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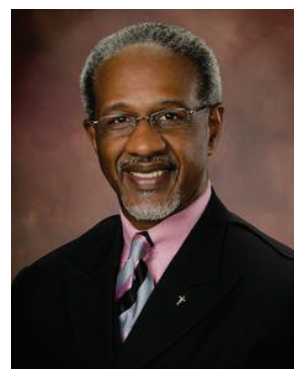


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Cover Story

PULPITS & POLITICS SERIES: In The Wake of An Experience

By Pastor Marvin T. Smith, Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church



pictured: Pastor Marvin T. Smith

In the wake of the 1999 Columbine High School shooting a local preacher was asked “Where was God in the midst of all this tragedy?” The preacher simply replied, “Remember, you took God out of schools.” But how could that happen? With a church on nearly every corner and politicians who state that they take seriously their role as an advocate for the people whom they serve?

Let’s take a look at what it means to be a politician from a very practical standpoint. If a politician is, one who is elected or appointed to represent the people; and take action and/or make decisions on behalf of the people in a variety of ways, on a variety of topics, issues etc. Then, it is to be expected that the politician would represent the views of the people in

times of crisis, turmoil and disarray. To that end, it is important to make sure that the representative truly represents you, your thoughts and your interest. Similarly, clergy are called to serve the people of their church and community. Clergy are expected to represent their congregation in particular and the community as a whole in various aspects of life. In a 2015 submission titled “The Intersection of Christian Ministry and Electoral Politics 2015),” Reverend Marcelle T. Smith offered this, “If a church, it’s leadership, or a pastor focuses only on the sanctuary, the hospital bedside, the support of grieving families at a graveside, and the instruction of children and adults in the doctrines of their denomination, they may still be charged with the dereliction of duty to engage the process that could transform for the better the lives of millions of people through the voting process, including people in that very congregation.”

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Congratulations to you and the Michigan/Latino Banner on 14 years of bringing positive news to the residents and businesses of Saginaw County.

In a time when our focus could be easily centered on negative stories, the Michigan/Latino Banner has produced quality, positive news about our region. We recognize the important contribution you have made and appreciate your focus on diversity and all good things in Saginaw County.

We wish you continued success as you strive to promote Saginaw County and the progress we're making every day.

Bob VanDeventer
President & CEO
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce

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Tim Inman
Director of Creative Services



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Greetings and salutations to The Michigan Banner founder and editor, Mr. Jerome Buckley and the entire 'Banner' staff. I welcome this opportunity to congratulate you on another year of excellence in service to the Great Lakes Bay Region. The past 14 years have required tremendous sacrifice and perseverance, a commitment to bridge the great 'digital divide' which impacts the lives of the most vulnerable citizens of our community. You have consistently provided this forum for sharing ideas and concerns – a venue to address challenges and barriers to maintaining a safe and healthy lifestyle. We have also enjoyed opportunities to celebrate our life accomplishments and milestones.

On behalf of Saginaw MAX System of Care (SOC), I thank you for your continued support in our efforts to inform and educate the entire community on matters critical to the mental health and well-being of the children, youth and families that we have the honor and privilege of serving. As the initial six year SOC Cooperative Agreement comes to a close, we look forward to a continuation of our partnership and service to the community through this publication.

Again, thank you for all you do and congratulations on another year of service.

Wardene B. Talley
Saginaw MAX System of Care



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Congratulations to Jerome Buckley and the entire staff of The Michigan Banner for the outstanding coverage of news and events within our region for the past 14 years!

I look forward to each issue because you provide great insights and a positive perspective, as well as information about upcoming events that enrich our community.

Thanks for keeping us informed and for providing a valuable forum for our community to find out about people and organizations that are making a positive difference.

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Monica L. Martinez Named Senior Vice President, External Affairs, for Comerica Bank



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DALLAS, July 27, 2016 /PRNewswire/
-- Monica L. Martinez has been named Senior Vice President, External Affairs, Comerica Bank, responsible for community development and corporate contributions in Michigan. Martinez, a Michigan native, returns to her home

state after five years with Comerica in Texas. In addition to her new responsibilities, Martinez will continue to serve as Comerica's National Director of Hispanic Business Development. Martinez will report to Wendy Bridges, Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications and Executive Administration.

"Monica has distinguished herself in many ways over the course of her 10-year career with Comerica," said Ralph W. Babb, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank. "Under her leadership, Comerica has been named to LATINO Magazine's 'LATINO 100' list and Latina Style Magazine recognized Comerica as one of the top companies for Latinas to work for in the marketplace."

As part of her new responsibilities, Martinez will develop and maintain relationships with key community stakeholders in Detroit and Michigan.

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MONICA L. MARTINEZ

She also will oversee Comerica's Michigan Market corporate contributions program. Janice Tessier, who currently serves as the Michigan Contributions Manager, will report to Martinez. And, as National Hispanic Business Director, Martinez will continue to serve as the liaison for the bank within the Hispanic community, directing Comerica's Hispanic business and diversity community outreach in the bank's primary markets.

