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Happy Thanksgiving



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Santa's Magic Forest opens Saturday in Taylor

Downriver's magical holiday winter wonderland supports the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry



TAYLOR – The annual Santa's Magic Forest will be open to the public on weekends starting Saturday, November 30, at the Heritage Park Activity Building in Taylor's Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road.

holiday display," Santa's Magic Forest is an indoor magical winter wonderland that features hundreds of animated characters, dozens of Christmas scenes and beautiful holiday light displays.

The Christmas kingdom is known as "Downriver's finest Magic Forest page 3A

Bengals continue winning tradition

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer



In picture: Players, coaches and cheerleaders of the Inkster Bengals organization stand with members of the city council at the Nov. 18 Inkster council meeting.

For all of the issues going on with the city of Inkster, one thing that has remained constant is its fighting spirit of champions. With the Inkster Vikings now a

memory—as well as longtime Pop Warner program Inkster Raiders now being defunct—it has come to another team to manifest the city's championship spirit.

The Inkster Bengals are showing that they are well up to the task—and have been for a while.

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Don't Be Scammed In Storm Cleanup

By Mona Shand - Contributing Writer



SOUTHFIELD, Mich. - The massive storm system that moved across their state Sunday and Monday has left many Michiganders dealing with damage and destruction to their property. Although the rush is on to make repairs, experts say it's critical to take the time to avoid being scammed. Natural disasters

can bring out the best in people, with neighbors helping one another, but they also can bring out the worst in the form of fraud artists preying on the vulnerable.

According to Melanie Duquesnel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan, this is the time when "storm chasers" often show up in the hardest-hit areas, offering tree removal, roof repair, or other services, and demanding to be paid up front ... and then they take the money and run.

"People wanting to live in their house and protect their valuables are like, 'Yeah, sure,' but the difficulty is that they've actually put the cart before the

Storm Cleanup page 8A

Shop with Small Businesses

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY NOV 30

A day to rally people nationwide to get out & shop small

WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

I am thankful for you

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



As another year gets ready to go into the history books, I realize how thankful and grateful I am. I first of all thank God for my health, functioning mind, activities of my limbs and my family. I also thank God for the relationships that I have made over the years. I don't take any of that for granted.

I thank God for you more than you know. As you read this week's issue of the Telegram, I want you to take a few minutes to reflect on the things that you are thankful for. Since tomorrow isn't promised, we have to live today with a forgiving and understanding heart. We have to think about positive things and not focus on the negative. Each day I wake up thanking God and an automatic smile comes across my face and is deposited in my heart. Whenever I meet someone, I smile and take a minute to

say hello and hold a conversation with them. My family says that I talk to people to long, but I don't see it that way. You see, I don't know what type of day that person is having. Maybe they need to vent to get something off their chest. Maybe they are having a bad day and just want someone to smile at them. I never take my gift of another day from God for granted that he is using me to brighten someone else's day. This philosophy is nothing new. While attending college in Tuskegee, one of my friends from Nigeria, gave me the nickname 'Sunshine'. That is how he saw me. That was over 30 years ago. Wow! That's something to be thankful for.

Through all the ups and down of being a business owner, coworker, friend, parent, grandparent, sister and cousin, I pray that nothing causes me to lose the smile that God put in my heart. To all the readers of the Telegram Newspaper, thank you for allowing me to come into your homes each week and share a piece of me with you.

I leave you this week with my favorite Bible verse... Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9.

'Tis the Season for Smart Shopping

Cheryl Pearson-McNeil - Contributing Writer



I've spent the last three years of this column sharing with you important facts about African-Americans' consumer power. And, I know those of us who are certified black-belts in the time-honored martial art of shopping, are fired up for the Black Friday super sales with our artillery of cash and/or credit cards in hand. But first, let's breathe deeply and think about this, especially in light of recent allegations of retail establishments questioning purchases made by Blacks, which have brought the very essence of our purchasing power under assault. Now, more than ever, it's important for us to understand what it means to be a Conscious Consumer – particularly during the busiest shopping season of the year.

These are a few important questions you should ask yourself before making any consumer decision:

- 1) Did I find this service or product in my neighborhood?
- 2) Does this company, network or business hire people who look like me?
- 3) Do I see positive images of myself reflected in the content this company or program promotes?
- 4) Does this company have a history of supporting causes that better my community?
- 5) Am I still willing to spend my limited time or hard earned dollars with this company if the answer to any of the above questions is no?

With that in mind, Nielsen's Holiday Spending Forecast expects this shopping season to be financially stronger than last year, with dollar sales up about two percent. Even though an increase in sales is predicted, 68 percent of shoppers who responded to the

survey still feel as though they're in a recession. Twenty percent of U.S. consumers say they have no cash to spare. Forty-eight percent report living comfortably or spending freely. Fifty-two percent of consumers are only buying on the basics.

Thirty percent of us across all income ranges say we'll spend between \$250 - \$500 on gifts this year. Twenty percent of consumers estimate they will spend between \$500 - \$1,000, with just six percent predicting that they'll drop more than \$1,000. How, where and on what are we expected to spend our money? Dollar stores are expected to enjoy a banner season, with 12 percent of consumers in households earning \$50,000 or less, reporting plans to shop in these channels, versus four percent of consumers in households earning \$100,000 and up. Twenty percent of those consumers in the \$100,000+ category say they will be shopping more online, compared to 15 percent of consumers in households earning less than \$50,000.

The 10 hottest holiday items for 2013 are as follows:

1. Gift cards
2. Tech products
3. Toys
4. Food
5. Apparel
6. Video games
7. Cookware
8. Sporting goods
9. Jewelry
10. Alcoholic beverages.

Nielsen has traditionally been on point with holiday spending projections, successfully pre-

dicting five out of five category trends last year. The information is gathered from consumer surveys of more than 22,000 households of all demographic groups across the country and an analysis of 92 product categories with over \$99 billion in sales. Lots of us enjoy making putting smiles on faces with a little "holiday cheer," so beer, liquor and wine sales are expected to contribute between \$60 million and \$70 to the bottom line this season. Snacks and candy are expected to bring in \$199 million and \$95 million in sales, respectively. Sales of holiday treats like cheese, jams and jellies are also expected to jump. We love our canine-American and feline-American family members; so, pet care is expected to grow by 5.3% and pet food 1.4%.

Now that we've talked about this year's holiday shopping trends, are you among the 22 percent of U.S. consumers who have already begun holiday shopping? Or, do you find yourself among the 60 percent who love the adrenalin rush of crowds and last minute deals – or, just master procrastinators?

African-Americans are frequent shoppers, savvy digital users, high volume owners of smartphones and users of social media and voracious consumers of media – in other words, powerful consumers. We cannot expect different results if our consumption patterns and habits don't change. It's just that simple; no matter what time of year it is.

So, happy holiday shopping, but remember, the final decision to be a Conscious Consumer is yours to make. As always, I encourage you to choose wisely. And, don't forget to chat with us on Twitter or Facebook so we can keep the conversation going.

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Forcing Poor People to Go Hungry

By Lee A. Daniels - NNPA Columnist



Just as the holiday season begins, when the thoughts and actions of some focus on compassion for others, we could be about to witness the government's forcing the poor to go hungry – the product of political horse-trading in Washington that has erased a critical portion of the already-meager subsidy the federal food stamp program provides the more than 47 million Americans who receive it.

And it's a virtual certainty more draconian cuts in the program will be made – cuts that increase the threat millions of men, women and children will in years to come endure not only hunger but also a host of health and health-related problems that the combination of hunger and poverty will produce or intensify.

This is the quagmire a nation with a huge surplus of food must find its way out of.

As usual when it comes to federal aid to poor and working-poor Americans, the issue isn't really the actual availability of funds for aid. The issue is politics – and the deepening show-down in the nation between compassion and callousness.

But it's also a matter of the House Republicans majority's refusal to recognize that the food stamp program is a bulwark against the social and economic catastrophe widespread hunger in America would produce.

On November 1, Congress allowed to expire without replacement a temporary boost in the food-stamp program budget provided by funds from the 2009 economic stimulus package. The expiration reduced the monthly allotment food stamp recipients get by \$11 for a one-person household to \$36 monthly for a family of four. The increase had been the government's response to the need of the program – its formal name is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP) – to cope with the sharp rise in the numbers of Americans needing aid to buy food. That increase was driven overwhelmingly by the Great Recession's erasing more than 8 million jobs from the nation's workplace. As joblessness grew, so did the numbers of people seeking food stamps.

As a result, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the program's budget ballooned from \$35 billion in 2007 to \$80 billion now as its enrollment swelled from 26 million to its current level of one out of every seven Americans.

Earlier this year, a majority of

Republicans in the GOP-dominated House of Representatives, chanting their mantra of fiscal responsibility, approved as part of the farm bill Congress is considering a provision that would cut \$40 billion from SNAP over 10 years. The SNAP provision in the Democratic-controlled Senate version of the bill differs significantly. It proposes a \$4 billion reduction.

The House proposal would deny benefits to 3.8 million people next year and an average of 3 million each succeeding year, according to the Center on Budget Policy and Priorities, a nonpartisan think tank, and usher in a situation of social catastrophe akin to that of some Third-World countries.

