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## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS**

# WDMK-FM PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

<u>Inside Detroit (Sunday – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)</u>
Mildred Gaddis Show: Locally-produced Public Affairs Recap Show aired Saturday mornings focusing on Metro Detroit issues such as Detroit policies, homelessness, victories, and defeats.

### **SECOND-QUARTER 2022**

INSIDE DETROIT April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am

TOPIC: COMMUNITY OUTREACH LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Pastor Barry Randolph of Church of The Messiah. They discussed Pastor Randolph's efforts to curb violence in Detroit in his upcoming "Silence The Violence" March. He explained that this would be the church's 15<sup>th</sup> year hosting the march. He also shares his experiences dealing with the youth in the church's community. He also spoke about a young man who started his own spice business after counseling him and his youth program at the church. Pastor Randolph shared how this business has been a great success for the young man and that his spices are sold in several local stores and online on Amazon, where he is the number one among spices. Pastor Randolph shared that the church is an excellent place for people to network and get advice from other important figures in the community. Mildred commended Randolph for the continued work that he does for the communities of Detroit.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL EDUCATION LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Kevin Fite, Coach of the Detroit City Chess Club. Fite was mentioned in a previous interview with retired Fox 2 News Anchor Huel Perkins. In that interview, Perkins explained the day he first met Fite at a meat counter in Meijer and encouraged him to return to college. Fite shared more details on that encounter and how that one conversation changed his life and grew into a fantastic friendship. He shared how Perkins encouraged him to return to college for a better education. He also shared that Perkins also helped with his tuition at Southern University. They also discussed the importance of HBCUs and that parents and their children should consider those schools and others when making their final decision. Fite explained that every teacher at Southern University related to him and made him feel uplifted while studying at the HBCU. He shared how attaining that better education allowed him to become a teacher in the city. Fite also spoke about the chess club he began and how the students have won multiple national championships. He also explained how playing chess helps better the students' education and highlighted that he taught 25 middle school students how to play chess. Mildred shared excerpts from Fite's Detroit Free Press interview and commended him for his work in the community.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL EDUCATION LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed author Noah Harris. They discussed Harris' upcoming book reading event for elementary students across the Metro Detroit area. They also discussed his college journey at Harvard University, with Harris sharing how grateful it was to be in the same school as other successful black people such as Michelle and Barack Obama. Mildred highlighted that Harris made history as Harvard's first black student body president. Harris shared how he didn't intend to make history and how he just ran a brutal campaign across the campus to get his name out there. They also discussed Harris' self-published 2019 book, "Successville." He explained that he was

inspired to write the book to show his appreciation for his hometown and give young students something to strive towards while understanding the value of education. He also shared how students can do great things with the proper encouragement. Mildred commended Harris for his work and shared that she would accompany him to his upcoming book reading event.

#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS LENGTH: 25 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis asked listeners to call in to weigh in on the topic of the race for the 13th Congressional District. Michigan's 13th congressional district race represents parts of Wayne County and Gross Pointe. Mildred shared that it has been recently documented that the list of candidates for this particular race is long and extensive, with names and backgrounds from all across Michigan. Mildred also spoke about the Steering Committee and the process they take to vote for the candidate they see best for the position. She also explained that the committee voted on all the candidates running for the 13th Congressional District and shared the tallies from the vote. Mildred explained that the committee agreed to endorse Porche Robertson as the best candidate in the race for the 13th Congressional District. Listeners called in to give their opinion on the topic.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 60 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed image consultant Cornell Jermaine and comedian Mike Bonner. They discussed the recent events at this year's Oscar Awards Ceremony, where actor Will Smith walked onto the stage and slapped Comedian Chris Rock for making a joke about his wife, Jada while presenting an award. Mildred shared that some feel this assault has overshadowed the historical moments from this year's awards, one being the first Oscars produced by a black-owned production team. Bonner shared that he may not have taken the slap so well if he had been in Chris Rock's shoes. He explained that as a comedian, we should be able to speak freely and tell jokes without worrying about being assaulted by someone in the audience. Jermaine explained that it was a bad reaction to the joke still in good taste in his mind. Mildred also asked listeners to call in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

INSIDE DETROIT April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am – 11:00am

TOPIC: NATIONAL POLITICS LENGTH: 70 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Attorney Florise Neville Ewell and President of the NAACP-Detroit Chapter, Rev. Wendell Anthony. They discussed the historic Supreme Court confirmation of Ketanji Brown-Jackson. Brown-Jackson became the first black woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Mildred shared that the appointment of Ketanji Brown-Jackson was a significant & meaningful moment for black people in America and spoke to how far we have come. Attorney Ewell explained that she clerked on the federal level and shared that as a clerk, she could observe the judicial system on every level. She also described her experience working with retiring Supreme Court Justice Stephen Kelis, whom Ketanji Brown-Jackson is replacing with this appointment.