"I look forward to the opportunity to re-connect with community organizations and their leaderships in Detroit and throughout the state, where I have developed so many lasting friendships," said Martinez. "Our greatest pride as a bank comes from investing in the communities we serve. Comerica has an unwavering commitment to the Detroit and Michigan community and I am pleased to help further that commitment through a variety of efforts."

"We are pleased Monica has returned to Michigan, where she has such deep roots," said Michael T. Ritchie, president, Comerica Bank - Michigan Market. "Working together, we will continue forging lasting partnerships in the community we have served for more than 166 years."

Martinez joined Comerica in 2006 in support of the bank's ongoing commitment to building strong relationships with Hispanic business owners, entrepreneurs and communities. Previously, she worked at Ford Motor Company, where she served as Grassroots and Political Communications Manager, holding a variety of positions on the corporate staff during her 10-year tenure at the automaker.

Martinez holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, where she majored in International Business with a focus in Marketing. For her graduate work, she studied Interdisciplinary Technology with a concentration in Business Management at Eastern Michigan University.

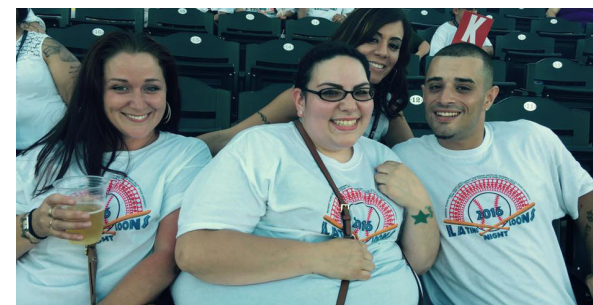
She has also earned certificates in Non-Profit Management from Duke University and Corporate Community Relations Management from Boston College. Martinez is also a graduate of the SMU Management program and is certified in Diversity Management from Cornell University.

Martinez actively serves on the board of the Michigan Hispanic Chamber, Chair of the Michigan Girl Scouts Hispanic Advisory Committee and SER Jobs for Progress National in Irving, Texas. Martinez has received a number of honors for her work. Most recently, she was honored with the Inaugural Corporate Visionary Award at the DDLM Women's conference at Michigan State University and named as one of the Top 10 Latina Women in Corporate America by Latino Leaders Magazine. In addition, she has been named as a Latina of Influence by HispanicLifestyle.com, acknowledged among one of the "One Tough Cookie" honorees recognizing female leaders by the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan and one of the most influential Hispanics in the United States by Hispanic Business Magazine.

"I look forward to the opportunity to re-connect with community organizations and their leaderships in Detroit and throughout the state, where I have developed so many lasting friendships."

-Martinez

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On Friday, July 22 at 7:00 pm, the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute hosted the 2016 Latino Loons Night in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, GLBR Hispanic Business Association, TCT Entertainment.com and MidWestTejanoRadio.com at the Dow Diamond. Guests enjoyed a pre-game mariachi band, a post-game salsa dance party and other fun activities throughout the game.

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Nonprofits Can Help America Heal

By Mel and Pearl Shaw

We are no different from you our readers. We have been grappling with emotions, engaged in conversations, and reflecting on our role – and the role of the nonprofit sector – during these times of protest and grief. With this column we share a few of the questions on our mind. We don't have the answers, but we know the answers lie within our hearts and minds, and within the work we engaged in over the years to help create justice and equity. As a sector we have been engaged in advocacy, research, and direct service. We have proposals for how to move forward, and are ready to partner with city, state and federal leaders to address policies and biases.

At the same time, we know that all of us are part of this American conversation. No answers are written in stone. We must proceed with open minds and hearts, putting forth our solutions, and simultaneously questioning ourselves. Here are a few things we have been questioning.

Do we need to examine our mission, goals and priorities? What are we doing to educate others about the needs within our community?

How are we inviting diverse groups to hear our case and offer solutions? Are we open to diverse leadership on our boards and management teams? Are we serving the total community, or a segment of the community?

Are we taking optimum advantage of our resources and those we have access to? If increased resources are directed to our nonprofits, how are we prepared to use these? Do we have plans that effectively speak to the needs of our young people? Do we have projected outcomes and measurements? Do we know how to ask for help to build our infrastructure so we can truly make an impact?

Can we stand up to scrutiny and transparency as we build trust and support? Are we open to collaboration and partnerships to best serve the total community by sharing resources and skills with others?

History has shown that when America faces these types of crises, the nonprofit sector has been a platform for making the case and finding solutions. Because of our history, commitment and compassion, nonprofits can serve as the sanity and the bridge to bring together all segments to best serve the

community. Are we up to the task? Are we ready to offer specific solutions?

