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ISSUES OF CONCERNS TO METRO DETROITERS
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE
FIRST QUARTER 2016
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1. **Public Safety/Law Enforcement**
Crime. Police staffing and training. Private security firms. Initiatives against crime. Courts. Prison facilities.
2. **Education**
Public schools and school reform. Private education. Colleges and University enrollment and development. Technology in the classroom. Job training. Continuing education for adults. School safety.
3. **Environment/Energy**
Land Use. Pollution. Preserving open space and recreational areas. Status of the Great Lakes. Alternative Energy sources. Energy efficiency. Sustainability.
4. **Health and Medicine**
Personal health and fitness. Child health. Medical facilities. Insurance, affordability and access issues. Costs of prescription drugs. Development and adoption of new life-saving techniques. Victim support. Alcohol and substance abuse.
5. **Leadership/Politics/Elections**
Political leadership. Corporate leadership. Corporate citizenship. Energizing voters. Public participation in the electoral process. Local government. Effective government. Developing future leaders.
6. **Homeland Security**
Emergency preparedness. Security measures. Protection against terrorist attack. Border security. Foreign nationals. Immigration. Government funding.
7. **Labor/Workforce**
Union negotiations. Corporate and labor relations. Worker training. Layoffs. Worker preparation. Jobs and job creation. Worker benefits. Retirees.
8. **Race Relations**
Racism. Civil Rights. Discrimination. Equal access. Racial profiling. Neighborhood segregation.
9. **Regional Revitalization**
Taxes, infrastructure, support for business start-ups and company attraction. Sports facilities. Affordable housing. Commercial development. Attracting people downtown. Economic climate.
10. **Transportation/Logistics**
Road construction. Traffic. Airport development. Light rail. Mass transit. New technologies for cars.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS
WWJ NEWSRADIO 950
PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Staying in Touch

Airs Saturday at 6:23am, 9:43am, 11:23am, 12:53pm, and 9:53pm. One minute in length. Ron Dewey highlights special events going on in the Southeast Michigan region. (See topics attached)

Heroes of Diversity

Airs the 3rd Monday of each month at 9:52am, 2:52pm and 8:52pm, Tom Jordan profiles people who are serving as a catalyst for change to advance equity and opportunity for all. This program is in conjunction with the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

Your Eye on Health

Airs Monday-Friday at 1:22am, 3:40am, 1:53pm and 6:53pm. Dr. Deanna Lites reports on all things healthy including the latest breakthroughs in research as well as advice on living a healthy lifestyle. (See topics attached)

Made in Michigan

Airs Wednesdays at 9:52am, 2:52 pm, 8:52pm and Saturday at 4:52am, 9:52am, and 4:53pm. One minute in length. Sandra McNeill profiles companies who make products people can buy while trying to emphasize the jobs and business success each company has.

What's Hot Around Town

Airs Thursday and Friday 10:23am, 2:23pm, 4:53pm, 7:53pm, 10:43pm, Saturday at 8:23am, 10:23am, 12:23pm, 3:23pm. One minute in length. Roberta Jasina highlights a fun or unique event taking place in Southeast Michigan, with a special focus on Arts and Cultural Organizations.

Making the Grade

Airs Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:53am, 2:53pm, 8:53pm and Sunday at 9:52am, 1:52pm, 4:52pm, 10:21pm. One minute in length. Greg Bowman highlights innovations, achievements and interesting stories from the classroom, featuring students, teachers and administrators. (see topics attached)

Education Today

Airs Monday-Friday at 9:23am, 12:22pm, 5:5:42pm, 9:52pm, 3:22am, Laura Bonnell provides educational tips to help children and parents improve reading, writing, math, and other skills.

Automotive Insight

Airs Monday-Friday at 5:53am, 6:53am, 7:53am, and 11:53am. Each report runs one minute. John McElroy provides two unique insights daily into the business of making cars, and designing the cars of the future.

Car Chronicles

Airs Monday-Friday 12:53pm, 3:53pm, 5:53pm, and 6:53 pm. Each report runs one minute. Jeff Gilbert highlights people and lesser-known stories from the automotive business, as well as critiquing new products as they come out from the manufacturers. (See topics attached)

The Feldman Report

Airs Monday-Friday 8:53am, 10:53am, 3:23pm, 6:23pm, and 9:53pm. Each report runs one minute. Murray Feldman provides insights for small business, discusses the general business climate, and highlights business leaders. He also provides advice for consumers.

News Stories Addressing Community Issues

PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

1/2/16

10:01am

Jason Scott

Locking-Down Novi High

A local high school plans to limit entry during school hours in an effort to increase security. All students, parents, and guests at Novi High will be required to enter the building via its east atrium entrance during school hours. The building is already locked from 7:15 a.m. to 1:39 p.m. - but several exterior doors remain unattended.

1/3/16

9:12am

Jamilah Jackson

Waterford bowling alley

Waterford Township Police release a surveillance video in hopes that the public can help identify a bowling alley thief. The Airway Lanes Bowling Alley on Highland Road was broken into on Christmas Eve. The video shows a man entering through a broken window.

1/4/16

4:47pm

Greg Bowman

School raises awareness to cyberbullying

Utica Schools Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns says a number of schools in the district have also had students produce public service announcements, detailing the dangers of cyberbullying.

1/22/16

11:01am

Chrystal Knight

Southfield PD gun fight

Authorities say a man killed in an exchange of gunfire with an undercover officer during a Detroit-area prostitution sting was a fugitive from police in Kentucky. Police in Michigan say a regional law enforcement task force was working the evening of Jan. 15 at a hotel in the Detroit suburb of Southfield. Authorities say 24-year-old Rakeem Bentley shot the officer in the chest, but the officer was wearing body armor. The officer returned fire, and investigators say Bentley was shot in the head.

1/28/16

8:07am

Terri Lee

Untested Rape Kits

Michigan's attorney general says more than 1,800 additional untested rape-evidence kits have been found at law enforcement agencies across the state. Attorney General Bill Schuette and state police director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue announced today they'll move forward with testing and potential investigation and prosecution.

2/12/16

11:09am

Crystal Knight

Machete attacker

CBS News has learned that investigators have identified the suspected machete attacker who wounded four people last night in a Columbus Ohio restaurant as Mohammed Barry. He was shot and killed by police after a short chase following the attack. Investigators are running down leads to find out if the attack is tied to any terrorist organization.

2/15/16

9:49am

Terri Lee

Drug Busts

A special task force for the Michigan State Police had a busy weekend. On Saturday...the Homeland Security Team recovered over 2-thousand prescription pills and other narcotics in four unrelated traffic stops along southbound I-75 in Wayne County. The team was assembled to combat the rise in heroin abuse.

2/16/16

9:02am

Vickie Thomas

Ticket Amnesty in Highland Park

If you have an outstanding traffic ticket in Highland Park, this could save you some cold, hard cash. There is a ticket amnesty program that went into effect today.

2/17/16

9:28am

Laura Bonnell

Caught counterfeit Money

More than 4 million dollars in counterfeit money was confiscated from U.S. Customs and Border protection at Detroit Metro Airport.

2/21/16

12:57pm

Dave Ramos

Recovering from Kalamazoo shooting

Gov. Rick Snyder issued the following statement regarding last night's shootings in Kalamazoo: "The victims and their families -- and the entire Kalamazoo area -- should be in everyone's thoughts today.

2/29/16

8:20pm

Jason Scott

Howell Schools Twitter Threat

The Superintendent of Howell Public Schools is updating the district on a threat received Sunday evening via Twitter. In a letter, Eric MacGregor says the school-system working with Michigan State Police have identified the email and IP addresses connected to the Twitter account. The person who sent the threat lives in Lillington, North Carolina. MSP is working with authorities there to bring that person into custody.

3/2/16

12:48am

Sarah Wolicki

Detroit Gangs

Several members of an eastside Detroit gang have been indicted on federal charges. Twelve members of the Seven Mile Bloods were charged with racketeering, murder and other offenses, taken down by Detroit One, a partnership of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. U-S Attorney Barbara McQuade says the gang that was into drug trafficking was behind several fatal and non-fatal shootings on the east side.

5:21pm

3/23/16

Russ McNamara

Failing Flint

Saying Governor Rick Snyder continues to fail the citizens of Flint; the National Head of the N-A-A-C-P has called for acts of civil disobedience in response to the ongoing water crisis. Dr. Cornell Brooks spoke at a rally in Lansing on the steps of the state capitol.

