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Fantasyland is located at the Bandshell at 3240 Ferris in Lincoln Park.

For more information visit their facebook page at Fantasyland.

Downriver man killed in explosion at US Steel

ECORSE - United States Steel Corp. says an explosion at a plant in Ecorse has killed one worker, and operations have halted while an investigation begins.

Company spokeswoman Courtney Boone said Sunday that the accident happened overnight at U.S. Steel Great Lakes Works in Ecorse. Boone says there was an explosion at the plant's steel shop, which killed a remote control locomotive operator. She identifies him as 32-year-

old Antonino Palazzolo and says he was with the company about two years.

She says two other workers sustained minor injuries.

Boone says the company has interrupted steelmaking operations at the plant and says there's no continuing danger at the site. She says U.S. Steel, the United Steelworkers union and regulatory agencies are investigating.

HOW WILL YOU SPEND YOUR HOLIDAY?
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Clinton and Gwen Cooper, owners of Coop's Casual Wear in River Rouge, celebrated their 21st Wedding Anniversary on December 11th. Happy Anniversary!!

CALL TO ACTION

Thanking God for you

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



I thank God for another year, another day and another opportunity to touch someone's life. That's what we at the Telegram strive to do with each issue that hits the newsstand or website. Our goal is to educate, enlighten and empower the community through information. We know that there are so many options that people can use to get their news, but we feel we do a good job and we are grateful that you read the Telegram. We pray that the information that we share will help our readers live a better life.

We are so grateful that you have consistently supported the Telegram by reading it every week. A special thank you to those who have a subscription to have the Telegram and have it delivered to your home or business each week. In 2010, we brought back the 'Paper Boy', well in our case it is the 'Paper Man'. Each week these special young men brave the cold, heat and rain to make sure the subscribers receive their newspaper. Thank you to our special 'Paper Men'.

We also appreciate our advertisers that play a key role in us bringing the news to you. We couldn't do it without them. As I continue on my efforts to shop locally, I have stopped in and visited many of the advertisers in the Telegram. I want you to know that your small business is helping to keep our communities alive. If you haven't stopped in to have some service provided to you by a local business, I encourage you to stop by one of the businesses and shop. Whether you shop or just say hello, thank them for choosing your city to have their business in.

I know that many of you have your personal reasons for reading the Telegram. Some read it for the stories, the pictures, the local news or for the national news. But I know that some of you read the Telegram for the columnist. I appreciate the columnist for their untiring efforts each week. It's their efforts that help to bring the news and their opinions to you and the community.

I would like to take a minute to thank my family for their unconditional love and support as we take on this monumental task of being the media resource for Wayne County. I couldn't do it with their help.

I look forward to another year of providing you with empowering information to help you improve yourself and our community. See you next week and Merry Christmas.

NEWS FROM LANSING

Fighting to improve scrap metal theft bill



State Representative
Rashida Taliab - 6th District

Dear Residents,

I am profoundly disappointed that the Michigan Senate stripped the most important provisions in the scrap metal theft reform bill, House Bill 4593. After years of work with my Republican colleagues, we have a bill that would have made a huge positive impact in the fight to the stop scrap metal theft that is destroying our neighborhoods and communities. HB 4593 included a three-day payment delay for the three most stolen items - catalytic converters, copper wire, and air conditioner units. This was a huge step forward, but the Senate version removes this waiting period if the scrap metal industry develops a database of scrap metal purchases from sellers in consultation with the Michigan State Police.

Removing the three day payment delay, the civil liability language, and the requirement to keep a license plate number for

anyone who drives into a business and initiates a scrap metal transaction waters down the bill and removes the provisions that would actually help prevent scrap metal theft by making it hard for thieves to sell their stolen goods. Scrap metal thieves steal because they can sell and get quick cash. Fifteen states have moved toward prohibiting cash exchanges for some or all items and have seen scrap metal theft reduced. This instantly reduces the attraction to the crime, helps prosecutors obtain a signed check or money order (traceable instrument) as evidence, and gives police three days to catch the criminal before he or she disappears. It would instantly sway criminals away from stealing those items. The removal of this provision substantially weakens the bill.

Instead, they are proposing to allow the industry to create and maintain its own database to track its customers and thefts. I remain skeptical that a database will have any effect on deterring scrap metal theft. Let's be honest: A database is only as useful as the data it contains, and this bill does not require much of this database. Just listing names and descriptions of the metal that is sold is not going to prevent criminals from ransacking abandoned homes and tearing apart playground equipment in order to make quick, easy money. A requirement to come back in 3 days to sign a check would have instantly helped stop the theft.

At the very least, we should restore the bill to its original intent to stop scrap theft in Michigan, House Bill 4593 should:

*Mandate the 3-day payment delay regardless of the creation of a database for the three items - copper wire, catalytic converters, and air conditioner components - with penalties for those who don't follow this provision

*Require that the Michigan State Police (MSP) approve the database.

*Include strict prohibitions against the purchase of burnt copper wire.

Instead, we have a toothless bill that allows people to legally barter for scrap metal. It also removes the requirement to take down a license plate number of the seller which means sellers can still push their scrap to sell into a business in a shopping cart - a clear indication that the scrap metal has most likely been stolen.

We shouldn't miss this chance to pass, with bipartisan support, game-changing anti-scrap metal theft legislation. But my fight isn't over. I will keep working to improve this bill and pass a tough law that will actually deter scrap metal theft so that we can again have safe, vibrant communities where we can live, work and raise our families.

Sincerely,

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6th House District

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Student Loan Bill of Rights

By Charlene Crowell - NNPA Columnist



In the aftermath of a recent report that found the lack of student loan servicing standards and information on monies owed, two U.S. Senators will work as a team to create a Student Loan Borrower Bill of Rights.

Sponsored by Illinois Senator Richard Durbin and co-sponsored by Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, the measure is intended to ensure that all student loan borrowers fully understand the range of repayment options and resources available to them. For service members and veterans, the measure would require loan servicers to provide each borrower with a liaison specifically trained in the benefits available to military borrowers. Thirdly, the bill calls for fair treatment of borrowers by the financial institutions servicing their loans.