As African Americans we can educate and invite others to join us in the work we have been engaged in for years. We can reach out to those who may be reluctant to use our services or accept our leadership because we are African American. We can let people know we are ready to link arms and to lead.

As people who are not African American we can reach out to African American leaders and learn from their experience in the realms of social justice, economic development, education, and job training.

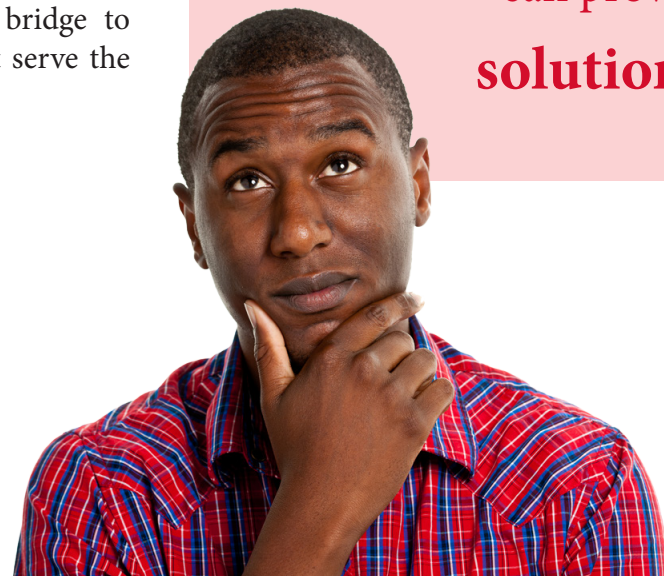
The bottom line?

**Nonprofit leaders
can provide
solutions.**



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Updated Interim Guidance for Healthcare Providers Caring for Pregnant Women with Possible Exposure to Zika Virus

Because the diagnosis of Zika infection can be complicated, the updated guidance expands the timeframe, up to 14 days, that testing for Zika virus particles in the blood of pregnant women can be offered. This expansion will provide a definite diagnosis for more pregnant women infected with the Zika virus.

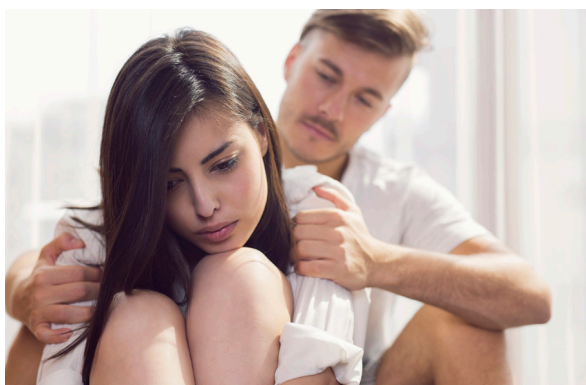
Many people infected with Zika virus won't have symptoms or will only have mild symptoms. Up until now, scientists thought that if a person becomes sick after being infected with Zika, the virus stays in the person's blood for about a week after symptoms started. So the first week of illness was thought to be the best time to find evidence of the virus in blood using a Zika-specific test. But not everyone will see a health care provider while they are sick with Zika and many will not have symptoms.

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Updated Recommendations for the Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Zika Virus to include the Possibility of Sexual Transmission from an Infected Woman



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This expanded guidance is based on a recently reported case of female-to-male sexual transmission in New York City and limited human and non-human primate data indicating Zika virus RNA can be detected in vaginal secretions. It expands CDC's definition of sexual exposure to Zika to include sex without a barrier method (including male or female condoms, among other methods) with any person-- male or female-- who has

traveled to or lives in an area with Zika. The updated recommendations for pregnant couples, include pregnant women with female sex partners who are potentially infected with Zika. They also give advice for potentially infected women about how to reduce their risk of sexually transmitting the virus to partners.

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From Page 10, **Pregnant Women and Zika Virus**

For those who visited a health care provider more than a week after symptoms started, that is, after the virus has cleared from the blood, and those who were possibly exposed to Zika but never developed symptoms, healthcare providers could order a different test to look for evidence that the body is fighting a virus in the family of viruses that includes Zika. The results of the latter test are more difficult to interpret because the body's reaction to Zika virus can resemble the reaction to similar viruses; therefore, this test may not provide a definite diagnosis.

New information has indicated that some infected pregnant women can have evidence of Zika virus in their blood for longer than the previously recommended seven-day window for testing after symptoms begin, and that even pregnant women without symptoms can have evidence of the virus in

their blood and urine. Therefore, the updated guidance expands the Zika-specific blood testing for a longer period, up to 14 days, in pregnant women with symptoms and advises that pregnant women with possible Zika exposure but no symptoms receive this testing as well. In addition, if pregnant women visit their healthcare provider after the 14 day testing window and test positive with the less-specific test, the Zika-specific blood testing can now be offered potentially to provide a definite diagnosis for pregnant women with Zika virus infection. Expanding the use of the Zika-specific test could provide more women with Zika virus infection a definite diagnosis and help direct medical evaluation and care. In addition, the CDC's new guidance includes recommendations to help healthcare providers better care for their pregnant patients with confirmed or possible Zika infection.