3/24/16

12:19pm

Zahra Huber

Cops always aware

The Wayne County prosecutor's office is reviewing a warrant related to a husband who was caught with his wife beaten, bound and shot in his truck. An undercover officer from Grosse Pointe Park saw the Hazel Park man in a field near Gratiot and Conner in Detroit yesterday afternoon. After investigating further, the cop spotted the wounded woman and arrested the man

EDUCATION ISSUES

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12:11 pm

Jamilah Jackson

Cars and Scholarships

A Holland student is a \$1000 richer. 12th grader Brittany Bates won a poster design contest for the North American International Auto Show. Bates' design was the top selection out of 707 entries. The design features a blue neon version of the Auto Show's logo on a black brick wall. The Careerline Tech Center student's design will be featured on the car show's official programs this year.

1/4/16

7:53pm

Beth Fisher

GVSU stands out

Grand Valley State University has been ranked as a high value college by Money Magazine. It says Grand Valley is among 14 public colleges that stand out as the most rapidly improving high value colleges in the country. The colleges were ranked based on a combination of educational quality, affordability and the financial success of graduates.

1/5/16

11:00am

Zahra Huber

Sickout at Cass Tech High

It's an unexpected day off for students at Detroit's Cass Tech High School. Teachers have apparently staged a sickout, shutting down the school. Teachers say they're standing up for quality public education and are hoping for the return of some of the funds they say was taken over the years by state financial management. Joel Bergman, first year teacher at Cass Tech, says they're teaching the kids an important lesson.

1/17/16

2:42pm

Ron Dewey

Student loan debt

A bill to make post-secondary education more affordable will be introduced next week in the U-S Senate. Among other features, the bill would provide two free years of community college classes, lower interest rates for student loans and tie Pell Grant increases to the rate of inflation. U-S Senator Debbie Stabenow says closing loopholes in the tax code favorable to the wealthy would make these programs possible

2/1/16

4:17am

Scott Ryan

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2/1/16

10:41am

Zahra Huber

MSU discriminations office

A new office at Michigan State University has taken on the responsibility of discrimination cases reported on the East Lansing campus. The university's Office of Institutional Equity was created last year to handle the investigation of discriminations cases, including sexual assaults and civil rights violations. The office also plans to educate students about what behaviors won't be tolerated.

2/10/16

10:47am

Cassandra Bishop

DPS student sick out

Instead of the teachers, some Detroit Public Schools students staged a sickout today --hoping to send a message about conditions inside some D-P-S buildings.

2/29/16

8:20pm

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3/7/16

7:34pm

Brian Larsen

Pregnant student kicked-out

Wayne State University has lost an appeal and must pay more than 800-thousand dollars to a former student who said discrimination based on her pregnancy played a role in her removal from the social work program. The court says evidence of discrimination deprived the 37-year-old of job opportunities in her field.

3/21/16

11:37pm

Brian Larsen

Sickout searching for solution

The Detroit Federation of Teachers working to find alternative solutions to sick-outs -- as the Detroit Public School district deals with some serious issues.

3/24/16

11:44am

Rob Davidek

Closing an elementary school

Lower enrollment causes Huron Valley School District in Oakland County to consider closing an elementary school. Superintendent Jim Baker says enrollment numbers were down about 240 students this year and are projected to drop another 200 students next year. Baker is proposing to close Brooks Elementary School in White Lake Township.

3/24/16

12:21pm

Greg Bowman

Fate of Detroit School year

Detroit Public Schools will be able to keep the doors open for the rest of the school year under legislation approved by the State Senate today. The emergency spending bill will provide nearly 50 million dollars to keep the district from running out of cash. The DPS state-appointed manager had warned that the district would be unable to pay employees for work they do after April 8th, four days before legislators return to Lansing from Spring Break. The House is expected to send the bill to Governor Snyder this afternoon.

3/29/16

5:01pm

Zahra Huber

DPS Corruption

In reaction to the corruption charges, Detroit Public Schools Transition Manager Steven Rhodes says they're working to cut corruption out of the district. He says they'll be reviewing all contracts with the school to see if they need rebidding and are always looking into an independent audit. Rhodes says six current DPS employees allegedly involved in the corruption have been placed on unpaid leave.

ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY

1/4/16

11:07am

Zahra Huber

Natural Gas Prices Lower

Consumers Energy customers are seeing reduced winter heating bills this year. That's because of a relatively mild winter and the lowest natural gas price in nearly 15 years. The utility company says the average household could pay \$200 less for natural gas this winter compared to a year ago.

1/7/16

6:34am

Scott Ryan

Cali state of emergency

California Governor Jerry Brown has declared a state of emergency in a Los Angeles neighborhood because an underground well blowout has been spewing dangerous methane gas since October. Up to 12-hundred tons of methane and other gases have been escaping each day--it could still be months before the leak can be plugged. Tim O'Connor of the Environmental Defense Fund says the daily pollution is equivalent to the exhaust from more than four million cars.

1/10/16

5:05pm

Zahra Huber

Power Outages in Metro Detroit

The heavy wet snow and gusty winds knocked out power to 50-thousand customers. Crews have restored power to half of those people -- so about 25-thousand people are left in the dark. DTE Energy Spokesman John Austerberry says they are working around the clock to bring things back online for everyone.

1/27/16

7:12am

Scott Ryan

IKEA Installs Solar Array

Swedish furniture retailer Ikea has expanded the size of a solar array atop its Canton Township store. The 40-thousand-square-foot addition includes nearly 800 new panels--bringing the overall totals to nearly five-thousand. The solar setup will produce the equivalent of enough energy to power about 135 homes.

1/29/16

7:55am

Terri Lee

SE Detroit Marathon emissions

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan wants the state to reject Marathon Petroleum's plans to spew more pollution into the air over southwest Detroit. The oil company wants to release more sulfur dioxide and other pollutants into the air.

2/1/16

8:02am

Scott Ryan

Flint's strategy

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will be outlining a five-part strategy to the U-S Environmental Protection Agency today as part of an effort to determine whether Flint's water is safe to drink. New D-E-Q director Keith Creagh says the plan to help ensure drinking water is lead-free includes testing of schools, homes, food services, blood tests, and more.

2/5/16

10:58am

Terri Lee

Ann Arbor pollution containment

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality says it will closely monitor a dioxane plume that's been slowly expanding in Ann Arbor as it moves closer to the Huron River.

2/9/16

9:38pm

Tawana Holly

Campaign against auto pollution

The German environmental lobby group, D-U-H, has stepped up its campaign against auto industry pollution, accusing Fiat-Chrysler's 500-X S-U-V of releasing excessive levels of toxic diesel emissions.

2/16/16

4:12pm

Brian Larsen

Apartment Upgrades Should Improve Energy Efficiency

Two affordable housing developments in Southfield are getting a nearly 20-million dollar overhaul. McDonnell Tower Apartments and the tower and townhomes at River Park Place at Civic Center and Berg roads will get both exterior and interior renovations. And upgrades to improve energy efficiency are expected to lower residents' monthly utility bills.

2/16/16

7:42pm

Brian Larsen

State Suspends Energy Plan

Michigan is suspending a plan to comply with federal requirements for reducing carbon emissions from power plants after the U.S. Supreme Court put the rules on hold until legal challenges are resolved. Governor Snyder's administration announced the decision a week after the high court's stay.

3/6/16

9:43am

Tawana Holly

Michigan wind turbines

Some people living in Michigan's Thumb region are opposing an increasing number of wind turbines going up. Reportedly there are 328 turbines already in Huron County, and that number could top 500 this year as developers plan more. The building and zoning director said the county's wind energy ordinance is "reasonable" and is "in place to protect people."

3/24/16

4:54am

Scott Ryan

Mudsnails

Michigan officials are asking people who fish in the Pere Marquette River near Ludington to help prevent spread of the New Zealand mudsnail. The invasive snails were discovered in the river last year. They're only about one-eighth of an inch long and hard to spot. But the Department of Natural Resources says they can reach extremely high densities and gobble up native species that are important food for trout.

3/24/16

1:16pm

Terry Lee

VW emissions tests

Senior U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer is giving Volkswagen and regulators a month to provide a specific plan about how they will bring nearly 600,000 diesel cars into compliance with clean air laws. Volkswagen acknowledged in September that it intentionally defeated emissions tests and put dirty vehicles on the road.

