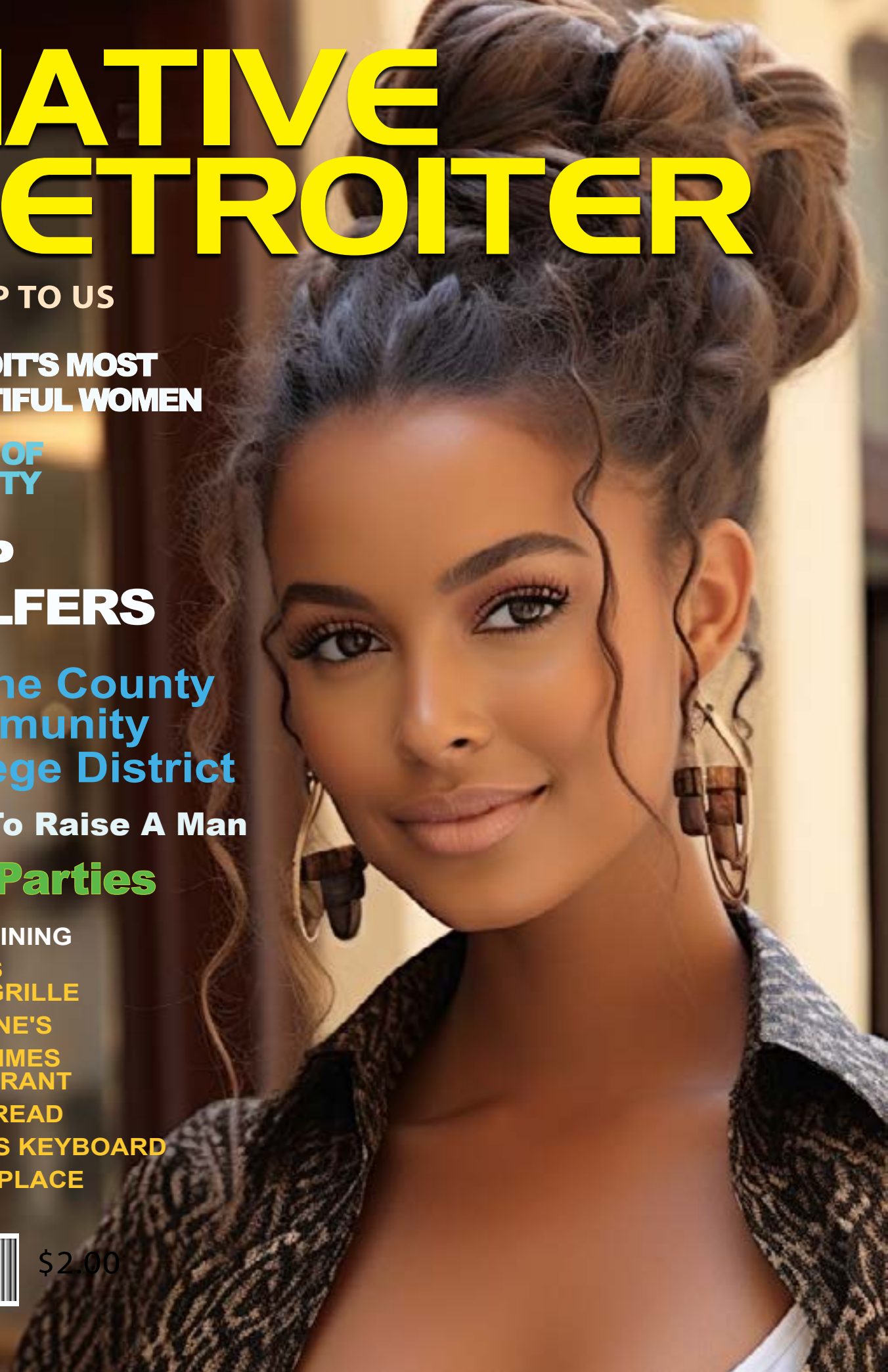
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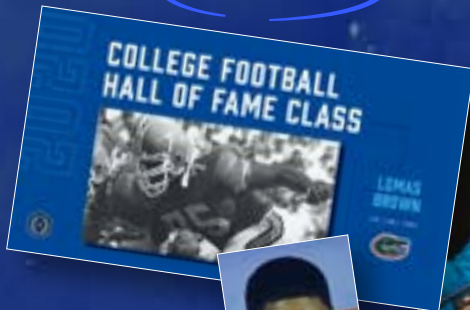


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Let's Use Our Votes To Benefit Our Community

The latest US Census report on income and poverty showed that child poverty more than doubled between 2022 and 2023, according to Paul Krugman of the New York Times. That's 5.1 million children pushed into misery. As we know the largest percentage are our children. In general, it really is more difficult for our children to be poor and uneducated in comparison to other groups in America.



This didn't have to happen to our children. Increased child poverty wasn't caused by inflation or other macroeconomics problems. It was instead a political choice. Republicans and a handful of conservative Democrats blocked the extension of federal programs that had drastically reduced child poverty over the previous two years, and as a result just about all the gains were lost. These programs were not expensive compared to what our country is spending on the war in Ukraine, immigration, space exploration, etcetera.

Urban child poverty in the long run is very expensive for our nation for a number of reasons. Some of our children will grow up less healthy and less productive as adults. Some will become part of our growing prison population. It is cheaper for our country to invest in education, strengthen families, mental health, and conflict resolution for our low-income urban children now, than to pay more in the future when they

have become adults.

If we as a nation and community don't give our children a functioning family and education; they will become educated by the streets and the gangs become their families.

Unfortunately, our children cannot vote, and many of our poor uneducated adults tend not to vote. Primarily, because their needs are not being addressed and many of these adults feel that their vote doesn't even count.

There needs to be a collective political national urban movement for the survival of our low-income urban children. Current organizations have failed to garner the support needed to get an agenda moved to a national platform. This situation must be recognized and supported by every political office holder representing our community.

However, it will take more than the efforts of our politicians. The movement is going to have to be lead by our unions, Greek organizations, professionals, churches, middle class and all the registered voters in all of our communities to be effective.

All we have to do is make some noise. We need to have conversations with our friends, family and neighbors and then write letters to hold all of our elected officials accountable for budgets and legislation that will help our children.

Editorial
Paul L. Hubbard

Paul L. Hubbard MSW, President of Comfort Adult Day Care.



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State of the City

Detroit is a city on the edge. We stand somewhere on the crossroads of success and failure. However, neither situation is guaranteed. If we are to succeed as a growing metropolis, we will have to find a way to survive the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

For now, at this moment Detroiters are celebrating an upswing of prosperity and good fortune. We hosted three international events, a new era of the Detroit Grand Prix returned to its original home on the streets of Downtown, The Rocket Mortgage Classic was played at the Detroit Golf Club,

and the International Auto Show took place at Huntington Place Convention Center. These events were great for our city.

Moving forward it will take each and every Detroiter, doing his or her share to make our city work.

State of the City

by Carter Jones

It is not really clear to most Detroiters what the state of the city is. We are of course optimistic after surviving the horrible effects of the government shutdowns. Thirty percent of our small business owners are gone forever and empty store fronts are everywhere. Subsequently, the road to recovery is uncertain because a city the size of Detroit needs tax payers and a lot of them. The good thing is we still have a few strong revenue resources.

The City of Detroit is located in southeastern Michigan, in Wayne County, with a land area of approximately 139 square miles. The City is the center of the nation's 14th largest metropolitan statistical area and is the 27th largest city with a reported population of 639,111 as of 2020. According to the U.S. Census Bureau Detroit is the commercial capital of Michigan and a major economic and industrial center of the nation. Although, Detroit is known internationally for automobile manufacturing and trade, the City also has major companies in the financial and technological sectors, educational and health care institutions, entertainment venues with four major sports teams and three casinos located within the City limits.

The southeastern border of the City lies on the Detroit River, an international waterway, which is linked by the St. Lawrence Seaway to seaports around the world. It is the busiest border crossing in North America, carrying a substantial share of international trade between the United States and Canada. There are seven major employment districts, and four Fortune 500 companies that have world headquarters within the City.

The City's budget process is a comprehensive planning process that includes departmental, procurement, grant, staffing, technology, capital, and long-term financial planning. The City adopts a budget annually for the next fiscal year, in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Michigan Public Act 2 of 1968). Pursuant to Section 4t of the Home Rule City Act, the budget process also includes independent biannual revenue estimating conferences that establish the revenue estimates for the budget. An annually balanced four-year financial plan that includes the City's adopted budget plus an additional three forecasted years. The total of expenditures cannot exceed the total of estimated revenue, so that the budget as adopted is a balanced budget. Through its four-year financial plan, the City ensures ongoing expenditures are supported by ongoing revenue.



Downtown Detroit is still one of

Detroit levies a City Income Tax at current rates of 2.4% for residents, 1.2% for nonresident, and 2.0% for corporations. Nonresidents taxes only apply to work performed within the City's boundaries. The primary drivers behind income tax revenue are resident and nonresident employment levels, and wages.

Revenue Sharing payments from the State come from two components: constitutional and statutory. The State Constitution requires constitutional revenue sharing payments to municipalities based on 15% of the 4% portion of Michigan's sales tax collections. The State allocates amounts to municipalities based on population as of the last decennial Census. Statutory allocations have instead been determined annually in the State budget as a percentage change from the prior year allocation. Projections are set by the Michigan January 2023 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference.

In accordance with the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act and associated development agreements, a Wagering Tax on adjusted gross receipts (AGR) is applied to the three casinos operating in Detroit. On-site sports betting at casinos began in March 2020. The State launched internet gaming and sports betting in late January 2021. Only internet gaming and sports betting conducted within Michigan's borders is authorized. AGR growth is the primary forecast driver using data from the gaming control board to identify growth trends.

The City levies real and personal Property Taxes. Collections consist of current year taxes, delinquent taxes, and related auction proceeds. The City currently levies 19.952 mills for general operating purposes. However, the millage rate



the most popular places in Detroit.

and taxable values are subject to various abatements and exemptions. The primary driver for growth during the forecast period is a lagged inflation rate determined by the State Tax Commission (US Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers lagged by one year) applied to the reported tax year 2022 base, which is defined as the cap for growth in taxable value under the State constitution (Proposal A).

The City levies a 5% Utility Users Tax on consumption of electricity, gas, steam, and telephone services referred to as utility users tax. Annual changes in the revenue forecast are largely based on the average growth rate in household units that is consistent with prior-year trends.

Total Revenue for 2023 is estimated to be about \$2,453,361,472 Total Expenditures \$2,317,883,598

Detroit is one of the safest big cities in America. Crime in Detroit according to the police department's end-of-year crime statistics, there were 1,065 nonfatal shootings in 2023, 105 fewer than the 1,170 the year before. However, violent offenses were down from 14,365 in 2023 to 13,758 in 2024. A major reason for some of the crime is that criminals are getting younger. Youth crime has risen nearly 10% over the past decade. Primarily because crime is being promoted in music and media to our young people as something that is cool. Subsequently, Detroit crime is up statistically. There were about 450 carjackings last year. There was a 17% drop in sexual assaults. Burglaries and robberies were down 4%. On paper we look as safe as any other big city.

Another huge problem that Detroiters are dealing with is auto insurance. Detroiters pay the highest auto insurance of

any city in the world. True Cost of Auto Insurance report found that drivers in Detroit spend an average of \$5,687 for full coverage, which equals about 7.98% of the median household income. On the other end of the spectrum, Seattle has the cheapest car insurance with drivers spending an average of \$1,759 per year on insurance. This phenomenon has forced many Detroiters to pack up and move. This is a bad situation when you consider many Detroiters move to places where they were not wanted or respected.

Detroiters know that police enforcement is reactive not proactive. Police officers come after a crime has already been committed. They can do little to stop crime. What police departments try to do is get as many criminals off the streets as possible. A city the size of Detroit will always have some crime.

This brings us to the problems with our public schools, which have just about been eradicated. Most educators believe that most public schools will be replaced with Charter Schools by 2026.

Our neighborhoods are our biggest asset and our biggest liability. The City of Detroit overtaxed homeowners by at least \$600 million between 2010 and 2016. These over assessments were illegal. They were systemic, and they gutted our neighborhoods. The Michigan Constitution states that no property can be assessed at more than 50% of its market value, but the city assessed 55%-85% in violation of that law. This over assessment led to 100,000 Detroiters losing their homes. Whenever this matter is resolved, we will have to pay huge amounts to victims.

The tax issue is big, but don't forget we have neighborhoods with one and two houses on a block and blocks with no houses at all. Those situations cost a lot to maintain and they generate no revenue. The good thing is we have plenty of room for more residents and taxpayers. However, we must understand that Detroit is a big city. It has miles of lighting, sewers, abandoned buildings, parks, streets, vacant lands, and infrastructure that is nearly 100 years old. There are about 643,600 residents who all need city services. Fortunately, Detroit still has some Biden money right now.

The medium income in Detroit is about \$22,000 per year and the medium rent is \$1200 per month. In turns of employment anyone seeking a job can get one. So, it is hard to understand why Detroit's unemployment rate remains at 8.5%, virtually unchanged over the course of 2021, according to a new University of Michigan survey.

Where do we go from here? Well, that is anybody's guess. Today our finances are in order. Our city is as safe as anywhere else and the people who want to work can work.



Mayor Mike Duggan at the city office Downtown Detroit

Mayor's Update to Residents

Mayor Mike Duggan joined local leaders to announce six community-based organizations have been selected through a competitive bid process to conduct community violence intervention (CVI) through the new ShotStoppers program. That number is more than the three to five organizations the City originally intended, but six proposals were so strong, the Mayor is asking Council to expand the original scope of the program.

Each selected group is responsible for reducing homicides and shootings in a 3.5 to 4.5 square mile area, called a CVI Zone, using its own violence prevention strategy. Applicants were empowered to propose a specific approach based on their experience, expertise, and knowledge of the local community.

Contractors will receive a quarterly base budget of \$175,000 to execute their prevention strategy. In any quarter the contractor's efforts reduce serious violence by 10 percentage points more than the city as a whole, the organization will receive an additional \$87,500 in prevention funding. In any quarter, the organization outperforms the rest of Detroit by 20 percentage points, it will receive an additional \$175,000.

The program is funded by the American Rescue Plan. Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison, who led the program's development, announced the six groups selected: Detroit Peoples Community; Detroit 300; New Era Community Connection; Force Detroit; Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Denby Neighborhood Alliance, and Camp

Restore; and Detroit Friends and Family.

Together, these organizations have decades of experience preventing and responding to violence – but ShotStoppers will be the first time that the City of Detroit provides funding to strengthen and expand CVI services and measure results to determine which approaches work best. The City of Detroit Media Services Department has launched a new app, called Detroit Connected, that allows Detroiters to watch City Channels 10, 21, 22, and 68 right on their phone and devices, without a cable connection. Along with the service provided on the City website, this app now gives residents multiple places to keep up-to-date on local news.

The new app is now available on Roku, Amazon Firestick, Google Play, and the Apple App Store, and can be used on both televisions and smartphones. The linktree for all the services is here: [link](#).

With Detroit Connected, residents can view live television, including City Council meetings, press conferences, groundbreakings and similar public events. The channels can also be viewed on the City website, giving residents multiple convenient choices.

Detroiters with the app can also watch videos of previous live events, including City Council, Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, and City Planning Commission meetings, along with press conferences from Mayor Mike Duggan and other city officials.



Governor Whitmer signs an initiative to rebuilt state's economy

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer Leadership At Its Best

Gov. Whitmer details Michigan New Economy plan to grow our middle class, support small businesses and invest in our communities

At the Mackinac Policy Conference, Gov. Whitmer detailed her economic agenda, including the unveiling of the three pillars of her bold \$2.1 billion Michigan New Economy plan to grow Michigan's middle class, support small businesses and invest in communities.

The plan recognizes a strong economy isn't only about creating jobs, but requires a focus on our state's people and communities as well. That's why Michigan New Economy has three pillars, each of which has specific and ambitious goals that will help state officials track progress on efforts to build a stronger and more resilient Michigan.

Pillar 1: Grow the Middle Class - No economic vision for the state can be complete if it doesn't focus on eliminating poverty and lifting families into the middle class. Goal: 60% of adults with a postsecondary credential by 2030 Goal: Lift 100,000 families out of working poverty during the next five years (FY22-FY26) Goal: Provide access to low or no cost childcare for 150,000 more families by 2024 **Pillar 2:** Support Small Business - To supplement the great economic development work our state already does, Michigan needs a focus on creating and growing more Main Street businesses. Goal: Top 10 state for small business job growth and revenue growth from 2022 to 2026 Goal: Top 10 state for household income growth during the next five years (FY22-FY26) Goal: Top 10

state for growth in venture capital funding over the next five years (2022-2026) **Pillar 3:** Build Strong Communities - Michigan's residents deserve to live in vibrant communities with the kinds of services and amenities associated with a high standard of living. Goal: 100% access to high-speed internet and 95% adoption by households during the next five years, while continually investing in higher quality access (FY22-FY26) Goal: 75,000 new or rehabilitated housing units in five years (FY22-FY26) "This plan will result in better jobs, better skills, more people re-entering the labor force and more people staying - and moving to - Michigan," Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. "It will result in a new economy, a better economy, one that expands economic opportunity and prosperity for all."

Medical care help:In 2019 before the pandemic, 38% of households could afford proper healthcare an additional 10% are right on the edge. The new plan solve that problem. .

Job growth for microbusinesses and second stage companies Today, it stands at 59%, or 42nd in the nation. At the turn of the century, it was 68.8% and has fallen since then. Housing is unattainable or unaffordable in several communities. High-speed internet connection is lacking in certain areas and we face an above average shortage of renters and potential homeowners.

Michigan New Economy also builds on some of the most recent initiative successes that have helped Michigan build back successfully: The Governor is establishing new options and alternatives to build a better future for Michigan.

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE'S

Col. James F. Grady II

When Michigan State Police (MSP) Col. James F. Grady II considers his major life moments, most can be connected to the city of Inkster. He was raised there and still lives nearby in Wayne County. Colonel Grady spent the early years of his policing career assigned to the former MSP Detroit Post and later served as a Fraud Investigation Section commander and post commander at the Metro South Post, which covers Wayne County.

“It was a blessing to have an opportunity to work in various parts of the state including in my own community,” said Colonel Grady. “Throughout the years, I’ve enjoyed each new assignment and the opportunity to help all residents of Michigan feel safe and secure. Now, at the highpoint of my professional life, the rich diversity of Detroit and the surrounding communities remain top of mind when navigating a path forward for the agency.”

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed Col. James F. Grady II to lead the Michigan State Police (MSP) as its 20th Director in September 2023. Colonel Grady also serves as State Director of Emergency Management and as Michigan's Homeland Security Director.





“I’m committed to building authentic relationships with those we serve. Further, I want our troopers and civilian members to reflect the diversity of this state because it will make us better as a police agency.”

That means trying new and innovative ways to better serve and reach potential job candidates, including hosting streamlined hiring events across Michigan this year.

“We are removing as many barriers to employment as we can, whether that be transportation or providing a laptop to take the entry-level law enforcement exam,” said Colonel Grady. “We are meeting people face-to-face, where they live, and making authentic connections.”

Colonel Grady has more than 25 years of experience in public safety with nearly half spent in the Detroit area and more than a decade of leadership within the Michigan State Police. He has a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and criminology from Eastern Michigan University and is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration from Cleary University.

It was at EMU that Colonel Grady first saw what the MSP could offer when Sgt. Kelly Goynes, Ret. and Sgt. Victor Latimore, Ret., both recruiters from the Detroit area, visited his internship class.

“I was impressed,” said Colonel Grady. “What they shared about public service, the pay and benefits, their extreme professionalism, and how sharp the uniform was - it left a positive impression on me. Both troopers were African American, and I saw myself in them. That mattered. When they left, I knew I wanted to be a part of this agency by earning my Trooper badge.”

No matter the path you are on, there’s a place for you in the MSP. We’re actively recruiting for future trooper recruit schools. There are multiple professional civilian vacancies that need to be filled too. Visit www.michigan.gov/MSPjobs for information on how to apply or to connect with a recruiter and to view civilian job postings. There are excellent options and flexible work hours available in this premier policing agency for you to grow and advance. Come and be a part of the MSP!



Beatrice Griggs

Detroit is a city with many great citizens. A lot of our good citizens are everyday people. They are people who abide by the law, pay their taxes, vote and maintain their property because they know that a clean neighborhood is a healthy neighborhood.

The Native Detroit Magazine plans to recognize some of our good citizens in upcoming editions. We don't take them for granted. They are the reason that Detroit is coming back.

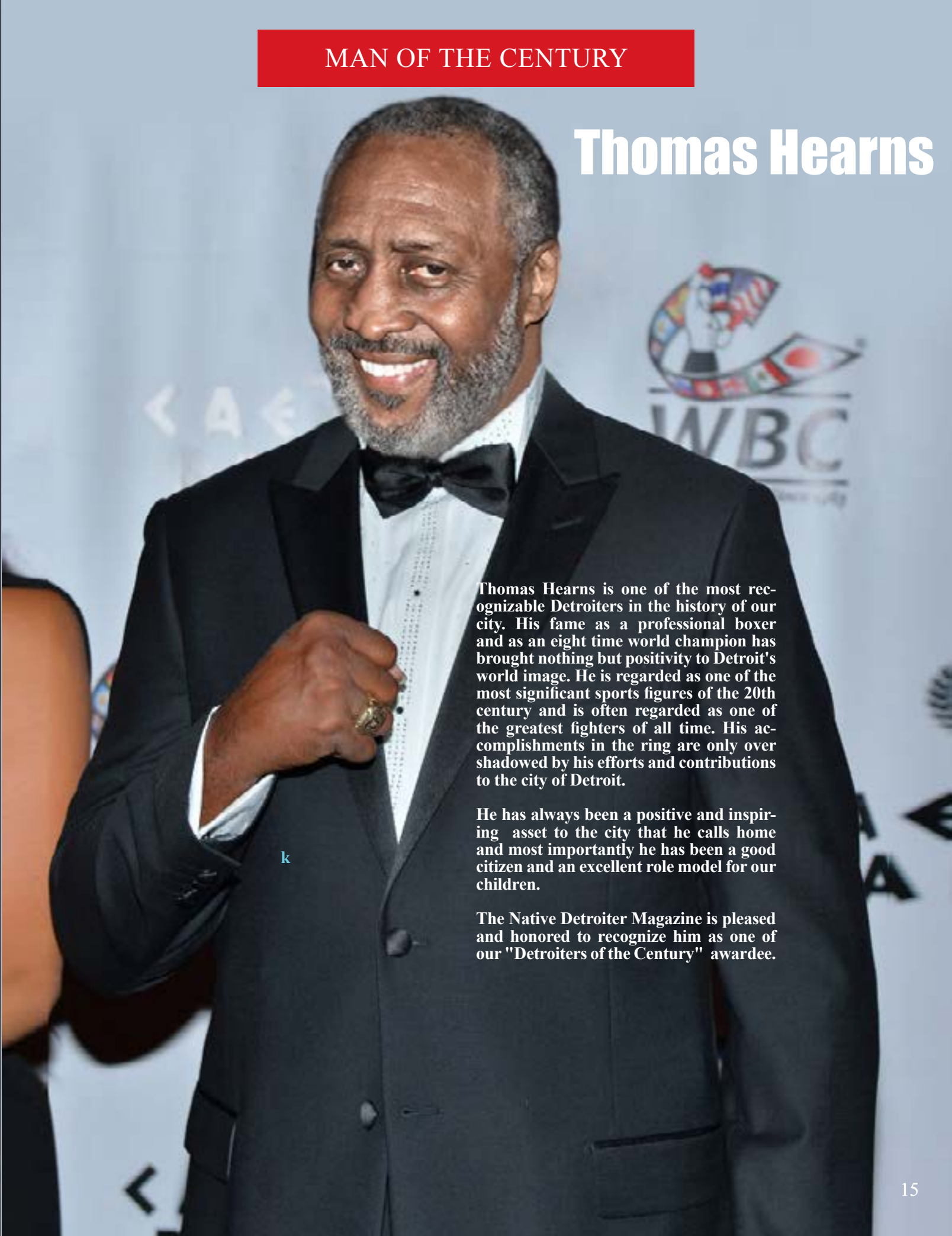
In this edition, we are featuring Beatrice Griggs. She has lived in Detroit all of her life on the city's westside. She is a Cooley High School Cardinal and proud of it.

