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On November 25, 2019 Lansing Mayor announced a new partnership between Kroger's, MSUFUCU, Lansing School District, and the City of Lansing through a grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors supported by funding from Bank of America.



Silver Bells Afterglow at Eden's on November 22, 2019. Pictured Lt. to Rt. Dichandra Johnson, Mayor Andy Schor and Veronica Johnson

The Trump Administration Just Cut Food Stamps in Time for the Holidays



The Trump administration, brushing aside tens of thousands of protest letters, gave final approval on Wednesday to a rule that will remove nearly 700,000 people from the federal food-stamp program by strictly enforcing federal work requirements. The rule, which was proposed by the Department of Agriculture in February, would make states enforce work requirements for able-bodied adults without children that governors have routinely been allowed to waive, especially for areas in economic distress. The economy has improved under the Trump administration, the department argued, and assistance to unemployed, able-bodied adults was no longer necessary in a strong job market.

"Government can be a powerful force for good, but government dependency has never been the American dream," Sonny Perdue, the agriculture secretary, said. "We need to encourage people by giving them a helping hand but not allowing it to become an indefinitely giving hand."

Let us be clear. There was not a single Republican candidate in 2016 who would not have signed this order, and who would not have used the same excuse that Perdue did. Hell, it was central to the entire public career of Paul Ryan, who used to be the GOP's go-to guy on budget matters, and someone who regularly maunders about his devotion to the poor. This is the same general policy that helped Ronald Reagan get elected. There's a straight line from *young bucks buying T-bones* to Sonny Perdue's "giving hand."

Also, there was quite the moment on the House floor when Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Illinois) rose to eulogize Fred Hampton, his friend and the former Black Panther leader from Chicago who was murdered in his bed 50 years ago Wednesday by elements of the Chicago police department with the permission and support of the Cook County District Attorney's office. In fact, the only reason that Rush was alive to speak in the well of the House of Representatives on Wednesday was that he decided to sleep at home 50 years earlier. Otherwise, the Chicago police likely would have killed him, too.

Madam Speaker, on a cold December morning, 4:30 A.M. Nobody was moving on the streets. They came into that west side community, in Edison trucks. They came into that community with machine guns with the single purpose of killing Fred Hampton and everybody else who was in that apartment. They came using public utility trucks. Not police cars. And in that hour of the of morning. They knocked on the door when they got to that apartment. Half of the police officers went to the front door, half went to the rear door.

They knocked on the door and they said and one of the gentlemen inside the apartment, he asked who is it, at 4:30 in the morning. And he got a response from one of them police officers and answered by saying, Tommy. And when he said Tommy, he came in shooting. When they heard the first round of gunfire at the front door, the other half of the raiding team same in through the rear door. Shooting also. There were 12 people in that apartment, including the wife of Hampton who was asleep in the bed with him. He had been drugged.

Bobby Rush was alive to speak on Wednesday because he slept at home one night 50 years ago. That's how he got to speak about the extrajudicial killing of Fred Hampton, as political a murder as that of Archbishop Romero in El Salvador or any committed by Vladimir Putin's proxies. This was as compelling a moment of national reflection as any that took place on camera in the committee room on Wednesday. Or it should be, anyway. Article courtesy of the New York times.

California Sen. Kamala Harris Is Dropping Out of Presidential Race

Senator Kamala Harris of California dropped out of the Democratic presidential race on Tuesday after months of low poll numbers and a series of missteps that crippled her campaign, a deflating comedown for a barrier-breaking candidate who was seeking to become the first black woman to win a major party's presidential nomination. The decision came after weeks of upheaval among Ms. Harris's staff, including layoffs in New Hampshire and at her headquarters in Baltimore, and disarray among her allies. She told supporters in an email on Tuesday that she lacked the money needed to fully finance a competitive campaign.

"My campaign for president simply doesn't have the financial resources we need to continue," Ms. Harris wrote. "But I want to be clear with you: I am still very much in this fight."

The announcement is perhaps the most surprising development to date in a fluid Democratic presidential campaign where Ms. Harris began in the top tier. Her departure removes a prominent woman of color

from a field that started as the most racially diverse ever in a Democratic primary, and raises the prospect that this month's debate in Los Angeles will feature no candidates who aren't white.

Ms. Harris opened her campaign on Martin Luther King's Birthday with a rousing speech in her hometown, Oakland, Calif., before an audience of 20,000 people, drawing comparisons to history-making black politicians like Barack Obama and Shirley Chisholm.