But the Senate version looks better only by comparison with its extreme counterpart. The harshness of the regime it would produce can be glimpsed by examining the affect the mandated November 1 cut is already having on food stamp recipients – people who by the program's very eligibility requirements have very low incomes and no financial resources to withstand even minor emergencies.

For example, the monthly reductions in allotments that took place this month loom larger given that eligibility for food stamps is limited to those at or below the poverty line: a gross income of \$15,030 for a two-person household, to \$23,050 for a family of four. The CBPP report calculated that the November 1 cut reduces the average amount recipients have to spend on each meal by 10 cents – from \$1.50 per meal to \$1.40 per meal. For a family of four the cut amounts to the loss of 21 or 22 meals a month.

Contrary to the conventional wisdom, most SNAP recipients work, but at low-wage jobs that after paying for their rent and such other necessities as transportation, leave them out of enough money to buy enough food to eat. In 2007, half of all food stamp users lived in the suburbs, according to an analysis of census data by the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. Now, it's 55 percent. More than 900,000 of those enrolled are veterans. The 21 million children in households that get food stamps constitute a quarter of all American children.

In other words, they're ordinary Americans who deserve our compassion and government aid because they have contributed, are contributing, or, regarding the children, have the potential to contribute to the larger society. In that regard, the ounce of prevention of funding the nation's food stamp program at a level that properly responds to the need is the far wiser course to follow.

Lee A. Daniels is a longtime journalist based in New York City. His latest book is Last Chance: The Political Threat to Black America.

Magic Forest

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operated by volunteers from Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry. All proceeds support the pantry's mission of feeding the hungry and needy throughout the year in Taylor and the surrounding communities of Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Southgate and Woodhaven.

To celebrate the Magic Forest's opening for the season, everyone is invited to welcome Santa to Heritage Park when he arrives by fire truck at noon on Saturday, November 30. New Taylor Mayor Rick Sollars will greet Santa and other guests and present Santa with a key to the Magic Forest.

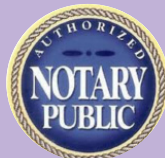
The Magic Forest will be open weekends through December 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays, 1 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 7 p.m. Sundays.

Admission to the Magic Forest is only \$3 per person – \$2 for children 10 and under. Photos with Santa will be provided by Rosecrans Picture Perfect Photography for only \$7.

Fish & Loaves, located at 25670 Northline Road, was founded in 2008 as a nonprofit organization and has assisted more than 4,000 households and more than 13,000 individuals, including children. Distributing about two million pounds of food annually, Fish & Loaves is a "client choice" food pantry, allowing families and individuals to "shop" six times per year in a setting organized like a grocery store. This allows for a sense of dignity, higher client satisfaction and less waste.

For more information about Fish & Loaves or Santa's Magic Forest, call (734) 442-0031 or visit www.downriverfishandloaves.org.

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Avoiding the Holiday Blues

Alphonso Gibbs, Jr., LCSW-C, LICSW - Men's Health Network

The six weeks encompassing Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's—collectively called "the holidays"—are for most a magically unique time of year.

But for many, the holidays bring hurt. Caused by factors including the weather, separation, death, stress, unrealistic expectations, hypersentimentality, guilt, or overspending, holiday depression—also called the "holiday blues"—can zap the merriment out of even the most wonderful time of the year.

Holiday depression affects one million people every year. Men and women, young and old, all fall victim to feelings of sadness, loneliness, anxiety, guilt, and fatigue during this emotionally charged season.

Men's Health Network offers the following 10 suggestions to help you identify and ward off—or at least better cope with—potential sources of holiday depression.

1. Acknowledge that you're hurting – Others may expect certain attitudes and behaviors from you that you may not feel. The retail industry's "holiday hype" presents an overly sentimental, nostalgic, and even imaginary notion of the holidays (usually to try to sell you something). Still, feelings of sadness, loneliness, or depression don't automatically vanish just because it's the holidays. Acknowledge your pain, be open and honest with others, refuse to feel guilty, and get help if necessary. It's ok to laugh! Don't be afraid! You won't be struck by a bolt of lightning for laughing!

2. Have a plan to deal with your feelings – Try to surround yourself with people who care about and support you—family, friends, or church members. Invest yourself in an exercise program (aerobic activities such as walking, running, cycling, etc., are recommended because of their mood-elevating ability). If necessary, see your doctor or therapist. And learn to say "no." Others' expectations are not a reason for your own mental health to suffer.

3. Set realistic expectations – Keep your expectations realistic rather than perfectionistic. Prioritize and reduce self-imposed holiday preparations. Delegate responsibilities. Realistically plan your budget, spending, and shopping. Do less and enjoy more. Obsessing over endless details is bound to change this long-awaited, once-a-year season from a time of exuberance to one of exhaustion. Make it a point to be honest with yourself, and if necessary and possible, limit the time and situations/people you want to be around. When you've had enough of either, make sure that you have a way to leave or step away.

4. Take time for yourself – Why is it called holiday depression? Because, for most people, these feelings don't occur at other times of the year. Remind yourself of what you enjoyed during the previous months, then continue them during the holidays. Make yourself a priority! Instead of a "Discount Double Check,"

give yourself an "Emotional Double Check". Give yourself permission to feel what you feel. Just don't stay there too long! Getting enough rest, eating and drinking in moderation, exercising, and continuing other favorite activities can maintain normalcy, routine, control, and predictability.

5. Consider that your depression may actually be caused by this time of year – Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, occurs because of reduced exposure to sunlight—which is just what happens during the holiday season when daylight hours are shorter. Check with your doctor to see if light therapy might be beneficial for you.

6. Help others – Soup kitchens, homeless shelters, nursing homes, churches, and scores of other organizations can always use volunteers, especially at critical times of the year. Additionally, you'll benefit from the company of other people around you rather than being alone.

And, help others help you! Tell those who care about you what you do or don't need from them. They often don't know how to help, or what to say, but want to.

7. Bury the hatchet – Perfect families don't magically appear during the holidays, but family conflicts can. "Letting go" and forgiving can help heal past wounds. Additionally, family feuds can even be deliberately set aside until after the high-tension holidays in order to facilitate the peace and enjoyment of everyone at this special time.

8. Start your own traditions – Both families and traditions change with time. (Every tradition had to start somewhere!) Rather than reminiscing over the "good old days," accept the fact that change may be necessary, grasp the season as it is now, look forward to the future, and create your own family traditions that can be enjoyed and even preserved for future generations.

9. Keep your alcohol intake low – Don't pour gasoline on a fire. Remember, alcohol has a depressive effect on your nervous system, so if you're experiencing the holiday blues, drinking too much alcohol will only worsen your depression.

10. Rededicate yourself to your spirituality – The "reason for the season" is often swallowed up by maddening materialism that can distract from the history, meaning, and significance of holiday celebrations. Step back, slow down, and refocus on transcendent, eternal matters. Rededicate yourself to spiritual pursuits, such as church attendance, church work, prayer life, and other disciplines. Regain the focus originally intended by this time of year.

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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org - 800-273-TALK (8255)

Thanks-living: Praise

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



In fact, it is during the difficult times when praise is most powerful. Anyone can praise God when they are happy. That does not take much effort. However, praising God during the difficult times can be a sacrifice. When you praise in the midst of trouble or in the face of your enemies who are in position to destroy you, it prompts God to move on your behalf.

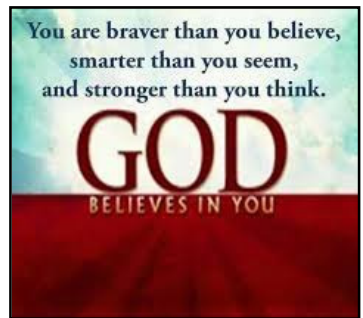
who had come against Judah; and they were defeated (v.22). Praise was their weapon. The battle was the Lord's (v.15). Who wouldn't praise a God like that?

There is absolutely no reason a rock should praise in your stead (Luke 19:40). If you are wondering whether God wants your praise, the answer is simple. If you are breathing, you should be praising (Psalm 150:6)! Start praising and giving thanks, then watch things happen in your life. I'm talking about 'for real' praise, not 'for show' praise! Cheerfully give your praise and thanksgiving. God loves that (2 Cor. 9:7). Have a grateful heart, always. Thank and praise the Lord and Happy Thanksgiving!

Some people think it's just a cliché to say, "When praises go up, blessings come down." It's more than a cliché. It's Word. It's basically a paraphrase of Psalm 67:5-7 which says, "Let the people praise You, O God; Let all the people praise You. Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us..." (NKJV) In 2 Chronicles 20, Jehoshaphat's army from Judah, went on the battlefield singing, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever" (v.21), and LORD set ambushes against those

Happy Thanksgiving! It's a great time to remember that we all need to practice 'Thanks-living' every single day. Thanks-living is living with an attitude of gratitude at all times. Even in troubled times, we need to have a thankful heart.

Giving thanks is the same as giving praise. The Bible says that His praise shall 'continually' be in our mouth (Psalm 34:1). Not sometimes. Not when things are going well. Praise at ALL times. That would include the difficult times too.




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She will always be respected for her outreach service to her family and community.

