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October 1st through December 31st, 2016

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ISSUES OF CONCERNS TO METRO DETROITERS
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE
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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, 9:53pm. Each report runs one minute. Ron Dewey highlights special events going on in the Southeast Michigan region. (see topics attached)

Heroes of Diversity

Aires the third 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. (see topics attached)

Your Eye on Health

Airs Monday-Friday at 1:22am, 3:40am, 1:53pm, 6:53pm, Dr. Deanna Lites reports on all things health 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 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. (see topics attached)

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. Each report runs one minute. 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. Each report runs one minute. Greg Bowman highlights innovations, achievements and interesting stories from the classroom, featuring students, teachers and administrators.

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, 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, 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, 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

10/3/16

5:32pm

Jason Scott reporting

Judges Threatened

Threatening to sever the heads of two Macomb County Circuit Court judges ... that's what a Sterling Heights man is accused of doing via email. Macomb County Sheriff's Lt. John Michalke says the email was sent using a mobile device to a Royal Oak attorney. 30-year old Mohammad Alsheleh is charged with making a false report of terrorism and using a computer to commit a crime -- both 20-year felonies. The two judges named in the threatening email presided over Alsheleh's child custody cases.

10/4/16

9:06am

Ron Dewey reporting

Crackdown on M-59

Authorities in Macomb County are planning to put extra patrols out on M-59 in hopes of cutting down on accidents. Police from Shelby Township, Utica, Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, the Macomb County Sheriff's Department and State Police will kick off the M-59, Hall Road, Enforcement Initiative at 11 o'clock today. Police say drivers should slow down and avoid distractions--noting that bad weather and holiday traffic lead to more hazardous driving.

10/7/16

11:06pm

Tawana Holly reporting

Detroit Man Missing in St. Clair County

The St. Clair County Sheriff's Office asking for help locating a missing man. Police say 29-year-old Timothy Hord, from Detroit, was last seen Wednesday at Peter's Brothers Farm in Riley Township. Deputies were called out about a stolen truck -- when they arrived, they found another truck left in its place... it was registered to Hord. The man's family says he's been acting erratically -- and may be suffering from paranoia.

10/17/16

6:04pm

Brian Larsen reporting

Drunk Driving Suspect in Court.

A Roseville motorcyclist accused of being drunk when he ran over a teenager playing the smartphone game "Pokemon Go" has appeared in court. Roseville police say 24-year-old Cody Soucie is charged with operating while intoxicated causing death. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. Police say the 14-year-old went onto the road about 9:30 on Friday night -- while trying to "capture a Pokemon" and was hit by the motorcycle while returning to the sidewalk. Police say Soucie had a blood-alcohol content TWICE the legal limit.

10/23/16

12:03pm

Lauren Barthold reporting

Men Missing in Lake St. Clair.

The Macomb County Sheriff's Office is searching for two men missing in Lake St. Clair. The 59-year-old father and 24-year-old son haven't been seen since they left their house in Jackson County early Saturday to go duck hunting. Police say the pair was expected back home sometime last night. This morning, their pickup truck and boat trailer were spotted at the Lake St. Clair Metro Park Boat Launch in Harrison Township.

10/27/16

5:33pm

Zahra Huber

Heroin Overdoses

Heroin overdoses are on the rise. In Warren, police say the driver of a car that crashed into a semi-truck and a pole at 10 Mile and Mound had O-D'ed. He was revived after receiving a dose of the life-saving drug NARCAN. Police believe a man found dead in a vacant this morning had overdosed on heroin. And Michigan State Police administered FOUR doses of Narcan to a 53-year-old man who was found slumped over his bicycle in Detroit yesterday.

11/4/16

6:31am

Dave Ramos reporting

Road Rage Incident in Oakland County

An incident of apparent road rage leaves a driver in critical condition following what police say was a wild drive on Telegraph Road yesterday. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department says a 52-year old woman pulled out a baseball bat and waved it at a 44-year old woman in a parking lot following an in-car argument on Telegraph near Elizabeth Lake Road Thursday afternoon. The younger woman then ran over the 52-year old and took off-- police caught up with her, she's jailed now pending charges-- the 52-year old woman is hospitalized in critical condition.

11/7/16

10:32am

Scott Ryan reporting

Detroit Officer Funeral

A final goodbye today for Detroit police officer Myron Jarrett. His funeral will be at noon at Second Ebenezer Church at Dequindre and McNichols in Detroit. Steven Guzina of Lincoln Park is charged with second-degree murder in connection with the hit-and-run crash that killed Jarrett in late October. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery. Governor Snyder has ordered flags lowered to half-staff today in Jarrett's memory.

11/13/16

4:30pm

Erin Vee reporting

Girl Shot to Death in Ypsilanti Twp.

A shooting this afternoon in Ypsilanti Township has killed a 3-year old boy. Police were called about 1:20 p.m. to the Country Meadow Apartments for the shooting. A Washtenaw County Sheriff says the incident is under investigation, but it is possibly an accident. Police believe another child was playing with a gun when it went off, fatally striking the 3-year-old boy. The toddler was pronounced dead at the scene.

11/17/16

8:12am

Scott Ryan reporting

Meth Lab Rolling in Washtenaw County

Authorities in Washtenaw County say that three men were operating a meth lab on wheels. Sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle Monday in York Township--after tracing the vehicle to someone with a warrant out for their arrest. During the traffic stop, they drove off and tossed a backpack out of the vehicle--eventually crashing in a ditch. Two men were arrested. The driver, a 45-year old Saline man, escaped and is still on the run. Police say the backpack contained a mini-meth lab.

11/23/16

10:04am

Charlie Langton Reporting

Wayne State University officer shot

Hearts are heavy this morning, as Wayne State Police Officer Collin Rose remains on life support after being shot in the head last night. During a news conference this morning, Wayne State Police Chief Tony Holt spoke about the tragedy, as did WSU President M-Roy Wilson.

11/23/16

4:06pm

Brian Larsen reporting

Extra Police Patrols

Novi and other local police departments are adding extra patrols tonight to watch out for suspected drunk drivers. Many bars and restaurants are expected to be crowded due to college students coming home and having a long holiday weekend. Some bar owners plan to double the amount of beer they usually serve on a Wednesday night.

12/8/16

Various

Jon Hewett reporting

Pileup on I-96

Michigan State Police still have both sides of I-96 closed near Fowlerville in Livingston County. A pileup in the area involves 30-to-40 cars and semis. MSP First Lt. Michael Shaw says there were whiteout conditions and black ice on the freeway at the time of the pileup.

12/17/16

9:03pm

Jason Scott reporting

Police Search for Robbery Suspects

The search is on for two men suspected in a shooting and the armed robbery of a jewelry store in Oakland County. At about 4 o'clock this afternoon, the clerk at Clarkston Jewelry Outlet -- along Dixie Highway, was shot. A trio of men then robbed the business. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office says one man was quickly arrested, but two other males fled the scene. It's believed the suspects took-off in a light gray Jeep, which they stole from a nearby neighborhood. The injured clerk is expected to OK.

12/23/16

Various

Laura Bonnell

Farmington Hills woman missing

New developments today in the case of Danielle Stislicki -- the Farmington Hills woman who went missing three weeks ago. A home in Berkley was searched by Farmington Hills detectives. In a statement Farmington Hills police admitted the Oakland County's Sheriff Office Crime lab was at a home Berkley. Residents in the area say they saw a lot of police activity.

EDUCATION ISSUES

10/6/16

10:07am

Scott Ryan reporting

Education Secretary Stopping in Michigan

Education secretary John King Jr. will visit Michigan on Friday. He'll make a stop at Proper Tooling in Warren to discuss the importance of introducing students to manufacturing careers. Friday is also Manufacturing Day, which recognizes modern manufacturing each year. King will also take part in a discussion in Flint, where he will also get an update on what schools are doing to address the fallout of that city's lead-tainted water crisis.

10/7/16

6:07pm

Jon Hewett reporting

Education Secretary Tours Businesses with Students

The U.S. Secretary of Education paid a visit to Metro Detroit FRIDAY -- stopping by a Macomb County manufacturing business on "Manufacturing Day". John King Jr. says part of the reason for his trip is to expose young adults to consider a possible career in the "trades". King toured Proper Tooling International in Warren, a manufacturing company that provides students with hands-on training... with the help of Macomb Community College.

10/7/16

9:33pm

Tawana Holly reporting

Charter School Labor Settlement

A charter school operator in the Detroit area has agreed to settle an unfair labor complaint by paying \$106-thousand to 7 of 8 teachers who were fired. The settlement closes a complaint at the National Labor Relations Board against Hamadeh Educational Services, which runs 4 schools. The 8 teachers worked at Universal Academy in Detroit. They were not members of a union, but they acted together to speak out about conditions at the school during the 2015-16 year. The settlement document says Hamadeh will post a notice that says teachers won't be disciplined for exercising their rights.