Attorney Ewell also shared that this experience left her to be able to study under other judges and their work on every level. Attorney Ewell explained that this experience is needed for the Supreme Court in the United States. Attorney Ewell shared that this was a historic moment for women across America. However, she said that the fight for women's rights in the workplace continues. Rev. Anthony expressed outrage at the actions and rhetoric of Republican representatives in Congress, in particular, their harsh words towards Ketanji Brown-Jackson during her appointment process. Rev. Anthony shared that he and his family recently visited Washington D.C. for a historic moment. He also shared that Brown-Jackson's father was arrested on the exact steps of the building. Her appointment was during justice marches amid the Civil Rights Movement. Rev. Anthony explained that this moment had changed the U.S. Supreme Court. While she may not change the minds of justices on the bench, she will give a different outlook on cases and how they proceed within America. Mildred explained that the energy from this moment makes you proud as an African-American to see prominent black leaders coming into more powerful positions. Rev. Anthony also urged listeners to get out and vote this upcoming November.

**LENGTH: 55 Minutes** 

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#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Detroit City Council Member Mary Waters. They discussed the new recreational marijuana ordinance in Detroit that was voted into effect by the City Council. Recently, the Detroit City Council made it, so Detroiters have more access to open recreational marijuana shops within the city, giving incentives and tax breaks for this opportunity. Mildred highlighted that councilmember Mary Waters voted against the ordinance and wanted to know what influenced her decision on the matter. Councilwoman Waters shared that she was tired of seeing Detroiters just being consumers of marijuana and said she wanted to see more people of Detroit become owners. She explained that this ordinance was still a bit "watered-down" and can still be challenging. She also shared that we are not addressing more of the impact of the legalization, with people still being incarcerated for marijuana drug offenses. Mildred explained that Detroit needs to be stronger regarding issues like these. Councilwoman Waters explained she tried to take the ordinance to court because it needs further review regarding how black people have been affected by the prosecution of marijuana offenses. Mildred shared that typically when drugs get legalized, there's a way to make sure those who were historically disenfranchised are whole again. Councilwoman Waters highlighted that the issue is solid because she sees this as an opportunity for black people to become a part of the industry and own their own marijuana business to create generational wealth for their families. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS

Mildred Gaddis asked listeners to weigh in on the various topics of the day's show. She also highlighted the trial of the four men accused of plotting to kidnap and torture Michigan Governor Whitmer. She shared that two of the men's verdicts led to a mistrial, and two were found not guilty. Mildred spoke out about the trial and shared that the system has railroaded many people in the past. She explained that the jury might have had some reasonable doubt about the prosecutor's evidence. She might have had some

unanswered questions and or details. Listeners called in to weigh their opinions on the topics.

INSIDE DETROIT April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am

TOPIC: HEALTH

LENGTH: 35 Minutes

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Mildred Gaddis interviewed Paula Cunningham, State Director of AARP. They discussed reductions in drug costs for seniors in the State. Cunningham shared how Gov. Whitmer highlighted the disparity in the price of pharmaceuticals, particularly on how one drug can cost hundreds of dollars less in Canada as opposed to here in Michigan. Mildred highlighted that this is a problem for older Americans, and she explained that some people are passing away because they cannot afford the cost of drugs that they need to survive. Cunningham expressed that the time is now to reduce costs, with other progressive legislation making its way through Congress. Cunningham explained that it seems to be a stalemate in the Senate; however, it is still too early to tell. She also explained that a bill of this type has bipartisan support from Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL BUSINESSES

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Charity Dean, President of MBDA (Minority Business Development Agency). A year ago, the MBDA started an initiative to help support small minority businesses within Detroit. They discussed the progress the group has made so far. Dean also explained what the MBDA is all about and how they support Detroiters. Dean also explained how social media had changed the landscape of businesses, making it easier for small businesses to get advertising and get seen by thousands of people. Dean also highlighted the racial disparities between black and white companies during the pandemic. She explained how the protest of the murder of George Floyd in the summer of 2020 pushed big businesses to change their practices and for banks to offer more lending opportunities to black business owners. Mildred commended Charity Dean and her organization for helping black-owned businesses get a leg up in this economy.

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#### TOPIC: LOCAL BUSINESSES LENGTH: 35 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed the owner of HattieGirl Ice Cream, James Render. Render shared that he started the brand in 2018. They discussed his recent nationwide distribution deal with Walmart for his homemade ice cream to appear on their shelves. Render also explained that he is looking to hire within Detroit, giving young people more work opportunities. Mildred commended Render for his work and explained that entrepreneurship is more important than ever in the community.

