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## The 411

### KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

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EVERY TUESDAY AND EVERY SECOND FRIDAY

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FEBRUARY 22, 2019

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FEBRUARY 7, 21, 28, 2019

"MSU COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE SLAVERY TO

**Donnie McClurkin at The MLK Luncheon**



Over 1,600 people gathered on January 21, 2019 at the Lansing Center to see gospel sensation Donnie McClurkin pictured right with Fonda Brewer MLK

## Michigan Bulletin's 25th Anniversary



Michigan Bulletin staff and public official-frame 1, Co-founder Gregory Kelley , Graphic Artist Jamal Kelley and Jacoby Kelley. Pics from the Michigan Bulletin Archives

**Well it's been 25 years with this edition, The Michigan Bulletin enters its 25th year of publication.**

February of 1994 marked the introduction of the first edition of the Bulletin – a free distribution publication dedicated to reporting upcoming events and happenings in the Greater Lansing African American community.

**In the beginning we made several promises:**

"The Michigan Bulletin is dedicated to provide an opportunity for young people to learn all aspects of the publishing business. The Bulletin intends to become a training ground for high school and college youth who have a desire to become involved in writing, editing, photography, graphics, layout and design, advertising sales, and other areas of the publishing business.

"For our readers, The Bulletin will cover a wide range of issues and provide timely, factual and concise information that will help our readers in their daily lives. We are preparing a variety of special editions which will include: Health Care Issues, The Family, Crime and Punishment, Black Music, Welfare Reform and Home Financing."

We have since gone on to address the issues listed above and many more. Health Care and family issues are included in every edition of the Bulletin. From the very beginning controversial and historical issues have graced the pages of the newspaper.

In 1994, The Michigan Bulletin was formed as a non-profit corporation; Logan street was renamed Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

1995 ushered in the Million Man March and was reported on an intrepid group of local men who traveled to the event under the

banner of St. Stephen's Community Church.

In 1996 two February deaths stirred the Lansing Black community. Edward Swans, a 40-year-old homeless man, died in police custody, and Rex Bell, 26, died following a closing-time melee at Sparty's nightclub. In response, The March for Justice was formed, and its activities were chronicled in the Bulletin.

In 1997, the Rev. Michael Murphy won a seat on the Lansing City Council representing the 4th ward. The Bulletin was there, recording campaign progress and chronicling the issues.

In 1998, Lansing mayor David Hollister named an African American to head the police department, tapping Robert Johnson to become the first Black to serve as Lansing chief of police.

In 1999, seven women of color were among 14 honorees bestowed the coveted Diana Award given to celebrate the achievement of area women in both business and community service by the YWCA of Greater Lansing. The seven were: Nanette L. Reynolds, Dorothy J. Wilson, Merrittaa Hunt-Proctor, Josephine J. Ferguson Wharton, Carolyn Charles, Dorothy Y. Gonzales and Mrs. Georgia Brown.

In 2000, The Everett high school girls' basketball team won the state championship posting a 55-50 victory over Detroit Martin Luther King.

The big news item of 2001 was the Lansing School District Bond Election. The issue was defeated.

The year 2002 witnessed the 45th anniversary of Riley Funeral Home. The family business was founded in 1957 by James Riley Sr.

and has since been taken over by James Jr. Last May, more than 500 people braved the rain and cold in order to take part in a heart-warming celebration of Magic Johnson Day at the Black Child and Family Institute. The world-famous athlete and businessman, Ervin Johnson Jr. returned home to dedicate the opening of The Magic Johnson and HP Inventor (computer) Center.

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In 2005, Hurricane Katrina disaster galvanized our community with local churches and community organizations leading the charge to assist the victims; one community organization, Closing the Digital Gap, provided computer training and set-up eight computer labs in the Atlanta area for relocated persons affected by the tragedy.

In 2008, Illinois Senator Barack Hussein Obama became the first African American President of the United States; Obama served two terms until 2016. Also, Michigan voters passed the Michigan Marijuana Law.

