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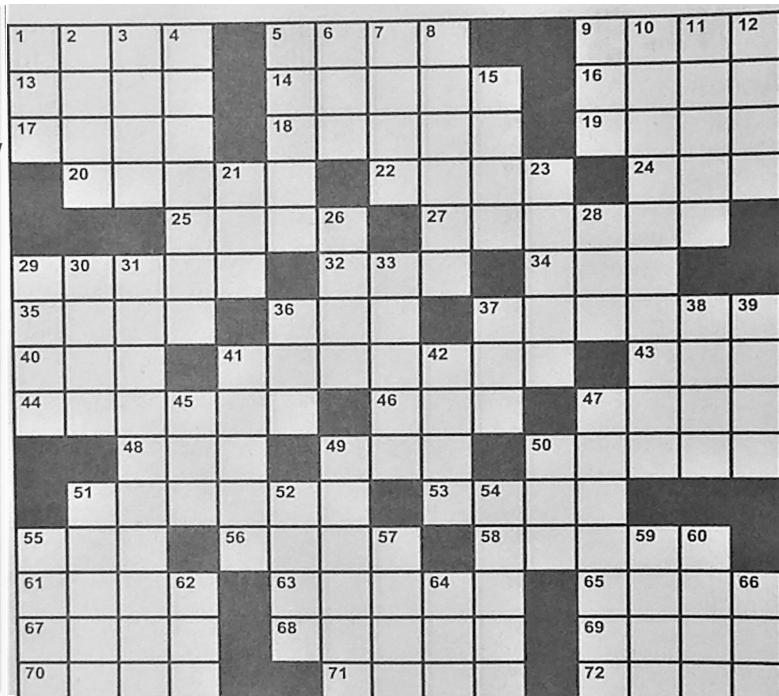
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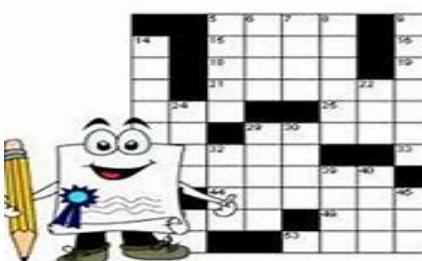
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1920's


From the 1920's through the 1950's almost every piece of available land within the city of Detroit was occupied with some sort of building. The photograph above depicts the 6900 block of East Lafayette just west of East Grand Boulevard. Pick up and delivery cars lined up to service both Indian Village Cleaners and Boulevard Laundry. Detroit was a BOOMTOWN!

2020


The current photograph depicts the same piece of land almost 100 years later. We see NOTHINGNESS! The sidewalk is new, but who cares? Hardly anybody walks on it. In the USA vacant land is supposed to be valuable. Why is most of the land in Detroit seemingly worthless? Is it because of race? Or, is it because the Mayor does not know how to market Detroit? Detroit could BOOM again.



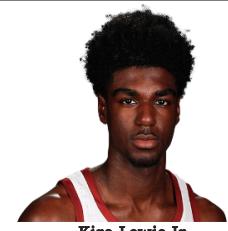
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TREY OWENS

SPORTS

NBA DRAFT: WILL THE PISTONS MOVE UP?



Killian Hayes



Kira Lewis Jr.

The Detroit Pistons have the 7th pick in the 2020 NBA Draft to be held on October 16th. Detroit, being one of the NBA's most storied franchises, have a winning tradition. The Pistons have cemented themselves as a part of NBA history with 3 championships. (1989, 1990, & 2004)

The current stretch of Piston basketball has been disappointing to say the least. The team has had 14 lottery appearances since 1993. Unfortunately, the Pistons have grown accustomed to watching ping pong balls rather than playing in the playoffs. After trading away Andre Drummond earlier this year, they are officially turning the page and starting a new era. The team has some nice pieces like Christian Wood, Derrick Rose, and Sekou Dembouya. The Pistons would love to hit the mark on a prospect to be able to add more young players to their core.

The question is, with the 7th pick who would they draft, and would the Pistons consider trading up? There is definitely a case for the Pistons trading up. According to ESPN, Detroit has been near the bottom in attendance in the NBA for multiple seasons. Moving up in the draft would add a spark to the franchise and fanbase. A wildcard prospect like Lamelo Ball would surely raise attendance numbers and should improve play on the court if they could get a deal done. I believe Ball would be a great fit for the Pistons. To move up, the Pistons would have to unleash a valuable player such as Derrick Rose. This is considered a weak draft by many scouts. If a trade were to occur, the 7th pick is a likely prerequisite.

