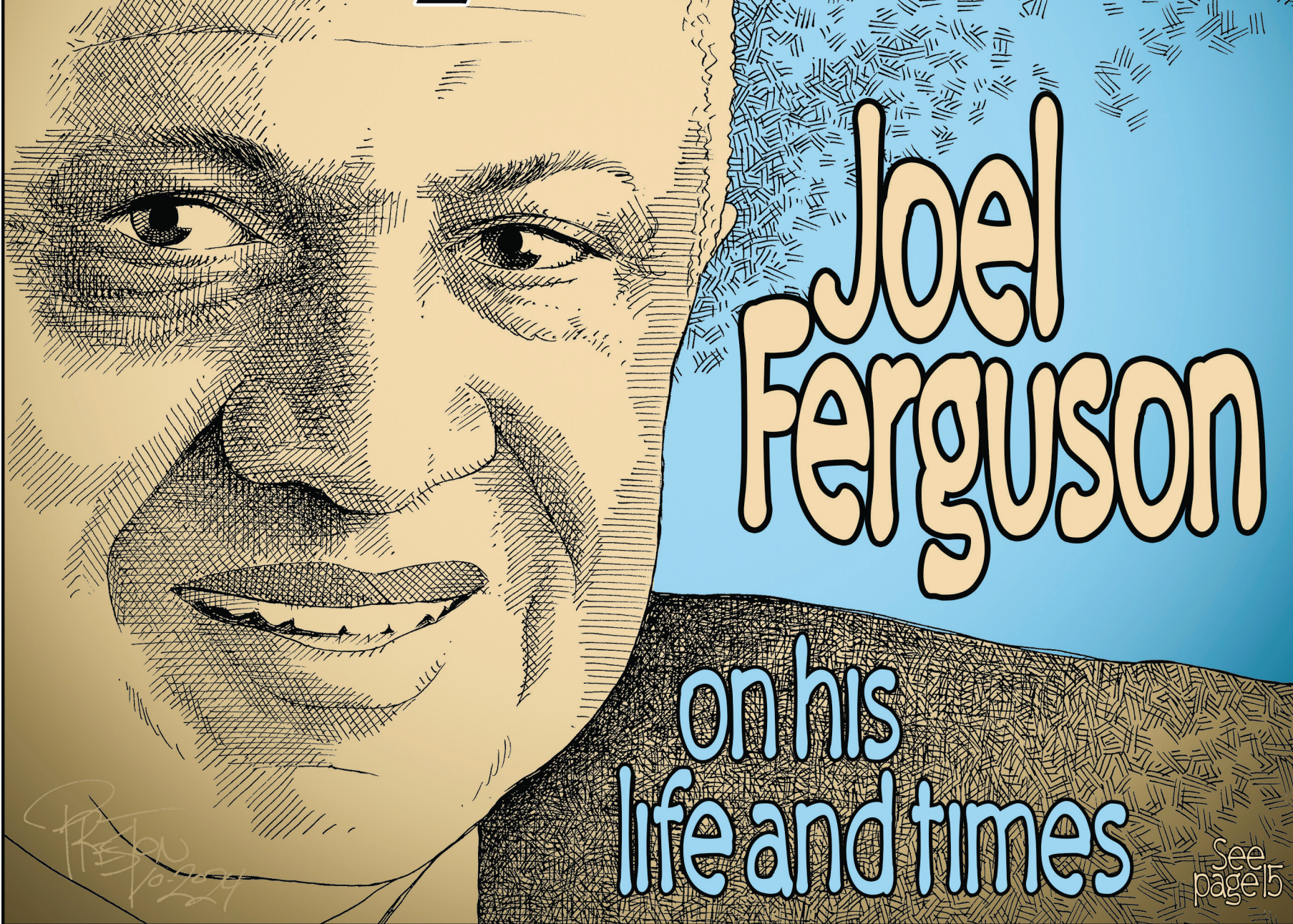


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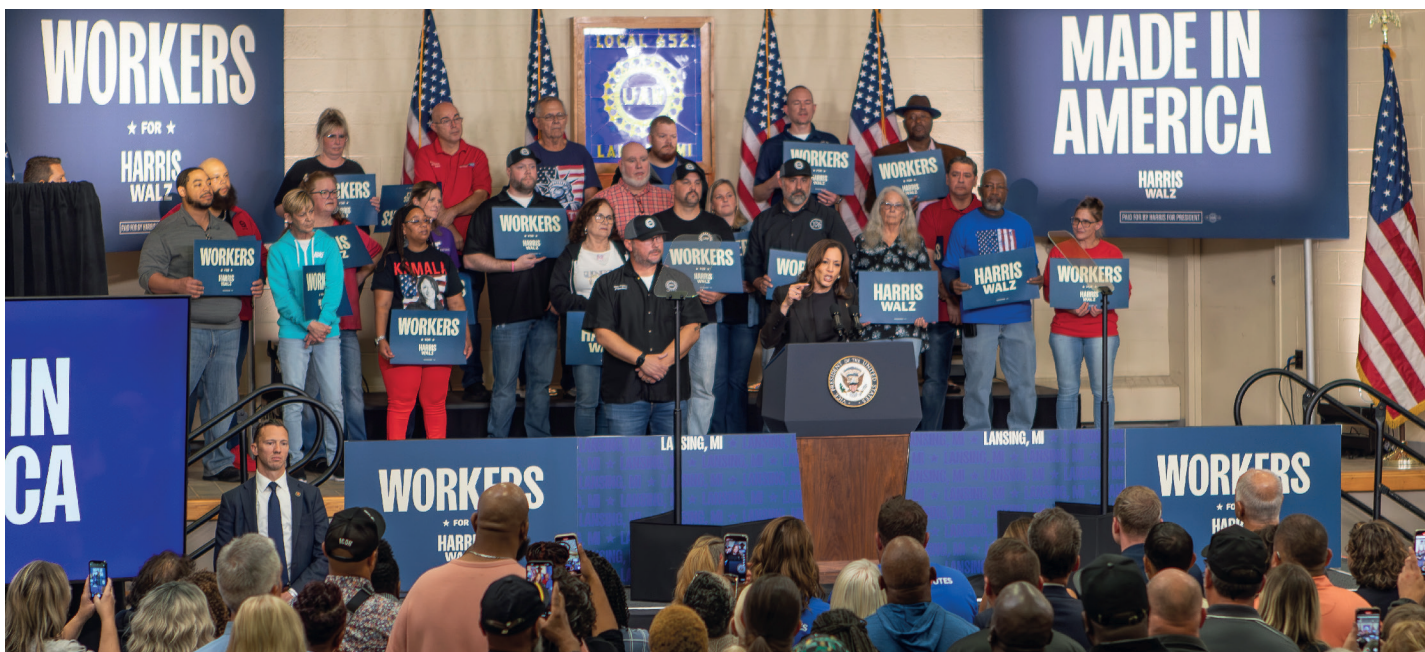
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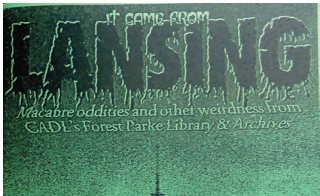
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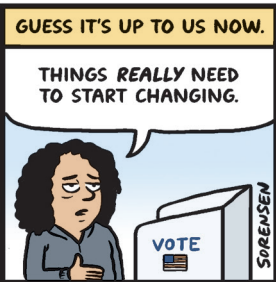
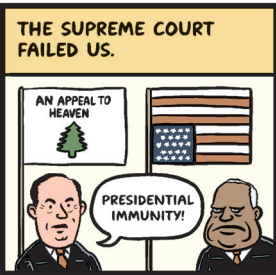
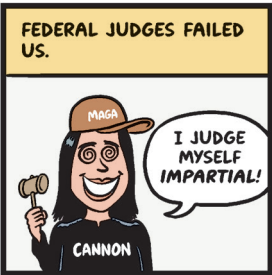
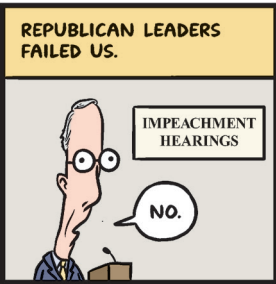
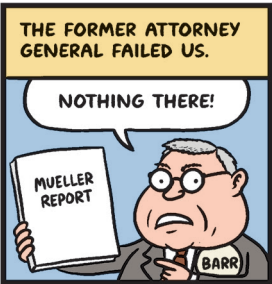


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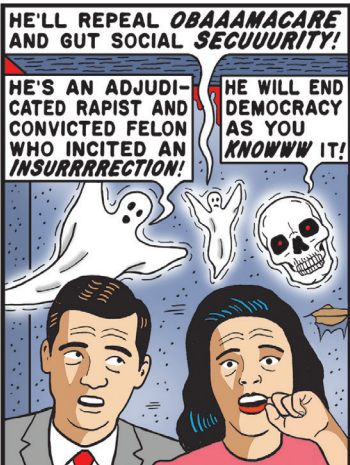
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NEWS & OPINION

The other unpredictable race: Delta Township supervisor

The Harris-Trump race be damned: The real question is who will be Delta Township's supervisor next year.

