The Governor’s budget puts a tax on pension checks, making it that much harder for seniors to make ends meet.

It demands $180 million in additional wage and benefit concessions from state employees.

It eliminates the Earned Income Tax Credit, which will plunge thousands of working families into poverty.

It makes deep cuts in public education, which will severely impact the ability of our children to learn.

To make matters worse, the Governor’s budget will take the savings from these cuts to hand out $1.7 billion in tax cuts for corporations!

(While this information keeps changing, it was current as of our press time.)
LOCAL 602
Bill Reed, Acting President
Defend retirees in America

House Budget Chairperson Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) has a plan that would reduce federal spending, deficits, and debt. His plan would save money for federal taxpayers. Ryan calls his A-Medicare idea “premium support” and plans to cut $1 trillion in Medicaid over the next ten years. These cuts are clearly paid out of backs of senior citizens to fund the budget proposal. These cuts will bring devastating consequences to the nation’s poor and disabled by repealing President Obama’s health insurance expansion that covers more than 30 million people who now lack insurance.

Criticus of Ryan’s premium support plan call it a voucher plan, meaning if it isn’t funded properly future retirees will be impacted by rising costs. In a FOX News interview, Ryan made it clear the budget proposal will target seniors and protect taxpayer subsidies for oil and gas companies making record profits!

Under the plan, Medicaid would be converted into a block grant program that gives each state a lump sum of money to design its own insurance plans. Because the Medicare benefits package would be more expensive to deliver through private insurers, seniors will pay more or get fewer benefits.

Future retirees would see an increase in the eligibility age, currently at 65, rise by two months each year, starting in 2022 until it reaches 67 in 2033. Essentially, Medicare as it now exists would be abolished. Set in motion, this is a plan to cut Medicare as it now exists would be abolished in order for this election. Last, nobody could I give higher praises to other than the BEST people in America.

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It starts ...
and it may never end

Excerpts of a press release describing the first Emergency Manager designated by Governor Snyder.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Benton Harbor Emergency Manager Takes First Step to Strip Away Rights

Joseph L. Harris issues an order prohibiting all action by all city boards, commissions, authorities and other entities except as authorized by the emergency manager.

In the wake of a bill that was signed into law with high objection from the people, as it was a bill that threatened local communities, schools, townships, and municipalities, the first order has been officially issued in Benton Harbor. Joseph L. Harris has used his emergency manager powers to “exercise any power or authority of any office, employee, department, board, commission, or similar entity of the City, whether elected or appointed.” In addition, the Emergency Manager has the power to supersede any officer or entity and the power to act on behalf of the city.

“This is sad news for democracy in Michigan. It comes after the announcement of Robert Bobb in Detroit ordering layoffs of all single public school teacher in the Detroit Public School system,” says Mark Gaffney, President of Michigan AFL-CIO. “With the stripping of all power of duly elected officials in Benton harbor and the attack on Detroit school teachers, we can now see the true nature of the Emergency Manager system.”

This is a real life instance of taking away our fundamental rights. In fact, the only thing City Boards, Commissions, Authorities or other entities may do without the approval of an Emergency Manager is to:

1) Call a meeting to order
2) Approve of meeting minutes
3) Adjourn a meeting

Everything else is under the Emergency Manager’s control. These new powers are taking away the will and voice of the people by stripping away the rights of public officials elected by Michiganders. By exploiting the current crisis situation, these emergency managers are able to ascertain unreasonable rules to completely control a city. This is a true case of political over-reach, and will simply add to the hardships of an already suffering populace in Michigan.

This is a sad time when an entire large city is denied the ability to be governed by the people that were democratically elected. How many more cities and school districts will be affected? Only time will tell. This story is a long ways from being finished. Stay tuned and get active!

