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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

or Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas

by Major Henry Livingston Jr. (1748-1828)
(previously believed to be by Clement Clarke Moore)



'Twas the night before
Christmas, when all through
the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by
the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas
soon would be there;

The children were nestled all
snug in their beds,

Before Christmas page 14A

The Real Meaning Of Christmas

Celebrating the birth of Christ

By Martha Noebel



It's that time of year again.
December has come and with
it all the joys of Christmas. But
what is the real meaning of
Christmas? Is it the gifts
under the tree, the lights in
the windows, the cards in the

mail, turkey dinners with fami-
ly and friends, snow in the
yard, stockings hanging in the
living room, and shouts of
"Merry Christmas" to those
who pass us in the streets? Is
this really Christmas?

For many people, Christmas
is a time of sorrow. They don't
have the extra money to buy
presents for their children,
family, and friends. Many are
saddened at Christmastime

Real Christmas page 6A

KWANZAA

A week long celebration



Kwanzaa is a week-long
African-American celebration
in the United States that hon-
ors African-American history
and culture. It is observed
each year from December 26
through January 1 and was
first celebrated in 1966.
The name Kwanzaa derives

from the kiswahiliphrase
matunda ya kwanza, meaning
first fruits of the harvest. The
choice of the kiswahili, an
East African language,
reflects its status as a symbol
of Pan-Africanism.

The idea of Kwanzaa was

Kwanzaa page 12A



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From the Telegram Newspaper Staff

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WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

It's always a season of giving

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



Each year during the month of December, I focus one of my columns on giving during this season. It normally goes like this..... "What if people gave all year like they do during the Christmas season? How much happier the world would be.?.

Well, what I realized was that I was singing the same song to the same choir. Have you ever done that? You keep saying the same thing over and over and you keep getting the same result, but it isn't the result that you are looking for. I realized that maybe I need to change the message.

I have decided to revise the message. Each year, I say to you, Christmas is not the only time that people need stuff, but I never gave you options where you could. That's where I will change the message for this year. There are many opportunities where you can give throughout the year. Here is a sample of some opportunities where you can be a blessing to people throughout the year.

•Give school supplies to local schools throughout the year,

not just at the beginning of the school year

- Give socks to the Homeless, Homeless shelters or to schools
- Give blankets or sheets to homeless shelters
- Provide soap, and other toiletries to those in need
- Provide toothpaste and tooth brushes to schools

•Donate books to the local libraries and homeless shelters

•Donate your time to volunteer in the community

•If you are young, volunteer at the senior centers, If you are older, volunteer with youth groups

•Donate money to groups/organizations that dedicate their time to helping others

•Give of yourself to be a mentor, or donate to organizations that have a mentorship program

•Open up your home to help house children that are in the system and provide them a loving family.

I'm sure there is something in the list that touches your heart and encourages you to give. If you spread your giving throughout the year, we would be able to put a smile on people's faces for twelve months verses just for one month. Well, I hope the year 2014 is filled with the season of giving all year long. If you do your part it will be.

NEWS FROM LANSING

Gov. Snyder signs bills to help fight blight and prevent Bridge Card fraud



Gov. Rick Snyder

LANSING – Gov. Rick Snyder today signed bipartisan legislation to help strengthen penalties for owners of blighted property.

"This is a good plan that will give more tools to communities throughout Michigan that are fighting blight," Snyder said. "Blight is more than just a visual problem. It also negatively affects our economy by reducing property values, making it harder to bring more and better jobs to our state, and also threatening public safety. These new laws will help communities continue the positive changes they are already making in the effort to eliminate blight."

Senate Bill 35, sponsored by state Sen. Virgil Smith, authorizes additional penalties for failing to pay fines imposed by administrative hearing bureaus that many cities are allowed to create for enforcing blight violations. "These blight bills will go a long way in giving communities the tools they need to clean up and retake their neighborhoods. I'm excited to see them become law," said Smith.

The bill is now PA 188 of 2013.

SB 36, sponsored by state Sen. Bert Johnson, allows local governments to deny zoning authorization for property owners who have failed to pay fines imposed for blight violations. It is now PA 189.

SB 37, sponsored by state Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, allows local governments to ban building permits for property owners who have failed to pay fines imposed for blight violations. It is now PA 190.

SB 38, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, allows local governments to garnish the wages of property owners who have failed to pay fines

imposed for blight violations. It is now PA 191.

SB 39, sponsored by state Sen. Tupac Hunter, allows local governments to foreclose on property owned by a person who has failed to pay fines imposed for blight violations. It is now PA 192.

The governor also signed six bills to help reduce fraudulent use of Bridge Cards:

Senate Bills 434 and 556, and House Bills 4858, 4859, 5014 and 5015, ban Bridge Card holders from using the cards at certain automatic teller machines (ATM).

SB 434, also sponsored by Jones, requires a credit union that operates ATMs in a casino, liquor store, or "adult entertainment establishment" to ensure it does not allow a person to use a Bridge Card to withdraw cash. It is now PA 193.

SB 556, also sponsored by Jones, requires state agencies to work with ATM suppliers to stop a Bridge Cards from being used to withdraw cash in a liquor store or "adult entertainment establishment." It is now PA 194.

HB 4858, sponsored by state Rep. Margaret O'Brien, requires a bank that operates ATMs in a casino, liquor store, or "adult entertainment establishment" to ensure it does not allow a person to use a Bridge Card to withdraw cash. It is now PA 195.

HB 4859, also sponsored by O'Brien, requires a savings bank that operates ATMs in a casino, liquor store, or "adult entertainment establishment" to work with state agencies to ensure it does not allow a person to use a Bridge Card to withdraw cash. It is now PA 196.

HB 5014, sponsored by state Rep. Dale Zorn, requires liquor stores to work with state agencies to find a way to stop Bridge Cards from being used to withdraw cash from in-store ATMs. It is now PA 197.

HB 5015, also sponsored by Zorn, requires state agencies to work with ATM suppliers to establish a way to stop Bridge Cards from being used to withdraw cash at a horse racing track. It is now PA 198.

Snyder also signed seven additional bills:

HB 4064, sponsored by state Rep. Kurt Heise, allows court papers and records to be filed

and stored electronically. It also revises some record keeping requirements to be in accordance with rules established by the state Supreme Court. It also requires the court system to develop a records retention and disposal schedule and procedures. It is now PA 199.

HB 4242, sponsored by state Rep. Ken Goike, requires state government agencies to demonstrate that a rule they want to impose is "necessary and suitable to achieve its purpose in proportion to the burdens it places on individuals." It is now PA 200.

HB 4532, sponsored by state Rep. Amanda Price, requires all courts in the state to keep writs, processes, proceedings and records in a manner and medium to be determined by the state Supreme Court, which would include electronic records and signatures. It is now PA 201.

HB 4546, sponsored by state Rep. Rick Outman, decreases the number of Potato Industry Commission members while also specifying membership changes to better reflect current industry needs. The commission will receive and assessment increase to meet demands of possible special projects and research to benefit potato growers and processors. It is now PA 202.

HB 4889, sponsored by state Rep. Ed McBroom, strengthens sentencing guidelines for illegal drug convictions involving travel from another state with the intent to deliver. It is now PA 203.

HB 5017, also sponsored by O'Brien, expands an existing 18 mill exemption for "new construction" on development property to include the underlying real property (ground). The current exemption only includes the buildings. It also includes an exemption for one office within the development. It is now PA 204.

