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NALS of Michigan plans summer program

The NALS of Michigan Summer Legal Education and Membership Meeting will be held in the State Bar of Michigan Conference Room, 306 Townsend St. in Lansing on Saturday, July 21. Registration with coffee and muffins begins at 8:30 a.m.

Following registration, Shawn Eyestone of Eyestone Law Offices will discuss caregiver empowerment and the legal issues and strategies related to effectively managing a loved one's care, while staying in control and reducing financial burdens on the family during a medical crisis.

At 10:30 a.m. Shaun Fitzpatrick, CEO of Fortz Legal Support LLC, will present on smartphone forensics, sharing best practices for addressing smartphones in civil discovery.

Lunch will be at noon, followed by the membership meeting at 12:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for NALS of Michigan members, \$30 for future members, and \$15 for students and guests. There is no cost to attend the membership meeting only. Register by July 14 at nalsoflansing.org. For additional information, contact Tami Carl at carlt7779@hotmail.com.

Conviction tossed in '06 carjacking, death

MOUNT CLEMENS (AP) — An appeals court has overturned the murder conviction of a man who was accused of pushing a 65-yearold woman out of a minivan before stealing the vehicle in suburban Detroit.

The decision means Macomb County prosecutors must put Joe Hendrix on trial again or he'll be released from prison. He's serving a life sentence.

Evangeline Doen died of a head injury in 2006, days after she was pushed out of the van while her daughter was in a shop in Shelby

The appeals court says there was sufficient evidence to convict Hendrix. But the court Tuesday agreed with federal Judge Avern Cohn who found Hendrix's constitutional rights were violated.

The court says Hendrix's trial lawyer should have objected when a tainted police interrogation was allowed as evidence.

Former Flint jail inmates sue over lead-tainted water

FLINT (AP) — Former inmates at a Flint jail say their rights were violated when they were exposed to lead-tainted water.

The lawsuit alleges that Genesee County officials withheld clean water, rationed bottled water and sometimes forced inmates to buy water. They're also accused of rejecting deliveries of water by relatives.

Attorney Solomon Radner calls it "unconstitutional torture." The lawsuit was filed Monday in Detroit federal court. Sheriff Robert Pickell says he won't comment until

The county jail, like the rest of Flint, was using water from the Flint River in 2014 and 2015. The city wasn't treating water to reduce corrosion, and lead leached from old pipes as

In 2016, the sheriff settled a separate lawsuit by agreeing to regularly test jail water.

Today in history . . .

Today is Thursday, June 28, the 179th day of 2018. There are 186 days left in the year. On this date:

In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved commemorations for Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day to Monday, creating three-day holiday weekends beginning in 1971. —The Associated Press

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How probate courts work to protect the people of Michigan

The Michigan Supreme Court on Tuesday released a report in conjunction with the annual conference of the Michigan Probate Judges Association (MPJA) highlighting the successful efforts of the state's 103 probate judges. The report, "Success Stories: How Probate Courts Work to Protect the People of Michigan," features six probate court judges from around the state, a look at the problem of mental illness in the criminal justice system, and a history of probate courts in Michigan.

"Within our judicial branch, it is imperative that we have in place an effective system for resolving a variety of deeply-sensitive legal matters, such as the probate of estates, the supervision of trusts, the administration of guardianships and conservatorships, and addressing the treatment of persons with mental illness," said Justice Kurtis T. Wilder. "Michigan's probate courts have a lengthy and honored history of providing that very system

and protecting vulnerable people all across Michigan."

Probate judges featured in the report: Chief Judge Dorene S. Allen, Midland County; Chief Judge Freddie G. Burton Jr., Wayne County; Judge Linda S. Hallmark, Oakland County; Chief Judge Monte Burmeister, Crawford County; Chief Judge Cheryl W. Lohmeyer, Monroe County; and Chief Judge David M. Murkowski, Kent County.