Speaking of getting active, today, more than any time in the UAW’s history, our political fund-raising is critical to electing worker-friendly candidates. The UAW’s V-CAP checkoff is a voluntary program that allows each member to make a modest contribution each month to help the union support candidates who care about American workers and their jobs. This voluntary contribution is usually made through an automatic payroll deduction, called V-CAP Checkoff. The V-CAP Checkoff program has been, and continues to be, a very successful part of raising voluntary dollars for the union’s political purposes. Please contribute what you can! The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club is hosting a “Swing Into Spring” golf outing Sunday, May 15 at Glenbrier golf course in Perry, Michigan. It’s a 10 a.m. shotgun start, lunch at the turn, and all proceeds will go to the Volunteer Mercy Pilots (Grand Ledge). Sign-up forms are available at the hall.

Local 652’s Women’s Committee is teaming up with the Recreation Committee to present the “Save The Girls” Golf Scramble for Breast Cancer on July 9 at Centennial Acres golf course in Sunfield, Michigan. Registration starts at 1:30 pm with a 2:30 pm shotgun start. Cost is $55 per person for both of these and as usual, it’s all for a good cause! Call the hall at 517-372-7581 to sign up or for more details.

Have a great summer!

LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman, Vice President

Have a great summer!

This will be the last issue of the Lansing Labor News until this summer. So I would like tell everyone to have a great summer at home or away and remember, “We should work to live not to work.” Enjoy a little time for you and all your family and friends and please be safe.

LOCAL 602

Connie Swander, Fin. Secretary

We MUST work together!

Again, Local 602 is being blessed and growing, unlike some of our sister Locals who are cutting back, some temporarily and some permanently, or coming to a close. Many of us know how our new brothers and sisters feel because we have come through some of the same situations—relocating or driving long distances to work. Let us make all the new people feel welcome in their new home because they are now 602, just like us. And just like you and me, they all have thoughts and ideas on how to improve things.

In moving forward and making things better, let’s not forget where we came from because history has a way of repeating itself. So when we throw out the bath water, let us be sure not to throw out the baby, as well.

We need some of the old people around to help us avoid making the same mistakes over again. It’s important to elect people on the basis of the job they have done and the job you believe they will continue to do.

We have to start working together. We don’t have to like each other; we just have to stand together in solidarity. We need to start building a Union before Management has its way and there is no Union. Please, people, let’s make 602 stronger than it has ever been. To do that, we must work for one common goal... solidarity.
Mike Bauer

562 retirees

It is good to see more retirees coming to the rallies. If you haven’t already done so, sign up for GimmeFive and stay informed. An injury to one is an injury to all! Everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day.

The following is our monthly schedule of events. Please note the time change for bingo and card nights.

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at 5:00 p.m.

Third Tuesday of the month is our Bohemian dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish for the Bohemian dinner and business meeting.

Fourth Tuesday of the month is card night starting at 5:00 p.m. Card night is for Locals 652, 602, and 1618.

Our bingo night, potluck/business meeting, and social nights are for Local 652 retirees, spouses, and associate members only.

Please mark the following events and cancellations on your calendars:

- The July 5 bingo night is cancelled.
- The Lansing Area Wide picnic is August 15 at Hawk Island Park. Picnic starts at noon. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Hawk Island Park is located at 1601 E. Cavanaugh Rd., Lansing, MI. This is a retiree event for retirees, their spouses, and associate members.
- The August 16 potluck and business meeting is cancelled.
- The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club has supplied us with the following camping dates and locations:
  - May 13-14-15 Camp Michawana, Hastings
  - June 10-11-12 White Cloud City Campground, White Cloud
  - July 9-10-11 Leisure Lake Campground, Sunner
  - Aug. 12-13-14 Lakeside Camp Park, Cedar Springs
  - Sept. 9-10-11 Rocky’s Campground, Albion

For further information, call Wagon Master Jay Courser, 517-323-2311.