HB 5156, sponsored by state Rep. Mike Shirkey, clarifies that nothing in the Court of Claims Act, including the recent amendments transferring the court to the state Court of Appeals, eliminates any right to a jury trial, nor does it deprive a state trial court of jurisdiction to hear and determine a cause for which there is a right to a jury trial. It is now PA 205.

Visit legislature.michigan.gov for more information.

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WHICH GIFTING CONSUMER WERE YOU THIS YEAR?

By Cheryl Pierson - Contributing Writer



Ok, hopefully, we can all sit back and catch our breaths for a few minutes before 2014 rolls in. Our adrenaline levels should be getting back to normal. Most of the holiday hustle and bustle is over. The gifts have been given and received; loved or ready to be returned. How did you fare this year? Were you able to find the perfect present for your folks and everything (or, at least a gift or two) on your kids' list to Santa this year? How about that ideal surprise for your significant other? Or that friend who you always have a hard time finding the perfect gift?

We know that African-Americans are powerful consumers; and, that consumers across-the-board fall into very specific categories. Even though we may not have consciously thought about it while making our lists and checking them twice in the stores or online, chances are we automatically classified our gift recipients into consumer groups, as was encouraged by consumer insights from research for Nielsen. Now, this might seem a little "after the fact," but, these insights are not only fun; but studying our trends as consumers helps businesses craft the messages and outreach strategies to engage us and better meet our needs (and their bottom line) down the road. This year's gift guide survey, focused on five consumer categories: working moms, sports fans, arts enthusiasts, connected consumers and status seekers.

According to the survey, the Working Moms in your life typically buy and appreciate anything that helps to keep their lives organized and moving forward (raises hand and count me in)! For instance, working moms are more likely to thrive on all varieties of coffee, and enjoy specialty coffee packages. Working moms are 23 percent more likely than other consumer groups to visit the local pizza place, so it makes sense that a pizza stone and ingredients would have been a good gift. Other great presents would have been a tablet PC or any kind of home décor or decorative storage pieces.

Sports Fans for purposes of this survey, were defined as

U.S. adults who say they're interested in the MLB, NBA, NFL or NHL (Well, the sports fan in my house is not technically an adult yet, but, I think this applies to him, too). We know that sports fans (no matter the age) can never get enough sports stuff. These consumers are 36 percent more likely than others to shop at a sporting goods store for equipment or gear. They love tickets to any game and are nearly three times more likely to purchase sporting events tickets themselves (hint, hint for future gift-giving). Sports enthusiasts want to be able to enjoy their games on multiple screens and are 34 percent more likely to purchase HDTVs and 38 percent more likely to spring for a tablet PC.

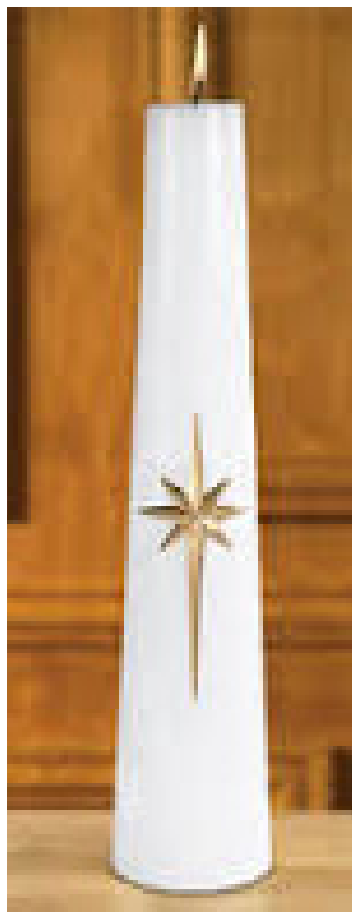
Then, we've got our Arts Enthusiasts, who love all things fine art. Twelve percent of those surveyed who classified themselves as such, appreciate donating (or charitable donations made in their name) to arts organizations. These consumers are 48% more likely to do yoga/pilates (kinda artsy, I guess) and are 41 percent more likely to patronize art museums.

The survey shows Connected Consumers, U.S. adults who own a laptop/notebook, computer, smartphone and tablet, to be more social and a bit more curious about exotic cultures (27 percent) and cuisine. Great gifts would have been coffee gift cards, as they are 66 percent more likely to visit a coffee house/bar. Fifty-four percent of this consumer group was more likely to buy a Blu-Ray player. They also have their eyes peeled for the latest restaurant ratings guide for their city.

The final category in the survey were the Status Seekers. You know – the "hostess with the most-est." They love to entertain and are nearly three times more likely to open their homes to guests. The Status Seekers are 50 percent more likely to plan to purchase a video game system, so that's an awesome gift choice. And, interestingly, they are 43 percent more likely to have attended an R&B/Rap/Hip Hop concert in the past 12 months.

It has been my great pleasure to bring these kinds of consumer insights to you over the last four years. No matter what consumer preference category you or those you gifted fall into, I encourage you to always choose wisely. You've got the power. And, don't forget to chat with us on Twitter or Facebook, so we can keep the conversation going.

Season's Greetings



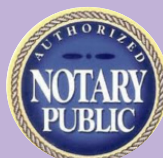
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Senator Hopgood applauds Grants to GM Romulus Powertrain and Ecorse Pak-Rite Industries



Taylor— Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D – Taylor) today applauded the Michigan Strategic Fund's approval of \$3,549,938 in Skilled Trades Training Fund program grants to 14 Michigan Works! Agencies around the state, including for two projects within his Senate district.

"I applaud the Michigan Strategic Fund's approval of these important grants, which stand to benefit not only the business community in our area, but to improve the skill set of our workers as well," said Senator Hopgood. "Our community has much to offer in terms of product development and employment, and I am delighted to see our businesses and our workers given the opportunity to thrive."

Included in the awards was \$399,997 for General Motors to train 289 current employees in a variety of manufacturing skills at nine locations across the state, including their Romulus Powertrain Operations. At the

GM Romulus Powertrain facility, the funding will go toward Siemens training. Siemens is the new controls technology for the plant. This is critical training in support of the 2015 SGE New Product Program. It also will aid GM's recently announced \$493.4 million investment at the Romulus Engine Plant, which includes \$343.4 million for equipment to produce a 10-speed automatic transmission, and \$150 million to increase production capacity of a V-6 engine.

Pak-Rite Industries, Inc. in Ecorse also received \$24,423 to train 20 employees in lean manufacturing champion training, lean office champion training, and training in root cause analysis, pareto analysis and ROI. The STTF dollars allotted to Pak-Rite will be matched by \$25,289 in funds from the company.

The Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF) program, funded with state appropriations, provides competitive awards for the development and implementation of employer-responsive training that will enhance talent incomes, productivity, employment retention, and increase the quality and competitiveness of Michigan's businesses. The program expands collaboration among local workforce, economic development and educational agencies by funding demand-driven training that addresses talent shortages hampering the growth of Michigan's priority industries. The Workforce Development Agency awards funds for STTF to the Michigan Works! Agencies.

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**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
&
SEASONS
GREETINGS**



Take it Easy and Get Ready

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



The last two weeks of the year are usually times of rest and taking it easy. Schools take a break, some factories shut down and this is a time when many people use vacation time they have accumulated through the year. Work tends to take a little lull and we put more than usual emphasis on home and family time.