On the other hand, the Pistons could do what they did last year. Stay put, and take the best player available. Rose has one year left on his current contract. With no other viable starting guards on the team, a point guard is what the Pistons should focus on. Guards should be available at #7, like Tyrese Haliburton, Killian Hayes, and Kira Lewis Jr. If they are all on the board when the Pistons pick, Killian Hayes should be the Pistons selection.

Hayes is a left handed combo guard listed at 6 foot 5 with a 6'8 wingspan. He didn't play college basketball. He was a professional in France. (Like last years #1 pick Sekou Dembouya). Hayes has great size for his position and is considered a good passer with the ability to score. A versatile player like this is exactly what the Pistons need.

The Pistons are definitely a rebuilding franchise. This will be the first draft for new Piston General Manager Troy Weaver. Inserting the perfect piece of the puzzle by making the right pick will accelerate their rebuilding process, and give Piston fans hope in the upcoming season.

COVER STORY

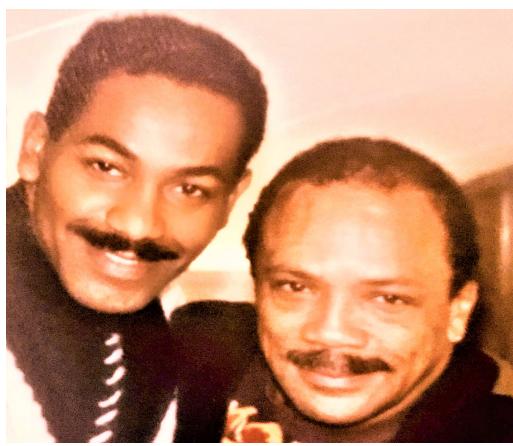
Multi-Talented Keith Washington is Still Relevant

Upon talking to Keith Washington one would never surmise that he is Grammy nominated, Soul Train Music Award winning, number #1 hit having, movie and TV acting performer that has sold millions of records across the globe. He's an extremely humble and personable guy. The Monthly Standard recently conducted a telephone interview with Keith Washington who spoke to us from his home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Keith grew up in Conant Gardens. He attended High School at both Henry Ford & Osborne. By the late 1970's, the overwhelming need to succeed in the music industry compelled him to quit school. "This is my journey and my story. I don't recommend anyone to lose sight of education," said Washington. In 1991, Keith sang on a #1 record when he released "Kissing You," but a lot of work was done before he became successful. As early as the 1960's, Washington was singing at nightclubs. "At the age of six I used to sing at (Detroit's legendary) 20 Grand Ballroom. I opened up for James Brown. Also, I'm from a family of talented people. My uncle, Gino Washington, had a big record out called "Gino Is a Coward." I've always admired him. He would take me to the studio at a young age and teach me how to record in the studio." Keith continues: "When I was younger I worked with many well known entertainers such as George Clinton and The Dramatics."



See Keith perform on www.themonthlystandard.news



Keith Washington: "Quincy Jones was my mentor"



Don Davis

Washington states: "I was part of the band, somewhat. In the middle of the show they would bring me upfront and allow me to sing. Ron Banks & L.J. (Reynolds) would always tell the world *to look out for my nephew. (Because I was like that to them)*. *He is going to be well known*. They exposed me a lot during my journey." Another little known fact about Keith Washington is he appeared on the hit TV show Star Search. Other big names that appeared on the show are Dave Chappelle, Beyonce Knowles, Martin Lawrence, Justin Timberlake, and Aaliyah. Washington was actually on the same show as funnyman, and native Michigander, Sinbad. In 1984, Washington was referred to the Star Search production team by legendary songwriter, producer, and founder of First Independence Bank, Don Davis. Washington came in second. "I lost by a half point because I sang an original song. The judges liked me. They said my talent is undeniable. If I did it again, I would've sang a song they recognized. The show exposed me to many music executives." In 1988, Keith got his first #1 hit, as a writer, when he co-wrote "Hey Lover" performed by Freddie Jackson. In 1991, after "Kissing You" hit the top of the charts, Washington was in demand, and has been ever since. Washington's relevance is indisputable. Currently, the popular show from the TV One Network, "Unsung", has profiled his life & career. Look out for it! The program will air soon! Watch it in September or October 2020. Don't miss it!