#### TOPIC: FINANCE/SOCIAL JUSTICE LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Al Pina and Dena Harris of the National Faith Homebuyers Association. Their organization works to bring affordable housing to Detroiters. Mr. Pina shared how loan companies are being directed to deny loans in certain areas, and citizens aren't getting a fair chance at homeownership. He also spoke about the Biden Administration's work to bring more affordable loans and better housing for Americans. Harris explains how after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, she was inspired to take action and get better opportunities for Detroiters. Those events led to her partnership with Pina after noticing his work in minority communities in Florida. Harris explained that when minorities are denied loans, they shouldn't feel embarrassed to take action and find out if they were wronged in the process by the loan company simply because of their race. They also shared information on their upcoming homeowner seminar in Detroit that Pina is hosting.

TOPIC: FINANCE LENGTH: 40 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Ellis Liddell of E.L.E. Wealth Management. He spoke about car companies in America and how they are struggling financially in this new climate, with the microchip shortage combined with covid-19 issues. Mildred said Toyota is creeping up on G.M. and other U.S. car manufacturers. She gave examples of Toyota's plants in Southern states where workers are paid less, and most factories are not unionized. Mr. Liddell spoke about foreign carmakers setting a new pace in the South in building new factories that U.S. union workers for G.M. and Ford could not keep pace with. Combined with the microchip shortage, he explained that this raises the price of new and used car sales. He also explained that the wealth gap in America is becoming more extensive, especially among White versus Black Americans. Mildred also asked Mr. Liddell to talk about cryptocurrency and explain how it works. Liddell explained that cryptocurrency investment is just like investing in the stock market. He explained that people must be ready to lose whatever money they support. Mildred also spoke about the housing crisis of 2005 and the possibility of a similar crisis in America coming out of this pandemic.

INSIDE DETROIT April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am

TOPIC: COMMUNITY OUTREACH LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Joshua Edmonds, Director of Digital Inclusion for the City of Detroit. They discussed his company, Connect 313, a group that looks to give more digital access to urban communities such as Detroit. Edmonds shared that his title of digital inclusion was not there at first and explained that Detroit was the first city in the nation ever to adopt such a program. He also shared that cities like Cleveland are following suit, citing that the recent pandemic showed a great need for digital access in urban areas. Mildred agreed, sharing that the pandemic showed us how bad the digital divide is within urban areas across America. Edmonds explained that giving more digital access will bring more opportunities to Detroiters. Edmonds highlighted that young kids today are into tech more than he was growing up, sharing how kids can edit professional videos from their home computers. He explained how these skills could translate into tremendous opportunities for urban youth. Mildred commended Mr. Edmonds for his work in bringing more internet access to Detroiters.

#### **TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS**

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Michigan State Senator Mallory McMorrow. They discussed her recent speech at the Lansing State Capitol that went viral. The speech was in response to false allegations of grooming young students by Republican State Senator Lisa Theis. In regards to her seeking legal action, Sen. McMorrow shared that many people asked her the same question after making the speech; however, she said that she is not looking to make a move in that direction anytime soon. Sen. McMorrow also shared that she anticipated having blowback and prepared her staff for the speech; however, she said she had seen more support and outreach across the state and the nation. She explained that the Republican side has doubled down on the attacks with baseless claims. Mildred highlighted that rhetoric like this of unfounded allegations being made toward public officials is a problem in today's political scene and is to blame for incidents such as the Capital Riot on January 6th. Mildred commended McMorrow for giving such an impactful speech.

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#### TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Bankole Thompson, a columnist for the Detroit News. They discussed his recent article where he is calling into question public officials that are being appointed to judge benches across Michigan by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. He explained that some people appointed to high benches across the State are not qualified and questioned if the Governor is doing this just to gain the black vote by appointing black judges. Thompson also shared that he believes that Gov. Whitmer is walking the party lines for Democrats; however, he said that she is not looking at the qualifications of these judges before appointing them. Mildred expressed that Detroit needs judges appointed that understand the black experience and the community. Thompson highlighted that we should not put forth people with no civil rights background, explaining that Detroit needs and deserves a qualified black judge that understands civil rights issues that will come up while they're proceeding over cases that affect the black community. Mildred expressed to the listeners that this situation is about policy and is not personal, highlighting that the court is more important than ever today and giving historical examples. Thompson shared that Gov. Whitmer needs to do a better job appointing more qualified judges across Michigan. Mildred shared that the recent appointment was very disrespectful, and the black community must demand better representation.

#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Attorney Michael Griffie, who is running for the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional race. They discussed his current lawsuit that calls into question the legality of Adam Hollier's campaign, which is also running for the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Griffie shared that Michigan voting laws need to be followed, which is why he is challenging Adam Hollier's campaign and its legality. Griffie explained that this situation would go to the State Election Commission and determine if Hollier could be on the ballot. HEE also shared that the Election Commission has until August 2<sup>nd</sup> to decide on the matter. He also highlighted that the filing of Hollier's campaign is not worth being called into question. However, he is looking to see if he filled out his affidavit and if it

was truthful. He explained that he wants to keep the campaign's fairness and ensure the people of the 13th District get a fair representative.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred asked listeners to call in to weigh their opinion on the day's topics. She spoke on the long list of candidates running for the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. She highlighted that this long list of candidates could shave votes and allow a candidate to just walk into the position. She explained how this race could be decided by people who don't even live in the city of Detroit and that listeners need to get out and vote. Mildred explained that name recognition could give a candidate an edge. One listener mentioned that they feel these candidates represent Detroit, and it's hard to decide whom to vote for. Listeners also called in to get more information in regards to Connect 313. Mildred took listeners' calls until the close of the show.