10/12/16

8:13pm

Vickie Thomas reporting

Detroit Schools Enrollment

Officials in the Detroit Public Schools Community District say enrollment has stabilized for the fourth consecutive year. Interim superintendent Alycia Meriweather says innovative new programs are part of the reason for the good enrollment news. Enrollment stands at around 45-thousand 300 students. The district's goal is 45-thousand-500

10/27/16

8:33pm

Stephanie Davis Reporting

Improving Detroit Schools

Detroit Public School Community District Superintendent Alicia Meriweather says if she and her team are allowed to implement their plan, you will see a big difference 5 years from now. Meriweather made the comments at a forum on Education Success, tonight, put on by Wayne State's College of Education. Featured speaker, Dr. David Kirp, public policy professor at U-C Berkeley says -- stable leadership is a key factor in success in urban schools.

11/4/16

9:06am

Scott Ryan reporting

School District Cuts Deficit

New Haven Community Schools, once facing a more than 600-thousand-dollar deficit, has whittled that total down to just 65-thousand dollars. Superintendent Todd Robinson tells the Macomb Daily that they've cut as much as they can--and he's hopeful the district will be out of the red next year. Once that happens, the district will resume reporting to the state education department, instead of the state treasury department--which they're currently doing.

11/8/16

10:33am

Laura Bonnell reporting

Turning Around DPS

Officials have begun laying out a plan to put Detroit schools that are being run by a turnaround entity back into the city's traditional district. The Education Achievement Authority, which Gov. Rick Snyder launched after he took office, is dissolving after the current academic year. The Detroit school district's emergency manager, Steven Rhodes, and interim superintendent Alycia Meriweather announced some details of the previously expected reunification yesterday.

11/9/16

10:33pm

Jim Matthews reporting

Voters Approve Millage Proposal

The second time was the charm for a millage proposal for Wayne County RESA that will generate funding for the county's school districts. Voters narrowly approved the ballot asking, with Superintendent Randy Liepa saying with the state controlling education funding, the millage is the only way to get additional dollars. The six-year millage is expected to generate \$80-million in its first year.

11/15/16

3:33pm

Zahra Huber reporting

Teacher Under Investigation for Assignment

A teacher in the Monroe County School district is placed on administrative leave as school officials investigate a controversial assignment. A Facebook post shows that the high school teacher assigned students homework involving a Top 10 list by David Letterman. The "Top Ten Talents of Contestants in the Miss Iraq Pageant," includes things such as blowing self-up in a car in the parking lot and withstanding the kick of a donkey. Superintendent Barry Martin wouldn't confirm the allegations -- but says they did take action.

11/15/16

5:32pm

Stephanie Davis reporting

State Education Department Warning

The Michigan Department of Education has sent a letter to all public schools saying bullying and intimidation is unacceptable and will have consequences. State Superintendent Brian Whiston says they've had a number of incidents of student harassment, bullying and hateful speech since the election.

11/16/16

7:34am

Ron Dewey reporting

Mercury Spill in School

Fowlerville High School is closed for a second day today because of a mercury spill. The District's superintendent says a teaspoon of mercury--possibly from an older thermostat or mercury switch--was brought into the school and somehow spilled. Environmental cleanup crews contained the spill to one classroom, but the district is awaiting air quality test results before giving the all-clear.

12/1/16

11:04am

Beth Fisher reporting

A Plan to Improve Schools

Michigan's State School superintendent, Brian Whiston, plans on Michigan being a top ten school in ten years. To do that, he says they will partner with school districts that aren't doing so well. Whiston, speaking for the House Education Committee, says they will also put data in teachers' hands, give parents information, and have students take ownership of where they're performing and where they need to be.

12/12/16

9:33pm

Jason Scott

Superintendent of the Year

A surprise presentation today at Bloomfield Hills High School for Dr. Rob Glass, the school district's superintendent. The Michigan Association of School Administrators have named Dr. Glass the 2017 Michigan Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Glass will now be considered for the National Superintendent of the Year award -- which will be announced in March.

12/16/16

3:31pm

Jon Hewett reporting

Court Ruling on Guns in Schools

The Michigan appeals court is out with a ruling that says public schools DO have the power to ban guns on school property. The 3-0 opinion focused on challenges brought by gun owners in both the Ann Arbor and Clio school districts. At the crux of the argument, are public schools a local unit of government -- because state law prohibits local governments from regulating gun possession. But the court said there are differences when it comes to local schools... which is the decision Clio Superintendent Fletcher Spears was hoping for.

12/27/16

2:05pm

Greg Bowman reporting

Schools Need Subs

Schools in Michigan are struggling to cope when teachers are absent because of an increasing shortage of substitute teachers in the state. Macomb Intermediate School District chief academic officer Judy Pritchett says the shortage is "a symptom of a much bigger problem" and that it reflects a decline in the number of people pursuing teaching as a full-time career. Wayne-Westland district Superintendent Michele Harmala says the state must look at why students aren't going into education.

ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY

10/3/16

11:22pm

Tawana Holly reporting

Grant Money to Consider Environmental Factors in Children's Health

A \$4.8-million grant will help Michigan researchers look at how environmental factors in early development influence the health of children and adolescents. The funding from the National Institutes of Health was recently announced by Michigan State University. In addition to M-S-U, the University of Michigan, Wayne State, Henry Ford Health System and the state's health department are collaborators on the national Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes initiative.

10/9/16

6:22pm

Jason Scott

The Future of Autonomous Vehicles

Autonomous vehicles ... realistically, we're ten-to-fifteen years from the average consumer purchasing and using them -- that's according to Jeff Owens with Delphi. To become reality, Owens says three-things are needed for autonomous vehicles -- a regulatory environment, a legal frame work, and an affordable price ... all of which are in motion.

10/11/16

1:06pm

Laura Bonnell reporting

New Water Diversion Project Complete

Officials in Oakland County are cutting the ribbon this hour for the Perry Street Diversion Project. According to Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash, the system will help relieve capacity issues for the Clinton-Oakland communities, will save money, and increase flow into the Clinton River. Nash calls it a triple win for the systems, the 13 communities in the Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System and the environment.

10/12/16

12:11pm

Terri Lee reporting

Automakers Collaborate on New Technologies

Toyota and Japanese rival Suzuki are teaming up. The automakers say they'll study areas they can work together in developing technology for the environment, safety and information networking. They say such areas are likely to benefit from a partnership since the industry is changing rapidly in those areas. Toyota President Akio Toyoda says survival depends on such collaborations, and it's not enough for a company to be doing just its own research.

11/2/16

12:03pm

Sandra McNeill reporting

Air Quality Concerns in Dearborn

There's a warning going out this afternoon from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality about the air on the Dearborn Detroit border. Officials at the MDEQ's district office in Detroit say the reading is coming from a monitor at Salinas Elementary School at Wyoming Road and Dix. and it shows the air as unhealthy. The high reading is for dust particles. The MDEQ recommends that people with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.

11/3/16

5:10pm

Greg Bowman reporting

EPA Approves of Detroit Water

The City of Detroit's drinking water has passed the latest test from the Environmental Protection Agency. Officials say the water continues to be well within EPA standards for the presence of lead. The city says the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's testing on homes with lead service lines was performed a year earlier than required. The department's Director Gary Brown says his own home has a lead service line and he and his family drink water from the tap.

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9:03am

Charlie Langton reporting

Warren Mayor Raises Questions

Warren Mayor Jim Fouts blowing the whistle on what he says is an "environmental scandal" on the horizon, but offering no specifics in the messages he put on Facebook stating that it could be a "mini version of what happened in Flint." Fouts says the it could cost taxpayers "millions of dollars.

11/20/16

6:22am

Scott Ryan reporting

A Plan to Conserve Water, Energy

Learn how to conserve water--get a credit on your water bill. That's the idea behind a recent outdoor education class in Detroit. Kimberly Hill Knott, with the non-profit group Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, says attendees were taught how to put rainwater to good use. The exact amount of the credit is still being determined.

11/22/16

Various

Ron Dewey reporting

Environmental Concerns at Freedom Hill

Turns out Macomb County needed the state's permission to dump soil at Freedom Hill County Park--which prompted Warren Mayor Jim Fouts to make alarming social media posts last week about environmental dangers. County officials say they thought local permits were sufficient, but the DEQ still has jurisdiction over the landfill. Fouts says contractors illegally dumped 150-thousand tons of fill at that closed landfill, saying the work would still be going on if he had not spoken up.

12/4/16

11:05am

Tom Jordan reporting

Testing New Car Technology

Millions of dollars from the federal government will be heading to the University of Michigan, to research autonomous cars. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell made the announcement from her Washington D-C office, that the U of M will receive almost 2.5-million dollars from the U-S Department of Transportation's University Transportation Centers program. The Center will test these technologies in cars and infrastructure, using the Ann Arbor Connected Vehicle Test Environment, which is like a mini-city living laboratory designed to test autonomous cars.