Her years on the westside have always been a pleasure. She said, "She has never thought about leaving Detroit. I want to live where I am appreciated and respected. I do my part everyday to make Detroit a better and friendlier place to live. I work collaboratively to promote the welfare and safety of my neighbors."

This is why we are honored to recognize her as one of our "Detroiters of the Decade."



Thomas Hearns



Thomas Hearns is one of the most recognizable Detroiters in the history of our city. His fame as a professional boxer and as an eight time world champion has brought nothing but positivity to Detroit's world image. He is regarded as one of the most significant sports figures of the 20th century and is often regarded as one of the greatest fighters of all time. His accomplishments in the ring are only overshadowed by his efforts and contributions to the city of Detroit.

He has always been a positive and inspiring asset to the city that he calls home and most importantly he has been a good citizen and an excellent role model for our children.

The Native Detroit Magazine is pleased and honored to recognize him as one of our "Detroiters of the Century" awardee.

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Michael D. Fleming Sr.

Michael was a chemist who worked for some major chemical companies in Texas, Illinois, and Michigan. As a Market Manager in Polyurethanes, he worked on numerous projects throughout his forty year career. Noteworthy is his work with foam systems for applications on space shuttle rockets and foam insulation for the external fuel tanks for NASA's Space Shuttle Missions.

Since his retirement he has devoted his time and efforts to helping young people in our community. He was the head coach for many years for the Southfield Parks and Rec youth tee ball and baseball programs. He was an assistant Scout Master for Troop 647 at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, where he worked diligently to help the program flourish to develop 32 Eagle Scouts. His efforts also contributed to Troop 647's historic attendance as the 1st all African-American troop to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

Helping young people become independent adults has always been important to him. He says that every child growing up needs guidance, mentoring and support to become responsible adults. He does his best to help them reach their goals in life.

Equally as important, Michael has been recognized as one of the top twenty golfers in Detroit by the Native Detroiter Magazine. As a result, for more than 25 years he has led the Jr. Golf Program at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church as a teacher, instructor and developer for many budding golfers. As a proud Grambling State University Alumnus he's chaired the Detroit Alumni Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance. It gives scholarships to many Metro Detroit students attending Grambling. Few Detroiters have done as much for our city as Michael Fleming. The Native Detroiter Magazine wishes him good luck and best wishes in all his endeavors.

Tom & Diane Schoenith

Tom and Diane Schoenith are and continue to be one of the most successful families on Detroit's historical social register. As the life time owners of the famed Roostertail Banquet facility their establishment has hosted some of Detroit's finest events.

The Schoenith's have given generously to the community and have lent their name and money to many of Detroit's social causes. The Native Detroit Magazine is honored to recognize them as "Citizens of the Decade."

Keith Stallworth

Acknowledged as one of the most brilliant minds of his generation, the Native Detroiter's "Man of the Decade" has achieved unequivocal personal success while creating opportunities for hundreds of Detroit businesses and thousands of Detroit residents to improve their circumstances.

At the beginning of the decade, he oversaw research and analysis under contract with the City of Detroit's Office of Emergency Management that identified the source of a loss of \$1.5 billion in revenue and his team designed a recovery strategy currently being used by the City of Detroit's Law Department. His policy papers and process mapping on neighborhood stabilization provided a road map for rehabilitation and disposition of 4,000 foreclosed residential properties in the Detroit Land Bank and are foundational to the agency's current operational policies. Committed to changing the historical practice of using inner city vocational schools as an outpost to house poor academic high schoolers until graduation. He led efforts to re-envision career technical education delivery in Detroit Schools by convincing the U.S. Department of Education to advance School to Work pre-apprentice and apprentice programming and securing support from corporate and skilled trade partners to raise \$32 million for an improved Randolph Career Technical Education Center in Detroit. He Facilitated the organization of an Annual Construction Science Expo now in its 13th year that rewards inner city students who in addition to pledging to be drug and violence free, also complete an evidence-based life skill program. He has provided over the past decade nearly 15,000 youth with exposure to job and career opportunities in engineering, design and construction.

For all that he has done for the City of Detroit, the Native Detroiter Magazine is pleased to honor and recognize him as a "Detroiter of the Decade."

Hon. Judge Debra Nance

Judge Debra Nance was elected to the 46th District Court in Southfield in 2012. Since that time she has been very active in serving that community by initiating programs to help its citizens. As a result, she developed and presented programs such as "Careers in the Courtroom" to encourage elementary and high school students to pursue careers as defense attorneys, prosecutors, judges, and jurors. She also developed, "How to Prepare for Your Day in Court" and Tips for Landlords and Tenants, which she shares with neighborhood/condo associations, church groups and veteran's groups, etc. Judge Nance has spoken regularly on Breaking the Cycle of Incarceration and Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence. She presented the City of Southfield's first Opioid Crisis Town Hall meeting in cooperation with fire and police officials. In addition, Judge Nance developed "From Expungement to Entrepreneurship" programs and the "Pipeline to Possibilities" to help returning citizens expunge their criminal records, while learning how to create small businesses.

The Native Detroit Magazine is honored to recognize her as one of our "Citizens of the Decade" for all that she has done for the city of Southfield and beyond.



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Terry Marecki

Terry Marecki is a Wayne County Commissioner. She is the chair of the Committee on Public Services and serves on the committees on Health and Human Services and the Ways and Means committee. Her relentless efforts have improved health and human services in our county.

In addition, she has volunteered for years in her hometown and is currently the secretary of the Livonia Community Foundation, the chair of the Livonia Prayer Breakfast and an honorary board member of the Livonia Public Schools Foundation. She also serves at the national level on the National Association of Counties Transportation Board and is a member of the Large Urban County Caucus.

Her efforts and accomplishments in her community have been exemplary. She is an outstanding citizen, leader and role model for us all. The Native Detroit Magazine is proud to select her as one of our "Citizens of the Decade."

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The Most Beautiful Women In Detroit 2024

Detroit was once known across the country for having some of the most beautiful women in the world. After all, we had two internationally renowned women in Carole Anne-Marie Gist who was the first African American woman to win the Miss USA title and Kenya Moore who won the Miss USA title three years later. Both were



Carole Gist

acclaimed for their beauty. However, many Detroit men believed that we had a few more women who were equally as stunning. The women in Detroit during the eighties and nineties were magnificent. When out-of-towners came to visit Detroit they marveled at our selection of attractive women. No matter what your fantasy, chances were she was just around the corner or at the mall, the clubs or even in church. Our women were the most beautiful on Earth.

In those days, to be noticed in Detroit a woman had to attend at least one of the five A list parties. Wall Street Inc. parties, The Barristers' Ball, any of Mayor Coleman A. Young's parties, the Auto Show Charity Preview, and of course any of the Native Detroiter Magazine parties. Watching beautiful women at those events was a spectacular experience and for those of us who are still around, something we will never forget.

As a result, one evening while sitting in Floods Bar and Grille watching the newest group of young goddesses stroll by, me and a few of the fellows reminisced about the most alluring women to ever grace the city of Detroit. One name led to another, and some names we even forgot. The results were our **second list** of the most beautiful women of all time. All of these women would be in their late fifties or sixties by now, but when things were really popping in this town, these are some of the women who were the most highly regarded.

The perfect combination of magnificent presence and flawless beauty. Some of our top historic Most Beautiful Women for our 2024 list are: **Kenya Moore, Carol Gist, Pamela King, Suzanne Shank, Sheila Glenn, Kimmie Horn, Pam Rose, Carmen LaBarrie, Millie Scott, Susan Johnson, Marsha Keyes, Roz McNorton, Margaret Keyes, Lola Lucania, Maranda Bartell, Gail Morrow, Nikki Wright Pam Rodgers, Linda Mathis, Char Yates, Cynthia Ryals, Shaun Robinson, Denise Mallet, Francis Snider, Cathy Garrett, Zenobia Blackwell, Robin Terry, Anita Williams, Kay Williams, Nicole Stallworth, Kim Page, Kim Davis, Donna Cerise,**

DETROIT'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN 2024

Every year our list changes. If you would like to be considered for our next list of beautiful women or if you would like to model for our next edition call us at 313-822-1958 and email us a picture to nativedetroiter1@aol.com

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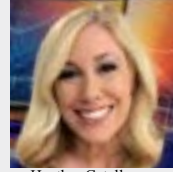
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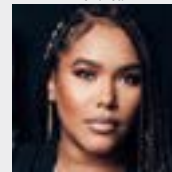
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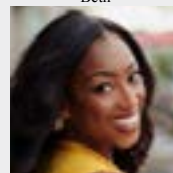
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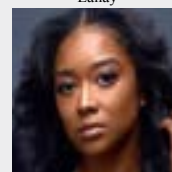
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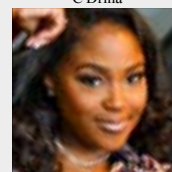
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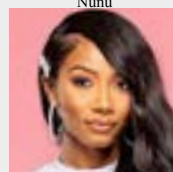
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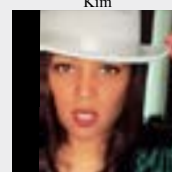
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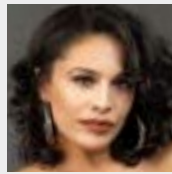
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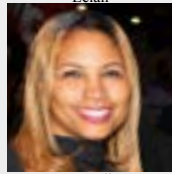
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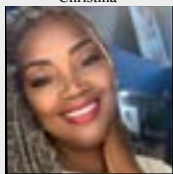
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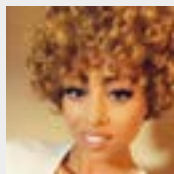
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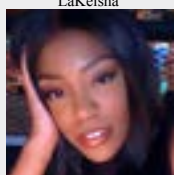
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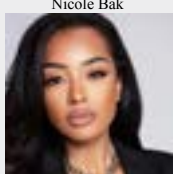
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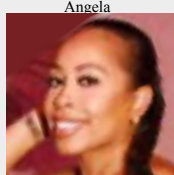
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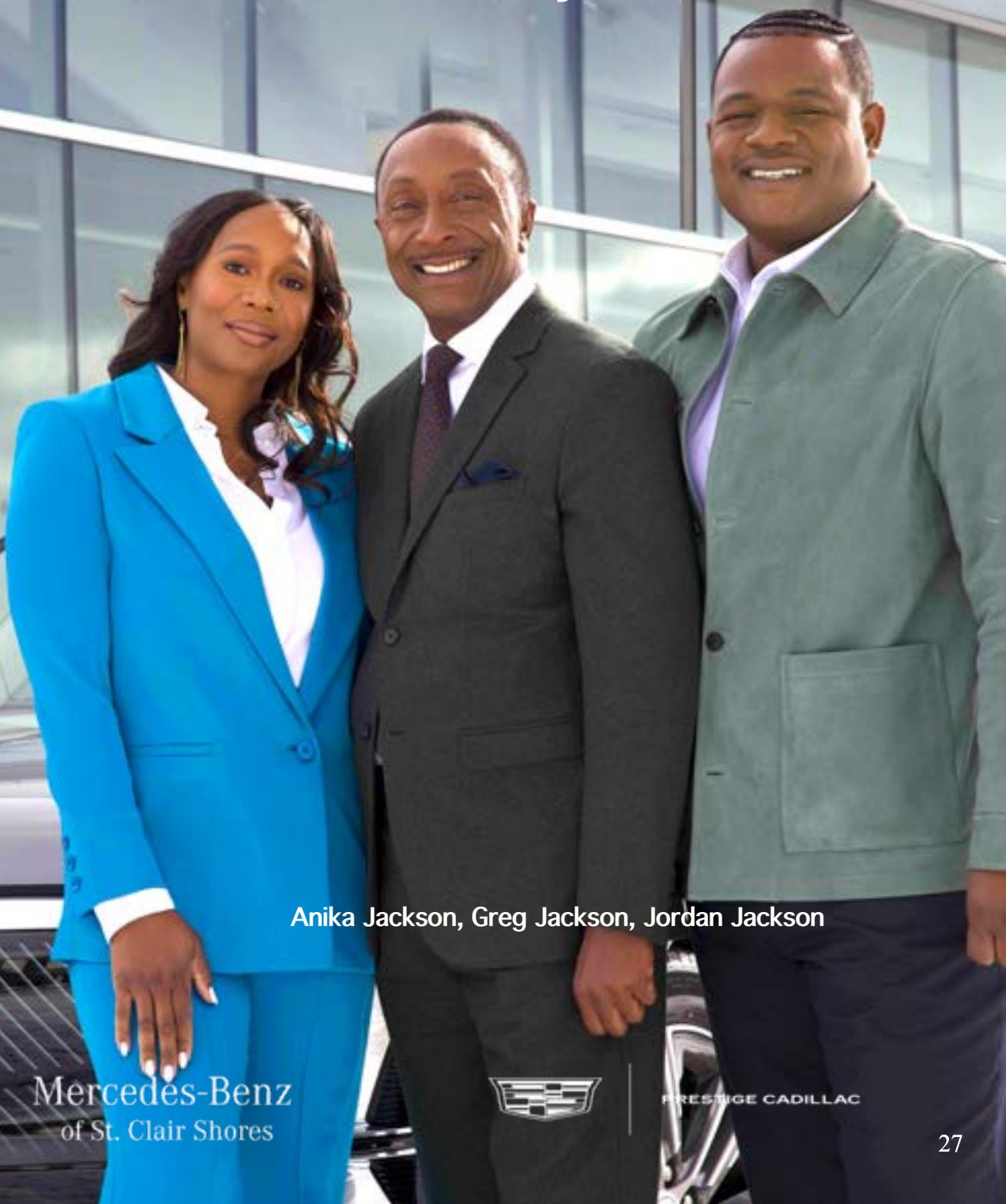
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An Interview With The Phenomenal Gregory Jackson Detroit Businessman



As a life long Detroiter, Gregory Jackson lives, works and invests in Detroit. He is a Detroit Central High School Trailblazer, an NFL Linwood product. He believes that there is nothing more important than the future of our city. His relentless drive and courageous spirit has taken him to places other business people have never ascended. He recently spoke with us about his plans for our city and the opportunities they include.

Native Detroiter: When did you determine that owning a business was more important to you than having a job ?

Jackson: Well, I have to smile when I think about it. I have always understood the principles of profit. So, I must have been six or seven years old when I opened up a candy store in my backyard. It did not take me long to figure out if I bought something for a penny and sold it for a nickel things could really work out for me.

Native Detroiter: Was that your only youthful enterprise?

Jackson: Oh no, when I was 11, I became a very successful Detroit paperboy and eventually a station captain over on Linwood and Joy Road. It was a phenomenal experience for me at the time. My route and client base was one of the biggest in the city. As a result, I won a few trips to London England, Orlando Florida and Toronto Canada sponsored by the Detroit News.

The newspaper experience was very valuable. I knocked on doors and spoke to a lot of customers something that proved to be helpful to me in my later years. It taught me how to talk and listen to customers and service their needs. I use these skills everyday in my current endeavors.

Native Detroiter: Any other jobs or experiences that made an impact on you that you can think of ?

Jackson: At 18, I worked at the Oakland Hills Country Club, while I was a student at Shaw College. Working

there was very impactful. I later transferred to Morris Brown University. It was there in the Student Union that I picked up a copy of Black Enterprise magazine and read about so many successful Black businesses. After reading several articles I knew that I wanted to work for myself.

After graduating with a degree in Accounting and a MBA in Finance, I set a course for entrepreneurial efforts. I knew that I wanted to own my own business.

With my education completed, I started a few small businesses right here in Detroit. I had my own accounting firm. I started a cookie company with my partner and fraternity brother James Robinson. We named it the Kastleton Kookie Korner company, which was located in Kingsway Department Store. In addition, we opened up a store in the Millender Center when it first opened. We also invented and sold cookie dough to the J.L. Hudson Company, which sold all of our products in their department stores.

However, as life would have it, I left that enterprise and got involved in the General Motors Minority Dealers Academy in 1988. It was a new program developed by General Motors to get more minorities involved in the car business. I think I graduated from the academy in 1989.

There were 15 of us in my class. I was the last person to receive an opportunity to buy a dealership. It took four years for me to find a dealership. However, I finally found

one that met all of my expectations. The dealership was in Mt. Morris, Michigan outside of Flint. It had a great location, an experienced staff and a customer base that lent itself to my skill set. It was great. You know, Sherman, the automotive business is very competitive, challenging and at times disappointing, but I was determined to make it work. Unfortunately, as of today, I am the only one out of the 15 gentlemen who started in the academy, left in the automotive business.

Native Detroit: Are you involved in any other businesses?

Jackson: Yes, currently I am president, and CEO of Prestige Automotive Group. I am very happy to say we are celebrating 30 years of success. The company emphasizes profitability and equal opportunity. We have two dealerships, Mercedes Benz of St. Clair Shores and Prestige Cadillac in Warren.

Native Detroit: Anything else?

Jackson: In addition, we have joint business ventures in Beijing and Woohoo China, independently producing tea based beverages, and an organic milk company I established in Michigan.

Jackson Asset Management, JAM, is the umbrella company for Prestige Automotive Group, Jackson Land Holding, LLC., and Wink Entertainment. Through JAM and Richard Hoesly Upholstery Development, we have partnered to rehabilitate the 600,000 square foot, 104 year old crumbling, Fisher Body Plant located on Hastings Street in Detroit.

We are moving forward on what will become a multi-use complex, featuring apartments, commercial space and retail development. The price tag is expected to be more than \$134 million, with the projected completion date in 2025.

We also own the storied Lafayette Towers in Detroit. Wink Entertainment owns and manages the Copper Ridge Golf Course in Davison, Mi. one of only a handful of golf courses, owned and operated by African Americans. The Jackson team also produced Jazz on the River, a series of free summer concerts offered to the public for eight years before the pandemic.

Giving back and empowering underserved people is paramount. I am proactively engaged in the recertification of Morris Brown College, a HBCU. I am also heavily involved with advocacy organizations such as Children of the Incarcerated Parents and Generation With Promise. As a man of God and a Trustee at Fellowship Chapel, I feel it is my duty to help whenever I can.

Native Detroit: You are doing a lot in our community. However, let's change the subject. Can you say a little something about Kappa Alpha Psi ?

Jackson: My fraternity. I've been a member of Kappa Alpha Psi since spring of 1977, so 46 years. It was one of the greatest decisions of my life. The impact and benefits have been enormous. At every step of my life, there has been a Kappa man involved in my education, my work life, and in my entrepreneurial enterprises. Having a bond of friendship, a bond of brotherhood, a bond of people who you knew were watching out for you, has been very instrumental to any and everything that I have accomplished.

Native Detroit: I understand that you were recently honored by Kappa Alpha Psi?

Jackson: Yes, I was honored at our conclave in Tampa, Florida with the Fraternity's highest award. I am the 79th Laurel Wreath Awardee. So, in 112 years, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, with probably 253,000 members being initiated, only 82 Kappas have ever received the Laurel Wreath Award and I'm proud to be the 79th Kappa to receive it. I am only the second Kappa in our northern province to be selected. The great John Conyers, our Congressman, was the first. I got some big shoes to fill, right?

Native Detroit: That's very impressive. We are all exceedingly proud of you. Let's continue. Let's talk about your phenomenal success. They say that the harder you work the luckier you get.

Jackson: Well, I have been fortunate to have been able to navigate my way through the process with the help of family, friends, great employees, good customers, and an excellent support system, and with a lot of faith. I have achieved a lot more than I expected.

Business is basically information, capital, opportunity and a good network of friends and business associates. If you can combine those four elements with heart and hustle, your chances for success increase immensely. A good strategy is to know everything about your business. I only involve myself in areas of business in which I have an extensive knowledge of the enterprise. Risk management is always a consideration.

Native Detroit: Well, Greg, do you have any advice for budding entrepreneurs?

Jackson: Sherman, I try never to give advice, but I will say this. If you are a young man in college pledge, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. If you are not, dream big and work hard.



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MOTOWN PORTRAIT STUDIOS

Collette Williams

Detroit Businessman

As a premier entrepreneur he spends a lot of time on the Avenue of Fashion on Livernois, where he owns most of his businesses.

For over the past three and a half decades Detroit businessman and photographer Collette Williams, the creator and owner of Motown Portrait Photography studios has used his camera with extraordinary skill to build a photographic business and dynasty in Detroit. In doing so he helped a community of merchants sell their products and services to an eager and diverse group of shoppers from across the metro area. Williams along with other leading merchants brought thousands of shoppers to the Ave of Fashion.

Now retired from the Motown Portrait Photography Studios he has become a household name in the City of Detroit. As a result, he works even harder to promote the Ave of Fashion and its merchants. Williams is a man who truly loves his community. His efforts have made him the largest African American full service and portrait studio in the country. He is a Detroit business legend.

As an internationally known photographer with many photo credits and published pictures to his name, Williams pictures have been published in newspapers, magazines and other mediums nationally and internationally. Recognized for his careful eye for details his works have received recognition and acclaim from some of the most influential critics in the publishing industry.

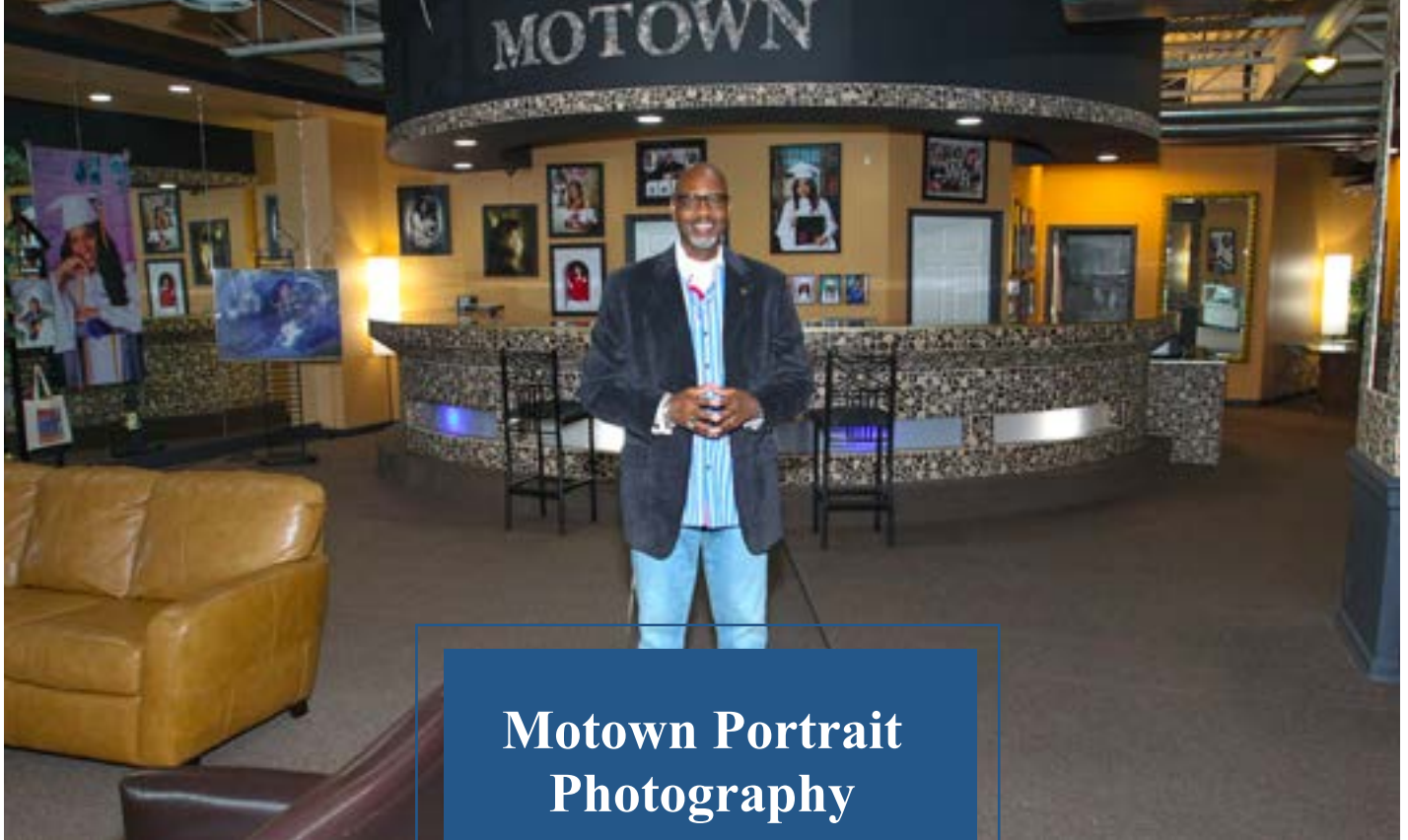
Williams has on display framed photographs in the Smithsonian Institute Museum in Washington D.C. He said he developed and crafted many of his skills while working for Ebony/Jet magazine for over 15 years.