INSIDE DETROIT May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am TOPIC: MENTAL HEALTH

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Dr. Michele Reid, Chief Medical Officer at C.N.S. Healthcare. With May being Mental Health Awareness month, they discussed ways to help friends and family struggling with their mental health. Dr. Reid explained that people need to recognize the warning signs, and she encouraged listeners to seek help for friends and family. She also shared the website for C.N.S. services and the suicide prevention hotline number for listeners. Dr. Reid also highlighted that young people have different warning signs than adults. However, she shared that parents must look out for young people becoming withdrawn from activities and social events. They also discussed the 2nd Annual Plant Your Flag Campaign and how it plans to help address mental health in the community. Dr. Reid shared that this campaign goes for the entire month of May and gives people an outlet and understanding of how mental health impacts the community and everyone around them. Mildred explained that in recent years we have seen how mental health affects people, and we need to ensure that people get the help to live a prosperous life. Mildred commended Dr. Reid for her continuous work.

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#### **TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Pastor Charles Williams, president of the N.A.N. (National Action Network). They discussed a recent article on the Detroit contracting company, United Electrical. Recently, several former employees alleged racist behavior on worksites in Detroit. Pastor Williams shared that the group is calling for city officials to stop giving tax dollars to contractors in companies that foster hate and a racist environment. Pastor Williams also explained that he and his team have reached out several times to City Council President Mary Sheffield and is looking to schedule a meeting on the matter. He also shared that City Councilwoman Mary Waters and another city council member will join him on an upcoming march to protest the issue. He highlighted that the group would be marching in front of the Godfrey Hotel, off Michigan

Avenue in Downtown Detroit, where United Electrical is working on site. Pastor Williams explained he is seeking a full investigation into the allegations that have been made against United Electrical. He explained how several workers tried to unionize within the workplace and said this is a problem that needs to be considered. Mildred explained that the City Council's majority-black members have not yet announced they are investigating these allegations. She also highlighted that more was done when the city council was more diverse. Pastor Williams highlighted that the upcoming march would be held peacefully and that N.A.N. would be doing more marches. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

**LENGTH: 35 Minutes** 

#### **TOPIC: NATIONAL NEWS**

Mildred Gaddis interviewed former U.A.W. President Rory Gamble. They discussed the recent national headline story about an Amazon worker by the name of Chris Smalls. Smalls worked at the Amazon warehouse in New Jersey. Smalls spoke out against Amazon for their unsafe Covid-19 practices that jeopardized many workers' factory health. Mildred shared that he held a walkout and was subsequently fired because of it. Mildred explained that the State of New Jersey stood on his side and sued Amazon for their Covid-19 practices. Mildred also highlighted that Smalls put together a support group and has begun to organize a union for workers in New Jersey. Rory Gamble explained that people have been fighting for the rights of Amazon workers and said that Chris Smalls is an excellent example of unionizing in today's society. Gamble also shared that people need to stay united and that a labor renaissance is needed for workers coming out of the pandemic. Gamble commended Mildred for shining a light on Detroit and supporting unions. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic.

#### TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 40 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis asked listeners to call in to weigh in on the topics of the day's show. In addition to the issues on hand, Mildred also highlighted the lawsuit Attorney Michael Griffie filed against Adam Hollier regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional race. Michael Griffie's lawsuit against Adam Hollier is based on if he paid his campaign finances for running in the 13<sup>th</sup> District. Those facts will determine if he will be on the ballot. She also shared a recent article regarding former Detroit Police Chief James Craig. She explained that Craig, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor of Michigan, might be running into a problem with his campaign regarding the validity of the signatures that his campaign submitted on behalf of the Republican Party. Listeners called in to give their opinion on a wide array of topics.

INSIDE DETROIT May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am

TOPIC: LOCAL AUTHOR FEATURE LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Connie Spight, author of the book "Dear Brandon." Mildred shared that Spight was the mother of Brandon Spight, who lost his life at 18 to a rare form of cancer. The book is full of heartfelt letters between a son and his mother. Spight shared that all the letters in the book were actual letters from her son Brandon. She also

shared her journey since losing her son at a young age. Mildred shared excerpts from her book with listeners. Spight also shared that in the wake of Brandon's passing, she will be using the proceeds from the book sales to start a scholarship in Brandon's name at U of D Jesuit High School. Mildred commended her for her strength and work.

#### TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Pastor Charles Williams, President of N.A.N (National Action Network), and Attorney Richard Mack. Mack is three of the people who have made claims of a hostile and racist work environment at United Electrical Contracting. They discussed the recent protest held in front of the Godfrey Hotel in Downtown Detroit. Pastor Williams shared that the National Action Network is making sure that this racism is brought to light and is planning for more marches in the future for this site and others that might have racist behavior in the workplace. Williams also thanked Councilwomen Mary Waters and Angela Whitfield Calloway for supporting the protest march. Williams also shared that he is upset that tax dollars are still going to work sites like this that fester hate and promote a racist work environment on the work site. Attorney Richard Mack is representing the workers that allege racism on the work site and is suing the United Electric Contracting Company. Mack shared what details he could about the case and highlighted that certain City Council members have been silent and are not speaking; however, he is setting up meetings with City Council President Mary Sheffield to discuss this matter. Williams highlighted that he is looking to investigate contractors not being properly prepared to handle building sites with asbestos and other hazardous materials. Mildred commended the men for their work and activism.

#### TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. Recently, a leaked draft of the Supreme Court's decision to possibly overturn Roe v. Wade made national headlines. Worthy shared that she will not prosecute abortions or doctors who perform them in her District if the ruling is overturned. They both agreed that this news is making many pro-abortion activist groups upset and are making the plea for women to have still the right to make their own choice. Worthy also explained that abortion is a woman's right and shouldn't be decided by politicians. Worthy shared that the federal case of Roe v Wade supports the women's right to an abortion, and the ruling for the right to have an abortion always made it legal. However, she explained that a law in Michigan that has been on the books since 1930 could make abortions illegal if Roe v. Wade is overturned. Mildred highlighted that Americans should have the final say in this matter. Mildred commended Worthy for her work as a prosecutor of Wayne County.

#### TOPIC: LAW ENFORCEMENT LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Wayne County, Sheriff Rafael Washington. They discussed the increase of texting while driving citations against drivers. Sheriff Washington shared that his officers gave over 24 citations and warnings this past week. He also stressed to listeners how dangerous it is to text behind the wheel and urged listeners that they do not want to pay a traffic fine. Washington also shared that this simple traffic stop can

lead to more issues when looking up your record and possibly uncover past warrants or other violations.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis shared audio from a report of an incident involving an Alabama corrections officer and an inmate. According to reports, the officer helped the inmate escape a detention center, and ran away together. Mildred took calls from listeners giving their opinion on the subject.

INSIDE DETROIT May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am TOPIC: MASS SHOOTING

Mildred Gaddis spoke on the recent mass shooting in a Buffalo, New York grocery store. She explained how authorities investigated this incident as a racially motivated hate crime. Mildred shared audio from the Mayor of Buffalo, New York, answering questions at a press conference. Mildred reflected on the Current State of America. She explained that she sees a problem where white supremacists and racists feel comfortable in America expressing hate and even acting out on that hateful rhetoric. Mildred also shared about the 18-year-old gunman, who wrote a manifesto confessing to a plot to kill black people. Mildred also explained how the "Replacement Theory" played a role in the shooter's mentality and other white supremacist groups. Mildred explained the theory for listeners to understand better. She explained that in her mind, this type of mentality surrounded us in the community and presented to listeners that this is why we need always to stay vigilant. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

**LENGTH: 30 Minutes** 

TOPIC: COVID-19 LENGTH: 25 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Dr. Jimmy Womack. They discussed the C.D.C.'s recent recommendation for citizens to mask up again in Michigan. Womack stated he compared this virus to the flu and said we would be dealing with this for a while. Dr. Womack explained that we could learn much from countries with low vaccination rates or are politically motivated not to take the vaccine. Mildred urged listeners to wear their masks properly and to cover their noses. Dr. Womack agreed and shared that eye protection might also be needed. Mildred highlighted that people were eager to get back to normal, and now it seems we're back at the beginning of the pandemic. Dr. Womack also explained how Gov. Whitmer's action to respond to people dying in mass amounts helped us curb the pandemic early on. However, he explained that we might have to begin to mask up and begin to protect ourselves again. Mildred expressed that we have to protect the community and explained how Michigan and New York were the first states to take significant action against this virus. Dr. Womack shared that citizens did a great job during the pandemic in mitigation factors; however, he explained that vaccines and masking would be the best way to protect ourselves.

#### **TOPIC: NATIONAL POLITICS**

Mildred Gaddis interviewed political consultant Mario Morrow. They discussed the changes in American Politics. They covered a vast range of current headlines, including the Senate race in Georgia. Morrow highlighted that he would be watching that race closely to see if Democrats lose power in House and Senate to the Republican Party. He also explained that while Vice President Kamala Harris may be the tiebreaker in the Senate, the Republican Party can still win come to this November election. He also shared that the decision from the ruling of Roe v. Wade and the controversy surrounding it may be a deciding factor for many female voters as well. They also discussed the gubernatorial race for former Detroit Police Chief James Craig. Morrow shared that he believes the Republican Party will oust Craig and pick a candidate more suited to their values. They both urged listeners to exercise their right to vote this November, citing that this election may be more critical than ever. Listeners called in to weigh in on the various topics.