The Region 1C Euchre Tournament will be held Wednesday, May 4, at Local 602, starting at 9:00 a.m. Retirees and spouses are eligible to play. You may register at any of our retiree functions or call 517-372-7581 extension 147 to leave your name and phone number. Participants are reminded to arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. to sign in. The winners of the Lansing tournament will play in the finals against Flint later that after

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May 11 – Luncheon and 2011 Election

- May 16 – Skilled Trades Zone
- May 16 – Local 1753 retirees election

Laura Clark

1753 retirees

Spring has sprung. It invigorates all, even 1753 retirees and members.

Were you at the fourth and largest rally (about 6,000!), or did you see your friends and neighbors on TV demonstrating against Governor Snyder’s anti-union, anti-retirees, anti-student and working poor state budget?

Whether you were with us at all the rallies or not, whether on the bus or with friends, I want to thank you for coming out and showing the public how important it is. These are the people that I know were there (my apologies if I miss anyone): Chuck Walls and wife, Gary Williams, Al Vincent, Rosie Vincent, Richard Stairs, Steve Smith, Dennis Slowinski, Jim Shaw and son, Dan Phinney, Conrad Morrison and brother, Mark McDurmon, Walt Mansfield, Ed Ledvina, Mary Fournier, and Pam Andrews. I heard that Fritz Burke was in attendance, too.

I especially want to thank Pam, she e-mailed and Facebooked her friends. I called the volunteers list (except the snowbirds), and I can call you if you want your name added to the list.

The regional office should have sent you a V-CAP sign-up and another letter to let you know how to get on their list. Please fill these out and return. It helps all of us in the I-C area.

During our retirees’ meeting, we had nominations for the election in May. A motion came from the floor to re-elect the incumbents. All were re-elected by acclamation. Jerry Kadara volunteered to be our Recording Secretary. Thank you to Jerry for volunteering and all those who supported the executive board.

Coming events

Euchre tournament May 4 at Local 602. Sign in at 8:45 a.m. Election Thursday, May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the hall.

Meeting, Thursday, May 12 at noon. Open house at the plant, Tuesday, June 7. Sell cars and parts.

Retiree picnic, June 13 at noon. Area-wide retirees picnic, August 15, Hawk Island park. Eat at noon.

Attention Local 602 Retirees

Our regular Bingo night is on Monday, May 2. It begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Local 602 Hall, 2510 W. Michigan Avenue in Lansing. All Local 602 retirees are welcome to join us.

Prior to the Bingo game, we invite all our retirees to come to a meet-and-greet with our candidates for local union election. This will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Local and continue until 6:00 p.m. (when the Bingo begins).

Paul Brown

for Skilled Trades Zone

UAW Local 602

Vote May 10 & 11

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Attention Local 1753

Active and Retired Members

Re-elect

NANCY MUNCHBACH

for Financial Secretary

We need to keep her:
Honesty Efficiency

Integrity

Commitment

Please support her with your vote on May 12th, 9:00-11:30 am at the hall; and 11:00 am-3:30 pm and 8:30 pm-11:05 pm at the plant.

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Passing the Torch from Father to Daughter

Vote for

Yvonne Vincent

For President of Local 1753

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Elect

Christie Medina

for Trustee

of UAW Local 602

Vote for

Yvonne Vincent

For President of Local 1753

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Time for balance

Tip the scale toward change

Fighting for justice

Vote for Christie Medina

for Trustee of UAW Local 602

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Committee to Elect Christie Medina

All the local obituaries are on pages 6 & 7
EDUCATED AND EXPERIENCED

• Elected Local 602 Vice President in 2008
• Active Volunteer serving our Membership and Standing Committees
• Lansing Computer Institute / Lansing Community College / MSU Labor Studies

Now more than ever we need to focus our strength, hold on to what we have, and fight for what we were promised. With a committed voice of solidarity, I believe we CAN grow stronger, winning back the dignity and respect we deserve! I am committed to bringing together our leadership, uniting our membership, and strengthening our foundation. I am confident that this will secure a future for all our members, active and retired.