Ebony magazine was one of the oldest Black owned and most recognized minority medium in the world. It was the most popular Black magazine in the country back in 1989.

With good work comes opportunity. Having established himself as one of the nation's premier photographers he was commissioned and had the pleasure of photographing South Africa late President Nelson Mandela when he was released from prison. In addition, Williams has photographed President Bill Clinton, President Barack Obama, President Joe Biden, Vice president Kamala Harris, civil rights icon Rosa Parks, and Secretary of State Colin Powell. Williams is also a contributing photographer for the Guinness Book of World Records.

Williams stature as a world class photographer has given him other photographic opportunities. He has been able to capture the images of seven-time World Champion, in seven different weight classes, the people's champ and boxing icon Thomas "Hitman" Hearns, a Detroiter. He was also the photographer for Emanuel Steward and all of Kronk Gym's boxing team and their Champions. Equally as important, he captured the photos of other celebrated individuals and groups such as the Gospel icons Winans family, Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Bishop TD Jakes, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, Mike Tyson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Dionne Warwick, Sean Combs, Richard Roundtree, Barry Sanders, Muhammad Ali, Marvin Hagler, Laila Ali, Zab Judah, Magic Johnson, former Atlanta mayor and United Nations Ambassador and civil rights leader Andrew Young, Detroit's own Mayor Coleman A. Young, Mayor Dennis Archer, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, movie producer Spike Lee, Actor James Brown, Esther Rolle of Good



Motown Portrait Photography

helped put the Avenue of Fashion back on the map in the early 90s. Hundreds and thousands of high school students came to the Avenue of Fashion to take their yearbooks and class pictures.

Times TV show, Bobby Brown, Anita Baker, songwriter Michael Powell, LL Cool J, Senator Ted Kennedy, Actor Mikey York, comedian Rodney Dangerfield, Detroit's Aretha Franklin, Steve Harvey, Professional Sports Planning CEO Kevin Poston, and their clients, Penny Hardaway, Charles Woodson, Orlando Pace, Ty Law and many more, Boston Massachusetts Mayor Martin J. Walsh who now works for President Biden, Miss America Kenya Moore, Detroit Lions Robert Porsche, Governor Douglas Wilder, United States Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith and the list goes on and on. As a city of Detroit business owner and studio owner, Williams has been a trailblazer on the Avenue of Fashion since 1989.

Despite his many photography accomplishments, his proudest endeavor is creating over 35 years of memories for parents and family members of elementary, middle and high school students in the metro area.

Motown Portrait Photography has literally photographed hundreds and thousands of school yearbook pictures and class activities. This includes all of the sports/action pictures for their yearbooks which were done by Williams free of charge to the schools. His studio has photographed student portraits, and full length poses with many expensive props. The 16,000 square foot building lobby also has downstairs shooting areas that were busy most days with standing room

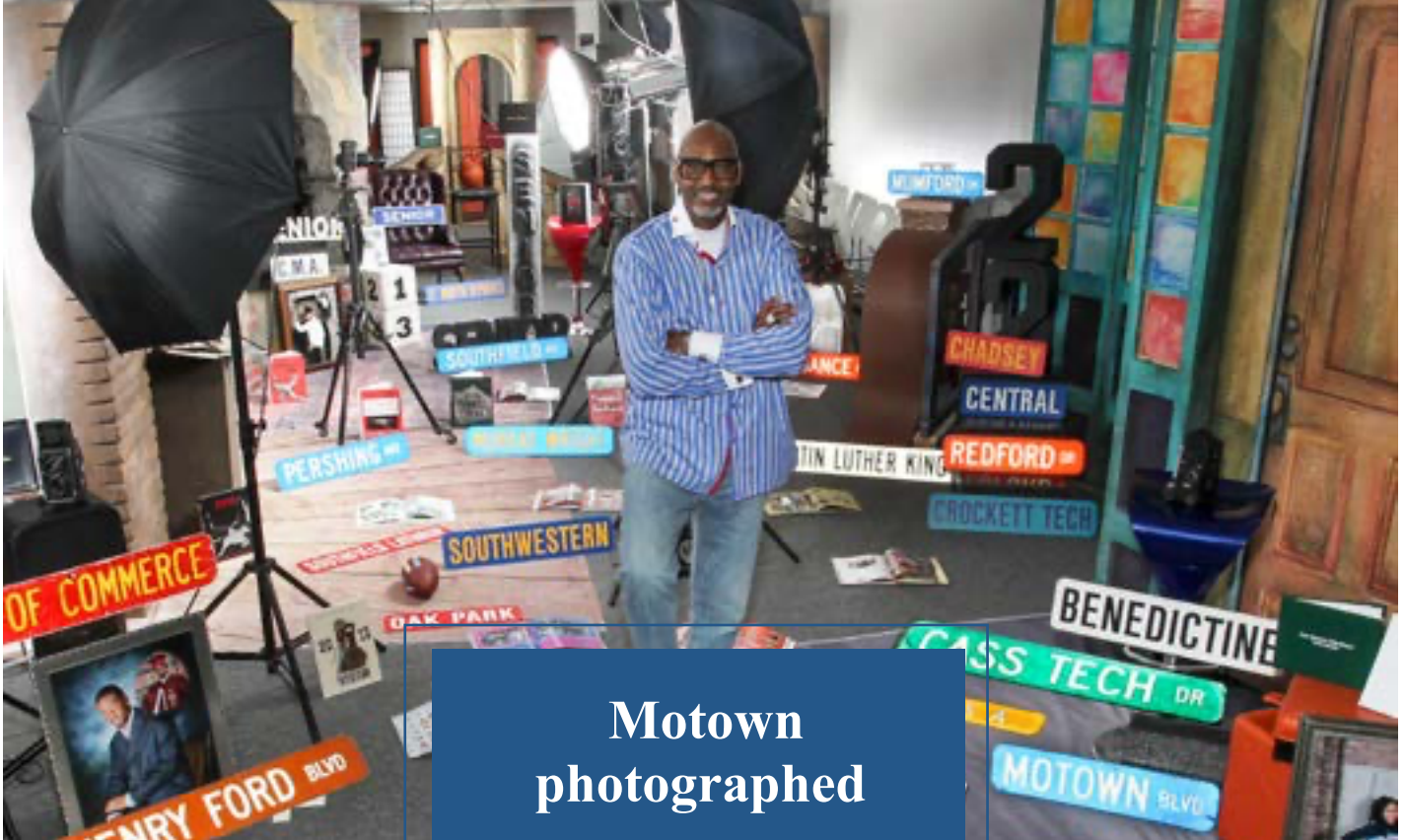
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High school seniors passionately wanted the Motown style of senior pictures. They would come from all over the state to be photographed by Motown. Some cities such as Muskegon and Saginaw would bring a full bus load of kids to Motown for their senior pictures.

In addition, Motown went on location to photograph high school homecomings, dances, proms and graduation ceremonies. Nothing like this had

ever been done on this large scale by an African American owned photography studio. Williams said, "We would have six or seven different dances going on at the same time. The events would be at different locations and each event required six employees. Coordinating those events was always a challenge. However, we always got through them with flying colors.

Collectte Williams' body of work is extensive and the facts speak for themselves. Motown has done a phenomenal job in developing opportunities in the Seven Mile and Livernois area. Over the past three decades he has created jobs for over fifteen hundred co-op high school students from all over Detroit and some suburban schools. Motown Portrait Photography was able to breathe some newly and badly needed life back into the Avenue of Fashion area in 1989. This was the year Collette bought his first two buildings from Bell Jacobs- the owner of Bell Jacobs furrier. Mrs



Motown photographed

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Motown was recognized as
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in the business.

Jacobs was also a good friend of the late Mayor Coleman A. Young who tried to talk her into staying in business. At that time many businesses were closing or relocating to the suburbs. The decline was severe compared to other parts of the city, There were many vacant buildings. There was no traffic on the Avenue of Fashion.

What helped the situation was many of Motown's high school clients, their families, and friends would shop while waiting on their kids to finish their senior picture session, which took two to three hours. Some of the Avenue of Fashion's oldest business owners would say Collette and Motown Portrait Photography put the Avenue of Fashion back on the map in the early 90s. With the success of Motown Portrait Photography Collette invested right back into the Avenue of Fashion business community by becoming the largest property owner on the Avenue of Fashion creating premium and prime commercial buildings for lease. The 1.5 mile Avenue of Fashion between Margarita and Pembroke is said to be the largest black owned business district in the country now. Now with the new 17 million dollar streetscape which was Mayor Mike Duggan's vision. Mayor Duggan, while visiting one of Collette's properties on the Avenue of Fashion told Collette now is a good time to be a property owner on the Avenue of Fashion. Collette has always been a businessman who welcomes good change. Collette did his part during the streetscape by investing in all of his properties' exteriors giving them a new more modern and inviting

appearance.

However, one of Collette Williams most satisfying accomplishments in his journey as a businessman/ photographer is seeing the kids who used to work for him. Many of them come back to visit him and his family. They appreciate the opportunity he gave them by giving them their first job. They let him know how it changed their lives for the better. Whenever speaking to former students and employees Collette asks them if they still remember the three quotes he taught them when they

worked for him. The quotes are first, "integrity is always doing what's right when no one is looking. The second, confidence is believing in yourself. Number three is think before you act, once you act you can't take it back." Collette recalls that many of them still remember. "All of them should, remember I said it to them enough times." A lot of these same kids are now doctors, lawyers, a prosecuting attorney in Miami, police officers, teachers, engineers, school principals, a school superintendent, photographers and business owners. Motown Photography has always tried to help as people as they could.

Every meaningful life's journey begins with a purpose, a plan and the willingness to help others. Collecte Williams is a shining example for all of us to follow. He is a Native Detroiter who has given more than he will ever receive and he gave because he wanted to be a positive influence in the community in which he lived.



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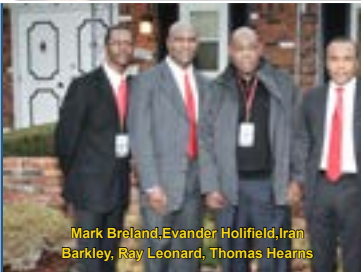
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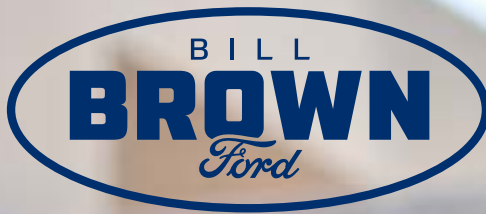
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By Wayne County Commissioner, Monique McCormick

As a life long native Detroiter, veteran, community activist first and an elected Wayne County Commissioner second, it's not about ME, it's about the people I serve.

The Honorable Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, my role model and the first woman to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination famously said, "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on earth".

Looking back on my life before the Commission, my genuine intention and passion to serve, particularly our children, has been the reoccurring theme.

Although, my decade long journey to becoming a Wayne County Commissioner, cannot compare to the sacrifices made by my ancestors nevertheless, my journey was not easy. So many politicks, court battles, hardships and sacrifices along the way has only made me stronger!

It all started on the westside of Detroit when I was 8 years old I volunteered and recruited my father to go door to door to raise money for the March of Dimes. Then off to college and on the campus of Western Michigan University fighting for the official observance of "MLK DAY" in Kalamazoo.

I then made the ultimate sacrifice to serve my country in the United States Army which instilled in me discipline and steadfastness helping me to persevere through life challenges.

After graduation from Walsh College with a Masters Degree in Business, I purchased my first home in Northwest Detroit, married, had two daughters and in

1997 started a family business, McCormick Real Estate & Financial Group. In 2003 I was elected as a precinct delegate serving as a Young Dem in the Democratic Party registering thousands of young voters. I went on to serve for over 13 years as a parent and President of the PTA in Detroit Public Schools (DPS), John R. King, Ludington Middle School and Cass Technical High School. In 2008, I started the McCormick Report, an online publication to bring light to DPS, Wayne County and community related issues.

The lessons and hardships learned along the way prepared me to serve on the Board of Directors of the Community Coalition, a political grassroots organization started by Ernest Johnson, Business Mogul Don Barden, his wife Bella Marshall the CFO of Wayne County and others. This lead me to County government and one of my highest achievements and the rest is history.

Looking back, it was a long hard fought battle, purpose driven, intentional and not all about me.

The only way our community will continue to thrive and not just survive is first by being loyal to each other, being a role model to our children and then selecting and electing leaders with a strong track record of service.

For just this reason, in 2020, with the support of my colleagues, I started the Wayne County Commission Youth Council, a diverse civil youth group, that empowers and mold the service records of the next generation of leaders. It's not about me, it's about service!



Southfield businessman Rodney Howell invited Hill to speak to friends, family and future supporters.

Hill Harper

Is a leader who is looking for supporters.

Hill Harper was born in Iowa City, IA, the son of two doctors, his father a psychiatrist and his mother, an anesthesiologist. He graduated magna cum laude from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and was named Valedictorian of his department. Harper then graduated with a J.D. (cum laude) from Harvard Law School, as well as with a Master's Degree in Public Administration, with honors, from the Kennedy School of Government. He holds honorary doctoral degrees from Howard University, Winston-Salem State University, Cheyney University, Le-Moyne Owen College, Westfield State College, Dillard University and Tougaloo College.

Among his other titles, Harper is a successful businessman and entrepreneur. He is co-owner of the award-winning International House Hotel, in New Orleans, a successful coffee franchise in downtown Detroit called The Roasting Plant and The Architect & Co., a health and wellness company that manufactures natural skin and hair products sold on Amazon. Harper also owns several commercial and residential rental properties in Los Angeles and Newark, NJ.

Harper served on the President's Cancer Panel having been appointed by President Obama in 2011 and has been named Honorary Co-Chair of Redevelopment of Black Wall Street by the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce. Harper travels worldwide as a motivational speaker, addressing current affairs and life-awakening topics to a wide array of audiences of youth, adults, couples, and business leaders. In 2004 and 2014, People Magazine named him one of their Sexiest Men Alive he anticipates being named again in 2024.

Hill Harper is a humanitarian, an award-winning actor, best-selling author, entrepreneur, health and wellness ambassador/educator and philanthropist. Harper is perhaps most recognizable for his starring role in the CBS hit television drama CSI: NY where he played eccentric Dr. Sheldon Hawkes from 2004 to 2013 for which Harper won three NAACP Image Awards for Best Lead Actor in a Drama Series. Subsequently, Harper returned to CBS starring in Covert Affairs, the fast-paced drama Limitless, and Showtime's award-winning drama Homeland. Harper will rejoin the cast of ABC's #1 television drama, The Good Doctor, for it's 4th season, hosts How It Really Happened with Hill Harper on HLN and star in podcast Legal Wars. In theaters, Harper can be seen in Concussion, All Eyez on Me and Warner Bros. Pictures film A Sun Is Also A Star starring Yara Shahidi.

In addition, to his performing career, Harper has authored four New York Times best sellers: Letters to a Young Brother, Letters to a Young Sister, The Conversation, and The Wealth Cure which chronicled his diagnosis with thyroid cancer and his journey to health. Harper has been recognized with seven NAACP Image awards, four of them for his writing. His latest book, "Letters to an Incarcerated Brother", which speaks to the current mass incarceration crisis, was released to critical acclaim and was nominated for several awards.

Harper's efforts and endeavors have proven that he is a dedicated and committed candidate for public office. If he is able to connect with Michigan supporters he will be the proven leader that we need for Michigan's open Senate seat.



Tolbert met with Detroit officials at the Coleman A. Young Building

Kevin Tolbert

Leading a Vision for Progress in the 12th Congressional District

by Carter Jones

Kevin Tolbert, a proud father, labor leader, and civil rights activist, has embarked on a new journey as the recently elected Democratic Party Chairperson for the 12th Congressional District. With an impressive tenure of over 25 years dedicated to serving the Democratic Party, Tolbert's commitment lies in uplifting communities and championing the core values of the party.

His tenure spans across significant organizations such as the UAW, NAACP, and the Democratic Party, where he has held diverse roles. From serving as the Recording Secretary of the State Party to actively engaging as a precinct delegate, Tolbert's leadership has had a significant impact. His contributions extend to leading endorsement committees and serving as a State Central Delegate, providing him with invaluable insights from esteemed party leaders.

Tolbert's overarching vision revolves around amalgamating the wisdom acquired from the past with contemporary tools to propel the Democratic Party towards a promising future. His strategic focus involves empowering precinct delegates to consistently engage communities throughout the year, fostering a culture of active participation within the party.

Acknowledging the achievements of the Democratic Party, Tolbert remains steadfast in recognizing the challenges ahead. With a goal to keep the party united

and focused on critical issues, he emphasizes the importance of vigilance against external forces aiming to deter active participation in the democratic process. Tolbert's mission is not merely about raising voices on social media but inspiring tangible involvement in meetings and activities, advocating for unity and perseverance in shaping a brighter future for all.

As Tolbert aptly states, "There are so many forces that are actively engaged in making us stay home and stay out of the process. As chair, my job is to keep us aware of what they are doing and devise a strategy to prevent them from doing it!" His call to action emphasizes that the true essence of change lies in active involvement, unity, and determination within the party's structure.

Join Kevin Tolbert in his efforts to script a new chapter for the Democratic Party in the 12th Congressional District. For more information, visit 12thdistrictsdemsmi.com and be part of this transformative journey.

In the words of Jamaine Dickens, a prominent political strategist, about Tolbert's leadership, "Kevin's unwavering dedication and visionary approach have been instrumental in propelling our party's progress, inspiring unity, and steering us towards a brighter future."



Rodger Penzabene Jr. at his eastside Studio in Detroit

"The Cool Is Back"

By Carter Jones

Rodger Penzabene Jr. is a man on a mission to push jazz back to the top of the music mountain. According to him Jazz is the life blood from which all music was created. He stated that decades before Motown Records had the world dancing in the streets Detroit was one of the Jazz capitals in the world.

In 1965, Detroit had established itself as one of the globe's top jazz cities. We had many Jazz clubs throughout the city. We had clubs like Bakers Keyboard Lounge, the Flame Show Bar, the Blue Bird, Watt's Club Mozambique, the Willis Show bar and many others. The real music enthusiasts and historians know that behind the hundreds and hundreds of Motown hits were many of Detroit's top jazz musicians generating the electrifying music. Those jazz greats included James Jamerson, Earl Van Dyke and Johnny Griffin, George Bohanon and Jimmy Wilkens, Ernie Rodgers and Thomas "Beans" Bowles, Dennis Coffey, Joe Messina, Ron English (guitarists) and Marcus Belgrave.

Born to a musical family, Rodger has loved the sound of music all his life. A native Detroiter, he is the son of hit song writer and producer (Motown) Rodger Penzabene Sr. and his mother owned the legendary Jazz West night club (1975-80). He knows great music, especially jazz, since the time he could walk.

He believes that Jazz is perhaps the greatest music ever

made and certainly the greatest music to come out of the African American community. A natural born entrepreneur, he acquired the world's oldest jazz radio station, the iconic WJZZ. He then revived it back on the air with an updated logo and restructured it from a Detroit FM station to broadcasting worldwide via the internet. There is also WJZZ COOL TV. It is a livestream station, a production division hosting fabulous jazz concerts and parties around the world. Those famous call letters now represent an apparel and a gourmet coffee. It is certainly a full service media company making moves as a culture brand on the rise. Our aspirations and ambitions are with high, live event productions, and soon to launch a digital magazine and a ROKU channel.

Rodger said "Bob Johnson is a great man. I greatly admire him because of his vision and accomplishment to build BET from a humble foundation against all odds into a powerhouse super brand valued in the billions. I aspire to emulate his success."

The WJZZ team includes notable music artists Joan Belgrave, Sky Covington and Duane Parham along with WJZZ alumni Derrick Hughes and other former on air personalities. The entire team is committed to showcasing Detroit talent and representing the city to the fullest. Rodger believes the team is solid and is open to welcoming others who share the vision and commitment to make jazz culture great again.

Listeners can enjoy jazz music on wjzsdetroitradio.com or contact by email at connect@wjzsradio.com



Calvin Sibert, aka Mr. Smooth, has given thousands of dance lessons for the last 15 years and has even played incidental matchmaker a few dozen times.

Detroit Ballroom's Smooth King

The Best Dance Instruction Available

by Cassandra Spratling

It's not quite time for class, but couples have already begun to claim space on the shiny wooden dance floor at Club Yesterday's in Detroit. By the time the teacher takes his place at the front of the class, the floor is filled with rows and rows of couples joyously following the lead of the instructor's captivating voice.

His name is Calvin Sibert, but they call him Mr. Smooth, or Smooth for short. It describes not only his graceful dance style, but the gentle, teddy bear-like demeanor that has endeared thousands of dancers around the world to him and his wife and business partner, Jackie.

From a class of approximately 75 students in Inkster in 2001, the couple has built a mini-empire centered on ballroom dancing. It includes weekly classes in metro Detroit, monthly classes in Atlanta, annual ballroom cruises, trips to teach ballroom as far away as South Africa, a team of talented teachers and a line of clothing, CDs and DVDs. He estimates he's taught 25,000 people to dance since that first class at a recreation center in 2001.

And more than fancy footwork keeps people coming. "It's not just the dancing. It's the atmosphere, the spirit of the place. There's something magical and

spiritual about his classes," says Duane Owens, 61, of Detroit, a regular at his classes. "Most of these people are strangers to me, but it feels like family."

That familial atmosphere has, in fact, resulted in some real families. At least 31 couples have reportedly married since meeting in one of Mr. Smooth's classes. Another couple is scheduled to wed on this month's ninth annual cruise.

"Mr. Smooth encourages you to dance with different people, and we just started dancing together," says Laverda Burley, 46, a social worker, who's engaged to marry Claude Milhouse, 55, a firefighter she met at a class two years ago.

But hooking up is not the goal of Mr. Smooth's classes. It's all about a graceful style of ballroom dancing that he began teaching at a friend's suggestion, a year after he himself learned in a class at Wayne County Community College District in 2000. And the rest as they say is history. If you would like join the Mr. Smooth Experience, he teaches his classes every Tuesday at the Showplace from 7pm til 9pm. You can also learn to dance with weekly lessons on CBS Detroit. <https://www.cbsnews.com/detroit/video/learn-to-ballroom-dance-with-weekly-lessons-in-detroit>



Back row left to right: Angela Hearn, Shelia Mac, Marion Justice, Renae White, Carolann Sanders, Samantha Hall, Lacara Turner, Sabrina Richard-Williams, Jeanine Hill, Sebrina Thomas. Front Row: Kiana Simmons, Kelly Terrell, Tracey Tate, Traci Smith, Joann Wilburd, Ieshia Morgan, Elma Smith-Chatman, Ms. V, LaNeka Jacobs, Tonya McMillon

Sailing The Waves Of Change

Looking Ahead To Another Boating Season

by Kelly Terrell

The Black Women Boating Club's remarkable journey began in Detroit September 2019 when two visionary women, Kelly Terrell and Tracey Tate, took the helm and founded the (BWBC). They recognized a need for a supportive community for women in boating. Terrell and Tate set out to create a space that would not only foster a love for the open water but also empower women from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Since its inception, the BWBC has grown exponentially, now boasting a membership of over 500 women across the United States. This September marked a significant milestone for the organization as it opened its first chapter in Cleveland, Ohio. Leading the charge in Cleveland is the seasoned boating enthusiast, Ms. Tonya McMillon, whose passion for navigating the water has made her the perfect captain for this new endeavor.

The Cleveland Chapter has already made waves with 18 enthusiastic members and continues to grow rapidly. With each new member, the BWBC solidifies its mission of creating a safe and welcoming space for women in the boating community.