**LENGTH: 60 Minutes** 

#### TOPIC: CIVIL RIGHTS LENGTH: 45 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis shared a story of an HBCU women's lacrosse team that the Sheriffs recently pulled over in Georgia. According to reports, their charter bus was searched on suspicion of having drugs onboard. She explained giving the circumstances; she felt the search was racially motivated. Mildred also explained that racism has never left America, and former President Trump made white supremacists and other racist people in America feel more comfortable exposing their racist behavior. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic, with many listeners suggesting the young ladies seek legal action.

INSIDE DETROIT May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am

TOPIC: LOCAL BUSINESSES LENGTH: 35 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Vice President of Public Relations with Comcast RISE, Michelle Gilbert. They discussed the grant program that Comcast sponsors to benefit small black-owned businesses in Detroit. Gilbert explained the criteria for applying for the grant and shared that this is the second year the company will be sponsoring the program. Gilbert shared that the program started during the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 when they saw a need for small businesses to survive in the community. Gilbert also shared that they will also include female-owned companies in applying for grants this year. Mildred commended Gilbert for bringing this program to the communities of Detroit.

#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS LENGTH: 45 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed former State Representative Brian Banks. Mildred and Banks, currently running for Wayne County Commissioner, discussed current Commissioner Tim Killeen being removed from the upcoming ballot, making Banks the only candidate. Killeen was found to have violated Campaign Finance Laws, making him ineligible to run in the forthcoming elections. Banks highlighted that many

candidates are facing issues in the wake of changes to Michigan Election Laws. They also discussed the possible chance of Killeen running a write-in campaign. Banks shared that the new laws may make it hard for any candidate to run a successful write-in campaign. Listeners also called in to weigh in on the topic.

#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS LENGTH: 35 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett. They discussed Campaign Finance Laws and the ruling to keep Sen. Hollier on the upcoming ballot for election. Recently, Hollier's opponent filed a lawsuit against him, citing irregularities with his campaign paperwork. Garrett explained the new Michigan Campaign Finance Laws and the details surrounding Hollier's situation. Garret highlighted that the decision to keep Hollier on the ballot came directly from the Michigan Secretary of State. Mildred commended Garrett for her work and for explaining the new laws. She also shared that there are many details people don't know when qualifying to run a campaign in Michigan.

#### TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 40 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis devoted the remainder of the show for listeners to call in and weigh their opinion on the day's topics. She also shared a story where Detroit Police officers were shot at while pursuing a fleeing suspect. Mildred shared that with the warmer weather may come more violence. She urged listeners to call in with solutions to curb the violence in the city. Listeners called in with their opinions.

INSIDE DETROIT May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am – 11:00am
TOPIC: US ECONOMY
LENGTH: 45 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Joseph Weglarz, Economy Professor at the University of Detroit Mercy. They discussed the inflation rates rising across the nation and the American Economy in general. Weglarz highlighted that coming out of a global pandemic; demand is higher than ever. He also explained that combined with supply chain issues, this affects all citizens. He shared that this affects all parts of society's budgeting and planning. He explained that the federal funds rate would go up and increase mortgage rates, credit card interest rates, pensions, and 401K for seniors. He highlighted that as people demand higher wages, this could increase supply and goods prices. He explained that these events could lead us into yet another recession. Weglarz also shared that as a result of the war in Ukraine, we've seen higher grain prices which caused a ripple effect for agriculture industries. Listeners called in with their questions for Prof. Weglarz.

#### **TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS**

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Michigan House Representative Cynthia Johnson. They discussed Johnson's recent removal from the upcoming voting ballot. Johnson explained the situation that caused her to be removed from the ballot. Mildred shared that these cases can affect the vote for the primary elections come this August. Mildred

**LENGTH: 30 Minutes** 

also shared that we are in a time where the law is overpowering politics, and she called for people to watch the relationships between politicians and judges that may be on their side.

#### TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 40 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed political consultant Mario Morrow. They discussed the recent candidates being removed from the upcoming Michigan Primary Ballot. Recently Republican Gubernatorial candidates James Craig and Perry Johnson were taken off the ballot for having unverified signatures. Morrow explained that signatures of registered voters are needed to get on any Michigan ballot. He also shared that many companies work to gather signatures and that the workers are paid per signature. He highlighted that these types of incentives for each signature might cause those to provide fraudulent signatures. He also stressed that the candidates should have had their teams verify the signatures that the company submitted. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topic and questions for Morrow.

#### TOPIC: MASS SHOOTING LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis shared a report of a recent school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, that left 19 students and 2 teachers dead. Mildred shared audio from the Governor of Texas in the wake of the shooting. Mildred spoke out against some of the Governor's remarks regarding the shooting. She shared with listeners that the police response to the shooting was quite inadequate, highlighting that it took over 40 minutes before the police entered the building. Mildred called for stricter gun laws across the nation. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the tragedy.

