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Steve Harvey Show

How to watch Steve Harvey Show dedicated to Flint water crisis today

By Eric Woodyard, MLIVE 03/14/16 12:03 PM

In case you haven't heard, comedian, author and television host Steve Harvey will premiere a new episode of his TV show dedicated to the Flint water crisis today. What: Steve Harvey TV Show;

When: Monday, March 14, 2016; Where: Fox 66; Time: 4 p.m. Nearly 50 people from Flint were also bused to NBC Studios in Chicago on Feb. 18 for the special taping.

Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2WN4iZlpfw

Steve Harvey discusses the Flint water crisis

Detroit News 03/14/16 [video clip]

Panel Of Experts

From Steve Harvey 03/14/16 [video clip]

Flint Lives Matter

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From Steve Harvey 03/14/16 [video clip]

I Feel Guilty As A Parent In Flint || STEVE HARVEY [video clip]

Is It Safe To Bathe In The Water? || STEVE HARVEY [video clip]

Michigan evaded the EPA on Flint. We can't let that happen elsewhere.

By Gina McCarthy, Washington Post 03/14/16 3:37 PM

This week, I will testify along with Gov. Rick Snyder and others from Michigan and Flint about the health crisis in the city. This conversation is needed because what happened in Flint should not have happened. The crisis is the result of a state-appointed emergency manager deciding that, to save money, Flint would stop purchasing treated drinking water from a source it relied on for

50 years and instead switch to an untreated source. The state of Michigan approved that decision, and it did so without requiring corrosion control. These decisions resulted in Flint residents being exposed to dangerously high levels of lead.

Some Flint residents to attend hearing on water crisis

By WTOL CBS 11 03/14/16 2:55 PM

Some Flint residents are expected to attend a U.S. House committee hearing on the city's lead-tainted water crisis. The community group Flint Rising and the AFL-CIO say members of five families will be present Tuesday in Washington when Flint's former state-appointed emergency manager Darnell Earley is expected to testify. Gov. Rick Snyder and Environmental Protection Agency chief Gina McCarthy also are expected to testify.

Flint water crisis: congressman says EPA is guilty of 'flat-out incompetence'

By Oliver Milman, The Guardian 03/14/16 2:36 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency is guilty of "flat-out incompetence" over the toxic water crisis in Flint, Michigan, according to the chairman of a powerful congressional committee that is set to hear evidence from the man and woman at the heart of the disaster. The EPA's role as a national regulator of water is questioned by Jason Chaffetz, the Republican chairman of the House oversight committee, who said the Flint crisis demonstrated serious flaws in the federal agency's ability to protect the public.

Snyder, Earley to testify in second round of Flint water hearings on Capitol Hill

By Josh Sidorowicz, FOX 17 West Michigan 03/14/16 2:05 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder will be among several high-ranking state and federal officials answering to Congress this week on decisions made leading up to the lead-tainted water crisis in Flint. The U.S. House Oversight and Governmental Reform committee is scheduled to hear additional rounds of testimony on Tuesday and Thursday from key decision-makers involved in the crisis.

Hearings to hold officials accountable in Flint water crisis investigation

By Priya Mann & Dawn Brooks, Click on Detroit 03/14/16 8:09 AM [video clip]

As Gov. Rick Snyder prepares to testify at a congressional hearing this week, the chairman of the committee was in Flint this weekend. He said the hearings are essential to holding people

accountable. "This is not optional," Rep. Jason Chaffetz said. "You can plead (the) Fifth, but we're going to get answers."

Week ahead: Key Flint figures come to Congress

By Timothy Cama, The Hill 03/14/16 6:00 AM

In a pair of hearings at the House Oversight Committee, top officials involved in the Flint, Mich., drinking water crisis are slated to discuss the causes and aftermath of the lead contamination. Following a hearing last month that only featured some secondary figures to the crisis, the panel is scheduled to meet Tuesday and Thursday to hear from major players in the crisis. he Thursday event will be the bigger of the two, with Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) head Gina McCarthy set to testify.

Congressman leading Flint water crisis hearings visits city

By AP for Washington Times 03/13/16

A U.S. House committee chairman leading hearings on the Flint water crisis sparked by lead contamination visited the city over the weekend, touring facilities, meeting officials and residents and calling for answers and accountability. Utah Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the oversight panel, met with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver on Saturday at the Flint water plant.