"With student loan debt far outpacing the rise in starting salaries, many of these borrowers find they are unable to make their monthly payments," said Durbin. "When lenders refuse to work with them on a repayment plan, they begin a downward spiral that is difficult to turn around. That debt keeps them from being able to purchase homes, cars or other goods which fuel our economy . . . Every borrower should have basic protections when it comes to their student loans."

The bill proposes six basic rights for borrowers of both federal and private student loans. Those rights are:

Options such as alternative payment plans to avoid default; Information about key terms and conditions of the loan and any repayment options to ensure changing plans will not cost more; Knowledge of who the loan servicer is and how to reach them; Consistent practices on how monthly payments are applied, with a specific requirement for lenders and servicers to honor promotions and promises that are were either advertised or offered; Fairness, such as grace periods when loans are transferred, or debt cancellation when the borrower dies or becomes disabled; and Accountability accompanied by timely resolution of any errors and or certification of private loans.

Last October, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) released a report revealing that a growing number of private student loan borrowers are burdened with debt that has no limits on interest rates and few, if any, options for alternative repayment plans.

CFPB's analysis of 3,800 student loan complaints received from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 found that 87 percent were directed at one of eight companies. Sallie Mae, a financial services firm specializing in educational loans for more than 40 years, topped the complaint list with nearly half — 49 percent. In other cases, according to CFPB, federal student loan borrowers were unaware of their available repayment options such as income-based repayment.

Both types of borrowers experienced problems with payment misallocation. This specific problem was a challenge to resolving account errors in a timely manner.

In a more recent and related report, the Institute for College Access and Success' (TICAS) Project on Student Debt found that seven in 10 of 2012 college graduates had student loan debt. Additionally, the Class of 2012 had an average debt of \$29,400.

Each year from 2008 to 2012, this report found that the average debt of federal and private loans combined increased 6 percent each year. These figures were drawn from data voluntarily provided by 1,075 public four-year and four-year private nonprofit institutions.

Although TICAS contacted for-profit colleges which accounted for seven percent of 2012 bachelor's recipients, none chose to share their data. The lack of this additional data may have contributed to understating the scope and volume of the nation's student loan debt, now estimated to be \$1.1 trillion.

"Borrowers are already struggling to make ends meet as they graduate with debt that surpasses their annual wages", noted Sen. Durbin. "These borrowers and their families should not have to face additional costs because they cannot resolve errors quickly or gain access to programs meant to help them. My bill will ensure that all borrowers will have access to these basic rights and protections."

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

Six year-old can go back to school

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



In a case of intelligence, a Colorado school district has reinstated a six-year old boy accused of kissing a girl.

They are also getting rid of the sexual harassment charge.

According to the boy's mother he had a crush on her and kissed her hand.

That might have been wrong but to accuse the boy of sexual harassment was a bit of an over kill.

Schools have this zero tolerance policy that keeps them from thinking clearly. What is good for one is good for all, even if that one is a six year-old boy who doesn't know any better.

At his age in school you teach them, not punish them.

Well intelligence prevailed and the school is reinstating the boy and dropping the sexual harassment charge.

This could've followed him all through school. Even through his life.

Finally though, someone said that enough is enough, or paid attention to the outrage of the public, and stopped the madness.

Let's hope that schools look before they leap and teach boys and girls what is appropriate behavior.



COUNCIL CORNER

Ten Commandments for Husbands

By Inkster Councilman Michael A. Canty - Contributing Writer



As one who has not had much success with domestic matrimony, I often find myself looking for ways to be a better man for the right woman. The divorce rate in our country is very high. When you compound that with the fact that a quality person who you would commit to spending your life with can't be easily found, it is no small wonder that there are so many single people. Although a successful marriage means two people working to the same goal, a mans responsibility as a leader in the household takes on a unique perspective. Now don't get angry with me guys, I am speaking from the experience of my failed relationships and not successful ones. To break the cycle of bad relationships, men usually have to take the lead. So

these ten commandments apply to me as well.

1. Remember that thy wife is thy partner and not thy property.
2. Thou shalt respect thy wife's opinion and ideas.
3. Think not that thy business is none of thy wife's business.
4. Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou won it.
5. Thou shalt make the building of thy home thy first business.
6. Thou shalt cooperate with thy wife in establishing family discipline.
7. Thou shalt maintain a positive and cheerful atmosphere in thy household.
8. Thou shalt not let anyone criticize thy wife and get away with it; neither thy father, nor thy mother, nor thy brethern, nor thy sisters, nor thy children.
9. Thou shalt be in subjection to the Lord in all things so thy wife may find joy in being in subject to you.
10. Thou shalt keep thy marriage vows with all dilligence as a sacred covenant between thee, thy wife and God.

This Christmas give your wife the best holiday gift she will ever receive. Give her yourself.

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People usually start making new year resolutions around this time. Did you keep yours from last year? Do you plan to make one this year?

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Unlocked Doors

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



Earlier this year, I and my friend Yvonne took a road trip to Tennessee. Along the way, we made a couple of rest stops.

On one particular stop, there was a gas station and a McDonalds. We decided to try the McDonald's. We parked in the empty parking lot wondering if it was open. It was late, but we figured it could possibly be a 24-hour operation. The lights were on and we saw an employee inside so we gave it a try.

We walked up to the door and sure enough it opened. We walked right in, no problem. On our way to the ladies room, we passed the employee and he did not say a word

to us.

As we walked out of the ladies room, a female employee, likely a manager, walked toward us looking shocked. We casually and politely said, "Hello."

She asked curiously and a little upset, "How did you get in here? We're closed."

"We just walked in. The door was open," we replied. Sensing that she was not pleased, we exited the restaurant. We had done what we needed to do and she could not take that back.

That encountered reminded me how God will let you through doors that people thought were locked. You will walk in with ease, no friction. Those who thought the doors were locked will look on with bewilderment and amazement. Some might even be mad about it and can only stand by and watch.

God will give you favor. God will make a way out of no way for you. God opens doors and He will open them for you.

May God prosper you as He orders your steps! Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, nor has it entered your heart, what God has for you (I Cor. 2.9). He will do exceeding abundantly above all you could ask or think (Eph. 3.20).

God bless you during this Christmas Season and into the New Year 2014! Hold on and EXPECT God to do great things!!