The speech was a signal of the careful balance her campaign tried to strike throughout the year: leaning on her personal story as a daughter of Indian and Jamaican immigrants while offering policy preferences that toggled between the party's moderate and progressive ideological wings. Ms. Harris sought to focus on incremental and deliverable change rather than the type of systemic upheaval popularized by rivals like Senators Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

But almost immediately after her campaign



began, she faced questions about her policy core that resulted in damaging news cycles. She reversed her position on single-payer health care, removing herself from the "Medicare for all" bill sponsored by Mr. Sanders. She struggled with how to frame her record as a prosecutor, oscillating between defending it against progressive criticism and embracing it in a play for more moderate votes. On a conference call with donors Tuesday, Ms. Harris said she arrived at the decision after conferring with her family over the Thanksgiving. Partial excerpts and picture courtesy of the New York Times



News, Views & Commentary

MoneyWalk 416:

Do Not be Surprised by Christmas

This program will help you undo financial bondage.

Imagine the surprise of Christmas when thereafter the unsuspecting mother and father open the gift sent to them by the credit card company. They did no sound planning according to their financial situation to determine how much could reasonably be spent to purchase gifts for each other, their children, and extended family. On average people spend three times more than they should each Christmas and then have to pay hefty finance charges on top of that because they used loans to finance gifts. Many of the items will soon be forgotten but recurring bill payments will remain.

This scenario puts far too many families into financial hardship each year and is exacerbated by their failure to recognize the problem and correct it for future years. Some recognize this pattern is not worth the illusory happiness they had when giving in to the costly demands of nagging spouses who want the latest designer purse, play station, or mini bike. But they are afraid, unwilling, or insecure about stopping the pattern and letting their families know true love does not equate with the giving of material things that make the family worse off sending it into a downward financial spiral. Thus, they will be back at it again this time next year.

Unfortunately, most spend far more on ultimately worthless and forgotten gifts than they give to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to others who need a relationship with Him in order to be saved from the penalty of their sins. Jesus Christ, intimacy with Him, and the out-flowing of that into carrying out His Great Commandment is what Christmas is really about. You know, the day we celebrate Jesus Christ who came, lived, died, and was resurrected for our salvation from eternal damnation. He alone grants eternal life, a home in Heaven and the New Earth where evil and sin never reside but peace and joy abide forever!

Until you decide the commercialization of Christmas is a man-made tradition and not the LORD's instruction to us, the same poor stewardship routine is likely to be carried out each year for Christmas and bring you into financial hardship, bondage, or ruin throughout your life. Granted gift giving is no sin as long as it does not impede your ability to properly care for the true needs of your household and give abundantly to spread the gospel. Not all things are sin but many that people have made traditions and called necessary are not always expedient for our current financial situation and spiritual growth. To



display good stewardship from a biblical perspective, establish a budget for Christmas that identifies the amount of money your budget shows you can reasonably afford to spend per family member and for the gathering.

Exercise your faith to declare, expect, and allow the LORD to provide more than you are able without you going into debt to get it, knowing in your heart that if He did not provide it you know He could and would if it is truly best for you all.

Have a family meeting to identify the plan you will follow and each family member's part in it that will be used to simplify life by spending within your means, refusing to take on debt, working to eliminate current debt, and honoring God and family in ways that truly matter on a spiritual and practical level. Offer each member the opportunity to tell you specifically what he/she wants for Christmas that falls within that amount (postage, shipping, handling, and taxes included). Also, offer them the opportunity to give you sales papers on which they circle many different items that fall within their budgeted amount. Alternately, they could choose to let Mom and Dad pick items they want to give within the budgeted amount. The surprise of Christmas then is no longer shock from a hefty credit card bill right after Christmas. It becomes the opening of gifts that are more useful and enjoyable because financial bondage is not created to get them. This type of discipline and self-control during Christmas and other gift giving days will put you on the path to financial freedom and wealth building. Discipline is what disciples should be known for because it matures you and builds greater self-control, commitment and integrity toward doing the LORD's will.

Teach and example this lifestyle for your kids, so they learn to become givers, savers/investors, and reasonable spenders instead of spenders, spenders, spenders. This gives them the tools they need to stay clear of financial bondage throughout their lives, by helping them know how to set proper financial boundaries and not be swayed by habits and traditions of the financially illiterate that surround them.

Please pray for this ministry and email me with any questions. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

Proverbs 16:3, Luke 14:28, Ephesians 6:4, 1Timothy 3:4-5, James 1:5, 14-18

Please forward these bondage-breaking articles to other people who can use helpful insight!

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LCC to conclude yearlong commemoration



Event is the culmination of the college's participation in national initiative

LANSING, Mich. – Lansing Community College will conclude its yearlong commemoration of the 400 Years of African American History Commission Act with a spectacular event of live performances at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Avenue on the Downtown Campus.