Are you pregnant?

Here's what you can do to protect yourself if you don't currently live in an area with Zika.

1. Avoid travel to an area with Zika.

Until we know more, CDC recommends special precautions for pregnant women. Women who are pregnant should not travel to any area where Zika virus is spreading.

2. Take steps to prevent mosquito bites.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents. When used as directed, these insect repellents are proven safe and effective even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Remove or stay away from mosquito breeding sites, like containers with standing water.

3. Take steps to prevent getting Zika through sex.

Until more is known, pregnant women with male sex partners who have lived in or traveled to an area with Zika virus should either use a condom every time they have sex or not have sex during the pregnancy.

4. See a doctor or other healthcare provider.

Pregnant women who have recently traveled to an area with Zika should talk to a doctor or other healthcare provider about their travel even if they don't feel sick.

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From Page 10, **Sexually Transmitted Zika Virus**

Although transmission of Zika from a woman to her sex partners is believed to be uncommon and (as with the majority of Zika infections) unlikely to result serious side effects, it could present a risk for pregnant women with female sex partners who may be infected with Zika. For this reason, CDC recommends that all pregnant women with sex partners (male or female) who live in or traveled to an area with Zika use condoms during sex or abstain from sex for the remainder of their pregnancy. All other couples in which a partner (male or female) has been in an area with Zika can also reduce the risk of sexual transmission by using condoms or abstaining from sex. Sex includes vaginal, anal and oral sex, and may also include the sharing of sex toys. Health care providers should test all pregnant women who may have been exposed to Zika sexually. Health care providers should also test any patients for Zika if they develop symptoms of Zika and report potential sexual exposure to a partner who lives in or traveled to an area with Zika. CDC encourages local and state health department to report potential cases of sexually transmitted Zika virus infection.

CDC will continue to update its guidance related to Zika virus transmission and related health effects based on the accumulating evidence, expert opinion, and knowledge about the risk associated with other viral infections.

For updates, visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

Public Health Preparedness: Evolution Or Revolution?

By Nicole Lurie, Jeffrey Wasserman and Christopher D. Nelson

Recent Changes In Public Health *New partners.*

Partnerships between community entities, such as private health care facilities or schools and local government officials, are not at all new to public health. However, the process of preparing a community to meet the challenges of a potential public health emergency has required public health

departments to build relationships with new kinds of partners, including emergency management agencies, law enforcement, and other first responders. The development of emergency response plans or participation in drills, for example, has required public health agencies to work closely with first responders and has stimulated agencies to develop stronger relationships with the hospital and health care community. Throughout our site visits

and exercises, we observed repeatedly that preparedness planning has been instrumental in forging these new relationships and that communication and working relationships between many of these entities is better than it was in the pre-9/11 era.

But developing these relationships has not been without its challenges, largely because of differences in culture, work style, and mission.

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By Derrick Harge, Certified Peer Fitness Trainer, American Council of Exercise



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I'm a fitness trainer, so I tend to look at people's health a little different than many people. You may not be sick, but it doesn't mean you're healthy!!

People tend to ask me what's the BEST exercise for this or the best exercise for that. Or what's the best cardio. My answer is always the same. It's the one you'll do. For example, it makes no sense for me to tell you that the treadmill will burn X amount more calories than the elliptical if you can't stand doing the treadmill. I'd rather you burn less calories on the elliptical while loving the elliptical. You'll burn more calories in the long run.

I don't care what you're doing for your fitness level, if it's not including ALL THREE OF THESE ESSENTIALS, you're doing it wrong. And this is indisputable. It has to include: **EXERCISE**-which includes cardio, resistance training (women shy away when I say weights) and flexibility; **NUTRITION**-there are so many good articles out there on good nutrition, it'll make your head spin) and **REST** and **RECOVERY**-the body does some miraculous things (and most of its work) when you think you're doing nothing.

There are so many ways to achieve these goals. There is no "magic machine" or "magic pill" that is going to substitute for the hard work it's going to take to get yourself healthier than you are today. The fitness industry is making billions and billions of dollars from people hoping to find some quick fix from years of neglect to their bodies. Trust me, you don't need any of that to get healthy. In fact, you don't need ANY gadgets. Your body is the only machine you need and it doesn't cost a thing. You can walk outside, you can do pushups and crunches and squats at home.

But you have to take the first step. OR, you may have to re-evaluate your 100th step if you're not achieving the results that you're anticipating. Get started today (ok, I'll give you til Monday).

This is a life-long process and definitely a lifestyle change. Remember, the tortoise won the race!!

