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by Jon Becker



Photo provided by Tim Inman of SVSU Saginaw Valley State University President Donald Bachand (center) is joined by the family of Napoleon Lewis, Sr.: Shalynda Schrank, Alberta Lee, Nelia Lewis, Ava Lewis, Debra Lewis, and Dave Lewis.

With six of his family members proudly looking on, the Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control Monday bestowed a special honor on the late Napoleon Lewis, Sr. by granting him emeritus status posthumously. Lewis, who worked for SVSU from 1971 to 1989 in the departments of public safety and athletics, left an indelible impression on so many, particularly students throughout his Cardinal career.

“This is special recognition and well-deserved,” SVSU President Donald Bachand said. “It’s a special day for SVSU and a special day for the Lewis family.”

Bachand told the Board that Lewis was one of those individuals you enjoyed running into on campus.

“He came to SVSU in 1971 and quickly became a centerpiece of what we really believe here,” he said. “He was a tremendous ambassador to the university. To know and interact with him was always a positive experience.”

Two of Lewis’ children, David Lewis and Ava Lewis, said they are Cardinals today largely because of their father’s influence. David oversees

SVSU’s School-University Partnerships office and Ava serves as a professor of nursing.

“I know our father is looking down and smiling,” David Lewis said. “Our entire family is grateful for this tremendous honor. He loved this university.”

J.J. Boehm, SVSU spokesman, said Lewis, Sr., was a father figure to many SVSU students.

“Particularly African-American students who had relatively few black role models on campus during SVSU’s early days,” Boehm noted. “While symbolic, granting emeritus status posthumously also serves to recognize the ongoing contributions of his children at SVSU. Had their father not worked here, they likely would not be serving SVSU and our students as they do today.”

The children and grandchild of Napoleon Lewis and the family’s matriarch, his widow, Nelia Lewis, have a combined nine degrees from SVSU.

“I think this is exceptional and personifies the importance our family places on education,” David Lewis said.

In action items, the Board approved the

university’s capital outlay request for fiscal year 2018, a plan that prioritizes a \$17.5 million expansion of the university’s College of Business and Management. SVSU is seeking \$9.8 million from the state to help fund the project.

“This is the only request currently before the Legislature,” Boehm said. “It is a 10-year plan, and looking ahead, we anticipate requesting state support for renovations and upgrades to Brown Hall and Science West, two of our oldest academic buildings.”

The proposed College of Business and Management Project, Boehm said, would construct an addition off of SVSU’s Performing Arts Center (Malcolm Field Theatre and Rhea Miller Recital Hall).

“This would provide a centralized home for the college, allow us to update classrooms, and expand facilities for our Dow Entrepreneurship Institute and Stevens Center for Family Business,” Boehm added.

In other action, the Board:

- Granted emeritus status to Shiv Arora, a recently retired professor of management and marketing.
 - Appointed Heather Duggan to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board of Directors.
 - Appointed Victor Aviles to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Board of Directors.
 - Passed a resolution to receive and accept the annual financial audit and federal awards audit for the 2016 fiscal year.
 - Approved granting an easement and right of way to the City of Saginaw. The move allows an important water project to move forward, said SVSU officials. The City of Saginaw will be replacing primary water pipelines in the area of SVSU’s campus in conjunction with anticipated road construction on Davis Road.
- Reprinted from The Midland Daily News found at <http://www.ourmidland.com/news/article/Saginaw-Valley-honors-revered-figure-10590557.php>.*

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The 54th Annual World Boxing Council Convention Honors Claressa Shields



The 54th Annual World Boxing Council Convention officially kicked off on December 13 in the Grand Ballroom of the Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, Florida. Roughly 1500 delegates, champions and fans filled the seats to take in the spectacle that has become the WBC opening ceremony. Complete with a youth marching band, children's choir, video presentations, speeches from an array of champs, local politicians and of course, WBC president Mauricio Sulaiman himself.

Two-time Olympic Gold medal winner Claressa Shields was among the three female

luminaries honored along with Laila Ali and Christy Martin.

Claressa continues to excel in her craft. In 2015, Shields became the first American to win titles in women's boxing at the Olympics and Pan American games. She won the gold at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics (the only American gold medalist in the team) and was awarded the inaugural women's division of the Val Barker Trophy at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics. In November 2016, Shields officially went pro and won her first match by unanimous decision.

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Michigan Ethnic Commissions and Office for New Americans respond to hostility towards immigrants and other diverse communities

November 16, 2016 - "As members of the Michigan Office for New Americans, the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, and the Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs, are calling for an end to the recent actions and rhetoric targeting immigrants and other diverse groups, especially our Muslim American and Mexican American children and adults.[1]

We are proud to call Michigan our home, and appreciate that the vast majority of Michiganders make our State a welcoming place for everyone. Together, we will work with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and elected officials to ensure protection and inclusion for everyone in our communities.

We applaud Governor Snyder's statement embracing our state's diversity and calling for respect and tolerance.[2] In this spirit, we ask leaders in business, faith, government and community to stand with us to ensure a truly welcoming state.

We ask elected officials at the local, county, and state to commit to protecting our communities by advocating for and passing anti-discriminatory policies.

We ask our school leaders to teach, display and engage in conversations that promote multicultural understanding and ensure a safe learning environment for our children.

We ask our business leaders to support a pro-immigration climate and an inclusive culture that will expand Michigan's ability to attract a diverse

and talented workforce.

We ask faith leaders to encourage interfaith dialogue and collaboration among their membership to nurture compassion and understanding.

Michigan is a place that values the diversity of its residents, cultures and faith traditions. We ask that you join us in protecting these values."

