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Monday Morning State News

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(Capitol-Film Incentives)

A State Legislative Leader Made Change Michigan's Film Incentive The Legislature Recently Approved A 42 Percent Refundable Tax Credit To Dollars Per Year.

The Gongwer News Service Found Randy Richardville, Is Considering Involve (Quote) "Creating A More Following The Recent Reduction That Film Making In Michigan Is The Legislator Told Gongwer That Been Interested In Maintaining Michigan For The Film Industry.

Lawmakers Will Be Mostly Awake A Couple Of Session Days Are Scheduled Wednesday, July 13th.

(Grand Rapids-Betty Ford)
The Lobby Of The Gerald R. Hours A Day Until Further Notice Books For Former First Lady Betty Ford, Who Died Friday In Rancho Mirage At Age 93.

Services Will Be Held Tuesday In Palm Desert, California. Ceremonies Will Be Held Wednesday In Grand Rapids Before Her Burial On Thursday Beside Her Husband At The Presidential Library In Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Ford Was Known For Her Honesty And Encouragement Of Frank Discussion Of Personal Battles With Breast Cancer, Prescription Drug Addiction And Alcoholism.

The Former First Lady Founded The Widely-Emulated Betty Ford Center In Rancho Mirage For Treatment Of Chemical Dependencies.
(Metro Source)

(Pure Mi-Stores)

You're Going To See A Lot More Of The 'Pure Michigan' Campaign And Not Necessarily Just On T-V.

The State Is Now Launching An Effort To Greatly Expand Its Sales Of "Pure Michigan" Paraphernalia, As It's Reached Agreement With Michigan-Based Meijer Stores To Sell All Sorts Of "Pure Michigan" Items In At Least 40 Of Its Stores.

Dave Lorenz Of "Travel Michigan" Says The Items Will Run The Gamut, Such As T-Shirts And Mugs.

Limited Sales Of Such Items Have Been Going On At The Michigan Website, But This New Announcement Represents A Large Increase.

He Also Says You'll Start Seeing The "Pure Michigan" Branding Soon On More State-Related Projects In Department Such As Transportation And Natural Resources.

(Roseville-Teen Stabbing Death)

A 16-Year-Old Roseville Teen Died Saturday After He Was Stabbed By His 16-Year-Old Girlfriend.

Police Say Tremain Poe Was Found Dead On The Living Room Floor Of His Home With A Single Stab Wound To The Upper Abdomen.

Police Say The Two Teens Had An Argument, And During The Exchange The Girlfriend Grabbed A Kitchen Knife And Stabbed Poe.

The Couple Has A Three-Week-Old Baby, Who Was Inside The Home At The Time Of The Incident.
(Metro Source)

(Up-Rural Doc Program)

Michigan State University's College Of Human Medicine, In Conjunction With Marquette General Health System, Has Announced That It's Expanding The College's Rural Physician Program, Increasing The Number Of Medical Students Training Each Year In The Upper Peninsula.

Since 1974, The College Has Been Training Medical Students In The U.P. Eight To 10 Students Are Accepted Annually Into The Program, Spending Their Third And Fourth Years Of Medical School At Chm's Marquette Campus.

The Program Now Seeks To Place Up To 16 Students Per Class Year At The Campus And Expand Training Sites Across The Region.

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(Um-Global Warming Poll)

Michigan Residents And Local Government Officials Both Agree That Local Governments Need To Take On More Of A Role In Combating Global Warming.

That's According To A Poll Released By The University Of Michigan Center For Local, State, And Urban Policy.

70-Percent Of Those Polled And 68-Percent Of Local Officials Polled Said That They Thought Local Governments Should Work To Tackle Global Warming, Although The Local Government Leaders' Opinions Varied When Asked To Assess The Severity Of Global Warming.

The Differing Opinions Appeared To Be Divided Along Party Lines, With 77 Percent Of Democratic Local Officials Agreeing That Global Warming Is A "Very Serious" Or "Somewhat Serious" While Only 39 Percent Of Republican Officials Considered Global Warming A "Very Serious" Or "Somewhat Serious" Problem.