Loved ones left to cherish her memories: five daughters, Mrs. Barbara (Clarence) Scott, Mrs. Janette (Jimmy) Bradley, Mrs. Shirley Hayward, Mrs. Maebell McClary, and Mrs. Denise (Willie) McKnight; three children she raised as her own, Prince (Arthur) McGill, James Louis (Deloris) McGill, and Jacob Chandler; Two sisters; Two brothers; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Eva McClary; one brother-in-law, Mr. Leon Armstrong; Thirteen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren; a special friend, Mrs. Doretha McClary; along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



ETHEL J. PRIDE

Aug 9, 1932 – Nov 10, 2013

At the time of her passing, she was a member of Christ Temple Apostolic under the pastorship of Suffragon Bishop Luke A. McClendon, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband Willie L. Pride, a brother James T. (Helen) Jackson, Stepson Willie (Lisa) Carter, seven grandchildren, God daughter Tatianna (Deborah) Hunt. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and a loving Church family.

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**JOSEPH L.
CARSWELL, SR**

Nov 4, 1937 – Nov 10, 2013

He was known for his riddles, rhymes and special

sayings, like "It's hard to be skinny in the land of plenty."

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Frankie of 44 years; son Joseph "Tony" Jr.; daughter Frankie Yvette; extended daughter Julee Shepard and Goddaughter Yamhi Nundley; six grandchildren Shandreeka, Timesha "Lisa", Starkesha, Joseph III, Aiden, and Faith; eleven extended grandchildren; five siblings: eight brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and special friends.

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**ARDEN WILLIAM
LESTER**

Jan 6, 1944 – Nov 13, 2013

Upon graduating from Inkster High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served honorably as Military Police.

He leaves to mourn: on sister Wilbie Lester Cobb (Willie Cobb); two nieces: Karla Hopkins (Charles Hopkins) Nicole McGee (Jesse McGee) two great nieces; two great nephews' and a host of other family members and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



**CYNTHIA "VAY"
TRUVAE CURRY**

Mar 23, 1948 – Nov 16, 2013

She loved to cook, laugh, shop, playing cards, boardgames, giving gifts, and spending time with her family and friends.

She leaves to mourn her passing and celebrate her life her son Damus Vanover, daughter Ebony Curry, sister Aleata Cartwright, brother Damus Vanover, 8 grandchildren, a host of nieces, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

LOLA B. BENSON
July 14, 1941 – Nov 17, 2013

She enjoyed cooking, the holidays with her family and being a declared a Bible scholar by family and friends.

She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memory her son Michael Benson, daughter Felicia Benson, Sister Wanda Jordan, nephew Derrick (Wendy) Benson, cousins, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**BRO. REGINALD
REEVES**

Jan 9, 1947 – Nov 18, 2013

After Graduation he served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Once he returned home he served the public as a Detroit Police Officer until his retirement.

He leaves to mourn his passing and celebrate his life his wife Pearlina Reeves, daughters Candace (Anthony) Drebah, & Monya (Charlie) Cosby, two sons Kenneth (Lezlee) & James, nine grandchildren, one sister Vivian, one nephew Bryan Jones, one niece I-sha Reeves, Family, Masonic Family & Friends.

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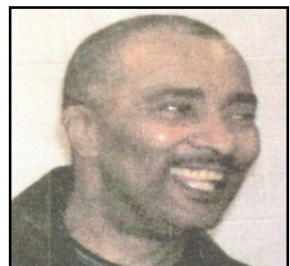
**MARK JAMES
WASHINGTON**

Mar 13, 1969 – Nov 19, 2013

He was a big NASCAR fan and took many trips to Brooklyn, MI to see them race, rooting for the FORD cars esp.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories his parents Jennifer and Walter Jeff Washington, brother Troy Washington, 2 nieces Ashley & Brittany Washington, nephew DeAndre Washington, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**RAY ANTHONY
DANTZLER**

Mar 24, 1958 – Nov 5, 2013

Ray was known in the Southwest Detroit Community as "Uncle Ray" to so many, and he had a heart of gold. He would help anyone who needed it.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory; Rose Dantzler, his loving mother; one sister, Kathy Dantzler; one brother, Demetrius Dantzler; Three nephews, three daughters, Alexis & Ashley Caldwell, and Tiffany Jackson; Four grandchildren; Two Aunts; and a host of other cousins, relatives, and close friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home.



KIMBLE MOORE

Oct 5, 1978 – Nov 2, 2013

Kimble attended Ecorse Public School, he was a Domestic Engineer with several hobbies.

Kimble leaves to cherish three sister Marilyn, Tracy, and Tieast, Two brothers: Tommie, and La'Sha, Eight nieces. Five nephews, 5 great nieces, 3 great nephews, four Aunts: Cassandra, Carolyn, Veda, and Leisa(Charles) Latimer. Three uncles Leroy, Melvin, and Gregory, and a host of family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home.



**ETHEL MAE
LONGEST**

Sept 12, 1920 – Nov 5, 2013

She was blessed to have a loving family and shared her life with nieces and nephews lifer her very own.

She is survived by her nieces Patricia Woods and Ila Foster, nephews William, Leonard Myrick and Eddie Holland, nephew-in-laws Hubert Foster and Bryant Woods, Cousins Marie Copeland, Eli Holland, Nellie McClain, and great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Lastly Ethel had a deep affection for her very special neighbors and community.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Stinson Funeral Home.

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Charter One offers 11 spending and savings tips for the busy holiday shopping season

Late Thanksgiving holiday may put some ahead, others behind in their budgeting and shopping



SOUTHFIELD – With Thanksgiving falling at the end of November and holiday decorations and sales already in stores, Charter One is offering shopping and spending tips to help consumers manage their finances and avoid overspending during the busy holiday shopping season. This year the National Retail Federation predicts consumers will spend more than \$602 billion – up 3.9 percent from last year – for holiday purchases such as gifts, cards, decorations and other items.

“Whether you are the kind of shopper who has already got-

ten an early start or someone who plans to wait until after Thanksgiving, the excitement of the holiday season can make it easy to break the family budget,” said Karen Minghine, Charter One Retail Director for Michigan and Illinois. “We encourage everyone to plan ahead and to adopt a disciplined approach to shopping that can prevent overspending and unplanned debt. And these measures will pay dividends all year long – not just during the holidays.”

To help consumers manage their money, prevent the accumulation of debt and make the most of their holiday

dollars, Charter One suggests the following 11 guidelines:

1. Build a budget – To manage your holiday spending, an important first step is to create a realistic budget that will help you to understand how much you can afford. Last year’s credit card statements and receipts may help you understand your spending habits and make it easier to avoid impulse purchases that can saddle you with holiday debt in the New Year.

2. Make a list – Create a list of all of the people you would like to acknowledge during the holidays and set a spending limit for each name. Check your list against your budget and make adjustments as needed. To stay within your budget, take this list with you as you shop.

3. Keep track as you spend – As you make purchases, keep a list of each gift and the amount you spend so that you can have a running total of all expenses. This will help you to quickly understand whether you are staying within your budget or need to make adjustments.

4. Use credit cards responsibly – You are more likely to

overspend when you carry all of your credit cards with you, so use one or two credit cards when shopping and leave the others at home. Use a credit card that offers rewards, keep track of what you charge and pay your credit card bill in full each month. If you make your purchases using a debit card, the amount will be deducted automatically from your checking account as you make purchases.

5. Use your debit card, instead of cash – This will prevent the need to carry large amounts of cash through the crowded shopping malls. Additionally, you’ll be able to easily view where you spent your money through online banking or your statements at a future time.

6. Keep information secure – Make a list of all your credit and debit card account numbers and phone numbers. Keep this list in a safe place in case your wallet is lost or stolen and you need to notify the bank or credit card company.

7. Shop safely – Before shopping online, make sure the website uses secure technology. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the web address begins with https. Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears on the page.

8. Comparison shop – Your money will go further if you use coupons, watch for sales, review advertised offers and compare prices at stores and online retailers. In addition to price, your comparison should include model, color, quality, return policy and other factors that could easily turn your bargain into a disappointment.

9. Make a donation to charity – Instead of trying to find the perfect gift, consider making a contribution in someone’s name to a local charity. Many charities gladly accept gift donations that they will use to bring warmth and good cheer to those in need during the holidays.

10. Involve your children – Treat the holiday shopping season as a teachable moment. When you share your experiences in budgeting, shopping and spending, you can help your children begin to learn the basics of money management and start them on the road to being financially healthy.

If your children receive gifts of cash and checks, depositing the funds into a passbook savings account is a great way to learn about the importance of saving and the fun of watching balances grow.

11. Start a 2014 holiday savings plan – Consider beginning an automatic savings plan for next year’s holiday shopping. Pay yourself first by automatically putting money aside in a savings account for the 2014 holiday season. Charter One’s GoalTrack SavingsSM can help you create a plan, track your progress, and get rewarded when you reach your goal.

These holiday shopping tips are offered as part of the bank’s Citizens Helping Citizens Teach Money Management program, which includes financial support for local nonprofits focused on financial education and also the bank’s effort to educate customers and communities directly through financial tips shared online, in branches and in social media. Earlier this year, the bank pledged a commitment of \$2 million in 2013 grants supporting financial education.

