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Flyers won't play Smith's recordings

Team changes tune after 'offensive lyrics' surface

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More than 30 years after the death of Kate Smith, who famously sang "God Bless America" before Flyers games, the



Smith

also stopped using recordings of Smith singing "God Bless America," after a re-

team has cut ties with recordings of the singer they used to play on the scoreboard as a good-luck charm.

The Flyers followed the footsteps of the New York Yankees, who have also stopped using recordings of Smith singing "God Bless America," after a re-

port from the *New York Daily News* highlighted a racist song that was a top-20 hit in 1931.

Smith's recording of a song entitled "That's Why Darkies Were Born," included lyrics "Someone had to pick the cotton, someone had to pick the corn, someone had to slave and be able to sing."

The Flyers released the following

statement Friday morning:

"We have recently become aware that several songs performed by Kate Smith contain offensive lyrics that do not reflect our values as an organization. As we continue to look into this serious matter, we are removing Kate Smith's recording of 'God Bless America'

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Classic-film fan wins TCM contest to visit set



Jonathan and Alex Chapman talk about their love of old movies. Jonathan won a contest to be a "guest programmer" on Turner Classic Movies to dedicate "High Society" to his wife. SHERI BERKERY/COURIER-POST

Cherry Hill man dedicates 'High Society' to wife; broadcast will air next week

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CHERRY HILL – As an under-40 fan of classic movies, Jonathan Chapman has come to expect a little razzing from friends.

"There's definitely some light teasing," Chapman said while sitting in his Cherry Hill family room with a retro diamond motif and 1950s pop-culture art on the walls. "They'll say, 'Oh, that movie was made after 1980. You wouldn't have heard of it.'"

Frankly my dear, he'd just prefer something a little older.

When Turner Classic Movies offered fans a chance to dedicate a favorite movie to a favorite person, Chapman, 39, selected the 1956 film "High Society" in honor of his wife, Alex.

After submitting a video entry, he was selected as one of 25 winners in the contest to mark TCM's 25th anniversary.

He and the other winners were flown to Atlanta to be "guest programmers." Chapman went on set with with TCM

host Ben Mankiewicz to record his dedication, which will be aired when the network shows "High Society" at 8 p.m. April 26.

The movie, which stars Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby, was an easy pick for Chapman.

"It's the music, we like the screwball humor and it's very boozy."

Besides, he and his wife saw it for the first time together on TCM, when Regis Philbin introduced the movie

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Police: Community effort finds man who lost \$2,500

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WASHINGTON TWP. – In a flurry of last-minute chores before a Caribbean vacation, Norman Minor withdrew \$2,500 from his bank account, tucked the cash-filled envelope in his vest pocket, then made several stops before shopping at a local Walmart.

"And when I'm driving home, I reach in the pocket....and the money's gone," Minor said Wednesday, telling a tale that starts with a big loss and leads to an equally big surprise.

The township man, who lost the cash on April 7, left the next morning with his wife, Jacqueline, for a resort in the Dominican Republic.

He had not reported the loss or retraced his steps, assuming the money was gone forever.

But on his return this week, the \$2,500 was waiting for him.

"It was definitely bad luck at first," said Minor, 66. "But when I got back home, it was good."

It turns out someone had turned in the cash-filled envelope at a local Walmart, the last place Minor had stopped before going home.

Police were called to the store and Detective Jay Sims reviewed surveillance video, looking for shoppers who'd been in the area where the cash was found.

A surveillance image of Minor inside the Black Horse Pike store was posted to the police department's Facebook page.

"Help us identify this gentleman," said the post, which was viewed by 67,000 people and shared by 1,600. "He possibly lost something of value at the Turnersville Walmart."

Video from the store's parking lot produced a false clue, as police noted

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