



4 PERCENT HEARING HELD, BUT NO DEADLINE FOR OPINION

The Michigan Court of Appeals recently heard arguments from state employee unions and from the attorney general's office in the 4 percent case.

The State Employee Union Coalition argued the Michigan Constitution states all compensation

issues are under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission. The state legislature overstepped its authority when it voted to require all state employees under a defined benefit plan to give up 4 percent of their earnings, the unions argued. The attorney general's rep-

resentative said a pension does not fall under constitutionally-protected compensation.

The Court will now write an opinion. The judges have no deadline. As soon as MCO receives the opinion, it will be shared with members.

AROUND THE STATE: ASSAULTS, SHANKS, GANG ACTIVITY KEEP OFFICERS BUSY



This shank was found hidden in a garden at DRF.

A shank concealed by plants was found nestled in a garden at DRF. The sharpened steel weapon was attached to plants with zip ties. Also at DRF, staff discovered cell phones, a cell phone charger and tobacco hidden inside a radio. The radio had been mailed to an inmate.

These items were just some of the contraband found last month at DRF.

LMF officers and staff recently dealt with explicit gang activity, including a slashing and a hit kite.

It started when an inmate suffered a 6-inch cut to his face June 20 while walking back from the yard. The next day, two inmates had to be

Tased during a fight in the dining room.

Officers intercepted the hit kite and received other information over the next few days, but the situation was kept under control. Staff dealt with this threat well.

At Saginaw, officers found a total of five gallons and 24 20-ounce bottles of spud juice in two separate incidents less than a week apart.

Wondering why activity at your joint isn't in KYI? Send details on contraband, assaults and other happenings to anita@mco-seiu.org.

RECRUIT CLASS FOR FOOD SERVICE ANNOUNCED

The Department is planning to offer a special recruit class for food service employees who will be affected by food service privatization.

This week, the Training Council approved the Department's request to allow food service workers 18 months to complete the educational requirements to be a corrections officer.

The class has not been scheduled yet.

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