Ken Fletcher, a 16-year Democratic incumbent, is facing a felony charge that led him to resign Sept. 4. It was too late to remove his name from the Nov. 5 ballot, and he remained the only candidate until two newcomers filed to run as write-ins about a month ago.

"If he were to win, would he be willing to serve? Or would he disqualify himself? No one knows what he's going to do," resident Bob Payne said.

Efforts to reach Fletcher's attorney, Chris Wickman of Nichols Law Firm, for comment were unsuccessful.

Fletcher was charged with allegedly accosting a minor for immoral purposes after he admitted to investigators Aug. 21 that he had been having sexual conversations with someone whom he believed to be a 15-year-old boy on Grindr, an LGBTQ+ hookup app. In reality, it was an undercover member of Michigan's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

"I was quite surprised that a public official would be involved in that kind of sexual misadventure," Payne said. He added that he cast his vote for one of the write-in candidates, third-year Delta Township resident Saturn Wells.

Wells, 41, a human resources director and co-founder of We Church in Lansing, filed Sept. 30.

"It was quick, but I'm kind of a doer. If I make a decision, I need to hurry, walk it out and execute, because I don't want to overthink it," Wells said. "At a minimum, I have to do what I can and hope that it brings more transparency."

The other write-in candidate is Richard Ott, 70, a 22-year township resident, retired General Motors Co. electrician and U.S. Navy veteran. He submitted his paperwork Oct. 4.

"I'd just seen that Fletcher had resigned, and I found out you could write your name in. I figured I'd just run and see how it went, and if it happens, it happens," Ott said.

For their votes to be counted, write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent by two Fridays before the election. Wells and Ott were the only ones to qualify. Write-in campaigns are strictly non-



Tyler Schneider/City Pulse

Greater Lansing residents rally for their respective parties outside of the Delta Township Administrative Offices Building, 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy., on Monday. Early voting is underway inside.

partisan, meaning neither could identify with a party.

The pair are all that stands between Fletcher and another term — though it's still unclear if he would accept it. He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment on Sept. 16 and is awaiting his Nov. 12 probable cause conference at the 56A District Court.

If he's reelected, Delta Township Clerk Mary Clark said he would have until Dec. 31 to accept or refuse the seat. "After that point, the office is considered abandoned. The board would then have 45 days to appoint a replacement," said Clark, the interim supervisor.

If Fletcher does win, he could choose to serve through at least the end of his court case, Clark said. Per township ordinance, he wouldn't face removal unless he's issued a sentence of "one year or more," she said.

Like Payne, township residents are uncertain about the outcome, though several told City Pulse they avoided voting for supervisor altogether.

"It was a huge shock when it came out," said one resident who identified herself



Fletcher



Wells

only as Pat. She added that she and her husband both opted against selecting a supervisor when they voted early Monday morning.

Brenda Henderson, a township resident since 1991 and self-described lifelong Democrat, said she filled her ballot out across party lines. That included a vote for Fletcher.

"I'm not worried at all, because I know we're in good hands," Henderson said. "Things will come out the way they should, and this will be rectified soon. We've got until January to

see if he's going to accept or resign, and I trust that the board will do something about it then."

Despite her vote, Henderson added that she was "shocked" to hear the allegations.

"I was surprised because I knew him. He would come by my house and put yard signs out, and I'd seen him when I went to different meetings and so forth," she said.

The two write-in candidates, Wells and Ott, have very different campaign

approaches.

Wells quickly assembled a team of canvassers, campaign literature and yard signs. She is confident in her chances.

"To me, this is a leader who's fallen," Wells said. "So, the biggest thing is not to look at what happened, because that's something that he's going to deal with and be held accountable for. The question now is, how are we going to move forward? What is our plan?"

Her goal, if elected, is to "bring more transparency" to the township.

"We're still going door to door quite a bit, because my goal is to meet as many people as I can. We're going to continue those efforts, say a prayer and see what happens," Wells said.

Ott, on the other hand, said he is "not spending any money or campaigning." He declined a request for a photo.

He admitted that he's "assuming Fletcher will still win."

"Word is, he will just resign that position in January, and the township will either hire somebody or move Mary in full time," Ott said, referring to Clark.

"I thought maybe they just needed new blood, and if I believe I can help, I will," he added on his decision to run. "If I couldn't really perform the job, I'd tell the board to promote Mary and pay her what she's worth. That's probably what they're going to end up doing anyways."

Elsewhere on the Delta Township ballot, four Democrat incumbents and two Republicans are vying for four trustee seats. David Howell, one of the latter pair, said he and other candidates may have considered stepping up to run for supervisor had Fletcher resigned sooner.

If Fletcher wins and steps down, Howell said he hopes to see township officials take the time to hear from residents before appointing a replacement.

"My better self tells me that they will go through a competitive interview process. But my fear is that they will just appoint someone," he said.

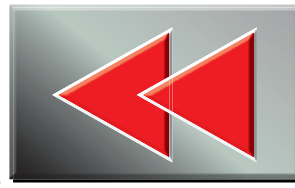
"It would be a lot cleaner if one of the write-in candidates was victorious," he added, indicating that he personally supported Wells' bid.

— TYLER SCHNEIDER

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

COMPILED BY STEVE UNDERWOOD FROM LOCAL NEWS SOURCES



The Lansing City Council is considering a proposal to increase parking rates at most of the city's 4,200 spaces. Rates would increase for 63 of the city's 160 street meters to \$1.50 per hour, matching 81 already charging that amount, while the 16 meters in Old Town would remain 75 cents

an hour. Rates for additional hours and expired meter fines would also be raised varying amounts, while monthly ramp rates would increase \$3 or \$4. The city is trying to encourage drivers parking for longer periods to use garages and free up more street spaces. The full list of proposed increases can be found here: <https://lansingmi.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5993/files/agenda/8864,attachment#35>.

More than 250,000 Michiganders voted during the first weekend of early in-person voting and more than 1.5 million absentee ballots have been received, accounting for a quarter of registered voters, said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson Monday. Voters can cast ballots at their designated voting location (<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting>) through Nov. 3. Those with absentee ballots should hand-deliver them to the clerk's office or a secure local ballot drop box to avoid postal delays.

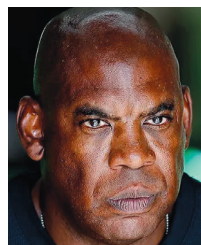


Five members of MSU Hurriya's coalition were arrested Friday following a sit-in by more than 30 students and faculty members at the Hannah Administration Building, calling for MSU to cut financial ties with Israel.

They were charged with trespassing after they tried to remain in the building after hours, following three warnings to vacate. Philip Zecher, the university's chief investment officer, said MSU has no active flow of money to Israel and instead receives dollars from Israel because of a 2023 State of Israel bond purchase by an MSU representative.

MSU attorneys have asked a federal judge to dismiss former football coach Mel Tucker's lawsuit against the school.

Tucker filed the lawsuit in August, 11 months after he was fired following Brenda Tracy's allegations that he had sexually harassed her. He claimed MSU ran an "improper, biased, and sham investigation" and discriminated against him based on race. MSU's outside attorneys said Tucker "seeks to transform a meritless breach-of-contract claim into an \$80-million-dollar conspiracy," that he contended "fail on the face of the pleadings" and that the school and its employees are protected by qualified immunity laws.