Hearing Chairman Visits Flint Ahead of Gov. Snyder's Testimony

By Lynsey Mukomel, 9 & 10 News 03/13/16 8:53 PM

An update tonight on the flint water crisis, a U.S. House Committee Chairman leading the hearings visited the city. Utah Republican representative Jason Chaffetz met with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver on Saturday at the Flint Water Plant. He also attended a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency open house.

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By AP for Michigan Radio 03/13/16

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contamination has visited the city. Republican Rep. Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the oversight panel, met with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver Saturday at the Flint water plant. He also attended a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency open house. Chaffetz says the "system totally failed and people need to be held accountable."

Chaffetz tours Flint over water crisis, raises concerns

By Christina Hall, Detroit Free Press 03/12/16 7:53 PM

U.S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz made stops at the Flint water plant and at an EPA informational open house for residents, speaking to citizens and officials, just days before Gov. Rick Snyder and others are scheduled to testify before his committee. Chaffetz, R-Utah, said he wants to know "who knew what and when and what did they do about (the water situation)," adding the "system totally failed and people need to be held accountable."

House Republicans tour Flint water plant ahead of water crisis hearing

By Amanda Emery, MLIVE 03/12/16 8:01 PM

Republican lawmakers made a stop in Flint ahead of a U.S. House committee hearing that will include testimony from Gov. Rick Snyder and former Emergency Manager Darnell Earley. U.S. Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, along with Michigan Republican Reps. Bill Huizenga, Tim Walberg and John Moolenaar, and Democratic Rep Dan Kildee took a tour of the Flint water plant on Saturday, March 12.

HHS sends assistant surgeon general to Flint, will support mayor Karen Weaver

By Jessica Davis, Healthcare IT News 03/14/16 11:26 AM

Assistant U.S. Surgeon General Rear Admiral Michelle E. Dunwoody is taking on a temporary senior advisor role to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver as the Michigan city continues to grapple with a water crisis, HHS announced on Friday. "Admiral Dunwoody brings a wealth of expertise to expand the technical capability of the Mayor's office and ensure Flint develops the local expertise needed to help the community recover in the days, months and years to come," HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Nicole Lurie said in a statement. HHS leaders have made several visits to Flint to assess the crisis, including Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Acting Assistant Secretary for Health Karen DeSalvo and U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy.

Hamilton Community Health Network Partners with Meridian Health Plan for Flint Water Crisis Health Education Days

By PR Newswire 03/14/16

Flint Water Crisis Health Education Days brings physicians, nutritionists, food demonstrations, free nutritional food giveaways, water filter cartridges and bottled water distribution to the City of Flint. This family-focused series provides education on lead poisoning from healthcare professionals and how to reduce levels of lead in the body. The first event, hosted Tuesday, March 8 at the North Pointe Clinic, brought together community members to participate in educational seminars, activities for children and giveaways. Meridian Health Plan donated and passed out more than 350 bags of food to all individuals who attended the event and to the Hamilton Community Health Network and Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Flint water crisis turns man's skin condition into daily torture

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/14/16 6:05 AM

Gerry Woodberry winces in pain as he pulls his sock down to reveal the large dark welts below his knees and bottom of his feet. Sunk into a plush couch cushion, the 50-year-old Flint native describes the dull ache from his skin condition that's has grown worse since the water crisis began to unfold months ago. A former manufacturing company supervisor, Woodberry is on disability due to lichen planus, an autoimmune condition in which the body goes on the offensive against the wrong enemy.

Michigan auditors will probe state health agency on Flint water

By David Shepardson and Ben Klayman, Reuters 03/11/16 6:38 PM

Michigan auditors will probe the state's Department of Health and Human Services over its handling of elevated lead levels in Flint drinking water and a rise in Legionnaire's disease cases, Governor Rick Snyder said Friday. Snyder called for the state's Auditor General and the health agency's inspector general to investigate the problems in Flint and surrounding Genesee County, and they agreed, the state said.

Virginia Tech students volunteer to collect follow up water samples from Flint homes

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 03/14/16 11:34 AM

The homes along back streets in the city of Flint remind Matthew Dowdle of any other town that he has visited - including his own. The Virginia Tech University student said the similarities are a constant reminder that Flint's water crisis could happen anywhere. "I thought it was a good example of anywhere in the USA," said Dowdle who is from California, MD. "But then you got to the back roads and look and some of the old houses and it's really surprising. It's very sad. I could see this being my hometown. And well, I don't want what happened to Flint to happen to my hometown but I could see how this horrible thing could happen to it." Dowdle is part of team of Virginia Tech students working to collect about 270 water follow up water samples from homes in Flint during the university's alternative spring break program.