Even though there is the hustle and bustle of last minute holiday shopping and preparing for family gatherings, where work is concerned, it is a period of slow down. Retail and travel is super busy, but they are busy preparing for the big days of home and

family time. For those who are able to rest at this time, be sure to take advantage of it. Rest. Reflect. Plan. During this rest time, allow yourself to recharge. Don't be so consumed by festivities that you neglect to rest. Enjoy home and enjoy family and keep in mind that you will hit the ground running on January 2, 2014!

Take time to be close to God. Ponder. Seek Him. Seek His will for your life. Hear the directions He is giving you and follow the direction where He leads you. He is the Rewarder of those who seek Him diligently (Heb. 11:6). Use this time to seek Him while you rest.

You're going to need this rest time to charge up. 2014 is going to require energy from you. You can expect 2014 to be a normal or average year if you want to. That's up to you. But for those with greater expectations, remember that when more is given to you, more is required of you (Luke 12:48).

God will always provide opportunities for us. We are

always intersecting with opportunities and blessings. The problem is, when we intersect, we must connect with those blessings. Many of them pass us by because we are unaware. God is always speaking. It's just up to us to listen.

2014 will be about as good as we decide or allow it to be. God will do His thing as always. We just have to cooperate with Him and do our part. So over the next couple of weeks, take it easy. Connect. Reflect. Seek. On January 2, 2014 it will be time to start DOING.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!!

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Sunday Morning Service - 11:00am

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Let's worship together down here so
we can live together up there



The Legacy of Christmas

By: Cedric Dukes - Contributing Writer



The holiday season is here. The hustle and bustle of holiday shopping draws us to a frantic pace with sales at every turn of the corner. I enjoy seeing decorated houses, visiting family and friends and the smell of sweet baked goodies. You too have experienced a different kind of memorable legacies. Memories left to us by our parents and grandparents will never be forgotten but there was a legacy over 2000 years ago that will be remembered for ever.

An angel came to Mary to announce the birth of her son. The angel told her the child will be the Son of God named Jesus. The angel affirms that the child shall be great and He shall reign and His kingdom will never end. Mary was troubled by the words but she kept the news privately for fear of rejection and retaliation and embarrassment to Joseph. After Joseph learned about the impending birth, he planned not to marry her but the angel of the Lord came to him in a dream and told him the same prophecy. He immediately took her as his wife.

The legacy continued as the wise men traveled for a couple of years to honor the new born king with gold, frankincense and myrrh. The king at that time, Herod, was furious

because his throne was being threatened. He understood the prophecy in Micah 5:2 would eventually supplant and cause his end. Herod sent a decree throughout the land that any male child under two years old must die (trying to destroy the legacy). Again the angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream and told him to go to Egypt because King Herod was looking to take Jesus' life.

The Christmas season is not another event where we buy gifts but it is a season represented by the legacy of love. No one at that time could ever imagine the legacy left. The legacy was protected for you and me. This love was really about the Heavenly Father entering into our world through Jesus so that we may enter into His world (kingdom) forever.

The legacy that was left for us:

- Mary birthed a child that saved all from their sins.
- Jesus became the healer and deliverer for many.
- Jesus became the bread of life for those who needed nourishment and internal peace.
- Jesus left his Holy Spirit to lead and direct us.
- Jesus became sin so that we can become the righteousness of God.

The legacy of Christ is really an invitation from God to you to accept his love to become his adopted son or daughter.

Make it a great day

Cedric Dukes can be contacted at
www.cedricdukes.com.

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PAUL RONALD STANFORD III
March 4, 1957 - December 2, 2013

While in Boot Camp he had the honor of serving as the "Colors Bearer" for his training flight during parades and other official functions.

The leaves behind his father, Paul R. Stanford, Jr., three children, Paul, Paulette and Sedric; three sisters, Maureen E. Stanford-Anderson; Christie A. Stanford and Monica J. Owens; and one step-brother Bryan W. Gay; two grandchildren, Jordan Moses and Kayleigh Parker; two nieces and three nephews; one aunt Geraldine McDuffie and numerous cousins and friends. He will truly be missed by all. Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



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He leaves to mourn: his loving wife of 39 years, Thelma Hudson. From this union two children - Latisha and Olivia Hudson, two other daughters:Contessa and Chelle Hudson, surviving siblings: Gordon Hudson, Olivia Rice, Mary Yvonne Hambright; special nieces and nephews: Frank "Boo Boo" and Roxanne "Sugie" McCurdy, Tishie "Tiny" Hudson, Lawrence "Dinkey" Hudson, Latrice "Tudda" Hudson, LaToya "Tom" Hamilton and Rayshawn "Buster" Jones; a host of great nieces and nephews, and he leaves behind nine grandchildren that called him "Big Daddy".

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

John M. Henderson
Feb 4, 1916 - Dec 2, 2013

The number of hours he spent cooking and feeding others are uncountable. He will be remembered as one who gave of himself, he will truly be missed.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories one son William (Sheila), daughters Sheron Sciara & Marlene Leach, sister in law Lue Neil Shaw-Hill, 5 grandchildren, Rondre, Ronald, Michael, Ruvan & Terrance, and a host of family and freinds. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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Real Christmas

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when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home for various reasons. Turkey dinners may be only a wish and not a reality for some.

Yet, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. You see, Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star stopped over Bethlehem just to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child. Luke 2: 4-19 says:

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

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Why did He come? Why did God send His son to this sometimes cruel and hard world? He sent Jesus to us so that one day, He would grow up to become a very important part of history. His story (history) is one of truth, love, and hope. It brought salvation to all of us. Without Jesus, we would all die in our sins. Jesus was born so one day the price could be paid for the things we have done that are wrong. The Bible says that all have sinned. We are all born with a sin nature. We do things that do not please God. Through the sins of Adam and Eve, we have all inherited that sin nature. We need to have that removed. The only way is through Jesus. Jesus came so He could die on the cross for ALL of our sins. If we believe that Jesus died for our sins, we can ask Him to come into our hearts and forgive us. Then, we are clean and made whole. We can know that heaven is a place where we can go to when this life is over. "But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong." I John 1:9 We can truly be happy at Christmas! No matter what may be happening, we can know that we are His children. We then become sons and daughters of God. Heaven will be our home one day. Look at Christmas in a new way this year. This is the year to invite Jesus into your heart. You will then have a "Merry Christmas." The joy and peace you will receive will last all year as you look to God for all your needs to be met. Jesus Is The Reason For The Season! Rejoice!

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Happy Holidays

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



From Inkster Councilman Michael Canty

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Romans 15-13

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan extends enrollment deadline

for off marketplace individual health plans through December 31 Deadline is today for enrolling in subsidized ACA plans for Jan. 1 effective coverage



DETROIT– Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is extending the enrollment deadline for some of its individual health plans to Dec. 31, giving Michigan consumers another week to enroll in a health plan and ensure uninterrupted coverage into the New Year.

•Deadline today for subsidy-eligible plans - Michigan consumers who want to apply government subsidies to their ACA health plan need to complete enrollment by today in order to have that coverage effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Consumers who may be subsidy eligible must complete an application on healthcare.gov to verify and apply their subsidy to insurance premium costs.

•Deadline extended to December 31 for off-marketplace plans - for consumers who do not qualify for government subsidies, BCBSM/BCN offer an identical set of ACA-compliant products available

“off-marketplace.” Consumers do not need to complete an application on healthcare.gov and will now have until Dec. 31 to select a plan for a Jan. 1, 2014 coverage effective date.