12/7/16

Various

Jackie Paige reporting

Trouble with Teething Rings

Some troubling news about chemicals found in teething rings. A new study found low levels of BPA and parabens in dozens of teething rings even those labeled BPA-free. Researchers tested 59 solid, gel-filled or water-filled teething rings for 26 chemicals. Research scientist and study author Kurunthachalam Kannan says the study found the chemicals leeching out of the products into water.

12/12/16

2:33pm

Sandra McNeill

Protest at Plant

There was a small protest outside a Detroit plant that processes radioactive waste from local businesses, as well as from Fracking. Pam Phiefer lives in nearby Hamtramck -- and says she is concerned with U-S Ecology's plans to expand operations ten-fold. She says she'd like to see a health study done. U-S Ecology officials says in 40 years -- there has been no environmental impact from the plant and that the waste is processed with NO chance it could contaminate the groundwater.

12/13/16

7:30am

Ron Dewey Reporting

Environmental Friendly Parking Lot

The Detroit Zoo paving the way for a new, more environmentally-friendly parking lot. The zoo is building a 215-space lot that will allow rainwater to soak through the pavement and filter pollutants instead of running off into storm sewers. What will be the largest permeable pavement lot of its kind in Oakland County is expected to accommodate an increasing number of zoo visitors.

HEALTH/MEDICINE

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3:13pm

Brian Larsen

Flu Vaccines Available

The Oakland County Health Department's flu vaccination program is underway. Flu shots are available for 25-dollars at both Oakland County health clinics at the Oakland County complex on Telegraph in Pontiac and on Greenfield Road near 11 Mile in Southfield. Health officials say the vaccine guards against as many as four flu viruses which are most likely to occur this season.

10/4/16

4:07pm

Deanna Lites reporting

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Some of the Detroit Lions showed their support by visiting patients at a local hospital. 39-year-old Erica Moore is being treated for breast cancer at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Tuesday afternoon the Ypsilanti resident got a visit, not from doctors in white lab coats, but from football players in Honolulu blue and silver jerseys. Fans at the Lion's game on Sunday are encouraged to wear pink in support of breast cancer awareness month.

10/6/16

3:10pm

Deanna Lites

Migraine Study

It could be a game-changer when it comes to treating migraine headaches. A new type of medication is being studied and a local doctor is looking for patients to take part. Nationwide testing is underway on a medication to prevent migraine headaches. The drug, ALD403 is given through an I-V every three months and works by blocking a chemical in the brain. Dr. Joel Saper with the Michigan Head, Pain and Neurological Institute in Ann Arbor is doing the research.

10/13/16

1:06pm

Deanna Lites reporting

More Flu Cases Confirmed

The colder weather is here... and now we're hearing about more influenza cases in Michigan. The Department of Health now says 2 people in Southeast Michigan have been diagnosed with the A-H-3 strain of flu. Doctors say everyone 6-months of age and older should receive a flu shot -- and that elderly people are more susceptible to this particular strain.

10/18/16

4:20pm

Deanna Lites Reporting

Hoping to Avoid Heart Disease

Heart disease is the number one killer of women. Beaumont Hospital's Women's Heart Center is working to prevent heart disease "before" it begins. Three times a week some local women 18 years of age and older who are at risk for heart disease hit Beaumont's cardiac rehab center in Troy as part of the W.E.L.L. program which stands for Women Exercising to Live Longer.

11/4/16

7:33am

Deanna Lites reporting

Worrying Can Make You Sick

Do you worry about your health? Too much worrying may be making you sick. People who needlessly worry that they have, or will develop, a serious illness and see a doctor because of that--may be boosting their risk of developing heart disease according to a new study. Researchers in Norway say participants with health anxiety at the start of the study were 73% more likely to develop heart disease than those who weren't in this state of mind.

11/6/16

8:34am

Dave Ramos Reporting

Candy Buy Back

Every year following Halloween, a Saint Clair Shores dentist tries to clean up the tooth scene-- by BUYING BACK candy from kids for a dollar a pound. Doctor Steven Wainess says last year, his office collected nearly half a ton of sweet stuff from kids around Metro Detroit-- the candy doesn't go to waste. The treats wind up in care packages that are sent to our troops overseas by Operation Gratitude. The candy buy-back happens today at the dentist's office on Harper in Saint Clair Shores.

11/28/16

10:34pm

Russ McNamara reporting

Child Vaccinations Research

There are no concerns about getting your child vaccinated. A study finds that pregnant woman who catch the flu or get a flu vaccination do NOT increase the risk of autism in their unborn children. Kaiser Permanente research scientist Lisa Cro-en is its co-author. She said the company cross-referenced the medical records of nearly 197-thousand children born in the health care system over ten-year period.

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4:20pm

Deanna Lites reporting

Influenza Vaccination Week

It's the holiday season. Why not give yourself and those you love the gift of good health. It's National Influenza Vaccination Week. It's not too late to get your flu shot. Flu season tends to peak in late December through February. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone six months of age and older. Yet only about a quarter of residents in the state get vaccinated.

12/14/16

4:10pm

Deanna Lites reporting

Snow Blower Injuries

More snow is on tap for this weekend. For some of us that means getting out the snow blower out. Every year thousands of people are treated in emergency rooms due to snow blower injuries. University of Michigan Emergency Doctor Brad Uren has already treated people for snow blower injuries this year. Typically, problems happen when the snow blower jams.

12/16/16

Various

Deanna Lites reporting

Clothes Hazardous to Your Health?

When you get dressed you probably never think that what you're putting on might be hazardous to your health. Maybe you should. Many women wear shape-wear under their clothes. But beware. Those garments put pressure on your abdomen squeezing the internal organs which can lead to stomach pain, even heartburn. Doctor Neha Vyas of Cleveland Clinic says another potential problem...your brand men aren't off the hook either. Doctor Vyas says neck ties that are tied too tight can cause pain and difficulty swallowing.

LEADERSHIP/POLITICS/ELECTIONS

10/8/16

5:07pm

Lauren Barthold

Lawmakers Spending

How do Michigan lawmakers spend money? For curious taxpayers -- it might require a map, census data and a Google search to get answers. Deep in the new budget that started October 1st are 10-million dollars in grants to recipients identified only with general descriptions and the population of their unnamed community.

10/11/16

8:10am

Tim Skubick Reporting

New Road Funding Plan

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Roberta Jasina

Death with Dignity Law Introduced

Two Lansing lawmakers say they want Michigan residents suffering from terminal illnesses to be able to pull the plug on themselves if they're ready to die--and want to go on their terms. House Democratic Floor Leader Sam Singh of East Lansing is behind the so-called Death with Dignity legislation. He hopes to see movement on the legislation in January.

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Dave Ramos Reporting

Drug Laws Before Lawmakers

Just about two weeks left in the Legislative session in Lansing-- one of the bills in front of lawmakers would let Michigan school districts stock a drug that can reverse an opioid overdose. Unanimous approval came from Senate last week-- now the bill goes in front of the Legislature. Naloxone is used to save people from drug overdoses. If a district decided to obtain naloxone, it would have to train at least two employees to administer the drug.

11/8/16

Various

Charlie Langton, Mike Campbell, various reporters

Election Day in Michigan

Election Day in Michigan as voters decide federal, state and local political races. There are also a number of other proposals to be decided including a Regional Transit Tax in Michigan. The transit tax fails. All day election coverage.

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11:30am

Roberta Jasina reporting

Congresswoman Calls for Investigation into Marine Recruit's Death

The death of another Marine Corps recruit has lawmakers searching for answers. Zachary Boland is the second recruit to die this year in boot camp at Parris Island. Michigan democratic Rep. Debbie Dingell, says she wants a quick and complete investigation. In March recruit 20-year old Raheel Siddiqui of Taylor jumped over the railing of a barracks stairwell and fell nearly 40 feet.

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Ron Dewey reporting

Trump Wins, Now Push on for Energy Legislation

Donald Trump's victory in Michigan...and the success of Republican down ballot elections around the state are seen as a validation of what the current legislature is doing. Senior Vice President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Jim Holcombe wants lawmakers to pass an energy reform bill before the end of the lame duck session. Holcombe says the state has a good track record at creating jobs, reducing taxes and regulations.

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Jim Matthews reporting

Voters Approve Millage Proposal

The second time was the charm for a millage proposal for Wayne County RESA that will generate funding for the county's school districts. Voters narrowly approved the ballot asking, with Superintendent Randy Liepa saying with the state controlling education funding, the millage is the only way to get additional dollars. The six-year millage is expected to generate \$80-million in its first year.

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Jason Scott Reporting

Higher Speed Limits Approved

In Lansing, a series of bills that would alter some speed limits in Michigan has been passed by a state Senate Transportation Committee. One bill calls for the speed limit to be raised to 80 miles per hour on some rural freeways. Another would revise the speed limits in school zones. The bills now move on to the full Senate.