About Charter One
Charter One is a division of RBS Citizens, N.A., operating in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. It has 332 branches and 495 ATMs. It has 102 branches and 105 ATMs in Michigan. Charter One’s website is charterone.com.

RBS Citizens, N.A., is a subsidiary of RBS Citizens Financial Group, Inc., a \$120 billion commercial bank holding company. It is headquartered in Providence, R.I., and through its subsidiaries has approximately 1,400 branches, over 3,500 ATMs and more than 18,000 colleagues. It operates a branch network in 12 states and has non-branch retail and commercial offices in more than 30 states. Its two bank subsidiaries are RBS Citizens, N.A., and Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania. They operate a branch network under the Citizens Bank brand in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont; and the Charter One brand in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. RBSCFG is owned by RBS (the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc). RBSCFG’s website is citizensbank.com.

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Clark Atlanta University Receives \$206,500 Grant from Chevron for Scholarships and Programs



ATLANTA – Clark Atlanta University (CAU) and the Chevron Corporation recently announced at a campus scholars' luncheon a \$206,500 grant from Chevron to provide scholarships and support for enrichment programs for CAU business and engineering students. This is the second award for the same amount from Chevron, the first presented in November 2012.

Henry W. Taylor, vice president for Institutional Advancement and University Relations, said, "Our relationship with Chevron is significant on many fronts, and we are grateful for the opportunity to invite Chevron executives to campus to have a personal exchange with the students who are the benefactors of such good corporate citizenship." Taylor reminded the students that there are people who are making sacrifices for them to ensure a future filled with possibilities, and the importance of giving back when they are in a position to do so.

Joe Laymon, Chevron's vice president of Human Resources, Medical and Security, and a member of CAU's board of trustees, said, "If there is a degree offered here at Clark Atlanta University, more than likely Chevron will hire in that discipline. From engineering, supply chain management, marketing, security and much more, the skills that students are learning at CAU can successfully translate to the corporate arena." Laymon added, "You are a privileged group of individuals. You owe it to yourselves to give back. Do something to make a difference in someone else's life."

Selected CAU students participated in the luncheon and gave their reflections about their matriculation. KeAndra Goodman, a dual degree engineering student in the class of 2017, said that initially she had no plans to attend a historically black college or university, but after visiting CAU she realized "this is

where I could inherit my culture and make a difference." MBA student Keith Edmonds, class of 2014, said he chose Clark Atlanta for its geographic location, proximity to some of the largest corporations, and from the advice of his family. Edmonds serves as graduate president of the Student Government Association and was a championship team member in the recent National Black MBA/Chrysler Case Competition.

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Talk to Your Family About Diabetes and Healthy Vision

Set your sight on healthy vision if you have diabetes.



The subject of diabetes seems to be everywhere these days—in the news, on social media, even on talk shows. In fact, 26 million people have diabetes, and this number is increasing, putting more people at risk for health complications. If you or someone in your family has diabetes, you should talk to them about diabetic eye disease, one of the complications of diabetes.

Diabetic eye disease includes cataract, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy, which is the most common form of the disease. Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of blindness in adults 20–74 years of age. More than 800,000 African Americans have diabetic retinopathy, and this number will likely reach 1.2 million by 2030. While everyone who has diabetes can get diabetic eye disease, African

Americans are at higher risk of losing vision or going blind from it.

“The longer a person has diabetes, the greater is his or her risk of developing diabetic eye disease,” said Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., director of the National Eye Institute (NEI). “If you have diabetes, be sure to have a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Don’t wait until you notice an eye problem to have an exam, because vision that is lost cannot be restored.”

Unfortunately, diabetic eye disease often has no early warning signs. But the good news you can share with your family is that it can be detected early and treated before vision loss occurs.

“In fact, with early detection, timely treatment, and appropriate follow-up care, people

with diabetes can reduce their risk of severe vision loss by 95 percent,” adds Suber Huang, M.D., M.B.A., chair of the Diabetic Eye Disease Subcommittee for NEI’s National Eye Health Education Program.

Research has also shown that when people with diabetes have good control of their blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol, they can help delay getting diabetic eye disease, or slow its progress. In addition to having annual comprehensive dilated eye exams, people with diabetes should do the following to keep their health on TRACK:

- Take your medications.
- Reach and maintain a healthy weight.
- Add physical activity to your daily routine.
- Control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol.
- Kick the smoking habit.

Family matters. So if you or someone in your family has diabetes, set your sight on healthy vision. Schedule a comprehensive dilated eye exam today. For more information on diabetic eye disease and tips on finding an eye care professional and financial assistance for eye care, visit <http://www.nei.nih.gov/diabetes> or call the NEI at 301-496-5248.

Be Ready for Community Accountability



WHAT: River Rouge Community Transition Plan Meeting

WHO: Residents of River Rouge and surrounding communities

WHEN: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6 pm

WHERE: Telegram Building, 10748 West Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48219

WHY: The long term fate of the River Rouge community is closely tied to the fate of the DTE coal-fired power

plant. With recent trends in the coal industry, it is more important than ever that communities like River Rouge think proactively about their future in the event of a plant closure.

Join us on Tuesday, December 3 at the Telegram Building for a special community transition plan discussion to help inform local residents about what can be done to offset the impact of a possible plant closure in the future.

For more information, call 313 974-6547 or 313 603-9273.

Storm Cleanup

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horse,” she warned.

The Better Business Bureau says the first step for homeowners with storm damage should always be to contact their insurance companies and find out what steps their policies require. Consumers can research contractors and companies offering repair services on the Better Business Bureau’s website, BBB.org.

Duquesnel stresses that the details of any repair services should be made clear in writing, and that homeowners should pause to make sure they know

exactly what they are getting into.

“A lot of salespeople will like you to just scan it and sign,” she cautioned. “Take an evening, another day, to go through all the detail of that contract to make sure that you’re comfortable with that.”

The storm knocked out power to more than a half-million people across the state, and in some of the hardest-hit areas, utility companies say, it could be Friday or Saturday before all service is restored.

FROM THE TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES MAY 1984

Residents Receive Outstanding Ecorse Citizens Award



Seated in front row are recipients of Outstanding Ecorse Citizens Awards, J. C. Wall and Bety Klinge. Both stated that they were very pleased to receive such high recognition by the Human Relations Commission. And they said they would continue to serve the city to the best of their ability in their chosen fields. Wall is publisher of the

TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER and Betty Klinge is secretary to Mayor Ken Slifka. Back row left to right Danny Nevejar Human Relations Councilman Lee Silva, Councilman Fred Norris, Councilman Arnold Lackey, Human Relations Commissioner Booker T. Moon, Mayor Ken Slifka, Councilman Carl Rhoads,

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Caramel Apple Cake



Bake up a giant version of a classic sweet treat. Shaped like a country-fair caramel apple, this fun dessert recipe is sure to inspire oohing and ahing at any fall gathering.

What you'll need
 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 tsps cinnamon
 1 tsp ground cloves
 1/2 tsp allspice
 2 tsps baking soda
 1 tsp salt
 2 eggs
 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
 2 cups unsweetened applesauce
 1 cup vegetable oil
 2 tsps vanilla extract
 60 caramel candies
 3/4 cup walnuts, toasted and

finely chopped
 wax paper
 1 large craft stick
How to make it
 Heat the oven to 350 degrees.

Grease and flour two 1 1/2-quart oven-safe bowls.

Combine 3 1/3 cups all-purpose flour, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1/2 teaspoon allspice, 2 teaspoons baking soda and 1 teaspoon salt.

In a separate bowl, beat together 2 eggs, 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, 2 cups unsweetened applesauce, 1 cup vegetable oil and 2 teaspoons vanilla extract. Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and beat until well

mixed.

Pour the batter into the prepared bowls and bake for 60 to 70 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Allow the cakes to cool in the bowls for 10 minutes, then remove them from the bowls and set them inverted on wire racks to cool completely. Once the cakes have cooled, turn them over and use a long knife to even out their flat tops.

Topping: Place 60 caramel candies and 2 tablespoons of water in a medium bowl and microwave on high power for 1 minute. Stir, then heat 30 to 45 seconds more until the mixture is smooth and forms a slow, thick ribbon when dropped from a spoon.

Layer the cakes (flat sides together) using a few spoonfuls of the caramel to help hold them in place.

Pour the remaining sauce over the cake. The caramel will run down the sides of the cake to cover it completely, or you can spread it with a knife while it's still warm.

Let the caramel set for about 20 minutes before pressing the walnuts onto the bottom half of the cake.

Cover one half of the craft stick with waxed paper and insert the covered end into the top of the cake.

Crunchy Caramel Apple Pie



Prep Time 10 minutes
Cook Time 50 minutes
 Apples are big business in Monroe County, New York. Even so, Amy W., who moved to the area last year, hasn't found a pie to beat her crunchy caramel apple delight. Last year, Amy made five different pies--for four people. "They were all good," she says, "but this one was still the best."

What you'll need
 Pie
 Pastry for one 9-inch piecrust
 1/4 cup sugar
 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 5 1/2 cups peeled and thinly sliced apples

Crumb Topping
 1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup quick oats
 1/2 cup butter

Crunchy Caramel Topping
 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 1/3 cup butterscotch caramel ice-cream sauce (Amy recommends Mrs. Richardson's brand)

How to make it
 Heat oven to 375° F. Place the pastry in a 9-inch deep-dish pie pan and crimp the edges. In a large mixing bowl, combine the sugar, flour, cinnamon, and salt. Next, toss the apples with the sugar mixture and pour them into the prepared piecrust.