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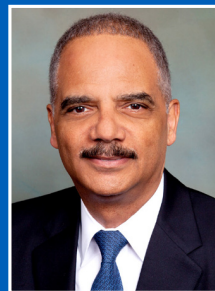
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While attorney general, the New York City native oversaw efforts to address critically important issues arising at the intersection of law and public policy, including national security investigations and prosecutions;

landmark antitrust, environmental, fraud and tax cases; the defense of voting rights and marriage equality; and reform of the federal criminal justice system. In 2014, *TIME* magazine named Holder to its list of "100 Most Influential People," stating, he "worked tirelessly to ensure equal justice." After his departure from the Department of Justice, he returned to law firm of Covington & Burling and is resident in their Washington office.

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If you haven't seen it yet, here's an opportunity to visit some of our best posts of the past year and a half. It is never too late to join the conversation by commenting on these blog posts.

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Workgroup releases interim report on Section 298 Initiative

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released the draft interim report for the Section 298 Initiative for public review. The Section 298 Initiative is a statewide effort to improve the coordination of physical health services and behavioral health services. The draft interim report contains a series of policy recommendations for the Michigan Legislature.

The interim report reflects the discussions and recommendations of the 298 Facilitation Workgroup. MDHHS convened the 298 Facilitation Workgroup to assist with the development of the recommendations. The workgroup convened 44 Affinity Group meetings to gather input from more than 1,076 Michiganders, including 767 consumers and family members, 249 providers, 48 payers and 12 tribal health organizations.

MDHHS and the 298 Facilitation Workgroup will create a final report for the Legislature, which will include the policy recommendations from the interim report and additional recommendations on integration models and benchmarks for implementation. Public review of the draft interim report will last from December 14, 2016 to January 4, 2017. MDHHS has established several opportunities to gather comments on the draft interim report, including:

- A short online survey to gather feedback on the draft interim report. The survey can be accessed through this web link.
- Written comments on the draft interim report are also being accepted. Comments can be sent via email to MDHHS-298@michigan.gov or by mail to the Section 298 Initiative, with the Policy, Planning, and Legislative Services Administration, South Grand Building, 5th

Floor, 333 South Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

- A public forum to gather comments will also be held on January 3, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m. The forum will be held at the Lansing Community College West Campus, located at 5708 Cornerstone Drive in Lansing. Individuals can RSVP to attend the public forum by using this web link.

MDHHS and the 298 Facilitation Workgroup will use the comments from the public review process to refine and improve the policy recommendations in the interim report. MDHHS will submit the revised interim report to the legislature by January 15, 2017.

For more information about the draft interim report or the Section 298 Initiative, visit www.michigan.gov/stakeholder298 or send an email to MDHHS-298@michigan.gov.

Winter Weather Advisory – Asthma, Cold Air and Exercise



Cold air can sometimes trigger an asthma episode. If cold, dry air passes into your mouth instead of being warmed by your nose first, it heads straight to your lungs and airways. This can trigger an asthma attack.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America suggests these steps for reducing your chances of having winter's cold air trigger your asthma:

- Wear a scarf or face mask over your mouth.
- If you normally exercise outdoors, consider an indoor sport for the winter, like heading to a gym for

- swimming or basketball.
- If you do need to go outdoors in cold weather, you may need to use your quick-relief inhaler (e.g. albuterol) before you go outdoors. Talk with your doctor about a pretreatment plan.

Asthma is a chronic disease. Be sure to check your symptoms and be alert if they get worse:

- Coughing
- Wheezing (a whistling, squeaky sound when you breathe)
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Dow Honored for 12th Consecutive Year as “Best Place to Work” for LGBT Employees

MIDLAND, Mich. - The Dow Chemical Company (NYSE: DOW) received a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation's Corporate Equality Index - a global benchmarking tool on corporate policies and practices related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality and inclusion. This announcement marks the twelfth consecutive year Dow has earned recognition on HRC's list of “Best Places to Work” for LGBT employees in honor of the Company's 100% rating.

“Dow continues to actively engage with all of our stakeholders to advance rights and inclusion for the LGBT community,” said Howard Ungerleider, vice chairman and chief financial officer for Dow and executive sponsor of GLAD, Dow's employee resource group for LGBT and Ally Employees. “It's both a moral and business imperative that we create an environment where all individuals are supported and valued. By fostering an inclusive culture both within and beyond the Company, we're ensuring that

everyone has the ability to unlock their true personal and professional potential.”

Dow has offered equal benefits to same-sex partners for over a decade and has best-in-class transgender policies and health benefits that are aligned to the standards of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, a professional and educational organization devoted to transgender health. Internally, Dow's LGBT employee resource group GLAD remains the largest of eight diversity networks within the Company, comprised of more than 3,000 employee participants across the globe.

Externally, the Company has been a longstanding advocate for state and federal legislation protecting LGBT people from policies that seek to create nonexclusive environments. Dow has spoken out in opposition to contentious legislation in several states, including North Carolina, Indiana, Louisiana and Texas. At the federal level, Dow was the first business to endorse the landmark Equality Act that aims

to establish permanent protections against discrimination in matters of employment, housing, access to public places, federal funding, credit, education and jury service.

Dow has also engaged heavily with peer companies and local businesses to advocate for an inclusive workplace and society globally. Last year, Dow was among the first companies to sign onto the inaugural HRC Global Corporate Coalition for Equality to drive LGBT equality around the world. Leaders across the Company continue to lend their voices on the business and societal benefits of a diverse and inclusive environment locally, nationally and globally.



Dow to Invest in New, State-of-the-art Innovation Center in Midland

MIDLAND, Mich. - The Dow Chemical Company (NYSE: DOW) announced today that it will invest in a new, state-of-the-art innovation center in Midland, Michigan. The innovation center will support approximately 200 research and development jobs in Michigan, including 100 newly created jobs while repatriating 100 jobs from other Dow facilities throughout the globe to Midland. Dow's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Liveris announced the investment at a Friday event with U.S. President-elect Donald J. Trump in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“This innovation center will add to Dow's world-class R&D engine, and could have been located anywhere in the world,” said Liveris. “We chose Michigan, our home for more than 119 years because of the highly-skilled workforce in the state and because we believe the incoming

Presidential administration understands the importance of R&D investment and its multiplier impact on U.S. manufacturing jobs.”

