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City of Ecorse gets early Christmas present Released from Receivership



have contributed to moving the city back to a path of fiscal stability," Khouri said. "I am pleased to say the city is released from receivership."

Since the appointment of the RTAB in April 2013, the city of Ecorse reduced its long-term debt, increased funding and reduced other liabilities. The city concluded fiscal year 2017 with a General Fund surplus, with current expenditures trending below anticipated revenues.

"Ecorse is ready to govern on its own," Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell said. "The partnership between the city and state provided an opportunity for our community to improve its finances and operations, as well as the quality of life for our residents." During their council meeting on Tuesday, Tidwell said, "We are still going to run a tight ship so that we are prepared for any emergencies that may come up."

In March 2009, the state Treasury Department received a request to conduct a preliminary review of the city's finances to

December 18 - Michigan Treasurer Nick Khouri today announced the city of Ecorse has been released from receivership under the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act and dissolved the Ecorse Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB).

The state Treasury Department's actions follow a recommendation to terminate receivership by members of the Ecorse RTAB. Effective immediately, city leadership will regain full local control and manage all internal operations and finances without state oversight.

"Today marks an important achievement for Ecorse residents, the city and all who

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Merry Christmas From the Staff of the Telegram News

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Trooper charged with murder for Tasing ATV driver, Damon Grimes, who died

By Megan Cerullo



Kym Worthy gave a press conference to announce their decision to charge the state trooper with murder

A Michigan state trooper was charged with murder Wednesday in connection to the August death of a 15-year-old ATV driver. Trooper Mark Bessner allegedly fired his Taser at the teen, who subsequently crashed his ATV and died. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Bessner with second-degree murder and two counts of involuntary manslaughter, The Detroit News reported.

He is facing life in prison.

Damon Grimes, 15, crashed his ATV and died after a Michigan State Police trooper fired a Taser at him in Detroit, Michigan. The trooper, Mark Bessner, was charged with murder Wednesday. The victim, Damon Grimes, was illegally driving his ATV in the street when Bessner fired his Taser at him from the passenger side of a moving vehicle—causing Grimes to ram into a parked truck. He died from blunt-force head trauma. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said she decided to charge Bessner with second-degree murder because “he created a very high risk of death,” The Detroit News reported. “We will not shirk from tough cases. It’s always tough when you investigate officers, but it is what it is,” Worthy said, according to the report.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced Wednesday that former Michigan State Trooper Mark Bessner has been charged with the murder in the death of 15 year old Damon Grimes. (Detroit Free Press) She acknowledged that Bessner might not have intended to kill Grimes, but that it didn’t affect her decision to levy charges.

“He may not have meant to kill him, but that doesn’t matter. The classic law school test is, if you’re on top of a tall building, and you drop a safe down, you may not have intended to kill, but you created a high risk of death,” she said. Bessner was suspended for deploying his stun gun from inside a moving vehicle—a violation of department policy—and later resigned.

“On behalf of the Michigan State Police, I offer my sincerest apologies to the family of Damon Grimes,” Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the Michigan State Police said in a statement. “Troopers are not trained to do what Bessner did, and we condemn his actions. His conduct was criminal in nature and deserving of the charges today authorized by Prosecutor Kim Worthy. Neither my apology nor these criminal charges will bring Damon back, but I hope they provide some amount of solace to his family.”

GETTING TO KNOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator David Knezek speaks on the Mandated Return of \$550M to Public School Employees



Senator David Knezek

LANSING — Sen. David Knezek (D–Dearborn Heights)

issued the following statement on the Michigan Supreme Court’s unanimous ruling this morning demanding that the State return \$550 million that was illegally withheld from public school employees’ pay:

“Some might call this a Christmas miracle, but I call it long-overdue justice. Coming from a family of educators and as a son of a high school lunch lady, I know exactly what this win means for the hardworking teachers and support staff in our schools. Their hard-earned

money was held hostage for seven years but now it will finally be back in their hands. No one is above the law and everyone is subject to the Constitution. Although this situation should never have happened to begin with, I’m grateful that the judges came to the proper conclusion today.”



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determine whether a serious financial emergency existed.

In October 2009, Gov. Jennifer

Granholm informed the city that a local financial emergency existed based on a recommendation of a Financial Review Team. Granholm authorized the Local Emergency Financial Assistance Loan Board to manage the financial emergency and directed the board to appoint an emergency financial manager.

An emergency manager was present from October 2009 to April 2013, when the financial emergency was resolved and

the Ecorse RTAB was appointed to oversee the city’s transition back to local control.

Over the last two years, the cities of Allen Park, Benton Harbor, Lincoln Park and Pontiac have been released from receivership and had their RTABs dissolved.