Washington in the movie "Poetic Justice"



The Dramatics



Washington on the TV Show "Martin"

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DETROIT

New Amazon Facility on the State Fairgrounds will Employ 1200, But Not all are Happy The State Fairgrounds Development Coalition Looks Ahead with Apprehension

Amazon is coming to Detroit! A \$400 million, 3.8 million square foot distribution center is being built on 78 acres within the 142 acre site. Speaking about the employment the project will create Mayor Duggan stated: "The potential for 1200 jobs at this new facility represents an opportunity to diversify our economy while employing residents of our city." Everything sounds good to us. In addition to building an Amazon warehouse, the developers are also going to build a new \$7 million Transit Center within the State Fairgrounds. The new Transit Center will have bathrooms, an indoor waiting area, (for inclement weather) and free WIFI. Frank & Karen Hammer of the State Fair Development Coalition (SFDC) want to take a closer look at the deal. "We want more information about the deal before we definitively support or oppose" says Frank Hammer. He continues: "We understand how attractive this development is because it's a job creator, and in the city of Detroit we are aware of the high rates of unemployment and high rates of poverty we have in the city. They are certainly not the kinds of jobs we envisioned with regard to the State Fair. An Exposition Center with new technology jobs and green technology, with a high density residential mixed use. All of that would've generated over 1200 jobs over time. Another big concern is there is nothing in the purchase agreement that says those 1200 jobs will go to people in Detroit, and that's a very big concern. If we have this development and the employment doesn't go to Detroiters that would be a travesty. We have such a high unemployment rate we would demand those jobs are earmarked for Detroiters. Right now we think it's a very mixed bag. We have requested an appraisal the purchase agreement was based on. We are looking for a legal basis to have the city open up a negotiation for a community benefits agreement. That's where we are at."



Frank Hammer



Transit Center (Top) Distribution Center (Bottom)