The new Dow innovation center will be focused on combining existing chemistries with new technologies derived from its recent ownership restructuring of Dow Corning's Silicones business, as well as future technologies. The center will house scientists and engineers who will focus R&D efforts on advancing technologies for home and personal care products, enhancing and broadening Dow's energy-saving building technologies, advancing materials for critical infrastructure, and driving closer partnerships with automakers as they drive further efforts to light-weight automobiles and develop hybrid, electric and autonomous transportation solutions.

“We have some of the smartest, most creative

people in the world working with chemistries that can help solve the world's most pressing challenges – from clean water scarcity to the preservation of food to energy and the environment. Dow is uniquely positioned to invent the products that will define the solutions of tomorrow – and then ultimately, to manufacture those solutions right here in the U.S.,” said Liveris.

The Dow innovation center investment serves as the latest example of Dow's long-term commitment to investing and growing in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region. In the last 10 years, Dow and its regional development partners, have driven more than \$400 million of investment and downtown economic redevelopment in the Great Lakes

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Bay Region, home to the company and its nearly 13,000 employees and contractors. Investments include nearly 1 billion sq. ft. of real estate, including a new global headquarters scheduled to open in 2017; a new regional airport; a world class hotel and other accommodations; new, cutting edge STEM schools that are developing the next generation of chemists, biologists, and physicists; and more.

Dow has created more than

6,000 jobs in the United States in the last four years, with a significant portion of that job creation resulting from manufacturing investments in the U.S. Gulf Coast, where Dow is currently investing more than \$6 billion, which will result in approximately 500 new Dow jobs while employing approximately 7,000 workers during peak construction and ultimately supporting more than 3,500 jobs in the broader U.S. economy.

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Flint Economic Recovery Task Force Unveils Plan to Improve Access to Full-Service Grocery Stores in Flint Neighborhoods



(FLINT, Mich.) The Flint Economic Recovery Task Force presented a two-pronged approach for increasing residents' access to full-service, inviting grocery stores in Flint neighborhoods. The plan calls for the development of two new grocery stores in areas that currently lack nearby access to healthy food options, and improving four existing full-service grocers in north Flint.

"Now more than ever, Flint residents need access to fresh, healthy food, given reports that nutrition can help lessen the effects of Flint's lead-contaminated water supply," said Lawrence Moon, owner of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Homes and chairperson of the Flint Economic Recovery Task Force Grocery Stores Initiative. "The approach that we're taking provides greater access and more."

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver created the Flint Economic Recovery Task Force in response to the water crisis over concerns about a lack of healthy food options in parts of the city.

The Grocery Stores Initiative focuses on improving and expanding healthy food options in north Flint, an area hit hard by the recent Flint water crisis. A lack of grocery stores and healthy

food access in the area creates challenges for residents in need of nutrition that helps mitigate the effects of lead exposure. In addition, many of the area's neighborhoods were already struggling with high unemployment rates, crime, low student performance and blight.

The original idea was to attract a single, large national chain store. However, after working on a market analysis with Streetsense, a market research and design firm in Bethesda, Md., it became clear that a mixed approach offered the best solution for Flint.

According to the study's findings, the current market conditions would not support a single, large national store without producing unintended consequences, such as driving out some smaller neighborhood grocers. It would also leave some neighborhoods without a grocer nearby.

However, market conditions could support two additional smaller grocery stores, each about 22,000 square feet in size, according to the analysis by Streetsense. Each store would generate estimated sales of up to \$4 million annually.

Meanwhile, the development costs would range between \$3 million and \$8 million per store for new construction. For comparison purposes,

a typical-size national chain store starts at 50,000 square feet with \$19 million in sales. It would be between \$11.6 million and \$14.1 million to build such a facility.

The Flint Economic Recovery Task Force is working with two local community development organizations – the North Flint Reinvestment Corp. and Fresh Start – on the new stores. In addition, state and local funding partners have committed to significant financial resources to help achieve the project goals.

"We now have a clearer picture of the current market conditions, including where the gaps are, and a framework for how to help existing neighborhood grocers improve operations for the benefit of their businesses and Flint residents," said Tim Herman, CEO of the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce.

The plan includes working with four neighborhood grocers in the north end: Mr. B's Foodland, 4311 DuPont St.; Hutchinson Food & Drug, 6509 N. Saginaw St.; Landmark Food Center, 206 W. Pierson Rd.; and The Local Grocer, 601 Martin Luther King Ave.

Mayor Weaver praised the task force's work.

"I want to thank all of the people and organizations that worked together to make this project a reality," said Weaver. "A primary goal of this initiative is to improve the access Flint residents have to healthy and nutritious foods, especially those high in iron, calcium and vitamin C, which have been shown to mitigate the effects of lead exposure. We appreciate the stores that have stayed in our community and I know residents are excited to now have even more options available."

The Flint grocery store plan was developed with Flint residents and their needs top of mind, said Herman. He added that it's also a significant community development project for the city.

"In addition to providing access to fresh, healthy food, grocery stores are community anchors that help provide job opportunities for residents, including our young people," Herman said. "We encourage residents to think locally first, and shop for groceries from the new and improved neighborhood stores."

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FUNDRAISING GOOD TIMES**Three things you can do to launch fundraising in the new year**

The new year is soon upon us complete with new year resolutions. Some are personal: lose weight, exercise more, be a more loving person, spend more time with family, quit smoking.... Others relate to the nonprofit organizations we work with. To help you prepare your nonprofit organization or institution for a most positive year we offer these three suggestions.