INSIDE DETROIT June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am TOPIC: LOCAL TRIBUTE

Mildred Gaddis dedicated most of her show to the life of William B. Lucas in the wake of his death. Mildred shared that not only did he rise through the political ranks, but he was also the first Wayne County Executive. Mildred interviewed Bishop Charles Ellis on the legacy of Mr. Lucas. Bishop Ellis shared that Lucas changed Wayne County for the better. Ellis also shared fond, personal memories with Lucas, dubbing him "Cool Hand Luke." Ellis explained that he got that nickname because of his very calm and collective demeanor in politics. Ellis also highlighted that Lucas set a precedent for the newly created position at the time of County Executive. They both agreed that Lucas could work both sides of the aisle with Democrats and Republicans. Mildred thanked Ellis for his kind words of Lucas.

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#### TOPIC: LOCAL TRIBUTE

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Barbara Patton, former Area Development Director at United Negro College Fund. She shared stories of working with William Lucas while he was campaigning in politics. She spoke about how grateful she was for taking the position. Patton explained how he worked on several campaigns and how she learned

so much working under Mr. Lucas. Patton stated that the lessons she learned had carried her in her current career. She commended Mildred for giving a special tribute to her show.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL TRIBUTE LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Caroline White, who worked on William Lucas' campaigns for Wayne County Executive. White shared that she enjoyed working on his campaign, handing out literature, and rallying for him. She also shared that he cared for the people of Wayne County, which showed in his work. Mildred shared that she was told by his children that "The Impossible Dream" was his favorite song. Mildred explained that when you look at Lucas' legacy and life, you can understand why that was his favorite song.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL TRIBUTE LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis continued her tribute to the late Wayne County Executive, William Lucas. She interviewed former executive assistant Brenda Price, campaign financier Jared Garrett, and Emma Bell, who also worked on Lucas' campaign team. Price shared that she saw tremendous success in her political career after working with Lucas. She also shared that she would be forever grateful for what he did for her. Garrett explained that Lucas always worked for the people and never put his private interest before the community. Bell highlighted that Lucas always maintained a certain level of expertise that she is proud to carry on in her career. Mildred thanked all three for sharing their kind words. Garrett commended Mildred for devoting her show to his legacy.

#### TOPIC: LOCAL TRIBUTE LENGTH: 30 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Dr. Stephanie Lucas and Dr. William Lucas Jr., children of the late Wayne County Executive, William Lucas. They discussed how their father pushed them to do their best and nurtured their education. Stephanie shared that they never once felt neglected by her parents and always maintained a strong family unit. William Jr. Shared the same sentiments, explaining that he is instilling the same things his father taught him into his children. Mildred spoke more about the legacy of William B. Lucas. She talked about his legacy's historical significance as the first black Wayne County Executive. Lucas passed away at 94 due to natural causes.

#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS LENGTH: 20 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis asked listeners to call in to weigh on the legacy of William Lucas and a recent incident involving Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan. Mildred shared a story where Duggan outed an F.B.I. informant involved in a towing scandal investigation in Detroit. Mildred highlighted that this is the same scandal surrounding City Council members Andre Spivey and Janine Ayers. Listeners called in to weigh their opinions on the topics.

INSIDE DETROIT June 12th, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am TOPIC: MICHIGAN POLITICS

Mildred Gaddis shared a report that Michigan Governor Candidates Perry Johnson and former Detroit Police Chief James Craig recently had both their names removed from the upcoming ballots due to irregular campaign signatures. Mildred explained that many of their signatures turned out to be fraudulent. She highlighted that those campaign workers for the Governor's race were paid for every signature they received. Mildred also shared that Ryan Kelly is rising to be the potential frontrunner to receive the Republican Party's nomination. She also highlighted that Kelly's name was brought in a federal investigation for contributing to the January 6<sup>th</sup> riot at the D.C. Capitol building. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic.

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#### **TOPIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Attorney Todd Perkins. They discussed the murder of Patrick Loyola at the hands of the Grand Rapids Police Department. Recently Grand Rapids P.D. was called into question for the traffic stop that led to Loyola's murder. They also discussed the recent charges handed down to the officer that shot an unarmed Loyola in the back of the head during that stop. Perkins shared his legal expertise with the listeners. He explained the definition of second-degree murder and what next steps could be coming for the trial. Perkins also shared that the media has put out a great deal of evidence that could sway a jury, leading to a mistrial. Mildred highlighted that we had seen this play out far too many times. Listeners called in to weigh in on the topic and questions for Perkins. Mildred commended Perkins for coming on the show and offering his legal advice.