•Deadline also extended to December 31 for Keep Fit - Keep Fit is the only pre-ACA health plan left open by BCBSM for 2014. People enrolling in Keep Fit will have a coverage effective date of Dec. 31, 2013 and can remain in this pre-ACA plan until Dec. 2014.

Subsidies cannot be applied to either the BCBSM/BCN off-marketplace plans or Keep Fit.

Michigan residents can enroll by:

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- Enrolling online at bcbsm.com/myblue.

“Blue Cross wants to give Michigan residents every opportunity to obtain health coverage and have it effective January 1,” said Terry Burke, vice president for individual business at BCBSM. “We have expanded call center hours, added people to our phone lines to answer questions, and are now extending our enrollment deadline to give people more time.”

Last week, Blue Cross has extended call center hours and increased staff to more than 400 licensed health plan advisors to manage the increased call volume throughout the month of December. Advisors will be available:

- Dec. 26-30 from 8 am to 8 pm
- Dec. 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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1 roll (30 oz) Pillsbury® refrigerated gingerbread cookies
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120 semisweet chocolate chips (about 1/2 cup)
30 candied cherries, cut in half, if desired

Directions

Steps 1
Heat oven to 350°F. Divide dough in half; refrigerate one half until needed. With hands, shape one half of cookie

dough into 7 1/2-inch-long triangle-shaped log. (If dough is too soft to cut, place in freezer 30 minutes.)

Step 2
With thin sharp knife, cut dough into 30 (1/4-inch-thick) triangular slices; on ungreased cookie sheets, place 2 inches apart. Place 2 pretzel twists on each triangle near corners for antlers.

Step 3
Bake 7 to 11 minutes or until set. While warm, lightly press 2 chocolate chips into each cookie for eyes and 1 cherry half for nose. Remove from cookie sheets. Let stand until

chocolate chips are set, about 15 minutes. Repeat with remaining half of dough. Store between sheets of waxed paper in tightly covered container.

Candy-coated chocolate candies or gumdrops may be substituted for the cherry nose.



Gingerbread Cheesecake Bites



Ingredients
1 roll (16.5 oz) Pillsbury® refrigerated gingerbread cookies
1 cup powdered sugar
2 oz cream cheese, softened
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

STEPS
1 - Heat oven to 350°F. Place miniature paper baking cup in each of 24 mini muffin cups.
2 - For each cookie, shape 2 teaspoons dough into ball; place 1 ball in each muffin cup; press thumb into center of each to make indentation.
3 - In small bowl, beat powdered sugar and cream cheese with spoon until

smooth; stir in vanilla until blended. In pint-size resealable food-storage plastic bag, place cream cheese filling. Cut small opening diagonally across bottom corner of bag. Pipe about 1 teaspoon filling into each indentation.
4 - Bake 9 minutes or until toothpick inserted in cookie (not filling) comes out almost clean. Cool completely before removing from muffin cups. Store in airtight container, refrigerating any remaining cookies after 24 hours.
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The Food boxes were put together by the Kroger's located at Merriman and Cherry Hill. The boxes were complete with dry goods, toiletries and enough food to make a Christmas meal and more. Each family also received a turkey. Park Athletics donated some of the sports equipment that was also included with each family's package.

This was a combined effort of youth, coaches, Foster grandparents and the community. Four college students who were former participants in the Annual Inkster Legends Basketball Camp did the shopping for the toys and clothing for each family. Many of the Foster grandparents and Inkster Legends were on hand to help distribute the food, toys and clothes to the families.

The give away was made possible by proceeds generated by the successful "A Night to Remember" that Inkster Legends held in October.

Social Club 48229 adopts a family new to Ecorse



Newly established Social Club 48229 adopted a family for the holiday. On Sunday, December 22, they presented the family with a generous supply of food and clothing for the entire family. The kids were also treated to a visit from Santa Claus.

Social Club 48229 is located at 3740 12th Street. They are a non-profit organization and can be contacted via email theplace48229@gmail.com

Top photo - New family to Ecorse with Santa Claus

Bottom photo - Members of Social Club 48229

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* COMMUNITY NEWS*

River Rouge Public Library
Christmas Program 2013



Christmas program (picture with Santa) was Saturday, December 7th. The dedicated parents, I tell ya! These people do not play around when it comes to the children's programs! Families started to line up around 9:00 a.m. in front of the library. As the families walked into the library, they were asked to sign in and wait for their turn.

While, the families were waiting the children stayed busy

making paper chains, magic color scratch ornaments etc. As soon as families with children went down in the basement to have the picture with Santa, the kids had a good time checking out their favorite inflatable's Snowman, Christmas Tree etc.

Parents and children were very happy as they walked out of the basement with

their framed pictures with Santa, goody bags and a box of cookies from Meijer. We would like to thank the Taylor Meijer(for \$100 gift card) and the Lincoln Park Meijer (for \$200 gift card) which was used to purchase cookies for the kids. I want to say another very big thank you to the parents, grandparent, aunts, uncles and those of you who contributed in any way toward the program. It was a nice day and we had a good turnout for the program. We stayed busy until 12 o'clock and took over 150 pictures.

We would like to thank the volunteers, Clem Roberts, Mayor Michel D. Bowdler and Santa for taking time out of their busy schedules and sponsoring this wonderful children's program. Picture with Santa is a great memory for these children and will be kept forever.

Romulus Eagles continue flight

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer



Romulus' Tyrone Hamby goes up for a basket against Detroit Southeastern in their Winners' Circle Classic matchup on Dec. 20.

Romulus has new players and a new coach. The Eagles have had to replace many key players from last year's Class A championship team, as well as overcome the loss of coach Nate Oats, who is now an assistant at the University of New York at Buffalo.

But the more things change, the more they stay the same, as the Eagles boys' team has rocketed to a 5-0 start to begin the season.

First-year head coach Jerret Smith is not surprised about the success that has come to his team.

"It is what it is, man" Smith said. "These kids are up at 6 am everyday, working their butts off and giving such great effort. As hard as we work, we expect to do great things."

And the new isn't so new, as Smith was a major player on the 2005 Romulus team that reached the Class A championship game.

He later played for Michigan and Grand Valley State, and

has served most recently as the Eagles' JV coach.

Now, on to the players. These Eagles don't necessarily have an EC Matthews (now playing at Rhode Island), a Wes Clark (Missouri) or a Leo Edwards (Louisiana Tech)—but do they need them?

They have a tough, hard-nosed bunch that plays hard and wins games. Some names that have come up are those of seniors Kris Clyburn (who is averaging a double-double for the season), Deonte Bell, and Jaylin Walker.

That 5-0 start has not come against a bunch of slouches either. After opening the season with two scrappy victories against good Detroit Western International and Detroit Mumford squads, and an 85-45 victory over Dearborn, the Eagles hosted the Winners' Circle Classic on Friday and took the floor for the marquee

matchup of the night.

Their matchup? Detroit Southeastern—the team that the Eagles defeated, 61-49, for the 2013 Class A title. Needless to say, the Jungaleers were out for blood. And yet again it would be more of the same, as Romulus utilized tough defense to scrap back from a 28-20 deficit to a 50-44 victory.

"Southeastern's a great team, you won't walk all over them," Smith said. "When looking at their record (0-3), they've played the toughest schedule in the state up to this point."

Smith also highlights another key part of the Romulus culture—playing in big games.