1. Create a board commitment form. Working together the board chair, executive director and chair of the development committee can create a board commitment form to help better engage board members in the coming year. Items to include are dates/times of board meetings; dates for special events; volunteer opportunities; and fundraising options.

It would be ideal if every member could attend every board meeting and event. But most people have busy schedules. A commitment form gives members the opportunity to put dates on their calendar in advance. Equally important is for board members to know the full array of events they have an option of attending and purchasing tickets (or tables) for. The board commitment form also gives members the opportunity to determine how much they will give as an annual gift, and how and when they

will make their gift.

Most importantly, include suggestions for specific fundraising activities that board members can take responsibility for. This could include how many individuals they are willing to solicit; how many visits they are willing to go on with the executive or development director; who they believe should be approached for sponsorship opportunities.

You can make the form as detailed as you want. Consider including a section for people to request specific training or information. The goal is to provide board members with information so they can make and honor their commitments.

2. Reach out to those who can help you. Reach out to employees, board members, volunteers, clients and advocates who could participate in organizational and fundraising planning for the coming year. The goal is to create an advisory council and a fundraising taskforce. Invite those who can provide specific guidance and open doors to become an advisor. Invite people who are willing to help with

fundraising to become a member of your fundraising taskforce. Let people know what your plans are for the coming year and ask for their help with definable tasks that have a beginning and end. Secure specific commitments for specific tasks. Don't be vague.

3. Schedule a working session. Invite board members, employees, volunteers, clients, students and others who can make an impact on your fundraising. Share your goals with the group. Ask for their opinion regarding what has been working, what isn't working, and how strategies and tactics can be improved. Most importantly ask for opinions and suggestions. Open yourself up to learn: be quiet, let others talk, and don't be defensive. Encourage honest input with questions such as: what are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? Do we have the right team in place? What opportunities have we missed?

Bottom line: ask people for help.

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Lab takes on toddlers' and teens' screen time

Research investigates impact electronic devices have on child health and development



Research shows the time each day that adolescents spend looking at a screen — everything from computers to smart phones, tablets and televisions — is nearly equivalent to a full-time job.

For an average of seven hours, they're capturing information that communicates, distracts, educates and entertains, and one Central Michigan University clinical psychology faculty member is looking into how this impacts adolescent health and development.

Sarah Domoff is director of CMU's newly established Family Health Research Lab. The lab is engaged in projects focused on healthy media use and obesity prevention in adolescents and young children.

"Technology and digital media use isn't going away, and we have to be concerned about what it means for the health and development of

children," she said. "We have to look into what can be negative about it, but we also need to look at how we can leverage the use of it to enhance and improve the lives and well-being of children. A lot of this research also has implications for how parents can be involved. "Work conducted at CMU's Family Health Research Lab is done through a collaboration with the University of Michigan's Center for Human Growth and Development and Momentum Center. This partnership was established through Domoff, who recently completed her postdoctoral training at the University of Michigan and is completing related projects.

Current research involves five CMU students who soon will begin analyzing videos of families eating dinner in their home in order to investigate mealtime media use in families with children at different stages of development — toddlers,

preschoolers and early adolescents — and testing whether screen use predicts obesity and other health outcomes across development. Students are measuring the amount of screen time as well as the types of interactions parents have with their children during the meals.

Rachel Gerrie is a sophomore psychology major from Atlanta, Michigan, who was interested in the research because it involves children. Seeing how media use and social networking has taken hold of children as young as two, she said it is important to determine the effect this has on child development and interaction with the people in their lives.

"I have been surprised to see that with the mobile device use and social media networking exploding over the past year, there is not a substantial amount of evidence and/or data exhibiting exactly how media may affect child-parent relationships, co-parenting, obesity and various other areas," Gerrie said. "There is a lot of progress to be made in this area."

In addition to examining the health outcomes of children's media use, current Family Health Research Lab projects include:

- The Problematic Media Use Measure, which psychologists and pediatricians will use to screen for excessive or addictive media use in children; and
- Evidence-based practices that promote effective media parenting.

"I believe that today's parents and their children face unique challenges," said Jacob White, a fourth-year clinical psychology doctoral student and graduate assistant from Shelby, Michigan. "This research with youth and media represents a growing area of concern for parents and the results may inform the field about how parents should monitor media use."

SVSU professor receives national neuroscience honor

A Saginaw Valley State University educator has earned accolades from colleagues nationally for his commitment to support and empower students with research opportunities.

Jeffrey Smith, SVSU's Malcolm & Lois Field Endowed Chair of Health Sciences, received the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience's (FUN) Service Award, given to individuals who contribute to the development of the national organization and its mission of advancing neuroscience studies.

Smith received the award Sunday, Nov. 13, when he attended the Society for Neuroscience's annual conference in San Diego.

He was nominated in part by students such as Zackary Bowers, an SVSU psychology major from Freeland. He said Smith's leadership encourages an academic curiosity that enables students to succeed in classrooms and research laboratories alike.

"With Jeff, finding your passion in neuroscience is what matters," Bowers said. "As long as you are willing to work hard, he will work twice as hard to provide you with opportunities."

Bowers has experienced Smith's empowering impact first-hand. This year, Bowers attended two national conferences to present research conducted with Smith's help in the SVSU Brain Research Lab. Bowers received an Undergraduate Student Outstanding Poster Award from among 180 poster presentations at the Michigan Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience conference in May.

"He demonstrates, on a national scale, how our faculty are willing to go above and beyond for undergraduate education and the societies which support them," Bowers said.

One of the societies Smith supports includes FUN, which Smith first joined in 1999. From 2013-15, he served in various leadership roles for the group, including as its president.

Lisa Gabel, another former FUN president, was one of the individuals who presented the Service Award to Smith in San Diego.