Safety on the water is at the forefront of the BWBC's mission. The organization prioritizes providing its members with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the seas securely.

Looking ahead, the BWBC has set its sights on expanding its reach. Anticipating the opening of its second chapter in the DMV area (DC, Maryland, Virginia) in 2024, the organization is on a trajectory of growth and influence. In a groundbreaking move, the BWBC is forging partnerships to enhance safety on the waterways.

The organization is in talks with the City of Detroit, aiming to make the waterways a safer place for boating enthusiasts and connecting the local community to the joys of boating.

As the BWBC continues to navigate uncharted waters, it stands as a beacon of empowerment, unity, and community impact. This remarkable organization is not only changing the face of women in boating, but also making waves in the broader community. The Black Women Boating Club is undoubtedly an organization worth supporting – a force for change, empowerment, and the love of the open sea. They plan to keep up the great work, as they sail the waves of change.



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Dr. Shinese Wingo and Serenity staff

Serenity Rehabilitation Clinic

Responds To White Collar Drug Addiction Increase

By Dr. Shinese Wingo

The odds are extremely high that one of your co-workers has a sex, gambling, alcohol, or drug addiction. In fact, according to data from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Survey on Drug Use and Health, "approximately 70 percent of all adults with an alcohol or illicit drug use disorder are employed". While it makes us feel better to imagine the person with addiction challenges to be some poor slob that can easily be recognized as someone that has made horrible decisions and is clearly down on their luck, the reality is that there is a growing level of dysfunction in the workplace resulting in various adverse behavior addictions.

To be sure, like any embarrassing admission, the ability of an individual to face their demons is difficult. The negative stigma, self-image perception and damage make it hard for people to seek out the help that they need. Who do they tell they have a problem? How do they go to their Human Resources Director, Supervisor or Employer and disclose their challenge without losing respect, responsibilities or even their job?

How do employers that have a valued employee who needs help, get it without damaging the company brand? These are very real questions, fears and obstacles that impede people getting the disease treatment they need.

"At Serenity, we know it is not only important to have a full range of accessible rehabilitation services available to the less fortunate of our community, but program services

that support the unique challenges of business owners, corporate executives, public officials, celebrities, athletes and everyone in between", says CEO Sherjeel Khan. "We pride ourselves on being culturally and socially competent in the provision of our services so that every client receives the best rehabilitation program for their circumstances."

The fact is, in metro-Detroit there is a large population of "functioning addicts" that while going to work, are underperforming, costing companies millions and failing to deliver the quality services we deserve.

In Pontiac, Michigan, Serenity Rehabilitation Center delivers a comprehensive range of addiction treatment and recovery services associated with the Prevention and Intervention Goals of the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan's Bridges to Sobriety Initiative. "We have been providing strength-based behavioral health facilitation programming in and around Detroit for nearly a quarter century." says Professor Nicole T. Stallworth. While our "Navigation to Success" middle and high school-based Life Skills Programming is a cornerstone of inner city adolescent behavioral health and wellness promotion and represents a significant firewall built in Southeast Michigan to slow the tide of substance use disorders in 2024 and beyond we will be moving more aggressively to expand our efforts in violence prevention, intervention, trauma screening and referral treatment using collaborative partners such as Professional Psychological and Psychiatric Services and Serenity Rehabilitation Clinic.

To get help, learn more about or to confidentially access the services at Serenity Rehabilitation Center call (248) 838-3686. To contact Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan call (313) 285-9234.

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"Angels In The Wings" A Heavenly Masterpiece

By Jackie Vaughn

"Angels in the Wings" is a production that was presented on December 9, 2023 at The Empowerment Church in Southfield, Michigan. This production was inspired by the gentle spirit of an Angel. Although we have heard the story of the birth of Jesus over a billion times, this production is unique because the story is told from the perspective of the Angels. By researching the historical biblical material, I gained a greater understanding of the roles of the various Angels. History revealed that the Angels had different hierarchies, so I decided to zero in on Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, and Gabriella as key Arch Angels.

Gabriel was very intriguing to me because of his role as the "informer." he was there to deliver the message to the people. Michael was the "protector," and Raphael was the angel who provided support while traveling. Gabriella was a female Angel inspiring to be an Arch Angel, under the direction of Gabriel. Angels were present during every scene, because it emphasized they were there in the wings all the time.

This year we converted the production into a musical. we were able to appeal to a more diverse audience. Creating a blend of music to express the mood of each scene, we incorporated several different genres of music ranging from Opera, to Jazz, Rap, Gospel, Scat, and R&B. It was an adventure to comb through the talent in Detroit to discover some of the best actors and singers who loved God as well as acting and singing. Having Carlton Gupton as the music director was a plus. His CG Experience band captivated the audience with their melodious sound. A tremendous contribution to this production was the special guest appearance of Randy Scott, national recording jazz saxophonist who currently boast a single that's number one on the billboard charts.

Everyone in the production made special contributions.

The role of Mary was played by Johnyce Jackson, Joseph was played by Eric Deon, and Gabriel was played by Caleb Merritt. Their voices brought forth beautiful renderings of songs that captivated the audience. One scene that was mentioned as thought provoking was "The Immaculate Conception," when Gabriel told Mary she would bear a child that would be conceived by the Holy Spirit. An angelic holy dancer, played by Rev. Keeley Lucas, appeared in LED wings and performed the holy dance around Mary as she laid asleep in her bed.

The costumes in this production were awesome; Sharon Jones was the primary designer of the Angels costumes. Sharon is a skillful designer with years of experience in costume design. Jami Littlejohn used her creative skills to custom design the Angels wings. Jami's attention to detail was impeccable. Beverly Hannah, one of Detroit's leading architects, was the director of wardrobe. She was skillful in making sure the entire casts costumes were impressive and memorable. Having a strong team is the foundation of any endeavor. We were blessed to have as a consultant, ReMonda Sheffield. She worked tirelessly to ensure a quality musical production.

My husband, Eric Whitaker, worked with a dynamic stage team consisting of Al Boyd, Mason Holiday and Byron Savage, to guarantee smooth transitions between scenes. Eric was my right hand and I am grateful for his dedication and input.

This year "Angels in the Wings" reached a new level with two sold out shows. We are confident with the "Grace of God" we will continue to elevate this production and reach out to the masses to "tell the story".

CAST & CREW: Johnyce Jackson, Eric Deon, Al Boyd, Audrey Northington, Rev Terry Thompson, Matinee, Lloyd Jackson, Derf Napier Shock, Peyton Stanford, Ava Callaway, Megghan Doggett, LaNiya Williams, Callie Smith, Caleb Merritt, Carlton Jones, Dr. LaCesha Brintley, David Jackson, David Jackson, Lamont Howard, Dr. Phares Noel, Marcia Griffin, Lynette Barnes, Jennifer Pasha, Buttons (Gulvester Alford), Rev Richard Townsend, Lloyd Jackson, Silas Williams, Holy Ghost Dancer, Jalon Hassan, Luke Lenton, Elijah Gillespie, Rev Edwin Harlin, Rev Diane Nash, Rev Michelle Morris, Randy Scott, Kai lisa Anderson, Paula Green, Eric Whitaker, Al Boyd, Beverly Hannah.



The weed today, ain't the weed we smoked in the 60's and 70's.

Today's Cannabis

This Ain't Yo Granddaddy's Weed

by Carter Jones

When I first arrived at MSU in 1972 you could buy a pound of Acapulco Gold marijuana for about \$75. A pound of Panama Red was about \$100 depending on who you copped from. The weed was natural, grown from the ground, had a high medicinal value and had no artificial ingredients or chemicals. It was good stuff.

Panama Red was great for sex. Smoking a joint back in the day boosted your testosterone and made sex feel incredible. The only problem was afterward you might eat 25 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or four large pizzas. "The back in the day weed" was also relaxing, and it could actually improve your health.

However, today's Cannabis is a whole different ball game. This ain't your granddaddy's weed. Today's Cannabis or medical marijuana is some whole different kinda shit.

According to Dr. Wesley Muhammad, a well established author and researcher of Cannabis and modern substances, said that today's Cannabis has been created and manufactured in laboratories. The chemical composition of what we smoke today is very different from the natural plant that we smoked years ago and does not have any medicinal value.

The natural cannabis plant contains the chemical CBD cannabidiol. That's the chemical that produces the greatest medical effect. CBD is also helpful because it tames and limits the negative effects of the other chemical in cannabis, THC. The problem is, CBD doesn't get you high. It is the THC additive that gets you high.

The medical marijuana that you buy at most dispensaries contains a neurodegenerative, it does damage to the brain

and the testosterone. So, for males if you are not getting that hard-on as often as you used to, it could be the cannabis that you are smoking. The THC in cannabis is an erection killer for most men.

On the other hand, the CBD in cannabis is the good stuff and has a high medicinal value. It is the good chemical in cannabis. It was the viagra of its day.

Cannabis and the natural cannabis plant has a CBD content upwards of 40% and a low THC. In many cases where cannabis is sold in Detroit the CBD has been grafted out of it. So the CBD content went from 40% in the plant to .08%. And the THC content, the stuff that gets you high but kills your brain and kills a man's testosterone has gone up.

The stuff your great granddaddy smoked way back in the day is why yo granddaddy had so many kids. What Louis Armstrong and the great musicians were smoking in the 1940s and 50s, that weed had a THC content of less than 02%. It went from less than 02% to today 14% .

Our brother Snoop Dogg was recently talking about that moon rock and that summer marijuana with THC contents of 40%, 50% and 60% and then Dragon Ball, that's 90% enhanced. According to Dr. Wesley Muhammad, THC was created in the US Army Chemical Corps laboratory. All of this THC enhanced marijuana is a weapon they sell in urban communities across the country.

I believe marijuana dispensaries were put in urban centers for a reason, just like liquor stores. I believe that the cannabis business was made legal for a reason. More importantly, I believe that if your granddaddy had smoked this weed, you would not be here today.



Tattoos are among the coolest fashion statements, but are they safe ?

Tattoo Zoo

How Safe Are They ?

by Carter Jones

Tattoos are among the coolest fashion statements that a person can have. Some of everybody in the world is sporting a tattoo these days, from Rap stars to grandmothers. Because so many people love them, the ink has just kept on pouring. But how safe are tattoos?

It seems that a lot of people have never asked themselves this question. This is probably since so many people have them, most people assume that they are safe and not a problem.

However, here are some things that you may want to consider. Tattoos breach the skin, which means that skin infections and other complications are possible, including allergic reactions to tattoo dyes, especially red, green, yellow and blue dyes that can cause skin reactions, such as an itchy rash at the tattoo site. This can occur even years after you get the tattoo.

Evidence does show that some tattoo inks contain carcinogens (cancer-causing substances) – chemicals that have been classified as known or possible carcinogens by the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer. Subsequently, a 2016 report from the Australian Government's Department of Health, National Industrial Chemical's Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS), looked into the composition of 49 tattoo inks and found a mismatch between content and labeling, as well as concern about some components. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), a group of chemicals which

are known carcinogens, was found in a fifth of the samples tested and in 83% of the black inks tested by NICNAS. Other hazardous components included barium, copper, mercury, amines and various colourants.

In order to achieve the permanent effect, tattoo ink is injected into the dermis – the deeper layer of the skin – and stays in the skin for a lifetime. Over time, macrophages take up pigment and may transport it into the lymphatic system and lymph nodes. This means other tissue in the body can be exposed to potentially carcinogenic materials in the tattoo ink.

A recent review found that the number of skin cancers in tattooed skin was low, and therefore seems coincidental, however a number of carcinogens that have been found in tattoo inks have been associated with cancers elsewhere in the body, such as the liver or bladder. If a tattoo covers or surrounds a mole you might not see changes that could indicate skin cancer, and the tattoo pigments in your skin may make it difficult for a doctor to accurately detect cancer, delaying diagnosis of melanoma or skin cancer. If you are concerned, don't get tattooed. Or if you choose to get tattooed, ask if the inks being used comply with the European standard known as ResAP(2008)1, which sets out the requirements and criteria for the safety of tattoos.



Darryl showcases Lovin Life Club at 19960 James Couzens Lodge Fwy

Darryl Price

A Multi-Talented Entrepreneur
with Over 35 Years of Business Success

by Al Coe

Darryl Price is a distinguished entrepreneur with a remarkable career spanning over 35 years. A multifaceted professional, Darryl has made a lasting impact in various industries and is widely recognized for his honesty, dedication, and passion for uplifting people through motivation. He is the proud owner of several thriving businesses, each a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence.

One of Darryl's standout ventures is the "Lovin Life Club," a testament to his love for people and his desire to bring positivity into their lives. Through this club, he has created a community where individuals are inspired and motivated to lead more fulfilling lives. Darryl's motivational insights and genuine care for the well-being of his club members have earned him a special place in their hearts.

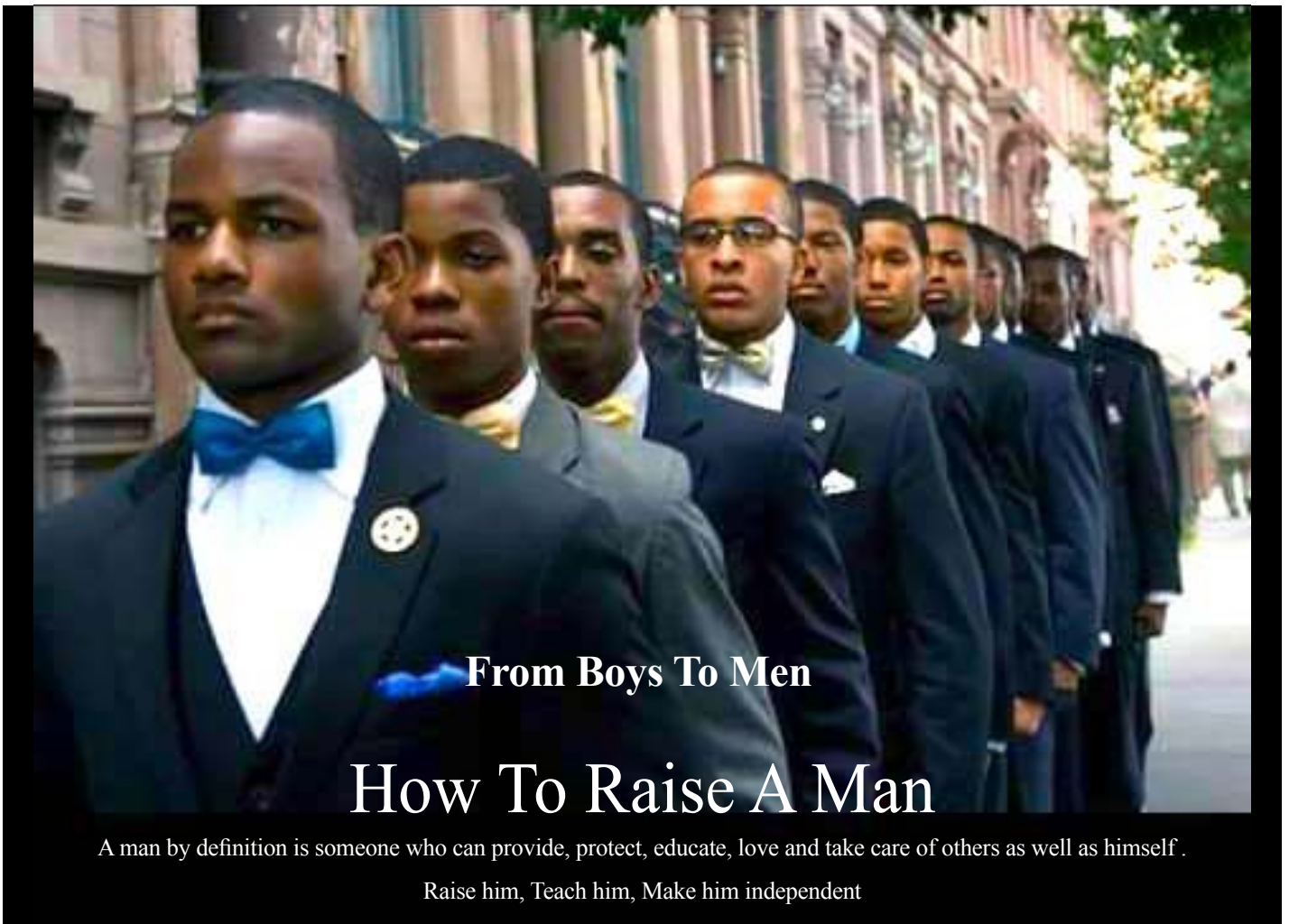
Darryl is also the driving force behind "1st Class Contractor Inc.," a successful contracting company known for its top-tier construction and renovation services. His decades of experience in the construction industry have solidified his reputation for high-quality work and reliability.

In the realm of home improvement, Darryl has made

his mark as the owner of "Stone Age Marble & Granite." This business reflects his commitment to providing top-notch materials and craftsmanship to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of homes. With a keen eye for design and a dedication to customer satisfaction, Darryl's company is a trusted name in the industry.

Furthermore, Darryl has ventured into the real estate world as a Realtor, helping clients find their dream homes and investments. His extensive knowledge of the real estate market and his genuine desire to assist others in making important life decisions has earned him the trust of many.

Throughout his illustrious career, Darryl Price has consistently demonstrated his entrepreneurial prowess, business acumen, and, most importantly, his genuine love for people. His commitment to motivating and uplifting individuals, coupled with his diverse portfolio of successful enterprises, solidify his status as a seasoned entrepreneur and an inspiration to many. Darryl Price's legacy is one of integrity, dedication, and a deep-seated desire to make the world a better place for everyone he touches through his work.



From Boys To Men

How To Raise A Man

A man by definition is someone who can provide, protect, educate, love and take care of others as well as himself .

Raise him, Teach him, Make him independent

By Carter Jones

This is the eighth generation of men who have been raised almost entirely by women. The net results are that many young men have adopted characteristics that not too long ago were only associated with women. From wearing earrings and flip flops to braiding and dyeing their hair, to wearing skin tight suits, pants and shirts, it is apparent that many young men have used their mothers as role models. They look, move, think and act like women.

It is clear that many women will probably continue to raise their sons without a father. It is obvious that many of these women did not have fathers themselves and have no idea of what a man is or how he is supposed to behave. To further complicate matters some women have raised their sons like girls, because they didn't realize the difference. So we thought we would provide a little direction on how to raise a man, because we realize a lot of women just don't know. We understand the challenge is daunting.

First, it is very important for a single mother raising a son to realize that men are not born, they are made. No man was ever born realizing what his role was and how to achieve his goals. Someone taught him or he learned in the streets. Learning manhood in the streets will guarantee stupidity or failure. A boy has to be taught how to be a man and what a man is by someone who knows, a real man.

A man by definition is a male who can take care of himself as well as others during normal economic times. His role is to provide, protect, educate and love his family and his community. As soon as he is able to walk and comprehend, he must begin to understand who and what he is and his role as a man. Becoming a man is a learning process, not a natural one.

A man must be taught how to provide and protect his family. He must educate himself to learn a skill, a trade or how to own a business. He also must be taught how to love and treat his woman and his children. He must have a clear understanding of racism and American media. In addition he must be taught discipline, manners, how to act and dress in public, how to respect the rights of others and most importantly he must also be taught what we call basic man stuff. He should know things. Things like how to change a flat tire. How to fix things around the house. How to select a good woman and how not to have babies he does not want and the impact that child support can have on his life. As a single mother if you can't teach your son the things he needs to be a man, you must find a man who can. If he does not learn, you will have a 50 year old boy living in your basement when you are 90 years old.

A single mother should also understand that her job is to be his parent not his friend. As a parent you are responsible to provide the necessary food, clothing, shelter and medical care insofar as you are able. The proper role of the parent is to provide encouragement, support, and access to activities that enable your child to master key developmental tasks that will make him successful at whatever he endeavors until he is 18 years of age. When he is 18 he should be moving on to a school, the military or working a job 40 hours a week.

A parent is their child's first teacher and should remain their best teacher throughout life. So ladies let's get started. A boy's early years of development should be spent learning how to be independent. A man should know how to take care of himself. When a boy is very young teach him how to do as much as he can for himself. Tie his own shoes, washing, cooking, cleaning, and taking care of his room are all early lessons in being independent. Responsibility is taught by assigning him appropriate chores that he must perform on time everyday. Things like cutting the grass, taking the garbage out and mopping the floors. These things will not only teach him responsibility but discipline as well. A man must learn how to take care of himself before he can take care of a family.

As he grows older independence is achieved by learning a trade, business, a skill or through education. It is only with employment or commerce that he will become independent. Starting from the time he is able to walk, he must learn that he has to work for everything that he receives. If he wants a new pair of gym shoes, find a way that he can work to earn them. He should know that no one owes him anything, not you, his grandmother, or his daddy. Make him aware that it is up to him to earn the things he wants. A mother's goal is to teach her son how to take care of himself. Love him, teach him but don't baby him. In addition, he must learn that he has to make money the old fashioned way, he has to earn it honestly. Let him know that going to jail will not help you or him.

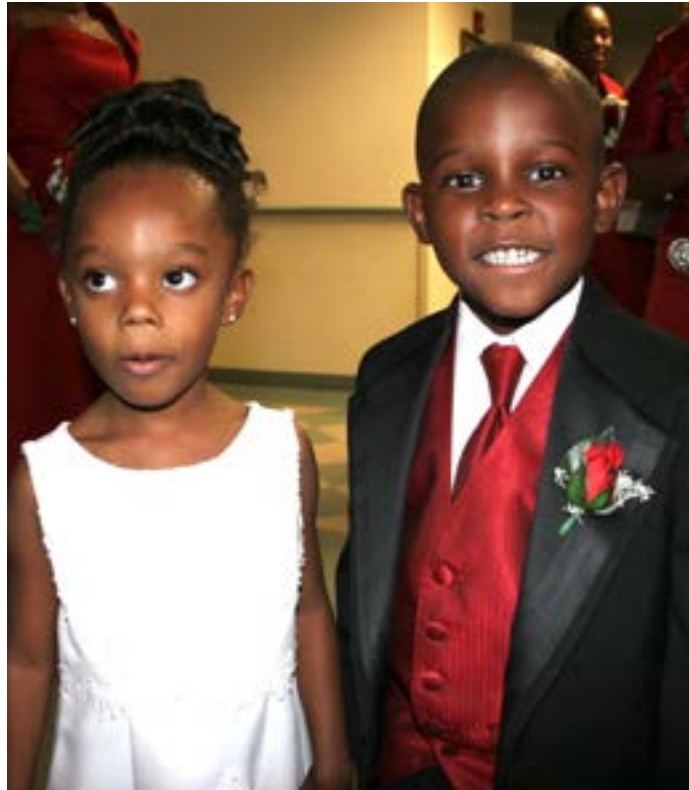
Discipline and Respect: Most boys will misbehave very early in life. You may ask them to do something and he does not do it. Your son will test you. I got my first ass whooping from my mother at eight, when she found out me and my cousin were

skipping school. If your son is normal at some point you may just have to slap the shit out of his ass. However, remember a child will do more out of respect than they will do out of love. Men in their 60s and 70s feared their parents and respected them because they knew if they didn't do what was expected, two things would happen, one was bad and two was terrible. Discipline is one of the toughest part of parenting. However, data shows that if it is not done early in a boy's life he may never respect authority. Just remember you are not his friend,

you are his parent. It is okay to love him but remember that you have to raise him as well. Make sure that your son respects you and does what you tell him. Anyway, not only will assigned task teach him discipline and respect but authority as well. This will prepare him for a real job when the time comes.

Education and Training: When your son is four years old teach him the letters of the alphabet. Have him put puzzles together. Teach him how to count to fifty and recognize 30 commonly used words. After that make sure that he reads 600 words a day from the newspaper, the Native Detroit Magazine, comic books, history books or anything that he maybe interest him Emphasize to him the importance of his education and learning a skill or trade. Send him to Wayne County Community College District as soon as he reaches the 9th grade. They

have dual enrollment programs that will allow him the opportunity to learn a skill or trade before he reaches the 12th grade. Wayne County Community District has over 300 skills, trades and curriculums that will prepare him for a stable future. Let him know early in life that there are very few goals that he can achieve without an education or trade. Check his grades, do assignments with him, talk to teachers, find out what he is learning. If he is a public school student make sure he is taught how to write in cursive, basic math and writing essays before he attempts algebra and geometry. Set his standards high, nothing but A'S will do. If he can't play basketball or football his way to a better life, he has to educate himself. However, it must be understood that public schools are no longer trying to educate our children. The average high school graduate today is reading on the 8th grade level. Most students cannot define or write a simple sentence. Few public school students can write a three paragraph essay with a thesis statement. There is



Love is a learned behavior. Men must be taught how to love and treat a woman and most importantly how to love his own woman. Teach your son how to love.

not a university in the world that you can graduate from if you can not write a sentence, paragraph, or basic composition. A single thought from your brain to a sheet of paper is called a sentence. An idea from your brain to a piece of paper is called a paragraph. A student learns from writing how to communicate and how to process his thoughts into ideas. Good writers are also good thinkers.