Over the years, the Eagles have entertained rivalries with excellent programs such as Southeastern, Detroit Pershing, Ann Arbor Huron, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Inkster and of course natural rival Belleville just to name a few.

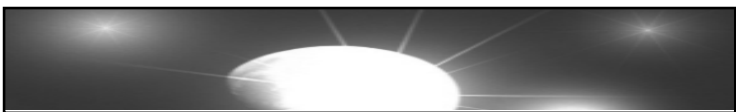
"To be the best, you've gotta play the best," Smith said. "We don't get better playing cupcake games. Our kids want these games."

The Eagles closed out the two-day holiday showcase on their home floor on Saturday, with a 71-64 victory over Oak Park. They will have a six-day rest before taking on Bowman (Ind.) Academy this Friday in the Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods High.

I'm sorry, did I say rest? Not likely with this team.

"We're going to keep grinding and keep working," Smith said.

HOROSCOPES



DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1, 2014

ARIES

You've done a lot of things in life that no one has agreed with at the beginning. Finding agreement this week will be difficult, but it should not deter you from moving forward. Feeling sorry for your loneliness will discolor what you are doing. Be happy that you are alone.

Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.

Lucky Numbers: 3,18, 31

TAURUS

Eternal optimist, eternity is now. Get in touch with your hopefulness and be a beacon to others. Try not to be taken in by promises made by others or promises you've made to yourself. Concerning your own affairs, avoid contemplating lofty subjects and seeking long ranged solutions.

Soul Affirmation: Time is the greatest peacemaker of them all.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 28, 39

GEMINI

Some say optimism is fantasy. Suppose the good thing you're optimistic about never comes. This week you'll know that the joy of anticipating it is joy enough. Just the certainty of coming goodness is present goodness. The joy of tomorrow is available this week.

Soul Affirmation: This week is the week the Lord has made. I rejoice in it.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 36, 38

CANCER

You might be looking into the buying or selling of a piece of property, and this week seems to be a favorable week for this type of negotiation. Be careful with the intricacies of the matter. Pay attention to details or it could cost you a great deal later.

Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 21, 35

LEO

Your multi-tasking abilities will kick into high gear this week. While it's sometimes difficult for you to know how to handle a particular situation, this week you'll know the perfect answer. Everything good is unfolding!

Soul Affirmation: New intuitions create new plans and a new cast of characters.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 8, 25

VIRGO

Your self-discipline helps you to do more this week. People will be watching as you zip around with style and grace! Broaden your cultural horizons by trying new foods and meeting new people. You'll be pleasantly surprised!

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

Lucky Numbers: 3, 5, 9

LIBRA

Sociable, lovable you! You can have a wonderful week this week if you hook up with like-minded friends. You'll find that many are on your wavelength this week. Appreciate your ability to bring people together.

Soul Affirmation: Luck is my best friend this week.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 16, 29,

SCORPIO

You'll be full of good ideas this week, so make sure you write down the ones you don't have time to put into action. You'll want to share your thoughts on a grand scale, and your mind will seem truly universal to you. Try to be patient with those who are staggered by your brilliance.

Soul Affirmation: Light from my soul shines in many directions.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 9

SAGITTARIUS

This week let your gentle spirit shine through. Your rough and tumble side is not appropriate for the relationships that you'll encounter. Someone will need your understanding and sympathy. Give it with sensitivity.

Soul Affirmation: My life itself is my greatest creation.

Lucky Numbers: 30, 39, 44

CAPRICORN

You're faced with a formidable task but when you defeat it, you'll take big steps toward a goal. Weigh in and give it your best. Your energy is high. The task looks larger before you start. Compromise with a partner. The immediate future promises love.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the spirits of people whose spirits are akin to mine this week

Lucky Numbers: 33, 34, 52

AQUARIUS

Yield to the harmony that lies below the surface of any seeming disagreement. Serenity is more important than your sense of righteousness. Questioning the motives of others will make your mind too suspicious to benefit from the unclear way in which love will present itself this week.

Soul Affirmation: Freedom of mind is the greatest gift for me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 53, 54

PISCES

Your intuition is showing, and you may surprise yourself as much as you surprise another by making a sudden intuitive leap and saying what you feel. You may feel as if you can read a certain someone's mind. Use your gift for good..

Soul Affirmation: I let my luck work for me.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 23, 46

Devante Averette is now a Cowboy

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



Coach Dennis and Devante Averette signs letter of intent

Christmas came early for recent Junior College grad (Iowa Falls (IA) Ellsworth C.C.) and football player Devante Averette as Oklahoma State added another important piece to their recruiting class. Averette signed his letter of obligation to play football and further his education as a Cowboy. The 6-foot and 230-pound inside linebacker is one of the pre-

mier players at his position from the junior college ranks. He's the nation's No. 3 inside linebacker in the 247Sports Rankings.

He was also considering West Virginia, however, in the end, Stillwater proved to be the best fit. I asked Averette why Oklahoma State? "West Virginia is a good school, however Oklahoma State

plays more of a defense that I am a custom too. More of my success in football has been while playing linebacker. Although I have played some safety back in high school and West Virginia defense does feature a 3-3-5, with much responsibility going to the corners and safeties. Nevertheless at the end of the day when I talk to family, friends and support which includes coach Mike Dennis, I knew Oklahoma State would be a perfect fit for me and my style of play. Averette attended Melvindale (MI) High School and recently graduated Junior College at Iowa Falls (IA) Ellsworth C.C. this month. After a nice holiday break Averette will be traveling to Stillwater, Oklahoma for school and to get ready for Spring Football for the Cowboys. Congratulations to Devante Averette in his letter of obligation to play football and furthering his education at Oklahoma State University.

Bulldogs experiencing growing pains

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer

The Dearborn Heights Robichaud Bulldogs are experiencing some ups and downs in this short season. According to coach Vernon Crump, such is a fact of life when you try to get players more experience. "I feel that it's not so much youth as it is inexperience," Crump said. "I have a lot of juniors and seniors that haven't played significant minutes up to this year. Some of my guys have never played varsity ball before." After a 59-38 slipup against Southfield on Dec. 10 to open their season, the Bulldogs stormed right back at home with a 70-30 ripping of Detroit Northwestern on Dec. 14. Vernon Crump Jr. paced the Bulldogs with 18 points and Rajon Williams-Jackson put up

16. On Dec. 17, the Bulldogs came home to tangle with another set of Bulldogs—these ones from Detroit Loyola. Unfortunately, that night at least, the visitors had the bigger bite, handing the locals a 67-45 loss. That game was very physical and tough, what one would expect from two teams with Bulldog mascots. "We had a bit of a problem with our rebounding that game," Crump said. "I keep telling them, you have to get the boards. Almost every shot they got was a second chance shot." Dacari Gibson led the Bulldogs with 12 points, followed by freshman Marquise Ray with six. Crump also noted that this was

a good group, but they just had a lot of things they needed to work out. "I think that we have a lot of growing to do, starting today," he said. "When we were making those deep runs in the play-offs, we had kids that had played two, three, even four years of varsity ball. I think we will be fine though." The Bulldogs hosted Dearborn Heights Annapolis on Friday, but results were unavailable. They closed this past week with a 56-43 loss to Detroit Western International on Saturday in the Winners' Circle Classic at Romulus. They will get a chance to show their growth on Dec. 30, when they tangle with Detroit Renaissance at the Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods High School.