"For Jeff, it is all about the students," said Gabel, an associate professor of psychology and neuroscience at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

"He worked tirelessly to develop lasting relationships with our sponsors to increase the number of travel awards we are able to offer to exceptional students to attend the Society for Neuroscience meeting. Jeff is dedicated to the development of undergraduate research and has provided the opportunity for SVSU undergrads to participate and lead award-winning projects that are presented at national conferences and ultimately published in peer-reviewed journals."

Smith joined SVSU in 2010; he completed a Ph.D. at Emory University. He called receiving the award "a tremendous honor."

"FUN is a great organization," he said. "It's not just an organization dedicated to research; members are very supportive of each other and are active in helping each other become better teacher and better practitioners of neuroscience."

In 2016, SVSU added a neuroscience major to the curriculum. It features teaching and research activities of faculty members from the departments of biology, chemistry, health sciences and psychology.

Delta awarded grant for campus safety

Delta College has been awarded \$15,800 from the Michigan State Police (MSP) to assist in creating a safe campus for all students.

The award is part of MSP's Campus Sexual Assault Grant Program, providing funds for Michigan colleges and universities to implement innovative and strategic sexual assault prevention programs on their campuses. This is the second year of the program.

This year's award will help fund two student-led and student-driven campaigns – V-Day and "It's On Us."

- V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls, promoting creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. Delta's involvement will include film screenings, plays and the presence of professionals in the field of sexual assault prevention on campus to create a relaxed yet alert spotlight on sexual assault

and what the College can do with and about it.

- The "It's On Us" campaign was launched in 2014 by President Barack Obama. It provides awareness to help put an end to sexual assault on college campuses, and it asks everyone – men and women across America – to make a personal commitment to step off the sidelines and be part of the solution to campus sexual assault. Delta College will be hosting events, including a roundtable discussion with students, a workshop for survivors, and sessions on rape culture and how everyone can work together to change it. The campaign will conclude with a focus on support and healing for survivors.

The campaigns will be led by Jodi Ann Stevenson, Associate Professor of English. "Combining these two campaigns will deepen the relevancy, conversation and critical thinking surrounding sexual assault awareness on our campus," Stevenson said. "There are also many

campuses working on trainings for their faculty and staff with regards to sexual assault awareness and prevention. Using these campus programs as models, we would like to create two trainings a year for our faculty and staff."

Last year, Delta College received \$28,850 to host a student competition to produce videos on the topics of consent, risk reduction and bystander intervention. It worked with Bay Area Women's Center in Bay County, ShelterHouse in Midland County and Underground Railroad in Saginaw County to produce the videos, which are being used as part of the College's new student orientation process. They are also available to all of the 41 area high school districts in the College's service area, each of the three sexual assault centers in the region, and any community group that sees the need for this type of valuable information.

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University Business Magazine Honors Northwood University as “Model of Excellence” Institution



MIDLAND, MICH. – Northwood University was one of eight colleges and universities nationwide honored by *University Business* magazine in its winter 2016 Models of Excellence recognition program. Sponsored by CASHNet, the Models of Excellence program recognizes innovative approaches to encouraging and nurturing student success on campus.

“Northwood’s Educational Success Program—ESP—creates a community for students who may need extra support while learning to navigate their new campus,” said *University Business* senior editor Tim Goral. “Giving students resources they need before they actually need them is not only practical, it is empowering them to make the right choices for themselves and their education.”

“Admitting one needs the assistance of a summer bridge program to ease the transition from high school to college is not typically a point of pride. But incoming students who participate in Northwood University’s Educational Success Program in Michigan walk across campus with their heads held high,” said Kristin Stehouwer, executive vice president, chief operating officer and chief academic officer at Northwood University. “Our students are absolutely proud of it. It’s something that’s part of their identity here.”

ESP is a 12-day immersion for incoming Northwood students who have been admitted on

a probationary basis. Living on campus, they take development mathematics and English classes and engage in a variety of co-curricular activities that help them adjust to college life, meet academic expectations, and acclimate themselves to their new campus and community. Peer mentors — many of them prior ESP participants — live in residence halls with the incoming students in the program, supporting them throughout their first year at Northwood.

“The mentors are part of what makes this such an effective program,” Stehouwer said. “They were in the shoes of the students who are in the Educational Success Program. They understand what the adjustment is like — to college life, to Northwood University, to the Midland, Michigan, community.”

Peer mentors aren’t the only helpers. ESP students also have the chance to get used to public speaking by introducing themselves to the university’s president and other senior officials, including Stehouwer, at a gathering. At the conclusion of the program, another such meeting is arranged. Their remarks serve more than a celebratory purpose.

“We believe in hands-on and applied learning,” Stehouwer said. “When they get up and speak publicly, they’re practicing the skills they’ve been working on.”

In addition to Northwood University, winter

2016 Models of Excellence honorees include: University of Pittsburgh, Moravian College, Seton Hill University, Bossier Parish Community College, SUNY Geneseo, Washburn University, and Westchester Community College.

“The winter 2016 Models of Excellence programs are creating opportunities for students that encourage success,” said Edward Worriow, head of marketing and communications at CASHNet. “We are pleased to recognize their efforts alongside *University Business*.”

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Meet Trashina Conner - Local Author of "18 Ingredients to Make Daddy"

My name is Trashina Conner I am a 28 year old native from Saginaw, MI where I began dancing at a young age. My passion for dance developed through my life eventually leading me to Howard University where I attained my BFA in Theater Arts with a concentration in Dance in 2011.

Immediately after I moved to New York City where I currently reside. Since here I have had the immense pleasure of performing with Def Dance Jam Community (2011-2015). Mickey D. and Friends (2011-Current), Vashti Dance Theater (2015-2016). In 2014, I premiered a self-choreographed piece '3.26.06' as a solo artist with BalaSole Dance Company. I have worked with choreographers: Ronald K. Brown, Dianne McIntyre, Nathan Trice, Lisa Johnson-Willingham, Michael Leon Thomas, and others.