3/24/16

11:56am

Jackie Fisher

Down Power Lines

Consumers Energy now has 17,600 without power in Michigan because of storms. Debra Dodd says most are on the west side of the state with icing causing downed lines. They have 200 crews out working to restore power.

3/31/16

1:44pm

Brian Larsen

Reducing pollution in Detroit

A new proposed state rule would require U.S. Steel to cut sulfur dioxide emissions at two of its Detroit facilities. After a 2010 federal review found sulfur dioxide levels to be above federal standards and spurred state action to scale back emissions. The DEQ's Air Quality Evaluation Section Chief says four other Detroit companies in addition to U.S. Steel voluntarily agreed to cut emissions.

HEALTH/MEDICINE

1/1/16

7:53am

Zahra Huber

Marijuana Dispensaries

With the New Year comes more debate and legal action involving the opening of medical marijuana dispensaries across southeast Michigan. In Detroit, City Council heard from the public, and voted to restrict where dispensaries can open. There are over 150 in Detroit right now.

1/1/16

7:40pm

Stephanie Garrette

Legal Smoking age

Hawaii is the first state in the nation to raise the legal smoking age to 21. The new law, which includes both traditional and electronic cigarettes, went into effect today. Public health officials are hoping they'll keep young people from developing an unhealthy addiction. They say one in four high school students in Hawaii try their first cigarette every year.

1/9/16

12:15am

Terri Lee

Veto to repeal Obamacare

President Barack Obama has vetoed legislation to repeal his signature health care law. It's one of many repeal measures pushed by Republican lawmakers since 2010, when President Obama signed the health care program into law. The legislation would also cut federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

1/11/16

5:44am

Pat Vitale

Strokes not rushing for help

It's estimated that every 40-seconds someone has a stroke in the U-S -- but not everyone is rushing to get treatment which could restore blood flow to the brain and minimize damage.

1/12/16

1:26pm

Terri Lee

Kid's Cough syrup recall

The Perrigo Company is recalling the grape and cherry flavors of its children's liquid cough medicine because of a potential overdose risk.

The company says that some packages contain an oral dosing cup that has incorrect dose markings on it.

2/1/16

8:28am

Terri Lee

Zika in College

Officials at the College of William and Mary in Virginia say a student is expected to recover after contracting the Zika virus while traveling in Central America over winter break. School officials say they believe there's no health risk to anyone on campus. Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that's been linked to severe birth defects.

2/8/16

2:29pm

Bob Mundie

Energy drink lawsuits

A Florida law firm is suing several energy drink companies they say have marketed heavily to young people while intentionally hiding dangerous levels of caffeine and other ingredients in their drinks. Orlando Attorney Mike Morgan says Monster and other companies failed to warn consumers that ingesting large quantities of these drinks can result serious health problems

2/15/16

12:40am

Jeff Defran

Flu increase in Michigan

With the cold weather comes a big increase in flu cases across Metro Detroit. Dr. Steve McGraw at Providence Hospital says more and more people have been coming into the E-R complaining of flu-like symptoms. But for many patients, he says, the best medicine is bed rest.

2/22/16

12:26pm

Terri Lee

Health care dispute

The latest budding dispute over the U.S. health care law may have to be resolved by the courts. Big companies are pushing back against proposed federal rules they say would require their medical plans to cover gender transition and other services under the nondiscrimination mandate. Civil rights advocates say the regulation, now being finalized, would be a major step forward.

3/1/16

11:05am

Deanna Lites

Health rewards plans

There are customer loyalty programs when you go to certain coffee shops or fly on a particular airline, so would they work when it comes to healthcare? Researchers from the University of Michigan Medical School say customer loyalty programs may be a way to keep patients healthy while keeping healthcare costs down.

3/10/16

9:31am

Pat Vitale

Pistachio Recall

Pistachio recall is affecting Michigan and eight other states because of salmonella concerns. The Centers for Disease Control says at least eleven people have gotten sick after eating nuts sold by Wonderful Pistachios The company says they are working closely with health officials to identify the source of the problem.

3/17/16

10:48am

Deanna Lites

Foods of the Rainbow

While you might not find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow on St. Patrick's Day, getting your kids to 'eat the rainbow' of food colors can get them all the nutrients they need. Fruits and vegetables get their color from naturally occurring micronutrients so eating a variety of colors helps kids get what they need to thrive.

3/24/16

12:29pm

Deanna Lites

Tan before Vacation?

Many families are heading out for some fun in the sun over spring break. So is it a good idea to start working on your summer tan "before" you leave home? Getting a tan ahead of time is not going to save you from getting a sunburn later and it can increase your risk of developing skin cancer says dermatologist Amy Kassouf.

3/24/16

11:45am

Zahra Huber

Raising money with video games

A 24-hour video game marathon at Eastern Michigan University raised more than \$170,000 to benefit hospitalized children. "Gamers for Giving" played to support the nonprofit Gamers Outreach Foundation. Money raised goes toward building game carts, called "GO Karts," that are designed to be taken to the room of a hospitalized child so they can play, chat online or watch a movie.

LEADERSHIP/POLITICS/ELECTIONS

1/1/16

3:49am

Jackie Paige

Michigan House of Reps

2016 is big year for the state of Michigan. Voters are facing a national Presidential election. Also all of the 110 seats of Michigan's House of Reps are up for grabs this year. Jim Holcomb is with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and he says: the state is on the right track. The city of Detroit plays a big role in the state's future.

1/1/16

7:53am

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1/4/16

1:00pm

Brian Larson

Change in leadership

Another change in Governor Snyder's administration; Snyder's chief of staff is out -- and will lead a Michigan business law firm's government relations and regulatory practice group. Dennis Muchmore will join Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn next month. Snyder's communications director Jarrod Agen will succeed him.

1/4/16

4:47pm

Greg Bowman

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7:04am

Tim Skubick

Governor's Plan for DPS

Saving the debt-ridden Detroit Public Schools--is shaping up to be an uphill battle. Governor Snyder's plan hasn't gotten much traction among state lawmakers.

1/13/16

9:42pm

Tawana Holly

Ted Cruz Campaign funds

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz failed to disclose on federal fundraising reports that he relied on \$1-million in loans to help finance his 2012 Senate campaign.

1/20/16

6:34am

Pat Vitale

Palin endorses Trump

A day after endorsing Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump -- Sarah Palin will join him on the campaign trail. The two have stops today including an appearance in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Palin put her seal of approval on the Trump campaign yesterday. Trump is in a tight race in Iowa with Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

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7:02am

Pat Vitale

Former flint emergency manager

Former Flint emergency manager Darnell Earley is reportedly refusing to testify at Wednesday's Congressional Committee hearing on the Flint water crisis in Washington D-C. Earley has reportedly hired an attorney. Earley is currently the Emergency Manager for the Detroit Public schools, but he was overseeing things in Flint when the city switched to the Flint River for its water supply.

2/17/16

12:31pm

Tim Skubick

DPS Reform Legislation

The latest proposal for Detroit school reforms--from House Republicans--hasn't made the issue any clearer. In fact, as we hear from WWJ's Tim Skubick in Lansing, the issue has only gotten more muddled--with the state House version looking very little like the state Senate's.

2/23/16

2:40pm

Brian Larsen

Transgender on the Ballot

A transgender woman is running for township supervisor in a Grand Rapids-area community. Gidget Groendyk was the first person to get on the ballot for the township supervisor race in Sparta. The ballot will note that she was formerly known as Scott Wade Langford. Groendyk says she's running because she wants Sparta to enact a non-discrimination ordinance.

3/6/16

8:03pm

Zahra Huber

Flint Plan To Put Young People to Work

Officials in Flint have announced a program that will employ young people to distribute clean water to families affected by lead in the city's drinking water. Mayor Karen Weaver's office says families also will get healthy food and nutrition information as part of the Flint WaterWorks initiative. The program's goal is to provide jobs and opportunities for 100 young people - ages 16-24 - who are not in school and not working. They also will help with Weaver's efforts in removing lead and lead-tainted water service lines in Flint.

3/8/16

All Day

Newsroom

Primary Election Day

Primary election day in Michigan with the presidential candidates vying for votes and delegates. Donald Trump, John Kasich, Ted Cruz are all very active as are Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. Trump and Sanders are victorious.