With a pastry blender, thoroughly combine the crumb topping ingredients. Sprinkle the topping over the apple mixture. Bake the pie for 20 to

30 minutes, then cover with foil and bake for another 20 minutes, until the apples are tender. Remove the pie from the oven and sprinkle on the pecans, then drizzle with the butterscotch caramel sauce. Cool on a wire rack and serve with ice cream.

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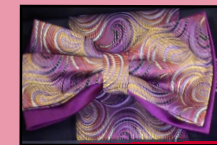
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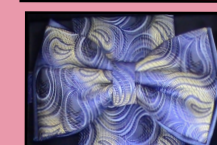
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William P. Faust Public Library
located at 6123 Central City
Parkway at 6:00 pm for
Cookies and Cocoa with
Santa. For information please
call 734-467-3200.

HOROSCOPES**NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4, 2013****ARIES**

A humanitarian cause may
get you out to a meeting with
others of like-mindedness this
week. You'll meet some inter-
esting people, and also get a
new view of how you are per-
ceived by others if you go.
Enjoy!

*Soul Affirmation: I spend the
week celebrating me.*

Lucky Numbers: 19, 27, 44

TAURUS

Everybody's in a full-moon
frenzy regarding relationship
issues. Listen to what others
are saying, and chart your
own course through this
week. If you are in a relation-
ship, remember what brought
you together with this person
in the first place, and be glad
for what you've had.

*Soul Affirmation: My smile is a
radiant light to those I
encounter*

Lucky Numbers: 8, 21, 29

GEMINI

Your intuition is trying to tell
you something. Be still for a
bit and let the message come.
You know when to exercise
caution, and when to let go
and revel in pleasure. There's
much pleasure in your life this
week.

*Soul Affirmation: I keep my
eyes open for business
opportunities this week.*

Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 28

CANCER

Put one of your new ideas into
action this week and see how
it feels as you work through
your routine. You are in com-
mand of how you think this
week, so use this beneficial
energy to accomplish some of
the things you've been want-
ing to do.

*Soul Affirmation: I paint my
world in colors of the rainbow.*

Lucky Numbers: 10, 19, 24

LEO

Every positive idea you have
is likely to be challenged this
week, so you may want to
keep your brilliance under
wraps until at least tomorrow.
Your ideas are sound and
good; don't take others' rude
behavior personally.

*Soul Affirmation: I let go and
let the spirit run my life this
week*

Lucky Numbers: 19, 30, 42

VIRGO

This week's the week to com-
municate those ideas. People
will seem to be much more
receptive and less grouchy.
Make sure that your ideas
have some practical actions
that can be taken, so that
people will know how to
respond to you.

*Soul Affirmation: I love many
people this week*

Lucky Numbers: 6, 12, 19

LIBRA

You are the messenger of
freedom this week, and if you
are not careful with your
words, you'll find that some
people don't want to be liber-
ated. Not to worry, just go
your merry way and enjoy
yourself. Others will learn
from what you are doing.

*Soul Affirmation: I let my
instincts light my way this
week.*

Lucky Numbers: 18, 20, 45

SCORPIO

Your creativity is pulling you in
a wonderful direction. Act on
your impulse to create beauty
in your life. Pay attention
when your nearest, dearest
friend is trying to tell you
something. Your impatience
to get to the next project could
cause you to miss a valuable
signal.

*Soul Affirmation: Charm is my
middle name this week.*

Lucky Numbers: 23, 27, 54

SAGITTARIUS

Keep a low profile at a family
get-together. Someone wants
to scuffle, but won't be able to
if you don't present yourself
as a target. Your checkbook
needs looking into; you'll feel
better if it's balanced.

*Soul Affirmation: I am patient
with all that comes my way
this week.*

Lucky Numbers: 32, 45, 51

CAPRICORN

Your home life is important to
you this week. Get the family
together to take care of some
fall clean-up chores and make
it a party that everyone will
remember with joy. Take the
lead on bringing happiness to
the occasion.

*Soul Affirmation: I seek con-
nection with the best that is in
me.*

Lucky Numbers: 23, 43, 46

AQUARIUS

Daydreaming will work won-
ders for your spirit this week.
Let your imagination fly freely
and follow up on ideas in a
leisurely way. You are able to
accomplish some very
rewarding and life-affirming
tasks.

*Soul Affirmation: I celebrate
those around me.*

Lucky Numbers: 9, 50, 52

PISCES

Congratulations on your posi-
tive attitude this week! While
others may be dragging, your
spirit is full of energy. Enjoy
the power-surge of good feel-
ings, and you'll be lifting oth-
ers' spirits just by being you.

*Soul Affirmation: The true
path is mapped out by my
impulses.*

Lucky Numbers: 14, 17, 19

SEMCOG data: Stay safe for the holidays by driving safe, sober, and buckled up



As the holidays approach, SEM-
COG, the Southeast Michigan
Council of Governments, urges
everyone to enjoy them, but
know the facts -- alcohol is a sig-
nificant factor in holiday deaths.

The night before Thanksgiving is
unofficially known as the "biggest
bar night of the year," followed by
New Year's Eve. Impaired driving
is the most frequently committed
violent crime, randomly killing
someone in the U.S. every 52
minutes. SEMCOG reminds holi-
day drivers that the majority of
holiday crashes occur on the
days leading up to major holi-
days.

Fact: Crashes involving drinking
tend to be more serious than
nondrinking crashes. In
Southeast Michigan, a fatality in
a crash is nine times more likely
when alcohol is involved.

Fact: In Southeast Michigan,
alcohol was involved in 26 per-
cent of all traffic deaths in 2012.
Alcohol was a factor in 92 fatali-
ties and over 2,300 injuries in
2012 (108 fatalities in 2011).

Fact: In Michigan, alcohol was
involved in 30 percent of all fatal
crashes in 2012. Alcohol-related
crashes resulted in 281 deaths.

"We, at SEMCOG, hope that

these facts heighten the aware-
ness of drivers to be extremely
cautious during the holiday sea-
son and all year," says Paul Tait,
SEMCOG Executive Director.
"Holidays are the special time to
celebrate with friends and family,
but we want everyone to do it
responsibly. Our message is
three-fold -- Drive safe, drive
sober, and drive buckled up."

Fatal Crashes by County, 2012

Fatal Holiday Traffic Crashes in
Southeast Michigan, 2010-2012

Source: Michigan State Police
Traffic Crash Database and
SEMCOG, 2013 *Data are
incomplete for 2012-13 New Year
Holiday. This count does not
include crashes that took place in
2013.

A safe transportation system
helps maximize the movement of
people and goods. SEMCOG
works with various safety part-
ners to improve traffic safety by
increasing education and
enforcement. With that in mind,
SEMCOG recommends these
safe driving tips:

- Buckle up every trip, every
time. Be sure to use child safety
seats correctly.

- Be alert and avoid distractions

- Don't drink and drive.

- Plan a safe way home before
festivities begin.

- Designate your sober driver
before the party starts.

- If you're impaired, call a taxi,
sober friend, or family member,
or use public transportation.

- If you see a drunk driver on the
road, contact local law enforce-
ment.

- If you know someone who is
about to drive while impaired,
take their keys and help them
make other arrangements to get
to their destination safely.

Individuals are encouraged to
visit the SEMCOG's
Transportation Safety [<http://www.sem cog.org/Safety.aspx>] Web page for more informa-
tion on traffic crash facts and
data.

The public is also encouraged to
visit the National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration or Mothers
Against Drunk Driving for holiday
safety tips and additional sober-
ing drunk driving facts. Celebrating its 27th year,
MADD's Tie One On For Safety
message calls for a commitment
to buckle up, because a seat belt
is the best defense against a
drunk driver. MADD believes the
tools are now at hand to eliminate
drunk driving from the United
States and has published a
progress report for the
Campaign to Eliminate Drunk
Driving.

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seven-county region's 4.7 million
people.

A Story of Thanksgiving

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



The return of Detroit Lions Nate Burleson was one of the bright moments for the team this Sunday past.

Photo taken by Zottman

Matthew Stafford threw four interceptions the last of which slipped in and out of Calvin Johnson's grasp near the Tampa Bay 5-yard line and the Lions lost to the Buccaneers 24-21 this past Sunday. Detroit turned over the ball five times and failed to take advantage of a Tampa Bay defense that lost star cornerback Darrelle Revis to a groin injury in the middle of the game. Now there was a feel good story that I myself witness and also many who were in attendants at the Lions game this past Sunday that brought great joy to the beginning of this Thanksgiving week's celebration.

Josh Munsee an active serviceman was scheduled to come home in February 2014 however knew he'd be leaving early. On the other hand, his wife didn't know this, and so a surprise was in order. Josh visited the Lions website, clicked on the 'Contact Us' link, and wrote an email to the Lions organization in which they wrote a reply that was received to Josh two days later. Lions Vice President of Marketing Jennifer Cadicamo said, "We got to make this happen," So through Skype and emails, Cadicamo coordinated Munsee's visit to Detroit. The Grand Rapids native was completing his third term overseas, away for four months from his wife and three young children.