When I am not performing you can find me in a classroom, cafeteria, or music room teaching dance to the young scholars of NYC. Through jazz, contemporary, ballet, swing, sign infused dance, and improve I aim to bring discipline, communication skills, self-love, and a safe space for personal expression to my students.

In 2015, I began the process of writing and publishing my first children's book "18 Ingredients to Make Daddy". In the book you will learn

of a girl's (MJ's) recipe in creating her 'perfect' daddy. Since the release date; May 15, 2016 I have presented the book in schools, churches, libraries, camps, and festivals throughout New York City, Saginaw, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois. 18 Ingredients has been featured in Saginaw News, Insight Magazine: Awakening, and on the 'Black Female Authors Blog'. Most recently the book received a 5 star book review from ReadersFavorite.

18 Ingredients to Make Daddy: 18 Ingredients to Make Daddy is a children's book about a girl's recipe to create her perfect daddy. Unconditional love, playtime, and patience are a few of the ingredients, join MJ on this journey and learn what else she uses to create her dad. At the end you can make any changes or additions you choose, remember you want him to be

perfect just for you!

The book is \$14.95 on every site (plus shipping and handling which differs depends on where people order from)

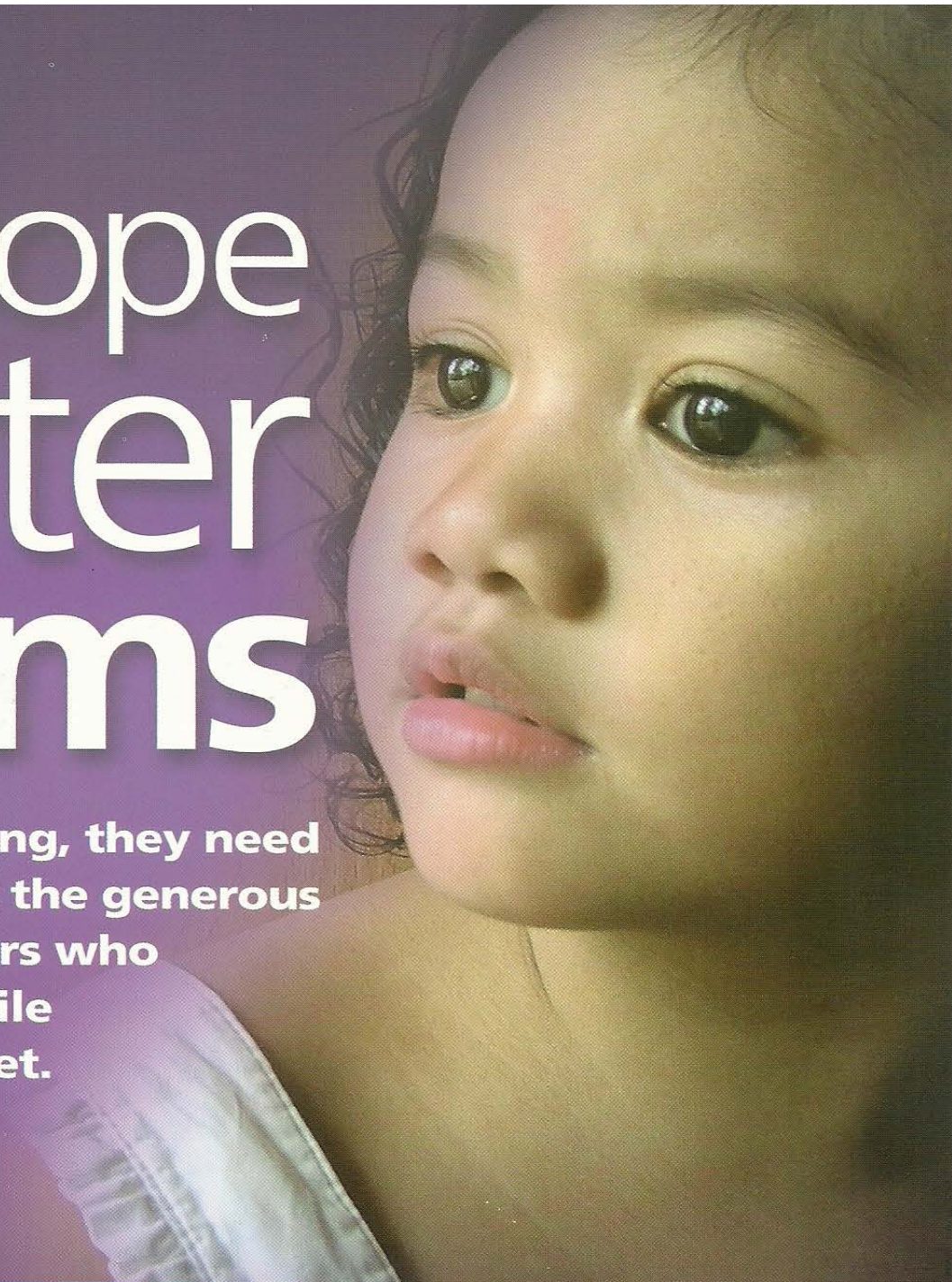
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Dear Chef:

On behalf of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, we are excited to tell you about the return of our fun-filled, entertaining event, "100 Men Who Cook". As the event name indicates, we're looking for 100 men to join us for an evening of food, friends and music. Most of the chefs from last year are already signing up for this year.