Make sure that he learns his own history. Most students have never heard of Nat Turner, Willie Lynch or Dr. Charles Drew, Marcus Garvey or Coleman A. Young. They know very little about their own history. A man who does not know his history is like a tree without roots. Most public school students have a third grade vocabulary. They have no idea of what the words phenomenal or lucrative mean. In other words, today's students are graduating without even a basic education. You as a parent must get involved in his learning. Go to school board meetings and ask why students are not being taught cursive, reading, writing and Black History. I talked to students attending schools in Southfield. The students were being taught Greek history. What in the hell can they learn from the Greeks that they can't learn from their own history. If public schools fail to teach him that means you will have to.

Before he becomes a teenager he must be taught how to love and show love. Working parents sometimes don't have time to spend with their children or show them the love that they need. For a man to know how to love he had to be loved as a child. If he never saw or was loved he won't know how to give it. Be a good example for your son. Teach him how to love and respect others and his own woman and children in particular. Giving, sharing, communicating and showing love and respect are learned behaviors. Someone must teach you how to love and how to show love. However, the concept of


loving someone is usually done by observation. Don't have men in your life who mistreat you or disrespect you in front of your son. He must learn from you how a woman is supposed to be treated.



Derrick Munson and Derrick Munson Jr.
Fathers matter in a boy's life and they are a powerful influence in determining what type of men their sons will become. They are also a living role model of what a man should be.

Friends and Associates:
You win with people. Teach your son to surround himself with good and smart people. He should have at least one good friend in life that he can count on. Good friends are those who can give you sound advice, listen without criticizing and help when you need it. If his friends don't talk about making money honestly or have goals they want to achieve, he needs to get new friends. Teach him the difference between real friends and fake friendships. Let him know to support the people who support him. Let he should know that he can accomplish more with a group than he ever can alone.

Manners and appearance are the elements by which most men are judged at first meetings. Teach him that his appearance matters. Don't dress him up like Snoop Dogg and braid his hair like Lil Wayne and think that intelligent people will not think that he is a clown or a hoodrat, because they will. Let him know that if he looks like a thug people will treat him like a thug. Make sure that he is neat and clean every day and that his hair is cut and combed and that his pants are not sagging. You want to make sure that he understands that he should always show his mind not his behind. Teach him manners, how to say please and thank you, excuse me, no profanity. The man that he is to become is the man that you make him. Make sure he looks smart and acts respectful, like a man.



**We used to raise our sons
to be warriors, now we raise
them to be women....**

**pookies, clowns, thugs,
hoodrats and weak men**

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Surround him with as many positive men as possible. Hopefully, his father is in his life and hopefully his father is a positive man. A boy needs someone who looks like him to show him the way. His male role model does not have to be a doctor, lawyer, engineer, or an airplane pilot, although that would be nice. It can be a regular guy with a haircut, a job, ambitions, and a set of values. If you chose to have a baby by a bum or hoodrat find a friend or male relative to help you raise your son. A positive man in his life can provide him with a male perspective on important topics such as women, sex, child support, sleeping around, making babies, how to shave with hair clippers so he won't get razor bumps, racism, where not to go, where to go, what to do if you get stopped by the police, how to treat a woman, how to start a business, fixing cars, how to paint a room, make minor home repairs, change a flat tire, college, politics, when he should fight and when he should run, how to crossover dribble without getting the ball taken, life in the streets, getting high, selling dope, and money. You get the point. It takes a man to talk to him about the things women never think about. Think about this, can a man teach a girl how to be a woman.

If you do not know any male role models for your young son, find some positive organizations for him to get involved in. He cannot be what he does not see. If that fails have him read books about strong positive men. Find books about men who can inspire and give him direction, like Nat Turner, Elijah Muhammad, Berry Gordy, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, Mayor Coleman Young, Don Barden, Gregory Jackson, Mayor Dennis Archer or other positive men. This will help him develop options for his future. Equally important, a mother must realize that if all her son sees growing up is stupid men on TV or in the neighborhood, then he is at risk of becoming the same.

One of the most important aspects of being a man is knowing how to defend yourself and protect your family. In the world today this may involve self-defense classes, firearms training or something else. He may never need any of this knowledge, but if the time should ever come he should know that it is his responsibility to protect and defend his family if proper authorities are not available or if proper authorities try to hurt a loved one.

You want to introduce your son to violent behavior in a non-violent environment so that he is not afraid. There is always a time in every man's life that he has to kick somebody's ass or they will kick his. So you should keep your son involved in physical activities. Boys are naturally aggressive and their testosterone increases during their teenage years. They need a positive outlet to release their energy. Enroll them in contact sports such as wrestling, basketball, boxing, baseball, football or karate. Organized sports and other activities teach

a young man a lot, such as discipline, self-control, how to stand up for yourself, how to control and release aggression, how to win and lose and other elements. Most importantly, sports teaches him how to deal with challenging situations, interact with peers and to overcome the fear of adversity and in many cases how to be a man. If you don't understand, just do it.

The Streets and Crime: The Ghetto Control Commission: My mother swears that there are some guys from Mississippi who work in Washington, whose job is to make sure that your son becomes a failure or is incarcerated. Don't ever forget that we live in a society that targets our young men to self-destruct. Everything on television, to

video games, rap music, to some televised sports are designed to suggest to him that being a thug and going to jail is okay. Also, that being ignorant, stupid and inconsiderate is cool. The media also suggests to him that wearing your pants down, not cutting and combing your hair is okay. They want him to look like a fool, because that makes it easy for them to disrespect him. The entertainment media is commercialized with negative male images that are ignorant, disrespectful, and felonious. Society wants him to look and be stupid so they can justify killing and jailing him for no reason. Rap music and some videos encourage his stupidity and are just straight up bullshit and do nothing positive to influence young men.

So, don't let the media be involved in raising your son. A study conducted last year observed that there were very few positive male images on TV or positive stories where we were the focus. In many cases our men are portrayed as either clowns or criminals. It is apparent that many of our young men have been influenced by these images. Our women are not portrayed any better. So a young man, who watches TV every day, grows up thinking every woman on



If you raise your son to act like a little thug or clown every day, he may grow up to think that he should be one.

earth is more beautiful and smarter than his own. The media shows our young men few positive images that he can identify with on TV. Be careful what you let him watch because they are programming him to be stupid and on some shows violent. Your son can learn 5000 different ways to be stupid, just by watching television but not one way to look, act or be intelligent.

It is important that you help your son set positive goals in his life as early as you can. Ask him what he wants to be when he becomes a man and steer him in a positive direction of achievable goals. Realize he cannot make himself a man, but you can, with the help of family and friends. Make him a leader not a follower.

Teach him how to think and problem solve. A person's intelligence and awareness can be developed by association having smart parents, friends, and by reading, writing and math. Game playing such as chess, checkers, some cards and board games, putting puzzles together, doing cross words help to develop thinking skills. When he is young all of these games make him think and process information to determine an outcome.

Video games for the most part teach a person to react to situations, not to think them through. The brain does not have to perform at a high level to process information to play a video game. They are the worse form of entertainment for young men. Because they learn nothing while playing and in many cases they reinforce destructive behavior.

More important is teaching him common sense, first teach him the difference between right and wrong, which is learned in various degrees from your parents and your associates. Since many young men listen to their friends before they listen to their parents, it is paramount that his friends are smart, not hoodrats and also have common sense. If you can weed out his friends who may advise him poorly, he may be able to avoid a lot of dumb stuff. However, your son must see you behave as an intelligent person and make good decisions. Watch what you do and say in front of him.

You are his guide for common sense. Have a conversation with him every day to see where his head is at. Maybe you can offer him a better perspective on things that matter to him. Common sense is what he will need to survive..

Encourage your son to work as soon as he is able at aged, 13 or 15 based on his maturity. A job teaches a young man discipline, work ethics, time management, self-control, how to handle money, save money, budget money, and in many cases how to spend money.

However, don't limit his ambitions to just working for someone else. Let him know that he can start a business too. Make him aware that he can own that store on the corner also. But when he is young, his only real job is getting an education, learning a trade and preparing for manhood.

Teaching your son how to think and reason will be one of your greatest challenges. Because it involves inductive and deductive reasoning to form a conclusion or an action that must be taken. There are two types of decisions a person can make, which are emotional and logical. Emotional decisions are based on how you feel about a situation. Logical decisions are based on facts and information. Teach him to make decisions with his brain using facts and information and not his emotions. This will help him throughout his life. Remember that you are not just raising your son. You are possibly raising somebody's husband and somebody's father. Raise him well.

More importantly, all mothers of sons must clearly understand that your son is not your king. He is not all you need. He is not the man of the house. He is a boy who needs a father or fatherly role model. Don't dilute him into thinking he's the man, because he'll grow up to devalue men and fathers and probably be a bad one himself. Don't let your bitter false sense of independence infect him. Be positive, smart, have class, work hard and attract good men to be around him, so he can see first hand what a real man is suppose to be. Because you both need one.

Finally, if you are a successful mother in raising your son, when he turns 21, you will have a man. One that can take care of himself as well as others. A man who can defend and protect his family, who is honest, independent, hardworking and determined to survive.



**If a person can read they can teach themselves almost anything.
Make sure that your son reads something every day**



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Coach Moore

University of Michigan Wolverines Win The College National Championship

Sherrone Moore

Named Michigan's new Head Football Coach

Sherrone Moore was named Michigan's head coach following Harbaugh's departure to the Los Angeles Chargers, agreeing to a five-year, \$27.5 million contract. Moore joined the Michigan coaching staff after four seasons at Central Michigan (2014-17). He mentored the Chippewas' tight ends during his time with the program and added the duties of assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator during the 2017 season.

Prior to his time in Mt. Pleasant, Moore spent five seasons at the University of Louisville, where he was a graduate assistant coach for three seasons (2009-11) and the program's tight ends coach for two seasons (2012-13). As a full-time coach, the Cardinals had a 23-3 record with a BCS bowl appearance and a Big East Championship in 2012.

Moore played two seasons along the offensive line for the University of Oklahoma (2006-07). He saw action in 14 games as an offensive guard and helped the Sooners win two Big 12 Championships and play in two BCS bowl games. Before joining the Sooners, Moore was a two-year starter at Butler County (Kansas) Community College. He was a member of two conference championship teams that posted a 20-3 record. Moore earned second-team all-conference accolades.

His proven coaching talent gave him the opportunity as the Wolverines' tight ends coach during his first three seasons (2018-20) and moved over to coach the offensive line the past three seasons (2021-23). He shared the co-offensive coordinator duties during the 2021 and 2022 Big Ten Championship seasons before taking over the sole responsibilities in 2023; and was the only Power 5 offensive coordinator to also mentor the offensive line this past year.

Moore served as the team's interim head coach for four games

during the 2023 national championship season. He led the team to a 31-6 victory over Bowling Green (Sept. 16) in his first action as a head coach. Later in the season, Moore served as the Wolverines' interim head coach again, winning two road games at Penn State and Maryland and the season finale against Ohio State to claim the Big Ten East Division Championship. Two of those late season victories came against top 10 teams, defeating the ninth-ranked Nittany Lions (24-15) and second-ranked Buckeyes (30-24).

Moore was a finalist for the 2023 Broyles Award, which is given annually to the nation's outstanding assistant coach. As Michigan's offensive coordinator in 2023, Moore directed a unit that ranked top 10 in seven offensive categories and was top 30 in 10 overall metrics. The Wolverines were 14th nationally in scoring offense (35.9 avg.), eighth in pass efficiency (165.77 rating), fourth in fewest tackles for loss allowed (3.2 avg.), third in completion percentage (72.0%) and tied for the NCAA lead with 40 rushing touchdowns. U-M prioritized ball security and delivered with the third fewest turnovers in college football (8), including the fifth fewest interceptions (5) and 10th fewest fumbles (3).

Moore transitioned to coaching the offensive line in 2021 and Michigan's unit immediately flourished under his leadership. The Wolverines won the Joe Moore Award as the nation's top offensive line unit in 2021 and became the first group to repeat as the award winner in 2022. The men in the trenches were also semifinalists for the 2023 award.

As they say, when one door closes another door opens. The door has just opened for Moore. His challenges are great. His opportunity is unparalleled. So we can only hope that his preparation has made him capable for this opportunity.

He and his wife, Kelli, who were married in 2015, are the parents of two daughters: Shiloh and Solei.

Detroit's Top Golfers: The top 100 golfers in Detroit will be a discussion for all times. However, this is our list for 2023.

1. John Wallace	20. Jordan Jackson	Danny Coray	Sam Hopkins	Ken Millen	Jeffrey Steele
1. Alan Johnson	20. Robert E Brown	David Cox	Barton Horsley	Charles Mitchell	Charles Sprinkle
1. Joe Hooks	20. Garland Solomon	Brian Cross	Robert Hubbard	Willie Mitchell	Tyrone Stewart
1. Horace Mitchell	20. Willie Green	Kevin Crosby	Jordon Jackson	Reginald Mock	Everett Stone
1 Larry Long	20. Curtis Grice	Ray Custard	Lenny Jackson	Mark Montgomery	Antonio Stokes
1. Willie Mayes	20. Joe Cobb	Willie Daniel	Curtis Jackson	Glenn Morgan	Rick Taylor
1. Larry Clemons	20 Ken Harris	Carlton Daniel	Phil Jackson	Bernard Morgan	Mike Taylor
1. Ricardo Jackson	20 Joe Neely	James Daniel	Pouncho Jackson	Jerry Moore	Cliff Taylor
1. Cinco Franis	Michael Aaron	James Davidson	Wayman Jackson	Will Morris	Spencer Thomas
1. Angelo Arca	Anthony Adams	Luther Davidson	Curtis Jackson	Eugene Moore	Jimmy Thompson
1. John Lucy	Johnson Akinwusi	David Davis	Paul Jameson	Michael Morrison	Harvey Thornton
1. Mike Fleming	Larry Alebiosu	Robert Davis	Tyrone Jarrett	Robert Mosley	Greg Thaxton
1. Jack Pitts	Les Allen	Jared Davis	Jim Johnson	Mike Mosley	James Tolston
1. Jerry Ambrozy	Mack Allen	Howard Davison	Derrick Johnson	Robert Moss	Eddie Tomlin
1. George Evans	Kerry Allison	Darryl Dixon, Sr	Eugene Johnson	Chris Motley	Barry Vanner
1. Charles Renfro	Earl Anderson	Joe Donald	Mike Johnson	Eddie Munson	Dana Vance
1. Tony Houston	Arthur Anderson	Rod Estime	John Johnson	Raymond Mungo	Bob Vogler
1. Lindsey Mason III	James A. Anderson	Eric Evans	Ron Johnson	H. Daniel Mujahid	Jerry Wahl
1. Jordan Heath	Robbin Andrews	Al Evans	Robert Johnson	Larry Nash	Ken Walker
1. Everett Stone	Terrance Andrews	Mike Evans	David Jones	Kevin Neely	Eugene Wallace
1. Fred Neal	Billy Anthony	Jalen Farmer	Greg Jones	Len Ngbogbaga	Jimmy Ware
1. Big Joe Meekins	Mike Audary	Jerry Freismuth	Steve Jones	Norris, Greg	Eldon Warr
1. Ahmud Reedus	Sam Banks	Karl Featherstone	Aaron Jordan	Mayowa Odumade	Sam Washington
1. Mark Thomas	Terry Barker	Orlando Featherstone	Stan Jordan	Freddie Parker	Perry Watson
1. Vince Harden	Wendell Barron	Rean Featherstone	Bob Jordan	Darrell Parks	Wardell Watson
1. James Dent	Sid Barthwell	Joe Fell	Earl Justice	Rodney Patrick	Glenn Weldon
2. Lefty Dee	Leo Bartley	Greg Fuqua	Chui Karega	Johnny Pettus	Pepper White
2. Jack Crumpler	Leon Beard	Milton Fountain	Charles Lackey	John Pitts Jr	Curtis White
2. Kevin Hogan	Ben Bembry	David Gamlin	Bill Kincaid	Andre Petty	Joe Williams
2. Damon Toolles	Doug Bembry	Victor Gardner	Justin Lanham	Conway Petty	Tarzaa Williams
2. Walter Mills	Dave Benson	Alfonso Gibson	Lawrence, Bobby	Laval Perry	Dennis Williams
2. Dave Weems	David Blocker	Robert Gibson	Rich LeGreair	Larry Pickett	Jessie Williams
2. Art McCullers	Charlie Blythe	Ray Gilmore	Tony Lett	Harvey Pierce	Marvin Williams
2. Felix Mason	Justin Boatman	Sal Gladden	Carlton Leonard	Michael Polk	Frank Willia
2. Horatio Williams	Paul Bobbitt	Gerald Glass	Mike Little	Doug Potts	Rico Williams
3. Dominique Worthy	James Booker	Clarence Glenn	Rod Longstreet	Stelton Powell	Nate Wimbley
4. David Humphreys	Lamar Boyd	Micah Glenn	Glenn Lott	Thomas Proven	Jimmy Winston
4. Dennis Reynolds	Marvin Bradford	Tony Gouch	Collis Love	Greg Pruitt	Ron Womble
5. Maurice Adams	Mackie Bradford	Vic Gardner	J Gregory Love	David Pryor	William Word
5. Wilbert Griffin	Chuck Branch	Bo Graham	Walter Love	Mark Randon	Danny Wood
5. Paul Brown	Bill Bridges	Carnell Grant	Chris Lowe	Charles Redden	Ron Wood
5. Ron Acen	Britt Brown	Kyle Grant	Ken Lowery	Ahman Reedus	Roy Young
6. A.C. Burke	Greg Brown	Jerome Gray	Larry Lyons	Ken Redditt	Roger Yopp
7. Gino White	MacArthur Brown	Blaine Gray	Tony Lyons	Tony Robinson	Kosta Zografos
7. Mike Evans	Anthony Bruce	Tod Greer	Cary McDonald	William Robinson	Women Golfers
7. Mark Taylor	Marvin Bryant	Roderick Grimes	Lance Maddox	Walter Roberts	Christina Nelson,
8. Ed Foxworth	Sam Bryant	Luke Gunn	Leon Marlow	Dennis Rogers	Carolyn Murphy
8. Tim Houge	Chico Buchanan	John Hair	Robert Marshall	Steve Rodgers	Gerri Tigner,
9. Eddie Simmons	John Buchanan	Lawrence Hale	Alex Martin	John Rogan	Dee Smith,
10. Robert Lacey	Michael Bundy	Rennie Hall	Charles Martin	Julian Roper	Beatrice Griggs
10. Sequal Clone	Chuck Bush	Bernard Hall	William Massey	Andre Rucker	Doris Hollins
10. Chuck Bolden	Loran Byrd	Melvin Hampton	McArthur Maxey	Willie Rushing	Erica Heath
10. Charles Taylor	Raven Cannon	Gene Hamilton	Willie Mayo	Henry Russell	Inez Bridges
10. Glen Wood	Settimo Caparaotta	Trevour Hamilton	Charles McRae	Bill Ryals	Margaret Fields
10. Brak Little	Dave Carter	Andre Harden	Virgil McCorley	Willie Ryals	Fran Burkeen
12. Paul Rutledge	Bob Chapell	Michael Harden	Darryl McDuffie	Doug Sanders	Mildred Cross
15. Mike Heath	Hugh Clarke	Rodney Harden	Vince McFolley	Vince Session	Marilyn Maddox
15. Malcolm Little	Cornel Clarke	Freeman Harris	Mike McKeehan	Stuart Scaggs	Mclanie Colbert
15. Jauwan Banks	Ray Clemmons	Ray Harvey	Reggie McKenzie	Leroy Sims	Zoeann McDonald
15. Jalyn Banks	Maurice Cochran	Keith Henry	Ben McMillion	Gerald Smith	Selena Roberts
15. Gregory Jackson	Ed Colbert	Edward Hester	Shon McQueen	L. C. Sm	Marsha Clement
16. Walt Douglass	Dwayne Coleman	Ron Hill	Brian Meekins	Mark Smith	Gwen Moore
7. Rick Blocker	Robert Coleman	Lyall Hoggatt	Tim Middleton	Rev. Willie F Smith	Liz Houston
17. Doug Sims	Larry Collins	Derrick Holmes	Herb Micon	Ron L. Smith	Joyce Sutton
18. Hollis Sheffield	Carlton Combs	Jeremiah Hollis	Jesse Miles	Craig Sommerville	Karen Lee
19. Christopher Quinn	Nate Corley	Omar Holt	Victor Mims	Ron Stallworth	Arezell Brown

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The fire at **Oakland Hills** will be costly. Rebuilding the Oakland Hills Country Club clubhouse will exceed \$100 million. Members were asked to approve a plan to borrow \$40 million on top of the \$48 million insurance settlement. Each member was asked to contribute **\$18,500.00** in yearly dues, plus **\$250.00** in monthly dues.

Perhaps the biggest news in the Detroit golfing community this summer was the recognition of fame Detroit golfer **Ben Davis**. The city of Huntington Woods unveiled a historic marker honoring the late Ben Davis at the entrance to **Rackham Golf Course**. Thirty years into his career, Davis became the first Black member of the **Michigan Professional Golfers Association** in 1966. He was also one of the first Black golfers to be named as a head golf pro of any major golf facility in the country.

Thomas Lee Horton was a golfing legend in Detroit. His accomplishments on many of Michigan's golf courses are still the topic of conversation at Rouge and Rackham. He passed this summer at age 86.

At the moment, **John Wallace** is still rated the best golfer in Detroit. **Geri Tigner** was picked as the best woman golfer in the city by the Native Detroiter staff. She has an extensive resume of success against men golfers.

Larry "Shotmaker" Clemons was named the Rolex Player of the Year for the State of Michigan. Long time golf professional **Billy Moore** said that the honor was well deserved and that he felt Shotmaker was one of Detroit's outstanding players. I want to thank **Shotmaker** and **Joe Neely** for letting me be a part of their first place team at the **Phi Beta Sigma** golf outing.

Mike Fleming's Golf Outing at **Crystal Lake Golf Course** to support **Hartford Baptist Church's** youth programs was a huge success.

Paul Rutledge and his group of **Old Legends** will play on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at Rouge in 2024.

Rouge Park turned **100 years** old this year, making it one of the oldest golf courses in Michigan. **Ron Hill** celebrated 35 years of fun working at **Rouge Park Golf Course** and at the age of 73 he says he plans to work another 35 years if **Charles Lackey** who just turned 88 will continue to work with him.

Jack Pitts Golf Outing donated **\$4,000** to the Sparrow Cancer Center recently from members of the **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Upsilon Chapter** to be used to help transform care and educate men about prostate cancer.



Cass Tech's Girls golf team made history by becoming the first Detroit team to qualify for MHSAA finals.



Jack Pitts Golf Outing at Michigan State University Golf Course was an outstanding success.



Paul Rutledge, Sam Banks, Billy Moore, Kevin Williams, John Buchanan Charles Lackey, Ron Hill, Larry Lyons are among Rouge's elite players.



Mike Fleming, Dr. Dennis Rogers, Carolyn Johnson, Larry "Shotmaker" Clemons, Christina Nelson at Crystal Lake golf outing.