Lead testing event for dogs in Flint water crisis set for downtown church

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/13/16 6:07 PM

City residents looking to have their dogs tested for lead amid Flint's water crisis have another opportunity during an event coming to a downtown church. The free lead testing event being held by the Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine has been scheduled from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the parish hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 711 S. Saginaw St.

In Flint, water testing also a test of residents' patience

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 03/13/16 11:37 AM

Even in a city where almost no one drinks straight from the tap, the bad news about Dan Meyer's water came as a shock. A Flint water response team appeared on his front porch last week and told Meyer it had important news: His home had elevated lead levels exceeding federal guidelines. The shocker came when Meyer compared the notice with his mail from that same morning. According to the mailed letter from the state, Meyer's water was safe from lead contamination. The mixed messages prompted an immediate apology from the state workers and a promise to double-check the figures. After initially telling the state team to go away, Meyer later relented and allowed the plumber to inspect his pipes. The medical student, who plans to move out of Flint later this year, also pledged to continue his enrollment in a testing program designed to help restore safe drinking water for the entire city.

HUD secretary talks support, housing in Flint

By Jacob Carah, Detroit News 03/14/16 1:03 PM

In his evaluation of the city's ongoing lead-tainted water crisis on Monday, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro addressed Flint's housing market. Castro said in regard to lending from the Federal Housing Administration amid the city water quality issues, the "good news is that we have not seen a year-over-year decline in the number of transactions here in Flint on FHA-backed loans." "HUD recognizes the crucial role FHA lending plays in keeping the housing market healthy," said Castro, adding that HUD provided guidance to FHA-approved lenders "on how they will be able to meet FHA requirements while continuing to lend to prospective homeowners in Flint."

Julián Castro says feds still backing home loans amid Flint water crisis

By Dominic Adams, MLIVE 03/14/16 1:00 PM

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro said funding for federally-backed loans to mortgage lenders for purchasing homes in Flint has not dried up. Castro and his staff were in Flint on Monday, March 14, meeting with Mayor Karen Weaver and residents. HUD saw eight fewer Federal Housing Administration-backed loans in Flint compared to the same time period a year ago.

Telethon

Flint Water Crisis: For Our Families telethon

By Wood NBC 8 03/14/16 3:31 PM

WOOD TV8 is part of another effort to help those affected by the water crisis in Flint. The Flint Water Crisis: For Our Families telethon will air throughout the day on WOOD TV8 Tuesday, March 15. From 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., viewers are encouraged to make donations to the Foundation of Greater Flint by calling 844-FLINT-KIDS (844-35168-5437))or by visiting the organization's website. The money will go to the foundation's Flint Child Health & Development Fund.

Flint water crisis fund tops $4 million, hopes for boost with telethon

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/13/16 12:45 PM

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint hopes a telethon will boost donations above $5 million for a fund established at the nonprofit organization to help children impacted by the city's ongoing water crisis. The "Flint Water Crisis: 4 Our Families" telethon by WDIV-TV is set to run from 6 a.m.-8 pm. Tuesday, March 15 and air on a handful of other stations.

Flint-Related Lawsuits

Appeal brings newest challenge to state's emergency manager law

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 03/14/16 1:50 PM

Attorneys are asking a federal appeals court to review a lower court's decision to dismiss multiple challenges to the state's emergency manager law. Attorneys gathered in Flint on Monday, March 14, to announce the challenge, claiming the law allowing emergency managers unfairly affects the state's minority and poor communities.

Gov. Rick Snyder's budget threatened over 'outrageous' Flint water crisis legal fees

By Emily Lawler, MLIVE 03/14/16 12:31 PM

Democrats in the Michigan House of Representatives will seek to cut Gov. Rick Snyder's executive budget if he proceeds with contracts totaling $1.2 million for his civil and criminal defense, House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel announced Monday. "If the governor does not back away from this outrageous request... we will seek to strip a commensurate amount from his executive office budget," said Greimel.