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EDUCATION

Flint Teacher Wins Re-Designed 5th Grade Classroom and Brand New Reading Center for Elementary School

BOSTON, July 20, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The VELCRO® Brand and lifestyle designer Sabrina Soto today announced the winner of the 2nd Annual VELCRO® Brand Classroom Makeover contest. Ilya Brecque from the Durant-Tuuri-Mott elementary school, part of Flint Community Schools in Flint, Mich. will receive a completely re-designed classroom where her 5th grade students can learn and grow. In addition, the entire Durant-Tuuri-Mott community will benefit from a new reading center with books and stories to foster and build literacy skills.

With her organizational and design expertise, Sabrina Soto will create an inspiring

and beautiful space featuring brand new technology, furniture and VELCRO® Brand products. Soto is known for her creative ideas for functional, bright and organized living and working spaces. The VELCRO® Brand and Soto selected Ms. Brecque for her unfailing commitment and dedication to her students, despite the extensive hardships currently impacting City of Flint residents.

"We received hundreds of compelling and emotional entries for this year's contest and selecting was incredibly difficult," said Sabrina Soto. "However, Ms. Brecque's appeal to give her students a healthy and safe environment where they can be inspired

and thrive truly stood out. We are thrilled to design and outfit this sanctuary for learning and can't wait for the students to see their new classroom."

"My students have endured the public health crisis of our community with resiliency and courage," said Ilya Brecque, 5th grade teacher. "A bright and beautiful classroom will give them a place to feel safe and hopeful for their future, even in the face of the dangers and inconveniences of today's situation. I'm honored to be the recipient of this makeover and so pleased that the school community will be able to enjoy the reading space that the VELCRO® Brand and Sabrina are designing, as well."

PUBLIC NOTICE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)
Fiscal Year 2017-2019 Overall Goal
for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

Pursuant to the U.S. Department of Transportation Regulation at 49 CFR § 26.45 titled, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," the MDOT announces its overall goal for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for fiscal years (FY) 2017-2019.

MDOT proposes the adoption of an overall DBE goal of 9 percent for FY 2017-2019. The department projects that the recommended overall DBE goal of 9 percent for FY 2017-2019 will be met through race-neutral (2.25 percent) and race-conscious (6.75 percent) means. Race-neutral participation occurs when contractors use a DBE firm on a project with no DBE participation requirement. Race-conscious projects have a DBE percentage requirement.

This proposed 9 percent goal will be reviewed by the Michigan State Transportation Commission at its Sept. 22, 2016, meeting.

MDOT will again seek public comment on this goal in 2018 and 2019. Comments or requests for information regarding how this goal was established may be submitted until noon on Sept. 30, 2016, to:

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EDUCATION

SVSU Named 2016 'Great College to Work For'

By Mary Baukus, Wellness Coordinator



Saginaw Valley State University has been recognized as among the nation's best college workplaces, according to a new survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education, a top trade publication for colleges and universities.

"We receive this honor with great enthusiasm, because it speaks to our commitment to support students and one another" said Donald Bachand, SVSU president. "Our faculty and staff work incredibly hard; they are determined to challenge students but also are so willing to share their time and resources to help students succeed."

SVSU is one of only 93 institutions to achieve the "Great College to Work For" recognition. The results, released today in The Chronicle's ninth annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of 281 colleges and universities that applied for the program. This is the first time SVSU has participated in the survey.

SVSU was honored in the medium

university category, which includes schools with 3,000 to 10,000 students.

SVSU joins the University of Michigan as the state's only institutions to earn the distinction.

"Today's announcement is recent, but this has been a great place to work throughout my 30-plus years as a professor, a dean, a provost, and now as a president," Bachand said. "I am extremely proud of my colleagues at every level of this university. They respect one another and they take their jobs seriously."

SVSU was honored in three categories: compensation and benefits; facilities, workspace and security; and teaching environment.

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators, and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the

employee feedback.

"Nine years in, The Chronicle's Great Colleges to Work For program is well known as a mark of a college or university that puts thought and effort into serving the needs of its faculty and staff," said Liz McMillen, editor of The Chronicle. "The colleges and universities that make the list are highly rated by their employees for creating great working environments, an important achievement that helps them recruit top academic and administrative talent."

To administer the survey and analyze the results, The Chronicle worked with ModernThink LLC, a strategic human capital consulting firm that has conducted numerous "Best Places to Work" programs, surveying hundreds of thousands of employees nationwide.

"It's easier to be a great workplace during good times, but it's when times are tough that the commitment to workplace quality really gets tested," said Richard K. Boyer, principal and managing partner, ModernThink LLC. "And those institutions that measure up during times of economic hardship reinforce their already strong cultures and put even more distance between them and their peer institutions for whom they compete for talent."

Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country. **For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit The Chronicle's Web site at <http://chronicle.com/AW16>.**

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BUSINESS

C3 Venture will Move into the Riverview Industrial Park in Flint and Hire Nearly 400 New Employees

By Mary Baukus, Wellness Coordinator

FLINT, Mich., July 26, 2016 / PRNewswire/ -- C3 Venture Flint LLC, a privately held company that manufactures interior plastic automotive components, will move into the Riverview Industrial Park in Flint and hire nearly 400 new employees.

C3 Venture will invest \$9.68 million to acquire the 17.69-acre site in industrial park on James P. Cole Boulevard where it will manufacture plastic parts for Tesla Motors. The company will initially occupy the 16,000-square-foot office building and a 19,600-square-foot industrial building, where it will install injection molding machines and tooling to manufacture parts.

Work at the site is expected to begin this fall. The company will initially employ about 50 people in the first year and grow to nearly 400 employees, as operations expand at the site.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation today awarded C3 Venture a \$5.7-million performance-based loan, which may be converted to a grant if the company meets job-creation milestones.

“This is work currently being done in China and we’re moving it to Flint,” said Bob Schaffer, Chairman and Founder of C3 Venture. The company also considered sites in Indiana and California.

“Flint is a manufacturing town. Manufacturing is embedded in Flint’s heritage and the work ethic here is strong. For those reasons, you could say that Flint chose C3.”

The company intends to begin moving and setting up equipment in September after it closes on the property next month. Production is expected to ramp up in early October, said company officials.

C3 Venture will work with GST Michigan Works! as the company looks to add employees at the facility.

Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce CEO Tim Herman applauded today’s announcement, adding that the project will help Flint exceed its goal of creating 1,000 new jobs here.

“The 380 jobs that C3 has committed to are part of a broader jobs goal announced

earlier this year by Mission Flint,” said Herman. “In addition, we’re seeing a valuable piece of industrial real estate being returned to productive use. And that’s a strong indicator that Flint is, indeed, open for business.”

C3 Venture – which has diversified holdings, including real estate, manufacturing and others – is more than a plastics company, said Schaffer.

“C3 stands for: Clean Air. Clean Water. Clean Soil,” he said. “Producing parts for zero-emission electric vehicles is central to our mission. Our drive to be good environmental stewards extends to our manufacturing process.”



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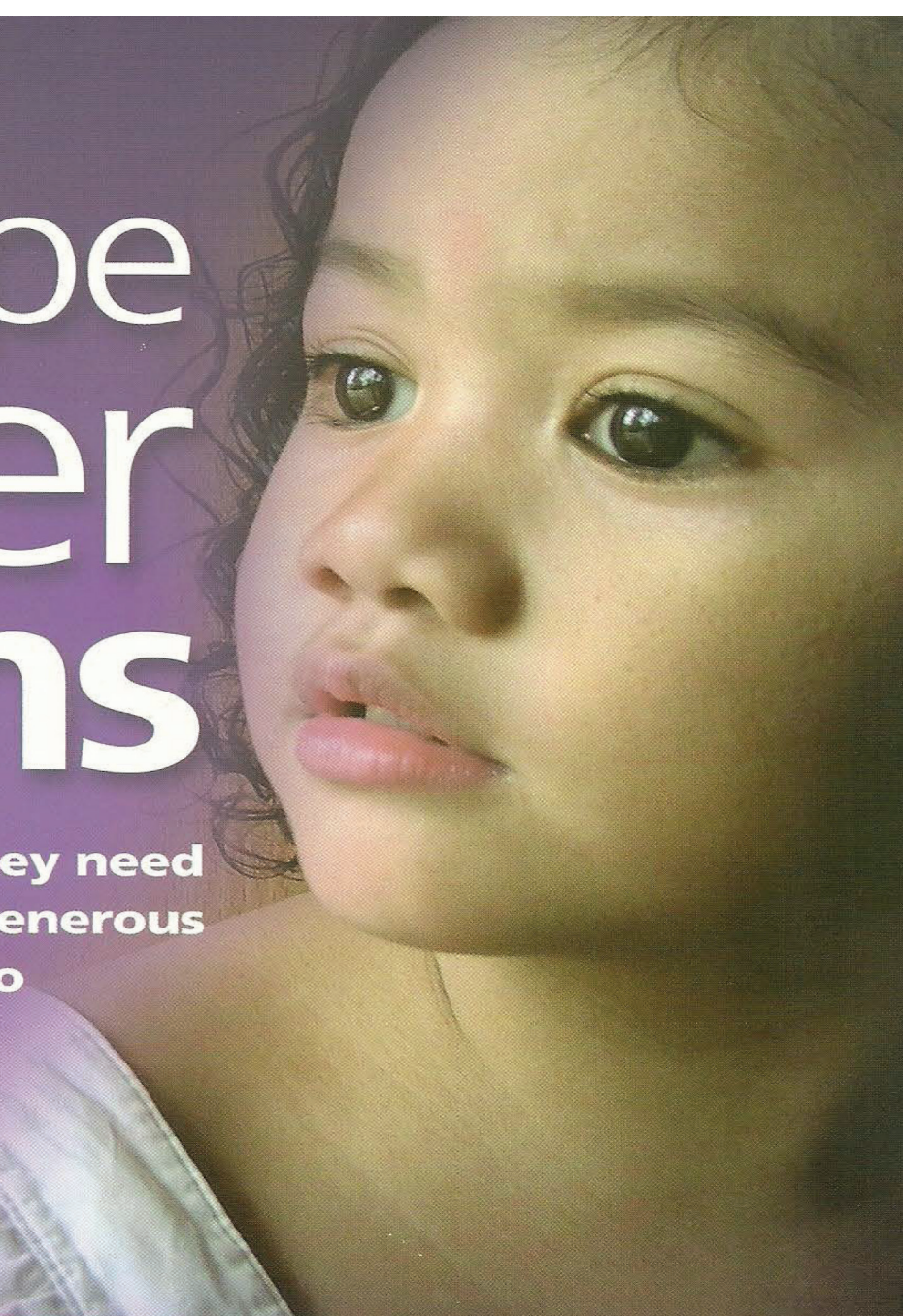
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COMMUNITY