At this time, only two municipalities – the cities of Flint and Hamtramck – remain under state oversight through a RTAB.



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Why is Kwanzaa celebrated?

Values for the entire family for week



Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration that is celebrated in the United States, as well as other countries with populations of African descendants. It is a holiday which celebrates and honors African culture in not only the African-American community but also in the World African community. This holiday is celebrated from December 26th through January 1st.

History of Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a holiday tradition that is based on the "first harvest" celebrations in Africa. In recorded history, these first harvest celebrations can be traced all the way back to Nubia and Egypt and can be found in cultures all over Africa. While many of these first-fruit celebrations may differ from one society to another, they all had a few principles in common. These principles include people gathering together to celebrate, acknowledging the creator and thanking him for his blessings, a commemoration of the past, a recommitment to African cultural thought and a time to celebrate community.

Rooted in these principles, especially those of the Ashanti and the Zulu, Kwanzaa arose from the Black Freedom Movement in 1966 in the United States. It was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga – a professor of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, USA. He created it after the Watts riots as a way to bring

African-Americans together as a community. He gave it the name Kwanzaa -a word that is taken from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" and is Swahili for "first-fruits."

Kwanzaa was originally envisioned by Dr. Maulana Karenga as an oppositional alternative to Christmas. However, in later years he changed his position as to not alienate African-American Christians and later stated that Kwanzaa was not created to give people an alternative to their own religious holidays.

From 1966 through the end of the 20th century, the idea and practice of Kwanzaa began to slowly increase in popularity across the United States. Then its popularity began to increase dramatically after the start of the 21st century as the idea and practices of this holiday began to not only spread through conventional media but also through the Internet. In 2004, a study showed that a little less than 5 million African-Americans planned to celebrate the holiday that year. However, two years later, another study showed that almost 28 million African-Americans had planned on celebrating the holiday in 2006. In 2009, the popularity of Kwanzaa was further bolstered by the release of the documentary film about Kwanzaa called the "Black Candle," a film narrated by Maya Angelou and directed by M. K. Asante. Since

then, Kwanzaa has not only spread all across North American but also parts of Europe and Africa as well.

Kwanzaa Customs & Celebrations Kwanzaa celebrations vary from family to family. Some families stick with strictly Kwanzaa related practices, while other families mix elements of Kwanzaa into their Christmas celebrations. However, most Kwanzaa celebrations are based on Nguzo Saba – or the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The Seven Principles:

- Umoja (Unity): Striving for and maintaining unity in the family and the community.
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): Defining oneself and speaking for oneself
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): Building and maintaining a community and making our brother's and sister's problems our own and solve them together
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics): Building and maintaining our businesses for ourselves and each other
- Nia (Purpose): To build and develop our collective communities together
- Kuumba (Creativity): To do whatever we can to leave our communities more beautiful than when we inherited them
- Imani (Faith): To believe with our hearts in our people, our families and the righteousness of our struggle

Goodbye John Conyers

By Jim Abeare



After a life time of service to the people fo Detroit, Representative John Conyer is out as America's longest serving congressman.

As a consevative, this should make me ecstatic. Mr. Conyers should have retired ten years ago, but he held on.

The way he has left office doesn't make me happy. I am ambevilant at best.

Going out the way he has tar-nishes a great career. I still

have trouble believing that he is a sexual harassar. That, to me just doesn't seem his speed. But some of the stories seem legitimate.

Now a precinct in Detroit doesn't have representation. Governor Snyder needs to get a special election going as soon as possible. Perhaps getting things going after the holidays.

It is only fair, no playing politics with this. Don't wait for a Republican to enter the race. It's Detroit, you aren't going to find one. So set an election and let Detroit choose their representative, be it John Conyers III, Coleman Young Jr. Or someone else.

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Jim Abeare can be reached at info@telegramnews.net