BILL REED
FOR PRESIDENT
UAW LOCAL 602

EXPERIENCE

• 3 Terms District Committeeperson
• 1 Term District Shop Committeeperson
• 4 Terms Zone Committeeperson
• Handling Grievances and Settlements

TRAINING

• Bargaining and Grievance Handling
• Labor Relations Classes
• Health and Safety
• Employee’s Assistance Classes
• Ergonomics Training
• On the Job Training

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ELECT
BOB MORGAN
FOR
SHOP CHAIRPERSON

TRAINING

• Bargaining and Grievance Handling
• Labor Relations Classes
• Health and Safety
• Employee’s Assistance Classes
• Ergonomics Training
• On the Job Training

Ad paid for by Bob Morgan

Re-elect
Connie Swander
for
Financial Secretary
of Local 602
Polls at Hall and Plant
May 10th at 11 am – May 11th at 11 am
Runoff May 16th at 11 am – May 17th at 11 am

Paid for by Connie Swander

ELECT
David Rood
For Vice President of Local 602
Dependable and Committed Leadership

Active UAW Member for 34 years
Citizenship and Legislative Committee • Union Label Committee
Community Service Committee • Election Committee

The duties of the Vice President are as follows: The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of her/his duties and shall attend all sessions of the Local Union. In case of the absence or incapacity of the President, the President’s duties shall be performed by the Vice President.

2 ELECTION SITES

Election Dates and Times
11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 through 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Retirees and Active Members
UAW Local 602 Hall, 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917
Active Members Only
LDT Welcome Center, 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

Run-off Election Dates and Times – Same times and locations
11:00 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2011 through 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Paid for by David Rood

ELECT
“Big George” Davis
Zone at Large
Honest leadership that works for the membership
Protecting your contractual rights
Be heard: Your vote is your voice!
Thank you for your support.

Experience:
Alternate Committee ... 5 years
District Committee ... 3 years
District Shop Committee ... 3 years

Paid for by Committee to Elect George Davis

“I have always been a proud member of the UAW and felt that being elected to represent others was the highest privilege that could be bestowed upon me. I have never taken this privilege and responsibility lightly.”

Paid for by Committee to Elect Rick Martinez

Local 602 Members, both Active and Retired:
Please see important reminder on page 6 of who can vote where and when.
UAW Local 602

General Elections Reminder

Retirees vote for Executive Board positions only.
Active Members vote for Bargaining AND Executive Board Positions.

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RUN-OFF ELECTIONS (If Necessary) WILL BE HELD:
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the cuts are needed to give more tools for business to expand.

But where are the guarantees that business will expand, create more job opportunities, invest in our communities, and be good corporate community partners? There are no guarantees!

Conversely, the legion of the “sacrificed” can be guaranteed that pensions will be taxed, unemployment in the future will be reduced, and low income families will not be able to break the cycle of have not.

So as we continue to counterbalance these attacks, we must be willing to sacrifice our time, voice, and energy to help those that are without a voice. Whenever possible speak to your legislator, attend the rallies, get informed on the issues, and sign up for V-CAP check-off which helps elect worker-friendly candidates. Life’s journey begins with the first step. Let’s walk together to get America back on track.

In this most uncertain of times for working people we are reminded of a quote: “Be kinder than necessary because everyone is fighting some kind of battle.” Working people are in a battle, but we not be able to remain kind very much longer.

Vincent

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make them more on the “common sense” approach.

And I could not forget the crew over at the Lansing Labor News: Harold Foster, who has kept this paper afloat during these hard times; Nancy; and of course UNO #1 Tim Bogar, the man who is the backbone of this paper.

Also Laura Clark who is doing a great job as President the Local 1753 Retirees Chapter.

So what do retired Presidents do now? Catch up on things around the house, travel, and my favorite—dig into my record collection and look for more. The thrill of the hunt! If you have any records around that you don’t play, call me at 517-645-2508. Thanks.

Don’t forget to VOTE May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Local Union hall and 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

and 8:30 p.m. to 11:05 p.m. in the plant across from the cafeteria. If run-offs are required, they will be one week later, May 19, same times and places.

The union meeting for May is one week later than usual, Sunday May 22 at 6 p.m.

