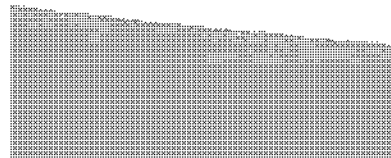
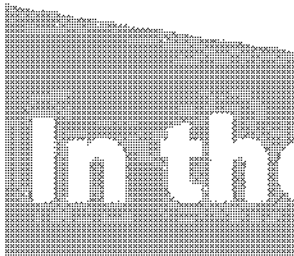

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GOVERNOR'S ACTIVITIES

Syrian refugees

[Gov. Rick Snyder: We Must Welcome Refugees—After Screening Them](#) (TIME)

I've paused efforts to bring more refugees to Michigan until the U.S. reviews its security procedures. Throughout its history, Michigan has been a welcoming place for immigrants to come and build new lives. That spirit is reflected across our state, but especially in the vibrant Middle Eastern community that has congregated in and around Detroit.

[White House briefs governors on refugee screening](#) (WDIV)

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder was one of the first to say it is time to stand down on allowing Syrian refugees into the country. It's was a remarkable about-face from the usually pro-immigration governor. However, Snyder, like governors across the country, is worried about screening procedures to make sure Islamic terrorists don't get a free pass to come into the United States.

[Governor Snyder Takes Part in White House Conference Call About Refugees](#) (WILX)

Governor Rick Snyder was on the phone with the White House Tuesday, taking part in a conference call about plans to bring more refugees into the United States.

[Michigan can't bar refug](#) (Detroit News)

Gov. Rick Snyder and state lawmakers can do little to stop the flow of refugees from war-torn Syria into Michigan, though they could make it tougher for the immigrants once they arrive, legal experts say.

[Michigan could potential](#) (Freep)

Senior Obama administration officials said Tuesday they would not typically resettle refugees in communities where they're not welcomed, but stopped short of promising not to send individuals and families fleeing war-torn Syria to states where governors have raised concerns — meaning more could potentially be headed to Michigan, which has already received more refugees than all but two other states.

[White House holds call w](#) (AP)

The White House held a 90-minute conference call with governors about plans to increase the number of refugees accepted in the United States after governors raised concerns related to last week's attacks in Paris. A spokeswoman for Michigan Republican Gov. Rick Snyder says he appreciated the discussion and told officials he'd like "more robust data" on the refugee system.

Obama Administration Briefs Governors On Refugee Screening (NPR)

A spokesperson for Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, one of the governors who asked the federal government not to bring refugees into his state until security procedures were reviewed by the Department of Homeland Security, tells NPR's Don Gonyea that Snyder "thought it was helpful to hear in much greater detail the work on screening and security procedures."

After Syrian refugee star Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder calls himself the most pro-immigration governor in the nation, but he ended up on a the most pro-immigration governor (Mlive)

forefront of a national wave of governors questioning or opposing the relocation of Syrian refugees.

Bethany Christian Service judges a temporary measure, wor (Holland Sentinel)

Gov. Rick Snyder's decision to postpone Michigan's efforts to accept refugees in response to the recent attacks in Paris and Beirut will likely have little impact on placement of refugees in the Holland area. This is mostly because of timing, as it was unlikely for many reasons any would be placed locally until the spring.

Flint water

Refund Flint \$2 million for lls Gov. Snyder (Mlive)

The state of Michigan should repair damage to Flint's water lines, create a fund for ongoing assistance here, and reimburse the city for the \$2 million it's spending to temporarily reconnect to the Detroit water system, U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee says. The Flint Democrat outlined his requests in a Nov. 13 letter to Gov. Rick Snyder, saying "the state -- not Flint -- created this water crisis, and the state needs to fix it."

DEPARTMENT NEWS

DEQ

State's instructions for sampling drinking water for lead "not best practice" (Michigan Radio)

The Flint water crisis has uncovered all kinds of details about how cities test the safety of their drinking water. In particular, critics say the state is giving bad advice on testing drinking water for lead.

Outdated system leaves city guessing where lead pipes are (WNEM)

Experts said homes with lead pipes have a dramatically higher risk of lead poisoning from their drinking water. Under federal rules, those homes need to be sampled.

DHHS

Sparrow PHP to lose 21K patients, cut 40 jobs (Lansing State Journal)

Sparrow's Physicians Health Plan will lose 21,000 Medicaid patients in the tri-county area as of Jan. 1, after losing a bid to provide coverage through the state's Medicaid program.

Michigan board denies R (Crain's Detroit Business)

Despite last-minute pleas this morning by a handful of Medicaid HMOs, the Michigan State Administrative Board held firm and upheld state joint evaluation committee recommendations that denied the appeals of five of six health plans, state officials told *Crain's*.

DNR

Deer opener sees improv (AP)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources says this year's opening day of the firearm deer hunting season improved in some parts of the Upper Peninsula compared with last year.

Hunters find success on gn (Holland Sentinel)

The beginning of firearm deer season is considered a state holiday by most, and that meant plenty of area hunters took to the woods on the first day of the season on Sunday, Nov. 15, in hopes of bagging a big buck.

Hunters Reminded to Ab (WBKB)