Halo Burger to Raise or Donate \$24,000 to Send Lead Inhibiting Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Directly into Flint and Genesee County Neighborhoods.

Halo Country LLC, owners of the Flint-based icon Halo Burger, announces the kick-off of an expansive fundraising initiative, 12 Weeks to Earn Your Halo. This company-wide effort challenges each of the 12 Genesee County Halo Burger Restaurants and surrounding communities, area businesses, and vendors to raise money that will be used to send locally-sourced fresh fruits and vegetables directly into Flint, and greater Genesee County communities in greatest need.

Working directly with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and its partner community

organizations and distribution centers, each of Halo Burger's 12 Genesee County locations will kick-off host their own, dedicated fundraisers starting July 19th, 2016, and concluding the week of September 26th. The kick-off will be at the Linden Road Halo Burger in Flint, MI and conclude at the Richfield, MI Halo Burger location. The more donations garnered by each of the participating Halo Burger locations, the more fresh fruit and vegetables will be deployed into the community.

Halo Burger will raise or donate a minimum of \$24,000 for this initiative, sending at least 12 Food Trucks directly into both

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In The Wake of An Experience***By Pastor Marvin T. Smith*

Rev. Charles H. Pearce offered a very similar comment over 100 years ago “A man (person) in this State cannot do his (their) whole duty as a minister except he (they) look out for the political interest of his (their) people.” So it is reasonable that the community would expect some form of support or reaction from those who represent them.

If we ask ourselves the question, “Do Politicians make decisions that can negatively and positively impact the lives of the people who’ve elected them? The answer, yes they can. Consider the weight of decisions and their Positive/Negative impact based upon decision making.

Mass incarceration
Immigration reform
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Minimum wage
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Foreign Policy
Access to Adequate Healthcare
Quality Education
Climate Change

These issues confront us all and decisions have to be made in all of these areas and it is reasonable to expect that our legislators would certainly represent the voters thoughts and take action that reflects the will of the people. Historically, the “Black Church” has been a place where political education began both in life and in the Christian experience. Often,