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Christ-mas my favorite time of the year

By Pastor Gerald M. Overall



Christ-mas has always been my favorite time of the year. It is that time of year when even the coldest person you knew could find a warm place in your heart. I remember as a child, the anticipation I felt as the days until Christmas counted down. I remember how my brother and I would scour the catalogs to see all of the latest toys and how we would compile our lists for our Mother and Father to give to Santa. I remember how my mother would be preparing Christmas dinner all day long and my father was doing his part. He liked to cook exotic birds and other animals like ducks and rabbits. It was a wonderful time to be alive and it seemed that the joy of Christ-mas was everywhere. Christ-mas lights would glow brightly green for freedom, life, and red in remembrance of the split blood of Christ the Savior. Songs of Christ-mas filled the air. It was a wonderful time then and even more wonderful for me today.

You see, today for me it is not all about the toys, the dinner, the libations, Santa Claus, or even the gifts from family and friends. For me it is all about God's greatest gift to this world and that is his Son, Jesus the Christ. You see,

when I grew up, I put away the childish side of Christ-mas and celebrated Christmas as a Christian adult.

I still have that same anticipation as the days countdown to Christ-mas. It's a wonderful thing to celebrate Christ-mas with food, family, gifts, parties and friends. That was all right for me when I was a child but when I became an adult, I found the true meaning of Christ-mas. Now it's even

better. Now it's toys for the kids, food, family, and friends and what makes it all a Very Merry Christmas is King Jesus the Christ. Have you accepted God's gift to all of us?

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Pastor Gerald M. Overall is Pastor at Runner for Christ Ministries in Lincoln Park.

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Health Care

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access to no-cost preventive services to help them stay healthy. Abusive insurance practices are becoming a thing of the past. Additionally, the Affordable Care Act helps small businesses with the cost of providing health insurance for their employees and helps doctors and other health providers care for their patients more effectively.

The new health care law builds on what works in our health care system. And it fixes what's broken by making improvements in several key areas. It protects you from the worst insurance company abuses. It makes health care more affordable. It gives you better access to care.

Ending Insurance Company

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'Tis the season for donating money

By Jason Alderman - Contributing Writer



Like many other economic measures, charitable donations in the U.S. have yet to bounce back to pre-recession levels. According to Giving USA's Annual Report on Philanthropy, charitable contributions totaled \$298.4 billion in 2011 – up 4 percent from 2010, but still 11 percent below 2007 levels.

The vast majority of those contributions (73 percent) came from individuals, demonstrating that even during tough economic times, people still find ways to support organizations that help those less fortunate than themselves.

Because half of all donations typically are made between Thanksgiving and New Year's, this is a good time to highlight precautions you can take to ensure your gift has the biggest possible impact, both on the people you want to help and on your own bottom line; also to remind seniors about a tax policy that has changed since last year:

Contribution eligibility. If you itemize expenses on your 2012 income taxes, any charitable contributions you plan to deduct must be made by year's end. That means either charging your credit or debit card or postmarking a check by midnight on December 31, 2012.

You must have a receipt to claim deductions for cash or property, no matter how small. A cancelled check or credit card statement is fine for contributions under \$250, but amounts over \$250 require a written statement from the charity. See IRS Publication 526 for details (www.irs.gov).

Confirm tax-exempt status. For your contribution to be deductible, the organization must be recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS. It's important to note that in recent years the IRS has revoked the tax-exempt status of scores of non-profit organizations because

they didn't file annual reports for three consecutive years, as required by law. Use the IRS Exempt Organizations Select Check tool to ensure an organization's eligibility.

Get bang for your buck. Make sure any non-profit to which you donate is well-run. Ideally the organization applies at least 75 percent of contributions to programs that serve its beneficiaries, versus spending on salaries, advertising, fundraising and other administrative expenses.

Study the organization's website, annual report and mission statement, and ask for a copy of its IRS Form 990, which details how contributions are spent. Speak to staff members or volunteers, or volunteer there yourself. Or, if you know someone who has used its services, ask for their impressions of the organization's efficiency and helpfulness to clients.

Other helpful sites: Charity Navigator's "Top 10" lists and "Tips and Resources" sections provide helpful evaluation tools (www.charitynavigator.org). And GuideStar offers helpful questions to ask potential recipients and tips for choosing a charity (www.guidestar.org).

No more direct IRA distributions. A major tax break for senior citizens regarding charitable contributions expired at the end of 2011. Formerly, people over age 70 ½ could contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to charity and have it count toward their annual IRA Required Minimum Distribution. This allowed seniors to avoid having to count the funds as adjusted gross income, thereby reaping a tax advantage even if they didn't itemize deductions.

And finally, if you can't afford a cash donation but still want to help, consider donating your time. Numerous organizations can match you up with local charities that suit your interests, including the government's United We Serve site (www.serve.gov), Network for Good (www.networkforgood.org), and Volunteer Match (www.volunteermatch.org).

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DECEMBER 1986

‘Twas the Day of
Christmas”

Written by Mrs. Ruth DeYampert, First Lady of Triumph
Missionary Baptist Church Dr. David A. DeYampert, Pastor

‘Twas the day of Christmas
When all through the church
The Holy spirit was stirring
And no one was in a rush

The members were nestled
All snug in their seats
While clapping their hands
And patting their feet.

He peeped in the windows and threw up the sash
And back to his place he flew like a flash
As Triumph Baptist Church shinning aglow.
Gave a luster of hope to this earth below.

When what to to waiting hearts should appear
But a message of peace and songs of cheer.
There was a good looking pastor so lively and quick
Rev. David DeYampartt’s the name- not St. Nick.

He had a Christmas message
As sweet as could be
About Baby Jesus being born
To set all men free

More rapid than eagles
The Lord’s Spirit came
As he preached and gave praises
To His Blessed Holy Name.

“Now, Jesus! Now Savior!
Now, Master! Now, Holy One!
Now, Christ Child! Now, Messiah!
Now, King! Now, God’s Precious Son!”

Not just on this blessed Christmas Day
But the Triumph family will always say
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall
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National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Provides tips for managing & preventing Diabetes during the Holiday Season



ANN ARBOR—The holiday season can be a difficult time for managing and preventing diabetes—holiday gatherings, football playoffs, and other celebrations make it hard to stick to a healthy diet because of all the unhealthy foods that are readily available. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is providing tips to help people with and at risk for diabetes maintain a healthy lifestyle during the holidays.

Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, causing over 40% of all kidney failure cases. In Michigan alone, an estimated 10% of adults have been diagnosed with diabetes—about 758,300. An additional 250,200 Michigan adults are believed to have diabetes but are currently undiagnosed. The good news is that type 2 diabetes can be both managed and prevented by implementing a healthy lifestyle.

Honey-glazed ham and buttery mashed potatoes are popular for festive dinners, while chicken wings and pizza are among the favorites at football playoffs and other gatherings with friends. Along with these possible setbacks,

the busyness of the holiday season can make it seem impossible to find time to exercise. There are, however, some healthy eating tips that can help you stay on track with reaching your goals!

- Eat a healthy snack before going to a party to avoid eating the less healthy foods that may be provided.
- Check out the party food options and make a plan of what you will eat and how much.
- Bring a healthy dish to share with family and friends.
- Step away from the buffet while chatting to avoid grazing on finger foods.
- When holding your own holiday dinners, consider healthier alternatives for traditional meats such as skinless meat and poultry instead of fried dishes.

There are also ways that you can fit physical activity into a packed holiday schedule when you have little time to visit the gym. Try some of these small steps!

- Park as far away as possible from stores while doing holiday shopping.
- Powerwalk to different stores in the mall instead of driving

to them.

- Dance and participate in games instead of hanging around the food table at parties.
- Volunteer to help set up for parties by moving tables/chairs and putting up decorations.

In the midst of the fun and festivities that are going on this month, make sure not to forget about the importance of managing your health. Though it's easy to leave diabetes management and prevention out in the cold this holiday season, remember that the best gift you can give your friends and family is a healthier you.

For more information on managing and preventing diabetes, please contact the NKFM at www.nkfm.org or 800-482-1455.

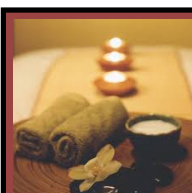
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Romulus Chamber Donates to Goodfellows



The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Romulus Goodfellows and collected new toys at their annual Holiday Party. The dozens of toys for children were overflowing from the collection box. Bill Kren, Executive Director and Chuck Zuerner, Board Director of the Romulus Chamber (L to R) were on hand December 12th to present the assortment of toys to the Romulus

Goodfellows, represented by Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and Linda McNeil, Romulus Goodfellows Trustee.

The previous week, the Romulus Chamber held their annual Holiday Party at the Romulus Athletic Center. The banquet room was filled to capacity. There was a joyous and positive atmosphere that was accentuated by Mayor Burcroff's remarks regarding his vision for the future of

Romulus. A few of comments overheard: "This was the best city party, ever." "The best!" "So glad I came." "Great job, Chamber!"

Along with the toy collection, the Chamber also received non-perishable food donations for local charities. This collection box was also overflowing and the many items will be distributed to Helping Hand Thrift Shop and Community United Methodist Church Food Pantry."

Mother's Pantry has helped many and now needs your help!



Mother's Pantry was established in 2000 and began serving from its current location of 27717 Carlyle in Inkster since 2008. It is Inkster's only client choice food pantry. It is different from other pantries where the families are given a bag of groceries. At Mother's Pantry, the clients are able to choose which allows for a level of dignity for those with the greatest need.

They serve around 350 families, seniors citizens, single parents and the new working poor monthly and they are able to shop every other week. The Pantry is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 12:30 pm and

Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm.. The City of Inkster is considered a Food Desert because of its lack of fresh food access and transportation within the City of Inkster.

Mother's Pantry has many collaborative partners that assist them in the basic human need

of having a meal on the table. Some of their partners and friends include United Way (FEMA), Gleaners Community Food Bank, Forgotten Harvest, Starfish Family Services, Inkster Post Office and Christ Temple City of Refuge.

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Reminders about sea-
sonal city services

Public Service Days ended Nov. 30, curbside yard waste collection finished on Dec. 13 Residents are reminded that seasonal services are coming to an end for 2013. Loose leaf collection is sched- uled to end Dec. 7.

But residents are reminded that leaves can be put in prop- er yard waste containers and set out on the curb on their trash day through the week of Dec. 9-13, when curbside yard waste collection ends for the year. Seasonal curbside yard waste collection will start again in March 2014.

Public Service Days have ended for 2013 and will start again in April 2014. Until then, residents will no longer be required to remove their parked vehicles from the street on their trash day. However, keeping parked vehicles off the street throughout the year means that trash collection is safer and more efficient.

Residents are reminded that their trash and recycling carts should never be put in the street.

Since winter is coming, it is good to note that parked vehicles must be removed from the street when a snow emergency is declared or they could be ticketed and towed. Police do not issue warnings.

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Enjoy free Christmas dinner on
Christmas Day in Taylor



TAYLOR – Everyone is invited to enjoy a free Christmas din- ner on Christmas Day. The 2013 “True Meaning of Christmas” dinner is set for noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 25, at the City of Taylor’s William Ford Senior Activity Center. The meal is open to every- body, especially those alone, less fortunate or hungry – and their guests. This will be the 15th straight year that members of the Domski family pool their resources to offer the dinner. Last year, more than 300 peo- ple ate dinner and made memories – the largest turnout yet. This year, volun- teers will be ready to serve

hundreds of meals and there is always food left over. “There are so many people who really depend on the din- ner,” said Larry Domski, a city inspector. “Many have no other place to go. Others are financially strapped during these economic times. We welcome everyone.” Taylor’s Ford Center is locat- ed at 6750 Troy, west of Telegraph Road and north of Ecorse Road. This year, the delicious meal will include turkey and all the trimmings, ham, white and sweet potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, beverages and desserts.

The “True Meaning of Christmas” dinner started years ago when the Domski family chose to end its annual gift exchange and put the money toward a meal for any- one to enjoy. More than 20 Domski family members and plenty of volunteers split up the duties, from cooking to serving to cleaning up the center at the end of the day. “This wouldn’t be possible if not for all of the wonderful vol- unteers that help every year,” Domski said.

The meal will go on this year, despite illness suffered by Domski brother Ted Domski, a well-known Downriver Realtor. Larry Domski said Ted insisted the dinner go on as usual because it means so much to so many.