Dems vow to strip Snyder legal fees from office budget

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 03/14/16 12:23 PM

House Minority Leader Tim Greimel said Monday that Democrats will try to strip at least $800,000 from the office budget of Gov. Rick Snyder unless the governor withdraws a request that's before the State Administrative Board for the state to pick up $1.2 million in legal fees related to criminal and civil investigations into and civil lawsuits arising from the Flint drinking water crisis.

Advocates sue after Flint students ‘pushed out’

By Jennifer Chambers, Detroit News 03/14/16 12:03 AM
The calls came almost every day, while Marisa Sands was at work: her son Jea'len had misbehaved, disrupting the class, Flint school officials said. He had to be picked up. As families with young children deal with the effects of lead from Flint's contaminated water, obtaining student records is critical to the agency's legally mandated role of advocating for disabled students, MPAS lead attorney Brad Dembs said.

Flint water crisis class action lawsuit filed on behalf of residents

By Brett Reyes, Examiner Gazette 03/14/16

The petitioner, Flint activist Quincy Murphy, also filed a recall petition against Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, who would replace Snyder in the event of his recall, arguing that it was neither clear nor factual. One is proving that officials acted knowingly and negligently, rather than through a series of missteps, said Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University in Detroit. A portrait of Snyder stood next to a stack of bottled water near the altar of Quinn Chapel AME Church on the city's south side as pastors and dozens of residents shared their experiences with the city's water crisis.

Lawsuits filed so far in Flint water crisis seek more than $40 million damages

By Chad Halcom, Crain's Detroit Business 03/13/16 8:00 AM

The pileup of Flint water crisis lawsuits thus far could represent more than $40 million in prospective damages against public officials and the businesses who consulted with or advised them. Engineering and environmental services firms Rowe Professional Services Co. of Flint, Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc. of Houston, Veolia North America Inc. of Indianapolis and several state officials face a combined 19 new lawsuits filed in the past two weeks alleging gross negligence, professional negligence and battery for alleged lead poisoning of about 50 children in Flint over the past two years.

Michigan Gov. Snyder confronts the perils of running government like a business

By Lenny Bernstein and Joby Warrick, Washington Post 03/13/16 10:38 AM

Republican Rick Snyder called himself #onetoughnerd when he swept into the Michigan governor's office in 2010, winning election easily after pledging to run the state more like the businesses that generated his substantial wealth. Although he was a first-time elected official, by 2012 he was considered a possible running mate for the Republican presidential nominee, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney. A few years later, he was actively exploring his own bid

for president.

Flint Water Crisis: Affected Families with Children File Lawsuit

By Angela Woods, InQuisitr 03/12/16

Families impacted by the Flint water crisis have decided to seek their day in court by filing a lawsuit alleging negligence and misconduct against key private companies and government employees involved in the matter. At the core of the issue is lead contamination in the city's primary water supply. This is the 10th lawsuit of this nature filed since it became public knowledge that the Michigan city's tap water was contaminated. At least 50 children are specifically named in this particular suit as allegedly having been poisoned by the lead.

Snyder Administration Emails

Emails about Flint water crisis were written to stay secret

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press for Reading Eagle 03/14/16 4:47 AM

In mid-October, as the massive scope of the Flint drinking water scandal and public health crisis was beginning to sink in, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality engineer Adam Rosenthal wrote an e mail to two of his then supervisors in the department's drinking water section. The contents of the email were purely factual: a Flint resident's name and address, along with two lead readings for water samples taken from faucets at the home.

Emails: Michigan Govt. Made 'Active Effort' to Keep Flint Water Crisis A Secret

By Ebony 03/14/16

Gov. Rick Snyder's administration made thousands of emails related to the lead contamination of Flint's drinking water public and the results could be damning. The emails reveal that government officials actively attempted to keep the city's water condition a secret under the state's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), one that Gov. Snyder's administration is exempt from. Officials finally brought this correspondence to light after response to calls from the public for information as to who knew about the crisis, when and what was done in response. This according to the Detroit Free Press.

Other News and Opinions

Nation's Water Crisis Extends Beyond Flint

By James P. Hoffa, Huffington Post 03/14/16 10:11 AM

Flint, Michigan residents are in crisis, placed in a situation no one in this country should have to face. Their water is contaminated with lead, putting their health at risk. But while the city's situation is extreme, it is not alone in its challenges. Other communities nationwide could face a similar public health emergency if elected officials don't act to beef up U.S. water infrastructure. In recent years there have been reports of high levels of lead in the water supply in Washington, D.C. and Providence, R.I., among other places. However, public concern should also be focused on the state of the aging pipes that deliver water to the homes of millions of Americans.