3/16/16

12:33pm

Terri Lee

Pope Francis in drug-trafficking country

Pope Francis has arrived at a stadium full of cheering Mexican priests, nuns and seminarians for a Mass in the heart of Mexico's drug-trafficking country. It's the next-to-last day of his Mexico pilgrimage. After his plane landed, he cruised through town on a 5-mile drive in his pope mobile.

3/22/16

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3/23/16

8:49pm

Stephanie Garret

Cracking down on Muslim neighborhoods

President Obama joined the growing chorus Wednesday condemning Sen. Ted Cruz for calling on cops to "patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods" in the wake of the Belgian terror attacks. Meantime at a Symposium in Dearborn tonight, some local Muslims are reacting.

3/24/16

1:13pm

Chrystal Knight

Shelby Prayer

A local politician who is being bashed on social media for a prayer he posted on Facebook for the victims of the Brussel's attack -- spoke with WWJ's Chrystal Knight...

3/28/16

11:12am

Zahra Huber

North Carolina Transgender law

Two transgender people and a lesbian law school professor have filed a federal lawsuit challenging a new North Carolina law that requires transgender students to use bathrooms assigned to their biological sex. The law also blocks local governments from passing their own anti-discrimination rules. The law was pushed by Republican lawmakers who wanted to overturn an impending Charlotte ordinance that allowed transgender people to use the restroom aligned with their gender identity.

HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUES

1/1/16

12:04am

Bob Mundie

Rose Parade safety

Pasadena is preparing for nearly 700-thousand spectators at today's Rose Bowl parade. The Department of homeland security's special agent in charge Mark Selby says the parade route will be heavily guarded. A local band is among those performing

1/8/16

12:31pm

Bob Mundie

Police officer ambushed

The F B I have now joined Philadelphia police in the investigation of the ambush shooting of a police officer. That's according to CBS's Pat Milton, who was also told by law enforcement that the suspect told investigators he shot the officer after flagging him down -- quote -- "in the name of Islam." The officer is expected to recover.

1/8/16

7:19pm

Brian Larsen

New ID's in airports

Fliers who don't have the latest driver's licenses will have a two-year reprieve before their IDs are rejected at airport security checkpoints. Many travelers had been worried that the Transportation Security Administration would penalize them because of a federal law requiring the more-stringent IDs at the start of this year.

2/8/16

7:37am

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2/16/16

12:33pm

Terri Lee

Pope Francis in drug-trafficking country

Pope Francis has arrived at a stadium full of cheering Mexican priests, nuns and seminarians for a Mass in the heart of Mexico's drug-trafficking country. It's the next-to-last day of his Mexico pilgrimage. After his plane landed, he cruised through town on a 5-mile drive in his pope mobile.

2/17/16

9:28am

Laura Bonnell

Caught counterfeit Money

More than 4 million dollars in counterfeit money was confiscated from U.S. Customs and Border protection at Detroit Metro Airport.

2/18/16

8:25am

Scott Ryan

Search & Rescue in SE Michigan

A new 20-foot boat will be deployed for search, rescue, and patrol operations in Michigan's Thumb region. The "Sheriffs' Endeavor" will be commissioned today near Bay Port it can ride on ice as well as water. The boat replaces a 16-foot one that's been used since 2000. Officials say most of the 150,000 dollar price tag was covered by Homeland Security grants.

3/9/16

6:52pm

Russ McNamara

Suspicious items thrown on White House grounds

A man who threw suspicious items over the White House fence yesterday turned out to be the main suspect in the shooting of an Idaho pastor, Tim Remington, who had appeared at a rally for Ted Cruz.

3/18/16

8:47am

Terri Lee

Online saftey

The Homeland Security Department has formally begun sharing details of new digital threats with private business and other government agencies. The program was included in a law passed last year and touted as a major breakthrough in longtime congressional efforts to better share cyber threats across the public and private sectors. Homeland Security officials say roughly half-a-dozen organizations have so far signed on to the voluntary program.

3/22/16

9:34am

Terri Lee

Brussels Attack

At least 36 people are dead, and more than 130 injured in a series of explosions in Brussels. The authorities are still searching for more explosives; airports and trains into and out of Brussels are shut down. CBS News Homeland Security Correspondent Jeff Pegues has been talking to officials in the U.S. about threats here at home.

3/26/16

4:51pm

Lauren Barthold

Fight to stay in Michigan

A southwestern Michigan cafe owner who has struggled for years to stay in the U-S has been given a one-year reprieve. The extension was granted for Ibrahim Parlak by the U-S Department of Homeland Security. Parlak runs a cafe in Harbert a Lake Michigan town near St. Joseph. He came to the country 25 years ago after being convicted in Turkey of supporting the Kurdish separatist movement. He says torture was used to gather evidence against him.

3/28/16

5:31am

Dave Ramos

Airport Security

A federal program that allows air travelers to bypass advanced security screening protocols at airports nationwide isn't as popular as Homeland Security would like it to be - and that means BIG delays could be in store for you at the airport.

LABOR/WORKFORCE ISSUES

1/1/16

7:49am

Sandra McNeill

Raises for Michigan

Another raise for Michigan minimum wage earners, as of this morning, they will see their hourly rate jump 35 cents an hour to \$8.50 an hour. This is the second in a series of raises approved by state lawmakers last year. Labor Professor Dale Belman says the raise means a \$7-hundred dollar a year increase in wages.

1/4/16

11:01am

Zarha Huber

Jobs in Detroit

A lot is happening in the city of Detroit, the flood of new construction, the M-1 Rail. Rodrick Miller, President and CEO of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, says in 2016 -- he wants to focus on jobs and investment in the city.

1/4/16

11:38PM

Tawana Holly

GM Third Shift

General Motors says it's adding a third shift at a Lansing plant that makes the Chevrolet Camaro and the Cadillac C-T-S and A-T-S. The Detroit automaker will add roughly 500 hourly and salaried jobs to meet expected demand for the 2016 Camaro produced at Lansing Grand River Assembly. The plant will have about 2,300 workers once the third shift is operational.

1/20/16

2:24pm

Terri Lee

Wal-Mart pay raise

Most of Wal-Mart's U.S. employees will get raises as part of the world's largest retailer's previously announced commitment to invest in its workforce. Wal-Mart, which announced in October that it would invest \$2.7 billion in its workforce over two years, said more than 1.2 million U.S. hourly workers will receive pay increases. The company, which has 1.4 million U.S. workers, also will provide basic short-term disability at no cost to full-time hourly workers and allow workers to accrue paid time off as they earn it. The moves come as the retailer has been under pressure from labor-backed groups.

1/6/16

6:38pm

Brian Larsen

Created Jobs

Payroll processor A-D-P says 257-thousand jobs were created in the U-S last month. The private survey found construction companies added 24 thousand jobs. Mark Zandi is the Chief Economist at Moody's Analytics. He says there is no sign of slowing in the U-S labor market.

1/7/16

1:00am

Rob Davidek

Macy's cuts

Macy's announced today it will cut thousands of jobs as part of restructuring, to trim costs and reverse what it called "disappointing 2015 sales and earnings."

With the overhaul, Macy's expects to reduce expenses by about \$400-million annually. The store will cut about 3-thousand associate jobs and call center positions. Some of those employees will be moved to other jobs.

2/1/16

4:52am

Scott Ryan

Paid to play with Legos

You might be able to get a job playing with Legos all day. Correspondent Hena Daniels explains from New York-- In the past, Lego has hired people from all backgrounds--so you don't necessarily need to be an architect or a graphic designer to apply.

2/2/16

6:05am

Scott Ryan

Work for the summer

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan is already thinking about summer jobs. He plans to announce an expanded summer employment program for teens and young adults today. Duggan will talk more about the Grow Detroit's Young Talent program this morning at the Detroit Regional Chamber.

2/16/16

4:48am

Pat Vitale

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2/17/15

8:42am

Scott Ryan

Cutting Jobs

The aerospace firm Bombardier says it's cutting about seven-thousand jobs, or about eleven percent of its total workforce. The company says the jobs eliminated will include production and non-production employees, with two-thousand of the positions being contractors. At the same time, the company says it will hire for other positions in growing areas of its business. Bombardier has 64-thousand employees globally.

2/21/16

10:52am

Dave Ramos

Detroit Job Fair

The City of Detroit has the help wanted sign out. The city will hold job fairs in hopes of filling jobs for vehicle operators, laborers and park maintenance helpers. Nearly 200 positions are available in the city's General Services Department.

