



Kilpatrick reflects

METRO, 3A

On Beatty: "We made some bad decisions and we are living with the consequences of those decisions, but I respect her tremendously and love her."

On his record: "We restored hope in the city of Detroit, that we could be something better than this degraded, deteriorating city. That we can have new stuff, new opportunities, new businesses, new events."

On his critics: "It was never really an attack on my worth. It was who I was. ... We don't like him. We don't like the way he looks. He's arrogant. And so what that brought and bred was a theater of hatred."

-- Quotes from recent interview with the Nation of Islam's The Final Call

The Detroit News

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Diabetics urged to get H1N1 vaccine

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GM shows financial progress

Airfares to go sky high for the holidays

Holiday travelers who have not yet booked flights should prepare for sticker shock. Airlines are hiking fares, raising fees on checked bags and charging extra to fly on peak travel days near Thanksgiving and Christmas. The good news? Fewer flights mean better on-time performance so fliers are more likely to get where they're going on time.

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DPS lawsuit against city raises confusion

Detroit — Detroit Public Schools filed suit against the city of Detroit, but leaders say they never approved the lawsuit, which claims the city refuses to properly collect, pay and disburse school taxes.

METRO, 3A

Millions may owe government money

Washington — More than 15 million taxpayers may owe the government \$250 or more when they file their federal returns next spring because the government was too generous with its new Making Work Pay tax credit.

NATION, 10A

Fed panel challenges mammogram advice

Washington — Women in their 40s should stop routinely having annual mammograms and older women should cut back to one every other year, an influential federal task force concludes, challenging use of one of the most common medical tests.

NATION, 10A

\$583,000 BUYS SILVERDOME

Pontiac — The Pontiac Silverdome was sold to a Canadian company Monday for the bargain-basement price of \$583,000. The winning bidder hopes to bring soccer to the venue, which was built for \$55.7 million in 1975. One local broker called the sale a "give-away," but city officials say the cost of maintaining the huge facility was draining the beleaguered city's finances.

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Better than expected results in 3rd quarter indicate firm stabilizing post-bankruptcy

BY ROBERT SNELL
The Detroit News

Detroit — General Motors Co. might be able to repay \$6.7 billion in federal aid by next summer, five years earlier than expected, because the automaker's worst pre-bankruptcy financial fears never materialized.

The disclosure came Monday as GM released third-quarter results that provided the first comprehensive look at the automaker's finances since emerging from bankruptcy in July with about \$50 billion in federal aid.

GM lost \$1.15 billion between July 10 and Sept. 30, better-than-expected results that reflect greater operational stability and progress for a 101-year-old company that nearly went out of business earlier this year.

The encouraging financials follow other positive developments for the automaker. GM sales rose 4 percent in October compared with a year ago, the company's first monthly increase in 21 months. GM said new products such as the Chevrolet Camaro sports car and the Chevy Equinox and GMC Terrain crossovers helped boost demand.

Additionally, GM took in \$3.3 billion more in cash than it spent in the third quarter. By contrast, GM burned through \$10.2 billion in the first quarter of the year, the last period for which it reported financial results.

GM could get a public relations boost from paying the money back early after drawing the wrath of some taxpayers and lawmakers who opposed federal aid for the automaker.

There also is a financial incentive for GM because if the company can repay the \$6.7 billion by June, it will avoid paying 7 percent interest on unspent federal loan funds, which are sitting in an escrow account.

"They're returning it," said analyst Joe Philippi of Auto Trends Consulting Inc. in Short

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CEO ousted: GMAC picks new chief executive, vows to focus on core business. 5B

U-M audit finds workout logs not filed

School requires monthly reports to monitor football players' practice times

BY GREGG KRUPA AND MIKE WILKINSON
The Detroit News

An audit conducted by the University of Michigan reveals football officials failed to file several monthly reports on the amount of players' workout and practice time.



Rodriguez

According to experts who have participated in NCAA investigations, the findings may suggest a "failure to monitor" the program.

A finding of "failure to monitor" could be considered a major violation under NCAA rules, engendering substantial penalties against the program and jeopardizing the tenure of coach Rich Rodriguez.

But experts said that the reaction by compliance officials at the university to the audit may be crucial to whether the program emerges from two ongoing investigations without considerable penalties.

"It sheds a whole new light on the situation," said Michael Buckner, a lawyer in Florida who has helped universities conduct NCAA investigations. "If there was no immediate and adequate re-

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Despite GM's progress, there's "more work to do," said President and CEO Fritz Henderson.

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