My food for thought: People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel. Hold your loved ones close, tell them you love them. If tomorrow never comes, you’ll have no regrets about today. Thanks and God Bless.

1753 UNION MEETING NOTICE
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General membership: May 22, 6:00 p.m. June, July, and August meetings may be canceled.
E-board: May 17, June 21, July 19, and August 23, all meetings at 2:15 p.m. All meetings are held at the Local 1753 Union Hall. Sometime this summer there will be a special meeting for Local Demands. Watch the boards at work for this notice.

Bauer

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noon. Local 602 is located at 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917.

The Safety Patrol picnic is Wednesday, May 18, at Hawk Island Park. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please call 517-372-7581 ext. 147 and leave your name and phone number.

We will be nominating and electing our Election Committee at the June 21 business meeting.
We will be nominating and electing our Chapter Executive Board at the July 19 business meeting.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Sandy Cleveland, Fred Davis, Marvin Davis, Dave Hodges, Dorothy Hoisington, Roger Miller, John Pesik, Willfred and Millie Pullman, Jim Rose, Jean and Leonard Schneider, Willa Wright, and any others we may have missed.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at www.lansinglabornews.org.

The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate when you attend retiree events.

Send your change of address to: Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917. Please include your current address and the old address when requesting the change.

You may contact us at the following email address: retiree652@hotmail.com

602 Obituaries

William Spagnuolo – Retired Pattern Maker
Irvin Sorrell – Retired Material and Father-in-law of Larry Spiece, Retired Education Training
Perry Coe – Quality Bronislaw Manko – Retired
Donald Hill – Retired Quality and Father-in-law of Laura Bovee
Heather Lynn Carl Wehring – Daughter of Terry Carl, Body
Mary Duncan – Retired
Demia Sherry Wright – Wife of Wendall Wright, Retired Body (Welder Line)
Ray Pantall – Father of Denise Hooten, General Assembly (Chassis 3)
Mary Cathryn Stahl – Mother of Marty Stahl Dexter, Retired Small Trim (Door Panels) and Former Mother-in-law of Houston Womble, Retired Small Trim
John F. Dean Sr. – Father of Mary Beth Gervais, Quality (Body)
Richard M. Pryer – Father of Richard Pryer, Quality
Thelma Strickling – Wife of John Strickling, Retired Paint and Mother of Matt Strickling, Former Local 602 President/Retired Paint and Mark Strickling, Retired Paint
Helga Simko – Mother of Ron Simko, General Assembly (Chassis 3, Team 1)
Glenn Till – Retired
Paul McCormick – Father of Dan J. McCormick, General Assembly (Trim 4)
Beryl Belgard – Retired
Darrell R. Redman Sr. – Retired and Brother-in-law of John Brooks Jr., Retired
Johnny Lee Johnson – Retired
Olive Rose Glover – Mother of Seth Davis, AGV and Mother-in-law of Carrie Jennings-Davis, Alternate Health and Safety Representative
Irving MacDonald – Retired Material

602 Thank You

Dear 602 Family: Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and lovely flowers. Mac enjoyed his monthly dinners and bingo with you all. We appreciate it all — the family of Irving “Mac” MacDonald—Betty, Debbie, Denise, and Pam

652 Obituaries

Marcella Ashley – Mother of Dennis Ashley
Arthur Baker – Retiree
Fred T. Belbeck – Father of Jeff Belbeck, Randy Belbeck and Wayne Belbeck
Oscar Dunn – Retiree
Garino Holguin – Retiree
Bernard Kimmel – Retiree, Father of Brigida and Eric Kimmel
Robert Lenz – Father of Roger Lenz
Bronislw “Bruno” Manko – Brother of Theodore Manko, Uncle of Mike Manko
Dora “Jean” Miller – Mother-in-law of Wendy White
Elaine Palmatier – Mother of Gary Palmatier

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Dr. Grubaugh is the son of Jake Grubaugh
who was a member of Locals 652 and 1292.

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