MSU trustees Friday approved a formal conflict-of-interest policy that tightens rules on gifts and is a response to past misconduct allegations. MSU spokesperson Emily Guerrant

said the policy revisions started before the investigation into allegations, but that not having a formal policy made situations harder to evaluate.



Former MSU student Connor Mui is suing the Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternity and its former leaders over claims they had forced him to use a dangerous amount of marijuana and do intense physical workouts during hazing as a pledge. His suit claims that he was hospitalized

in 2021 after the marijuana use, then later compelled to do intense calisthenics with a forced lack of sleep, which caused muscular deterioration and exertional rhabdomyolysis, a life-threatening medical condition.

Lansing city charter review commissioners voted unanimously to retain the existing strong mayor form of government, the first action the body has taken on whether to change the 46-year-old charter since it was elected in May. Many commissioners noted that they'd still like to narrow the qualifications and better define the role of the mayor's executive assistant.



National retailer Best Buy said it will close its 46,000-square-foot store next to the Lansing Mall in 2025 and move to a 30,000-square-foot store under construction at Delta Crossings, just west of Interstate 96/69. Best Buy, which

also has a store west of Meridian Mall in Okemos, opened the westside store in 2002. The store's employees, the number of which was not reported, are not expected to be impacted by the move, the company said.

St. Johns native Jayci Simon, 19, was named Silver Bells in the City grand marshal for the Nov. 22 parade. She will be

joined by partner Miles Krajewski of Yankton, S.D. They were the first Americans to medal in 2024 Paralympic badminton competition in Paris. Simon, who stands just under 4 feet tall, was born with acromicric dysplasia, a rare genetic disorder that causes short stature leading to dwarfism. She was also featured this fall in the St. Johns homecoming parade as well as a parade and ceremony at Lansing Community College.



Public safety

People were asked Tuesday to avoid the area of Shaw and Farm lanes on MSU's campus due to a natural gas leak, which occurred after a construction crew struck a gas line. No classes were immediately impacted, but construction workers were evacuated from the area. ... Three vehicles, including a Dean Transportation school bus, were involved in a crash Tuesday at South Royston Road and East Clinton Trail in Eaton County. No students were on the bus at the time, but an unnamed number of others suffered minor injuries. ... A 66-year-old man was arrested in connection with a stabbing Sunday on the 600 block of East Jolly Road in Lansing. A 32-year-old man was treated for a non-life-threatening wound to his shoulder.

SOE OF THE WEEK



815 Baker Street, Lansing

This 105-year-old, 2,024-square-foot commercial property in Lansing's Baker-Donora neighborhood was the subject of a City Pulse Eyesore entry just over a decade ago. Today, little has been done to remedy its dilapidated state. It's been owned by the Fort Lauderdale-based Gridiron Group since they bought it for \$6,500 from Hot Light Production in 2012. While it's been vacant for much longer, the city's Code Enforcement Office cited it as a "damaged structure" in 2019. They issued a "failure to register" fine later that year, plus another ticket for failing to correct the issues in 2020. That same year, the owners offered the property to the Ingham County Land Bank for "more than staff thought it was worth," Ingham County Treasurer Alan Fox said. "Their opinion was that the building was not salvageable and should be demoed. I presume there was no additional consideration because of the onset of COVID," Fox said the Gridiron Group is current on taxes, adding that they own about 13 other Lansing properties, including three nearby at 811, 812 and 813 Baker St.. Efforts to contact the owners were unsuccessful.

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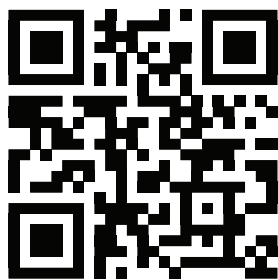
"Eyesore of the Week" is our weekly look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Public Art, by Bill Castanier. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call in a nomination at 517-999-5061.

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One of the arguments advanced by supporters of revising Lansing's city charter was that the city's strong mayor form of government should be abandoned in favor of a Council-led city manager system. Last week, the Lansing Charter Commission settled that question with a surprising unanimous vote to keep the strong mayor system.

We concur. An independently elected mayor, rather than one selected by the Council from among its members, is more directly accountable to voters and maintains an appropriate balance of power between the legislative and executive branches of municipal government. The city's recent mayors have generally done a good job populating their administrations with the professional talent necessary to run the city efficiently and effectively, which is often touted as the key advantage of a city manager-based system.

The commission also began considering the existing configuration of the City Council, where four at-large seats represent the entire city and four seats represent each ward, for a total of eight members. Among the more obvious changes we'd like to see is an odd number of Council seats, which would prevent tie votes. How that can be accomplished is an open and intriguing question.

One concept we find especially interesting is a nine-member council composed entirely of ward-based seats. Dividing the city into nine wards instead of four would create a more democratic system with lower barriers to entry for candidates seeking to run for office. Each ward would be less than half the size of the current wards. The change would have no impact on the number of votes needed for a majority (5) or a two-thirds supermajority (6).

The principal argument against an exclusively ward-based system is Lansing would lose whatever advantages are inherent in the Council's at-large positions. Is it important to have Council members elected by, and accountable to, the entire city? Do they bring a citywide perspective that ward-based members lack? We're not convinced that's the case — every Council member should consider the best interests of the entire city. We also note that it is vastly more expensive to run for a citywide seat, which makes it more difficult to chal-

lenge an entrenched incumbent.

Other possibilities include adding a fifth ward or reducing the number of at-large seats to three. Either would create a Council with an odd number of seats.

Lansing best served by strong mayor system

We encourage the commission to continue deliberating the merits of different approaches to the Council's composition.

Another interesting electoral change was floated recently by Mayor Schor. He suggested eliminating the need for a November general election runoff if the first-place finisher for a city office in Lansing's August primary election earned more than half the primary vote

in a race with at least three candidates.

This would, the mayor claims, allow the winner to start organizing one's office

right away rather than waiting until after the November election. The extra time a newly elected public official would gain is, he says, "like gold." The mayor is probably right, at least insofar as it concerns first-time officeholders. But it's not much of an advantage for an incumbent mayor or Council member, who is already on the job and doesn't need to ramp up for new responsibilities.

Skeptics may look at the mayor's plan as a recipe for an entrenched incumbent to keep his or her grip on the job. If you can win the primary election by better than 50%, you can skate back into office and not be bothered with a potentially bruising general election fight.

Imagine a scenario, though, where the incumbent gets 51% in the primary, the runner up grabs 35%, and all other candidates take the rest, which at 14% is nearly the difference between first and second place. If we accept the proposition that this vote for the incumbent means the second-place finisher could not possibly defeat the incumbent in the general election, then Schor's plan may have merit. But it's worth considering the possibility that the runner-up in the November runoff

election could do just that, given that 14% of the vote would be in play. Anything can happen between August and November, and often does.

The idea might have more merit if the top vote-getter received at least 60%. We're more concerned, though, that the mayor's idea is a bit less democratic and less participatory than the current system. It reduces voter choice by giving them just one chance to consider their preferred candidates rather than two, and it reduces by several months the time they have

to get acquainted with the candidates. It also leaves the decision of choosing our city leaders to the tiny fraction of voters who bother to participate in Lansing's off-year primary elections. Most of the time, turnout hovers around 10%, a dismal figure that begs closer examination to see what can be done to generate more interest and excitement around city elections.

The Charter Commission should carefully weigh the potential impact of Schor's proposal on our democratic process for selecting public officials. American politics has a long tradition of both primary and general elections as our favored cadence for choosing everything from the president to the township clerk. Following the old canard "if it ain't broke don't fix it," we're not yet sold on the mayor's idea. The commission should give it a fair shake, but in the end we think their time is better spent on more important revisions to the city's founding document.

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The CP Edit

Opinion

'I was the director of the Michigan GOP. I will vote for Kamala Harris.'

I was the executive director of the Michigan Republican Party, back during a time when the GOP embraced values like fiscal discipline and a strong foreign policy.