2/25/16

11:24am

Terri Lee

Gender pay gap

A new look at the "gender pay gap" by CareerBuilder has some bosses admitting that there are disparities: CareerBuilder Vice President Jennifer Grasz says CareerBuilder also suggests that men are nearly three times as likely to report earning six figures and nearly twice as likely to say they earn 50-thousand dollars or more a year.

3/6/16

8:03pm

Zahra Huber

Flint Plan To Put Young People to Work

Officials in Flint have announced a program that will employ young people to distribute clean water to families affected by lead in the city's drinking water. Mayor Karen Weaver's office says families also will get healthy food and nutrition information as part of the Flint WaterWorks initiative. The program's goal is to provide jobs and opportunities for 100 young people - ages 16-24 - who are not in school and not working. They also will help with Weaver's efforts in removing lead and lead-tainted water service lines in Flint.

3/23/16

11:59pm

Tawana Holly

Putting Flint to work

The federal government is providing up to \$15-million to temporarily hire 400 Flint residents to aid with recovery from the city's water crisis, and to train people for permanent employment in other fields. The U-S Department of labor has announced a National Dislocated Worker Grant that was requested by the state. 400 temporary workers could be employed for up to a year.

3/24/16

1:03pm

Zahra Huber

Growth in Detroit

American Jewelry and Loan in Detroit -- which is the center of the hit reality TV show "Hardcore Pawn" -- is looking to hire 20 new people. President Les Gold says they currently have 50 employees -- but are hiring more as they expand in Metro Detroit.

RACE RELATIONS

1/2/16

3:29pm

Jason Scott

Trump encouraging you to join the jihadi movement

A video targeting American blacks and Muslims that features a clip of Donald Trump is released by the Somali-based al-Shabab militant group. The 51-minute recruitment video shows the U-S as a country of institutionalized racism against blacks and Muslims. Here is an audio portion of the production. The video claims that blacks and Muslims in the USA will always face discrimination and should fight back by joining jihadi movements.

1/14/16

10:55pm

Brian Larsen

Venue refuses a lesbian couple

A New York appeals court has ruled against the owners of a venue that refused to host a lesbian wedding and was fined 13-thousand dollars for violating the state's anti-discrimination law. Robert and Cynthia Gifford cited their religious beliefs in refusing to host the 2013 wedding of Melisa and Jennie McCarthy at Liberty Ridge Farm, north of Albany.

1/22/16

11:03am

Chrystal Knight

Flint water crisis because of Racism?

Gov. Snyder, speaking this morning on MSNBC, denies criticism that Flint's water crisis is a case of- "environmental racism."

1/25/16

7:51pm

Dave Ramos

Military cadets expelled for racism

14 South Carolina military college cadets have been punished - and some of them expelled - because of racist costumes the group was caught wearing.

Photos surfaced last month of the military college freshman posing in white shorts and pants, along with pillowcases on their heads - similar to K-K-K hoods.

1/30/16

5:47pm

Tawana Holly

Police stand up to racism

The San Francisco Police Department is asking officers to combat racism in the ranks by taking a pledge to turn in colleagues who display intolerant behavior. The campaign comes amid growing tensions between police and Black communities that are shaking up departments across the country, and have led to the dismissal of top brass in some cities.

2/1/16

10:41am

Zahra Huber

MSU discriminations office

A new office at Michigan State University has taken on the responsibility of discrimination cases reported on the East Lansing campus. The university's Office of Institutional Equity was created last year to handle the investigation of discriminations cases, including sexual assaults and civil rights violations. The office also plans to educate students about what behaviors won't be tolerated.

2/18/16

1:57pm

Scott Ryan

Age Discrimination

A Michigan appeals court judge is challenging the state constitution's ban on judges over age 70 seeking re-election. Judge Peter O'Connell will be ineligible to seek re-election when his term expires in January 2019. So--the 67-year-old filed paperwork to have his name appear as an incumbent on this year's ballot.

2/23/16

2:40pm

Brian Larsen

Transgender on the Ballot

A transgender woman is running for township supervisor in a Grand Rapids-area community. Gidget Groendyk was the first person to get on the ballot for the township supervisor race in Sparta. The ballot will note that she was formerly known as Scott Wade Langford. Groendyk says she's running because she wants Sparta to enact a non-discrimination ordinance.

2/29/16

5:21pm

Brian Larsen

Chipotle gender discrimination

Chipotle owes three former employees hundreds of thousands of dollars, after a federal jury found the Mexican grill guilty of gender discrimination and violating the Family Medical Leave Act.

3/2/16

12:48am

Sarah Wolicki

Detroit Gangs

Several members of an eastside Detroit gang have been indicted on federal charges. Twelve members of the Seven Mile Bloods were charged with racketeering, murder and other offenses, taken down by Detroit One, a partnership of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. U-S Attorney Barbara McQuade says the gang that was into drug trafficking was behind several fatal and non-fatal shootings on the east side.

3/7/16

7:34pm

Brian Larsen

Pregnant student kicked-out

Wayne State University has lost an appeal and must pay more than 800-thousand dollars to a former student who said discrimination based on her pregnancy played a role in her removal from the social work program. The court says evidence of discrimination deprived the 37-year-old of job opportunities in her field.

3/16/16

4:32pm

Sandra McNeill

Teaming Up to Combat Racism

The NAACP is teaming up with the Attorney General's office to announce some initiatives they will take in the wake of a racist incident at Gross Pointe South High School.

3/19/16

7:46am

Dave Ramos

NFL played called racist name

A former N-F-L player says he was called a racist name at a Macomb County bar on Saint Patrick's Day. Quinten Hines accuses one of the bartenders on duty at Madison's Pub in Mount Clemens of uttering the racist slur when he was called upon to pay his tab. In a Facebook post, the bar and restaurant says it will investigate the accusation.

3/23/16

8:49pm

Stephanie Garret

Cracking down on Muslim neighborhoods

President Obama joined the growing chorus Wednesday condemning Sen. Ted Cruz for calling on cops to "patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods" in the wake of the Belgian terror attacks. Meantime at a Symposium in Dearborn tonight, some local Muslims are reacting.

3/28/16

11:12am

Zahra Huber

North Carolina Transgender law

Two transgender people and a lesbian law school professor have filed a federal lawsuit challenging a new North Carolina law that requires transgender students to use bathrooms assigned to their biological sex. The law also blocks local governments from passing their own anti-discrimination rules. The law was pushed by Republican lawmakers who wanted to overturn an impending Charlotte ordinance that allowed transgender people to use the restroom aligned with their gender identity.

REGIONAL REVITALIZATION

1/1/16

4:03am

Sandra McNeill

Red Wings Construction webcam

It's a way to keep up on the construction of the new Red Wings arena without leaving your house. Olympia Development has a 24-hour webcam fixed on the construction of the \$450 million development and surrounding entertainment district. It can be viewed at DistrictDetroit.com/live-web-cam.

1/1/16

7:53am

Zahra Huber

Marijuana Dispensaries

With the New Year comes more debate and legal action involving the opening of medical marijuana dispensaries across southeast Michigan. In Detroit, City Council heard from the public, and voted to restrict where dispensaries can open. There are over 150 in Detroit right now.

1/13/16

5:02am

Scott Ryan

Detroit Casinos win big

Detroit's casinos are on a winning streak. M-G-M led the way with 582 million dollars, or 42 percent of the market share. Motor City made 464 million, good for one-third of the gambling pie, while Greektown made about 330-million. It also meant 174 million dollars for the city of Detroit in taxes and other payments last year.

1/16/16

7:46am

Dave Ramos

Belle Isle Future

The Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee will get together Thursday morning at Flynn Pavilion on the island to talk law enforcement and infrastructure planning at the state park. Management of Belle Isle was transferred to the state in 20-14 after the city of Detroit - which owns the park - couldn't come up with the funds to manage the park.

1/19/16

6:10am

Scott Ryan

Local community Econ club

The Detroit Economic Club is hosting the "Big 4" today--as in Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, and the county executives of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The noon-time event is at Cobo Center and will feature an auto show awards presentation. The four will discuss regional successes, issues, and their plans to drive the region forward.

2/1/16

11:25am

Tom Jordan

Growth in Detroit

That's Tom Wilson, Olympia Development of Michigan's president. Retail, office and even residential units will be popping up around District Detroit's center-piece property: The new Red Wings Arena. At least 20 percent of the housing units being built are expected to qualify as affordable housing.