The Michigan Florida Snow Birds Inc. (MFSBs) with Daralene Nero (Dar Consulting LLC) held the 3rd Annual MFSBs Golf Outing, in Feb. It was a complete success, with a portion of the proceeds raised to assist the Golf Team at Detroit's Cass Tech High School, as well as other HBCU golf programs. Thanks to Vivian Pickard, the MFSBs committee, numerous sponsors and supporters for an overwhelmingly successful event. It was an amazing time had by all. if you're interested in the 2025's Michigan Florida Snowbirds Golf Weekend, send your info to: [Daralene Nero mfsgolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:Daralene.Nero.mfsgolfouting@gmail.com)



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Sea Moss, also known as *Chondrus crispus* or Irish moss, is a seaweed that grows along the Atlantic Coast. Studies have revealed its exceptionally high content in minerals and vitamins making it one of the most in-demand superfoods. *Chondrus crispus* is one of the most nutrient rich natural foods. Nutritionist generally agree that there are about 30 vitamins and minerals that our body needs but cannot produce on its own in sufficient amounts and that's why a varied diet is important and superfoods like sea moss can make a big difference in health and wellness.

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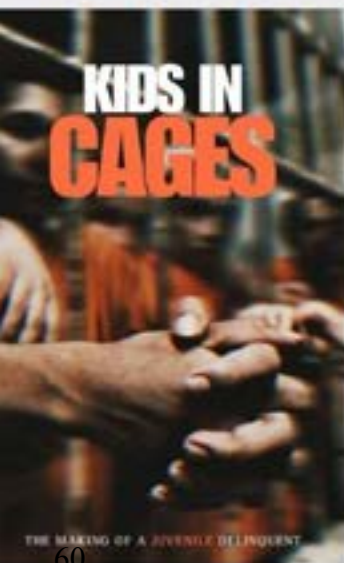
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In 2015, Sam Washington continued his father's legacy by starting the Sam Washington Foundation 501c3. We focus on three core principles: youth development, community responsiveness and, providing a safe haven for the city of Detroit's youth. Sam's goal is to "help make a difference, provide avenues for the youth to be productive citizens, and encourage reaching for the moon, because if they miss, they can always become a star."

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Jackie Burrell

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I can be reached at (313)-445-5510. You can also find me Friday, August 11, from 5:00p.m until 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. @ Southfield Municipal Campus, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. "God Is Good"



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Patrice Bridge is a passionate and creative actor and a proud native of Detroit, is poised for a rising career in the entertainment industry. She has graced the stages of Detroit Repertory Theatre and Wayne State University Theatre, with her talent. Patrice has also made her mark in the world of commercials, appearing in notable campaigns for DTE, Henry Ford Hospital, Greektown Casino, Beaumont Hospital and well-known Fortune 500 companies. Her versatility and talent shines in appearances on ABC.



Dr. Herman J. Glass II

Owner & Founder of Glass Chiropractic

Dr. Herman J Glass II opened the doors of the Glass Chiropractic Plaza in 1985. A graduate of Life University in Marietta, Georgia, Dr. Glass came back to Detroit, Michigan taking it by storm by becoming the first black-appointed chiropractor to the Michigan Cancer Foundation Board in 1985, appointed by Governor James Blanchard to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners from 1988 to 1992 becoming the past president of the American Black Chiropractic Association, and so much more. He was a key figure in opening the doors for chiropractors of color in the Metro Detroit area.

With an emphasis on natural holistic health alternatives for the community, Dr. Glass was able to make a place for chiropractic care in Detroit. As a hands-on, non-surgical, drug-free approach to healthcare, chiropractic does not just devoid its patients of pain but fosters an environment that allows for optimal wellness. Holistic health recognizes that the body is inherently capable of self-healing. Our bodies are capable of listening and communicating with itself through neuro signals. Chiropractic assists by aligning the body through adjustments removing restrictions that could be diminishing those signals. In addition, Dr. Glass had a desire to further assist the community as he observed the increasing rates of obesity and heart disease. He became the first black chiropractor on the Fitness First Nutrition Board, playing a key role in the development of many all-natural products that have positively impacted many weight loss and health journeys.

Contact us for more information, it's a good time with good people.

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Tiffany Brummit is a native of Detroit's deep east side & a 1997 graduate of Denby High. Tiff pursued barbering & Hair styling techniques under the mentorship of her mother/Hair Legend Phyllis Patillo. Tiff currently owns an art space called 79 Gallery, 7 Mile Supper Club Lifestyle Brand & Teen Clipper Camp. A Personal Groomer for Film & TV since 2017, she's barbered for BMF, Atlanta on FX, BET Awards, Tyler Perry's Sistars, Zatima, The Oval & many more. She's done personal grooming for Tyler Perry, Devale Ellis, Kendall Kyndall, DC Young & Gary Owen, & more.



Denise Willingham, is the Founder and CEO of Hacks, Sportsmen's and Scarves Incorporated A501C3 Corporation. She is also a Cass Tech graduate class of 71. Always the best second to none. Currently she is the Chairperson for the Champagne Toast for the 55th class reunion for Cass Tech class of 74 that will be held June of 2024 at the Detroit Yacht Club. It is a fundraiser for former students. She said" We want to establish relationships between the corporate community and former students.



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HOW TO MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

When it comes to relationships, most of us are winging it. With each new relationship comes a new set of circumstances. In the early stages of most new relationships it is a matter of physical attraction. When two people are attracted to each other they are exhilarated by the early stages of love.

As a couple moves on to the general grind of everyday life, personal baggage starts to creep in and they can find themselves floundering in the face of hurt feelings, emotional withdrawal, escalating conflict, insufficient coping techniques and just plain boredom. There's no denying it, making and keeping a happy healthy relationships is hard.

Social researchers, psychologists and relationship experts are increasingly providing science-based guidance and information into the habits of the healthiest, happiest couples and how to make any struggling relationship better. To start, researchers say that couples have to genuinely care about each other. With love being the foundation they have learned, the science of love and relationships is boiled down to fundamental lessons that are simultaneously simple, obvious and difficult to master. What researchers have discovered is that empathy, positivity and a strong emotional connection, drive the happiest and healthiest relationships.

“The most important thing experts have learned, is emotional responsiveness,” says Sue Johnson, a clinical psychologist in Ottawa and the author of several books. Responsiveness, in a nutshell, is all about sending a signal and having the other person respond to it. “The \$99 million questions in love are, ‘Are you there for me?’” says Johnson, “Are you my friend and will help me if I need you?” It’s about emotional synchronicity and being tuned in.”

“Every couple has differences,” said Johnson. “What makes couples happy is when they also



have an emotional connection and they can get a feeling of happiness, security, positive interaction, support and caring with a person.” Knowing that your partner is down for whatever when it comes to you is a relationship builder for most people. When criticism and rejection are minimized it draws couples closer together. Couples should always be careful with their criticism and generous with their praise. Positive reinforcement between two people always boost the feelings of two people who care about each other. Couples have to learn how to talk about their feelings in ways that bring the other person closer. Keep things positive.

The Gottman Institute has been studying relationship satisfaction since the 1970s. They have concluded that positive interaction is very important. According to Carrie Cole,



director of research for the Institute, the organization has dedicated years of research to marriage and emotional disengagement. Their findings indicated that positive reinforcement from one partner to another drives the status of many relationships. The institute's psychologists encourage couples to engage in positive, routine points of contact that demonstrate appreciation.

One easy place to start that process is to find ways to compliment your partner every day, says Cole. Whether it's expressing your appreciation for something they've done or telling them, specifically, what you love about them. This exercise can accomplish two beneficial things: First, it validates your partner and helps them feel good about themselves. And second, it helps to remind you why you chose that person in the first place.

Listen to your brain, not just your heart. When it comes to the brain and love, biological anthropologist and Kinsey Institute senior fellow Helen Fisher has found after putting people into a brain scanner that there are three essential neuro-chemical components found in people who report high relationship satisfaction: practicing empathy, controlling one's feelings and stress and maintaining positive views about your partner increases your feelings.

In happy relationships, partners should try to empathize with each other and understand each other's perspectives instead of constantly trying to be right. Controlling your stress and emotions boils down to a simple concept: "Keep your mouth shut and don't act out, avoid negative behavior like cussing and clowning or belittling your partner," says Fisher. If you can't stop yourself from getting mad, take a break by heading out to the gym, reading a book, playing with the dog or calling a friend, anything to get off a destructive path. Keeping positive views of your partner, which Fisher calls "positive illusions," are all about reducing the amount of time you spend dwelling on negative aspects of your relationship. "No partner is perfect, and the brain is well built to remember the nasty things that were said," says Fisher. "But if you can overlook those things and just focus on what's important, it's good for the body, good for the mind and good for the relationship."

Happy relationships help promote a happier life. Ultimately, the quality of a person's relationships dictates the quality of their life. "Good relationships aren't just happier and nicer," says Johnson. "When we know how to heal relationships and keep them strong, they make us resilient. All these clichés about how love makes us stronger aren't just clichés; it's physiology. Connection with people who love and value us is our only safety net in life."

Things you can do to build a healthy relationship. 1. Be a good listener 2. Try to often be the bearer of good news 3. Remember tiny details and important dates. 4. Compliment your partner regularly 5. Let your partner know that they are important, make time for them. 6. Be happy for their successes 7. Express your feeling for them. 8. Help or do things without being asked 9. Always treat them with respect 10. Avoid criticism.

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Hannah Architects

Celebrating 30 years of designing experiences that matter

Hannah Architects closed out 2023 celebrating its milestone 30th anniversary. Founded by Native Detroiters Beverly Hannah, AIA, who marks over forty years of experience in the architectural and construction industry. Her legacy stands as a historic figure in the field; being the first Black Female Architect to open an architectural firm in the State of Michigan in 1993.

“Owning and operating my architectural firm for 30 years as a Black woman is proof that we have a place of importance in the design industry. I stand on the shoulders of those who fought for respect as architects, and it is my role to serve as visual proof of success and provide impactful mentorship for emerging professionals who look like me.”

Since its founding, Hannah Architects has provided architectural and interior design services for a wide range of clients encompassing community-centered initiatives, experiential environments, mixed-use developments, and workplace spaces, with the goal of transforming visions into a built environment through thoughtful design.

In 1996, the firm was one of only ten architecture firms in the United States owned by a Black woman, with early projects including an ecclesiastic facility and automotive contracts in collaboration with the notable firm: Albert Kahn Associates.

Hannah Architects is committed to being an integral part of Detroit’s revitalization, holding a strong belief in the power of progress, innovation, and growth through technological advancements.

Notable projects include the Curtis L. Ivery Health and Wellness Educational Center at WCCCD, newsroom and

office renovations at WDIV-Channel 4 TV, renovations for the Skillman Foundation headquarters, the Shed at Valade Park for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, renovations for the United Way Southeastern Michigan headquarters, the Lear Innovation Center, office renovations for Burns & Wilcox, and multiple projects with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Salvation Army. Projects to be completed soon include the North End Landing Development Project, and the Perfecting Church Woodward Campus for Pastor Marvin Winans.

Collaboration is a pillar of the organization; in 2013, the firm strategically partnered with Neumann/Smith Architecture in the establishment of an independent women owned entity; Hannah-Neumann/Smith. Most recently, the firm developed a relationship with a sister in architecture, Kimberly Dokes of Dokes Design, working together to complete Perfecting Church as Hannah+Dokes.

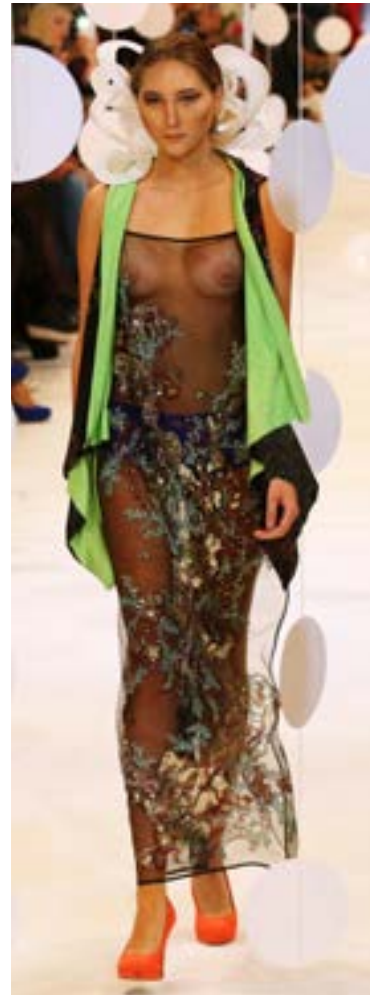
Hannah Architects recently expanded its executive team under the leadership of Beverly Hannah as President & CEO to include James “Jim” Cummings, as VP of Architecture and Jaimelyn Neher, as VP of Design. “We look forward to expanding our project portfolio and adding premier local talent.”

“This anniversary means that we have maintained a design firm which is strongly positioned to be an institution that will stand for generations,” says Beverly Hannah. “The past three decades have allowed us to be a part of my hometown’s revitalization, and as a Detroit Public School and Lawrence Technological University Alumna, I am blessed to have the opportunity to celebrate this milestone moment in the formation of my own legacy.”

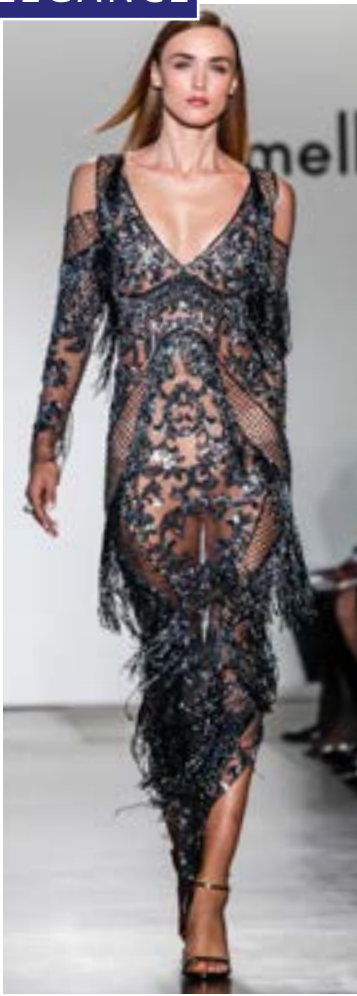


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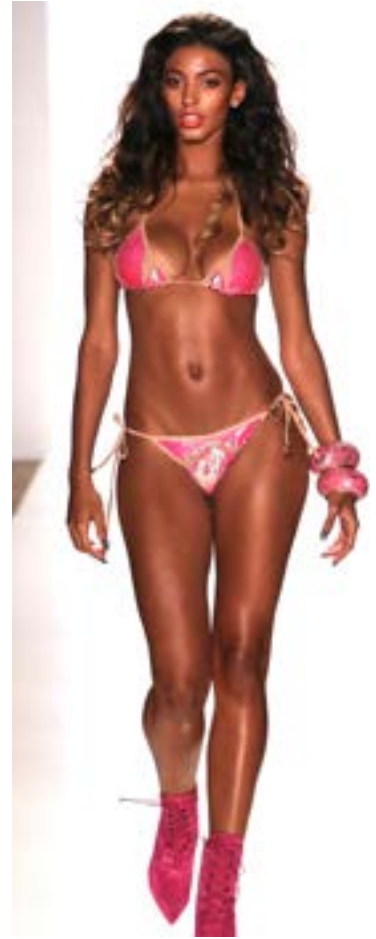
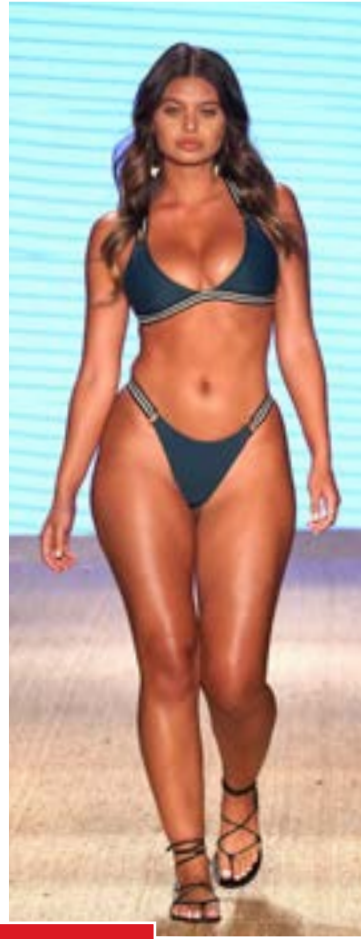
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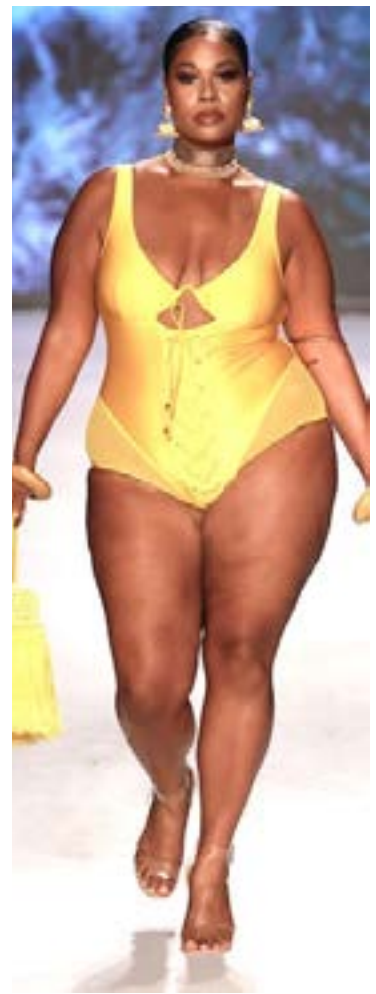


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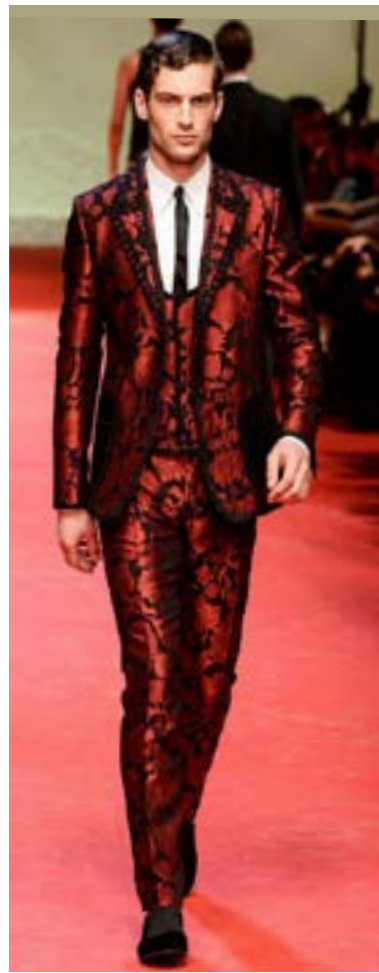
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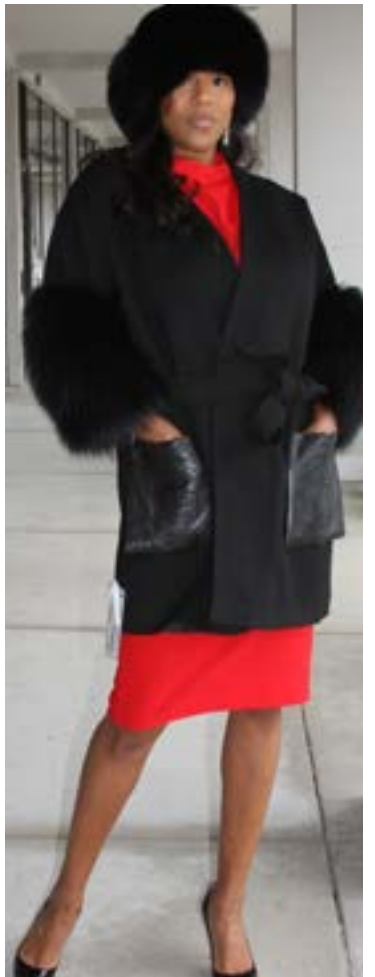
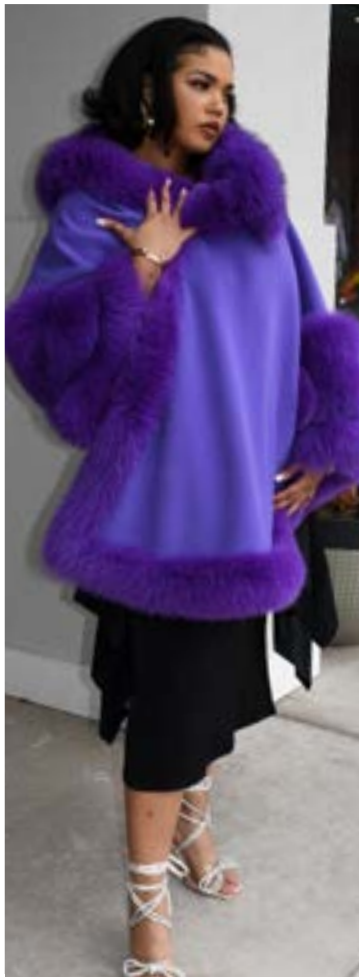
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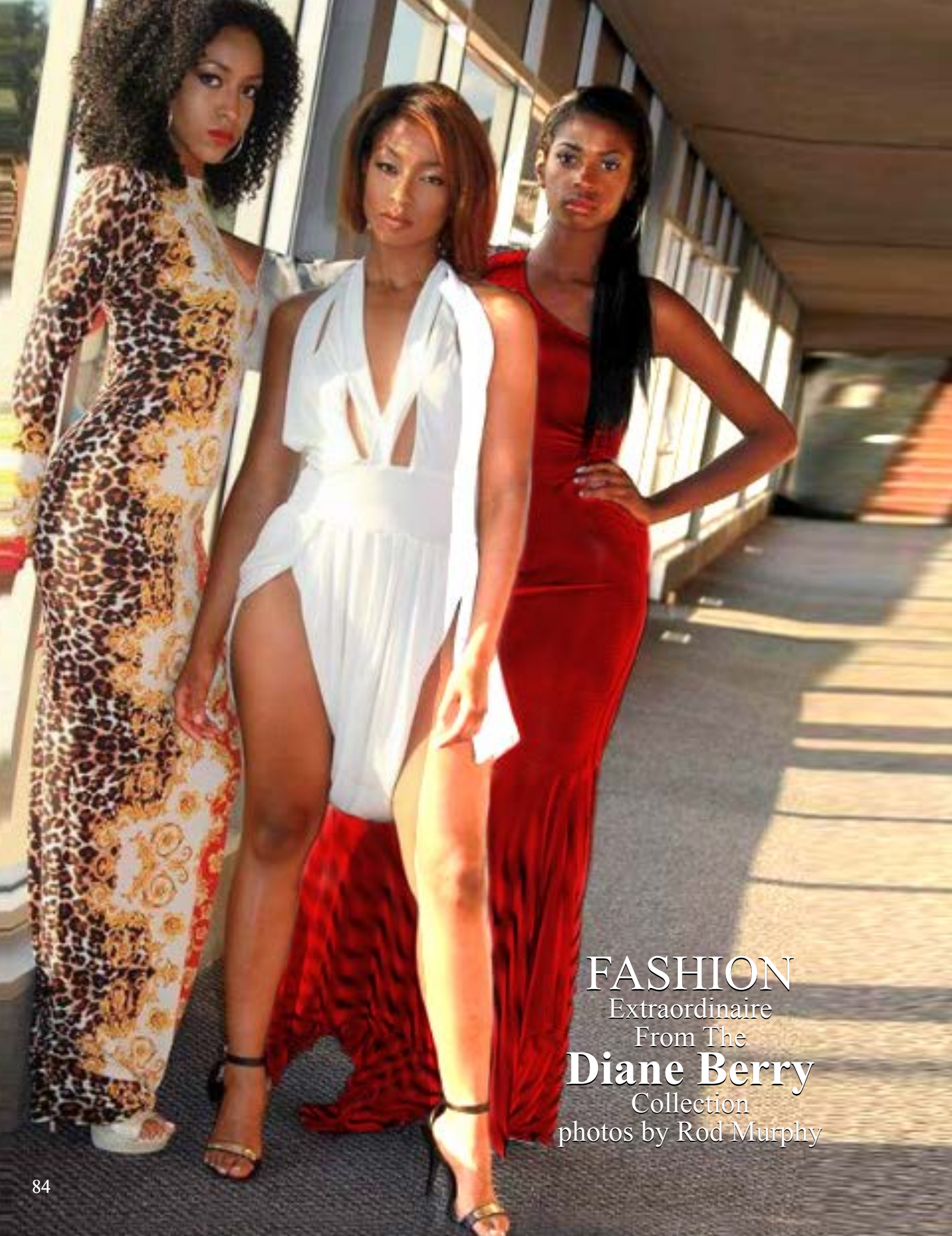
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Native Detroiter Black Parties

AT THE ROOSTERTAIL & RADISSON HOTEL

THE 2024 WHITE PARTY WILL BE AT THE ROOSTERTAIL

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 5PM TIL 10PM

THE 2024 BLACK PARTY WILL BE

NOV. 30TH AT BURTON MANOR 8:30PM TIL 12:30AM



The Black Party at the Roostertail and Raddison Hotel were both phenomenal events. The weather was wonderful. The food was delicious and the people were fabulous as always. There is nothing better than sharing a good time with good people.