"I'm expecting my wife to cry," Josh said of the well-orchestrated plan. At the end of the first quarter this past Sunday, Munsee's wife and kids were escorted onto the field to be recognized.

In front of 60,000 fans, the Lions jumbotron unveiled a surprise video from Josh. The crowd and myself got to our feet, and gave the family a standing ovation. Then the real surprise began. Matthew Stafford appeared on screen, thanking Munsee for his service. Stafford reached for his Lions helmet, and then hesitated. Looking back at the camera, he announced to the Ford Field crowd, "Welcome home, Captain Munsee."

With that, Munsee sprinted out of the side tunnel of Ford Field running toward his Family surprising everybody in the stadium, immediately leaving his wife, children and many fans in tears. Munsee says he expects to be home for at least a year, after a tour in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. The 29-year old will travel and join the rest of his family in North Carolina for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Yes, our Detroit Lions football team suffer defeat in a game that was full of mistakes, however, like Captain Munsee we all learn a life lesson, never be afraid to ask for help as in the case of

Captain Munsee it not only brought Joy to his Wife and Children, nevertheless, Joy to us all.

Speaking of Joy, the home Lions can give everyone some holiday cheer as they host the Packers this Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Ford Field in the 74th-Annual Thanksgiving Day Classic. Since its inception in 1934, the Lions have played 24 different teams on Thanksgiving Day and carry a 33-38-2 record in the annual holiday classic. The game marks the 21st meeting between the Lions and Packers on Thanksgiving Day, and the sixth time since 2001. Detroit has played Green Bay more than any other opponent in the Thanksgiving Day series and holds an 11-8-1 (.579) advantage. Lions Head Coach Jim Schwartz spoke to us the media this past Monday and said on dealing with the last two losses: Schwartz said, "That's part of this business is dealing with losses and things like that. They were two bitter defeats and they were two missed opportunities that we had. I think we all need to remind ourselves, like we did yesterday; the fact is that there is five games remaining and we are in first place. We need to conduct ourselves accordingly and we can't worry about what happened last week and we can't worry about what happened yesterday. We need to worry about what is going to happen in the future. I like our team's mindset that way."

Coach Schwartz also commented on recapturing the mentality of a first place team: "Well, we made some mistakes over the last couple of weeks. You look across the League; I think there are a lot of teams that are no different. I didn't see very much of the game last night, but when I saw a score, I thought the game was over. Obviously it wasn't. I'm sure Denver is talking about missed opportunities. Chicago is probably talking about a missed opportunity against the Rams. Green Bay is probably not feeling good about having a tie. Again, we know ourselves real well. We haven't played our best the last couple of weeks; as a result we have had a couple of losses. The fact remains we have a five game season ahead of us. If we dwell too much on the past, then we're not going to be ready for these last five games." "Have A Happy Thanksgiving Everybody."

2013 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game

Friday, SDec 6th, at 8pm ET (ESPN2) from Ford Field in Detroit



The 2013 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will feature the West Division Champion Northern Illinois Huskies against the East Division Champion on Friday, Dec. 6 at 8:00 pm ET in front of a national television audience on ESPN2 from Detroit's Ford Field. This contest will mark the 17th annual championship game for the MAC and will mark the tenth neutral site game at Ford Field in downtown Detroit, Mich.

MAC Divisional Races: Northern Illinois (11-0, 7-0 in the MAC) clinched the West Division on No. 20th with a 35-17 win at Toledo. The Huskies are currently ranked No. 16 in the BCS Standings and are one of six teams that remain unbeaten. Northern Illinois will conclude the regular season on Tuesday, Nov. 26th vs. Western Michigan at 7 pm ET on ESPN2. The

Huskies will be making their fourth consecutive trip to Detroit as West Division Champions. Last season, Northern Illinois claimed their second consecutive MAC football championship with a 44-37 2OT win over Kent State.

In the East Division, Buffalo (8-3, 6-1 in the MAC) and Bowling Green (7-3, 5-1 in the MAC) are in contention for the East Division title. Buffalo defeated Miami, 44-7, on Nov. 19 to improve to 6-1 in Conference play and Bowling Green will travel to Eastern Michigan on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1:00 pm ET on ESPN3. The East Division title will be determined on Friday, Nov. 29 when Bowling Green travels to Buffalo at Ralph Wilson Stadium, home of the NFL's Bills, at 1:30 pm ET on ESPNU. The winner of this game will win the East Division title.

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CRIME ALERTS

**POLICE BLOTTER
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**River Rouge Police
Department
313-842-8700**

November 17th, 2013

At 1615hrs, officers were dispatched to the area of Coolidge & Division a male wearing a t-shirt and ball cap brandishing a firearm. Officers observed the male later identified the 31 year old male walking east bound on Coolidge wearing a black t-shirt and red ball cap. He was observed grasping at the concealed object in his right waist band. Officers exit the vehicle and approached the male and ordered him to the ground at gun point. He was placed in hand cuffs and officers recovered loaded silver 1911 ACP Ruger from the right side of his waist band. He was placed under arrest for CCW and transported to the police station. The male became very uncooperative with officers and refused to answer medical questions asked by the officer. He made threats towards the officers stating he would have all of them and their mothers killed in a river of lava and fire.

November 19th, 2013

At 1202hrs, several officers were in the cell block of the RRPD. Officer were advised that the 31 male prisoner would be video arraigned on the charge of CCW. Officer were further notified that he had a felony warrant out of the State of Georgia and is considered armed and dangerous with violent tendencies. This male also had a history of assault and officers were told to standby while he was being arraigned. On arrival to the cell the male was standing next to the door. He was ordered to back up, and step back several times, but refused. An officer opened the cell door, while another officer attempted to calm the male down. The male suddenly struck the officer on the left

side of his face, under the eye with a closed hand fist, and began to resist. Officer attempted to take the male to the ground and he began fighting them. He was ordered to comply or he would be Tased and he refused. Officer Tased the male which had no effect. He was Tased a second time, with no effect. Officers managed to bring the male down to the floor, but he continued to resist and fight with officers. The male was placed in leg shackles and a belly chain, cuffing his hands to his wrist. Officers sustained several injuries during the incident. The prongs and spent cartridges from the Tasers were collected, tagged and placed into evidence. The male was finally arraigned and immediately transported to and turned over to Wayne County Jail.

November 20th, 2013

At 0009hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Maple Street to investigate a Domestic complaint. Upon arrival officers went upstairs and located the 17 year old male son in his bedroom. He had assaulted his 39 year old mother earlier. The incident began when the two got into a verbal argument and the son threw a glass of pop at his mother. The glass hit the left side of her face and then hit the wall. When officers were called to the scene and when they arrived the son jumped out of the bedroom window and ran. Later on that night the police were called to the location again. When officers arrived and met with the son, he was placed under arrest. The mother came into the room and began cursing and swearing at the son telling him to leave. She was told to stop her behavior by officers and she replied that this was her house and she could do what she pleased. She continued her rant until officer placed her under arrest for Hindering. The son was charged with Domestic Violence.

Brother Rice rips King, 43-20

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer

There have been a lot of rematches this year in the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoffs. Some of those went as expected, but some truly didn't.

Just as they did two years ago, Birmingham Brother Rice and Detroit Martin Luther King met in a Division 2 semifinal, with King rallying before taking a narrow loss.

"I keep thinking about two years ago when we had a four-touchdown lead and they fought back and we ended up winning by one point," Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa said. This time, in Fracassa's final year, the Warriors would leave no doubt, jumping out of the gate and riding a 26-0 halftime lead to a 43-20 victory on Saturday afternoon at Wayne State University's Tom Adams Field.

The Warriors rushed out to a 19-0 first quarter lead on the legs of Brian Walker, who scored on runs of 7, 27, and 2 yards. Brother Rice (13-0) got him good field position by

snuffing King drives with timely sacks and three-and-outs. Walker added a 37-yard, tackle-breaking touchdown rumble midway through the second quarter. Jason Alessi hit the extra point to bring the halftime score to 26-0.

King (11-1), however, came out firing in the second half, forcing a fumble on the opening kickoff to set up an 11-yard touchdown scamper from Raymond Mitchell. Mitchell also ran in the two-point conversion to cut the Warrior lead to 26-8. Alessi ended a King drive with an interception, and then what followed possibly could have been the most exciting minute in football.

Alessi's interception set up a 74-yard Warrior march that ended with Alex Malzone hitting Corey Lacanaria on a 12-

yard touchdown. Alessi tacked on the extra point to make the score 33-8 just before the end of the third quarter.

The Crusaders answered right back when a big play set up a James Speight-to-Jalen Embry 11-yard touchdown connection, making the score 33-14.

But a few plays later, Malzone hooked up with Lacanaria again, this time from 55 yards out, and then Alessi would tuck on a 27-yard field goal to push the score to 43-14.

Speight would connect with Embry again for a 13-yard touchdown strike just before time ran out, but the damage was done.

Brother Rice will go on to face Muskegon—another rematch from two years ago—in the Division 2 championship game on Friday at Ford Field.