The city donates the use of the Ford Center. The Taylor Police Department helps sponsor the event. Those who cannot arrange transportation to the Ford Center can call for a free ride in advance or on the day of the event. The telephone number is (313) 291-7740. Local organizations and churches are asked to spread the word about the free dinner to their members and associ- ates. “We sincerely want to invite everyone who is in need to join us on Christmas Day,” Domski said. “No one should go hungry on Christmas.”

HOROSCOPES

DECEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 25, 2013

ARIES

Move slowly concerning rela- tionships this week. People are a little edgy and they don’t know exactly where you are coming from. Make full expla- nations. Don’t assume that they know what’s on your mind. Most of all, stay positive no matter what. *Soul Affirmation: Clinging to the old will inhibit my growth this week.*
Lucky Numbers: 6, 8, 20

TAURUS

Exercise will work off some of your excess energy this week. Take a walk and remember that your world is made up of many beautiful parts. The part you are focusing on so intently this week is not your entire world. Proceed accordingly! *Soul Affirmation: I celebrate with those around me.*
Lucky Numbers: 13, 29, 34

GEMINI

This week is a good week to dump any extra baggage that has been pulling you down. You have too much potential to throw away and waste your time on issues that will amount to nothing. Stay focused on your goals. Meet and spend time with people who will be able to help you reach them. *Soul Affirmation: The word is in me. I bring it forth.*
Lucky Numbers: 7, 29, 44

CANCER

This is a good week for exer- cising that clever mind of yours. Luck will be with you in all endeavors you start. Luck is with you always because posi- tive outlook attracts positive vibrations. *Soul Affirmation: I enjoy look- ing at the road of life sweeping just in front of me.*
Lucky Numbers: 30, 41, 54,

LEO

Your careless ways with money are going to be appar- ent this week. Financial mis- takes you’ve made in the past will be especially painful. Don’t conceal the pain from yourself. It is a warning that you should take steps to prevent future financial crisis. *Soul Affirmation: I let my friendships guide my way.*
Lucky Numbers: 5, 22, 35

VIRGO

Take advantage of the great weather and spend time out- doors enjoying and relaxing with Mother Nature. Learn a new sport, and spend time with family and friends. Don’t take travel matters into your own hands. Seek a profes- sional who will be able to plan a wonderful vacation for you without breaking your bank. Cook up some goodies for your loved ones. *Soul Affirmation: I change who I am by changing where I am going.*
Lucky Numbers: 3, 20, 23

LIBRA

Everything seems to be mov- ing along in a very pleasant way this week. Friends are helpful, family is supportive, even the sun seems to be shining just for you! Enjoy this harmony and count your blessings. Finish a task at work. *Soul Affirmation: The slow- ness of my week gives me time to refresh my energy.*
Lucky Numbers: 12, 26, 36

SCORPIO

The bond that you established with your spiritual side works well in your relationship with a special person. Speak of the reality of the intangible quali- ties of life. Your lover will understand. Keep attention on the financial matters you’ve been dealing with. *Soul Affirmation: I obey the rules this week and avoid has- sles.*
Lucky Numbers: 3, 8, 24

SAGITTARIUS

If you need some time to your- self this week, take it. You’ll be doing yourself an act of kind- ness. Since you do so much for others, why not treat your- self as well as you treat them? Your world is the way you are living. Live with love. *Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.*
Lucky Numbers: 19, 39, 42

CAPRICORN

Remember that exercise is a wonderful tension-reliever if things get too intense this week. A walk over your lunch hour could make all the differ- ence in how you feel this after- noon. Love yourself and reward yourself with perfect health and happiness. *Soul Affirmation: Faith keeps me calm in the storms of life.*
Lucky Numbers: 44, 49, 51

AQUARIUS

You’ve done some of your own love homework. Hopefully you’ve had an opportunity to learn a new way of seeing the world and in that way you’ve found a way of loving that is more natural for you. The combination of sexiness and joyful focus can create you a wonderful love experience. *Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.*
Lucky Numbers: 14, 23, 37

PISCES

If you want to keep your posi- tive outlook intact, avoid gos- sip and those who might want to just cry the blues for no good reason. You’ll be happi- est this week if you keep busy and keep your opinions to yourself. However, good advice is available from an older female relative. *Soul Affirmation: Love is easi- er than breathing.*
Lucky Numbers: 12, 30, 50

Lions Shoot Themselves in the Foot

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



Photo taken by Zootman

This is one of the ball that the Lions Calvin Johnson was able to catch as many passes were drop in the 18-16 defeat to the Baltimore Ravens this past Monday.

If the Lions win their division and it's a good chance they may not, the team and coaching staff have only themselves to blame as again they lose an important home game this time the nation watch the Lions lose 18-16. Reggie Bush's left end run for 14 yard at 11:03 in the first quarter kept the Detroit Lions in charge thought-out the first half as the Baltimore Ravens two field goals kept them on the edge as the Lions lead 7-6 in the first half of the sell out crowd Monday night at Ford Field Blue-Out night. Both defense's play an important role keeping each others offense off the field, nevertheless, the Detroit Lions secondary continue to put the Detroit in the hole by committing silly penalty giving the Ravens very good field position in which Justin Tucker kick a 10 yard field will 4 second left in the second quarter in which the visiting Ravens took over the lead at the end of the first half, 9-7.

By the way, the lucky Lions player who committed the silly penalty was Louis Delmas (safety) for the home team. The Ravens took the kick off starting the third quarter with a drive that landed them a three points field goal giving the Ravens a 12-7 lead. The Lions near the end of the of the quarter mustard up a drive that also lead them to a field goal and trail the Ravens only by two, 12-10. Note; on the play before the field goal Kris Durham was held by Ravens safety Matt Elam, however the official said they did not see that the Lions Durham was held. Nevertheless, instant replay showed the crowd over

65,000 and the nation other-wise. Baltimore continue to pound the Lions in the air and on the ground and with about eight minutes left in the fourth quarter Kicker Justin Tucker makes a 54 yard field goal to give the Ravens a scary 15-10 lead.