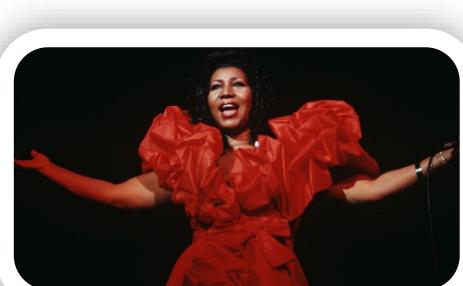
The last decade has brought the renaming of a portion of main street to Malcolm X street, several High School Championships, Boys Basketball, in 2011 and 2012, Lansing Sexton won back to back Class B state titles.

2015, Marked the transition of the Michigan Bulletin's Co-founder Gregory Kelley; nine months later, MB Steven Courtland also passed.

In 2017 Andy Shor was elected Mayor of Lansing defeating Black City Councilmember Judi Brown-Clarke; Shor replaced former Mayor Virg Benero who served since 2006. After an on-going back and forth fight since 1994, new signs renaming portions of Grand River Street to Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

In 2018, Jamal Kelley, son of Michigan Bulletin co-founder Gregory Kelley lost his battle with brain cancer; Michigan and the Lansing area experienced a Democratic sweep by capturing the: Governorship, Secretary of State,

## NOTABLE BLACKS WHO TRANSITIONED IN 2018



Pictured Rt to Lt Row (1) Aretha Franklin, Dennis Edwards, Nancy Wilson (2nd) Winnie Mandela, Reg E. Carter, Craig Mack (3rd) Denise LaSalle, Willie McCovey and Wally Triplett III

**RIH DR. RODERICK STEPTER**

**Celebration of Life**

**Dr. Roderick Wendell Stepter**

Sunrise October 19, 1964      Sunset January 15, 2019

Services Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 12 noon  
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Reverend Dwight McQuirter, Officiating

# News, Views & Commentary

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY** | College of Osteopathic Medicine

presents The 19th annual Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series

## Slavery to Freedom AN AMERICAN ODYSSEY

**Frederick D. Haynes III**  
Senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dallas; Haynes is also an author, radio show host and social activist. With a passion for people and community, he has been an activist against racial, economic and social injustice from the local to the national levels.

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center Auditorium

**Eugene Robinson**  
A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Washington Post columnist, Robinson long ago recognized the interconnections between politics and culture and frequently adds his unique view of the American narrative on MSNBC.

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Wharton Center, Pasant Theatre

**Vernon Jordan**  
Civil rights activist, presidential advisor and author, Jordan has held influential positions in politics, the public service arena, corporate America and law. A graduate of DePauw University and Howard University School of Law, he has never hesitated to speak truth to power or to choose his own path, regardless of others' views.

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Wharton Center, Pasant Theatre

The Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series: Slavery to Freedom gives members of the mid-Michigan community opportunities to interact with multicultural leaders from education, business, industry, entertainment and government. For 19 years, this series has featured living icons of the American civil rights movement.

All activities are free of charge.  
For more information call (517) 432-4979 or e-mail [kilbourn@msu.edu](mailto:kilbourn@msu.edu).

### HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS, SENIORS, and PARENTS ARE YOU COLLEGE-BOUND?

Join us for the 2019  
**\$cholarship and Financial Readiness Workshop**



**TOPICS of DISCUSSION**

- When to start the FASFA
- Scholarships and Grants
- SAT/ACT
- Essay Writing
- Letters of Recommendation
- Resumes
- And more.....



SATURDAY  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2019**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**LANSING CHURCH OF  
GOD IN CHRIST**  
5304 WISE RD.  
LANSING, MI

This presentation will teach you what colleges are looking for, tips and strategies to use when applying for scholarships, writing an effective college essay, application deadlines, SAT/ACT testing, and much more!