11/22/16

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Brian Larsen

Settlement for Legislative Aides

The Michigan House of Representatives will pay 515-thousand dollars in a settlement with two former legislative aides -- who alleged they were wrongfully fired and publicly humiliated after reporting two lawmakers' extramarital affair and other misconduct. An agreement says Keith Allard and Benjamin Graham will be paid about 170-thousand dollars each. Their lawyer's firm will receive 175-thousand dollars.

11/25/16

Various

Tim Skubick reporting

Lame Duck Legislature to Convene

State lawmakers return next week to start a nine-day lame-duck session. Speed limits, no-fault insurance and Uber car services are on the agenda.

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Tim Skubick

Police to Protest Proposed Legislation

Police plan to protest spending bills in the legislature that would limit health care benefits for retirees. The Police Officers Association of Michigan plans to protest Tuesday morning in Lansing. They are concerned about several pieces of legislation, they say could end post-retirement health care for new local government workers and force existing workers and retirees to pay 20 percent of their post-retirement health care costs.

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Various

Tim Skubick reporting

Lawmakers End Plan to Cut Retiree Benefits

Republicans who control the Michigan House are abandoning legislation to make municipal retirees pay more for their health care and eliminate medical insurance in retirement for new hires. Rep. Lee Chatfield, chairman of the House Local Government Committee, says the bills need more work and will be left to the next Legislature in 2017.

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Newsroom

FBI Director on Police Shootings

FBI Director James Comey addresses the recent high-profile shootings of African-Americans by police. Speaking before a group of police chiefs in San Diego, Comey said these incidents have created the impression that bias police officers are killing minorities at epidemic rates. Comey called for a national database on the use of deadly force by police.

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Brian Larsen Reporting

Cyber Attack on Popular Websites

There is a THIRD round of cyber-attacks today, limiting access in much of the U-S to popular websites. They include Twitter, Amazon, Paypal and Visa. It is part of a denial of service attack. James Carpp, the Chief Information Officer at The Rehmann Group says the Department of Homeland Security is investigating the attacks.

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5:06am

Pat Vitale reporting

CLEAR Program Set Up at Metro

The McNamara Terminal now has a new way to allow people to move seamlessly through airport security. It's called CLEAR. Certified as a "qualified anti-terrorism technology" by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, CLEAR has been used more than 5 million times to move travelers quickly through airport security lines at 16 other airports.

11/4/16

10:34am

Scott Ryan reporting

Terror Threat Ahead of Election

CBS news has learned about a potential terror threat ahead of the election. Homeland Security Correspondent Jeff Pegues says the intelligence talks about attacks in New York, Texas and Virginia by al Qaeda. U-S authorities are taking the threat seriously, though its credibility hasn't been confirmed.

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Newsroom

Homeland Security Keeping Voter Info Safe in Michigan

The Department of Homeland Security is taking steps- including a command center that is operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week- to guard against an election day cyber-attack by the Russians. Since this past summer when the voter data bases in Arizona and Illinois were scanned and breached - Homeland Security has been working with all 50 states to help protect voter information.

11/16/16

10:30am

Laura Bonnell reporting

TSA Alert Ahead of Holiday Season

If you're flying out this Thanksgiving holiday, the T-S-A has some helpful tips. Some things to remember if you're an expectant mom...TSA officials say all screening procedures are safe for all travelers. Remember you can bring a quart-sized bag of liquids, aerosols, gels, creams and pastes through the checkpoint.

11/18/16

8:33pm

Sarah Porada

Terror Threat Ahead of Holidays

The FBI has sent a terror alert to law enforcement across the country ahead of the holiday season and the upcoming inauguration. Police in Metro Detroit are on alert.

11/28/16

6:06am

Tim Skubick

Former Governor Wants Investigation into FBI

Former Michigan Gov. Jim Blanchard is requesting an investigation into the conduct of the FBI as it relates to anti-Hillary Clinton emails. Mr. Blanchard claims "rogue" elements in the FBI need to be probed.

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Newsroom

Holiday Travel Alert

Millions of travelers are expected to file through the nation's airports this weekend in one of the busiest travel times of the year. The TSA says to expect long lines at security and come prepared. Passengers should arrive at the airport at least two hours before a flight.

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Various

Lauren Barthold

New National Security Adviser Picked

President-elect Donald Trump has chosen an experienced national security adviser to serve as a presidential assistant. The transition team says Thomas Bossert will advise the president on issues related to homeland security, counter terrorism and cyber security. Bossert is the president of the risk management consulting firm C-D-S Consulting.

LABOR/WORKFORCE ISSUES

10/5/16

2:34pm

Terri Lee reporting

Report Says Businesses Added Jobs in September

A private survey finds that U.S. businesses added 154,000 jobs in September, the slowest pace of hiring since April. Payroll processor ADP says manufacturers cut jobs for the eighth straight month. The modest job gain adds to the mixed signals from recent economic reports.

10/7/16

6:07pm

Jon Hewett reporting

Education Secretary Tours Businesses with Students

The U.S. Secretary of Education paid a visit to Metro Detroit FRIDAY -- stopping by a Macomb County manufacturing business on "Manufacturing Day". John King Jr. says part of the reason for his trip is to expose young adults to consider a possible career in the "trades". King toured Proper Tooling International in Warren, a manufacturing company that provides students with hands-on training... with the help of Macomb Community College.

10/7/16

9:33pm

Tawana Holly reporting

Charter School Labor Settlement

A charter school operator in the Detroit area has agreed to settle an unfair labor complaint by paying \$106-thousand to 7 of 8 teachers who were fired. The settlement closes a complaint at the National Labor Relations Board against Hamadeh Educational Services, which runs 4 schools. The 8 teachers worked at Universal Academy in Detroit. They were not members of a union, but they acted together to speak out about conditions at the school during the 2015-16 year. The settlement document says Hamadeh will post a notice that says teachers won't be disciplined for exercising their rights.

10/17/16

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Brian Larsen reporting

New Tech Center, Jobs Coming to Auburn Hills

A steel manufacturer is bringing a new tech center to Auburn Hills -- and that should mean new jobs. Martinrea Metal Industries plans to create 60 jobs with help from the Michigan Strategic Fund. The project is expected to generate 1-point-7 million dollars in initial private investment. It is expected to be completed by summer of next year.

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4:04pm
Rob Mason

Michigan Unemployment Rate Rises

It's a first this year in Michigan. A slight rise has been reported in Michigan's unemployment rate for September to 4.6 percent. The rise is being attributed to more people seeking jobs. The higher jobless rate was the first monthly increase for the state this year, but still four-tenths of a percentage point lower than the national rate of 5.0 percent. Total employment in Michigan rose by 11,000 over the month.

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12:34pm
Murray Feldman reports

Unemployment Drops

The Labor Department says the October unemployment rate dropped a hair to four point nine percent, while U-S employers added 161-thousand jobs. It's the final economic report before Election Day. With the unemployment rate near healthy levels, businesses are likely trying harder to attract workers. Hiring them is easier said than done.

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6:13am
Vickie Thomas, Ron Dewey

Layoffs at Detroit Newspapers

Reporters, editors and other employees at the Detroit News are now being offered buyouts so the paper can meet budget. The buyout is being offered to everyone in the newsroom regardless of position or seniority. Not known if layoffs would be necessary if there were not enough takers. The 80 employees receiving the memo have until next Tuesday to decide.

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4:07pm
Greg Bowman reporting

Economic Prediction from UM on Jobs

Economists at the University of Michigan say the U.S. unemployment rate will stay below 5 percent next year. Five researchers at the university's Department of Economics put out their annual economic outlook today. They predict that a tightening U.S. labor market will add 3.7 million more jobs over the next two years. That's a slower pace than over the last two years. But they say the predicted falling unemployment rate should help part-time workers who want full-time jobs.

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5:03pm
Jason Scott reporting

Michigan Economy to See Job Growth

The Michigan economy is set to start its eighth year of post-recession recovery with continued job growth. Economist George Fulton of the University of Michigan says 45-thousand jobs are expected to be added in each of the next years. Currently, the state's unemployment rate is 4.8-percent -- a number not seen since late 2000.

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3:34pm

Brian Larsen Reporting

Michigan Unemployment Rate Jumps Again

Michigan's unemployment rate has jumped for a third straight month. State officials say unemployment is up to 4.9 percent, up two-tenths of a point from October. The number of unemployed was up by 12-thousand people last month. Analysts say the increase was due to a larger number of people entering the state's workforce, but not everyone finding jobs. The areas where the most jobs were lost were manufacturing, trade, transportation and utilities.