The Party is Over, for the Lions

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

Josh Brown's 45-yard field goal on the third drive of overtime lifted the New York Giants to a 23-20 win over Detroit on Sunday. Will Hill 38 yard interception return and a Josh Brown kick for an extra point tie the game with 4:57 left in regulation play.

However, the Lions (7-8) lost for the fifth time in six games, blowing fourth-quarter leads in each setback that might seal Jim Schwartz's fate. The embattled coach chose to play for overtime by running out the clock with 23 seconds and two timeouts left from the Detroit 25. When the crowd reacted with a chorus of boos, Schwartz turned his head toward the stands and appeared to angrily shout back at the fans. Coach Schwartz said after the game on if he responded to the fans booing at the end of regulation: "No. I was disappointed to hear boos. We were getting ready to go in to overtime right there. Our crowd is great for us and they support us. I thought our team needed a lift right there. We didn't need to feel bad at that point. We just intercepted the ball that got us to overtime. I thought that just trying to get our team ready and that's a tough situation when your players are getting booed, you want to keep them fired up and that's what I was trying to do right there.

"Schwartz has lost nine straight games in December or January, leading to his job being in jeopardy Detroit needed some help to stay in postseason contention and got it when Pittsburgh won at Green Bay, but the Packers' loss turned out to be moot when the lowly Lions fell. Matthew Stafford was 20-of-31 for 183 yards and an interception in the first three quarters, but continued his struggles in the fourth quarter (and overtime) Sunday. Stafford finished the game 5-of-11 for 39 yards (3.5 yards per attempt) and an interception in the fourth quarter and over-

time. After Week 10's win against the Bears, the Lions were 6-3 and in first place in the NFC North. The wheels have completely come off for Stafford late in games over the last six weeks of the season, and the Lions are 1-5 in that span. Sunday's results have mathematically eliminated Detroit from the playoffs. Coach Schwartz speaks on how disappointing it is to not make the playoffs: "It's very disappointing. But all our games, well not all, we have had a couple of wins where we have sort of led the, well not led the whole game, but they haven't come to down to close. But all of our closes have come close. It is frustrating. I know it's frustrating for our fans and it's frustrating for our players and coaches also.

This game was no different. We were down 10 at the half. We were having a hard time getting anything going. I thought we came out in the second half with a lot of spark. I thought we played well on defense. We started getting some stops. Got a safety, then scored. We just weren't able to make the play that we needed. Whether, like I said, we got the holding penalty on the one that looked like Joique (Bell) had the first down on and then got intercepted right there. Whether it was at the end we had a fourth down and then got intercepted right there.

Whether it was at the end when we had a fourth down play and we get them stopped right there and our offense has the ball back in overtime with the chance to move and score. There is no guarantee that we are going to win, but it is very disappointing coming from where we were. It's hard to take when every game is close. I think that's the thing that makes it difficult." 17 of the Giant 21 points were from Lions turnover. One more game for the Lions to play then the season over once again, too soon.

Holiday Basketball Results

By Butch Davis

Basketball (Boys) Varsity 12/19

Dearborn Edsel Ford 80, Ypsilanti Arbor 74 Detroit Jalen Rose 59, Taylor Trillium 50 Detroit University Prep Science & Math 75, Taylor Trillium 25 Ecorse 71, Detroit Cody 50 Gibraltar Carlson 65, Taylor Kennedy 62 Allen Park Cabrini 59, Grosse Ile 50 Lincoln Park 62, Melvindale 53 Livonia Clarenceville 66, Dearborn 50 Riverview Gabriel Richard Dearborn Hts Star International 49-44

Basketball (Boys) Varsity 12/20

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 68, Allen Park Cabrini 24 Romulus 50, Detroit Southeastern 44 Romulus Summit Academy 55, Carleton Airport 44 Crestwood 62, Dearborn Heights 31 Detroit Catholic Central 37, Dearborn Divine Child 22

Basketball (Boys) Varsity 12/21

Dearborn Fordson 55, Dearborn Edsel Ford 51 Detroit Western International 56, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 43 Detroit Country Day 80, Detroit Cass Tech 75

Basketball (Girls) Varsity 12/20

Allen Park Cabrini 45, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 19 Carleton Airport 48, Riverview 40

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December 11, 2013

At 1547hrs, an officer went to a home in the 500 Block of Beechwood on an alarm going off in a garage. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the elderly homeowner who was standing in his garage. He states someone had broken into this garage earlier in the day and stole a variety of tools and equipment. He states the suspect broke into his garage through one of his bay doors. Officers observed tire tracks leading to the door. Suspect stole 3 Craftsman Weed whackers. **Note: You should be protecting our elderly instead of stealing from them! A Burglary complaint was taken

December 11th, 2013

At 1304hrs, officers responded to the 1st Block of Louis Street on a Hit & Run Accident. Officers observed a 2011 Ford Focus inside the parking lot of Dairy Queen heavily damaged. Currently, Louis Street is under construction and the Louis Street residents are parking in the Dairy Queen Parking lot. A 48 year old female vehicle owner stated the construction workers witnessed a female driving a 2000 Dodge Durango hit her vehicle. Officer went to the home on Louis and spoke to the female suspect and asked if she had been recently driving her vehicle and she replied yes. She told officers the parking lot was very slippery with snow and ice and striking the vehicle was an accident. The female suspect was issued a violation for failing to report accident. Note: The example start with you by "Doing the right thing".

December 12th, 2013

At 1322hrs, officers were dispatched to River Rouge Auto Detail, 1865 Coolidge, to investigate a Break & Entering. Upon arrival officers spoke to the 56 year old owner who states his business was broken into. He states on December 11th, 20013 he received a phone call from the owner of the gas station across the street. He informed him that the front window to his shop was broken out. When the owner arrived at his shop at 1300hrs, he noticed part of the window was lying on the ground. He entered his shop and noticed the bottom panel

to the garage bay door on the south side of the shop had been kicked in. He checked further into the interior portioned of the shop and observed a glass globe had been taken off of the DTE Energy electrical meter box. A DeWalt 18 Volt Lithium drill was taken also. Damage was observed to both the front window and garage bay door.

December 12th, 2013

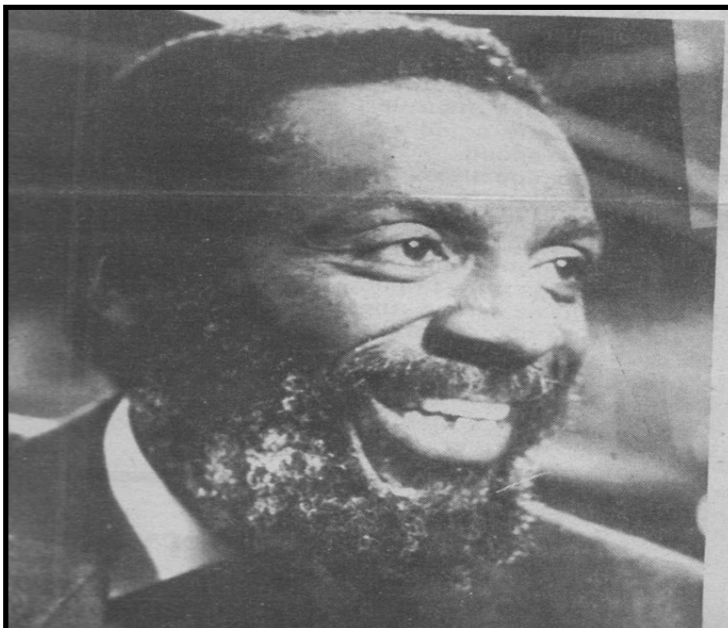
At 1513hrs, officers were dispatched to the area of Coolidge near River Rouge High School to check for a suspicious person. Officers arrived observed a 46 year old male sitting in a wooded area near the railroad tracks. Officers asked him what was he doing and he told them he was just trying to get high. Officers observed what looked like a "crack pipe" and a suspected "crack rock" on a cut off tree stump. The suspected crack pipe was a small glass tube with cooper at the bottom of it. Officers had reason to believe that it was being used to smoke crack. Next to the suspected crack pipe was a small baggie with hard white substance that looked like crack cocaine. Both items were logged in as evidence and place in storage. The male was placed under arrest and transported to The River Rouge Police Department where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call housed, and issued a citation for Violation of Public Health Code.