Presentation Given By: **Leonard Rusher**, Rush Investment Unlimited

Learn how Mr. Rusher has successfully helped students win \$1.5 Million in scholarships!

You must register at [www.lansingcogic.org](http://www.lansingcogic.org) to attend this FREE event. For more information call 517-882-2335.

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**"Paving the Way" Presentation and Information Gathering Session**

**Who:** Paving the Way Advisory Council  
**What:** Presentation and information gathering/interviews for oral histories.  
**Where:** Reception room in the lower level of the First Presbyterian Church, 510 Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933.  
**When:** Sunday, February 10, 2019 – 11 AM.

**Disclaimer:**  
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## MID-MICHIGAN *Gospel Best* COMPETITION

**GET READY, THE OPPORTUNITY  
OF A LIFETIME IS COMING!**

Looking for individual artist who have a love for singing Gospel, but are not yet signed to a label or have a contracted deal. Ten finalist will be selected to compete for the title.

Vocal video submissions are extended through **February 2, 2019**  
All submissions must be gospel music using YouTube or MP4 format.  
Submit vocal video via email to [mmgb@kminfo.org](mailto:mmgb@kminfo.org).

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	<b>THIRD PLACE</b>
<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$500</b>

In addition, first place WINNER will win six hours of studio time, transportation and accommodations to either Chicago or Detroit for the next Sunday Best Auditions!

**FINALE HELD ON SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2019 | 7PM**

**KM Center | 3000 West Miller Road, Lansing MI 48911**

For more information visit our Facebook page @mmgb or call 517 727-2992

## RE-CONNECTING SOUL II SOUL - TO BE LIKE NATURE



Ministry of Presence With  
Pastor/Chaplain Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.  
Lt. Commander (RET) USN Chaplain Corps  
Certified Peer Support Specialist

BE STILL AND KNOW



"Your majesty and glorious splendor have captivated me; I will meditate on Your wonders, sing songs of Your worth. 4 Psalm 145:5 The Voice (VO/CE)



And God: "The common theme of my effort at RE-CONNECTING SOUL II SOUL is to reduce/eliminate the number of deaths by suicide among Veterans, Gender Non-conforming TLGB + Veterans, Youth, and Children (some of whom are resorting to the same when bullied by peers, parents, preachers, and the president)."

On yesterday (01/27/2019), I worshiped at MCC Detroit and was amazed by the number of the gender

non-conforming persons gathered to praise Your Holy Name...the music, the fellowship, Your Present...I felt safe, welcomed, and intimately close to God in church.

After the service, a member came up to me and said "I think we've met, my name is ...." Among other things, I shared with her that one of our VET II VET TLGB + REACHOUT NETWORK's project is to establish the Fourth Sunday in February as our VETS II TLGB + VETS DAY OF APPRECIATION. She offered to help make this event a reality throughout her network (which is worldwide in the TLGB community). ONLY GOD.

Today, while beholding from my balcony the gentle, silent cascading of snow gravitating to the earth, I thought about God's favor towards Space for Grace WithOutWall United Church of Christ. As I studied this wondrous dance among the snow flakes, I felt connected to Nature and I pondered "How marvelous it would BE for humanity to BE like nature? Everything She does, she does naturally. No arguing with God, no wanting to BE something different, no worries, no politics...only to BE what She is in all of her iterations."

As we seek to BE, we would have a never ending appreciation for "what is, as it is." Humanity could BE captivated-in-mass by the glorious splendor expressed in Nature.

Pray with me: Dear God, I desire to BE an expression of You in all of my BEing. Amen.

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## LS Jewelry Designs is Open for Business

For Immediate Release

LS Jewelry Designs has a new renovated look at the Lansing City Market. We are excited about our new location and New designs, said Linda Sims-Wright, Owner.