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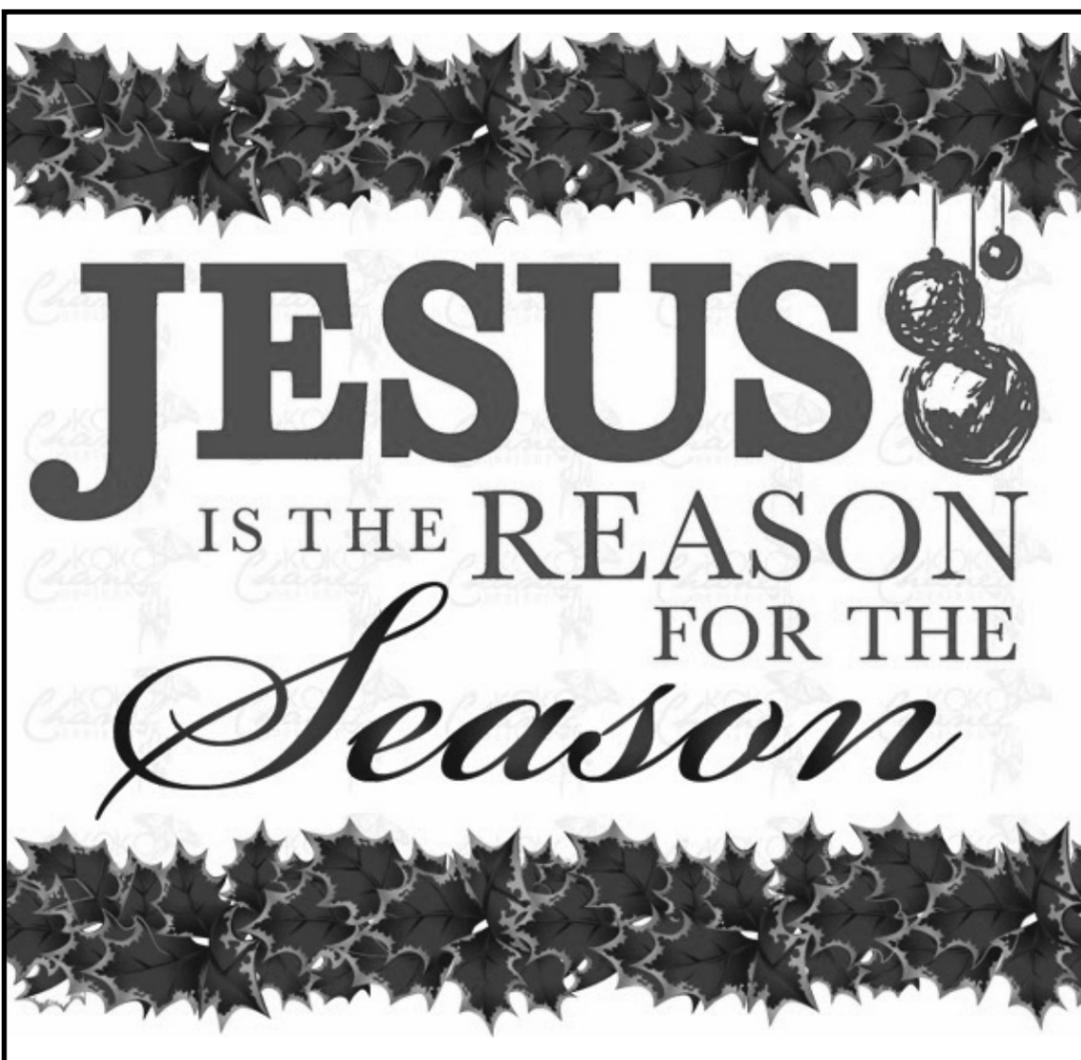
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Farewell - Part I

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



In May 2001, I opened a bookstore called It Is Written. I remember reaching out to The Telegram several times so they could come out and feature the new store in an article in the newspaper. I lugged my newborn son with me as I began this journey. He was just six weeks old when this thing launched.

My goal was to get the word out about the new store that carried Bibles and other Christian related products. One day, the late and great Joe Hudson walked in to cover the story. He started asking me questions in order to compose his story.

That conversation led to him asking me to be a contributing writer. He asked if I could submit something maybe every other week. At the time, I had only written one book of poetry and I believed that I was only good at writing poetry. I had never tried to write any other genre. I had written essays and

papers for school assignments. I had even written for the school newspapers in both elementary and high school, but didn't think I would get to practice it in real adult life.

I reluctantly agreed to write for the Telegram, not really knowing how or what I would write about. About a month in, things started coming to me and I was writing every single week. Then Publisher, Ben Wade was very supportive and allowed me to share my thoughts freely.

Writing the weekly articles for the Telegram became an important part of my life. Many situations and things I observed turned into articles. As I processed my life and how God would have me resolved things, I was able to share on this platform with literally thousands of readers.

This is why I tell people, just because you don't think you can do it doesn't mean that you can't. Be willing to do and learn and the rest of what you need will come to you when you need it. God can do amazing things with your willingness.

Check out the continuation of this story next week. God bless you and Merry Christmas. Cherish. Be well and prosper.

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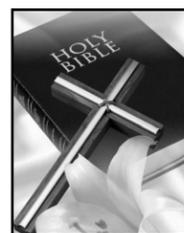


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The Birth of Jesus

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4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were

amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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Praxair Donates Ecorse Fire Fighters

Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



Ecorse Fire Fighters along with Praxair Representative display latest donation
Photo by Xavier Jones

The Fire Department of Ecorse is on the fast track to major revamping. Changes are coming to make the department more effective and dependable. The Safer Grant, straight from the federal government is filling the station with strong, trained bodies. The department even received a grant for more adequate handling of the air filtration systems.