I voted for Nikki Haley in the Feb. 27 primary in part to move the Republican Party past Donald Trump. She received 296,200 votes — 27 percent of the primary votes — at a time when it was clear that Trump was likely going



Letter to the editor

to be the party's nominee. Many of those 296,200 voters will not vote for

Trump on Tuesday; I am one of them.

Donald Trump and JD Vance don't advocate for the values of the Republican Party I once knew.

Rather than promoting trade with the rest of the world, they embrace protectionism and across-the-board tariffs that will make working families pay more for everyday goods. Harris is focused on targeted, strategic tariffs.

Trump has no fiscal discipline. He added \$8 trillion to the debt during his first term. Every

time he gives a campaign speech, he promises a new handout to a different group. I don't agree with all of Harris' economic policies, but she is more fiscally disciplined than Trump.

Trump and Vance thrive on xenophobia and blaming immigrants for all of our problems, rather than coming up with sensible, conservative solutions to serious issues like rising housing costs. Though I may disagree with some of her policy solutions, at least Harris is proposing ideas to fix our problems.

Rather than promote a strong Reaganesque foreign policy, Trump and Vance admire dictators and want to

abandon Ukraine and our NATO allies.

Trump promised an auto manufacturing boom and failed to deliver. Factories closed under Trump; auto factories are being built under Harris.

Trump and his allies have done grave damage to the Republican Party — both in Michigan and nationally. If we ever want our Republican Party back, it has to start with Donald Trump losing on Nov. 5. That's why I'm voting for Kamala Harris.

Gary Reed

(Gary Reed was executive director of the Michigan Republican Party from 1992 to 1995.)

Michigan Supreme Court That Protects Our Civil Rights

In November, Michigan voters will decide who fills two spots on the Michigan Supreme Court. Why is this a big deal? Because these justices will make decisions about the laws that impact all of us, and Michigan is one of only 24 states where voters are empowered to elect the members of their state's Supreme Court.

It's the job of the Michigan Supreme Court to act with fairness and integrity, ensuring justice for everyone in our state. That includes protecting and even broadening civil rights protections.

In the recent past, the Michigan Supreme Court has frequently ruled in favor of equity when it comes to civil rights. In 2018, the court ruled that the independent group Voters Not Politicians could launch a ballot initiative to establish an independent citizen's redistricting commission. The success of the ballot initiative empowered Michiganders to pick their elected representatives by taking away redistricting power from partisan control.

In 2022, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a 1976 law – the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act – bans firing someone, evicting them, or otherwise discriminating against them because they are a member of the LGBTQ community. Despite opponents' opinions to the contrary, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the law's ban on discrimination based on the basis of sex includes sexual orientation.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled in 2023 that judges must use the preferred pronouns of defendants, litigants, attorneys, and others with business before the court. Michigan's Supreme Court was the first in the nation to mandate this change through court rules, setting a precedent for respecting people's dignity. Those who choose not to use preferred pronouns can simply refer to "the defendant" or "the plaintiff," making the rule fair regardless of personal beliefs.

Just this spring, the Michigan Supreme Court set a new state precedent with a ruling that allows civil rights claims alleging indirect workplace retaliation. The lawsuit was originally filed by two employees who said they were fired because of claims made against them by a fellow employee as an act of revenge. The 7-0 unanimous decision, which cites similar federal civil rights protections, sends the case back to the Circuit Court where it originated.

The Michigan Supreme Court presides over the most significant and challenging cases in our state. Vigorous discussions among those who preside over Michigan's highest court, which serves as the guardian of justice, keep our state in harmony through fair and equitable outcomes.

The Michigan Supreme Court plays a crucial role in our state's government – and in protecting our rights and freedoms. But you have an equally important part to play, because it's your vote that determines who sits on that bench.

When filling out your ballot this fall, don't stop at the top. Look for the non-partisan section of your ballot and individually select the two candidates that have earned your vote. Although Supreme Court justices in Michigan are nominated by a political party to serve an eight-year term, their party affiliation isn't included on your ballot. So even if you vote for a straight-party ticket, it won't apply to the non-partisan section.

Selecting two Michigan Supreme Court justices is too important to skip—your choice could impact civil rights in the state for the next generation. Learn more about the Michigan Supreme Court, the voting process, and how to spread the word about the importance of choosing who will sit on our state's highest court. Visit www.MISupremeCourtRocks.com to get all the information you need to do your civic duty in this year's election.

-Steve James, Michigan United Movement Politics Director



Election 2024: It's not over till it's over

By SANDRA SEATON

The story about Trump University was in all the papers. Trump “faculty” standing over students as they filled out their “course evaluations.” As an academic, I knew it was not your standard classroom protocol. Almost as bad as some joker looking over your shoulder in the voting booth. I was shocked. It was downhill after that.

The race between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump has been going on for three months, but it feels like three years. We’ve been bombarded with analysts, media consultants, and all those ads. What else is there to say about Trump? The conviction — 34 COUNTS. How many others? The language. The divisiveness. The shady business dealings. The lies.

If you’re like a lot of people out there, you’re tired of hearing about Trump.

What’s left to say?

Approximately 240 million people were eligible to vote in the 2020 presidential election. Only 66.1% of them did. Roughly 81 million eligible voters did not cast a ballot.

If you’re looking for the “adult in the room,” the choice is easy — and it’s not the guy his own supporters say should be taken

“seriously, not literally,” who disrespects our allies and takes no responsibility for public displays of misogyny, racism and wild, vulgar rhetoric, i.e. that Madison Square Garden circus.

If you are, Michigan, it’s not too late to vote.

Maybe you’ve already voted.

How about that aunt in North Carolina or your roommate in Arizona who’s on the fence or your cousin once removed in Georgia who’s in a “mixed marriage.” Her husband’s a Trump voter. She’s leaning Kamala. Give her a call.

I understand. You still don’t know enough about her? Amazingly, in Kamala Harris’ brief and historic candidacy, with only three months of campaigning, she has done the impossible. She’s in a dead heat with Trump, who’s been campaigning since he lost the last election.

Kamala. According to the Trump ads, she’s the only vice president in history

who has actually led the country alongside a sitting president. Anything bad can be blamed on Kamala Harris. Anything good, of course, can be attributed to that lingering Trump effect.



Opinion



The writer says: “A graphic designer created a Kamala flyer for me that I’m asking friends to share with their contacts.” If you’d like to send it to your friends, see the writer’s story at www.lansingcitypulse.com on the opinion page.

The lives lost on Oct. 7, and the horrific destruction in Gaza will never be forgotten. Unlike Trump’s transactional, one-sided Israeli Palestinian peace plan, here’s a quote where Kamala shows empathy for both sides: “...we must have a two-state solution where we can rebuild Gaza where the Palestinians have security, self-determination and the dignity they so rightly deserve.”

Will it happen? I do not know, but I have no reason to believe Trump will make the situation in the Middle East any better. He talks constantly about stopping illegal immigration, but he blocked the bipartisan immigration bill that would have done just that. Unresolved, it’s a big plus for him politically. There’s no reason to think he’s interested in seeing a truce in the Middle East when it provides him so many opportunities to slam Kamala on it.

There is a lot at stake in this election. Understatement! Did you know right here in Michigan, you can register to vote on election day. Vote right then and there. And don’t be embarrassed if you’ve never voted

before. There are worse things.

They keep saying there are only a handful of voters who haven’t made up their minds. In 2020, 8,105,524 Michiganders were eligible to vote — of whom 5,579,317 actually voted. Didn’t Biden win Michigan by just 11,000 votes?

You’ve heard all the ads. We’ve got two choices (or maybe more than two). There’s always third party. Back in the ‘60s, Vietnam was on our minds. I couldn’t bring myself to vote for Humphrey. “Humphrey who?” I get it. I voted third party. And ended up with Nixon — who, by the way, unlike DJT, actually resigned.

We can decide we’re too busy. I know. I know. We’re working overtime, two or three jobs. That’s a lot! Or we have to get our hair done, or our tan redone. Then there’s the fabled white coat syndrome. Our patients. They’re lined up. A delivery? OMG! And teeth need to be

cleaned. Or if we’re really sick of listening to Trump. That’s four more years of DJT. We can go out and vote!

Out of the 81 million eligible voters who didn’t cast a ballot in 2020, how many of those reluctant voters are still on the fence?