As one of our 100 chefs, your responsibility would be to prepare one of your favorite dishes and then share it with guests attending the event that night at Apple Mountain Resort in Saginaw. We're planning on hosting approximately 400 guests, but don't worry about feeding the masses! As each chef will only be sharing a "taste" of their best dish, you would need to plan on preparing a minimum of 30 sample servings of your recipe. You and the other chefs will have stations set-up to serve your food. Your recipe will be included in the commemorative "100 Men Who Cook" cookbook as a gift to those in attendance.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Location: Apple Mountain Resort
Time: 6-7:00 Cocktails and Conversation
7:00 Parade of Chefs
7:15 Food Tasting and Festivities
8:30 – 9:00 Closing Remarks

If you're interested in being involved, simply visit <https://goo.gl/forms/rXFnh8sBop2dli8s1> to register as a chef. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to :

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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New Year's Eve is around the corner. For those of you looking for a fun way to kick off 2017 locally, here are a few options:

Midland **Midnight on Main**

Join thousands at the 5th annual New Year's Eve event in Downtown Midland featuring a high tech ball drop (all LED Lights), beverage tents, main entertainment stage, and much more! As the clock strikes midnight, the famous Time Square-style ball drop will take place over the ball field, followed by a climatic firework display - all visible from inside the warm and heated concourse.

Saginaw **Golden Glow New Year's Eve Bash**

Come and join the Golden Glow's legendary New Year's Eve Bash. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a champagne toast at Midnight, with breakfast to follow.

Swan Valley Golf & Banquet NYE Event

Enjoy gourmet entrees from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and a full service open bar included from 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. There will also be a DJ, party favors, champagne toast, fireworks at midnight and homemade pizzas for a late night snack.

New Year's Eve Bash at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum

Calling all Families! Count down every hour on the hour, play silly games, get your face painted, enjoy tasty popcorn, and be on the lookout for special guest Daniel Tiger sponsored by the Midland Center for the Arts! We'll provide the party hats...you provide the noise.

New Year's Eve Party in the Bancroft Crystal Ballroom

Ring in the New Year at Bancroft Wine & Martini Bar's New Year's Eve party hosted in the historic Bancroft Crystal Ballroom. The event includes heavy Hors D'oeuvres, live music starting at 8:30pm, a photo station, champagne toast at midnight as well as a cash bar with a large selection.

Flint **Bauman's New Year's Resolution Race**

Race into the New Year! The Resolution Run/Walk kicks off at 2:00 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Downtown Flint YMCA. Proceeds support Crim Training Program Scholarships.

New Year's Eve party at the Flint Farmer's Market

Catch the midnight fireworks at the Flint Farmers' Market. VIP ticket holders at the NYE Flinttown Countdown will have access to the market's balcony as well as a champagne toast at midnight. The multiple areas of entertainment include a live band in the Ramsdell Room, a high energy dance party with DJ Tron and DJ Peter McFray and a VIP area upstairs.

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Saginaw Healing Rooms 10th Anniversary



Saginaw Healing Rooms first opened on a Tuesday evening November 9, 2006! It has experienced 10 years of signs, wonders, and miracles. Our Lord has done amazing things through the prayers of the teams. It is not uncommon every Tuesday and Thursday at Saginaw Valley Community Church to find many cars in the parking lot as The Healing Rooms has expanded to be open Tuesday evenings, and Thursday afternoons and evenings. Numerous people come on those days to either work in the Healing Rooms of Saginaw or to receive prayer. People come from all over Michigan and other states. During the ten years that the Healing Rooms have been operating at SVCC, they have held 11,000 prayer sessions, averaging an attendance of 450 people per year.

It is the passion of the Healing Rooms of Saginaw to see the sick and injured healed, and see the captives set free. The prayer teams who work in the Healing Rooms are committed to praying with each person until the healing manifests and lines up with the Word of God. People are welcome to attend as many sessions as needed to soak in God's presence and receive prayer.

People from all over have attended sessions at the Healing Rooms of Saginaw. Pastor Ginny Defoe, director of the Healing Room ministry, related that a traveler from Switzerland who was visiting the area took the opportunity to stop by for prayer. Others have driven from Texas or Indiana because they heard about the ministry and were willing to drive the long distances to receive their healing.

When hearing the phrase "Healing Rooms," one might think it only pertains to physical healing. However, Pastor Defoe states, "The sessions are not just for physical healing. We also



offer prayer for emotional and spiritual healing." Some who are going through the painful trauma of divorce come weekly for healing prayers. People are born again and filled with the Spirit of God.

Some of the recorded healings have included being healed of cancer, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, back pain, vision improved, asthma, knees and backs healed, legs lengthened, ringing in ears stopped, dizziness gone, canes and walkers no longer needed, numerous headaches, including migraines, and so much more.. Emotional healings are just as plentiful with people receiving prayer for peace and freedom from fear and anxiety, restoration of relationships, and forgiveness.

When people come to the Healing Rooms, they are greeted at the door and given paperwork to complete telling what they would like prayer for. Then, they go upstairs to a waiting room that is called a "soaking room" where they can listen to soothing music. When it is their turn, they are escorted to a prayer room where they are greeted a team of three people.

"The prayer team will spend 20 to 30 minutes with them," Pastor Defoe states, "asking out what the person would like prayer for, and seeking God to determine how to effectively pray, and expect God to do something awesome."

There are many testimonies of healings that come out of the Healing Rooms. One local man, Jeff Kragenbrink, attended a session at the request of a relative. He suffered from severe rheumatoid arthritis. He could not walk sideways and had lost his sense of balance. Walking up and down stairs or getting up from a chair was a very slow and painful process for him. He was also unable to lift his leg even an inch off the floor. After prayer, he ran down the stairway, balanced himself on one foot, walked side to side and lifted

his knees above waist level. The swelling in his knuckles and hands was completely gone, making it possible for him to make a fist with no pain. He now plays golf on a weekly basis, something he has not been able to do for years. The doctors report that there is NO rheumatoid arthritis in his body!!!

The Healing Rooms of Saginaw is associated with the International Association of Healing Rooms out of Spokane Washington. The teams that work every Tuesday and Thursday have gone through extensive training offered twice a year in September and February. Coming from all over the state of Michigan, the trainees are there to learn how to pray for people, receive their own healing, or learn how to start a healing room in their church. The training sessions are open to anyone who wants to learn how to pray for the sick.