Praxair was the biggest benefactor to the Fire Department's cause. The industrial gas supplier donated 20,000 dollars. Praxair has been in the city since 1960, and has been partnered with Ecorse FD since the early 1990's. Praxair is motivated by the need to give back to the community it operates in. There's a mutual benefit behind this

donation. Praxair has donated in the past. The gas company and the Ecorse Fire Department has worked together on joint safety trainings.

Twenty year department veteran, Sergeant Mark Wilson, and fifteen year veteran Sergeant Tony Hedges met the Praxair team for a hot fireman's lunch to receive the check. The money will be spent on new equipment and manpower. Firefighters will be more prepared for tasks at hand, and ready to face the dangers of the job.

These funds will also be used to restore the city's rescue team. Which has been non existent for the past seven years. Probably

the biggest change taking place due to Praxair's influence. The rescuing of the rescue team guarantees faster response times. Better patient treatment, and power being put back in the arms of the department. The city of Ecorse would no longer have to depend on a private ambulance company.

The City of Ecorse and the Telegram Newspaper thanks Praxair for their donation and the Ecorse Fire Department for their service.

Have You Been the Victim of Sexual Harassment?

Consider Filing a Complaint under Michigan Civil Rights Law

Lansing — Michigan residents who have been subjected to sexual harassment may be able to file a complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) and other state and federal laws that provide protection to victims of harassment.

"We are experiencing a national time of reckoning with regard to sexual harassment and sexual misconduct," said Agustin V. Arbulu, Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. "It is important to remember that sexual harassment doesn't only happen in the high-powered worlds of politics, news and entertainment. It can happen to anyone. I encourage any Michigan resident who is a victim of sexual harassment to contact the Department of Civil Rights so they are better informed of their rights."

Under Michigan law, sexual harassment constitutes illegal discrimination. In most instances, victims of sexual harassment must first make it clear to the harasser that the sexual conduct and/or communication is unwelcome. Report all forms of employment harassment to your supervisor (unless the supervisor is the harasser), human resources director, or other person designated by your employer. The employer has to know about the alleged harassment in order to stop it and prevent further harassment.

Outside the employment setting, you should report the harassment to a landlord/property manager, or the supervisor of the harasser.

If the harassment continues or you are uncomfortable reporting the incident, you can contact MDCR for assistance. In order to file a complaint of discrimination under ELCRA, the sexual harassment must have occurred within 180 days and must be related to employment, education, housing, public accommodation, public service or law enforcement. If the alleged sexual harassment meets these parameters, MDCR will take the complaint and conduct a thorough and impartial investigation. Under ELCRA, sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and/or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

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3) Or, such conduct or communication substantially interferes with an individual's employment, public accommodations or public service, education, or housing.

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, the following:

Your supervisor fires or demotes you because you refuse sexual advances.

You must endure a hostile work environment due to inappropriate touching, exposure of genitals, or repeated sexual remarks, jokes, cartoons and/or photographs.

You are told that sexual comments or conduct are a part of the job you should just accept or quit.

Your landlord offers to reduce your rent for sex or threatens to evict you when you refuse.

Your university professor offers to raise your grade in exchange for sexual favors or reduces your grade when you refuse.

You apply for public services and are told your request will be processed more quickly in exchange for sex.

You are sexually assaulted. NOTE: MDCR encourages all victims of a physical assault to report the assault to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Although the majority of victims of sexual harassment are women harassed by men, the law recognizes that a person of any gender may be harassed by someone of a different or the same gender.

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Inkster Legends provide Christmas for 100 families



Some of the foster grandparents working with the Basketball Legends of Inkster Xmas giveaway



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Fred Smiley and the Basketball Legends of Inkster surprised the Twinkle Toes Day Care Center and Director Saunda Cunningham with all the Toys left over from the Xmas giveaway for the 100 families in the City of Inkster from the Saturday event They were filled with joy!!



Director Fred Smiley standing with State Representative Jewell Jones and friends assist in the toy shopping for 100 families at Meijer. These are names of the volunteers. Jermaine & Rachael Bounds, Mikae Winn, Darius Turner, Javion Johnson and M'eeya Robinson.