#### TOPIC: DETROIT POLITICS LENGTH: 40 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis asked listeners to call in to weigh their opinions on the day's topics. She also shared the lists of candidates in the upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional races. She highlighted Janice Winfrey going up against incumbent Rashida Talib, sharing that a group of Jewish leaders combined with black business owners has given Winfrey 1-million dollars in campaign funds to compete against Talib. Listeners called in with their opinions on the matter, citing that they do not trust Congresswoman Talib.

INSIDE DETROIT June 19th, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am

TOPIC: JUNETEENTH/MICHIGAN POLITICS LENGTH: 40 Minutes

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. They discussed the importance of the Juneteenth holiday. Mildred shared that the day was a special occasion as it is the second year that Juneteenth has been recognized as a federal holiday. Mildred explained the importance of the Juneteenth Holiday. She shared that it was the day federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to tell people who were still enslaved at the time that the Emancipation Proclamation had been passed, freeing all

enslaved people. Gov. Whitmer shared that knowing your history is very important. She also shared that the importance of the holiday is more prominent than ever with legislation being rolled out to diminish voters' rights and a woman's right to choose. Gov. Whitmer also explained that the African-American community has never had a leveled playing field compared to its white counterparts. She highlighted that her cabinet has brought more fair equity and has looked to advance the African-American population in Michigan. She shared how her administration has brought grant programs to African-American and women-owned businesses. Mildred commended Whitmer for her work for the State and thanked her for coming on the show.

#### **TOPIC: JUNETEENTH LENGTH: 110 Minutes**

Mildred Gaddis dedicated the remainder of the show to the Juneteenth Holiday. She shared her knowledge of the holiday with listeners. She also shared audio from the documentaries: "Juneteenth: Faith and Freedom" by Our Daily Bread, hosted by Pastor Rasool Berry, and A.B.C.'s Juneteenth special hosted by actor Leslie Odom Jr.

### **INSIDE DETROIT** June 26th, 2022

TIME: 8:00am - 11:00am

**TOPIC: COMMUNITY OUTREACH LENGTH: 30 Minutes** 

Mildred Gaddis interviewed Dwight Vaughter, Director of SHAR House Detroit. They discussed SHAR House's efforts to help with the rehabilitation of people and give them a safe place to sleep and eat. He also shared how they actively assist people in seeking jobs and receive their state I.D.s for employment. Vaughter explained that mental illness is a significant factor in the homeless community and pushed family members to seek help for their loved ones. He shared several websites and phone numbers for listeners to contact the SHAR House directly. Mildred shared how much of a significant impact SHAR House has on Detroit, and she highlighted how the organization donated sleeping bags to the homeless on M.L.K. Day. Director Vaughter commended Mildred for her generous spirit and everything she does for the city of Detroit.

#### **TOPIC: LOCAL BUSINESSES**

**LENGTH: 30 Minutes** Military Gaddis interviewed Coffee Brown, owner of Brides and Grooms Bridal Shop. Brown recently opened the bridal shop and shared that business has skyrocketed coming out of the pandemic. Brown highlighted that couples are looking to get married quicker than ever, sharing that her team is fully booked going into the summer. She also explained that Detroit offers excellent areas for couples to get married. They also discussed Brown's passion for weddings. She explained that she found joy in planning her friends and family's weddings in recent years. Mildred commended her for her budding business and shared that she looks to hear more great things from her company.

#### **TOPIC: CURRENT EVENTS LENGTH: 120 Minutes**

Mildred Gaddis interviewed image consultant Cornell Jermaine and fashion expert Keisha Sims. Mildred shared that Jermaine, Sims, and herself used to do a Fashion Forward segment and explained that it was a pleasure to have them all back together again. For the remainder of the show, they discussed several national entertainment headlines. They discussed the recent controversy involving comedians Monique and D.L. Hughley. Recently, the two comedians held a comedy special in Detroit. Monique went viral for the hateful comments she made about Hughley to the audience over a contract dispute. James shared that he was in the audience when it happened and explained that he was utterly shocked at some of the things she said. They all agreed that Monique might need better management for her career. They also discussed the end of Wendy Williams' popular T.V. show amid her health battles. Jermaine explained that her show would be canceled and replaced with a new talk show from Sherri Shepard's host. Listeners called in to weigh their opinion on the topics.

#### WDMK-FM 105.9 PSA Activity

Each of these P.S.A.'s aired April 01st, 2022 – June 30th, 2022, between the hours of 12 a.m. - 12 midnight.

No Driving On Weed	100
Free Covid Test	150
Covid Funeral Help	130
Community Health Screening	200
Power Outage Safety	150
Blood Pressure	150
Help Tax Foreclosure	50
Covid Safety Information Teens And Teens	100
Adoption	130
Focus Hope	80
Detroit Humane Society	80
Healthy Diet	30
College Scholarship Parent Help	30
St Jude	300
Dog Owner	130
Eviction Help	70
Paid For Helping Seniors	80
Booster Information	100
Total:	1690 PSA's