



MDCR/MCRC E-newsletter for 1/26/2011

Forum takes on bullying

From the Detroit News, 1/26/11

<http://detnews.com/article/20110126/METRO01/101260336/1409/METRO/Forum-takes-on-bullying>

Detroit — "Bullying in the workplace and schools was the focus of testimony Tuesday before the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. The agency could recommend new policy or lobby for changes in Michigan's law to protect victims..."

Letter: Everyone should adopt an anti-racist identity

From the Kalamazoo Gazette, 1/26

http://www.mlive.com/opinion/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/01/letter_everyone_should_adopt_a.html

"Kalamazoo Community Foundation's (KCF) board of trustees recently passed a resolution "officially declaring the Community Foundation an anti-racist organization." The new policy is on the KCF website..."

Multiple schools in Genesee County see Facebook as a cause for conflict

From MLive/The Flint Journal, 1/25

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2011/01/multiple_schools_in_genesee_co.html

GENESEE COUNTY, Michigan — "Some school administrators are taking a hard look at what is causing an uptick in fights between students at school..."

Councilman Carl Breeding, City Manager Warren Renando have heated exchange about apologizing to 11-year-old Montez White over arrest at Northeast Elementary

From MLive/The Jackson Citizen Patriot, 1/25

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2011/01/councilman_carl_breeding_city.html

"Councilman Carl Breeding and City Manager Warren Renando had a heated exchange at Tuesday's council meeting about apologizing to an 11-year-old boy for the way he was arrested..."

Nationally recognized speaker addresses bullying with T.L Handy Middle School parents in Bay City

From The Bay City Times/MLive, 1/24

http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2011/01/nationally_recognized_speaker.html

BAY CITY — "Nationally renown anti-bullying advocate Gabrielle Ford spoke with T.L. Handy Middle School parents Monday evening..." (she also spoke at our Bullying forum on 1/25/11).

Report details past problems with former Michigan assistant AG who targeted U-M student body president with anti-gay attacks

From AnnArbor.com/MLive, 1/23

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/former-assistant-attorney-general-andrew-shirvell-warned-about-sending-anti-gay-e-mails-before-launch/>

"Former Michigan assistant attorney general Andrew Shirvell was warned about using state resources to launch anti-gay attacks on politicians two months before he began targeting the University of Michigan's student body president, newly released documents show..."

Low-income labor group files complaint against Saginaw leaders for withholding training funds

From the Saginaw News/MLive, 1/21

http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2011/01/low-income_labor_group_files_c.html

SAGINAW — "An organization that formed to help low-income and homeless men win city contracts to tear down blighted buildings says development leaders are blocking their progress..."

Mobile Black History Museum Launches Tour in Michigan

From the Detroit News, 1/20

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/MI_BLACK_HISTORY_MOBILE_MUSEUM_MIOL-?SITE=MIDTN&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

DETROIT (AP) — "A mobile museum containing more than 3,000 African-American artifacts has launched a national tour that includes several stops during Black History Month..."

Snyder backs DRIC, outlines changes in economic development, tax system

From Crain's Detroit Business, 1/19

<http://www.craigslist.com/article/20110119/FREE/110119815#>

"Gov. Rick Snyder tonight laid out his blueprint for Michigan job creation and economic growth, from urging support for a public-private Detroit-Canada bridge to refocusing state economic development efforts and reforming the way government operates...."

Immigration emerges as an issue in Rick Snyder's State of the State

From AnnArbor.com/MLive, 1/19

<http://www.annarbor.com/business-review/immigration-emerges-as-an-issue-in-rick-snyders-state-of-the-state/>

"Gov. Rick Snyder said tonight that foreign immigrants with advanced college degrees should be welcomed into Michigan — part of a broader strategy he believes is critical to revitalizing the state's economy..."

Team teaches kids to stand up to bullies

From the Battle Creek Enquirer, 1/19

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20110119/NEWS01/101190304/Team%20teaches%20kids%20to%20stand%20up%20to%20bullies?GID=3Ah3J8HWByCGKegWzlwFTcl9fGTYfeVfXBJGT+pFTyc%3D>

"Fourth-grader Ariel Pate stood before three middle school bullies on Tuesday, her feet planted firmly and her gaze set sternly on the kids who'd cruelly plucked a ball away from one of their classmates..."