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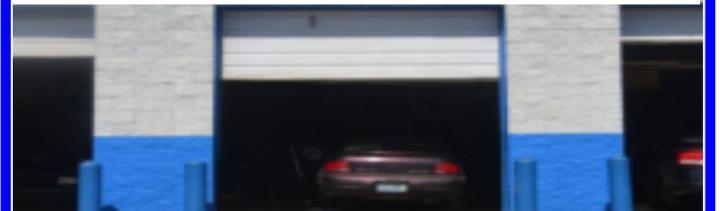


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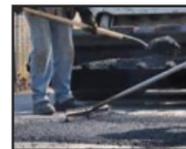
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Senator Debbie Stabenow toured Western Wayne Family Health Centers



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Senator Debbie Stabenow toured Western Wayne Family Health Centers on Friday 12/15/17. One of the issues being held up in Congress, despite enough bipartisan support to pass, is continued funding from the ACA for Community Health Centers—70% of our funding expired at the end of September. There has been a bill passed in the House, and there are enough votes in the Senate

for it to pass and go to conference committee. Yet, the senate leadership will not put the bill on the floor. The CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) bill is also in limbo—leaving 9 million children (83,000 in Michigan) at risk of losing their health insurance—children in Michigan still have it as the state has some money to cover in the short term. Over 23 million patients use community health centers in the US—680,000 in Michigan—and 15,515 at Western Wayne Family Health Centers.

Christmas: A Time of Sharing and Giving

For many kids, the holiday season is all about receiving and wanting things. The constant advertising bombards them with ideas of what they "want" and makes them believe they "need" everything. It doesn't help that lots of children are very fortunate and have many people giving them gifts, so their expectations can be high. Unfortunately, we all know that there are children who don't get many—or any gifts—at all. Parents want to teach children about values such as sharing, generosity and appreciation. Western Wayne Family Health Centers' Behavioral Health Manager, Binh Pham PhD, and child therapist Kayla Collins LLMSW, have some thoughts about how to celebrate the gift giving and receiving season with the kids you care about. Kayla suggests that early in December is a good time to talk to your children about the toys and clothes they already have, and spend time together considering what they can "recycle". "It's a great time to talk with your children and allow them to choose things they no longer use or have outgrown and let them decide to share with another child in the community", says Kayla. "You may need to start small until they get used to the concept. Take them with you when you donate or show them how you get them ready for pickup from a charity." And adults can model the behavior by sharing some of their stuff by adding items to the bag or box. She also encourages parents to ask grandparents, relatives and family friends not to overdo it and showering the children with so many gifts they are overwhelmed. "Most children really only pay attention to one or two things at a time, while other items they have received." Instead save gifts for other times during the year, ask the nice givers to instead give the children clothes, donate to a charity, or keep gift giving small. If you can't afford to be "Santa" for your kids, ask family and friends to assist you and still not bombard the kids with too much. Other sources of holiday stress

comes with gift giving—Binh recommends setting a budget before you shop, making a list before you go to the store and sticking to them. Then you don't have to worry about not paying other bills or getting large credit card bills in January. "Gift giving can be special without being over-the-top", advises Binh. There is a difference between a "wish list" and what a child should actually receive under the tree. It's also the time to help children understand that if Santa Clause comes to your house, that he also has many other kids all over the world to visit, "and not every kid will get everything they wanted, some may not get anything". We want to give our kids everything they want, but that teaches them to expect it all in the future and not appreciate what they have. "Of course we should aim to make the holidays happy for our kids, but at the same time, it is a great chance to teach them about the satisfaction of having enough, a sense of giving and acknowledgement that other kids may not have the same" says Binh. Kayla adds that "it is a good time to show children the value of a dollar, so that they know whatever they receive has value and was given with love, inside the family (or Santa's) budget".

The holiday season is not only about the gifts, and may also be about celebrating your faith or spending quality time with your family and friends. Sometimes things can get a little crowded with lots of people in the house, so explore with your children at the free activities around the area—start with the Michigan Adventure Pass program at your local library or on line.

There are other issues that make the holidays hard for children and families. Keep in mind that grief often pops up at a time of year that many of us gather together and the loss of a loved one can be felt more. Children may not recognize signs of grief, nor know what to do with those feelings, so pay attention they lost someone

close to them recently or in the past. Many children also deal with divided families and having to go from one parents home to the other. "it's a good time to have different holiday traditions in each house so that children look forward to what will happen at one parents house when they need to leave the other home", adds Kayla. "Try to get on the same page with your ex or your child's other parent...it's hard enough on children to bounce between houses and relatives, let alone having the stress of not having a routine organized for them... or to hear their parents arguing about it." It is also important to try and get your children to understand that not everyone celebrates the holidays in the same way, or even celebrate them at all. That way they do not inadvertently make a child in their class or neighborhood feel bad about the difference between your house and

theirs. The holiday season is a time of festivities and giving. You can make it more impactful for your children, or the kids you love, by being a bit more mindful of how we celebrate together. If you or your child needs to talk with a counselor about the many feelings the holidays can bring up, Western Wayne Family Health Center can help. Call 313.383.1897 in Lincoln

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Ecorse City Council, at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, Jan. 03, 2018 in the Albert Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan, 48229. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the final use of the 2018- 2019 Community Development Block Grant Funding.