Lessons from Flint for Communities in Crisis

By Ehsan Zaffar, Huffington Post 03/14/16 1:26 PM

In Flint, Michigan, the camera crews have packed up after the Democratic presidential debate at which the city's water crisis was a favorite topic. The Members of the U.S. Congress have concluded their fact-finding trip to look at the response to Flint's poisoning through polluted water. The lead pipes are being dug up and replaced. The crisis in Flint has passed, right? After initial crises subside and public attention wanes, there is a risk that progress will slow and those in need will be forgotten. Flint residents know all too well what it means to be ignored and left behind.

Government works with auto suppliers to bring jobs to Flint

By WWMT 03/14/16 [video clip]

There is an effort to bring a thousand jobs to Flint as the city works to rise from the lead water crisis. Governor Snyder's office says the state is negotiating with two major auto suppliers right now. They say it will help the city recover. A spokesman says Snyder's office and Michigan Works are identify good-paying positions and removing barriers to employment.

Filtering out bad solutions to Flint water crisis

By Ross Marchand, R Street 03/14/16

At what was already the umpteenth Democratic presidential debate – March 6 in Flint, Michigan – Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders both vowed to use government muscle to end the

problem of lead in water. Clinton called for an "absolute commitment to getting rid of lead wherever it is…within five years," while Sanders promised to "rebuild water systems that are unsafe for drinking." Unfortunately, such grandiose promises would require a cost-prohibitive commitment that would still leave a large risk of water contamination.

Flint water crisis: Did EPA keep memo under wraps?

By Sara Ganim, CNN for KCCI 03/14/16 4:28 AM

In the spring of 2015, LeeAnne Walters had been getting the runaround from local officials about the brown water that was flowing from the taps in Flint. Her twin boys were getting rashes. One was showing signs of stunted growth. "We had to figure out what was going on," she said. So she turned to the Environmental Protection Agency, the federal government agency that regulates drinking water. Walters was confident the agency would come in, find answers and fix things -- quickly.

Too Bad Flint Wasn't Run Like a Business

By Logan Billman, Economics 21 03/14/16

The Flint water crisis has been a disaster. However, many are blaming the wrong people, for the wrong reasons. While Democratic presidential candidates Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton agreed that every level of government exacerbated the crisis, multiple authors, notably Leo Gerard of the Huffington Post, try to shift the blame from government mismanagement to their favorite whipping boy--business. Their central thesis is that if Flint's emergency manager Ed Kurtz, an appointee of Michigan's Republican governor Rick Snyder, had not "run [Flint] like a business" by focusing on budgets and bottom lines, the city would never have switched water sources and the crisis would have never happened.

Flint River Can Still Be Part of the City's Master Plan

By Scott Atkinson, Next City 03/14/16

In 2013, Flint started a process to temporarily tap its river for drinking water while awaiting the completion of a new pipeline that would bring a direct supply from Lake Huron. River enthusiasts saw the move as potentially helpful to their cause. The city had used Flint River as a drinking source before. (It began buying water from Detroit, about 70 miles to the south, in 1967 because the river couldn't meet the demand for a then-growing industrial city.) Fedewa and company thought the stopgap might prove to 21st-century residents, once and for all, that the river was safe — that you could fish it, kayak it … and yes, even drink it, so long as it was

treated properly.

Michael Moore thanks MSU, Tom Izzo for Flint visit amid water crisis

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 03/13/16 6:10 PM

Moore, whose documentary "Where To Invade Next" has received favorable reviews, also took the opportunity to address the team and coach Tom Izzo's Feb. 10 visit to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint amid the water crisis.

Michigan's Congressional Hopefuls Worry About The Next Flint

By Laura Barron-Lopez, Huffington Post 03/13/16 7:56 AM

While Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders were duking it out on the debate stage in Flint, Michigan, over how to best solve the water infrastructure problem plaguing the city, Lon Johnson sat in the audience wondering if his home could be the next Flint. If the 63-year-old Line 5 pipeline that runs under the Mackinac Straits ruptures, it could seep into Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, contaminating the water supply for thousands in Michigan's Upper Peninsula -- if not the entire state.

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