Customers can enter the market seeing fresh flowers plants and the all-time popular wooden roses. We also have beautiful custom made aprons, jewelry, and the barefoot sandals just to name a few of our items. We are always looking at fresh new ways to incorporate things into the shop, and at the request of customers we added a section for men that includes ties, wallets cuff links and other accessories. Our designers are very creative and the new look speaks for itself in elegance. Exclusively at the shop is Luxe Creations by designers Toni Ansley of Good Year Arizona.

Remember this is Jewelry Designs especially for you in Lansing Michigan.



Owner-Linda Sims-Wright

### LS Jewelry Designs

Open: Tuesday 10 to 6 and Saturday 9 till 5

Email: lsjewelrydesign1@gmail.com



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### Celebration Announcements

Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

Tribute: Mr. Terry E. Tyler

Oct. 3, 1941-July 20, 2017

Creator of Mr. Party marketing concept August 1985

C.A. column September 2006

### Birthdays in February 2019

Ms. Kimberly Jones celebrates her 38<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Mr. K. C. Big Thangs celebrates his birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Ms. Nikki Skipper celebrates her birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Ms. Tina Fellows celebrates her birthday on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tina, you are THE BEST big sister in the world; I love you so much! Love always and forever, Tracy G.

Ms. Christina Tubbs celebrates her birthday on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Tammy Ruiz celebrates her birthday on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Ashley Erickson celebrates her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rebecca Lea Patterson Celebrates her birthday on February 4<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.

"Becca, happy 24<sup>th</sup> birthday! Enjoy your day! I love you! Love Mom!"

Ms. Shari M. Townsley celebrates her birthday on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Juel Darden celebrates her birthday on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mandy Schafer celebrates her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. April L. Clark celebrates her birthday on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Georgette Sneed celebrates her 67<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Maria Herrera celebrates her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. DeMarice Hall celebrates his 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mandi Schafer celebrates her birthday on February 7<sup>th</sup>. "Singing my way to stardom"

Mrs. Barbara M. Rouse-Tate celebrates her birthday on February 8<sup>th</sup> with family.

Mrs. Flora Boles celebrates her birthday on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Lisa D. Tate-Jackson celebrates her birthday on February 9<sup>th</sup> with family. Mr. Martin Luther King celebrates his birthday on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Nate Carlisle celebrates his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday on February 9<sup>th</sup>. "I pray that GOD blesses everybody!"

Ms. Jasmine Gierke celebrates her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 10<sup>th</sup> with her baby brother Damian and family.

Ms. Betty McGrew celebrates her birthday on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Brandy Gonzales celebrates her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Freddie Lewis celebrates his birth on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Jaylenn Shannon celebrates her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Phyllis Colthorp celebrates her birthday on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Sheavan Mizori celebrates her 34<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Michelle M. Mireles celebrates her 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Charles Husby celebrates his birthday on February 11<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.

Mr. James E. Garvie celebrates his 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday on February 12<sup>th</sup> with friends.

Ms. Kelly Kilpatrick celebrates her birthday on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Clyde Martin celebrates his 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Josiah Nathaniel Dixon celebrates his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 12<sup>th</sup> with family]; Pastor Nathan, Lady Rolanda and big sister Mackenzie Carrington.

Mr. RJ Johnson celebrated his birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup> with friends and family.

Ms. Chrissy Gomez celebrates her 34<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Patty Oehmke celebrates her birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, sharing much love.

Mr. Walter "Gator" Gierke celebrates his 37<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup> with friends and family.

"Mama's Valentine's Day Gift from your Dad in 1982!" We love you always!

Mr. Frederick Crockett celebrates his 54<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup>, with a shout out: "Happy Birthday to the rest of my cupid Babies!"

Ms. Madeline Brown celebrates her 62<sup>nd</sup> year of life on February 14<sup>th</sup>, "Valentine's Day"

Ms. Vicki Helman celebrates her birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Angela P. Baltimore celebrates her birthday on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Chavis Walker celebrates his birthday on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Teonie Dobbs celebrates her birthday on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Charles M. Flores celebrates his 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Miss. Bella Jobson celebrates her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Betty Thomas celebrates her birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Michelle Ireland celebrates her birthday February 16<sup>th</sup> with her family and friends.