If you’re one of them, it’s not too late

to vote for Kamala Harris for president.

(Sandra Seaton is the winner of the Mark Twain Award from the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature. The author of 14 plays, opera librettos, a spoken-word piece and short fiction, her best known work explores the life of Sarah “Sally” Hemings, a woman who was owned by Thomas Jefferson. Seaton taught creative writing for 15 years at Central Michigan University and lives in East Lansing.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), the Williamstown Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on **Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, Michigan 48895.

The purpose of the hearing is to take public comment on a new **Private Road Ordinance**, which contains the following four articles:

- ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL.** This article states the purpose of the ordinance, provides definitions, addresses the scope of the ordinance and violations, addresses land division and minimum road frontage requirements, requires notice to subsequent purchasers, and assigns responsibility for maintenance of private roads.
- ARTICLE II. APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES.** This article outlines private road review and approval requirements, which includes review by the Planning Commission with the final approval by the Township Board.
- ARTICLE III. DESIGN STANDARDS.** This article sets forth requirements for the private road right-of-way, road surface, construction, drainage, permits, easement, easement maintenance agreement, cul-de-sacs, and turnarounds.
- ARTICLE IV. INSPECTION.** This article outlines construction inspection and performance guarantee requirements.

The Planning Commission will also consider the following related amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

- Revisions are proposed to the definition of driveway in Section 1.03, which would read as follows:

A private lane, designed primarily for use by vehicles, which connects houses, garages, or other buildings with a road.
- Revisions are proposed to the residential road or driveway standards in Section 2.10(D)(3), which would read as follows:

Type of Road or Driveway	Minimum Width	Pavement Required	Curb and Gutter Required?
Driveways to detached units in a subdivision plat or site condominium	9 feet	Paved	No
Driveways to detached lots not in a subdivision plat or site condominium	9 feet	Gravel or Paved	No

The Private Road Ordinance and zoning amendments may be examined at the Township Hall during regular business hours, Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing or submit written comments to the Planning Commission at the address noted above.

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White women voters: Use your power for progress

By **DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER**

With 84 million voters, American white women are the largest voting block in the U.S. today. To quote the Virginia Slims cigarette commercial, “You’ve come a long way, baby! To get where you got to today. You’ve got your own cigarette now, baby, you’ve come a long, long way.”

Women have left cigarettes behind; just 13.5 percent smoke. So, which direction are women headed now, baby? In less than one week, will white women voters elect one of their own POTUS, or elevate another cancer-causing agent?

The League of Women Voters said, it’s “up to women.” So far, however, white women seem not to use their political power to benefit women. Fifty-three percent of white women voted for Trump in 2020, and in 2016 they helped elect him with 47 percent of their vote. What did he do for them?

He delivered three Supreme Court justices who stole women’s control over their own bodies, especially their right to abortion.

As a group, white women lift romance novels up the best-sellers’ lists, voraciously devouring stories that depict white women being rescued by white men. It’s escapist literature. Think, ‘Pretty Woman,’ the 1990 film starring Julia Roberts.

They vote like they are in a fairy tale, but white women haven’t been damsels-in-distress in a long time.

White women compose the bulk of teachers and nurses. An increasing number jump out of emergency vehicles. They have outvoted men since 1980, reports The Center for American Women and Politics.

As suffragettes, white women marched in 1915 demanding their right to vote, and they saw it through to the enactment of the 19th Amendment. Black women, including the 22 founders of my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, marched as well, but, a century later, 84 million white American women voters vastly outnumber the 11 million Black

American women voters.

Yet, in 2016 white women flubbed their chance to help move women forward by rejecting Hillary Clinton, and in 2020 they landed on the wrong side of history when Biden made Trump a one-term president.

However, things are looking up. In July, on ZOOM, 164K mostly white women gathered to support Harris for president. In three hours, they raised \$8.5 million.

But, that was just part of the call’s purpose. 19th News, the media outlet focusing on women, reported that

the goal of the ZOOM call was to “push white women to recognize their privilege and the way they frequently failed to use it as political capital, and to get them to avoid making the same mistake again.”

That means white women voters have lessons to learn. And the final examination is on Nov. 5.

Trump’s Supreme Court also delivered a lethal blow to Affirmative Action in higher education. Many interpreted that as a slap to Black faces, especially that of the educated, hard-working Black woman. In the media from Al Jazeera to Vox, and professional journals such as the National Women’s Studies Association, data-based analysis shows how white women are the real Affirmative Action babies. They got the college degrees, the good paying jobs, the power.

Yet, wrote Victoria M. Massie in VOX magazine, white women are among its “fiercest opponents.” A Black woman professor at Rice University, Massie noted that opposition comes mostly from the carefully tended image of Affirmative Action as racial — a benefit solely for Black men and women.

Sociologist, lawyer and Texas A & M University Professor Wendy Leo Moore wrote an article in Teen Vogue magazine in 2022 that was headlined “Affirmative Action Benefits White Women Most.”

“Women have surpassed men in college admissions and graduation rates. White women by 2012 outpaced white

men, with 72 percent of white women enrolled compared to 62 percent of white men.”

In 2019, Moore wrote, white women’s weekly earnings of \$840 were higher than Black women’s weekly pay of \$704. That’s a yearly pay difference of more than \$7,000. How cool to be able to vote against her and all women’s self-interest, while maintaining her and her white man’s position in American society. High levels of education for white women is a win-win, for them and their families.

Just one example: those 4 X 4 trucks, the ones with the 37-inch rims and super-charged V-8 engines that have taken over city streets. Such a truck can cost upward of a hundred grand. In a hetero two-earner white family, that truck is basically a gift from the educated white wife and her good job.

In the era of outlawed Affirmative Action programs, Black American women scramble to find meaningful and consis-

tent economic opportunity and progress to help their families on the same level as white women.

Affirmative Action aside, today’s madness jumped off when the Census Bureau announced in 2018 that the U.S. will be minority white by 2045. The 2024 election is about white babies, birthed by white women, and an emphasis on a “shortage” of white babies available to adopt, as if babies are a commodity. If they are, the manufacturer is the government-regulated white womb.

It’s time for white American women voters to step up and flex their ballot box muscle and wield their super power: their vote. Over a century, white women have constructed a political doorway. The time for them to cross the threshold is the general election on Nov. 5.

(Dedria Humphries Barker is the author of “Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man’s Widow.” Her column appears monthly.)

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1. Revisions are proposed to the wetland buffer definition in Section 1.03 and the wetland setback regulations in Section 28.02, subsection [d] in the Schedule of Regulations.

The Planning Commission will consider whether the wetland buffer and setback should both be 40 feet or 60 feet, or another distance that is between 40 and 60 feet. In Section 28.02, a reference to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy is proposed.
2. Revisions are proposed to Section 2.03(C)(2)(b), which deals with side yard setbacks for detached accessory buildings, to clarify that this provision applies to the interior side yard only. Also, a new footnote pp is proposed in Section 28.03 to cross-reference this side yard setback requirement in the Schedule of Regulations.
3. A new footnote qq is proposed in Section 28.02 to make it clear that Planned Developments are subject to the setback requirements that have been agreed to by the developer and the Township as part of the Planned Development approval process.
4. A new footnote rr is proposed in Section 28.02 to make it clear that Open Space Developments are subject to the setback requirements that are set forth on the approved plans for each development.

The zoning amendments may be examined at the Township Hall during regular business hours, Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing or submit written comments to the Planning Commission at the address noted above.

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LET'S BOOGIE! Bob Baldori & David Small



Musk: Send him back to Africa

"It is very rare for people to justify their actions by saying, 'I'm doing this to maximize my own benefit and I don't care what happens to anybody else.' That would be pathological." — Noam Chomsky

And so Noam nails the Bozo/Musk bromance.

A lot of people claim Elon Musk is a genius, which raises the question of what the word genius means. Exploring the definition of genius, one finds that the word is generally applied to someone with "extraordinary mental capacity or creative talent, especially in specific fields ..."

Musk does manage to be oleaginous, farinaceous and mendacious all at the same time. But I'm not sure that achievement requires "extraordinary mental capacity." Especially if he was born with those qualities.

He presents as a singularly unattractive combination of haughtiness and patronizing condescension, as if everything out of his mouth is an absolute bon mot — even though a lot of it is pure garbage.