State Court Administrator Milton L. Mack Jr., a former probate judge whose work on a policy paper on mental illness in the criminal justice system is featured in the report, said, "As a former probate judge, I know firsthand that dealing with mental illness is one of the toughest challenges a family can face. I believe the judiciary has a key role to play in enabling Michigan's families to get timely help for loved ones facing mental

"This report captures how probate judges go above and beyond in their communities, how they take action and lead to effect change in the courts, and how they work every day to make positive a difference in the lives of the people they serve," said Chief Judge Dorene Allen, who currently serves as MPJA President. "The compassion and dedication of probate judges are on display in courts statewide, protecting children, seniors, and other vulnerable people."

Probate judges also play an important role in Family Division cases. Along with their traditional probate and juvenile cases, probate judges continue to oversee a variety of family court cases including divorces and child custody cases. Find additional court success stories online at courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Pages/Success-Stories-in-Michigan-

TRAILBLAZERS



The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association celebrated its "Silver Jubilee" at the 25th Annual Trailblazers Dinner on remarks, while Wayne County Probate Court Judge Terlune 7 at The Community House in Birmingham. Presented with coveted Trailblazer Awards at the dinner were Khalilah Spencer, a partner at Honigman; Martha Moore, auxiliary dean and professor at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School; and Rasul Raheem, senior attorney at Plunkett Cooney. Tiffany Buckley-Norwood, of

Jackson Lewis, delivered the opening and closing rance Keith offered remarks on the 25th anniversa dinner. Straker Bar President Vassal Johnson II also was among the featured speakers at the event. Pictured are (left to right) Martha Moore, Tiffany Buckley-Norwood, Rasul Raheem, Vassal Johnson II, and Khalilah Spencer.

Straker Bar presents awards and scholarships

Western Michigan University Cooley Law School Auxiliary Dean and Professor Martha D. Moore and Adjunct Professor Rasul M. Raheem, senior attorney with Plunkett Cooney, were recipients of the Trailblazer Award during the 25th Annual D. Augustus Straker Bar Association's Trailblazer Dinner. The third Trailblazer Award honoree was Khalilah Spencer, a partner at

Also recognized during the event were WMU-Cooley law students Ronnisha Williams and Aisha Henry who were presented with Straker Bar Foundation's A. Kay Stanfield Spinks Law Scholarship.

Moore was honored for her commitment to legal ethics and her ongoing support for those in need. She was the first African American to serve as an associate attorney with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission. She was later appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as vice chair and then chair of the commission, the first African American to serve in those roles. Moore continues to serve as a volunteer investigator and attorney mentor for the

After being presented the award, Moore said, "If I have done anything to earn this award, I have not done it alone. Each one of you who came out to support me has contributed something important in my life and participated in this award. For that I thank you and I humbly accept this award on your

In addition to writing and lecturing on legal ethics, Moore has been active in giving back to her community. She helped students establish Purposeful Acts of Kindness, which students engage in random acts of kindness throughout their communities. Moore organized and provided home-cooked meals for an annual holiday party for nearly 50 homeless Ypsilanti High School students. On her own time, she has participated in mentoring programs with Pontiac and Ypsilanti high school students and helped start a minority law student mentoring program called "Edge for Excellence."

Raheem, who teaches banking law classes at WMU-Cooley, is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the National Bar Association, and the Wolverine Bar. In addition to the Michigan Bar, Raheem is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth District, and the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been a member of the National Bar's Commercial Law Section's Executive Committee since 2013 and chairs the Finance and Sponsorship committees. He is a recipient of the National Bar's Presidential Award for outstanding service, and the

Wolverine Bar's Golden Gavel Award. Additionally, Raheem serves as a fellow to the Oakland County Bar Foundation, serves on the board of directors of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, and is a member of the board of directors for the Detroit Land Bank Authori-

Spencer was recognized for her unique role within Honigman, as well as her work in the community with organizations such as the Lakeshore Legal Aid, NAACP and the Wolverine Bar Association

"I am honored to receive this award from a great organization," said Spencer. "Given the illustrious list of past recipients, to be in their company is quite humbling."