Mr. Kirk A. Branson Sr. celebrates his birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup> with his loving wife April, family and friends.

Ms. Jessica Baker celebrates her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Danyell Reaper celebrates her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kendall M. Jackson celebrates her birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Cherion L. Mans celebrates her birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Katia F. Outlaw celebrates her birthday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Miss. Kaydence Elise Walsh celebrates her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 18<sup>th</sup>. "Daddy and Mommy Love you!!!!"

Mr. Miles R. Barren celebrates his birthday on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Issac Peter Reis celebrates his birthday on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Kimberly E. Harps celebrates her birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Lacrita Winfree, born on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, will enjoy her celebration with her husband.

Ms. Melanie Miller celebrates her birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Desmond Murphy celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Luther William Brown, Jr. will celebrate his 47<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup>, with his loving wife Amy, daughters: Isabella, Idyana, Taylor, his Son Jordan Luther.

Ms. Rose M. Watson celebrates her birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Jennifer and Justin Ellsworth celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Tasha Eaton celebrates her 38<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Felicia Clark celebrates her birthday on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Lindsay Voss celebrates her birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Nanette L. Reynolds celebrates her birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Anita Buffington celebrates her 44<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Bill Scott celebrates his birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Jackie Evans enjoys her birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Will Dennis celebrates his birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Bethany Coins celebrates her birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Sara Gordon celebrates her birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Sandra Williams celebrates her birthday on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Sal Rivera celebrates his 49<sup>th</sup> birthday February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Michael Jennings Jr. will celebrate his birth on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Amanda Wenk celebrates her birthday on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Cecilia Sena celebrates her 38<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bradford Hugely celebrates his birthday on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Marion Peatross celebrates her birthday on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Gristle McMichaels celebrates her 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Felipe Gonzales celebrates his 58<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends at his son's place! "Love from your Son", Juan.

Ms. Dawn, "as a new day", celebrates her 47<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## SPORTS

### Lady Spartans Triumphs over U of M 77-73

ANN ARBOR - At last, they figured it out!

Coach Suzy Merchant's Spartan women found the way to win a Big Ten basketball game on the road, and they couldn't have picked a better place to do it, edging Michigan, 77-73, here at the Crisler Center Sunday, January 28.

Shay Colley sank 8 straight free throws in the final 90 seconds to seal the Spartans' first conference victory of the season and lift MSU to 5-4 in league play. The Spartans are 15-5 overall and ranked 23 nationally in the AP poll. Michigan dropped to 12-9 overall, 3-6 in the conference.

Colley, Jenna Allen, and Taryn McCutcheon each had 14 points and Victoria Gaines added 11 to lead the way.

"That was a big weight off our shoulders," said McCutcheon, a junior guard from East Lansing. "I feel like we kind of broke the curse."

MSU has been flawless in Breslin, winning all four-home contest, but winless in all four road tests. It was different in Ann Arbor.

"Our biggest problem is we just weren't making shots on the road," Merchant said. "For us to finally have that happen...it started with Jenna and her confidence."

They did it with balanced scoring, sharing the ball well. McCutcheon had 6 assists to go along with her points as MSU assisted on 18 of 25 field goals. Allen and Gaines each had 7 rebounds.

Michigan freshman, Naz Hillmon, led all scorers with 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the game's only double double.

### EXHAUSTED SPARTANS COME UP SHORT TO PURDUE 73-63

By Ernie Boone

EAST LANSING - Hopefully refreshed by a weeklong rest following a 73-63 road loss to Purdue, coach Tom Izzo's Michigan State University basketball team returns to the Breslin Center Saturday, February 2, for a 6 p.m. battle with Indiana University.