2/1/16

4:17am

Scott Ryan

State education funding

Public universities across the state are hoping the ongoing Detroit Public school crisis doesn't mean less education funding for them. An education lobby for the 15 schools is leaning on lawmakers for sufficient funding in next year's budget from Governor Snyder. The Free Press says that that lobby specifically wants legislators to scrap the tuition cap, which keeps rate in check in exchange for state funding.

2/1/16

11:48am

Tom Jordan

Detroit coming to life

It's called the "Woodward Square Neighborhood" - one of several neighborhoods under development around the under-construction Red Wings arena.

That's Tom Wilson, the president of Olympia Development, the real estate arm of the Ilitch family. It's just one part of the massive District Detroit. Total investment into District Detroit is expected to reach 1.2-Billion dollars by 2020.

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2/16/16

10:57am

Rob Davidek

Southfield apartment's makeover

Two affordable housing developments in Southfield are getting a nearly 20-million dollar overhaul. McDonnell Tower Apartments and the tower and townhomes at River Park Place at Civic Center and Berg roads will get both exterior and interior renovations. Upgrades to improve energy efficiency are expected to lower residents' monthly utility bills.

3/22/16

9:02am

Pat Vitale

Higher taxes fixing Ann Arbor Roads

Ann Arbor residents may be paying higher taxes to fix roads and sidewalks. The City Council voted last night to put a ballot proposal before voters in August. The amount, which is just over two mills, is the same that residents have been paying for the last five years.

3/24/16

4:12am

Scott Ryan

Population growth

New Census data shows that Wayne County is no longer leading the nation in population loss. Between July 2014 and July 2015, Wayne County lost nearly 67-hundred residents, while Cook County IL lost more than ten-thousand. Population experts say the data could be a sign that migration out of the Detroit area could be stabilizing.

3/29/16

12:47pm

Ron Dewey

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TRANSPORTATION/LOGISTICS

1/1/16

3:49am

Brian Larson

Road and Bridge Repair

Among the projects on the way from M-DOT... much-needed repairs on a busy section of I-275 come the spring. That's M-Dot's Diane Cross. This 275 will impact plenty of drivers in metro Detroit. Cross says they'll also be making repairs to bridges, too... to the tune of 80-million dollars for the whole project.

1/1/16

12:51am

Bob Mundie

Construction in Detroit

Although its public opening is still more than a year away, construction of Detroit's \$140 million M1 Rail streetcar project is gaining traction downtown Paul Childs, the Chief Operating Officer of the M-1 project -- said work on the 3.3-mile rail line along Woodward Avenue is roughly 50-percent completed.

1/3/16

10:29am

Lauren Barthold

County roundabouts

If you noticed more roundabouts popping up across Washtenaw - you're right. Since 2003, 13 have been installed in the county. MLIVE reports three new roundabouts are planned for this year. In addition to being safer with the reduced speeds, roundabouts can also lighten congestion at nearby intersections.

1/17/16

11:33am

Jamilah Jackson

Preparing MI roads for winter

As the snow starts to fall...Wayne County salt trucks are already on the road. Spokesperson for the county's Department of Public Services...Tiffani Jackson says officials started preparing for the snow days ago.

1/19/16

9:00am

Pat Vitale

Spilled milk traffic jam

Spilled milk is causing traffic trouble on US 23 near Fenton. Semi-truck carrying milk flipped over early this morning on the northbound side near Torrey Road. It was snowing at the time of the accident, but police aren't sure if that's what led to the crash. US 23 northbound is closed at Silver Lake Road. Drivers can get back on the freeway at Thompson road.

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Ticket Amnesty in Highland Park

If you have an outstanding traffic ticket in Highland Park, this could save you some cold, hard cash. WWJ's city beat reporter Vickie Thomas has the live and local details on a ticket amnesty program that went into effect today.

3/2/16

2:21pm

Terri Lee

Missing Malaysia plane

Debris found along the coast of Mozambique may be from the Malaysian airlines jet that vanished two years ago. CBS News Transportation Correspondent Kris Van Cleave also says the piece that has been recovered is from a Boeing 777.

3/2/16

5:44pm

Brian Larsen

Flights to Cub

U.S. airlines are telling the Transportation Department what routes they would like to fly to Cuba. Government approval is expected to take months. At least seven carriers submitted applications to the D-O-T today. Most are looking to serve Cuba primarily from their large hub cities, with Havana being the most popular destination.

3/10/16

3:34pm

Brian Larsen

Overpass closed

The 8 Mile Road bridge over US 23 in Whitmore Lake was damaged earlier this morning, when a large truck driving on the northbound side slammed into the overpass and got stuck. Kari Arend is with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Arend says it could be a number of days before they reopen US 23

3/24/16

1:53pm

Zahra Huber

The Q-Line

The three-mile-long M-1 rail system in Detroit now has an official name. Several names have been swirling around for Detroit's modern streetcar since construction began in 20-14. And in the past hour, Quicken Loans pulled back the curtain and announced that it is officially being called the "Q-Line." The Q-LINE is expected to begin operation early 2017. The first car is scheduled to be delivered late this year.

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WWJ Community Outreach Events

2/11/16

Leaders and Innovators: The Art of Negotiation

Learn skills from our panel of experts to negotiate the best deal to get what you want professionally and personally. Panelists included Professor Karen Evans, Co-Director, Coleman Entrepreneurial Faculty Fellows Program at Lawrence Technological University, Lawrence Levy, Founder & CEO, Levy & Associates Tax Consultants and Dave Zilko, Vice Chairman, Garden Fresh Gourmet

3/10/16

Leaders and Innovators: The City-Suburb Connection

Find out how your business can benefit from the resurgence going on in the city. Panelists include Dennis Archer Jr., President and CEO, Ignition Media Group; President, Archer Corporate Services, Amy Green Deines, Interim Dean at LTU's College of Architecture and Design and Bill Kingsley, Tax Partner, UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants.

WWJ Regularly Scheduled Features

Staying in Touch

1/16/16

Detroit Goodfellows needing your help so no Kiddie Goes Without a Christmas in 2016...Goodfellows President Nancy Foran says they are making a public appeal to reach the same number of families in need next holiday season.

1/23/16

Jeannine Gant CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Michigan says they want to identify at least one person who will become a mentor. With 3-hundred boys and girls currently on their waiting list, Gant says the main challenge is finding men willing to become mentors.

1/30/16

Marc Wallace, president and CEO of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy...they, with city planners heard from seven development firms and how they would carry forward a plan to redevelop that part of the riverfront from the MacArthur Bridge at Belle Isle, to the shadow of the Renaissance Center...

2/6/16

Jon Witz, producer of downtown Detroit Winter Blast on efforts to use proceeds from the weekend event to help Flint's residents endure the ongoing water crisis.

2/13/16

Beneficiaries of the Heat and Warmth Fund on the importance to aid the organization's efforts assisting with energy bills.

2/20/16

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan on putting the city's young people to work as part of the GROW Detroit Initiative.

2/27/16

Kate Kohn-Parrot of Greater Detroit Health Council at the Opiate Summit of Detroit on solutions toward stemming what has become a nationwide opiate/heroin epidemic.

3/5/16

Danielle Greene, director of the non-profit community group Empower in Flint, on new complications from the water crisis.

3/12/16

Steve Kermis of DTE Energy Foundation on a new partnership with Wayne State University and to stem the gap in hi-tech education.

3/19/16

Karan Bates-Gasior, development director, Turning Point domestic violence shelter and counseling center in Mt Clemens, on a film festival for women's causes in Macomb County...

3/26/16

Janet Lawson, the director of Ford Motor Company Fund's Volunteer Corp which recently donated \$100-THOUSAND dollars to Gleaners Food Bank for the purchase of baby formula.

Your Eye on Health

1/1/16

Food trends.

A dietician tells us some foods we might be eating in 2016.

1/4/16

Health resolutions.

An expert tells you ways to improve your health all year.

1/5/16

Home fitness.

A personal trainer tells you 4 moves for a total body workout.

1/6/16

Infertility treatment.

Can infertility treatments lead to developmental delays in children? An NIH study says no.

1/7/16

Habits.

A psychologist says using incentives can help make a new habit stick.

1/8/16

The Unloneliness Project.

A project to help those of us who feel lonely.

1/11/16

Reading and writing.

A study from Washington University in Saint Louis finds that children as young as 3 can understand the difference between a printed word and a simple drawing.

1/12/16

Autism and the family.