Lions as in weeks past now start to rally to get the lead in this a close hard fought game against two teams fighting to get in the playoffs. However, with 3:24 left in the fourth quarter the Lions Brandon Pettigrew caught a ball that that the Ravens players on the field said it was not a catch so the Refs go under the hood to give the Lions the all clear on the catch. The next play Matt Stafford threw the ball Joseph Fauria 14 yards in the end zone for the 16-15 lead in the game. The two-point try was no good, however, the Lions now have a lead over in the Ravens with over two minutes remaining.

Well the Ravens moved the ball from one end of the field to the other end in which include a 27-yard catch by Jacoby Jones to the Lions 43 yard line. The Lions stop the Ravens on downs so on with 38 seconds Justin Tucker kicks a 61-yard field goal in which was good to give the Ravens back the lead 18-16. Lions do get the ball back nevertheless; Matt Stafford threw his third inception of the game this time to Matt Elam.

Raven ran out the clock and gets a six field goal win over the Detroit Lions. For the record the Lions were 6-3 and in 1st place in the NFC North entering Week

11, since then they have lost 4 out of 5. They have beaten themselves, dropping the most passes, throwing the most picks and committing the most turnovers in the NFL since then. This past Monday night epitomized that, they dropped 3 passes, threw 3 interceptions, committing at least 3 turnovers for the 5th straight game.

After the game, we ask head coach Jim Schwartz about turnovers being a big problem the second half of the season: "I think there's a lot of different things that go along with it. I think part of it is you can trace some of it to inefficiency on early downs. We had some times in there where we put ourselves behind the chains on first down. When we play well, we're moving on first and second down where we get a lot of first downs without getting to third down. We got to a lot of third downs and kept having to drive the football and when you do that, there's going to be things that come up. We've had some balls get tipped. I don't think any of them in this game. Well, the one was a ricochet off a guy that ended up making a play.

Bottom line is, turnovers have hurt us and the other side of that is we weren't able to get any on defense. We had a big play where we knocked the ball out, got a sack and knocked that ball out and went right to their guy – their guy was able to fall on it. That could have been a difference-maker there also. We fall on that ball, we're already in field goal range. There's going to be times, you're not going to play a whole season without turning the ball over, but you've got to balance it with being able to get defensive takeaways and when we've played well this year, we've gotten defensive takeaways.

We kept them out of the end zone today, but they ended up scoring 18 points because they got too many shots down in there and we didn't turn any of those shots away with turnovers." The Lions last home game is this Sunday against the New York Giants with a 4 o'clock start time.

Seahawks QB Russell Wilson gets Drafted to Texas



Football may be Russell Wilson's bread and butter, but the Seattle Seahawks quarterback is coming full circle with being drafted to a major league baseball team.

The Texas Rangers in the Triple-A portion of the MLB's winter draft on Thursday drafted Wilson, who played minor league baseball for parts of two seasons before pursuing a career in the NFL. The pro football star will be placed on the team's restricted list.

"At the end of the day, he obviously has a lot bigger things that he's working on right now and we don't want to interrupt with that aspect of it," Rangers assistant general manager A.J. Preller told the AP. But if at some point down the road he decides he wants to do baseball again, we felt like it would be a positive to have him with us."

Thursday's selection by the Rangers represents a return of sorts for Wilson, who was drafted as a second baseman by the Colorado Rockies in the fourth round of the 2010 amateur draft out of North Carolina State University. Wilson would eventually leave the Rockies a year later to transition into football. At NCSU, the athlete stood out by excelling in football and baseball.

Like football, baseball served Wilson well with hitting .229 with five homers and 26 RBIs in two seasons playing at the Class A level. Wilson's NFL career started years later after being taken in the third round of the 2012 NFL draft. As a Seahawk, the 25-year-old player led his team to the playoffs in his rookie year. This season, Seattle is 11-2.

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Last Weekend Local High School Basketball Results

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter

Boys High School Basketball

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Dearborn Fordson 47, Dearborn 33	Melvindale Academy B&T 51, Flint Southwestern 44
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 69, Dearborn Divine Child 51	
Detroit Allen Academy 51, Detroit Denby 36	
Detroit Cody 60, Detroit University Prep 58	
Detroit Davis Aerospace 43, Detroit Cristo Rey 37	

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December 7th, 2013

At 1742hrs officers were dispatched to the 400 Block of Lenoir Street on a report of a group of males using narcotics (smoking weed) in the stairwell. Officers approached the rear of the residence and observed a black Chevrolet Traverse occupied with 2 males. As officers approached the vehicle they could smelled a strong odor of "Marijuana". The males were ordered out of the vehicle. The heavy build 23 year old driver refused to exit and put the vehicle in Drive and sped off trying to flee the scene. An officer grabbed \$80.00 dollars from his hand as he drove way. While fleeing the driver drove over the parking blocks in the rear damaging the vehicle causing fluids to leak. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the vehicle. While officers were detaining the other male and conducted a pat down, they discovered 2 bags of suspected "Marijuana" in his left coat pocket and located a bag of Marijuana cigarettes in his left side pants pocket. The officer also recovered \$40.00 dollars in U.S. currency in his left side pocket and a digital scale in his right side pant pocket. The male was placed under arrest for VPHC and Possession and Narcotic Paraphernalia. He was transported to the station where he was booked and housed. The "marijuana, marijuana cigarettes and digital scale were tagged as evidence and logged.

December 7th, 2013

At 0945hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Leroy on a possible Domestic Assault. Officers knocked several times on the door but were unable to get an answer. As the officer went to enter back into his vehicle an 18 year old female exited the home and came over to the patrol vehicle. She told officers her boyfriend had been arguing with her and she just wanted to get her belongings and leave. The officer watched as the female gathered some clothing when he noticed a black 9mm pistol sitting on top of a television that was on a dresser. The officer asked who the owner of same was and pick up pistol to check it. The pistol had a round in the chamber and a magazine with 4 rounds inside of it. The officer was unable to read the manufacturer's name as he unhampered the round and extracted the magazine, rending the pistol safe. A 20 year old male entered the room and stated the pistol belonged to his brother, and he wasn't home. And the he was not inside the home and didn't even give the officer his brother's name. The officer took possession of the weapon for safe keeping and transported the female and her 1 year old son to River Rouge Police Department to be picked up by

her father. The pistol was tagged and placed in evidence .