The performances for the celebration will feature African drummers, dancers, and steppers; musical tributes, a children's choir, theatrical skits, video highlights, and poetic expressions. LCC began its yearlong commemoration on February 28, 2019, with a kickoff event that included the unveiling of a Malcolm X portrait that has been permanently installed in the Gannon Building. The college was thrilled to have Malcolm's niece, Deborah Jones on hand for the dedication.

The year has seen a variety of events designed to educate, commemorate and celebrate the role African Americans have played in our nation. There was an art exhibit from the Mott Warsh Collection, Celebrating a Cultural Heritage; a Women's History Makers Luncheon; MLK Day of Service; Student Summit on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; Black Business Expo & Entrepreneur Pitch Competition; Arts, Artists and Advocates lecture series, and the finale, Trials, Triumphs and Trailblazers, an inspirational concert and African American History storytelling event.

"This yearlong commemoration has brought the LCC community and the Lansing community together in a unique and powerful way. We have met our goal of building better relationships through education," said LCC's chief diversity officer Dr. Tonya Bailey. "There is still work to be done but LCC has opened the dialogue that will help move the community forward." Trials, Triumphs and Trailblazers will begin with registration and a reception at 5 p.m. and the program will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. For more information and to register visit www.lcc.edu/400years.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

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Celebration

Announcements

Birthdays in December 2019

- Mr. Kevin Alexander Tyler celebrates his 26th birthday on December 1st, at home with family.
 - Ms. Alisha "Happy" Randle celebrates her 35th birthday on December 1st, "just chill'in!"
 - Ms. Dionia Houston celebrates her birthday on December 1st. She will turn 34 years of age.
 - Ms. Marsha Civils celebrates her birthday on December 2nd.
 - Mrs. Tracy Faulkner celebrates her birthday on December 2nd, with family and friends.
 - Mr. "Wolf" celebrated his 56th year of life, December 2nd.
 - Ms. Markita Atwater celebrates her 28th birthday on December 4th. "I want to say thanks to my mother, Rhonda Horton, for being here for me and watching me become a grown woman... Love you Mom!"
 - Ms. Patricia Robinson celebrates her birthday on December 4th.
 - Mr. T. J. Baldwin celebrates his 32th birthday on December 5th, with family and friends.
 - Mr. Pone, of the Hood Riders MC, celebrates his birthday on December 6th. He says "Jesus loves you!!!" to his daughter and granddaughter.
 - Ms. Cynthia Delapaz enjoys her 38th birthday on December 7th, with family and friends. "Much Love to my daughters!"
 - Ms. Chantelle Brandon celebrates her birthday on December 8th.
 - Ms. Jasmine Harris will celebrate her 30th birthday on December 9th at Gregory's Soul Food.
 - Ms. Tabitha Fortner celebrates her 32nd birthday on December 10th, with family and friends.
 - Ms. Kaylin "Kay Kay" Perkins, celebrating her 23 years, on December 12.
 - Mr. Marc David Tyler II celebrates his 30th birthday on December 13th, with family and friends.
 - Ms. Candace Clay celebrates her birth, 43 years, on December 15th. She says, "I love Living!"
 - Ms. Kimmy Herlick celebrates her 49th birthday on December 15th, with family and friends.
 - Mr. Andy Brown celebrates his birthday on December 15th, with his wife Coral, daughters and son.
 - Ms. Cheryl Horn-Bernard will celebrate her birth on December 16th.
 - Ms. Karen Morrow celebrates her 48th birthday on December 17th. "God Bless my family, friends and extended family, Love you all!"
 - Mr. Stafford L. Cobb celebrates his birthday on December 20th. "Life is lived forward and learned backwards" "Peace to all and 1 love!"
 - Mr. Jameel Cooper celebrates his birthday on December 20th, with family and friends.
 - Ms. DaQuaria Watkins will celebrate her 23rd birthday on December 20th. Grandma says, "She is an excellent student!"
 - Mr. Tommie L. Boyd will celebrate his 48th birthday on December 21st.
 - Ms. Charita Robinson-Murphy will celebrate her birthday on December 21st, with her husband Michael and children. "Love You, my niece", Uncle Billy
 - Mr. Tyrell Potts will celebrate his birthday on December 25th.
 - Mr. Anthony Michael Quarles will be celebrating his 28th birthday on December 26th with family and friends.
 - Mr. Al Travis will celebrate his birthday on December 26th.
- *Special Holiday Message from:
Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

December is the month of the Holy Days (Holiday) season... A time when people celebrate and share GOD's Love...