Historic Coliseum



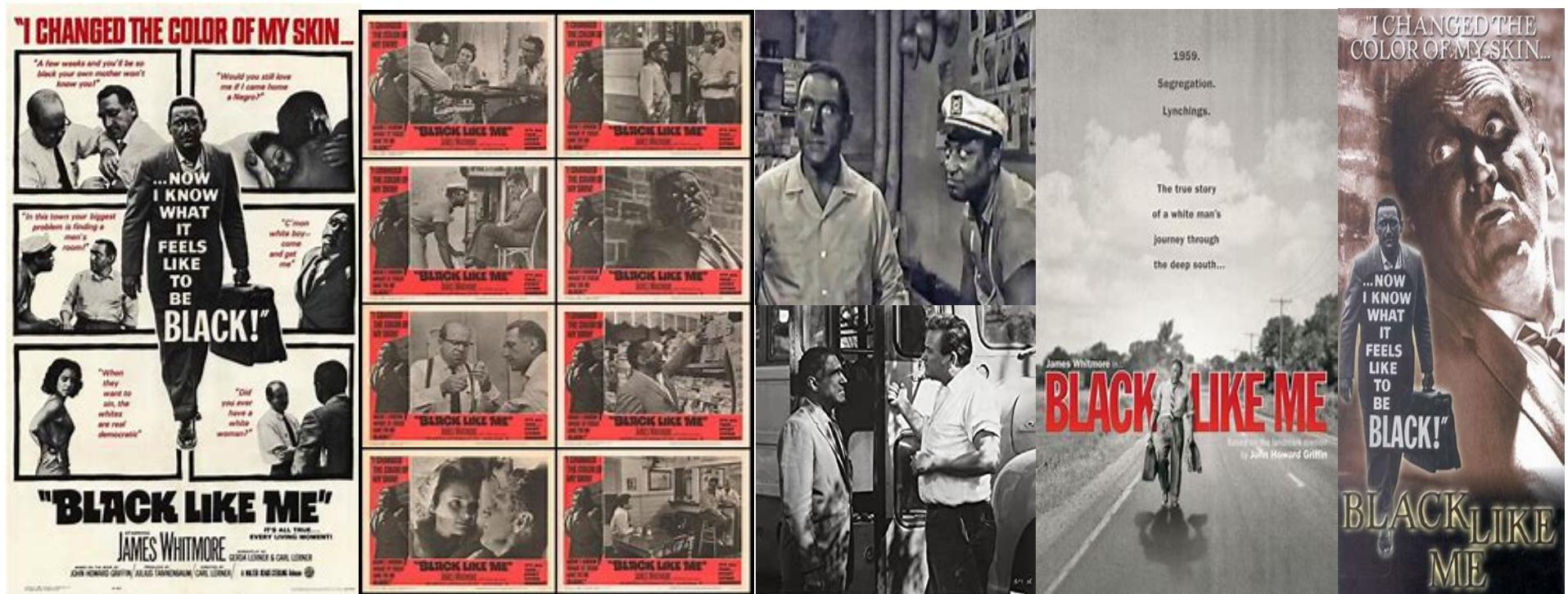
Karen Hammer

Anyone who regularly reads The Monthly Standard knows that we love history. Preservation is important to us. The Amazon distribution center will be built on the southeast portion of land within the State Fairgrounds. Amazon's building will not affect the historic Coliseum. The new Transit Center would be located on 26 acres of land on the northeast parcel of land within the Fairgrounds. The Coliseum sits within that parcel. Which means the beloved Coliseum would have to be demolished. Karen Hammer stated: "The SFDC requested the Transit Center be moved to the north to spare the Coliseum. They said; *they would consider it*. They also told us: *Historic buildings are not economically viable*. We know there are historic societies that can restore it and make it available for repurposing." Regarding the issue of community benefits, Frank Hammer exclaims: "We want to make it very clear. A community benefits agreement would normally accompany a big project like this. Right now there is no guarantee the city will agree to anything the community is raising in regards to that site." Karen Hammer says: "The next big date is October 1st. that's when the city Council votes on the purchase agreement." If they approve it, and more than likely they will, construction will begin immediately. If you want to chime in on this issue contact the Hammer's. They are co-Chairs of the SFDC. Here's their contact information. **Website: mifairgroundsfuture.org. Email: sfdcmichigan@gmail.com. Phone: 313-863-3219**

MOVIE OF THE MONTH

"Black Like Me"

This Movie of the Month was suggested by YOU the reader. Mr. Samuel Gibson called and mentioned "Black Like Me." The 1964 release stars James Whitmore as a white journalist (John Horton) who uses multiple treatments to darken his skin. After he achieves his goal, Horton goes to the deep south. He immediately experiences the racism he seeks. As the film progresses Horton cannot stomach the blatant discrimination he receives, and even loses his cool. This film is a must watch because it is apposite to the current African American diaspora. To watch "Black Like Me" simply go to our website. www.themonthlystandard.news



OUR READERS SPEAK!

The letter below is from the Mr. Tony Burgett's Five O'Clock Free Press. Thank you Sir & Mr. Gibson too (above) for contacting us!

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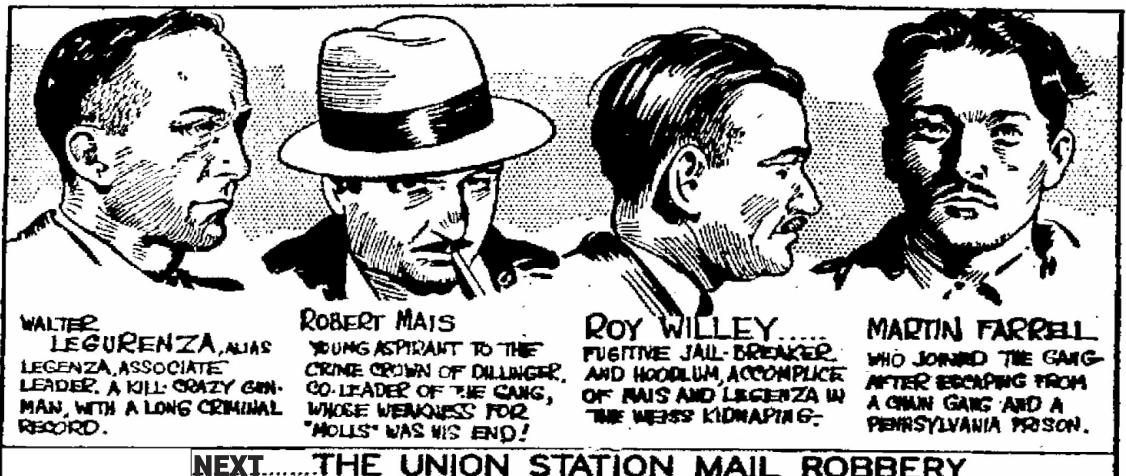
"Davy Harris—I'd like you to meet Davy Gillespie,
Davy Hawes, Davy Gardner and Davy Morris"