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Jeff Gilbert reporting

GM to Lay Off Workers

GM is laying off almost 13-hundred salaried and hourly employees at its Hamtramck assembly plant. The automaker said in a statement this morning that it will eliminate its second shift production operations at the Hamtramck plant in order to align production with current and forecasted market demand. Workers at the plant currently assemble the flagship Cadillac CT6 sedan, the full-size Chevrolet Impala, the hybrid electric Volt and the Buick LaCrosse.

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RACE RELATIONS

10/5/16

1:05pm

Laura Bonnell reporting

UM President Says Students Don't Feel Safe

U of M's President says students of color do not feel safe on the campus. Mark Schlissel making that statement as he made announcements during this morning's leadership breakfast. Schlissel announcing the Community Diversity and Ethics initiative: many voices - our Michigan. Diversity, equity and inclusion should be what UM promotes and preserves says Schlissel

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Scott Ryan reporting

Racism Among Sins to Be Pardoned

A first for Detroit's Catholic community. Friday night at 7:00 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, there will be a Mass for Pardon, asking for God's forgiveness for the sins of the Catholic community as a whole over the generations. Archbishop Allen Vigneron says it's an all-inclusive event. Sins include institutional racism, clergy sex abuse and neglect toward helping the poor and spreading the Gospel.

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Tim Skubick Reporting

Sheriff Claims Racial Biases in Some Policing

The Vice Presidential candidates have talked about biases in police agencies across Michigan. Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton who sets standards says we all have bias and sometimes those biases influence decisions and actions.

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8:05am

Newsroom

Eleanors Walk to End Racial, Economic Divisions

Eleanor's Walk for Hope and 5K run is joining together thousands of people in the city to take a stand against racial and economic division. The event is meant to eliminate racism, poverty and injustice through what organizers call intelligent and practical actions. All money raised through the walk benefits Focus: HOPE.

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8:06pm

Erin Vee

EMU Teach in After Protests

A "teach-in" is being held on Monday at Eastern Michigan University. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the daylong program on racism, diversity and inclusion. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and include speakers and breakout sessions. Black students have held protests after several incidents of racist graffiti targeting African Americans were left on buildings since the start of the academic year.

11/15/16

3:33pm

Zahra Huber reporting

Teacher Under Investigation for Assignment

A teacher in the Monroe County School district is placed on administrative leave as school officials investigate a controversial assignment. A Facebook post shows that the high school teacher assigned students homework involving a Top 10 list by David Letterman. The "Top Ten Talents of Contestants in the Miss Iraq Pageant," includes things such as blowing self-up in a car in the parking lot and withstanding the kick of a donkey. Superintendent Barry Martin wouldn't confirm the allegations -- but says they did take action.

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5:32pm

Stephanie Davis reporting

State Education Department Warning

The Michigan Department of Education has sent a letter to all public schools saying bullying and intimidation is unacceptable and will have consequences. State Superintendent Brian Whiston says they've had a number of incidents of student harassment, bullying and hateful speech since the election.

11/26/16

4:04pm

Jason Scott

Take On Hate Rally

Standing up against hatred, racism, and sexism....is the focus of a rally in Royal Oak. Dozens of people lined Woodward Avenue for the Take On Hate vigil. Organizers set up the rally because of what they call a division after the election.

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Scott Ryan

Rosa Parks Remembered

Rosa Parks remembered--61 years after her historic bus ride. On December 1, 1955, Parks was arrested in Alabama for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger. Today, Grand Rapids is marking the day with a symbolic bus ride across town. Patty Caudill heads up diversity and inclusion for the city of Grand Rapids, which is already home to a Rosa Parks statue. She says this bus ride is a part of history that students need to know about

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Dave Ramos Reporting

Board to Study Racial Incidents at EMU

Eastern Michigan University has named members of a board that will recommend studies of the racial climate at the Ypsilanti school and suggest ways to provide a more inclusive campus culture. Students of color have protested racist graffiti targeting African Americans that were left on buildings since the start of the academic year.

REGIONAL REVITALIZATION

10/5/16

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Vickie Thomas

New Apartments Planned in Detroit

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan will be among those on hand this afternoon for groundbreaking of the first major construction project in the city's New Center area in more than 30 years. "Third and Grand"--named for its location at the corner of Third Avenue and West Grand Boulevard-- will be a 231-unit mixed-used development. The 53-million dollar project is scheduled to open in 2018.

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Pat Vitale reporting

Fines at Site of New Arena

The city of Detroit has fined contractors thousands of dollars for not having enough Detroit residents working on the new Red Wings Arena. The deal for the new arena at Woodward and I-75 calls for 51-percent of the workers to be from Detroit -- but a recent report showed about 40-percent actually from the city. According to the Detroit News -- the money from the fines goes into a workforce training fund. A consultant working with Olympia Development says the fines were anticipated and that's why the fund was set up.

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Womens Conference To Push Development

Detroit is hosting the 21st Annual Women of Color STEM Conference, running through Saturday. The conference's theme is "STEM is a Girl Thing," which organizers say is a proclamation that women in all areas of their careers are excelling in the industry. Seminar topics include technical innovation, career training and professional development. The event is being held at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

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Rob Mason

Five Million Dollars To Help Improve Neighborhoods

Invest Detroit is part of a group accepting a \$5 million investment from JP Morgan Chase to drive economic growth to Detroit neighborhoods to create residential, business and multi-use development. Invest Detroit CEO Dave Blaszkiewicz says the three neighborhoods selected are West Village, Southwest Detroit and Livernois-McNichols. Their hope is to develop ten local neighborhoods over the next ten years.

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Scott Ryan reporting

Skyscraper in Detroit?

Detroit could be home to another skyscraper. Crain's Detroit says a 60-story building is among the possibilities under consideration for the former Hudson's site that businessman Dan Gilbert owns. Gilbert's company, Rock Ventures, has a couple months to submit plans to Detroit's Downtown Development Authority. The company says it doesn't comment on rumors or speculation. As a comparison, the Renaissance Center is 72 stories.

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Vickie Thomas reporting

New Micro Lofts in Detroit

A new development is bringing furnished "micro-loft" apartments to downtown Detroit. The 13-story 28Grand is expected to appeal to recent college graduates beginning their careers and people interested in moving into the city's revived downtown. The average size of the 218 units will be about 260 square feet. They will feature utilities, high-speed internet, double beds, window seats, 47-inch flat screen TVs, full baths and kitchens. The building is located at 28 West Grand River Avenue.

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Vickie Thomas reporting

Downtown Detroit Office Space Disappearing

Available office space has done a disappearing act in downtown Detroit. Eric Larson, C-E-O of the Downtown Detroit Partnership, says a decade of development is now paying dividends in terms of real estate. Larson says it's both large and small projects paving the road to success for downtown Detroit, often done by people in it for pride--not profits.

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Newsroom

Pistons Moving To Detroit

The Detroit Pistons are moving back to the city of Detroit, where they will play at the new Little Caesars Arena. Pistons owner Tom Gores says this move will be a huge economic windfall for Detroit...and the state of Michigan. Gores said he would like his family to "come close" to having as much impact on Detroit as the Ilitch family. The Downtown Development Authority gave the go-ahead to another 35-million dollars in construction costs to make changes to the Arena.

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Vickie Thomas

New Apartments in Brush Park

Downtown Detroit will soon be home to more new housing. Construction is to start on a 410-unit residential development in Detroit's Brush Park. Mayor Mike Duggan, Quicken Loans founder Dan Gilbert and other officials will attend a ceremony today at the 8 acre site to give more details on the project.

11/29/16

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Scott Ryan reporting

Mall Sites To Be Re-Developed

Three shuttered Oakland County sites--once very popular with shoppers and football fans--could see the wrecking ball as early as next year. Northland Center mall in Southfield and Pontiac's Summit Place Mall faded as shopping habits changed over the last generation. The Pontiac Silverdome never recovered from losing the Detroit Lions to Ford Field nearly 15 years ago. The Free Press says all three sites have some sort of redevelopment plan in the works--though specifics are being kept under wraps for now.

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Scott Ryan reporting

Interest in Packard Plant

Tenants are already clamoring for office space on the grounds of Detroit's Packard Plant--even though renovations won't begin for months. The four-story Monument Building is considered phase one of the massive undertaking. The building already has 70 percent occupancy, and one of the best perks will be the view. Kari Smith, who's heading up development, says tenants will get to watch the historic renovations right outside their office windows

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Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan plans to invest 1.6 million dollars into neighborhoods starting in January. The funds will be used to help in development of new housing, landscape projects and infrastructure upgrades. Four areas benefiting from the money next year will be along the West Vernor corridor, along Grand River in northwest Detroit, the Rosa-Parks-Clairmount neighborhood and the Islandview area near the east riverfront.

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Jeff Gilbert

Center for Auto Mobility Groundbreaking

Developers have broken ground on what is billed as a world-class testing facility in Michigan for driverless vehicles. Governor Snyder and other officials attended a groundbreaking for the American Center for Mobility in Ypsilanti Township. The facility will be located at the site of a former General Motors plant. It's also where B-24 bombers were made during World War II. The center plans to open in December 2017.