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Bengals

from page 1A

At the Nov. 18 Inkster city council meeting, the Bengals freshman (10 and under) and junior varsity squads (12 and under) were honored by the city with their trophies for winning their state conference championships and advancing to the United Youth Football League National Championship Tournament to take place Dec. 8-13 in Plant City, Fla.

"Our job is to pick up where they left off," said Tyrone Stewart, coach of the 10U team, referring to the Vikings. "We just want to keep the tradition of champions going in this city."

Of course, it has been said that the road to a championship is paved through hard work, and that is something that the Bengals do plenty of. "The road starts in the summer, with a lot of hard work and conditioning," said William Morris, head coach of the Bengals 12U team. "It all starts with the parents bringing the kids out and working with them on and off the field, making sure that they are all right both on and off the field." The off the field prospect is important. Stewart said that participants should have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

The JV team went 6-1 game, with their only loss coming against the Naperville (Ill.) Patriots. However, Morris said that over the past three years, the Bengals 12U team has not lost a game against a Michigan team. The 10U team went 6-1, but secured their championship by avenging their single loss of the season at the hands of the

Big City (Taylor) Vikings. Morris said that he is licking his chops for a rematch in Florida.

"We most definitely will get a rematch against Naperville," he said. "It's going down."

Stewart and his kids, by contrast, did beat Naperville, and are looking forward to a rematch as well.

But even through their winning records, neither coach has lost sight of what they mean to the city they represent.

"I think the best thing about

our organization, is that through these trying times, we are able to shine a positive light on the city," Morris said. "I do think that with all of the adversity going on, our organization provides some bright light on the city. We do it for the city."

For further information, visit the Bengals' Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Inkster-Bengals-Youth-Sports-Organization.

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CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the November 18, Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:

Agenda as presented.
Approval of Consent agenda.
Approval of Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment.
Approval Personnel ID Card Machine for the Police Department.
Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for Teamsters 214 and Command Officers Association of Michigan.
Approval of city-wide Sexual Harassment Training.
Approval of 2014 calendar meeting dates for Inkster City Council.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF INKSTER
DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW**

A special meeting of the Board of Review of the City of Inkster will be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 26215 Trowbridge on December 10, 2013, 10:00 am – 11:30 am. The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, hear appeals for poverty or hardship exemptions for the current year, and to hear appeals for the Homeowner's Principal Residence exemption for the current year and the prior three years.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

PUBLISH: Week of November 25th And December 2nd

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LISA K. GIVENS
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Attention River Rouge Taxpayers

Please take notice that the River Rouge Board of Reviews will be meeting in the Assessor's office, Room 205, at 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218. Date and times the board will be meeting.

December 10th, 2013 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

This meeting is for the purpose of correcting errors and hardship applications only. Further, State law requires that all applicants for poverty reductions must supply the following information to the board before the board can grant a hardship reduction.

Complete poverty (hardship) application (available in the Treasurer's Office. Hardship applicants must meet the income guidelines.

The Board requires that all persons applying for a hardship reduction must have completed there application and returned to the Treasurer's office by December 6th, 2013. Hardship reductions cannot be granted by telephone.

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Four (4) people	\$22,050
Five (5) people	\$25,790
Six (6) people	\$29,530
Seven (7) people	\$33,270
Eight (8) people	\$37,010
Nine (9) people	\$42,000

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I Just Want to Say THANK YOU



"I have so much to thank God for, so many blessings and so many open doors. A brand new mercy with each new day! That's why I praise Him and for this I give Him praise". I am thankful to God for his love, mercy and grace. God has enabled me to forgive those who have hurt me. God is teaching me what love is all about. I am thankful for precious family and friends who truly listen and are sensitive to the will of God.

I am thankful for God being a God of adaptation. God is blessing me to adapt to life without precious loved ones. I am thankful for my mother, Carol Winston-McElhannon who was my best friend. I am thankful for my grandmother, Clara Corley-Winston-Mootry who was my other mother. I am thankful for my son William Elohim Sebastian Thomas, who taught me patience. I am thankful for my son Emire Aaron Samuel Thomas, who taught me how to have an open mind. (Both sons are resting in Jesus.) I am thankful for my husband of 39 years: Bryant Thomas. I am thankful for my surviving children and their spouses: Bryant Royal (Veronica), Anyesa Sherri (Damon) and Elon Armond Sovente' (Teresa). I am thankful for all of my precious granddaughters. I am thankful for my Pastors: Bishop Clarence Haddon and Prophetess Joyce Haddon. "For every mountain, God brought me over, for every trial God has seen me through, for every blessing - Hallelujah, For this I give God Praise!!!!!"

Sherita L. McElhannon-Thomas

I am thankful for..well...everything. My health, family, friends, girlfriend, career, abilities, I am thankful for it all.

Christian Armand Young

Thankful for my family and my extended family in the City of River Rouge.

Karl Laub

I am thankful for what's probably often taken for granted....a family. My family keeps me sane, pushes me but yet keep me grounded. There are so many people that are without family and it's perhaps felt the most during this time of year!

A family gives you a sense of belonging so you don't have to feel insecure looking to fill a void from some other source. The family is the tree and there are several branches on mine! That's what I'm thankful for. To God be glory for the institution of Family.

Rev. LT Willis

I am thankful for God's mercy and grace, my health and right frame of mind, a wonderful wife and kids, great siblings, the best friends possible, a house and a home, a caring supportive community, and a positive outlook on the future.

Remember, accomplishments are the result of someone finding a way, not an excuse!

Tyrone Carter

This Thanksgiving, I'm most grateful for my health. After having major surgery less than a year ago, I was unsure if I would fully recover. Today, I am almost back to my old self and I'm happy to say that I can once again enjoy life to the fullest.

Ayana King... abiding in joy

I want to say I have so much to be thankful for, I am thankful for life seeing another year, I am so thankful for my family and friends, my health and strength, Through all my trials and tribulation I

am still standing to do God's will. So I am so thankful to live life to the fullest.

CASONDRIA D WALKER

I'm thankful for doing business with Gina. I'm thankful for the people to come to my dance class at the Telegram. Thanks for everyday the Lord opens my eyes. I'm thankful for doing better everyday. I'm thankful to be able to walk again. I'm also thankful that I will get to see this in your newspaper.

Mr. Ballroom Jack.

I have a lot to be thankful for. I'm especially thankful for the power of prayer and healing. The bible says that "The prayers of the righteous availeth much." This power healed my aunt from cancer. She had cancer in the fourth stage all over her body at a count of 499 in June of this year. A doctor told her he could keep her pain to a minimum and gave her 2-3 months to live. After prayer and chemotherapy treatments her count is now at 12. When she reaches 4 she will be in remission, completely cured. I am also thankful for being able to give. The bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive. Our church gave out over 26 Thanksgiving baskets to needy families this year. I am thankful for that opportunity to serve the community, being able to be on the giving end and not the receiving.

Daisy Truss

I am thankful for God's many blessings, family and friends near and far. I am thankful for being able to say I am thankful.

Angela Ballard

I am thankful to be in college at Eastern Michigan University. I am also thankful that my mom is doing better and the support of family and friends.

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The TELEGRAM Newspaper Staff is Thankful for you. We are Thankful for our readers, advertisers, supports, and also our non-supporters. Without any of you there would be no us and no Telegram Newspaper. We hope that you enjoy your Thanksgiving.

We often times forget to say what we are thankful for. Pass the hat at your Thanksgiving dinner and see what your family & friends are thankful for.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I'm thankful everyday I live. ♡

For the warmth and kindness that you give.

♡ Thankful that in God's design, He planned it so your path crossed mine.

Lincoln Park 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



The City of Lincoln Park's second annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by the DDA will be held on November 30, 2013 at 5.30PM at the Southfield Road median across from City Hall. An Open House hosted by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the LP Historical Society will follow

the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Historical Museum, 1335 Southfield Road. All are welcome to attend and enjoy free refreshments, music and caroling from 5.30PM-9.00 PM.

Afterwards take a walk downtown and enjoy the Christmas decorations on Fort Street sponsored by the DDA.

Westland Mayor joins UAW to give out turkeys in a neighborhood with a high unemployment rate



Westland, MI - On Tuesday November 26, Westland Mayor Bill Wild will team up with UAW Vice President Jimmy Settles and Councilman Bill Johnson to give out 200 Turkeys to families in need at the Dorsey Center in Westland from 12 to 1 p.m

"The UAW applauds the City's efforts to revitalize the neighborhood hardest hit by the recent recession and are glad to give back to families that are in the greatest need this holiday season, stated President Settles"

Built 60 years ago for workers in the willow run bomber plant, Norwayne just received historical status from the state.

"We are grateful for Mr. Settles' generosity this Thanksgiving as he comes to Westland in a charitable spirit to help a neighborhood in most need," said Mayor Wild. "Norwayne is Westland's oldest neighborhood and has the city's highest unemployment rate.