The Purdue loss snapped a 21-game Big Ten Conference winning streak and left the Spartans, 9-1, alone at the top of the conference standings, one win ahead of 8-1 Michigan. The Wolverines could even things up Tuesday, January 29, when they entertain Ohio State.

Playing their fourth road game in five contest, the short handed Spartans looked a bit tired as they missed their first five shots and fell behind the Boilermakers, 19-6, in the opening minutes and trailed at halftime, 37-19. Led by a rejuvenated Cassius Winston, they found their second wind after the intermission, cutting a 23-point Purdue lead to 4. Winston led a 24-5 Spartan run to make the score, 60-56, with 5:14 left. Three straight fouls sent Nojel Eastern to the line and Eastern, a 50% free throw shooter on the season, nailed all six to snuff out the MSU rally.

Winston finished with 23 points, 7 rebounds and 8 assists to lead all scorers, but Matt McQuaid with 12, was the only other Spartan in double figures. For the second time this season McQuaid held Purdue's league leading scorer, Carson Edwards well under his 24.5 point average. Edwards managed just 14 points, but Ryan Cline nailed five three-pointers on his way to 17 points, and Eastern finished with 12. Aaron Wheeler tallied 11 and Matt Haarms added 10 pave the way for Purdue.

The loss leaves the Spartans 18-3 on the season and ended a 13-game win streak and a 12-game conference road run.

Michigan State continues to be short handed, playing without the services of guards Joshua Langford, out with an injured foot, and Kyle Ahrens, a back injury. Langford, MSU's third leading scorer, has been out of the line-up for 9 games, Ahrens has been in and out of the line-up for four games. With the two veterans out of the line-up, MSU has leaned heavily on freshman, Aaron Henry and Gabe Brown. The pair have held up for the most part, but their inexperience was costly against the Boilermakers. Izzo is uncertain about how soon or if the pair will be available. Langford has been one the court to shoot and do a little one-on-one, but it has yet to be determined if he can return this season. Ahrens is day-to-day, but he re-injured it against Iowa which makes things returning risky.

MSU will travel to Illinois for a 7 p.m. contest Tuesday, February 5, then return to Breslin to host Minnesota at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 9. There will be no more extended road trips with MSU alternating home and away games or doubling at home the rest of the regular season.



Lady Spartans Surround U of M Player-Pic by www.msu Spartans.com

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## THE REALS OF JUSTICE

### Recreational Marijuana in Michigan Part 3

By Ayanna D. Neal

How much marihuana can I have and where can I smoke it? My employer can't bother me for smoking marihuana can it?

If you are 21 years of age or older you may have 2.5 ounces or less of marihuana, except that, not more than 15 grams of marihuana may be in the form of marihuana concentrate, and you may share or give 2.5 ounces of marihuana to another if not for payment.

You may have at home 10 ounces or less of marihuana and any marihuana produced by marihuana plants grown at home and may grow not more than 12 marihuana plants.

But keep in mind, marihuana use, and possession is illegal under federal law. Michigan recreational marihuana law and the medical marihuana act do not provide one with protection against federal prosecution for marihuana violations.

If you have questions regarding use or possession of marijuana as it relates to your employment, consult your employee policy handbook and collective bargaining agreement (s). Many employers aren't and won't change their policies regarding drug testing. Many employers receive federal dollars and must comply with federal requirements to get funding. Employers are responsible for maintaining safe and efficient work environments. An employee under the influence of marihuana, or any other substance, jeopardizes the work environment. Such behavior during work or non-work hours may cause an employee to be disciplined, suspended or terminated depending on the employer's policy. Michigan is an at-will state. That means that an employer can fire an employee for any or no reason. Although you may not be "high" at work on a Monday after a weekend of smoking, marihuana is detectable in bodily fluids from 1 to 30 days after the last use. An employee may be fired for violating a drug free work place policy.



Ayanna Neal

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