Many people worship Musk, mesmerized by his wealth. There is no question that he has a facility for exploiting the seams of the U.S. political and financial systems. And because of this facility, he has managed to make himself the "richest man in the world."

So you could make a strong argument that Musk is a genius at acquiring wealth. And power. A deeper look into how he did it reveals that he, personally, has actually produced very little.

As I've published before, Musk, as well as the rest of the world's plutocrats, do not earn their wealth, they acquire it. No one "earns" a billion dollars. Without the entire American system of laws, rules, regulations etc., that we all support through our taxes and our own work, Musk would not be able to extract that enormous wealth for his personal gain.

But for that system of laws and finance, Musk's skills — or "genius" — might be worthless.

Worse for the U.S., a combination of Musk's wealth and a relentless deconstruction of the electoral process through the concerted efforts of the plutocracy has created the current existential crisis, which could very well be the end of the American experiment.

That deconstruction was launched by Reagan and boosted by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Citizens United*, wherein the court declared that a corporation was a person and "blew open the doors to a bizarre new era of dark money-driven oligarchy in America," as radio talk-show host Thom Hartmann put it.

In the service of Musk's relentless pursuit of wealth, he (along with the apparent help of two Russian oligarchs and the leader of Saudi Arabia) managed to wrap his tentacles around what amounts to the biggest newspaper in America (and maybe the world): Twitter, now X.

Musk's ownership of Twitter has been controversial for many reasons, the most egregious being an increase in hate speech, misinformation and disinformation posts on the website, and ultimately his use of relentless propaganda supporting the Orange Bozo.

Musk is obviously all-in, with all of his resources — and they are formidable — to take over and control the future of the United States for his personal gain. That so much power is in the hands of a single person (maybe two, if you count the incompetent sociopath) — that this is even possible, if not probable — is too unbelievable and grandiose to even process.

If Bozo wins, the American experiment is over, and it will in no small part be because of the out-sized meddling of a South African fascist.

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Trump's plan for forfeiting America's auto industry future

By ANDY SCHOR

(The writer is the Democratic mayor of Lansing.)

With all the ridiculous things he's said, it might have been easy to miss that Donald Trump actually did lay out his plan for the future of the auto industry in America.

It goes like this: first, Trump will pull the rug out from under American manufacturing of electric vehicles and their supply chains and sacrifice American jobs. Instead of competing to win the race for the future of auto manufacturing, Trump would simply forfeit it to the Chinese government.

For a specific example, we need look no further than Lansing, where Trump, Vance and Mike Rogers have all suggested they would cancel a Biden-Harris \$500 million grant to give GM's Lansing Grand River Assembly plant new life building EVs — with Vance calling this lifeline "table scraps."

Then, as Trump has repeatedly said, he will simply allow China to come in and build as many auto manufacturing plants as it wants here in America.

If you're thinking this is crazy, you're right. But this wasn't some one-time errant statement from Trump. He said it to reporters before the Republican convention: "Trump invites Chinese automakers to build cars in the U.S.," said the *Fortune* headline. Then he said it during his convention speech.

Then he said it again here in Michigan just a few weeks ago. As the *Detroit Free Press* reported, "Trump also argued that he's actually OK with China or other countries' companies making vehicles for the U.S. market as long as the manufacturing plants are located in the U.S."

If this isn't already making you shudder, remember this: the Chinese government doesn't do unions, and they aren't exactly known for paying a good wage. This would make Trump the biggest union-buster, the biggest scab, that American workers have ever known.

That's not the policy of somebody who cares about American workers, it's the policy of a billionaire working for the billionaire class. It's the policy

of somebody who says, "I hated to give overtime, I hated it. I'd get other people — I shouldn't say this, but I'd get other people in. I wouldn't pay, I hated it."



Opinion

A lot of workers have worried about what the global shift toward electric vehicles and hybrids would mean for them, and that's understandable. I believe people should have as many choices as possible in what they drive, and as part of the choice, we need to have the infrastructure available. That's why we


will make the batteries and the cars here in Lansing, and why we'll install charging infrastructure that's also made in America. That way those who choose to have EVs can have them. And those who don't can drive internal combustion cars.

President Biden and Vice President Harris have invested in the future of Michigan manufacturing in the White House and have stood with UAW workers on the picket line, ensuring that the next generation of auto manufacturing would be made in America, with UAW workers at the forefront and with priority given to existing plants and workers.

Meanwhile, a new University of Michigan study finds that, counter to some early predictions about robot-built EVs, electric vehicle manufacturing has actually required a larger workforce than internal combustion engine vehicles.

None of this means that maintaining American leadership in the auto industry will be easy. But when we fight, we win, just as the UAW did in their strike last year. Since Biden and Harris enacted their clean energy investments in 2022, Michigan has seen 18,000 jobs announced in the EV industry from almost 50 different new projects.

That's a real plan for maintaining Lansing and Michigan's place as the leader of the global auto industry for another generation. And it is a direct contrast with the nonsensical Trump plan to cede the future to China with non-union Chinese plants in America, presumably scattered across anti-union states. We need to stand with Harris, who will fight with us, and not with the man who would try to crush the union that built the middle class.




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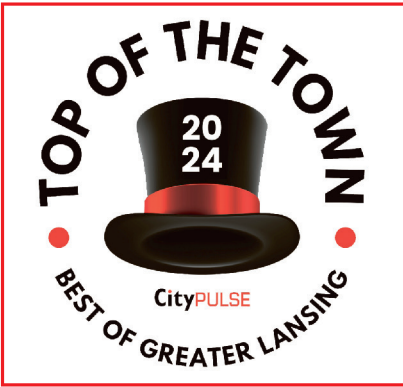


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We need to trust something ... so please trust the results

As cataclysmic as the prospect of a second Donald Trump or a Kamala Harris presidency may seem to you, either one is better than blood on the streets.

That may seem like cold comfort because you've invested so much mental energy into it. It's been months of political chatter. Months of anticipation. Months of doing work for the party or a particular candidate. Months of non-stop news coverage.

My head is about to explode with scenarios and polling and interviews and personal visits and TV ads and stories and emails and text messages and ...

KABOOM!!!

Sorry. That's the oatmeal I left in the microwave too long. Punched in six minutes instead of three. That's where my head is. It's somewhere else. Now it's on the kitchen mess that needs cleaning up. Soon, it won't be.

Now it's back on Nov. 6, the day after the election. The sun will come up that day (God willing). And the day after that.



POLITICS
KYLE MELINN

We've all been super-juiced up to believe the results of this election will be the most important of our lifetime (when haven't we heard that?). If the wrong candidate wins, life will be DANGEROUS.

But history shows that this country won't disintegrate into a smoldering pit based on the election of a disagreeable president. Our lives, for the most part, won't change at all.

Take the economy, for example. Since World War II, we've had seven Republican and seven Democratic presidents. Who produced the better economy?

The numbers show Democrats had more job creation, but Republicans didn't rack up the national debt as much.

Democratic presidents oversaw a slightly higher annual Gross National Product and lower inflation rate than the Republican presidents, but not by much.

The differences are so slight that there's no reason to drop into the five stages of grief.

And, more important, there's no reason to cook up a conspiracy theory that something was "fixed" or "rigged" or any other nonsense.

Let's say someone wanted to rig an election. How would this even be done?

Get a couple of people on the inside? Get the Russians to hack into hundreds of independently operating voting tabulators that aren't connected to the internet?

To pull off any large-scale fraud would entail a lot of public employees and officials looking the other way at the local, county and state levels. And then the irregularities would need to go unnoticed by the losing political party's battalion of attorneys, law enforcement and the news media.

Four St. Clair Shores voters tried to vote twice — once absentee and once on Election Day — during the August primary. All four are looking at five years in prison. The three clerk employees who absent-mindedly gave them the second ballot are facing charges, too.

Handling ballots is not some slipshod operation. Ballots aren't just "showing" up to be counted. You can't take a ballot to Kinkos, run off 1,000 copies, fill in the bubble and drop them off to a ballot counting location.

There is a meticulous process that a lot of people must follow to make

sure one vote belongs to one person. We all vote on paper ballots. They all move through the system in a certain way.