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Chrystal Knight

New Equipment for Road Crews

Winter training started today in Southfield for The Road Commission for Oakland County. New this year, a 250-thousand-dollar swap loader, which enables them to switch uses for the truck in 30 seconds, instead of the four hours it used to take. But when it comes to staffing, commission spokesperson Craig Bryson says they spend about 12 million dollars a year on road maintenance, which includes 4-point-4 million to maintain state highways for MDOT.

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Ron Dewey Reporting

New Road Construction on US 23

A new road project begins today to ease congestion between Ann Arbor and Pinckney. MDOT's Kari Arend tells WWJ they will install a "flex" system, that uses the median shoulder on US 23 as a spare lane in the event of a crash or extra-heavy traffic that can create miles-long backups on that stretch. Work along US-23 between M-14 and M-36 will include the repair and replacement of selected bridges and overpasses...The \$92 million-dollar project begins with overnight lane closures and will continue through 2017.

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5:10am

Jim Matthews Reporting

MDOT Open House for Road Project

It's your chance to ask questions and find out more about the I-94 modernization project in Detroit. The project would stretch over nearly 7-miles from just east of the I-94 and I-96 interchange to west of Conner. It includes the expansion and repair of the highway, along with replacement or repair for 67 aging bridges and six railroad overpasses.

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Newsroom

I-696 Closure for Bridge Work

An Oakland county construction project putting a damper on some weekend plans. There were major delays today as westbound I-696 was closed between Coolidge Highway and Greenfield Road. The freeway is open now. But eastbound I-696 will be closed tomorrow from 7am until 7pm between Greenfield and Coolidge. Diane Cross with the Michigan Department of Transportation says crews are checking the bridge beams.

12/5/16

5:33am

Ron Dewey Reporting

New, Safer Construction Barrels

Will they be worth the price? MDOT is moving forward with higher-cost, easier-to-see orange barrels that will stand out in bad weather and less daylight. While the brighter barrels cost up to 43 percent more than conventional barrels, MDOT say they will help drivers avoid work zone hazards. At least a third of all work zone crashes and fatalities happen at dawn, dusk or during bad weather. But suppliers are grumbling that the money could go toward fixing roads.

12/5/16

11:06am

Ron Dewey Reporting

I-75 Project to Begin in February

Work will begin in February on rebuilding the decks of the I-75 Rouge River bridge...a two-year, \$170-MILLION-dollar project that will shut down the southbound lanes of the bridge, with commercial and out-of-town traffic being detoured on I-96 to I-275. Northbound traffic will remain on I-75. Even though it will be a 35-mile detour MDOT's Adam Penzenstadler says it made more sense that putting both direction of traffic on the northbound side of the bridge.

12/9/16

1:05pm

Laura Bonnell reporting

Driverless Shuttle in Ann Arbor

The first driverless shuttle has arrived in Michigan. It's making the rounds at M-City in Ann Arbor. Carrie Morton at the Mobility Transformation Center says it is a 15-seat shuttle with a quarter-million-dollar price tag, can run for about ten hours after being charged for five or six hours. NAVYA is the company building the shuttles in France.

12/12/16

Various

Ron Dewey

Green Lights for Snow Trucks

Green may mean "go" but it also means "slow." Snow plows with MDOT and a number of county road commission are now using flashing green or amber lights on the back to get drivers' attention and slow down. The idea is to reduce crashes with snow plows during big snowstorms like the one on Sunday. In the Grand Rapids area, Kent County has been using flashing green lights on the back of their snow plows the past two winters, with no rear-end crashes.

12/15/16

9:32am

Dave Ramos

Road Work Project Wraps Up

The first phase of segment one on the project to modernize I-75 in Oakland County will be completed on schedule, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation. Crews will have all lanes in both directions open, along with all ramps and bridges

WWJ Community Outreach Events

10/15/16

Michigan Money Summit

From 8:30 - 11:30am, WWJ's Murray Feldman hosted the Michigan Money Summit at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. Discussions focused on college debt, protecting seniors and their money – and the economy and investments.

10/20/16

Leaders and Innovators: Women Leaders.

Top women leaders, including Dr. Lisa Newman from Henry Ford Health System and Sommer Woods from M-1 Rail, talked about their triumphs, challenges and pitfalls. What qualities and abilities do successful businesswomen bring to the workplace that can help you advance your career path?

11/17/16

Leaders & Innovators: Building & Maintaining Relationships/Networking,

Relationships can make or break your business. Mark Lee from The Lee Group, Margaret Trimer-Hartley from Jr. Achievement of SE Michigan and promoter Jon Witz talked about meeting the right people and maintaining relationships as well as networking.

12/28/16

Neighborhoods Rising

WWJ in partnership with ARISE Detroit presents Neighborhoods Rising, a one-hour news special. Listen as WWJ's Stephanie Davis, ARISE Detroit Executive Director Luther Keith, Tahirih Ziegler of LISC, Dan Lijana of the M-1 Rail, QLine, and George Swan, chairman of the board of Detroit Future City discuss the current state of Detroit neighborhoods and what the future holds.

WWJ Regularly Scheduled Features

Staying in Touch

10/1/16

Habitat for Humanity Detroit clear for take-off. Executive Director Ken Cockrel Jr at the kickoff of their most recent build in neighboring Lincoln Park, their fourth house being built with volunteers from Delta Airlines...

10/8/16

Shovels and brooms are being lifted and pushed by local high schoolers are taking part in the by UD Jesuit's Detroit Pledge Campaign to clean up city parks.

10/15/16

Helping local business and the hungry. Kirk Mayes is Forgotten Harvest CEO, behind a new effort to brand and re-brand local products that provides more exposure on more store shelves...The proceeds helping their effort to fill Detroit's refrigerators and pantries.

10/22/16

Detroit Police Chief James Craig and other city leaders kicking off preparations for the 22nd annual Halloween event borne at a time arson fires consumed neighborhoods and headlines.

11/05/16

Cynthia Jackson is director of adult services at Northeast Guidance Center, the organization behind today's Day of Restoration for the city's homeless at Detroit Rescue Mission in midtown Detroit--there, an array of services, counseling and other necessities are being offered to prepare for winter, to help them toward self-sufficiency.

11/19/16

The CEO of the Heat and Warmth Fund Saunteel Jenkins, on their mission, one where demand for their help often outdates supply.

11/26/16

Helping for the holidays...Michelle Rodrieguez is the Director of Donations for Grace Centers for Hope in Pontiac...overseeing gift baskets for their clients and families this holiday weekend, as part of an ongoing process to help people back on their feet.

12/03/16

Executive Director Mary Grace McCarter of the Rainbow Connection, our featured CBS Cares charity will be holding their annual toy drive for these children and their families...

12/10/16

Unmistakable Detroit--as seen through the camera lens...Brian Day is an up-and-coming art photographer who picked up a camera eight years ago, and has been snapping pics around the city ever since.

12/17/16

Kirstin Queen is the diversity and inclusion manager for Ford Motor Company, which will expand their pilot program next year that included four autistic employees in their on-the-job training.

12/24/16

Salvation Army Major Pat Irvin at the Dearborn heights citadel, where three hundred families were given a chance to shop for free at their Toyland to make sure their kids would wake up to presents under the tree tomorrow morning.

12/31/16

Defeating the stigma against the disabled. Highlighted in the controversy over remarks made by the Mayor of Warren, Lt. Governor Brian Calley recently spoke of efforts to end the stigma being faced by Michigan's disabled population

Heroes of Diversity

OCTOBER 2016:

He's a young man, but Ibrahim Hamza who attends the Islamic Cultural Institute also likes to play basketball in St. Clair Shores with others, who don't necessarily share his faith. Hamza is this month's Hero of the Month.

NOVEMBER 2016:

The Canton Library, not your typical no-talking zone. Director Eva Davis oversees one of the most diverse and robust public spaces for inclusive dialogue.

DECEMBER 2016:

It started 14 years ago as a group opposed to the Iraq War. Pointes for Peace has since grown into an inclusive organization, pushing for peace around the world, and here at home. Carol Bendure is the Co-Founder of Pointes for Peace. Her goal for 2017? More peace and understanding.

Your Eye On Health

10/3/16

Bullying. A local organization to combat bullying.

10/4/16

Yoga. How yoga can help people being treated for a medical illness.

10/5/16

Nutrition advice. A local grocery store has nutrition experts available to answer your questions.

10/6/16

Inclusively Fit. A gym for children and adults with special needs.

10/7/16

Cancer clothes. A local company working to make women look fashionable while going through cancer treatment.

10/10/16

Migraine headaches. Testing is underway on a drug to prevent migraines.

10/11/16

Laser acupuncture. The treatment is helping some women get pregnant.