For more information, contact Aubrey Berman, Administrative Secretary, at (734)467-3200

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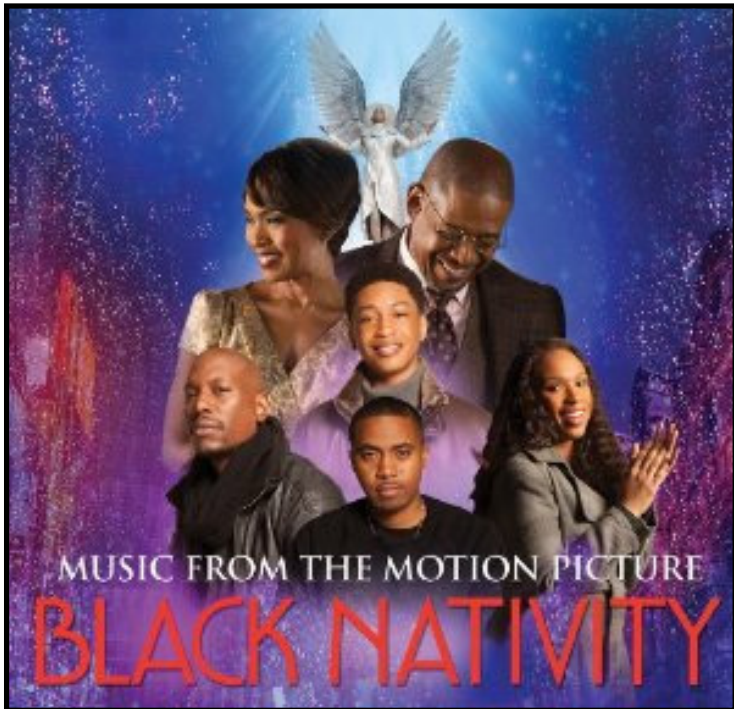
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Black Nativity

Jennifer Hudson Steals Show in Screen Adaptation of Langston Hughes Musical

Film Review by Kam Williams - Contributing Writer



Naima (Jennifer Hudson) is a single-mom struggling to pay the rent on the apartment she shares with son Langston (Jacob Latimore), 15, who's the same age she was when she had him. Back then, she was as headstrong as he is now, which explains why she ran away from a good home in Harlem to raise him alone in Baltimore.

Today, upon receiving an eviction notice, cash-strapped Naima reluctantly sends the rebellious adolescent in need of a father figure to New York to live with her parents, Aretha (Angela Bassett)

and Reverend Cornell Cobbs (Forest Whitaker), prominent members of the black community. But Langston lands in trouble even before they have a chance to pick him up at the bus station, so they end-up having to bail him out of jail.

Is it too late for anyone to make a difference in the rebellious juvenile delinquent's life? Can the Cobbs mend the fractured relationship with their long-estranged daughter? Will Langston belatedly bond with the absentee father he's never known?

These are the pivotal questions raised in Black Nativity, a modern morality play based on the Langston Hughes musical of the same name. Adapted and directed by Kasi Lemmons (Eve's Bayou), the film features an engaging soundtrack sprinkled with evocative onscreen performances by cast members including Mary J. Blige, Nas and Tyrese, though all pale in comparison to those by Jennifer Hudson.

Fair warning to theatergoers ordinarily operating on CPT. Don't take the risk of arriving too late to catch the incomparable diva's unforgettable opener, "Test of Faith," a showstopper every bit as memorable as her heartfelt rendition of "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" as Effie in Dreamgirls.

A timeless parable as memorable for its uplifting spirituals as for its moving message about the importance of faith and family.

Excellent (4 stars)

Rated PG for menacing, mature themes and mild epithets

Running time: 93 minutes

Distributor: Fox Searchlight
To see a trailer for Black Nativity, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfhuplQ1JnE>

ASK AYANA

Long Hair Limits Success



Dear Ayana,

I'd like your opinion on a subject that my grandson refuses to address. My grandson is a very intelligent and respectful young man. He graduated from a prestigious university at the top of his class and has a promising future ahead of him. The problem is that he has been unable to land a job. He's been on multiple interviews and even had some inside connections from internship opportunities, but he hasn't been able to secure a position. I believe that his appearance may be the determining factor. He hates to hear it, but I've tried to explain to him that no matter how "progressive" corporate America seems to be, there is a certain look that won't make the cut. I give him my opinion not as an outsider, but as a man who worked in corporate American most of my adult life. My grandson has long hair that he keeps braided in plaits. He's been growing his hair such a long time that I can't remember when he hasn't had them. I know that cutting his hair isn't something that he wants to do, but I think it's necessary. He is in total opposition and says that he's certain that his hair has nothing to do with how potential employers view him. I know that he reads your column regularly so I'll drop the whole subject if you serve as judge over our dispute. What say you?

Big Pa

Dear Big Pa,

As someone who knows the time and energy it takes to grow long, healthy hair, I understand why your grandson is resistant at the thought of cutting it off. I agree with you though, it's time to do it. Unfortunately, corporate America seems to have a certain image that they prefer and I don't believe that Hip Hop culture and fashion, which includes plaited braids, is among the list of highly favorable looks. Instead of your grandson viewing this transition as a negative thing, he should change his perspective. He is preparing to enter corporate America and he wants a new image, separate from the one he's had all of his life. This doesn't mean that the inner most parts of himself need a makeover-it's all the stuff of the inner man that really count. Men and women of all ages and skin colors should understand how they are perceived when they wear certain clothes, hair styles and tattoo and pierce their bodies in areas where the general population can see them. How many doctors or engineers do you know with neck tattoos? None, I'm sure, and there is a reason for that. Although I agree that turning away potential employees because of the way they choose to express themselves through body art or fashion may be unfair, I also agree that when seeking employment, you should always "look the part". Is this discriminatory? Probably. This is exactly why young people should graduate high school and go on to graduate college where they can learn to BE employers and MAKE jobs, instead of look for them. That's the only real way to create change-by creating change. I hope this ends the dispute. Now, to find a barber...

Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose Out Indefinitely Due to 'Meniscus Tear'



The Bulls announced on Saturday that subsequent examinations and an MRI confirmed a medial meniscus tear to Derrick Rose's right knee, which will require surgery. He is out indefinitely, and will not accompany the team on the rest of its current road trip reports the Chicago Tribune.

Though some athletes have returned after a four to five week absence from this injury, given Rose's torn ACL on his other knee, this will most likely not be the case for him.

Rose suffered the injury cutting on a non-contact play Friday night in Portland, Ore., and left

the arena on crutches. Privately, team officials and teammates feared the worst-case scenario given that Rose is just 19 months removed from tearing his left ACL and missing all of last season. According to The Chicago Tribune...

After Rose sat out all last season to rehabilitate his left knee, the 2013-14 Bulls were kept intact for one, final championship run. The reshaping of the roster, widely assumed to transpire next summer, likely won't be accelerated given Rose's scheduled return this season.

"It's a huge loss," guard Kirk Hinrich said. "Everything we do is built around him. Losing one of

the best players in the league obviously changes the landscape of things. I just feel bad for him personally."

The news reverberated throughout the sports world, a testament to the brotherhood of athletes and Rose's popularity as a humble, hard-working superstar. Athletes from a wide variety of sports offered well-wishes for Rose's recovery.

"I know how much work he has put into his rehab and the type of person and player he is," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "So I feel for him because of all the things that he does and what they mean to our team."

The Bulls played most of the shortened lockout season in 2011-12 without Rose as he battled through a variety of injuries. Then came the opening game of the 2012 playoffs against the 76ers on April 28, when Rose jump-stopped on the United Center floor and crumpled out of sight for a full season.

Now, the Bulls face another road without their most dynamic star, but not one as long as originally feared.

"Guys have just got to pick it up," Luol Deng said. "Obviously, it'll be a setback not having him. But we've been there before. We've just got to play together."

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Awards Ceremony Honors Community Members

Inkster Family Literacy Movement Celebrates First Year and Recognizes the Community

Special to the Telegram Newspaper by Tanya Upthegrove



Davashia Mundy-Jiminez & Family

On November 12th, the Inkster Family Literacy Movement (IFLM) wrapped up its first year of programming, by hosting the Community Impact Awards event to honor families, community organizations, businesses, and volunteers that became actively engaged in family literacy programming throughout the community. Nearly 100 guests attended the event held at the Inkster Valley Golf Course, where information was also shared regarding the the successes and lessons learned during year one, and Inkster Family Literacy Movement's newest initiative to help put 5000 books into the hands of Inkster children and families.

The Inkster Family Literacy

Movement is a place-based, social change strategy designed to enhance the literacy skills of the entire community, starting with its youngest and most vulnerable population – its children. IFLM is led by a coalition of community partners – Josie Odum Morris Literacy Project, Westwood Community Schools, Inkster Task Force, Inkster Public Library, & Starfish Family Services – working toward a common vision: to ensure Inkster is a place where all families thrive and have access to the supports, services, and opportunities children need for literacy and school success. This project is primarily funded by the United Way for SE Michigan's Social Innovation Fund grant.

The following awardees were recognized at the event: Business - Gracie Sees Pastaria; Organizations - Seeds To Feed, National Christians In Action, Inkster Parks & Recreation, Project We Hope Volunteer Group - Sisters Who Are Powerful; Volunteers - Cheryl Claiborne, Lauryn Williams, Carolyn Smith; Families - Davashia Mindy-Jiminez, Calvetta Jackson, Latia Reed, Betty Thomas, Christina Foster, Tashena Roby, Shaquanda Tubbs, Stephanie Bradshaw, Sierra Jones, Gennifer Williams, Denise Vinson and Tracey Outlaw

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