We need to trust this bedrock to our democracy works. Without that trust, we don't have much of anything.

We've had elections with challenges. The election of 1876. The election of 2000 and the hanging chads. The election of 1800. Look them up.

Each of them had at least some legitimate questions posed.

The election of 2020 smelled heavily of make-believe hysteria ginned up by a sore loser. The judges all threw out the meritless claims. They fined the attorneys for making them.

Unless presented with solid evidence to believe otherwise, we need to trust our electoral system is fair and accept the election results, win or lose.

Blood on the streets isn't a better option.

(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the Capitol newsletter MIRS. His email address is melinnky@gmail.com.)

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Editor’s note: In 2015, City Pulse reporter Lawrence Cosentino sat down with Lansing developer Joel Ferguson for a profile that was pre-empted by other stories and never appeared. In the interview, Ferguson, who died Oct. 13 at 85, offered interesting insights into his life story and philosophy, from being fired — twice — by the Baryames brothers as a young man to managing a stunning 1988 Michigan Democratic primary victory for Jesse Jackson and talking trash with Bill Clinton on the golf links. The original profile, including comments by the Rev. Michael Murphy, who died in 2014, has been edited and updated to reflect events subsequent to 2015.

Joel Ferguson in 2015 outside the old Main Street School near downtown Lansing where he worked as playground director after the Marines and earning an elementary education degree from Michigan State University.

‘A lot of firsts’

Joel Ferguson’s life and philosophy, in his own words

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Joel Ferguson’s Old Town office suite was packed with cool art, from abstract paintings to traditional African sculpture. A slender ladder carved out of a tree trunk, from the Dogon people of West Africa, rises in the corner of his conference room.

But the chairman of the MSU Board of Trustees, heavyweight real estate developer, national Democratic Party player and regional power broker was not an aesthete or a history buff. When I asked him to single out a favorite or two on a visit to his office in 2015, he begged off.

“I never thought of it that way,” he said. “I like them all.” Art, he explained, lubricates deals and builds client confidence.

In spite of his quiet voice and low-key manner,

there was nothing idle about Joel Ferguson. Even golf was no idle pastime. He relished a story about golfing with former President Bill Clinton in 2007 at Oakland Hills in Rochester.

“Joel, I’m one up,” Clinton told him when they reached the 15th hole.

“Mr. President, I don’t want to start any stuff, but do you know you’ve been deducting two balls on a lot of holes.”

Ferguson loosed a high, infectious laugh.

“They want you to give ‘em some shit,” he said. “Everyplace else they go, they’ve got people who are totally subservient or they want something.”

Ferguson didn’t even reminisce idly. Every story punched in and did its job. This one said: I speak truth to power. (And I golf with Bill Clinton.)

Ferguson grew up on Chelsea Street, between Al-le-gan and Washtenaw streets on the near west side, “a little street where no one had anything.”

“We used newspapers wrapped together with string for a football,” he said.

As a young man, he had a couple of instructive run-ins with Chris Baryames, of Baryames Clean-ers fame.

“Twice I worked for him. Fired me both times,” he said.

In the 1940s and ‘50s, Baryames and his brother, Chuck, owned a hat stand and shoeshine place downtown. In his early teens, Ferguson worked there for a few weeks, lying about his age. When the work permit never came, they fired him.

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Years later, while playing on the freshman basketball team at Michigan State, Ferguson had a night job cleaning Baryames' store on the Triangle property downtown, later the site of one of Ferguson's more controversial developments, the former Michigan State Police headquarters.

Ferguson missed a Friday night cleaning because of a basketball scrimmage, got up early Saturday to do the job, and got an earful.

Ferguson recalled his boss harping at him: "You missed the dirt here, you missed the dirt there." Baryames expected a college athlete to move heavy things and clean behind them.

"For what you're paying me, I get what's in the open and don't look anyplace else," Ferguson retorted.

That night, Ferguson got a pink slip. "After you clean the place tonight, pick your check up Tuesday," it read. He called Baryames immediately. "Since I'm fired, the place won't be clean tonight either," he declared.

He left the point of the story — Joel Ferguson doesn't settle for a bad deal — unspoken, but it's not hard to connect the dots, all the way to Ferguson's break with developers Leo and Chris Jerome, his erstwhile partners on the massive Red Cedar project on the city's east side.

Years later, Ferguson and Baryames were both on the City Council and became friends. There was a message in that story, too. Ferguson prided himself on playing well with others.

"I get along with Brian Jeffries, Carol Wood and Virg Bernero, you know?" he said with a grin. (Wood and Jeffries were the former Lansing mayor's eternal nemeses.) "I tease Virg all the time. Jesus Christ, how you folks get along with each other hasn't got anything to do with me."

As a playground director at the old Main Street School, Ferguson found himself a go-between in a dispute between the city and aggrieved students.

"They were just pacifying us," Ferguson said. "No one planned on doing anything, and they would just wear us out with all these meetings."

So he decided to run for the City Council himself and became the first African-American to win a seat.

"People thought so much of my mother they ended up voting for me," he said. Ferguson's mother, Josephine Ferguson Wharton, was the first female president of the Lansing branch of the NAACP. She died in 2003 at 87.

"There's been a lot of firsts with him," Ferguson's longtime friend, the Rev. Michael Murphy, said. Murphy died in 2014.

The bond between Ferguson and Murphy was both political and personal. Murphy officiated at the funeral of Ferguson's brother, Brian. Ferguson was a leading fundraiser in Murphy's bid for the state Senate.

"Joel doesn't give up after the first 'no' or second 'no,'" Murphy said.

"Developers are A-type personalities. Look at the Eydes or any of the others. They keep pushing and pursuing. I don't think he's been ruthless. He's been persistent. He'll find another angle."

Murphy cited the downtown House Office Building, with its conspicuous bridge of tinted glass, developed by Ferguson and an unlikely partner, Gary Granger.

"They worked together, a Democrat and a Republican, to put that together," Murphy said.

As treasurer of Jesse Jackson's successful 1988 Michigan Democratic primary campaign, run by Ferguson, Murphy had a front row seat to the defining achievement of his friend's career.

"Certainly, Joel's influence began to take off because of the Jackson campaign," Murphy said. "It surely surprised a lot of people. For Jackson to win a big state like Michigan got a lot of attention, and Joel got a lot of that attention." Ferguson went on to serve 20 years on the Democratic National Committee and became its vice chairman.

In 1988, candidates Michael Dukakis, Dick Gephardt, Al Gore and Paul Simon each paid a \$1,000 fee to get on the Michigan primary ballot. Ferguson did it the hard way, turning in 22,000 petitions for Jackson.

"I wanted to test our organization," Ferguson explained. "If we could get petitions, I knew who was working in each part of the state and where we should shore it up."

Instead of doing airport hops, Ferguson barnstormed across the state with Jackson on a bus tour. In a shocker, Jackson won the primary by a 2-to-1 margin, winning two-thirds of the delegates.

"It was a grassroots campaign that went from Detroit to Grand Rapids to Muskegon, Benton Harbor, urban communities in particular," Murphy recalled. "It was intense. We were knocking on doors. Didn't have a lot of money to purchase ads and that sort of thing."

"I ended up being called the miracle



Photo by Bruce Cornelius

Ferguson served as mid-Michigan campaign manager for U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-New York, in his run for the presidential nomination in 1968, when Kennedy campaigned in Lansing.

man and it gave me this national reputation," Ferguson said. "Bill Clinton runs for president, they call me."

Ferguson said there was "talk" about an ambassadorship to Jamaica under Clinton, but he declined the job. "I told the president it was a place I'd like to visit but not stay," Ferguson said. Clinton appointed him to the board of directors of Freddie Mac.

Ferguson must be tired of being asked why he supported Hillary Clinton over Barack Obama in 2008, but he seized upon the question to make a point.

"In most settings I'm in, I'm in the minority," Ferguson said. "I'm the only Black in the meeting. If I can't get along with the majority and judge people based on their merit ..."

He stopped in mid-bromide and wrestled the principle to more familiar turf.

"The thing I love about sports is that most people who play sports aren't prejudiced," he said. "You take Jack Kemp, a conservative Republican. He was a quarterback for the Buffalo Bills and the guys blocking for him were Black."