JoAnn, Les, Michell



Sheila Mac,Kelly Terrell,, Mike Turner,Tracy Smith



Eric & Jackie Whitaker



Sandra Williams,Eunice Gantt, Latina Roggero



Chi Chi, TJ and Sarita



Danielle & Herb Sanders



Tazza Williams & Lisa Parker



Mrs & Mr Darryl Clements



Danny Brown & Atty. B. Brandy



Mr & Mrs Glenn Jackson



Lotoya Atterberry Daryl Boyd



Carolyn Johnson,Elbert Willis



Nadine Hampton & Alex Hale



Mr & Mrs Smooth



Tony Hill & Denise Hill



Mr & Mrs Barron Harris



Stephanie & Jacque



Charlene,Darryl, Kim Talley



Grover & Karen Mc Cants



Jay Goody & Friends



Ashley Marie Eric Thomas

Special Thanks to the host committee: Mike Bishop, Verzell Page

Damell Small, Kim Harwell, Jodie Richardson, Dave Dorsey,
Sheena Wright, Big Wayne, Beatrice Griggs



Toi Toi, Kim Harwell, Kelly



Jerome Barney Deanna Virginia



Judge Craig Strong, Nortrice, Patty Turner, Lavish Williams



Mr & Mrs Billy Cason



James Harris, Sherman Eaton, Monique McCormick, Romeo



Tamiko Illidge Karl & Pat Reed



Demi & Darroll



Yvette & Fidel, Jackie



Rod & Lisa Hamilton



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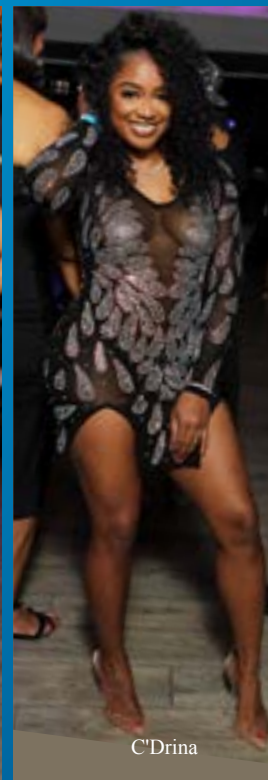
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Dale McGee & Margeret



Kevin Ingram

The Native Detroit Magazine celebrated yet another Black Party at the Roostertail. Old and new friends came out for a good time.



Mr & Mrs Marvin Cotton with Yera & Zeek



Mrs & Mr Art Bricker



Dave Dorsey, Kiela Wilson, Randa Davis, Sonya Jennings



LaVella, Thomas Hearn, Revoydia, Marcus Cortland



Janelle, Catrina & Larry Hurst



Lori, Michael, Shakaya



Detroit's Finest



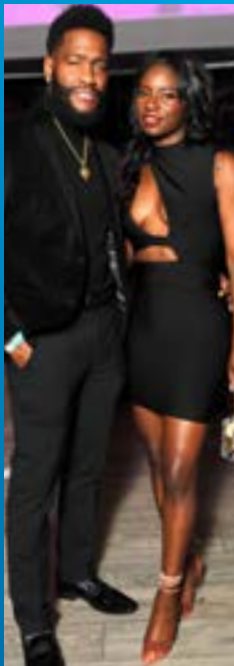
Yvette Franklin & Ponce Lamir



Zenovia & Keith



Ken & Tina



James & Shakira



Gary & Nicole



Andre & Jessica Holmes

The Native Detroiter would like to thank our honorees and special guests for their contributions to our city. They include Sheriff Ray Washington, City Clerk Janice Winfrey, County Clerk Cathy Garrett, Judge Debra Nance, Linda Wesley, Kim Stuckey, Rodney Howell, Nicole Small, Marvin Blake, Lavish Williams, Robert Gibson, Wayne Williams, Marvin Washington, Keisha Hanks, Terrance Drake, Bricker Tunis Furs Lola Lucania & Foresteen Hood



Angelo & Delise Matthews



Linda Wesley, County Clerk Cathy Garrett, Sheriff Ray & Keysha Washington



Brandi, Sherman, Christina



Aaron Tucker Lisa McKee



Brian, LaNay, George



Bartell & Buckman



Sylvia, Terance, Carla



Big Wayne



Lola Lucania, Jasmin



Antoine & Shanell Marshall



Darnell Small & Dr. David Stone



Iesha Campbell, Sheena Wright, Aloshia Jackson, Lanisha Frazier



Quintin Perry



Cynthia & Reggie



Anita & Rodney



Valyncia, Verzell, Kim Page and Angel Marks



Pam Rose, Rodney Howell and Joy



Larry, Valerie, Howard



Robert Gibson, Diane Smith, Michael January, Cynthia Douglas, Anthony Brogdon



City Clerk Janice Winfrey, Fire Chief James Harris, Atty Nikki Wright, Detroit City Councilwoman Mary Sheffield



Jazell & Demetrius

Our Next Parties : The 2024 White Party
is June 16 at the Roostertail 5pm til 10pm

The 2024 Black Party
will be November 30th at the
Burton Manor 27777 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI
8:30pm til 12:30am

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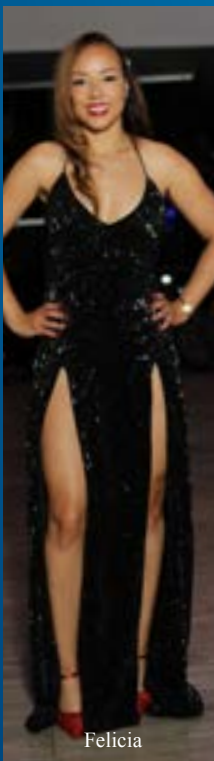
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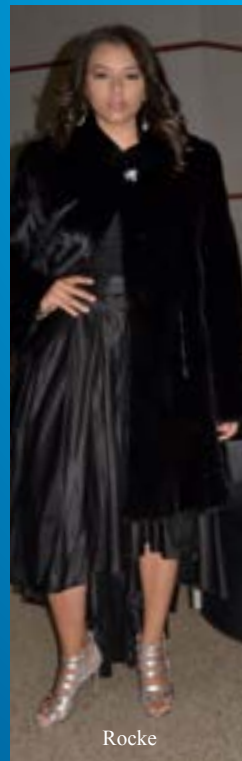
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Tonya



Erica



Rocke



Candy



D'Wanda



Jodie Richardson, Karen Wilkerson, Wanda Phillips, Linda Phillips, Terry Smith



Angelo & Michelle



Don & Linda



Trudy, Carolyn, Harvey, Paulette



Katrina Wilson received our Outstanding Community Service Award



Reggie, Patricia and Walter Mills



Gigi & Monye'



Cheryl Ajamu & Mikke Bonner



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Will Rogers, Harry Todd, Eugene Wilson



Carlos Jones & Darryl Hunter



John Green & Mike Daniels



Carol & Eric Jenkins



Cynthia & Anthony Brogdon



LaRonda Paden & Corey Ward



J. McCormick & John Williams



Candace & Keith Cooper



James Tate, Will Huddleston, Ken Brown



Rod Wilson, Will Daniels, Walter Watt



Henry Hagood, Pam & Paul Bryant



Mark Denson, Stephanie Gunn, David Dye



Rod & Lisa Hamilton



Mark Tillman & Jimmy Womack



Al Boswell & Lawrence Hale



Jamie & Tyrone Odister



Merlton Brandenburg & Sam



Kevin Kendrick, Brandy Walker, William Lyons, Lisa Jennings



Anthony & Kimberly Will, Carla Postell, Marcus McDaniel, Melanie Harris, Todd Perkins



Cedrah, Myia, Meka, Sunyah, Peaches, Marc, Darhonda



Reese, Sharnae, Crystal, Tonya, Nicole



Keshia, Giovanna, Marc and Suzette



James, Marc, Doug and Payroll



Carlton and Indira



Keshia and Candice



Myia and Marc



Robert and Darhonda



Quincey and Darius



Darius and Marc



Shauntice & Lamont



Judge Vonda Evans



Marc Robert's Birthday Bash was a phenomenal affair. His friends and family can out to celebrate his 50th in a big way. The DJ pumped the music all night long. The food was outstanding. The guests were first class and the venue was extraordinary.



Melvin Mitchell, John Gooden and Marc

The Michigan Verses Michigan State Urban Tailgate Party was one of the best parties all year. Alumni from both universities came out in big numbers to support their school's football teams.



The Detroit Alumni of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan tailgate party committee



The gorgeous ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha



Henry, Natasha, Vince



Danielle, Erica, Aaron, C J



Brandi & Kamau



Harold , Angel, Michelle, Mark



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The Top Parties of The Year :Native Detroit Black Party, Barrister's Ball, Patty Turner and Bert Dearing's Birthday Party, Table 2. Grand Opening, Kim Talley New Year's Eve Party, Kentucky Derby Party , Dennis Archer's Auto Show After Party.MSU and U of M tailgate party,Ray Washington Birthday Party, Curtis Goode's Stepping Party, Marc Robert's Birthday Bash



Shimar Mitchell, Eric Hood, Omar Mitchell



Eric & Alexis Scott



Patty Tuner and Bert Dearing had one of the best parties of the year.



Stephen & Jenni Hendrix



Mildred Gaddis, Judge Greg Mathis, Erma Clark



Johnnie, Kwame, Darnell



Aliyah Sabree, Ken Harris, Deana Reynolds



Chuck Bennett, Morris Chestnut, Rayford Jackson



Michelle & Ron Spears



Jennie & Al



Kenny & Cookie Holloway



Jennett & Clarence



Sharon, Melvin and Brooklynn



Anthony & Jawana



Kim, Jay and Keysha



Ric & D'zarea Preuss



Mrs & Mr Tyrone Bradley



Bernice & Tommy



Victoria & Valerie



Bridgett & Curtis Goode with Nichole Poyntz & Louis Jenkins

The Moors, a notable Metro Detroit African-American organization for men founded in 1957, celebrated its 65th annual black-tie holiday gala at the Roostertail. Members of the organization invited their guests for the elegant event, which included cocktails, strolling dinner, entertainment and dancing.



Antonio & Angel Green with Joe & Sheila Sample



Mr & Mrs Glenn Jackson



Carolyn Watkins & Vincent Harden



Arbor Alclave & Ali Harris



Mikal & Katrina Anari



Dennis Williams, Jackie Jackson



Cheryl & Victor Marsh



Michael & Donna Craighead



Bob & Rose Marie Reed with Comm. Monique Baker



Joe & Nilda Thomas



Valerie & Keith Way



Alfie Thomas & Linda Johnson



Paula & Phil Hamilton



Mr & Mrs Chris DeVuall



Mari Ross & Bill Dunbar



Mrs & Mr Rodney Johnson



Zena & James Feagin



Spencer Stanfield, Dr. Jimmy Womack with Storm & Freda Stanfield, Rev. Dr. John Duckworth



Jim & Samantha Jenkins



Orlando & RoseMary Arnold



Maurice & April Morton

The Roostertail was beautifully dressed in festive holiday decor, as its staff knocked it out of the park with a delectable buffet spread that included beef tenderloin, roasted chicken and a particularly delightful made-to-order pan-fried rainbow trout. The musical group Notorious and the renowned vocalist "Storm" entertained guests the entire evening.



Sharon Johnson with Atty. Odie & Patricia Uddyback



Dr. Jimmy Womack & Alisha Moss With Keysha & Raphael Washington



Marian & Brian Flaggs



Mrs. & Mr Mark Thomas



Kim & James Beasley



Jackie & Calvin Sebert



Tracy & Eric Joshua



Mrs & Mr Yul Allen



Priscilla Rodgers & Ron Johnson



Mimi & Jason Morrison



Lynne & Terrance Keith



James & Shirley Jackson



Richard & Miriam Smart



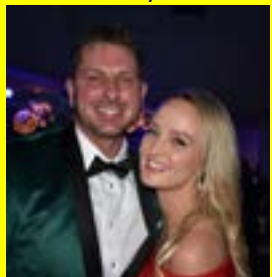
Trudy & Chuck Stokes



Virgil Smith & Erica Rivers



Vera & Keith Wright



Corey Reed & Casey Rotary



Mr & Mrs Leland Prince



Cyrus & Mary Varner



Crystal & Robert Brooks

Auto Show Charity Preview is the one constant event in Detroit's party history where you know that you are going to have a good time. Almost everyone attends and almost everyone enjoys it. It is still regarded as a "Who's Who Affair."



Mr & Mrs Edmond Douglas & Mrs & Mr Mark Douglas



Mr & Mrs James Tate



Thomas Collison, Mary Frank, Crystal Bailey & Rep. Amos Oneal



Mr & Mrs Zach Anderson



William & Karen Price



Steve Radden & Talonda Hayes



Fred & Sarah Hunter



Jason Tinsley & Shawn Carrington



Crystal Lowell, Gentry Sherman, Char Yates, Patrice James



Jason & Yatavia McGuire



L. Shorter & Mark



Terri Shelton, Donny Bounds



Cyrill & Terry Weems



Howard Carter & Andrea Whitfield



Gardus & Erica Tate with Dr. Delorean & Tiffany Griffin



Michelle Watson & Marlon Solomon



10 J.R. Clark, Briana Cartwright with Mr. Mrs Brian Cartwright



LaDonna & Nick



Denise Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Lisa Phillips

Dennis Archer Jr. and Company hosted yet another Auto Show Charity Preview After Glow Party bringing out some of Detroit's coolest citizens and guess what? The Native Detroit Magazine was there holding it down.



Christine Beatty & M. Franklin



Harley Brown & Thomas Hearn



Dennis Archer & Frank Torres



James Hunter, Vincent Archer, Rhonda Walker, Jalen Rose, Mark Macon



Darnell Small & Tarita



Kim Nettle & Ian Conyers



Brice Moe & Alexis Wiley



Angela & Ken Thirkield



Debora & Charia Morgan



Jo & Reggie



Andrea & Lionel Bradford



Bartell, Al Bartell & Darroll



Will French



Yolanda & Ehrlich Crain



Armond Rashad & Jordan Smith



Natilie & Pam



Windy & Micah



Janine & Whitney



Latascha Vass, Candy Guyton, Sheriff Ray Washington, Kim Talley



Syndi Jones, Glenda Lewis, Shannon Reaves



Mims & Dixon

The Charles H. Wright Museum celebrated a new gallery that will honor the life and legacy of The Honorable Judge Damon J. Keith. The exhibition is a timeline journey of Judge Keith's life through an interactive experience that features innovative technology. Through a curatorial partnership with The Wright Museum's staff and other key stakeholders, they highlighted Judge Keith's childhood, his family, military service, education, legal practice, and service as a Federal District Judge. More than 800 friends, family, guests and patrons came out for the event.



Barbara Wright, Neil A. Barclay, Dr. Glenda Price



Richard Smart & George Hamilton



Linda & David Whitaker



Jackie Vaughn, Judge Craig Strong, Roxanne Witter



Mr & Mrs Scott Benson



Lynn & Jack Pitts



Keith Mobley & Ellen Hill



Sylvia Hollifield & Carlson Jackson



Linda & Tyrone Carter



Katrina Kelly & Mike Carr



Mrs & Dr. Richard Smith



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Jocelyn Coley, Shandra Scott



Mable Jones & Gail Mason



Shayna Fields & Ronnie Calhoun



Mrs & Mr Bill Sharon



Anthony & Kiko Snoddy



Ivery Toussant Jr, Carmen Hill



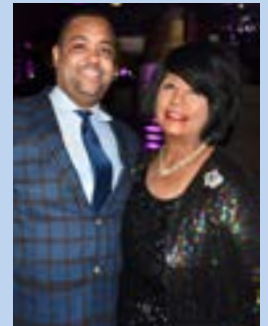
Pamala Galloway & Julianna Ellison



Kelly Minor, Jeff Anderson, Char Yates



Markisha Williams, Angela Mallory, Denise Williams



Coleman Young II, Annivory Calvert

FLOODS

Bar & Grille



Owners, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Byrd in the tradition of excellence of the most iconic bar in Detroit, celebrated 35 years of delicious food, good drinks and superb service with over 800 friends, family, and long time patrons this summer.

The event acknowledged the true essence that is uniquely Floods Bar and Grille. Floods is not only a gathering place for mature adults, it is an experience that has lasted for more than three decades and that many of us have enjoyed.

Floods is extraordinary when you consider that today there are hundreds of bars in Detroit, providing many options for residents and visitors alike.

No where in Detroit's history, has a Detroit establishment had so many, politicians, entertainers, athletes, business people and celebrities come to one place. Many deals have been made here and a lot of friendships have begun.

Floods has been the most popular bar in Detroit for over 35 years. Many relationships and marriage proposals have been made here and if the truth were ever to be told a lot of babies would not be here today, if it were not for Floods. Finally, and most importantly, a lot of fun has been had here and a lot of history has been made at Floods Bar and Grille. So stop by and have some fun and maybe you will make some history of your own.

Stephanie and Cristina Byrd hosted the 35th anniversary of Flood's Bar and Grille. The two sisters have taken over the rich legacy of Flood's Bar & Grille along with the Garden Theater and the Block Restaurant. They have proven that they have the skills, patience and management ability that they learned from their parents to keep their businesses open for many years to come.



Stephanie and Christina Byrd



Leslie & Josh



Sheriff Ray Washington, Mike Byrd, and Mike Turner



Frank & Lillian



MaDonna Wallace, Rick Taylor



Charles Hicks & Billy Cason



Dr. George Evans, Teresa Dubose



Ronda & Dave



Niema & Dion Lewis



Dr. Carlos Jones, Riichard Carson



Jamalh & Jatauna



Ron, Jacob Keli, David Allen



The Flood's Crew

The Floods Anniversary celebration had over 800 guests, friends, old patrons, and new patrons to attend their historic event. As you would expect, everybody enjoyed great food, great drinks and good people. And in case you missed it, the Native Detroiter was there holding it down.



Delise & Angelo Matthews



Loren & Jessica Byrd Jr.



Cynthia Mifflin-Ryals, Kim Davis, Judge Craig Strong, Rosalyn Pegram



John Moore & Percy Williams



Marty, Tim, Marty, Tinker



Pat, Bobby, Tina



Mike, Jalani, DJ Kutz West



Mr & Mrs. Mike Byrd, owners & founders of Flood's Bar & Grille, celebrated 35 years of success with family and friends.




Kristie Evans, James Williams



James & Santita Williams

DETROIT MUSIC

Miyah Janae

A photograph of Miyah Janae sitting on the wheel of a white car. She is wearing a black leather jacket with orange and yellow accents, an orange crop top, and blue denim jeans with large rips. She has long, wavy hair and is looking upwards and to the left. Her right hand is on her head, and her left hand is on her lap. The background is dark, suggesting an indoor or nighttime setting.

Miyah Janae grew up in suburban Michigan, residing in places such as Berkley, Southfield, and Beverly Hills. Her life, though far from easy, reflects the journey of a princess. Fortunate to have a loving support system, she, as a child, was the reserved one in public but thrived in the spotlight, aiming always to bring joy to those around her. Despite self-doubt occasionally clouding her purpose, her determination persisted.

The quest to find her voice commenced in high school when Miyah hosted and performed at the first Mock Grammys. Despite initial nerves and contemplation of backing out, once on stage, she felt at home. It marked the first instance where her authentic voice resonated, providing an exhilarating experience. Distractions and fear attempted to hinder her progress, but her desire for more triumphed.

Currently, Miyah is taking gradual steps toward her musical aspirations, prioritizing self-inspiration. Her focus extends to motivating girls with similar experiences not to limit themselves, encouraging her siblings to pursue their potential, and sharing her personal story. Passion, determination, and ambition serve as her driving forces, complemented by a touch of sparkle for good luck.

For updates, Miyah Janae can be found on Instagram and TikTok @_miyahjanae, and her music is accessible on all platforms, including YouTube for official videos. As a guiding principle, she reminds others, "Don't let starting small discourage you; you're still starting somewhere."

DETROIT MUSIC

Lady Champagne

Lady Champagne joined the choir at New Bethel Baptist Church where the late great Queen of Soul singer Aretha Franklin attended and her father Reverend C.L. Franklin was the pastor, and the rest as they say is history.

Combining her love for Gospel and Blues music awarded her the rich and soulful sound that she calls her own. Blues, Gospel and R&B have also been a part of her singing style and career.

She has performed live with many of Motown greats with whom she shared many ideals that further helped to develop her singing style.

As fate would have it she was able to record with many Jazz artists and former member of the Funk Brothers, Dennis Coffey, and she also had the honor of sharing the stage with the beautiful Motown recording artist Miss Martha Reeves of the Vandellas.

In 2006, lady Champagne continued to performed on stage with some of the greatest Blues artists from KoKo Taylor, Johnny Bassett, Alberta Adams, and Legends of the Blues Jimmy Johnson and Jimmy Burns out of Chicago. Her band was chosen to open and warm the stage for The legendary Grammy Award winning Blues man Bobby Rush, and also the Legend of the Blues concert featuring the late great Mr. Bobby Blue Bland, still living blues man Theodis Earley, Clarence Carter and Latimore. She also gives thanks to Bert Dearing of Bert's Market Place for keeping the Blues alive by having my band and I performing live each and every Saturday night.

In March 2014 she received an outstanding award for being inducted into the Detroit Blues Hall Of Fame for Best Blues artist. And also in 2019, Lady Champagne received a special award officially inducting her into the Rhythm and Blues Hall Of Fame. In Sept 2017 she received the Diamond award for Best Blues singer of the year from the City of Pineville Louisiana.

In 2019 she was honored to be the winner for Best Outstanding Blues Artist at the Detroit Music Awards held at the Fillmore Theater.

In 2024, The Native Detroiter magazine recognized her for her outstanding talents as the "Blues Artist of the Decade" award winner.



Detroit 24/7

Floods Bar and Grille was voted the best bar in Detroit by our readers ten years in a row. It remains the one constant in Detroit's night life. And after years of fun and good food, it is still the one spot you can go to and be assured a good time. It has a DJ, and occasionally live entertainment. The menu is fantastic and moderately priced. Most Detroiters love it. Located at 731 St. Antoine, 313-983-1060. **The Block** is an exceptional restaurant by any standards. Considered an

slightly more upscale and appear to target the mature young professional crowd. 3929 Woodward Ave Detroit, 313-832-0888.

Fishbones This place is amazing!! The food is just impeccable! They have a perfect cut of salmon, grilled to perfection, everything is authentic and well-seasoned. They have three locations, 400 Monroe St, Detroit, MI Fishbones West 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 23722 Jefferson Ave, St Clair Shores.

Harbor House The food is

eye candy. The waitresses are fine. 19416 Livernois 313-739-6601.

The Office is an intimate space that is a perfect choice for a first or fifth date, a pre-dinner drink, or a late night cap. It is kinda like "Cheers" Everybody knows everybody else there. Located at 20143 Livernois.

Bert's Place: They got everything. It is a place where you can find great food, nice mature people, a good time and live entertainment. Known for years as a premiere hot spot. 2727 Russell

cept walk-ins and online reservations. They are considered one of the best eating establishments in Detroit. 1045 Brush.

Locker Room is a sports bar that will amaze you. It features big screen TVs to watch your favorite games, big sounds of funk, R&B and oldies played by a house DJ or band and visiting artists alike. The patrons are mature adults, that love to have a good time. 18290 Livernois Ave Detroit. and let the fun begin.

TULC



Steve, Elliot, Marilyn

Soul On Ice



Elveyn, Herb, Danielle

Bert's



The Dearing's

Floods



Darrell, Rachel, Jerri

upscale venue it has become a business meeting place by day and a trendy hang-out by night. They serve all of the deli cuisine dishes, dangerously delicious desserts and more. 3919 Woodward For reservations 313-832-0892 .