The teams consist of Christians from various church backgrounds. Some drive to Saginaw to serve on the prayer team from as far away as Clio, Gladwin, and Pinconning. Out of the training ministry at SVCC, healing rooms have emerged at other churches in Traverse City and Midland.

When asked how working in the Healing Rooms has changed her life, Terri Carey says, "As we pray for others, our faith continues to strengthen. We have learned to hear from the Lord. It has been a powerful experience. We get to see the miraculous strength of our Lord, and we've also received healings."

If you are in need of a healing; emotional, physical, or spiritual, come to the Healing Rooms of Saginaw at Saginaw Valley Community Church, 3660 Hermansau. No appointment is necessary. Tuesday evening 7:00 – 9:00pm and Thursday afternoon 1:00 – 3:00pm and 6:30 – 8:30pm. Check us out on the web: svcc.cc

If you are interested in coming to the Healing Training, and have any questions please call Pastor Ginny Defoe at (989) 752-4769 ext. 210. She will be willing to answer any and all questions about the Healing Rooms and training. The dates for the next training is

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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Senate Passes Agreement to Provide Critical Help for Flint and Other Communities, Clearing Way for President's Signature

The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act authorizes funding for Flint and other communities that was appropriated as part of the government funding bill

Congress has finally passed an agreement to provide \$170 million in long-awaited assistance for Flint and other communities affected by lead. The bipartisan agreement, championed by Senator Stabenow, Senator Peters and Congressman Kildee, passed the Senate 78-21 tonight as part of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. This agreement closely mirrors legislation that passed the Senate in September by a margin of 95-3. It now goes to the desk of the President for his signature.

The agreement provides access to \$100 million in funding to help fix Flint's drinking water infrastructure; funding to activate at least \$200 million in low-interest loans to upgrade water infrastructure in communities in Michigan and across the country; \$50 million to address the health care needs of children who have been exposed to lead; authority for the State of Michigan to forgive \$20 million in past drinking water loans to Flint; and a requirement that EPA warn the public within 24 hours of high lead levels in drinking water if a state fails to do so.

"This is a very long, hard-fought victory," **said Senator Stabenow.** "This agreement achieves what we set out to accomplish from the beginning—pass urgently needed funding to help repair and replace drinking water infrastructure in Flint and other communities, and address the health care needs of children and families. The people of Flint have waited far too long throughout this terrible crisis for their water system to be fixed. It is also past time for the State of Michigan to do everything in its power to meet its responsibilities to help the city recover from the water crisis."

"Though the State of Michigan has the primary responsibility to support long-term recovery efforts in Flint, the federal government should have stepped in long ago to provide

emergency assistance for an American city in crisis," **said Senator Peters.** "For nearly a year, Senator Stabenow, Congressman Kildee and I have fought to secure emergency assistance while many families in Flint are still living on bottled water and dealing with the negative health effects of this tragedy. I am pleased that Congress has finally followed through on the promise made to Flint residents and approved funding to help the City of Flint replace its lead-tainted pipes."

"Today's vote is welcome news, as Flint families have waited far too long for their government to provide real relief as they continue to recover from this ongoing water crisis," **said Congressman Kildee.** "I am pleased that Congress has voted in a bipartisan fashion to aid the city and help make critical repairs to Flint's water system, as well as provide expanded health care for those exposed to lead. Flint residents are strong and resilient people, and I know that we can recover from this man-made crisis with the appropriate resources and investments in our community."

"I am thrilled that the U.S. Senate has passed a \$170 million package that will help the City of Flint recover after state and federal actions left its drinking water system poisoned by lead. I especially want to thank Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, as well as Congressman Dan Kildee, for their relentless efforts to get Flint and its nearly 100,000 residents the help they need," **said Karen Weaver, Mayor of the City of Flint.** "Our tap water still is not safe to drink without using a filter, an unfathomable situation for any city in this great nation. This package will help us replace far more lead-tainted pipes through my FAST Start initiative and provide resources to the thousands of Flint children who have suffered from ingesting lead-tainted water. Although we have waited

far longer for this help than expected, we are grateful to the Senate and the House for providing the assistance that will help Flint residents deal with this unprecedented health crisis and gain a brighter future."

Bipartisan Agreement Summary:

\$100 Million Available to Help Flint Fix and Repair Water Infrastructure

The agreement provides \$100 million in new federal funding to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The State of Michigan, in collaboration with the City of Flint, can access these funds after submitting a comprehensive plan to the EPA. This funding will only be available to a community, like Flint, that received a federal emergency declaration by the President due to a public health threat from high amounts of lead in drinking water.

State Option for Debt Forgiveness

The State of Michigan will be given new flexibility to use funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to forgive Flint's debts incurred prior to fiscal year 2017. Flint is currently paying interest on approximately \$20 million in old Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans.

At least \$200 Million in Water Infrastructure Financing Innovation Fund

The agreement also provides \$20 million in funding to activate at least \$200 million in low-interest financing for much-needed upgrades to water infrastructure. These loans will be made possible through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), which will be available to communities in all states, including Michigan.

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\$50 Million for Public Health

The agreement provides \$17.5 million for the Department of Health and Human Services to create a national registry to monitor health effects of children exposed to lead, and \$2.5 million for an advisory committee to review ways to reduce lead exposure.

Another \$30 million is provided to two different federal programs that fund efforts to address the short- and long-term effects of lead poisoning, including assistance to pregnant women and new mothers, and public education on the dangers of lead exposure. This funding also provides resources to help state efforts to identify and address environmental health and public safety issues associated with lead exposure.

Public Notification

The agreement also includes legislation introduced by Senators Peters, Stabenow and Congressman Kildee and Congressman Upton requiring the EPA to warn the public within 24 hours of high lead levels in drinking water if a state fails to do so.



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