WAR ON CRIME—The Tri-State Gang

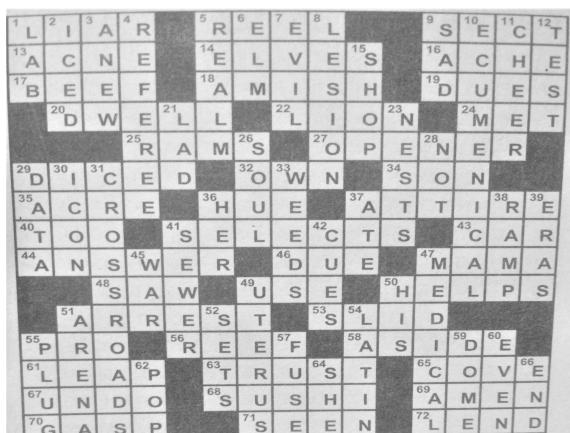
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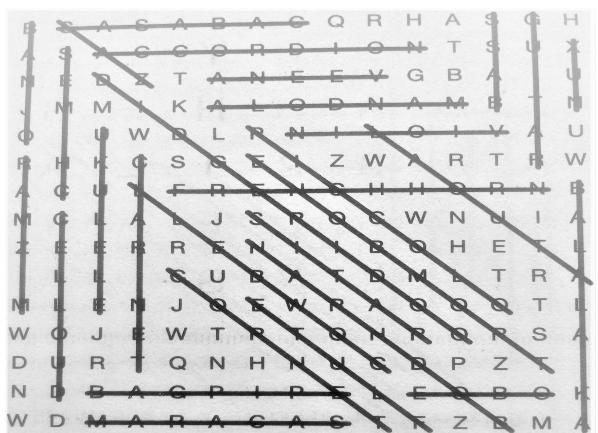


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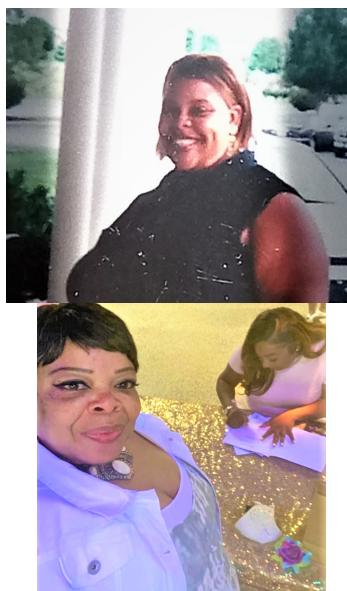
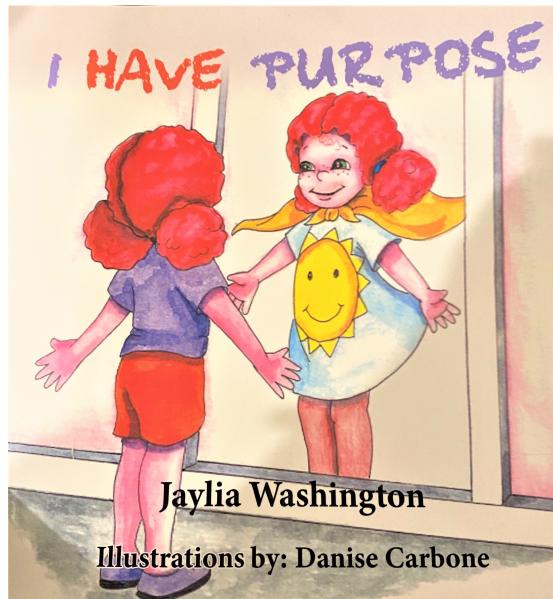
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THE BACK PAGE

New Children's Book "I Have Purpose" Is Empowering for Girls

The new book "I Have Purpose" is a winner! It's a must buy item for adolescent females in your family. The book is a confidence builder for those who may need a boost, and gives reassurance for those youngsters who are already confident. The author, Jaylia Washington, has dedicated the book to her mother Carmen Marie Lawson.



Jaylia had a book signing on August 15th. Her books sold out in less than an hour. The picture on the far left is the Book Cover. The photo on top is Carmen M. Lawson. The picture beneath shows Jaylia signing a book with her Aunt Suzette Lowery-Johnson in the foreground. The book is only \$13. To buy the book contact Jaylia on FACEBOOK. <https://www.facebook.com/jaylia.washington>

Tupac Shakur & Keith Washington: A Friendship For The Ages



Shakur & Washington having a good time at Tupac's house

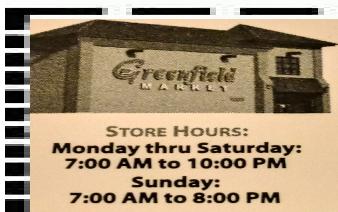
On September 7, 1996 Tupac Shakur was shot in Las Vegas, Nevada. Shakur had been shot before. He always recovered. Many thought he would recover again. Unfortunately, on September 13, 1996 Shakur succumbed to his injuries. He is now a legendary figure in death. In life, Shakur was good friends with Keith Washington. "Tupac was my guy. We became very good friends. We were neighbors in Calabasas." Washington has many high profile friends. Go to the Photo Gallery on our [website](#) to see more celebrity photo's featuring Keith Washington. Follow Keith Washington (@Focusonkeith) & The Monthly Standard (@Monthly Standard) on [TWITTER](#). On Facebook type in Keith Washington.



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