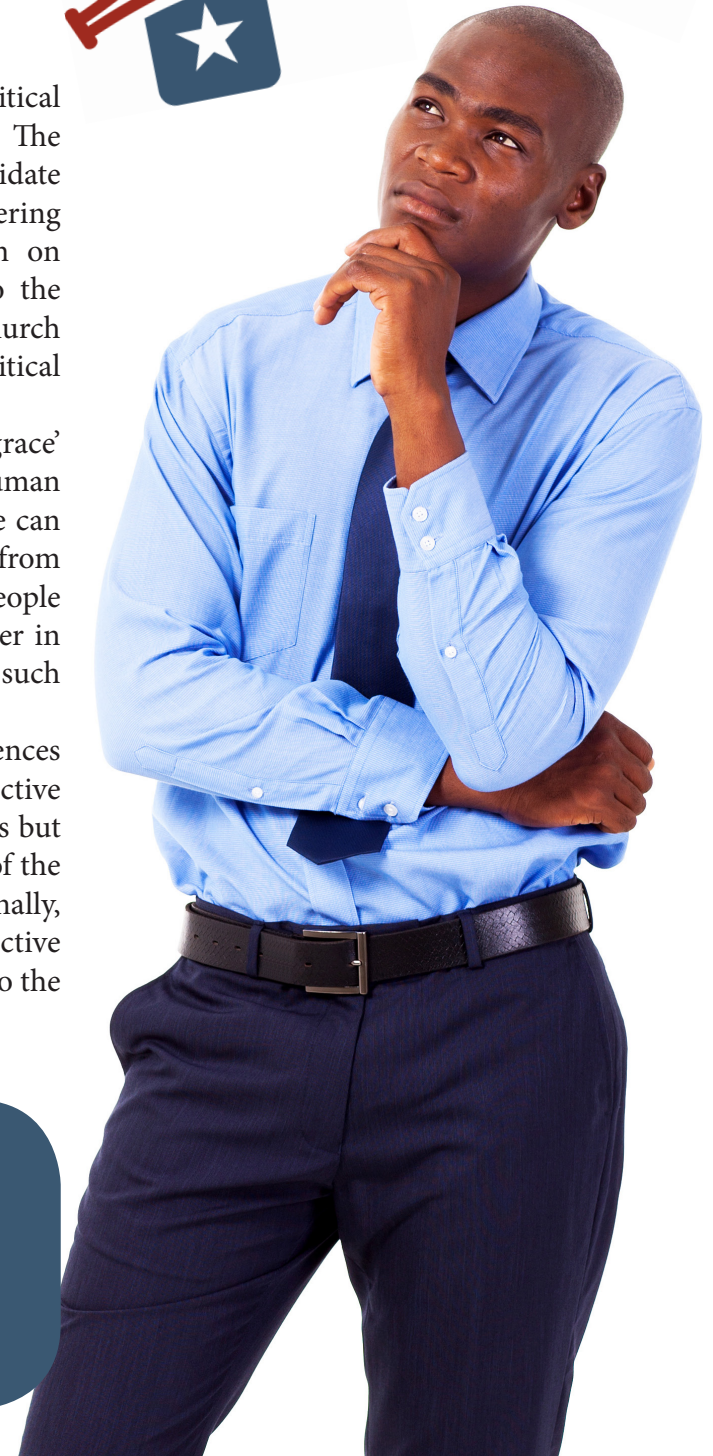
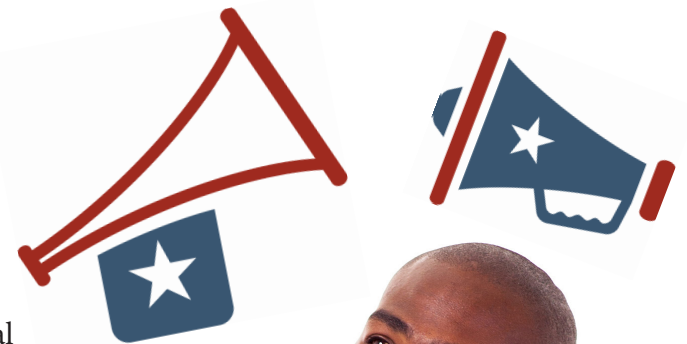
clergy would be sought for their political support of candidates seeking election. The church has been a place where candidate forums would be held, thus empowering community members with information on each candidate which ultimately led to the creation of an informed voter base. The church certainly has a role to play in the political process and has from its inception.

Politics can be ‘a means of grace’ through which the broad values of human dignity and mutual respect for all people can be advanced. When politics is viewed from this angle, it makes perfect sense that people of faith in general, and Christian minister in particular, might want to be involved in such an enterprise.

There are many human experiences that cause us to stop and take a reflective glance in the mirror. Not to see ourselves but to see where we have been. In the wake of the events occurring both locally and nationally, now would be a great time to take a reflective glance in the mirror as we prepare to go to the proverbial ballot box.

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	<p>In 2000 the residents of Buena Vista Township elected me as Township Clerk. I served proudly for 12 years. In 2012 I made the painful decision to resign as township clerk in an effort to focus on familial matters that required my complete attention. During my tenure as Buena Vista Clerk I took my office/duty very seriously. I was committed to the needs and continuous improvements of the Buena Vista residents, resources and economic development.</p>	<p>Proven Positive for this Community</p>
	<p>My record of transparent approach to addressing the needs of Buena Vista Township are evident. I am asking for your vote on August 2, 2016 for Buena Vista Township Clerk.</p>	<p>Integrity Demand honesty, trust and respect for the people of this community as well as for myself.</p>
	<p><small>Paid for by the committee to elect Barbara A. Montgomery for Buena Vista Township Clerk</small></p>	<p>Courage Continue to take a stand whenever necessary to make a positive difference in the Buena Vista community</p>
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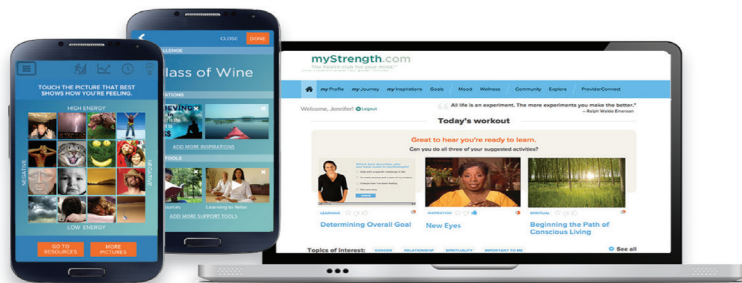
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