Garden Theater is a beautiful and welcome addition to Midtown, and to the local roster of performance venues. It's the perfect size for a gathering of 300 guests but still small enough to maintain an intimate feel. It's a little nicer, classier than other venues of comparable size around town. The events hosted here are

awesome. They serve only the choicest cuts of beef and freshest seafood. They know what they are doing when it comes to good food. It is also a great place to take a special person 440 Clinton St. Detroit, MI 48226

Good Times is Detroit's newest hot spot. It was the hottest venue in the city this summer and maybe the hottest venue this year. No club has worked harder to improve their customer service than they have. They offer a great menu of good food, Big screen TVs, DJs and premium drinks and there is always plenty of

Detroit. 313-567-2030

Baker's Keyboard has excellent entertainment and of course great food with a spirited atmosphere. It is affordable and is a wonderful place to take a date or meet friends. Located on 8 Mile and Livernois, 313-345-6300.

They Say is located at 267 Jos Campau. They offer an outstanding menu of well prepared meals, with some of the best food in Detroit. They have a friendly staff and phenomenal entertainment. 313-446-4682.

Table 2 is a fine dining restaurant in the heart of Downtown Detroit. They ac-

Cornbread Restaurant and Bar is open Thurs.-Tues. for lunch and dinner, closed Wednesdays. Dine in or place a carryout; the restaurant also does catering and has a Beans & Cornbread food truck. Order online at cornbread soul food.com or call 248 208-1680 It is still the heart and soul of Southern cooking in our area. They were voted the best soul restaurant in Metro Detroit, by our ND readers. They serve everything from chicken wings to fresh salmon. Their dinners are moderately priced and delicious. It's a great place for a date, or to meet friends.

Dining & Entertainment

29852 Northwestern Hwy.
248-208-1680

Sloppy Chops Metro Detroit's premier casual fine dining restaurant serving prime steaks, fresh pasta, premium seafood, signature cocktails the best food on the eastside. They have chicken, fish, fries, burgers, lobster and steak. Located at 5223 E.7 Mile, 336-0905.

Louisiana Creole Gumbo expanded to new location 2830 Gratiot Ave. on the opposite side of the street from the original restaurant. Known for their Gumbo, they

including all of its signature dishes of fried chicken, waffles, shrimp steaks and grits. Located at 19345 Livernois Ave. 861-0229 Open Tuesday Sunday 8am til 2pm.

Ivy's Kitchen is known for their inexpensive drinks and good food. They serve everything from Crispy Chicken Sandwich. Crispy chicken, house Buffalo, carrot-celery slaw, and charred Gorgonzola cheese, Greens. Mediterranean Salad. IVY Burger, Mezcal Wings, Hand Cut Parmesan Fries, Des-

shrimp, etc. Their drinks are good especially their signature drinks.

Starter's is a family owned and operated business that has proudly served the west side of Detroit since 1977. Now with 3 location they still have some of the best food in town 18426 Plymouth Rd. 4501 Woodward Ave, Call them at 313-831-1877.

Southern Kitchen On the menu, diners can expect items like flavored pancakes, homestyle butter-milk biscuits, croquettes and rice, shrimp and grits, and Joe Louis's favorite

259-0922 This place is consistently perfect with a huge selection of breakfast delights. The food is amazing, everything is good and the omelets are the size of your head. The staff is also nice.

Views is Detroit's newest upscale bar and lounge with a mature vibe. They seek to enthuze the sports lover and exceed expectations of nightlife with awesome drinks, music and mouth watering classic entrees. 24200 Grand River Detroit, MI 313-693-9401 .

Exodus is a buzzing hotspot featuring local DJ's, live

Table 2



Jodee, Sheila, Angela

Soul On Ice



Donovan, Kim, Alan

Floods



Mildred, Debra, LaSalle

Good Times



James, Melody, Tim

serve shrimp creole, classic Jambalaya and many other great Cajun meals. 313-567-1200.

Red Balloon Saloon has good food, strong drinks a pool table, golden tee and big screen TVs. 29276 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48034

Showplace Lounge Is the best place to learn how to ballroom dance, give a party or event and eat good food and have a nice drink.. The DJ plays the best classy old school/contemporary. The patrons are mature and friendly, 2140 Holbrook Ave, 313-321-3277

Soul On Ice Their food is good,

serts. Berry Pomegranate Cheesecake. Chicken and Waffles. 9215 E. Jefferson Ave 332-0606

Duo's 29555 Northwestern Hwy, 248-996-9929 is the best place to have a good time. You can simply meet up to relax and converse over drinks and appetizers at the bar or enjoy their menu that offers contemporary Soul Food.

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Rev. Adams in the pulpit

Rev. Charles Adams

A Spiritual Leader For An Entire Community
by Paul Hubbard

The Rev. Dr. Charles Adams, PA as many of us called him was a giant of a preacher who led the world renowned Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. He passed away at the age of 86, November 29, 2023. Surrounded by his family at his home, he made his transition.

Rev. Adams was recognized as one of the greatest orators ever to serve in a Detroit pulpit. He was known as "the Harvard Whooper" for his Ivy League intellect and his animated preaching. He had an endowed Chair at Harvard University and he was also a tenured professor at Harvard Divinity School. His educational achievements were unparalleled by most pastors in our city. His quest for knowledge was endless.

Friends and church members all said that he got his calling early in life and his mission was always to serve the Lord. Appointed as Hartford's third pastor in 1969, Adams propelled the house of worship to become one of the most popular and well attended churches in Detroit.

Members say it was his richly inspiring delivered sermons and community focus that swelled attendance and membership from 400 to nearly 10,000 at its peak. This astounding growth in membership forced the church to relocate to its current location at 18700 James Couzens Lodge Freeway, in the late 1970s.

His endeavors went far beyond the church building. Adams, "a social justice warrior" was marked by a stream of efforts to boost Detroit, including meals delivered

to seniors; Head Start programs for over 1000 students, tutoring and bible studies. However, Hartford's most successful ventures was purchasing the land on Seven Mile to spark redevelopment with restaurants like McDonalds, and businesses like Home Depot, which also created jobs. He spearheaded a collaboration with the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan to launch Hartford Village Senior Community.

Rev. Adams had many other accomplishments. He became the Detroit branch NAACP President in 1984 and led a boycott against Dearborn businesses in protest of the city barring non-residents (Detroiters) from its parks. Hartford under his leadership paid the rent for Rosa Parks until her death in 2005. Hartford was also instrumental in Nelson Mandela's visit to Detroit in 1990. Ebony Magazine named him one of the country's greatest pastors and one of the most influential leaders in 1994. He was the former president at the Progressive National Baptist Convention and addressed the United Nations on South African Apartheid in 1989.

Mayor Mike Duggan spoke at his funeral and said "Detroit has lost a great champion and a great man." My feelings were the same as the Mayor's. I was deeply moved to hear of his passing. Rev. Charles Adams, was a tireless fighter for the people of Detroit. As the pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, he did more than offer words of hope and inspiration from his pulpit, he offered spiritual leadership for an entire community.

Death is the one battle we cannot win and it is the one peril from which there is no escape. In the past two years we have lost many individuals whose lives have impacted our community in ways that would be impossible to eradicate. They are gone, but hopefully never forgotten.



JoAnn Watson was an awesome woman. Her Central High School friends said that they always expected great things from her and she delivered. She was a pastor, media personality and a Detroit city council member for ten years. She was an on-air personality for more than a few media stations. She was born and raised in Detroit. She will be missed by us all. She was 72.



Cullen L. Dubose: At a time when almost anything was possible in Detroit, Cullen Lanier Dubose was one of the men that could make almost anything happen. He was a gifted and analytical thinker, problem solver and a very successful businessman. His knowledge and counsel was sought throughout the business and social community in Detroit and beyond. He was the "Go To" guy that most all of us respected. His passing was one of the greatest losses to Detroit that I can ever recall, because he did so much to help so many. He was 87.



Earline Franklin: A longtime Detroit, had just turned 82 when she died Nov. 9. Friends told me she had a no-nonsense grit that served her well as she navigated a lengthy career in the entertainment industry. Married to Aretha's brother

Cecil, she had many friends who loved her.



Alonzo Bates was a civil rights activist who served on the Detroit City Council and the Detroit Board of Education. Friends describe him as Outspoken, Outraged and Outrageous. He was one of the most colorful figures in Detroit politics. He was elected to the Detroit School Board in 1970 and went on to serve for about 20 years. In 1973, he successfully pushed for school contractors to employ a Black workforce of at least 20 percent. He transitioned at age 84.



Joe Madison was a civil rights activist who fought for many years for the rights of Detroiters. His position as an influential talk radio host made him a legend. With a passion he said he wanted to instill social awareness to as many young people as he could. He was 73 when he died.



McArthur Lawrence always had a strong work ethic beginning his career at Midway Market at 15. Mack married his childhood sweetheart Brenda in 1971 and they continued their marriage for 51 years. From this union 2 children were born, Michael and Michelle. Mack loved people and people loved him.



Carlton Northern was a hair industry icon and a street legend. Everybody knew Carlton or knew somebody who knew him. For years he styled Aretha Franklin's hair as well as many other celebrities. He was an event promoter, singer, model and man of our town. He will be missed by many. He was 69.



Steven Banks was an extraordinary hair stylist. His clients often referred to him as one of the best in the business. However, he was best known for his easy going spirit and jovial personality. He was a great father, son and brother who loved his family. It's still hard for me to believe that he is gone.



John Melvin Stewart As a young man he was a man among men and served proudly as a Tuskegee Airman during WWII. Later in life he joined the Detroit Police Dept. where he obtained the rank of Sergeant.



Duane T. Hines was a political soldier and grass roots street fighter who helped many of our politicians be elected. He loved the city of Detroit and did everything he could to make it better. Always working and always giving, he will be missed by all true Detroiters. He was 67.



Earl Cureton had a long basketball career, which lasted nearly two decades with seven NBA franchises and a few organizations overseas. Regardless of his travels Earl said Detroit was his home. He took pride in being a Native Detroiter and Detroit Finney H.S. Highlander. He was 66 when he passed.



Bill Lattimore was a true Detroit celebrity. Everybody knew him and everybody liked him. When he was young he built a legacy as a DJ and event promoter at some of the most popular clubs and places. As he matured he focused his attention on community justice and social change. Those efforts moved into local politics where he helped elect many of his colleagues and also becoming a Southfield City Councilman. He passed at 71.



Rev. Gerald D. Cardwell was a committed family man who loved his wife and children. Known for his wit and charm he was a man who helped as many people as possible. He was also passionate about the brotherhood of Kappa Alpha Psi and gave all that he could to help the fraternity, holding many leadership positions including polemarch. He was 74.



Jamillah K. Summers was a highly prominent figure in some of Detroit's coolest social circles. Jam as she was known partied with the best of them. Making her living as one of the city's top hair stylists, part time bartender, and fashion model a lot of people knew her. However, and most importantly a lot of people adored her as well. Jam had a sparkling personality with plenty of conversation and jokes too. She was one of my favorite bartenders. She will be missed by many. Jam was 51.



Helen Wright: My heart is broken, saddened as I mourn the passing of a true icon of Detroit's entrepreneurial history. Helen Wright was a woman who could light up a room with her beautiful smile. She was strong willed and determined, self confident, intelligent and extremely industrious. She is the celebrated legacy of the Detroit we once knew, gone home but never to be forgotten.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson and Ray point the way.

Ray Anthony Paige

Attorney For The People

by Sherman Eaton

I was at the 35th anniversary party of Floods Bar and Grille when I got the news that Ray had died. Like many others in attendance I was immediately saddened. A number of us gathered together to find out more about his passing. Then someone said, let us pray.

Among his many talents Raymond A. Paige was a master of wit and sarcasm. I am certain if he had not been a gifted attorney, Ray would have been a stand up comedian. He could brighten up any situation with laughter when ever he was around, especially at Bakers Keyboard Lounge. Even when I was completely sober he could say something funny and I would laugh so hard it would bring tears to my eyes. He had that same effect on many of his friends.

However, I gotta leave it to Judge Craig Strong when it comes to Ray Paige stories. They were the best of friends for decades. Whenever I see the Judge today we talk about Ray and somehow we both would leave with smiles on our faces. Ray was one of a kind. He was a character and I'm gonna miss him.

Professionally, Ray, will forever be known as one of Detroit's most talented criminal defense lawyers. His unique style and verbal presentation in the courtroom gained him recognition and notoriety in the streets and neighborhoods of Detroit.

Consequently, in court you never knew what to expect

from Ray. His courtroom style was always a topic of conversation both good and bad. He passed away on August 18, 2023. He will leave a lasting impact on many of us since he devoted years of his life to serving the public. He will also be remembered for his laughter at many social affairs.

Close friends say that Ray was a man who enjoyed the institutions of marriage and family. He met his first wife Emma at the age of 14 and then they married later in college in 1977. Their union gave birth to their son, Anthony.

While researching a case, Ray met his second wife Sandra a psychologist at the Criminal Court. They shared many interests and enjoyed their time together. Eventually, life took them in different directions.

Subsequently, Ray met his third wife, Wynetta, whom he married in 1999. They became the proud parents to Ray II. Ray had a lot of love, pride and joy for both his sons and his wives. He often bragged about their accomplishments.

Ray's unexpected transition last year came as a surprise to many of us. As a result, he had his parents Charles and Helen, and brother Charles Jr. who preceded him in death. Left to cherish his memories are his ex wives, Emma Trailer and their son, Anthony Woods, Sandra Jackson, Wynetta Wright and their son Ray Paige II, siblings Theresa Coleman, Anita Paige, grandchildren Jalen Whitaker, Judah Woods, Anvoncia Woods and a host of family and friends.

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THE WAY WE WERE

The City of Detroit has had a lot of great men and women who gave their hearts and souls to improve the lives of others. Over the past 39 years many Detroiters have come and many Detroiters are gone and some of us are still here. However, the one thing that we share and shared in common is and was, we really love and loved this city.



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Whenever you are in its company you smile when you realize there is nothing on earth more moving than the sight of someone or something that is truly beautiful

The image of beauty is the unseen which you see and the vague which you barely understand. The true appreciation of beauty begins within you and ends vastly somewhere beyond your earthly imagination.



QUEEN



A queen is a woman who knows that if she wants to be treated like a Queen, she must act like a Queen. She ascertains that knowledge, education, determination, friends, relationships, hard work and attitude are the tools for her advancement.

She also understands that she can achieve more with a man or a partner than she ever can alone. She realizes that respect is earned and that her deeds, actions and accomplishments are the things by which she will be measured.

She is acutely aware that her body is not for everyone to enjoy. She realizes that her beauty and health are gifts from her ancestors and that her appearance and fitness matters from her head to her feet. Even when she is moderately dressed, her appearance is always regal.

In addition and most importantly, she apprehends that a queen is a woman who can lead as well as follow. She can take care of herself as well as others. She is a woman who has mastered herself and knows that she is not perfect, but she is complete. A true Queen has come to the full realization that everything she needs and wants can be found within the universe and herself.



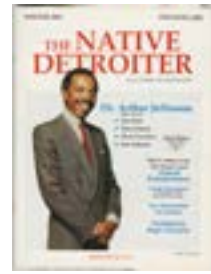
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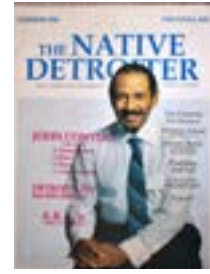
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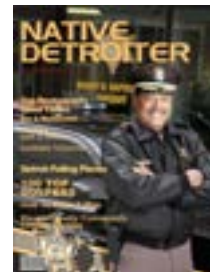
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The True Essence of BS

Never tell a lie when you can bullshit your way through.

One of the most salient features of our city and our country today is that there is so much bullshit. Everyone knows this. Each of us contributes our share. So we tend to take a lot of bullshit for granted.

We take it for granted because most Detroiters are rather confident of their ability to avoid being taken in by a lot of bullshit. So, the phenomenon has not aroused much deliberate concern nor attracted much sustained inquiry.

However, many Detroiters are bullshitted unknowingly every day. My guess is a lot of them really don't know what bullshit is or in a great deal of cases what bullshit looks like. You see bullshit comes in many forms, shapes and appears in many situations disguised as the truth. This means that a lot of bullshit can go completely undetected by most people's intelligence.

Since this is the case, I want to help many of you to understand what bullshit is and how to recognize it when you are confronted. To aid your understanding I have developed a theoretical definition of bullshit. Bullshit is any variation of the truth that will convince any person to accept your point of view without actually lying. Most good bullshitters will avoid lying because a lie can be proven false, whereas, bullshit cannot. The relevant difference is a lie is a total falsehood and has no correlation with the truth. Whereas, bullshit is not false but it is phony. Consequently, lying and bullshitting can achieve the same purpose.

When something is phony or fake, which is what bullshit is, it may be an exact copy of the real thing. What is wrong with the counterfeit is not what it's like, but how it was made. This points to the fundamental essence of bullshit. Although, it may be produced without any regard for the truth, it may not be a lie.

So this begs the question of why there's so much bullshit being fabricated by so many people. Well, bullshit is often produced whenever a person is required to speak about topics that are more extensive than their knowledge of a particular subject. This oc-

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curs often with some preachers, politicians, the media, doctors, salespeople, teachers, advertisers and others who may attempt to deceive or convince us.

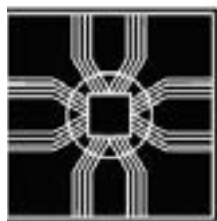
Good bullshitters are not always trying to deceive us but most of the time they are trying to conceal what they are up to. Many of our great politicians are so talented that they can convince us of almost anything with their words. The reason being most bullshitters want you to believe some shit or do some shit for which they will receive some monetary compensation. In reality most of what they are trying to convince us of is bullshit.

2024 is promising to be the year of bullshit. There will be more bullshit dispensed by more people than the world has ever seen. Not only will the politicians,

the media, pharmaceutical companies, doctors, and so called experts will be orchestrating bullshit but your family, friends and neighbors will be too.

Consequently, our diet of bullshit will become more extensive. Not only will it become extensive, but it will also become unavoidable. Bullshit is everywhere now. It is in our food. It is in our water. You look up and they are now spraying bullshit in our air.

So, for those of you who do not have bullshit detectors in your brain, the only way you can avoid bullshit is by using your eyes, not your ears. Believe what you see. None of what you hear. If you don't see something with your own eyes, there is a 50/50 chance that it is bullshit.



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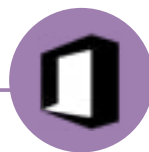


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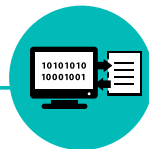
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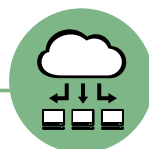
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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Key Phrase: I want

The first rule of the game is don't out run the money. If the money is not ready, you ain't ready. Be patient this lunar quarter or it will cost you. Slow down, take your time. Lucky days Monday and Thursday Lucky numbers 7, 337, 405, 317, 12.

LEO

JULY 24-AUG 23

Key Phrase: I deserve

Don't make excuses to use good people. It may come back to haunt you. Life is full of ups and downs. Whatever your problems are they will pass and the sun will shine once again. Lucky days Sunday and Thursday. Lucky numbers 733, 83, 661.

LIBRA

SEPT 24- OCT 23

Key Phrase: I need

I hate to say this, but you might have to put in some hard work soon. The game is changing and your looks are no longer good enough to get you by. Your friends are struggling too. Lucky days Sunday and Tuesday. Lucky numbers 757, 527, 955.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 22

Key Phrase: I indulge

Let your personality sparkle and go out and meet new friends. Good food is on the menu. Live life to its fullest because tomorrow is not promised. Lucky days are Wednesday and Sunday Lucky numbers 25,175, 938, 14, 26

TAURUS

APRIL 21- MAY 20

Key Phrase: I rationalize

This lunar quarter finds you spending money recklessly, and that's okay because it's your money. Have as much fun as you can, while you can. Tomorrow is not promised. Lucky days Tuesday and Sunday, Lucky numbers 346, 707, 613.

GEMINI

MAY 21- JUNE 21

Key Phrase: I Intellectualize

Stop watching so much television. Take some time to do some reading on issues of great concern. You have a strong mind don't be afraid to use it. Call a smart friend for advice. Lucky days, Sunday and Monday, Lucky numbers 12, 36, 67, 207.

CANCER

JUNE 22- JULY 23

Key Phrase: I feel

The things that bothered you the last lunar quarter, let them go. Move on to higher ground because hard work won't kill you, but worry will. Relax more, worry less. Lucky days: Monday, Friday. Lucky numbers 98, 56, 27.



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Leo

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Lebra

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Taurus

CAPRICORN

DEC 23-JAN 20

Key Phrase: I seek

Being cool is okay, but even ice turns to water when it gets hot. Let your sunny side take control because even a dog needs some affection and attention. Call an old friend they can help you. Lucky days, Tuesday, Thursday. Lucky numbers 383, 858.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 19

Key Phrase: I analyze

You may not always be able to figure out what you want but you always know what you need. Right now you could use some happiness Now is the time to pursue it. Lucky days Friday and Tuesday. Lucky numbers 904, 768, 836.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 23

Key Phrase: I criticize

Don't be too picky this year as your options are few. When there was a lot out there you could find what you wanted, now you can't. Now you have to find what you can. Lucky day Saturday. Lucky numbers 119, 748, 964.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Key Phrase: I scrutinize

The load is not as heavy as you seemed to make it. Enjoy your life and don't take things too seriously. If you lose some battles this year don't worry get back up and win again. Lucky day, Wednesday, Lucky numbers 239, 34

PISCES

FEB 20-MAR 20

Key Phrase: I fantasize

You have the mind of a mystic and a poet. Let your imagination go and enjoy your life to the fullest. Your joy is out there. Go and find it. Lucky days Sunday, and Tuesday, Lucky numbers 622, 675, 234, 529

DATELINE DETROIT

The opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge has been delayed nearly a year, officials confirmed. According to the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority, construction on the bridge is set to be completed for September 2025 with the first vehicles expected to travel across the bridge in the fall of 2025. Originally, the more than \$4 billion bridge was set to be completed later this year, but officials say the project experienced "unprecedented disruptions" from the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for the bridge because of different restrictions in the U.S. and Canada.

Residents are expected to start moving into the towers that currently occupy the former Joe Louis Arena site as early as February. The 25 story high rise will house 496 units of mostly studio and one bedroom apartments.

Detroit City Council on Tuesday approved two trash hauling contracts totaling \$210.7 million that will increase garbage pickups but raise residents' fees annually.

The \$87,761,352 contract with Priority Waste and \$122,945,186 with Waste Management of Michigan are set to launch in June to provide weekly pickups. Priority Waste will replace GFL Environmental, whose services frustrated residents, Mayor Mike Duggan said in a December community meeting as he pushed for the new vendor. The contract period runs from June 1 through May 31, 2029.

Detroit drivers still spend the most money on car insurance in the country, according to an annual report released on Monday. Bankrate's True Cost of Auto Insurance report found that drivers in Detroit spend an average of \$5,687 for full coverage, which equals about 7.98% of the median household income. On the other end of the spectrum, Seattle has the cheapest car insurance with drivers spending an average of \$1,759 per year on insurance. The national average, according to the report, is \$4,338 for full coverage. National Average Cost for Car Insurance Skyrockets 26% From Last Year, Averaging \$2,543 Detroit is about \$1,500 higher than the second-most expensive city, Miami.

Jennifer Crumbley found guilty on all counts of involuntary manslaughter in Oxford High School shooting. A man who purchased a gun with her son four days before a Michigan school shooting is headed to trial, accused of failing to take steps that could have prevented the teen from killing four students and wounding ten others.

Attorneys for a veteran Detroit police lieutenant filed a whistleblower lawsuit Friday against the department and officials in connection with an alleged overtime scam involving members of a special unit who are friends with one of the assistant chiefs.



The Black Caucus in Washington DC was phenomenal. Brian Banks hosted an event for national leaders.



Gigi Jones hosted a fundraiser for Hill Harper at Bert's Place.



Detroit City Councilwoman Mary Waters and staff met on issues concerning the city.



Sheriff Raphael Washington is running for office and he's got the Native Detroiters support.



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