A partner at Honigman, Spencer represents individuals and public and private companies in a variety of industries, including automotive, financial services, telecommunications, logistics, and real estate. She serves as a member of the firm's Committee on Minority Attorney Initiatives

In addition to attending WMU-Cooley, Williams has built a career as a financial accountant and works with the Waldorf School Association of Michigan, manages

Romar Agency, and volunteers for the Legal Aid Office's - Low-Income Tax Clinic division. As a student leader, she serves as treasurer of the Student Bar Association and director of operations for the Weekend Law Society where she advocates for non-traditional students. While pursuing a law degree, she is also attending Walsh College to earn a master's degree in taxation. Ronnisha Williams earned an M.B.A in Accounting and Finance from Baker College in 2017 and a B.A. in Philosophy from Purdue University in 2013.

Born in the Bronx, New York, Henry was raised in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Her service to the community and her desire to help others is what ignited her passion to become attend law school. Henry ranks in the top 15 percent of her class at WMU-Cooley and has been on the Dean's List and Honor Roll every term. xShe is president of the Black Law Students Association, articles editor of the WMU-Cooley Law Review, and community service chair of the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society.



WMU-Cooley Students Aisha Henry (left) and Ronnisha Williams were presented with A. Kay Stanfield Spinks Law Scholarship.

Photo courtesy of WMU-Cooley

GETTING TO KNOW...

Adam Linkner

Attorney Adam Linkner is a member of the Hooper Hathaway litigation team. His practice includes an emphasis on complex litigation, commercial torts, construction litigation, trade secret/unfair competition, antitrust/com-

petition law, and appellate matters. Some of his recent experience includes successfully representing client/plaintiff in obtaining a \$15.1 million jury verdict in federal action alleging civil RICO, fraud, and breach of contract.



Prior to Hooper Hathaway, Linkner practiced with Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. and Varnum in Michigan, and clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Ed Carnes, Eleventh Circuit. He also co-founded the online advertising companies eatblue.com and Ugrub.com, and the promotions company Ubars

An Ann Arbor resident, Linkner earned his juris doctor and MBA from Emory University, where he graduated ranked first in his law school class, served as a managing editor of the Emory Law Journal, and was inducted into the business school's Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. Linkner earned his undergraduate business degree from the University of Michigan.

By Sheila Pursglove Legal News

What would surprise people about your

Many people I speak to believe lawyers create unnecessary problems. However, I find much of my job is solving problems.

Why did you become a lawyer?

I was a member of the mock trial team at Community High School in Ann Arbor. The challenge and excitement of mock trial made me interested in becoming a lawyer.

What advice do you have for someone considering law school?

I would emphasize two points. First, that he/she should seriously consider taking time off before going to law school—for not only a break from school, but a chance to see what they really enjoy doing. Second, make sure they like (or at least do not hate) writing. Many people do not realize how much writing is involved with being a lawyer.

What's your proudest moment as a lawyer? Hearing the jury return a verdict in favor of our client and obtaining \$15.1 million judgment for the client.

If you could trade places with someone for a day, who would that be?

With one of the Michigan football coaches, so I could spend the day learning from the likes of Jim Harbaugh, Don Brown, Greg Mattison, and other staff.

What do you do to relax? Walk around Ann Arbor with my wife, son, and dog.

What other career path might you have chosen? Entrepreneur. Prior to law school I co-founded (See **GETTING TO KNOW**, Page 2)

Prices Up

Home prices march upward as buyers fight over low supply.

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Kennedy Retiring

supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy retiring after 30 years.

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Marshall Plan for Talent

snyder makes Michigan a national model for talent development.

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State treasurer announces no emergency managers for first time in 18 years

State Treasurer Nick Khouri on Wednesday announced that no Michigan municipality or school district is under state financial oversight through an emergency manager for the first time in nearly 18 years.

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The state treasurer's announcement comes after releasing Highland Park School District from receivership under the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act. Since 2000, there has been an emergency manager providing financial oversight somewhere in Michigan.