New regulations protect same-sex couples' visitation rights in hospitals

From the Grand Rapids Press/MLive, 1/19

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2011/01/new_regulations_protect_same-s.html

"Gay and lesbian rights advocates applaud a change in federal regulations that takes effect today protecting the rights of same-sex couples to visit each other in the hospital..."

Kentwood Public Schools look to be leader, model for diversity

From the Grand Rapids Press/MLive, 1/17

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2011/01/kentwood_public_schools_looks.html

KENTWOOD – "Martha Dolan has seen her English classes grow more and more diverse in her 28 years at Kentwood Public Schools, teaching students from the Congo, Bosnia and the Dominican Republic, to name a few..."

King for a day Muskegon County students learn about prejudice through role playing

From the Muskegon Chronicle/MLive, 1/17

http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2011/01/king_for_a_day_muskegon_county.html

"One girl said she saw the injustice being meted out to others, but she kept her mouth shut. A boy didn't say anything either, afraid he too would feel the wrath of those who were in charge..."

Male prison worker asserts reverse-gender discrimination

From Michigan Lawyers Weekly, 1/14

<http://milawyersweekly.com/news/2011/01/14/male-prison-worker-asserts-reverse-gender-discrimination/>

"In a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, plaintiff William Reese sought damages from defendant Michigan Dept. of Corrections (MDOC) asserting reverse-gender employment discrimination claims..."

High Unemployment Helps Make 2010 Record For Workplace Discrimination Complaints, Resolutions

From the HuffPo, 1/11

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/11/high-unemployment-helps-m_n_807640.html

"Persistently high unemployment levels and a brutal job market contributed to a record number of workplace discrimination complaints in 2010, the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission reported Tuesday..."

Pregnant woman protests being kicked out of bar

From the Chicago Tribune, 1/11

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-pregnant-woman-in-bar-20110111,0,6371976.story>

"Michelle Lee was catching up with friends at a nightclub near her parents' home when a bouncer pulled her aside..."

Dad and others keep up fight for anti-bullying law

From the Detroit Free Press, 1/3

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110103/NEWS05/101030322/1320/Fight-for-anti-bullying-bill-ongoing>

“Supporters of a proposed anti-bullying law that wasn't passed in the last session of the state Legislature are promising to introduce a similar bill after the new legislative session begins this month...”

Wyoming police will launch 'New American' academy to help immigrants adapt

From The Grand Rapids Press/MLive, 1/3

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2011/01/wyoming_police_will_launch_new.html

WYOMING — “Welcome to America! Now, meet the police.

Wyoming officers plan to launch a “New American” academy this fall with money from a community-policing grant...”

Equality, a True Soul Food

From the New York Times, 1/1/11

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/02/opinion/02kristof.html?_r=1&nl=todaysheadlines&emc=th212

“John Steinbeck observed that “a sad soul can kill you quicker, far quicker, than a germ.”..

Transgendered man upset after Oakland County Court voids marriage certificate

From MLive, 12/29/10

http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2010/12/transgendered_man_upset_oaklan.html

“Hours after marrying his girlfriend at the Oakland County courthouse, 25-year-old Jordan Swan says he received a phone call from the court explaining his marriage certificate had been voided because, in the eyes of the law, he is not a man...”

University of Michigan trespass policy under review

From AnnArbor.com/MLive 12/21/10

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/university-of-michigan-trespass-policy-under-review/>

“University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman has directed the legal office to review the school’s trespass policy...”

New Muskegon NAACP leader to focus on education

From the Muskegon Chronicle/MLive, 12/21/10

http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2010/12/new_muskegon_naACP_leader_to_f.html

MUSKEGON — “Melvin Lars was a high school student in Louisiana in 1969 when he got his first taste of conflict mediation — a skill that he says he can still use today as the newly elected President of the Muskegon NAACP...”