December 8th, 2013

At 1845hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Richter on a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival officers made contact with a female who stated the male victim is inside the home. When officers walked in they observed the 24 year old male holding up his shirt, which showed a large bloody area on the right side of his stomach. He told officers his 26 year old girlfriend stabbed him with a kitchen knife. They have two children in common. The male told officers that his ex-girlfriend with their other two children in common came over for a visit with him. He states his current girlfriend did not have a problem with the ex-girlfriend coming to visit him. Until the male told his girlfriend that the ex-girlfriend needed to spend the night because of a problem with the plumbing in her home. The girlfriend said she couldn't stay and the male said she could. A verbal dispute ensued and the ex-girlfriend states the current one struck her the day before but didn't pursue charges. Health Link was notified and the girlfriend was placed under arrest for Felonious Assault.

December 8th, 2013

At 1001hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 400 Block of Campbell Street for a Stolen Gun complaint. Officer spoke to the 42 year old female homeowner who states she arrived home and placed her Glock pistol next to her purse on her kitchen counter and went to bed for the night. The next morning her 67 year old husband states he observed her sister let a friend, a 26 year old male into the house. And they were hanging out in the kitchen and when the husband walked by observed the young male holding the pistol the husband took the pistol away from his and grabbed her purse and took both items to the bedroom and set them on the dresser. The husband left the home. The female homeowner eventually woke up and discovered the pistol missing. The sister and her friend had already left. And you know who stole the pistol.

December 8th, 2013

At 2345hrs officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Polk on a Robbery complaint. Officers spoke to the 63 year old male who states 45 minutes before they arrived he was walking in the field directly across from his home when a male jumped out from behind him, punched him in the ribs with a closed hand fist and stole his wallet. The male didn't know the suspect or where he disappeared too. An officer checked the area but was never able to apprehend the suspect and the Health Link was notified and arrived on scene and transported the ale to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

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Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton and City Council persons presents Police Chief Hilton Napoleon and Auxiliary officers with a Proclamation

During the December 16 Inkster council meeting, Mayor Hilliard Hampton along with council mebers and City Manager Richard March presented Police Chief Hilton Napoleon and the Auxiliary Police Officers with a proclamation. The purpose of the proclamation was to honor them for all of the hard work that they do.

The history of the Inkster Auxiliary Police Department dates back to 1972 and was initially empowered under the United States Civil Defense Act to provide additional police services during times of war, civil unrest and natural or man made disasters; and The Inkster Auxiliary Police Department is currently under the command of the Inkster Police Department and led by a police officer who is the highest ranking volunteer in the organization and serves as the Director and Chief. The Auxiliary has 47 volunteer members who have undergone a comprehensive background check and completed 26 weeks of training in basic law enforcement functions.

These volunteers purchase all of their own equipment including their firearms, bullet proof vests, uniforms and leather gear, costing approximately \$2,500.00 per officer. The daily duties of the Auxiliary Officers include road patrol, business checks, vacation checks, prisoner booking and transport, court security, city council security, crime prevention and neighborhood watch, community policing patrols and any other duties assigned by the Chief of Police. The Auxiliary Officers are required to work a total of 16 hours per month to remain in the program with some Auxiliary Officers assigned to special units including Court Services, Administration, Vehicle Maintenance,

Training and Records. Currently the Inkster Auxiliary Police Department is the most active and utilized Auxiliary Police program in the State of Michigan and recognized Nationwide as a premier volunteer organization in police service.

The Auxiliary Police Department is under the direction of Police Chief Hilton Napoleon. the Inkster Auxiliary Police is currently focused on more community policing initiatives, working more closely with the public including block clubs and citizen groups while maintaining a constant level of readiness to respond to disasters and major incidents in Inkster and surrounding communities; and In December 2010, after a major fatal explosion in the City of Wayne, 25 members of the Inkster Auxiliary Police

were on the scene within 45 minutes and maintained perimeter security and assisted with recovery and response efforts for over 14 hours, many leaving their jobs to respond to an incident in another city. The Mayor of the City of Wayne recognized the Inkster Auxiliary Police Department stating "The professionalism and response to our call of help by the Inkster Auxiliary Police was astounding and without their assistance and expertise in handling disasters such as ours, it would have been nearly impossible for our city to cope with such an incident."

The residents of the City of Inkster gave them a standing round of applause at the meeting along with city officials and thank them for their many contributions to the City of Inkster.

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the City Council chambers of City Hall on December 5, 2013 Meeting called to order at 12:34pm

The following Commissioners were present: Present: Campbell, Cooney, Pruneau, Ward Absent: None Excused: Pierce, Perry, Bowdler

13-309 Approval to purchase finger printing scanner from drug forfeiture funds

13-310 Motion to adjourn at 12:36pm

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.

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CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the City Council chambers of City Hall on December 3, 2013 Meeting called to order at 7:50pm

The following Commissioners were present: Mayor Bowdler in the Chair Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward Absent: None Excused: None

13-301 Approval of minutes of 11/19/2013

13-302 Voucher approval

13-303 Building permits approval

13-304 Approval of budget amendments

13-305 Approval of general budget for y/e 06/2014

13-306 Approval of the Agreement with Part D Advisors

13-307 Approval of Wayne County road permits

13-308 Motion to adjourn at 9:01pm

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.

Susan P. Joseph Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ECORSE WAYNE COUNTY STATE OF MICHIGAN

Please take notice that the Mayor and Council of the City of Ecorse, whose principal place of business and whose address is 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, Michigan, and whose telephone number is 313-386-2520, will meet and conduct its Regular Meetings at the dates, time and place as follows:

All Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council of the City of Ecorse will be held on TUESDAY EVENINGS at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Local Time, commencing January 7, 2014, and for the balance of the 2014 calendar year. Said Council will hereby meet on the following dates:

January 7 and 21, 2014 July 8 and 22, 2014

February 4 and 18, 2014 August 5 and 19, 2014

March 4 and 18, 2014 September 2, 16, and 30, 2014

April 1, 15 and 29, 2014 October 14 and 28, 2014

May 13, and 27, 2014 November 11 and 25, 2014

June 10 and 24, 2014 December 9 and 23, 2014

Such Regular Meeting shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Albert B. Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, Michigan. The telephone number is 313-386-2520.