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Joyful Hanukkah/Kwanza/Ramadan
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¹⁷pray constantly, and ¹⁸give thanks to God no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. (This is God's will for all of you in Jesus the Anointed.) ¹⁹Don't suppress the Spirit. [Whom I call Wisdom]. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19 The Voice (VOICE)



AND GOD, when a Howard University alum, professor, or staff member is called beyond this mask of toil and snare, the university president will send out a notification. In March the notification was about Dr. Evans E. Crawford, Dean (RET) of the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. I had the privilege of being his student and Chapel Graduate Assistant. Last month the Reverend Dr. Cain Hope Felder, Professor of New Testament (RET) was called home. I struggle to BE a good NT student in his class. And this month Jessye Norman, "one of those once-in-a-generation singers who did not simply follow in the footsteps of others but staked out her niche in the history of singing," added Wayne A. I. Frederick, M.D., MBA, President of Howard University. My only connection with Ms. Norman was in 1982. I was a first-year Seminary, and she was receiving one of many honorary doctorates. "On the occasion of the 1982 Commencement Convocation, Howard University conferred upon Ms. Norman, the honorary Doctor of Music degree." Office of the President.

When I look back over my life, I see that proverbial and anthropomorphic Hand of God opening doors to people, places, and opportunities where I have served, studied, and starred side-by-side with the world's greatest and gifted souls. And, that Hand continues to lead and guide me in contemporary life to other great and gifted souls, shaping and molding and positioning me to bring Glory to God in the Highest. *And, you, too, are great.*

I may not receive an Honorary Doctorate, though I have earned a doctorate. I may not BE a Seminary Professor. However, I did graduate Cum Laude from Seminary. I may not become Dean of a Chapel. Yet, I served the great Dean Evans E. Crawford. Am I bragging? Not really. I am sharing the power I experienced then and now of a Thanks-Living life. I invite you to give 'thanks' in every situation and under every circumstance every day and especially on Thanksgiving Day.

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Spartans Become Bowl Eligible with 19-16 Win Over Maryland

EAST LANSING - Quarterback Brian Lewerke took the snap, kneeled for a two-yard loss, and the remnants of the 20,000 hardy fans who braved the November cold in Spartan Stadium to support the Spartan football team in its 2019 regular season finale Saturday, November 30 along with those watching television across the nation breathed a tremendous sigh of relief.



No 34 Anthony Williams picture courtesy of msuspartans.com

Senior place kicker, Matt Coghlin, had nailed his fourth field goal of the afternoon to give Michigan State a 19-16 victory over Maryland in a Big Ten contest here and give MSU a 6-6 regular season mark and cinch a December bowl berth.

"A win is a win," said Spartan players and coaches alike as they made what looked like a brave effort to celebrate a not so feel good victory in what head coach Mark Dantonio had announced as a must win "program game."

Achieving bowl eligibility was described by players as "minimum expectations for the MSU football program," and with just minutes remaining, it looked like this group of Spartans were going to fail to meet them. MSU was tied, 16-16, when the Spartans took possession on their own 11-yard line with 7:13 remaining in the fourth quarter. Lewerke engineered a 12-play 74-yard drive ending with Coghlin's 33-yard field goal to put MSU out front, 19-16, with just 2:14 on the clock.

Anthony McFarland, who had ripped the MSU defense for 134 yards rushing in 8 carries, including a 63-yard touchdown dash, had Spartan fans on the edge of their seats as he threatened to go all the way with the ensuing kickoff, returning it 40 yards to the Maryland 42 before Dominique Long made a game saving stop.

Lewerke opened the drive with a 12-yard pass to Anthony Williams, then completed six more as MSU moved to the Maryland 21 before the drive fizzled and MSU settled for Coghlin's boot from 33 yards out.

The Spartans must now wait for the Big Ten to determine in what bowl game they will be a conference representative. The likely choices are the Quick Lane Bowl, December 26 in Detroit, or the Pinstripe Bowl in New York, December 27.

Spartan fans are hoping for the Quick Lane, which will be played indoors within the friendly confines of Ford Field.

"Our fans will certainly go to Detroit," said MSU trustee, Joel Ferguson. "I don't know how well we'll travel to New York."

As a minimum standard, bowl eligibility is particularly important to this year's group of Spartans since a larger than usual number of freshmen, true and red shirt, have worked their way into the lineup due to injuries and decisions to transfer.

Twenty-six freshmen appear in the MSU three-deep depth chart, five as starters. Add to that the five sophomores in the Saturday starting line-up and it's clear that the continued practice and extra work gained by a bowl appearance should help boost the program as it seeks to get back on a conference top tier track.

At the Spartans' annual Awards Dinner held Sunday, December 1, defensive end, Ken Willekes, was named MSU's Governor's Award winner as the team's most valuable player for a second straight year.

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