A Cleveland Clinic study showing how the entire family is affected by an autism diagnosis.

1/13/16

Stroke.

A study from UCLA Medical Center finds that 3 out of 4 adults under age 45 with symptoms of a stroke would delay going to the hospital.

1/14/16

Winter blues.

Help for people who suffer from seasonal affective disorder or SAD during the winter.

1/15/16

Immune boosting foods.

Foods to include in your diet to boost your immune system.

1/18/16

Positive affirmations.

A psychologist says they can work and offers tips.

1/19/16

E-Cigs.

Electronic cigarettes are not helping smokers quit according to a study from UC San.

1/20/16

Affordable Care Act.

The deadline is January 31st to enroll.

1/21/16

High blood pressure.

New research from Sweden finds that boys in their late teens that don't get much exercise and have a high body mass index or BMI, which is an indicator of body fat, have a greater risk of having high blood pressure as an adult.

1/22/16

Melanoma.

Melanoma is on the rise in young women around the world and a new study finds there's extra concern for pregnant women according to a Cleveland Clinic study.

1/25/16

Snacks.

A celebrity fitness expert offers advice on healthy snacks.

1/26/16

Emphysema.

A French study finds that inserting metal coils into the lungs can help people with emphysema breathe better.

1/27/16

Depression.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force is recommending screening for depression in the general adult population, including pregnant and postpartum women.

1/28/16

Cervical cancer.

A doctor explains the best ways to prevent cervical cancer.

1/29/16

Obamacare enrollment.

The last day to enroll for the Affordable Care Act is Sunday 1/31.

2/1/16

HPV Vaccine.

A doctor explains why children should get the vaccine.

2/2/16

Hoarding.

Wayne State University is doing research on hoarding in young people between the ages of 5 to 30.

2/3/16

Depression.

Approximately 12-percent of teenagers experience depression. While some will seek treatment at first, there appears to be a lack of follow-up care according to a new study from New York University.

2/4/16

Exercise.

A Cleveland Clinic survey finds that Americans don't appreciate the value in exercise for their health.

2/5/16

Women and heart disease.

February is heart month. Heart disease is the number one killer in women. Steps to have a healthy heart.

2/8/16

Parents and depression.

A parent's depression can have an effect on how their child performs in school according to a new study from Drexel University.

2/9/16

Indoor exercise.

A psychologist tells you how to stay motivated while exercising indoors.

2/10/16

Research on hoarding.

Wayne State University is looking for people ages 5-30 for a hoarding study.

2/11/16

Exercise.

A fitness trainer tells us the four moves everyone should do.

2/12/16

Mindfulness and food.

A Vanderbilt University study finds that if children practice mindful behavior it could prevent them from overeating.

2/15/16

The flu.

A local emergency doctor has advice when it comes to treating the flu.

2/16/16

Smile.

When you smile, others in the room may do the same either consciously or unconsciously says a social psychologist at the University of Wisconsin.

2/17/16

Broken heart syndrome.

Broken Heart Syndrome most often occurs after a person has suffered an extreme emotional experience.

2/18/16

Couples workout.

A physical therapist says working out with your significant other can help you both physically and emotionally.

2/19/16

Zika Virus.

The DMC has set up a Zika Virus Hotline.

2/22/16

Boost your energy.

A wellness expert tells you ways to stay energized throughout the day.

2/23/16

Car seats and winter coats.

An expert explains why a coat that's too thick can be dangerous for a child in a car seat.

2/24/16

Stroke prevention.

A study in the New England Journal of Medicine finds that 2 procedures can help fix a narrowed carotid artery and reduce the risk of stroke.

2/25/16

Children and flu shots.

A C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll surveyed parents to see why they weren't getting their kids vaccinated for the flu.

2/26/16

Stepping on the scale.

A psychologist offers advice about the scale and losing weight.

2/29/16

Heart disease.

A cardiologist offers some simple steps for a heart healthy lifestyle.

3/1/16

Blood clots.

A doctor offers advice on symptoms and ways to avoid blood clots.

3/2/16

Hearing loss.

How your health can contribute to hearing loss.

3/3/16

The pharmacist.

Your pharmacist can help you when it comes to prescription and over the counter medicines. But there are things you can do as a consumer to help the pharmacist.

3/4/16

Boss study.

When it comes to a boss...would you rather have a consistent jerk or loose cannon? A study from Michigan State University explains how your boss can affect your health.

3/7/16

Eating disorders.

An expert tells us what to look for in a person with an eating disorder.

3/8/16

Health apps.

A study from Johns Hopkins University finds that a blood pressure app for your phone may not be good for your health.

3/9/16

The STEMInista Project.

The Michigan Science Center is looking for female role models in STEM careers.

3/10/16

Uterine transplant.

Doctors from Cleveland Clinic are sharing details about the nation's first uterine transplant.

3/11/16

Yoga and sleep.

A yoga instructor recommends certain poses to help you sleep better.

3/14/16

Calories.

An expert tells how to expend more calories every day to lose weight.

3/15/16

Poverty.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has issued a new recommendation urging its doctors to screen for poverty.

3/16/16

Immune system.

An expert offers advice on how to boost your immune system.

3/17/16

Weight loss.

A weight loss expert tells you how small changes can lead to big weight loss results.

3/18/16

Vacation and weight gain.

A weight loss expert offers advice to keep you from gaining weight while on vacation.

3/21/16

The 90 Day Challenge.

Ninety days ago some of Detroit's finest started a weight loss challenge in partnership with the Detroit Medical Center.

3/22/16

Golf Fitness.

An athletic trainer talks about the Golf Fitness program at Henry Ford Health System.

3/23/16

Medicine poisoning.

An alarming number of children are being rushed to emergency rooms with medicine poisoning – one every nine minutes. Some advice on keeping kids safe.

3/24/16

Spring allergies.

Expert advice on how to deal with spring allergies.

3/25/16

Organ donation.

A study in JAMA Surgery finds that more people would donate a kidney if they were compensated.

Car Chronicles

1/1/16

We test drive the Cadillac Escalade.

1/5/16

GM has a deal with Lyft. We talk with GM President Dan Amman.

1/6/16

We talk with Ford CEO Mark Fields about their presence at the Consumer Electronic Show.

1/7/16

Honda launches a new ad campaign for the new Civic. We talk about it with Civic Chief engineer Gary Evans.

1/8/16

We test drive the Honda Civic.

1/11/16

Chrysler renames its minivan the Chrysler Pacifica. We talk about the new vehicle with Chrysler brand CEO Tim Kuniskis.

1/12/16

GMC unveils a new version of its Acadia SUV. We talk with the company's product development Vice President Mark Reuss.

1/13/16

Honda unveils a new version of its Ridgeline pickup truck. Honda brand chief Jeff Conrad talks about the updates.

1/14/16

The U.S. government wants to make it tougher for cars to get a "five star" safety rating. We talk about it with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration engineer Dan Perin.

1/15/16

GM CEO Mary Barra and Hyundai North America CEO Dan Zuchowski react to the auto industry's adoption of voluntary safety standards.

1/18/16

We talk with Ford President of the Americas Joe Hinrichs about electric vehicles.

1/19/16

Should a European luxury brand build a pickup truck? AutoNation CEO Mike Jackson doesn't think it's a good idea.

1/20/16

Ford has a new version of its Raptor performance/off road pickup. We talk about it with F-150 marketing manager Eric Peterson.

1/21/16

GM launches its Maven car sharing service. We discuss it with GM director of Urban active solutions Pete Kozak.

1/22/16

We test drive the new Chevy Malibu

1/25/16

Hyundai has big plans for the new year. We talk with North America CEO Dave Zuchowski

1/26/16

Kelley Blue analysts Jack Nerad and Rebecca Lindland talk about fuel economy standards.

1/27/16

Fiat Chrysler expects a big surge in electrified vehicles. CEO Sergio Marchionne discusses.

1/28/16

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says that automated braking systems save lives. We talk with Vice President Jessica Cicchino.

1/29/16

We test drive the Jeep Wrangler.

2/1/16

What are major auto companies planning in the way of Super Bowl ads? We discuss with University of Detroit Mercy Marketing professor Mike Bernacchi.

2/2/16

GM opens a new center to develop powertrains for performance vehicles. We talk about it with Dan Nicholson, GM Powertrain VP.

2/3/16

Elana Farnsworth, CEO of MobilComply says carmakers are becoming more pro-active in the area of cybersecurity.