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ROBIN R. UNDERWOOD, C.M.C. CITY CLERK

Approved: December 10, 2013 Publish: December 19, 2013

CITY OF ECORSE

News of those in the Armed Forces



Air Force Airman
Joseph C. Westphal

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Westphal is the son of Susan Westphal of Taylor. He is a 2008 graduate of Light and Life Christian School, Taylor.

Air National Guard
Airman 1st Class
Kyra V. Ballard

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ballard is the daughter of Tarry Ballard of Detroit. She is a 2011 graduate of Plymouth High School, Canton.



Air Force Airman
Antwuan D. Orr

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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Orr is the grandson of Nell Clark of Detroit. He is a 2008 graduate of Mumford High School



Air Force Airman
Zachary M. Zilch

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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Zilch is the son of Curtis Zilch of Livonia and stepson of Dawn Springstead of Wyandotte.

He is a 2011 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Wyandotte.

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‘Grey’s Anatomy’s’ Chandra Wilson to Moonlight at ‘General Hospital’



Actress Chandra Wilson attends NYU’s Tisch School Of The Arts’ West Coast Benefit Gala at Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel on October 28, 2013 in Beverly Hills

Chandra Wilson of ABC’s “Grey’s Anatomy” is due to scrub in on daytime soap “General Hospital” for a guest appearance.”

According to Soaps In Depth, producers haven’t yet told her who she will play, but the actress is fulfilling a lifelong dream in visiting TV’s Port Charles.

“I’ve watched General Hospital for 35 years,” Wilson tells the magazine. “I grew up with it. It holds such a place in my heart. Even though we’ve

shared the same lot for 10 years I can’t talk to anybody on the lot. ... It’s weird to see them because they’re sup-



posed to be in Port Charles! I have that kind of fan disconnect.”

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As a big fan of the daytime soap, Wilson says she’s been talking about appearing on “General Hospital” for years. “[Star] Roger [Howarth] was visiting the “Grey’s” set, and we talked about it. Then, the following Friday, I got the call. I asked [“General Hospital” executive producer] Frank [Valentini] if this was because of Roger and he said, ‘No. This has been in the works before.’ So I don’t know! But I’m glad it’s happening!”

Could there be a chance she will play her “Grey’s” character, Miranda Bailey, since both shows are produced by and air on ABC?

We’ll all find out when Chandra’s episode airs on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

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Kelly Rowland Finally Admits Engagement: ‘He Put a Ring On It’



Kelly Rowland puts her head down and laughs as she shows off her engagement ring on Wednesday’s ‘Queen Latifah Show.’

**“X Factor” judge Kelly Rowland is finally confirming rampant rumors of her engagement to her manager/boyfriend Tim

Witherspoon. In an interview to air on Wednesday’s “Queen Latifah Show,” the 32-year-old

showed off the big diamond ring on her finger and said, “He put a ring on it.”

“It’s been a while,” Rowland acknowledged. “We’ve kept it very, very low — for years, to be completely honest.”

Just last week, Arsenio Hall grilled her about the ring, but all she would say is, “I’m very happy. I believe in black love.”

So how did Witherspoon pop the question?

“He asked me first on Skype,” Rowland tells Latifah, laughing, “and I was like, ‘We’re so far away from each other.’”

Said Latifah: “It’s the happiest thing that happened in Bulgaria that day.”

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ASK AYANA

The Sister who Stole Christmas



Dear Ayana,
The establishment I work for adopts a family each year for Christmas. The supervising staff picks the family based on recommendations from other staff members and the families’ needs. In the past, we have picked single parent homes with little income to help support them through the holiday season. The other day, my supervisor told me that this year, the family selected was my sister’s family. He went on to say that he was touched by the letter that I had written on her behalf and that he couldn’t wait to show up on her doorstep to surprise her family with a truck load of food, toys and clothes. I played it off and pretended to be excited too; but I was furious! Not only did my sister write her own letter (pretending to be me) and send it to my place of employment, she also totally lied about her need for assistance. My sister, although a single parent, makes great money for a well-known auto company. She also receives child support every month. My sister takes expenses trips at least twice a year and spends most of her downtime either at the casino or at the bingo hall; she is NOT in need of anything except for a head examination. I confronted her about her scam and she told me to get over it and that she would “hook me up” with a few things for my own children. I am furious but I’m too embarrassed to say anything to my supervisor. Do

you think that I should let it slide this time since there’s no way that she will be picked as next year’s recipient or should I pull the plug on her scam? Help!
Sane Sister

Dear Sane Sister,
Pull the plug and quick! Go to your supervisor and come clean about the whole situation. Let your supervisor know that you didn’t agree with what your sister tried to pull off and that you want a deserving family to be adopted this Christmas. I think that your decision to tell the truth will go a long way with your superiors and they will remember you to be a trustworthy person. As for your sister, confronting her is about all you can do. Since she seemed to be so casual about her bad behavior, I’d be willing to bet that this wasn’t her first time at pulling a scam like this. If she spends as much time (and money, I presume) at the casino and bingo hall as you say, is it possible that she isn’t as financially secure as you believe her to be? No matter. It’s true that sooner or later, you reap what you sow. Rest well, knowing that you did the right thing. Don’t tell her that you’ve exposed her lie until you’ve had that conversation with your supervisor. Perhaps being outed will shame her into changing her devious ways-but maybe it won’t. Stand firm and don’t back down on your decision. There are many families that don’t have the money to buy a decent meal let alone to buy toys for their children this year. I thank you for having the courage to make sure that your place of employment wasn’t exploited and that a family in true need will now benefit because of your bravery. Unfortunately, we don’t get to pick our family members. I hope that you and your sister will be able get past this incident. Good luck to you.

Ayana

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MAC champion Bowling Green will return to Detroit to face Pittsburgh in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl on Dec. 26.

The Falcons (10-3) beat previously undefeated Northern Illinois 47-27 in the MAC title game at Ford Field on Friday, their fifth straight win.

It's the third bowl bid in five seasons for Bowling Green and the 11th in school history. Pitt will be making its sixth straight trip to a bowl game. The Panthers, who went 3-5 in their first season in the ACC, are 2-1 against Bowling Green since 1999.

The game will take place at Ford Field on Thursday,

December 26th. For ticket information visit www.little-caesarspizzabowl.com.

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