December 12th, 2013

At 1545hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 100 Block of Dwight Street to an apartment unit. The 24 year old female states her 4 year old son was standing looking out the window when she observed a 16 year old identified male walk through her yard from the alley and throw an unknown object at her window. The window shattered and broke. The young son didn't get hurt but she states this has been an ongoing problem with the male and his family. Officers went to the youth's home and spoke to his 41 year old mother who stated she was aware of the incident after the fact and advised the officer it would not happen again. The officer also spoke to the youth who admitted breaking the window. The youth told the officer it was in retaliation for his mother being assaulted two months ago by the other female's husband. A Malicious Destruction of Property complaint was taken.

FROM THE TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES NOVEMBER 1986

Drop-A-Dime Campaign Against Drugs



Activist Dick Gregory, who has marched against drugs

for more than 20 years, will talk about the community's fight to stop drug abuse and drug pushers when the series once again takes TV to the people. The program provides an opportunity for members of the Black community to speak out against this destructive force that is plaguing the nation.

TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL, the nation's longest running and top-ranked Black-Affairs television series, has been sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company for 11 consecutive years. Televised on public television (PBS), the program will be seen in this area on WTVS-56 at 3:30pm on Sunday, Nov. 16.

In response to the deadly crack craze which threatens society as a whole while devastating the Black community. Many frustrated African Americans are creating their own drug-enforcement campaigns to stop the flow of drugs in their neighborhoods. One highly successful program asks the community to "Drop-A-Dime", a street slogan meaning to turn in pushers to the police.

As part of a two-part examination of the country's uncontrollable drug problem, TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL will highlight the Drop-A-Dime campaign created by Bruce Wall and Georgette Watson in Boston to stop drug traffic in the Black community.

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In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the December 16, 2014 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED: Agenda as amended with added item "B" under Presentations. Approval of Consent agenda. Approval of the purchase of three vacant lots. Approval permanent polling location consolidations.

Felicia Rutledge City Clerk

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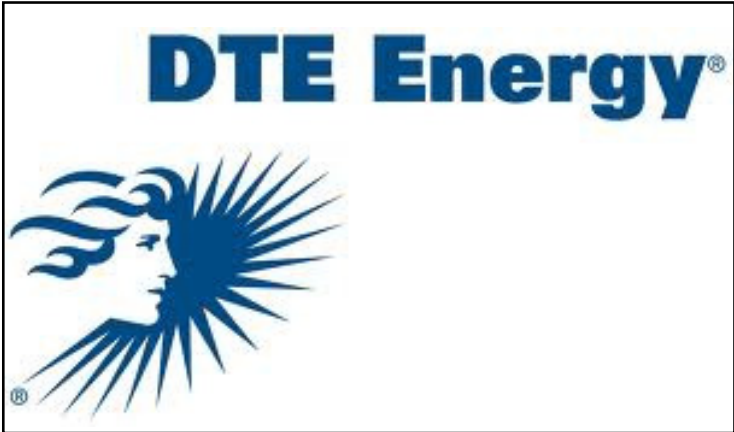
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DTE’s plan calls for an overall reduction of all customer rates – both residential and business – of nearly \$300 million a year.

"We are working hard to keep energy costs down for Michigan customers, and are pleased to offer this plan that

will save customers money on their bills," said Gerry Anderson, DTE Energy chairman, president and CEO. "We're pleased that the commission approved this plan, which has been made possible by the continued efforts and hard work of our employees to find savings by using continuous improvement, streamlining processes, controlling operating costs and deploying improved technologies."

The plan was reviewed and approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Anderson said the company is very focused on the need to keep electric service affordable. As Michigan’s largest electricity supplier and the largest investor in renewable energy in the state, DTE has led its peer electric utilities in controlling operating costs. Between 2007 and 2012, for example, DTE Energy saw zero increase in its operating costs, compared with an average cost increase of 33 percent at its peer electric companies over the same period.

Night Before

from page 1A

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN! On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONDER and BLITZEN!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my hand, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"

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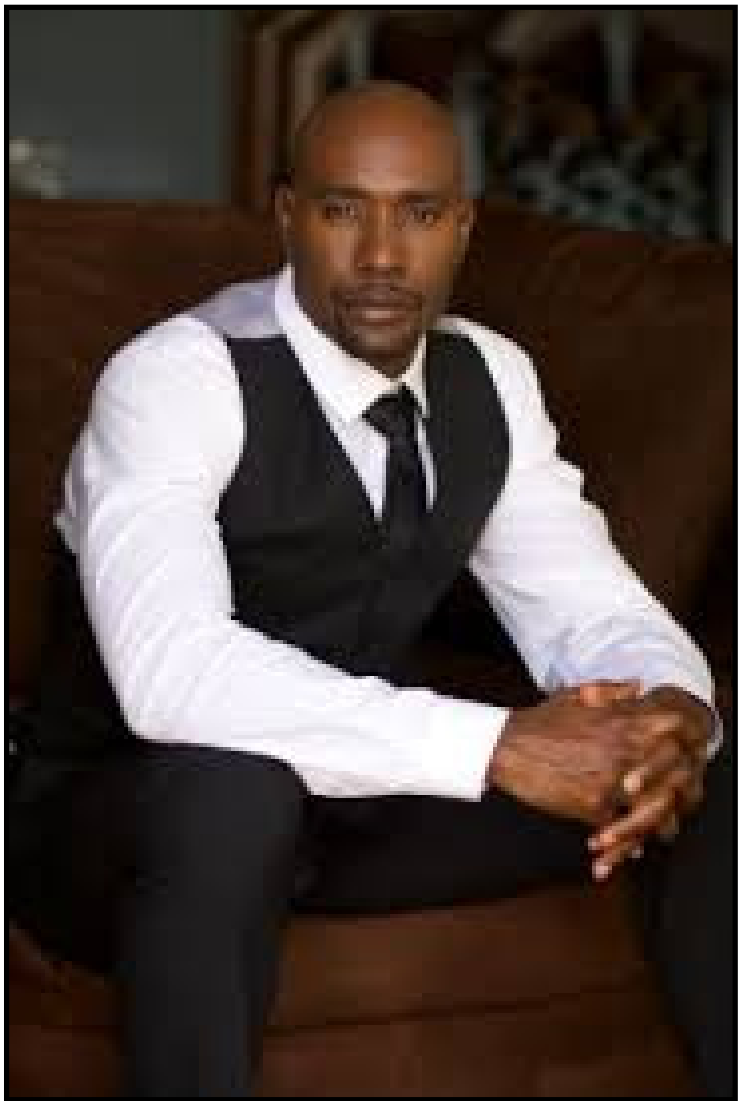
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"The Best Man Holiday" Star Morris Chestnut and Actress & Comedian Maria Costa to Host the 18th Annual Urban Wheel Awards



DETROIT - The Best Man Holiday" star Morris Chestnut will join Alma Award Nominated Actress Maria Costa to host the 18th Annual Urban Wheel Awards on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center during the North American International Auto Show's (NAIAS) press preview week. The Urban Wheel Awards is the official multicultural event of the NAIAS. This year's theme is "Paving the Path to Global Diversity" and top sponsors include Toyota as the exclusive VIP Reception partner, General Motors as the exclusive Afterglow partner, and Hyundai as the exclusive Social Media Café partner.