It is estimated that approximately \$2,000,000.00, will be received through the CDBG Program funded through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are available for projects that benefit low to moderate income persons.

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THERESA CAPRA
Community Development Manager

State Fire Marshal Urges Consumers to Keep Safety in Mind This Holiday Season



'Tis the season to water your Christmas tree daily, and use caution with candles and electric lights. The holidays are a peak time for home fires caused by Christmas tree and candle fires.

"A dry Christmas tree is extremely flammable and these types of fires can turn deadly within seconds, allowing you little time to escape. Keep the tree well-watered, don't risk the chance of fire and the loss of family, friends or your home," said State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier. "One of every four home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems or a heat source too close to the tree. Check your electrical lights and cords for possible deficiencies. Shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches are also common causes of tree and house fires this time of year."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, candles start two out of five home decoration structure fires, with the top three days for home candle fires being Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Christmas Eve. "People can often fall asleep or leave home with unattended candles left burning," said Sehlmeier. "Keep candles away from the tree and from anything that can catch fire, such as decorations, curtains and furniture -- and up high enough away from children and pets. Battery operated,

flameless candles are another option."

Keep these fire safety tips in mind for a safe holiday season: Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Prior to placing the tree in a stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.

Make sure the tree is at least three feet from any heat source such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

Make sure that the tree is not blocking an exit.

Add water to the tree stand daily.

Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory and that you distinguish between indoor and outdoor lights.

Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturers' instructions for number of light strands to connect.

NEVER USE LIT CANDLES TO DECORATE YOUR TREE. Always turn off tree lights when going to bed or leaving your home.

Don't overload your electrical socket.

Discard your tree after the holidays at a tree recycling program in your community.

"Be sure your smoke alarms are in working order, have a fire extinguisher readily available and know how to use it," Sehlmeier said. "Have a prepared and practiced home escape plan, with two ways out of your home that will help ensure your survival in a home fire."

A live Christmas tree burn conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission shows just how quickly a dried-out Christmas tree fire burns, with flashover occurring in less than one minute, as compared to a tree watered regularly. Watch the video to see how Christmas tree fires can turn devastating and deadly within seconds.

The Michigan Bureau of Fire Services wishes all Michigan citizens a safe holiday season. Visit the Bureau of Fire Services website for more fire safety information.

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TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dearborn Heights City Council Meeting
 Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at 8PM there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

Join us Wednesday, December 27, 2017 from 6-7PM for an hour of seasonal crafting. All materials provided. Adults only. This event will take place at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee).

Romulus City Council Meeting
 Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

True Meaning of Christmas Dinner
 Join us Monday, December 25, 2017 from noon to 3PM at the William Ford Senior Center (6750 Troy). This event is open to everyone, especially the less fortunate, those alone, and the hungry. To arrange for free transportation, call 313-291-7740.

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Local High School Sports

By Butch Davis

A short schedule of varsity basketball games will be play by the Girls and the Boys this week. Please get out and support the Girls and the Boys who are playing winter sports via high school, middle school, elementary school or recreational at venue near you. Here are the varsity basketball games played in the Telegram News reading area below.

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/21

Dearborn Edsel Ford at Allen Park 7:00 PM
 Romulus Summit Academy North at Dearborn Heights Crestwood 7:00PM
 Detroit Collegiate Prep at Detroit Cass Tech 4:00PM
 Detroit Western International at Detroit Renaissance 4:00PM
 Dearborn Fordson at Garden City 7:00PM
 Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Harper Woods 7:30PM
 Dearborn Heights Annapolis at Lincoln Park 7:00PM
 Redford Union at Taylor Preparatory 7:30PM
 Farmington Hills Harrison at Taylor Trillium 7:00PM
 New Boston Huron at Taylor Truman 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/22

Saginaw Nouvel at Allen Park Cabrini 7:30 PM
 Detroit Henry Ford Academy at Dearborn Henry Ford AcademyCreative 4:30 PM
 Pontiac Academy for Excellence at Ecorse 7:00PM
 Saginaw Arthur Hill at Romulus 7:00PM
 Southgate Anderson at Saline 7:00PM

Basketball (Boys) Varsity, 12/26

Bloomfield Hills at Detroit Western International 3:00 PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/21

Trenton at Brownstown Woodhaven 7:00 PM
 Garden City at Dearborn Fordson 7:00PM
 Dearborn Edsel Ford at Flat Rock 7:00PM
 Melvindale at Mt Clemens 6:00PM
 Taylor Truman at New Boston Huron 7:00PM
 Redford Union at Taylor Preparatory 4:30PM
 Livonia Franklin at Wayne Memorial 7:00PM
 Plymouth at Westland John Glenn 7:00PM
 Dearborn at Wyandotte Roosevelt 7:00PM