The Poll Also Found That 23 Percent Of Michigan's Local Governments Have Taken Steps Against Global Warming, Such As Buying New Insulation And Heating/Air Conditioning Systems.

36 Percent Say It's Either "Somewhat" Or "Very Likely" That They Will Do So Within The Next Year.

(Midland-Dow Joint Battery Venture)

Dow Chemical Has A New Joint Venture With A Japanese Company.

The Midland-Based Company Is Teaming Up With Ube Industries, Based In Tokyo, To Manufacture And Market Formulated Electrolytes For Lithium-Ion Batteries In Energy Storage Applications.

The 50-50 Joint Venture, Named Advanced Electrolyte Technologies Llc, Is Expected To Be Finalized Later This Year, After Regulatory Approval.

Dow Calls It Another Important Step In The Company's Commitment To Develop Innovative Material Science Technologies To Solve Some Of Society's Most Pressing Challenges Through Chemistry, Including The World's Growing Need For Clean Energy Solutions.

The Joint Venture's First Manufacturing Facility Is Expected To Be Built At Dow's Michigan Operations Site In Midland For Startup In 2012 And Create 15-25 Jobs.

(Wsgw, Saginaw)

(Detroit-Fed Helps Detroit)

U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Director Shaun Donovan Is Expected In Detroit Today (Monday) To Announce Plans To Help The Financially Ailing Motor City.

Federal Agencies Such As Hud And Health And Human Services Are Expected To Offer Federal Employees To Work Alongside City Employees To Ensure Departments Are Run In An Efficient And Timely Manner.

Donovan Will Announce Details Of The Strong Cities Initiative For A Handful Of Cities During A Speech To The Detroit Economic Club.

(Metro Source)

(Ann Arbor-Car Crash Study)

A University Of Michigan Study Of 6.5 Million Car Crashes Will Undoubtedly Be The Source Of Many Tense Discussions Around The Kitchen Table If Not Vegas Comedy Riffs, Finding That An Inordinate Number Of Accidents Happen When Both Drivers Are Women.

The Study Found Female-To-Female Accidents Made Up 20.5% Of All Crashes, Much Higher Than They Expected. Male-To-Male Crashes Were Lower Than Expected, At 31.9%, And Male-To-Female Crashes Were 47.6%.

The Study Found Women Had The Most Trouble With Navigating Intersections. In Most Accidents, Women Were "T-Boned" On The Driver's Side While Trying To Make A Left Turn, Or Hit On The Passenger Side While Trying To Turn Right.

Researchers At The U-M Analyzed 6.5 Million Car Crashes In The U.S. Between 1998 And 2007.

(Help From Wwj, Detroit)

(Jackson Co-Mis Testing Venue)

Michigan International Speedway Near Jackson Has Been Chosen As One Of Only Six Venues In The Country To Host U.S. Department Of Transportation Testing For Wireless Vehicle-To-Vehicle Safety Communication Technologies.

The First In A Series Of Six Light Vehicle Driver Acceptance Clinics Will Be Held At Mis Starting In August To Help The Federal Government And The Automobile Industry Learn More About How Drivers Respond To Communication-Based Safety Warnings That Are Intended To Reduce Traffic Accidents And Save Lives.

Each Clinic Will Include About 16 Cars Equipped With Technology Applications Which Drivers Will Evaluate As They Use The Vehicles In Controlled Locations Around The Racetrack Some Of Which Will Be Outfitted With Temporary Traffic Signals To Mimic City Streets And Roads.

Dallas, San Francisco, Orlando, Brainerd, Minnesota And Blacksburg, Virginia Will Also Host The Trials.

(Auburn Hills-Babysitter Abuse)

A 24-Year-Old Babysitter Is Jailed Pending Charges Of Felony Child Abuse Or Neglect In Connection With Abuse Of A Nearly Two-Year-Old Pontiac