Chestnut is in high demand for leading roles in major motion pictures, having starred in films such as "Think Like A Man" (Kevin Hart), "Not Easily Broken" (Taraji Henson), "The Game Plan" (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) and "Ladder 49" (with John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix). Among his many credits are the films "The Cave," "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid," "Like Mike," "The Last Boy Scout," "Under Siege 2: Dark Territory," "G.I. Jane," "The Best Man," "The Brothers," "Breaking All the Rules,"

"Confidence," "Two Can Play That Game," and "The Inkwell." Recent theatrical releases for Chestnut include "Identity Thief" (Melissa McCarthy and Jason Bateman) and "The Call" (Halle Berry) and the highly anticipated sequel to his starring role in "The Best Man Holiday." Television-wise he stars in the recent and upcoming season of Showtime's critically acclaimed "Nurse Jackie." He has also appeared on numerous television series such as "American Horror Story," "V," and "C-16: FBI."

Costa is an actress/comedian and writer. She is currently touring throughout the U.S. packing houses with her unique brand of "sexy, funny, brilliant" comedy. Costa's new comedy special film, Viva America is a 2013 Imagen Award Nominee for excellence in Latino Film and TV, alongside other nominees like ABC's Grey's Anatomy and NBC's The Voice. The Entertainment Commission has recently named Costa as an honoree to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk to Fame in 2014. Milestone achievements include her popular role as Valerie on ABC's Ugly Betty, her role in

Universal Remote (currently airing on Showtime), guest roles on Lifetime's "Strong Medicine" and CBS's Joan of Arcadia, and series regular roles in such series as ABC's Dangerous Minds and BRAVO'S The It Factor LA. She is an Alma Award nominated actress in the category of Best Actress in a Dramatic Series and is the winner of a Nosotros Golden Eagle Award, a Screen Actors Guild Hispanic Heritage Honor for her work in media. Costa is a Detroit talent.

"We are elated that Morris Chestnut and Maria Costa will be joining us to host the 18th Annual Urban Wheel Awards. The opportunity to have Morris Chestnut, a notable and distinguished actor who embodies the essence of this premier multicultural event, will add significant value to our long-standing history of celebrating diversity accomplishments in the auto industry," said Randi Payton, founder of the Urban Wheel Awards.

ABOUT THE URBAN WHEEL AWARDS

The 18th Annual Urban Wheel Awards (UWA) is a world-class gathering and the only Official Multicultural Event held in conjunction with the North American International Auto Show. The UWA brings together celebrities, automotive executives, international media, government representatives, and the multicultural community. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with celebrity and VIP red carpet arrivals, vehicle exhibits, and the VIP and General receptions. The awards ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by the afterglow networking reception at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event support the Emerging Diversity Education Fund, which provides internships, scholarships, and mentoring to students pursuing careers in communications and the auto industry. Tickets are available at www.urbanwheelawards.events.showclix.com. For more information, please contact Rosiland Triche at: events@decisivemag.com or (707)645-0965, or visit www.urbanwheelawards.com.

ASK AYANA

The Light Show



Dear Ayana,

My family does not celebrate the Christmas holiday but we respect our neighbors who do. Last year, when our elderly neighbor asked my teenaged son to help her put up a "few" lights, offering to pay him for his time, he accepted. By April, the lights, which ran around the front of her rooftop, wrapped around the front porch and weaved their way through her cedar bushes, were still up-and they were turned on, every night. I got so frustrated that I finally told my son to go over and offer to take them down. Of course she accepted the offer. I made sure that I did something special for my son since the two hours it took to take the display down went uncompensated by our lovely neighbor. This year, she again asked him to hang the lights and again, he did. However, I told him that he needed to make it clear that if she wanted him to put them up, that he would only be available to take the lights down the week of the new year and that he needed to be paid for the take down as well. My son said that about half way through the job, our neighbor informed him that she would not need him to take them down at the start of the year. Instead, she told him that she would just keep them up year round until they didn't work anymore. I'm furious! I don't

know how to approach her about this, but I can't even enjoy reading in my front room without her lights flashing off and on, distracting me during my quiet time. What do you think I should do?

Seeing Red and Green

Dear Seeing Red and Green,

I'm not sure there's much you can do about it. I imagine that if she runs them every day, sooner or later, her electric bill may force her to pull the plug on the light show. Talk to her and ask her if she would turn them off by an appropriate time, making sure to explain the reason for your request. It sounds like she leaves them up because it's easier than having to find someone (or pay someone) to take them down. If this is the case, there may be an easy, free solution. Many high schools require that students complete a minimum of 200 hours of community service by the time they graduate. If your son or some of his friends have not yet met the requirement, suggest helping your neighbor out during the holidays with her lights. They can easily acquire 2 hours by taking your neighbors lights down; that's a win for everyone. The only other thing you might be able to do is to file a formal complaint with your local police department. I don't know how far that will get you, but I assure you that it will certainly not sit well with your neighbor who you seem to be friendly with. I encourage you to try and work this out peacefully. Stop by for a visit and state your business. She may not even realize how frustrated you are. In a worst case scenario, you may have to buy some heavy drapes that keep the light out of your front room. I hope it all works out for you.

Ayanna

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Michigan Metro Chapter Top Ladies of Distinction Host 1st Coat Give-Away



As part of their Community Partnership initiatives they hosted their 1st Coat Give Away. The Top Ladies of Distinction is an organization that consists of ladies from Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha

Kappa Alpha, Gamma Phi Delta and Zeta Phi Beta sororities. They collected over 300 coats from the public and members of the Top Ladies of Distinction. Boxes were

placed at the Fire Department, Police Department and City Hall that gave the residents of Inkster a chance to support this worthy cause. The Give-Away was held on Saturday at Booker Dozier Recreation Center

DTE employees donate coats to Elementary Students



DTE Energy employees from the Redford Center Service Center recently donated new winter coats, gloves and hats to students at Ann Visger Elementary School. The coat drive is an annual project for the linemen and staff at the DTE Service Center.

This is just one example of the on-going support DTE Energy has with the City of River Rouge.

DTE annually supports

River Rouge Clean Up days, the River Rouge Days, River Rouge High School, United Way and Community Information events. Also, in 2013, The DTE Energy Western Wayne Service Center donated gently used fitness equipment and weights to the River Rouge High school football team.

"DTE Energy is an integral part of the communities we serve in our service area. The coat dona-

tion and other philanthropic activities shows DTE's commitment to making the service area, a great place to live, work and do business." said Madelyn Williams, DTE Regional Relations Manager.

The students at Ann Visger were very excited to receive the coats, gloves and hats that will keep them warm throughout the winter months.