"Today's achievement is really about the hard work our communities have accomplished to become financially sound," Khouri said. "I commend the efforts of our local units to identify problems and bring together the resources needed to help problem-solve challenging financial conditions. Our state as a whole prospers when communities practice good financial policy."

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trict's locally elected school board will oversee the contract for Highland Park Public School Academy and the cooperative agreement with the Detroit Public Schools Community District for the continuing education of students. The board will also manage the repayment of long-term debt obliga-

The Highland Park School District currently has a plan in place to address its general fund deficit, with revenue from property taxes imposed on non-homestead property dedicated to outstanding debt. An approved two-year budget is also being implemented.

In August 2011, the Michigan Department of Education conducted a preliminary review of the Highland Park School District to determine whether probable financial stress existed. Based upon that review, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction concluded and reported to the dents from ninth to 12th grades.

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Highland Park School Dis- governor that probable financial stress existed and recommended the appointment of a Financial Review Team.

Later that year, the governor appointed a Financial Review Team, which concluded a financial emergency existed within Highland Park School District and there was no satisfactory plan to resolve that emergency. An emergency manager was appointed in January 2012.

In July 2012, the emergency manager established Highland Park Public School Academy to provide educational services to district students while the school district paid off long-term debt obligations.

Since 2015, the public school academy has been educating students from Pre-K to eighth grades and a cooperative agreement with the Detroit Public Schools Community District has been providing educational services to stu-

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by Malcolm Berko Investing with a spouse

Taking

Stock

Dear Mr. Berko:

Since we sold our business and retired 11 years ago, our \$768,000 individual retirement account has averaged 8.8 percent, including dividends. I'm proud of this performance because I manage the account. Some years were better than others, but we have been able to take out over \$60,000 a year from our IRA without touching the original \$728,000 in principal. We hope to leave the principal to our two children. We have Social Security plus another income source, so we are financially comfortable.

The problem is that my wife keeps telling me what to buy and what to sell. I resent her intrusion. She says we could do better if I took some of her advice. She thinks I'm too fixated on "male investments," such as defense, tech, e-commerce, insurance and construction stocks. We both read your column and respect your

Because I've earned a good 8.8 percent for 11 years, I think my wife ought to leave well enough alone and stay away from this money. Should I allow my wife to influence and co-manage our stock selections? We'll accept

—TR, Punta Gorda, Fla.

No! Never. Absolutely not. Let me tell you about my experience. For some time, my wife had a bee in her bonnet, demanding that I consider her personal input and that we co-manage our joint account. I argued ineffectively. (I made the mistake of marrying a woman who is smarter than I.) We worked OK together for nearly a year and made joint decisions on buy and sell transactions after perusing numerous research reports and newsletters. But because we're both stubborn and opinionated people (and there was ego involved), it was becoming increasingly difficult to make investment decisions together and compromise. So in early 2010, realizing that the Force was with we moved half the value of our joint account to another discount brokerage, which became her half.

half. She would have unfettered access to portfolio decisions without consulting me. It made for queer dynamics. Because I benefited from that account, I wanted her to do well, yet because my male ego was involved, I didn't want her to do well so I could say, "See? I told you so."

In early 2010, I had Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Harris, Merck, Amphenol, Texas Instruments and other macho issues on my mind. After a month, I began to chuckle when I saw confirmation notices in our mailbox with such names as Ulta Beauty, Children's Place, Mohawk Industries, Bassett Furniture, TJX Cos. and Ross Stores. It didn't take me too long to realize that a woman's perspective on the stock market exposed me to investment opportunities that I'd have dismissed in the past. Ulta Beauty sells cosmetics and beauty supplies. She bought ULTA at \$24, and it now trades for \$253. Children's Place retails children's accessories. She bought PLCE at \$34, and it now trades at \$131. Mohawk Industries is a flooring manufacturer. She bought MHK at \$44, and it's now \$210. We still own each of them. Yep, there are some losses, but holy moly mama mia, during the past eight years, the account managed by my wife has done better than the account managed by me!