10/12/16

Pumpkin spice. The health benefits of pumpkin.

10/13/16

Breast cancer. Separating fact from fiction when it comes to breast cancer.

10/14/16

Fitness trackers. If you're counting on your wrist-worn fitness device to give accurate readings on heart rate – think again.

10/17/16

Mealtime meltdowns. A study on why some kids are picky eaters.

10/18/16

Pay to play. A report on why some kids are not involved in after school activities.

10/19/16

The W.E.L.L. Program. A program for women at risk for heart disease.

10/20/16

Sleep. The connection between sleep and fertility.

10/21/16

Fitness. A gym for children and adults with special needs.

10/24/16

Hair growth. An injection is helping those with hair loss.

10/25/16

SIDS. New guidelines to prevent sudden infant death syndrome.

10/26/16

Chronic pain. Laser therapy is helping people with some health conditions become pain free.

10/27/16

61 Day Challenge. The DMC wants to help you avoid holiday weight gain.

10/28/16

Shingles. What you need to know about shingles.

10/31/16

Male birth control. A male birth control shot could be available in the near future.

11/1/16

Peppers. How do you know if a pepper is too hot?

11/2/16

Movember. Raising awareness for men's health.

11/3/16

Sleep. Getting too little sleep can make you fat.

11/4/16

Hair Loss. An injection is helping people with hair loss.

11/7/16

Sleep. Tips to help you sleep.

11/8/16

Fungus nails. A laser is helping patients get rid of fungus nails.

11/9/16

Night driving. Advice for those who have trouble driving at night.

11/10/16

Diabetes. A new FDA approved device is helping some with type 1 diabetes.

11/11/16

SAD. Help for those with seasonal affective disorder.

11/14/16

Diabetes. Advice to avoid getting a diabetic foot ulcer.

11/15/16

Arthritis medicine. A new study on a popular prescription arthritis drug and its effect on the heart.

11/16/16

Migraine headaches. A local doctor is studying a breakthrough treatment for migraines.

11/17/16

Diabetes and stress. How stress plays a role in developing type 2 diabetes.

11/18/16

Medication. Taking too much of a common ingredient in medication can lead to health problems.

11/21/16

Smoking. Advice on kicking the habit.

11/22/16

Overeating. What happens to our body when we eat too much at Thanksgiving?

11/23/16

Thanksgiving. How to deal with a difficult family member at Thanksgiving.

11/24/16

Thanksgiving Day. How to avoid home accidents.

11/25/16

Medication. How some ingredients can lead to health problems.

11/28/16

Holiday parties. How not to overindulge this holiday season.

11/29/16

Hair growth. Grow hair with the help of an injection.

11/30/16

Holiday giving. Why donating to your favorite charity can be good for your health.

12/1/16

Lazy eye. Computer games are helping to treat lazy eye.

12/2/16

Addiction. Expert advice on recognizing and treating a gambling addiction.

12/5/16

Cookie dough. Why it's best not to snack on raw cookie dough while baking.

12/6/16

Compulsive shopping. A problem that affects millions of Americans.

12/7/16

Hand washing. A simple way to get rid of germs.

12/8/16

Fertility. Your sleep pattern may affect your fertility.

12/9/16

E-cigs. A report on e-cigs and the youth in America.

12/12/16

Stress. How to avoid travel stress.

12/13/16

Cooling cap. A device that may help prevent hair loss in cancer patients.

12/14/16

Goal setting. Expert advice on reaching your goals.

12/15/16

Meditation. How meditation can help relieve back pain.

12/16/16

Cold weather. The freezing temperatures can be dangerous to your health.

12/19/16

E-cigs. The surgeon general's report on e-cigs.

12/20/16

Santa's health. Santa may want to make some changes to his health.

12/21/16

Medals4Mettle. An organization that brings runners and sick children together.

12/22/16

Weight loss. Simple things you can do to help you lose weight.

12/23/16

Shopping. Are you a compulsive shopper?

12/26/16

Hair loss. A new device may help prevent hair loss during cancer treatment.

12/27/16

Children's charity. Attention runners! A charity is looking for your race medals.

12/28/16

Yoga. Why yoga is good for your health.

12/29/16

Food trends. What you might be eating in 2017.

12/30/16

Broken heart syndrome. What is it and who is most effected.

MADE IN MICHIGAN

10/5/16

Love's Pies

Detroit couple close their ice cream shop and start new business making and selling their custard pies.

10/12/16

Detroit Grooming Company

After 3 years, men's grooming company grows to a worldwide business selling over 200 products to barber shops as far away as Russia.

10/19/16

Safie Specialty Foods

90-year-old family businesses makes and sells over a dozen varieties of pickles and other related products made in a factory in Macomb County.

10/26/16

Evie's Tamales

Tamale company grows from woman's kitchen in southwest Detroit to an expanding business selling tamales and homemade salsa at farmer's markets in the city and suburbs.

11/2/16

Bandhu Gardens

Immigrant Bangladeshi women in Hamtramck sell vegetables grown in their backyards to local restaurants.

11/9/16

Detroit Audio Labs

Former business consultant and retired engineer makes audio equipment out of reclaimed wood from abandoned homes in Detroit. Components made in Ann Arbor.

11/16/16

Me'Shea Bath and Body

Grosse Pointe Park woman uses bottles reclaimed from the streets to bottle and inspire her shower gels, lotions and more in scents like Cubans and Cognac.

11/23/16

Michigan Christmas Gifts

Detroit Popcorn Company, Better Made Chips, and Detroit City FC soccer tickets highlight locally made gift ideas for the holidays.

11/30/16

Michigan Christmas Gifts

Chocolate Fudge Bumpy Cake Double Brown Ale from Old Nation Brewing and handbags from Auburn Hills-based K Carroll Accessories are highlighted in this Made In Michigan Christmas idea list.

12/7/16

Michigan Christmas Gifts

Merry Market at Detroit Mercantile has locally made Holiday gifts from 3D psychedelic art and jackets to handcrafted porcelain and screen prints.

12/14/16

Michigan Christmas Gifts

Sisters make Wings for My Sister necklaces out of hammered-out spoons in honor of young woman who died of a heroin overdose.

12/21/16

Merit Goodness Company

Pop up store at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi sells shirts, hoodies and accessories with a portion of the proceeds going toward college fund for a group of students at Detroit's Jalen Rose Academy.

12/28/16

Williams Cheese Company

Linwood, Michigan company has been selling cheese made in Linwood factory since 1945 with off-beat flavors like Green Onion Ranch cheddar.

STAYING IN TOUCH

10/4/16

Matt Schoenner, Director of Bands at Henry Ford II High School in the Utica Community Schools. Music and Arts Education. Four high schools in the district band together to produce "Bandarama," a fundraiser for scholarships to allow students to attend music camps and receive lessons.

10/6/16

Bob Kittle, Munetrix, based in Auburn Hills, a company that analyzes data for states, local governments and school districts nationwide. Student Count Day. Says per pupil funding has increased slightly in the last few years, but is still below what it was at the peak in 2011. Kittle says districts are seeing enrollment decline because families are having fewer kids and charters and virtual schools are taking students away from traditional schools.

10/13/16

Tiffany Sweet, Director of Youth and Community Development for Zeal Credit Union. They are sponsoring a competition, searching for the Hardest Working Teacher in Southeast Michigan. Winning teacher receives 500 dollars, plus 500 for their classroom and a pizza party.

10/18/16

Students Isha Golsaker, Ethan Lozrado, Chantan Maheswari from Key to Finesse. A speaking competition organized by local students to raise money to help save the lives of premature babies.

10/20/16

Emily Crissman, Detroit Campus Director for the Iron Yard, the largest code school in the U.S. Stacy Merrick is Communications Director for the Iron Yard, which can train students in as little as 12 weeks for a job in the tech field. The school is working with the White House to provide scholarships to help improve diversity in the hi tech field.

10/25/16

Bethany McKenzie, a culinary arts student at Baker College in Port Huron. She has just been named Southeast Michigan's Student Chef of the Year. It's the third straight year Baker College has claimed that honor.

10/27/16

Angela Rogensue, Director of Playworks Michigan, which uses play as a tool to make sure kids are healthy and successful. This year, the group will serve 14 thousand children. By 2020, Playworks hopes to serve 60 thousand kids in 129 schools. She says schools with Playworks have reduced bullying and increased physical activity.

11/1/16

Gabe Gibbs, who stars in "Book of Mormon," on stage at Detroit's Fisher Theater. He attended Rochester High School. Gibbs says he received good stage and theater training at the school.

11/3/16

Certified Athletic Training Megan Hanahan at Utica Stevenson High School, which has just been named a MI Heart Safe School, meaning they can handle any cardiac emergencies. About 300 children die annually from cardiac emergencies due to certain conditions. Associate Principal Tim Youngblood says the designation also means the staff has been properly trained in the use of defibrillators.