Basketball (Girls) Varsity, 12/22

Detroit Henry Ford at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 6:00PM
 Pontiac Academy for Excellence at Ecorse 6:00PM

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Thanks for all who donated the prizes.All who volunteered and all who sold tickets.
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 Fred Smiley President & Director

Stan Van not Happy

By Butch Davis

Detroit nearly gave away a 24-point lead in the fourth quarter, and coach Stan Van Gundy wasn't happy at all with his team's effort over the Orlando Magic this past Sunday. The Pistons have won three in a row after starting December with a seven-game losing streak. The Pistons led 60-43 at halftime after going 10 of 18

from beyond the arc in the first half. Then Detroit added six more 3-pointers and 36 points in the third quarter. However the fourth quarter the Pistons seem like they lose interest in playing basketball against the Magic and it almost cost the Pistons winning their third game in a row.

The Detroit Pistons won 105-91 victory over the Atlanta Hawks last Thursday night at Philips Arena, ending a seven-game losing skid. Andre Drummond fell one assist short of his first career triple-double (12 points, 19 rebounds, career-high nine assists) and Avery Bradley scored 18 points and Tobias Harris added 19 points.

Last Friday night Pistons withstand late rally to beat the Indiana Pacers 104-98, and yes, Pistons had blow another big lead in Indiana to get out of town with a win. Indeed, Reggie Bullock is receiving more playing time due to Avery Bradley injury and Stanley Johnson poor shooting.

Nevertheless this past Sunday after the game and a Pistons win over the Magic, Stan the Man, was not happy with Pistons second half performances, "We played a very good first half, Reggie Bullock and Anthony Tolliver played very well, and we didn't try at all in the second half," Van Gundy said. "We didn't bring anything to the second half."



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Lions Need Luck to Make Playoffs

By Butch Davis



The Rams crushed the Seahawks on the road, allowing the idle Lions on this past Sunday to leapfrog Seattle (8-6) in the wild card race. Detroit (8-6) is now seventh in the NFC, a game behind the Falcons (9-5) for the final playoff spots. The Falcons play at the Buccaneers this past Monday night with the Bucs messing and short field goal attempt with seconds to go losing the game 24-21. So after the Lions' win over the Bears last Saturday, they needed two outside factors to work in their favor to make the playoffs: At least one loss by the Seahawks and at least two losses by the Falcons. Check one item off the list. Following this past Monday's tilt in Tampa, Atlanta plays at the home of the New Orleans Saints (10-4) before hosting the Panthers (10-4) the last week of the season. Both New Orleans and Carolina figure to be playing for the division title and possibly a first-round bye, so the Falcons certainly won't have it easy.

Now according to many fans the Lions should win their final two games, at the Bengals (5-9) on Christmas Eve where by the way Cincinnati Bengals Head Coach Marvin Lewis will be coaching his final home games Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati, and at home versus

the Packers (7-7) on New Year's Eve at Ford Field in Downtown Detroit where it could be a grand celebration if the Atlanta Falcons loss their next two games and the Lions win their next two.

Now the game our Detroit Lions played this past Saturday night was the most balances they have played all season. Let's look at the rushing game on offense and defense. The last time the Lions played the Bears in Chicago that team ran for over 250 yards against our football team. This game at Ford Field the Lions defense allowed only 49 yards rush against them period. Now Lions on offense rush for 90 yards the entire game however, they rush the ball 18 times for an average of five yards a pop. Yes the rushing for the Lions can be better, nevertheless the yards the home team rush for gave the offense a better balance and that's a good thing.

By the way, Darius Slay heard the knocks this offseason and he has now worked in a good way to turn his game around for the Detroit Lions. After the knock on Slay was that the cornerback did not secure enough interceptions, he's gone out in 2017 and dominated. After Saturday night, Slay was leading the league in intercepted passes with seven.

As of this past Monday night the Lions must handle their own business and finishing the season winning in Cincinnati, and at home versus the Packers on New Year's Eve at Ford Field.

Now from Me to You and Yours, have a very Merry Christmas Everyone.

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I'm White and He's Black

By Alma Gill (NNPA News Wire Columnist)



Dear Alma,
I'm very lucky to be with the most supportive, kind-hearted, smart, hardworking and genuine person I've ever known. We've been together for two years. Recently he proposed, and I said yes. Here's the problem: I'm white and he's African-American. My parents have been extremely negative since we become engaged. My mom agrees that he's a great guy, but she remains judgmental. She and my dad have kept our relationship a "secret" because they think it would cause my grandfather, who is already dealing with multiple illnesses, horrible emotional pain if he found out. This puts me in a terrible bind. And it's unfair to my boyfriend, who has always been wonderful to my family and me. I don't know what to do.