Under Florida law, your spouse is entitled to half of your IRA. So I recommend that you split your \$768,000 IRA into two \$384,000 IRAs. Move one of those half accounts to another stockbroker, and tell your wife to have at it. My experience has taught me two things: 1) Most women are smarter than most men. 2) It's easier to get older than wiser. Send me an email in a couple of years and let me know how you two are

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Consumers were a bit less optimistic in June

By Paul Wiseman AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American consumers lost a bit of their optimism in June but are still feeling good by historical stan-

The Conference Board, a business research group, said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index slipped this month to 126.4, down from 128.8 in May but up from 117.3 in June 2017. The index measures both con-

sumers' assessment of current economic conditions and expectations for the future. Their view of current conditions was almost unchanged from May. Their outlook dimmed to the lowest level since December.

Compared to their views in May, Americans were less likely to say business conditions would be better in six months and more likely to say they'd be worse.

"While expectations remain high by historical standards, the modest curtailment in optimism suggests that consumers do not foresee the economy gaining much momentum in the months ahead," said Conference Board economist Lynn Franco.

The U.S. economy is healthy, helped by a tax cut passed last year. Economists say economic output could grow at an annual rate of 4 percent or more in the April-June quarter. Unemployment is at an 18-year low 3.8 percent.

But financial markets have been rattled in recent weeks by concern over President Donald Trump's aggressive trade policies. Trump has slapped tariffs on imported steel and aluminum and will begin imposing new taxes on Chinese imports July 6. Other countries are retaliating with tariffs of their own.

Home prices go upward as buyers fight over low supply

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices rose in April from a year earlier, lifted by bidding wars in many cities where would-be buyers fought over a sparse supply of homes.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index moved up 6.6 percent from a year earlier, led by outsize gains in Seattle, Las Vegas and San Francisco. All three cities showed double-digit increases.

Prices rose even as home sales fell and mortgage rates climbed. Sales of existing homes dropped in April and May and are now running 3 percent below their year-ago level. Fewer homes are available — the supply has fallen 6.1 percent in the past year — and they are selling quickly. The average house for sale remained on the market for just 26 days in April, down from 39 a year ago.

Mortgage rates reached a seven-year high of 4.77 percent in late May before declining this month. Last week, the 30-year latest available.

fixed mortgage rate averaged 4.57 percent, according to Freddie Mac. That is still much higher than a year ago, when it was 3.9 percent.

The economy is growing and the unemployment rate is at an 18-year low, which typically would point to stronger home sales. Americans are increasingly turning to newly-built homes, where sales jumped 6.7 percent in May. But higher prices and fewer existing homes to choose from are cutting many Americans out of the housing market.

Prices rose at a healthy pace in Denver, where they were 8.6 percent higher than a year ago; Los Angeles, where they were 8.3 percent higher; and San Diego, 7.8 percent.

The smallest gains were in Chicago, up 3 percent; Washington, D.C., up 3.2 percent; and New York, up 4 percent.

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The April figures are the

time to allow for more sleep.

birth of my son.

Flying.

power, what would it be?

like to learn to do?

What has been your favorite

Tie between 2010 when I mar-

If you could have one super

What's one thing you would

Sing (I have a terrible singing

ried my wife and 2018 with the

GETTING TO KNOW: Attorney Adam Linkner

(Continued from page 1) eatblue.com (which we sold and is still active), one of the early companies to put restaurant information vear so far and why?

What would you say to your 16-year-old self?

Enjoy the next few years of Michigan football, because there will be some tough times ahead.

Favorite local hangouts? Old Town, Aventura, Isalita, Raven Club.

Favorite website? mgoblog.com.

What is your happiest childhood memory?

Spending my summers up north at Camp Tanuga, Kalkaska.

What do you wish someone would invent?

A way for the snooze button in

What is something most people

don't know about you? When I was 11 I was a competitive diver with the University of

Michigan Kimball diving team and placed second in the county in the under-13 age bracket.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement? Graduating ranked first in my the morning to actually freeze class from law school.



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