11/8/16

Avondale High School Senior Rhea Gupta, who attended Girls State at Michigan State University, where students formed their own mock government. Gupta wishes real politics was more like Girls State, where the focus is on issues and policies, and not personal issues.

11/17/16

Lilly Eskelsen Garcia. President National Education Association. Says solution to making sure kids are learning and succeeding is not in standardized testing or one national solution. But bringing community, parents, teachers together to discuss what works and what is best for their school district.

11/22/16

Wayne State University Professor Sally Roberts, Faculty Advisor for "Go Girl." The program chooses 60 7th grade girls and involves them an intensive program to get them to pursue the STEM fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

11/29/16

Robin Lott. Michigan Education Savings Program. Says Michigan's College Savings Program has been ranked as tops in the nation, according to the website "Saving for College.com. And the prepaid program Michigan Education Trust now has a pay as you program.

12/1/16

Chrissy Komerska. Special Education Teacher at Pinewood Elementary in the Warren Woods School District. She was named teacher of the month by the Michigan-based "Better Made" snack foods company. Komerska was nominated by one of her third grade students.

12/6/16

Anne Pattie, Principal of Charlotte Mason School in Detroit. She says their philosophy is to educate the whole child, and not just academics. The school has also just started a campaign to raise 500 thousand dollars for the school, since most students are low-income and cannot afford to pay full tuition.

12/8/16

Lisa Martin of Berkley, who is just graduating from Wayne State University with a degree in nursing at the age of 52. Martin wants to show her son and others that it's never too late to go back to school and pursue your dreams.

12/15/16

Arlyce Sieber, Director of Cranbrook Schools, one of Metro Detroit's most prestigious private schools. Cranbrook is teaming up with the Edgerton Center at MIT to form a collaboration. She says the merger will not just benefit Cranbrook students, but also other students who visit the Cranbrook Art or History Museums.

12/20/16

Garret Frost, a seventh grader whose part of the Cyber Wizards Robotics team, made up of students from Hillside and Meads Mill Middle Schools in Northville. The robots help students learn more about STEM, while they are competing against other schools. 7th grader John Cook also worked on a special project developing a light up dog collar so that the animals would not be hit by a car if they run away. Coach and Parent Sharon Kalt says her son Nathan has learned a lot through the project.

12/22/16

Bob Kittle, President of Munetrix, a company that analyzes financial data for school districts and local governments. He says more school districts, like Livonia, are being forced to close schools because of declining enrollments and more competition from charters and other schools.

12/29/16

A Southfield Middle School Marching band got to be part of history. The Marching Jaguars from Levey Middle School had the honor of being the only school from Michigan taking part in the 75th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack. Amaya Taylor is part of the first middle school band ever to take part in the event in Hawaii. Alexander Gooden says there was a lot of hard work involved in getting ready for their performance. Nadia Paul says she knows how tragic December 7, 1941 was. Band Director Jeffrey Smith went all out preparing the students for the big event.

CAR CHRONICLES

10/3/16

Car sales are strong, but they are supported by larger incentives. We talk about it with analysts Jeff Schuster from LMC Automotive and Michelle Krebs from AutoTrader.com

10/4/16

What are the stumbling blocks for the adoption of new technology? We hear from Mike VanNewkirk of Nielsen and Kristin Kolodge of JD Power.

10/5/16

Auto dealers ask Washington to back off. We hear from Jeff Carlson, who's Chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

10/6/16

We hear from GM President Dan Ammann, who wants to transform his company into a mobility provider.

10/7/16

We test drive the Mazda CX-9

10/10/16

Fiat Chrysler enlists the help of kids to sell minivans. We talk with FCA head of passenger cars Tim Kuniskis.

10/11/16

Photographer Annie Liebovitz is doing ads for Lincoln. We talk with Lincoln marketing executive John Emmert.

10/12/16

Honda North America VP John Mendel praises General Motors for keeping a tight reign on fleet sales.

10/13/16

Honda unveils a new CRV. We discuss it with Honda North America General Manager Jeff Conrad.

10/14/16

We test drive the Kia Cadenza.

10/17/16

The Canadian union Unifor turns its attention to Ford. We talk to Unifor President Jerry Dias.

10/18/16

Lear opens a new Innovation center in Detroit. He heard from Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Lear CEO Matt Simoncetti.

10/19/16

How do you judge candidates for North American Truck of the Year? We talk with Juror Joanne Muller of Forbes.

10/20/16

Tesla plans to add more automation to vehicles. We get the view from Kelley Blue Book analyst Rebecca Lindland.

10/21/16

We test drive the Genesis G90.

10/24/16

We're about to see a new supplier debut. We talk with Adient CEO Bruce McDonald.

10/25/16

Adding more digital displays to your dashboard. We talk with Mitsubishi Electric's Gareth Williams.

10/26/16

The North American International Auto Show looks at mobility. We talk with Detroit Auto Show Chairman Sam Slaughter.

10/27/16

Seats are getting smarter. We talk with Jim Hoteri from auto supplier Faurecia.

10/28/16

We test drive the Nissan Armada

10/31/16

Knobs are making a comeback. We talk about it with Jeff Conrad of Honda.

11/1/16

Fiat Chrysler has some interesting concept vehicles for the big SEMA aftermarket show. We talk with Mopar's Todd Bettick

11/2/16

The government asks for auto suppliers help to make vehicles safer. We hear from NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind.

11/3/16

Ford has a special version of the Mustang just for the race track. We hear from Ford Performance marketing director Henry Ford III.

11/4/16

We test drive the Lincoln Continental.

11/11/16

We test drive the Acura NSX.

11/14/16

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

11/15/16

Ford unveils mobility initiatives and shows the new EcoSport small SUV. We talk with CEO Mark Fields.

11/16/16

Chevy has an extreme off road version of the Colorado pickup. GM North America president Alan Batey tells us about it.

11/17/16

Alfa Romeo gets into the SUV market. We hear from Alfa brand chief Reid Bigland.

11/18/16

We test drive the Mercedes E Class.

11/21/16

Can the President pull out of NAFTA? We talk with Miller-Canfield attorney Rick Walawender.

11/22/16

The average age of a vehicle on the road hits an all-time high. We discuss it with Mark Sang of IHS Markit.

11/23/16

Deep learning will help self-driving vehicles improve. KPMG auto lead Gary Silberg talks about his research.

11/24/16

Car and truck sales are expected to remain strong for several more years. National Automobile Dealers Association chief economist Steven Szackley discusses his forecast.

11/25/16

We test drive the Kia Sportage.

11/28/16

Volkswagen has a new look. We discuss with Kelley Blue Book analyst Rebecca Lindland.

11/29/16

Crews have begun building the exhibits for the North American International Auto Show. WWJ AutoBeat Reporter Jeff Gilbert takes us on a tour.

12/2/16

We test drive the Audi A4.

12/5/16

Merchandising has become a big part of carmakers business. We talk with Ford licensing director Mark Bentley.

12/6/16

A new study shows how important auto assembly plants are to Michigan. We talk with Michauto director Glenn Stevens.

12/7/16

We talk with outgoing National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator Mark Rosekind about his "wish list" for the new administration.

12/8/16

What vehicles are the "safest of the safe." We talk with Adrian Lund, who's President of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

12/9/16

We test drive the Toyota Land Cruiser

12/12/16

Chevy prepares to launch the new all electric Bolt. We talk with Bill Wallace, who heads GM's EV battery operations.

12/13/16

Luxury SUVs are outselling luxury cars for the first time ever. We hear from Jessica Caldwell, who's the senior analyst with Edmunds.com.

12/14/16

Ford's new super duty pickups are off to a good start. We talk with marketing manager Brian Rathsburg.

12/15/16

Heads up displays are about to change. We interview Visteon product development chief Matt Cole.

12/16/16

We test drive the Chevrolet Bolt.

12/19/16

What are the trends heading into 2017? We talk to Ford futurist Sheryl Connely.

12/20/16

IHS Automotive sees a slight reduction in sales in 2017. We talk with analyst Joe Langley.

12/21/16

Will car production slow-down in the new year? We discuss with AutoTrader analyst Michelle Krebs.

12/22/16

We're seeing growth in the use of vehicles that are rolling WIFI hotspots. Laura Thornton is manager of subscriber marketing at General Motors.

12/23/16

We test drive the Chrysler Pacifica hybrid.

12/26/16

What did GM learn from EV owners when it designed the Chevrolet Bolt. We hear from battery lab chief Richard Wallace.

12/27/16

Problems with the reigning car and truck of year. We talk with Jake Fisher from Consumer Reports.

12/28/16

Toyota plans to unveil a new Camry at the North American International Auto Show. We talk with Toyota VP Bob Carter.

12/29/16

New supplier Adient has plans for its Plymouth, Michigan facilities. We hear from CEO Bruce McDonald.

12/30/16

We test drive the Volvo S90.