Name withheld

Dear Confused

Don't you just hate unnecessary drama? I mean it's bad enough when it's legitimate, but when it's totally uncalled for, that makes for a bat-ass waste of time. Your email is not unusual. The same thing happened to my friend, Bethonie. Scoot up a chair and allow me to share the short version. We

were out at a bar when Beth met Mark. She's Black, he's White, and they became inseparable. Six months later, they got married. They were one of the happiest couples I've ever known. They had a son, Ryan, who is cute as can be. Mark didn't tell his parents, who lived in another state. Evidently, it would have killed the grandfather, just as in your case. His mom liked Beth, but said she wasn't marrying material, if you know what I mean. During the third year of marriage, Mark suffered a brain aneurysm and died. Beth called his parents. When they arrive to claim his body, she took them to her home. They saw the wedding and family pictures on the wall. She introduced herself as Mark's wife and introduced them to their grandson. They were shocked. The pain of Mark's death was unbearable, but the ability to reach down and pick up a mocha-colored, curly haired, mini-me version of Mark was, well, priceless. His parents realized over the years that they had wasted precious time because of closed minds that led to closed doors and unfulfilled relationships. MLK said it best: Life is too short to judge folks by their race rather than on their character and conduct. My intent in sharing this story is to encourage you to do what you've gotta do. It's simple: Marry the love of your life. You can't control others, only yourself. Always, listen to your stomach and follow your heart down the pathway of happily ever after.

Alma

Welcome To The Neighborhood: Integrity Barbers

Written By - Xavier Jones - Media Specialist



Michael Smith dream has come true; opens his very own Barber Shop in Southwest Detroit

In the year 1970. Smitty, also known as Michael Ray Smith Sr migrated from Montgomery Alabama with his family. At the time Michael was an angry nine year old boy. Upset that he'd been pulled from his southern roots, and forced to make a home for himself Downriver.

Michael had a rough start at Boynton Middle School. Showing out because he didn't want to be there. Eventually he got settled in the community. Attended Southwestern High School, graduating in 1981. Even receiving the nickname Flash Gordon due to his speed on the track.

After high school Smitty took on several odd jobs among the community. He fell in love with the tetterity. But what really sparked his interest was barbering. Hair was always a familiar concept so he decided to propel his passion forward. Smitty started at a shop in the community and has been a force in the barbering world. This is his first year on the board of advisors for the Michigan College of Barbers.

Smitty now owns the Integrity Barber Shop on 2559 Schaffer Road. The location used to be the home of a pharmacy, record store and pizza shop. The shop opened in September. Integrity Barber Shop is a family oriented business where everybody is treated with respect. He plans on using his god given talents to give back to the community that made him the man he is. He invited me inside to ask a series of questions.

Telegram - What makes you different from your competitors?

Smitty - Everybody is different. No man can do the same job, clients are going to different barbers for different reasons. I honestly don't think barbers have any competition. We all work together by working separately.

Telegram - Why should the community visit your establishment?

Smitty - Years of experience in the community. Gardening, hair I've always been here servicing those around me. There's a

friendly duty we have to keep customers happy and coming back.

Telegram - Advice for small business owners?

Smitty - Plant good seeds in the community. You can't hurt the community, then turn around and try to help. Water and oil doesn't mix and the people can always tell when your up to no good.

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Romulus National Honor Society Students with Santa and his ELF

The National Honor Society also participated in giving festivities of their own. NHS selects one elementary school each year, providing an opportunity for kindergarten, and special education students to Christmas shop for two people in their family. Students are able to select items at no cost, this year students at Barth Elementary were the recipients. "We accept monetary donations and gift items all year round. The whole experience really puts smiles on

the kids faces", said NHS Advisor Kathy Rice. To contribute to this cause email kjrice@romulus.k12.mi.us.

The staff at Romulus High School was also on the receiving end of the seasonal spirit. Alexia Mancilla-Jackson and her LIFT students invited more than one hundred guests to enjoy a free catered lunch. The luncheon allows school staff to catch up and mingle with co-workers while the LIFT students learn valuable life skills in the process.

Christmas magic is in full effect in and around Romulus. Three groups from Romulus High School have demonstrated the reason for the season, giving to others. Romulus High School's Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter led by teacher Lisa Willerick has won gold medals over the years at the state and national level for their dedication to the community. However, their work always begins at the local level. Re-

cently members of the chapter spent the day at the Romulus Senior Center for their annual Christmas dinner. FCCLA students not only visited with the seniors but also helped serve more than and clean up the holiday meal.



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