2/4/16

More automotive research and development is being done in Asia. We talk with Barry Jarazelski, who's a partner with PWC Strategies.

2/5/16

We test drive Volkswagen's Jetta and Golf, and try to determine what they say about Volkswagen's future.

2/8/16

We take a look back at some of the things that impacted the 2015 UAW contract talks. We get some reflections from UAW President Dennis Williams.

2/9/16

We talk about why Ford wants to become more of a technology company with executive chairman Bill Ford.

2/10/16

We preview the Chicago Auto Show with Kelley Blue Book analyst Karl Brauer.

2/11/16

Why are SUVs so popular, and are they here to stay? We talk about it with Ford sales chief Mark LeNave.

2/15/16

Scion is going away. Toyota General Manager Bill Fay talks about the change.

2/16/16

Ram has a new Power Wagon. We talk about the vehicle with Ram Brand chief Bob Hegbloom.

2/17/16

We take a look at some of the new innovations coming to vehicles with Arnd Herwig, development director for auto supplier Brose.

2/18/16

The state of Michigan wants to build a new test track for automated vehicles that's ten times larger than the existing facility. We discuss with Doug Rothwell, CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan.

2/19/16

We test drive the Audi A6.

2/22/16

It looks like car sales are ready to go up by about eight percent in February. We talk with LMC Automotive analyst Jeff Schuster.

2/23/16

What are the best cars and trucks? We talk with Consumer Reports chief auto tester Jake Fisher.

2/24/16

JD Power is out with its latest dependability ratings. We discuss them with Power's vice president of automotive David Sargent.

2/25/16

We pay a visit to AutoRama, and talk with organizer Pete Toundas.

2/26/16

We test drive the GMC Terrain.

2/29/16

GM North America President Alan Batey talks about electric vehicles and the launch of the new Chevy Cruze small car.

3/1/16

The National Safety Council launches a new mycardoeswhat.org web site. We talk about it with council president Debra Hersman.

3/2/16

Will automated cars save lives? We talk to Carrie Morton, deputy director of the University of Michigan's Mobility Transformation Center.

3/3/16

Will 2016 be a record year for car and truck sales? We talk with Kelley Blue Book analyst Alec Gutierrez.

3/4/16

We test drive the Infiniti QX 50.

3/7/16

How does leasing effect the car market? We talk with analyst Jeff Schuster of LMC automotive.

3/8/16

Nissan brings a new Sentra to the market. We discuss it with Nissan Product planner Chris Schwarkowski.

3/9/16

Mazda has a new design strategy, based on a sporty philosophy. We interview Mazda Design Chief Ken Sayward.

3/10/16

Jeep gets ready for the Easter Jeep Safari at Moab, Utah. Jeep design chief Mark Allen tells us about the interesting concept cars they are show.

3/11/16

We test drive the Toyota Prius.

3/14/16

Ford is offering inserts in the doors of police cars that can stop a high speed bullet. Ford Special Vehicle Engineering Supervisor Randy Freiburger tells us about them.

3/15/16

Camaro puts out a special racing trim--the XLE. We talk with chief engineer Al Oppenheizer.

3/16/16

Kia has a new hybrid, the Kia Niro. We talk with product planning chief Orth Hedrick.

3/17/16

Ken Lingenfelder, who adds horsepower to vehicles, talks about some of his latest creations.

3/18/16

We test drive the Hyundai Santa Fe.

3/21/16

We preview the New York Auto Show.

3/22/16

Buick unveils a new version of its Encore small SUV. We talk about it with Buick Vice President Duncan Aldred

3/23/16

Lincoln has a new Navigator concept. Lincoln brand chief Kumar Golhatra.

3/24/16

Hyundai unveils its first dedicated hybrid, the Ionic. We discuss it with Hyundai North America CEO Dave Zuchowski.

3/25/16

We test drive the Toyota RAV 4.

3/28/16

The program to build a self-driving car testing facility takes another step forward. We talk about it with the new CEO, John Maddox.

3/29/16

Tesla prepares to launch the new Model 3—its first mass market vehicle. We talk about expectations with Jack Nerad, an analyst with Kelley Blue Book.

3/30/16

How safe are your car's headlights? We discuss it with David Zubby, research chief of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

3/31/16

The head of Google's self-driving car program doesn't miss driving.

Making the Grade

1/5/16

Schools using technology.

Utica Schools Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns discusses how the district has received national recognition for use of technology in the classroom.

1/7/16

Robotics.

Mark Chenoby head of Quality at Fiat Chrysler. The company is giving a 250 thousand dollar grant to Michigan schools to support First Robotics and STEM technology fields.

1/12/16

Makerspace.

Sarah Pazur. Principal Oakland Flex Tech Academy, a charter school in Novi which allows students to use their creativity and craftsmanship to develop projects, combining the old "Shop Class" model with 21st century technology.

1/14/16

Business studies for students.

Baker College of Clinton Township President Patricia Kaufman. School is hosting Business Professionals of America Regional Competition. Event allows students to compete with their business projects and ideas, like First Robotics Competition.

1/26/16

Science and computers.

Utica High School Senior Christina Li. She was recognized by the White House as a "Champion of Change for Computer Science Education." Li was honored for her work creating a week-long Computer Science Camp for middle school girls, called "Hello World, where the students learn to write code for robots, apps, and video games.

1/28/16

The "R" word.

Oxford High School student Christina Medici. Her DECA Marketing class has been working on a campaign to get students to stop using the "R" word, or retarded. The group wants the students to know that the word can be used to hurt and bully students with special needs.

2/2/16.

Student Leaders.

University of Michigan Student Fatima Akthar one of the participants in the Bank of America's Student Leaders Program. BOA Vice President Tiffany Douglas says they are searching for five outstanding teens to take part in an 8 week internship and job with local non-profit organization.

2/9/16

Students Collecting Money for Charity

Troy Athens Teacher and Student Congress Advisor Christy Pierce. Students are trying to raise 40 thousand dollars during Charity Week to benefit local charities and people in need.

2/11/16

Robert McGee of the Engineering Society of Detroit.

One of the advisors of Future Cities Competition, where students have to design and build cities of the future. Theme this year is "Waste Not, Want Not," promoting recycling old materials. Detroit Clippert Academy student Logan Corell is one of the students participating in the competition. He helped design a city with a recycling center and windmill.

2/16/16

Tiffany Hackworth.

Teaches Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Classes at Southfield's University Academy and UPREP. She's been named the district's first Teacher of the Month under a new recognition program.

2/18/16

Student Loan Debt

Michigan U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow. She's working on legislation in Washington to help students reduce their student loan debt. She is supporting an effort to make two years of community college free for students.

3/1/16

Student Athlete

Avondale High Senior Alissa Smith. She's just signed to play basketball at Hope College, and will receive a scholarship. She earned a letter in three sports and also is a member of the National Honor Society, with a 3.72 GPA. She hopes to play basketball professionally after graduation.

3/3/16

Teacher Honored

Angela LoPiccolo, who teaches History and Economics at Dakota High School in the Chippewa Valley Schools. She's just been honored with an Excellence in Education Award from the Michigan Lottery. She wins a 500 dollar cash award and another 500 for her classroom. She's in the running for a statewide competition and a ten thousand dollar prize.

3/8/16

Utica Schools Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns

Teaming up with the new United Shore Professional Baseball League to promote literacy and reading for students. Kids set goals to read a certain number of books to make it to first base, second base, third base, or hit a home run and win tickets to see a Utica Unicorns game.

3/10/16

DECA Competition

Dave Waite. Executive Director of DECA Michigan. DECA is a student club that encourages kids to get involved in marketing, finance, and entrepreneurship. DECA is hosting 36 hundred students from more than 70 schools at the annual DECA statewide competition.

3/17/16

Jobs of the Future

Utica Schools Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns. She says the district is teaming up with code.org to make sure kids are plugged in to high tech jobs of the future. They are enhancing computer science education to make sure kids know how to write code for robots, video games and other applications.

3/24/16

Teacher of the Year

Molly Marenek. Kindergarten Teacher at Jack Harvey Elementary School in the Avondale Community Schools. She's just been named the district's Teacher of the Year.

3/31/16.

Scholarbiz

Mike Semanco. one of the Creators of Scholarbiz. These free programs give students an alternative to non-paid internships and give them a chance to real world work projects and get paid by Michigan companies. Projects include working on websites, social media, and marketing. They receive between 50 and 400 dollars.