In the meantime, Ferguson dropped aspirations for higher office. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 1994.

But he never minded being called a power broker.

"I'm flattered," he said. "People are stating a fact."

There were consequences to his reputation. When he showed up at a reception or other event, people wondered: Why is he here? When Ferguson showed up at a lunch at Lansing Community College in 2008 and talked with Ron Wright, a candidate for LCC president, a small firestorm

broke out. Was Ferguson putting his thumb on this scale, too? Ferguson's role in the selection of MSU President Peter McPherson and football coach Bobby Williams was already common knowledge.

Ferguson waved the idea away. He claimed he didn't pay attention to such things. "It's not for any other reason than there's a personal relationship and a personal trust which, I guess you could say, makes me a power broker," he said. "It's not a case of quid pro quos. It's trust and friendship."

In 2015, it looked as though Ferguson's loyalty to the Clintons might pay off again. With Hillary Clinton favored to win in 2016, Jamaica, or some ambassadorial equivalent, looked pretty good to Ferguson.

"Next time, when Hilary wins, if she thinks I could serve someplace else, at this stage of my life, I would do it," he said.

Needless to say, history had other plans. There was no Clinton victory in 2016 and no Jamaica assignment for Ferguson. But there was still plenty to do at MSU.

"I like what I'm doing at Michigan State," Ferguson said. "I don't feel like campaigning for statewide office today." He was proud that his fellow trustees elected him chairman five times.

"He's in a good place as a developer and MSU trustee," Murphy said. "To be more public would probably bring greater scrutiny."

But that mockingbird stopped singing, too. The public scrutiny came anyway, and it proved to be Ferguson's undoing as MSU trustee. When the Larry Nassar scandal broke, the MSU administration came under withering fire for its conduct before, during and after Nassar's criminal rampage at MSU. Ferguson was widely seen as unsympathetic to Nassar's victims, dismissing their trauma as "the Nassar thing" in a radio interview. The one-time civil rights pioneer had become a figurehead of the old guard, an obstacle to be swept away. Ferguson's support of Republican Gov. John Engler as MSU's interim president when Lou Anna Simon stepped down only poured fuel on the flames. His long tenure as MSU trustee ended in 2020, but the many firsts he racked up are still on the record books, for anyone who cares to look.

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It came from the library

Sickly green zine screams 'Halloween'

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

"Don't go in the basement," a dire warning left unheeded by thousands of grisly horror-movie victims, means nothing to Ben Ackley.

As Capital Area District Libraries' local history outreach librarian, Ackley happily dwells among dusty boxes of arcana buried 6 feet under at the downtown Lansing branch, and he's sharing the worst and weirdest of it with everyone.

"It Came from Lansing," a warped little zine hand-collected, photocopied, clipped, sutured and stapled together by Ackley in his subterranean lab, is full of oddball items culled from the local history vaults. The sickly green zine, available for free at all CADL locations and a scattering of hip local stores, includes an account of a human skull found on Barnes Avenue, a recipe for chocolate spiders and a 1902 guide to hypnotizing people, with poses demonstrated by a frightening fellow who looks a lot like Loki from the Marvel movies. There's a cemetery headstone that reads "Just Jim" and another one with an email address chiseled below the occupant's name: MysticPete@heaven.org. (Efforts to reach the addressee have been unsuccessful.)

Of course, no compendium of oddities is complete without an account of a man surviving a horrific auto accident in which a 20-foot steel rod hurtled through the windshield, "pushing his necktie out through his back." (It happened on Christmas Eve 1978 as the driver returned home from dinner at the Knight Cap.)

The scholarly list of sources at the back of the zine (Ackley is a librarian, after all) is nearly as strange as the contents, from assorted personal scrapbooks that have drifted into the library's hands over the years to records from the Ingham County Tuberculosis Sanatorium to the truly horrific files of the Lansing City Planning Division.

Ackley hatched an unholy plan to dig up and assemble clippings and excerpts from motley sources shortly after he was hired in early spring.

"There are a zillion amazing things in our collection, and people just don't know that they're there," he said. "I figured a zine would be a way to highlight a lot of cool things at once."

He loves the horror genre "and weirdness in general," and he made sure "It Came from Lansing" included a list of 10 locally produced horror flicks (like 2007's "Weenie Roast Massacre"), with notes on which ones can be found on streaming services.

He was inspired to create a Halloween-y zine when he stumbled upon "Kabala's Skeleton Key," a baffling religious-mystical text published in 1937 by Lansingite Gail H. Hines.

"It appears to be entirely self-published, typed on a typewriter, and it's from Lansing," he said.

The manuscript's weird inscriptions and charts mix the zodiac with arcane economic and political doctrines and abstruse moral sermons.

"I couldn't understand a lick of it at all," Ackley admitted. The zine invites anyone with a clue as to what it's all about to contact him.

Ackley's boss, CADL local history

specialist Heidi Butler, helped him flesh out the zine with accounts from local newspapers and various ephemera.

"It Came from Lansing" is the follow-up to another zine, "Obsoleat: Recipes Both Succulent and Strange," which came out in September. (Both zines are still available.)

"Soon after I was hired, I saw that we have six boxes of local cookbooks," Ackley said. "There's no great way for people to use those. Researchers aren't getting into that, and it's not like we have a kitchen down here."

Most of the recipes evoke a less healthy, less fussy, more playful era of cuisine that would horrify diners today. Cherry Michigan is little more than a sludge of cherry pie filling glopped onto fried chicken. ("A feast for the eyes as well," promises Carl Olson of the state Department of Agriculture.) A recipe for circus peanut salad with orange gelatin, crushed pineapple and Dream Whip may stimulate a gag reflex in some readers, while others will rush to the store for the ingredients without stopping to put on their shoes.

Another recipe features shredded corned beef suspended in lemon Jell-O.

"I knew from thrifting and antiquing, which I love to do, that when you're looking through old cookbooks from the 1970s, you're going to run into weird aspic recipes — meats suspended in Jell-O and all kinds of nasty stuff," Ackley said.

He enjoyed finding local connections at the gut level of food. There's an authentic recipe for Upper Peninsula pasties, complete with lard and pork butt. Raccoon meatloaf and squirrel pie represent "Good Eating from Woods and Fields," courtesy of the Michigan State University Extension Service circa 1943.

Some of the recipes have links to prominent local figures. Alfreda's pound cake, a golden slab of eggs, margarine and sugar, comes straight from hat-wearing, do-gooding Lansing icon Alfreda Schmidt herself.

The sources for "Obsoleat" range from the Lansing chapter of Women of



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Ben Ackley, Capital Area District Libraries' local history outreach librarian, is careful to hold his wig and mask in place because mere mortals would be driven insane by his actual appearance.

the Moose to the Republican Business Women's Club and even CADL's cross-town archival, the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library.

Most of the recipes are meant to be used; others, like "elephant stew" (courtesy of the Oldsmobile Girls' Club), are strictly tongue in cheek.

"I thought this material would be more useful if people could pull it into their kitchen," Ackley said.

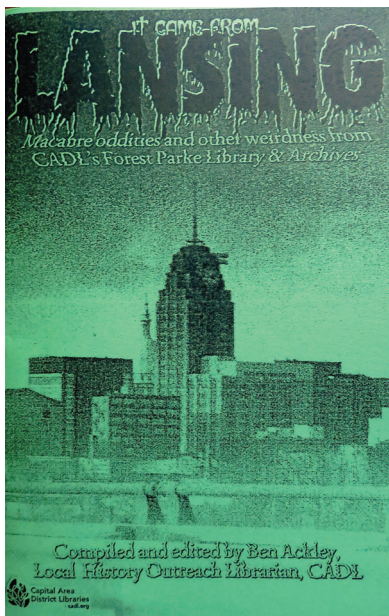
Born in Mason and now residing in Lansing, Ackley has lived in the capital area all his life, with the exception of two years spent earning a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois.

He's happy with the local response to the zines and plans to publish them quarterly. The next entry, due in spring 2025, will probably have a romantic theme.

"We have lots of small collections with scrapbooks, yearbooks, little ephemera from local students over the last 150 years, and a lot of them have love letters and poetry and things like that," he said.

The surest sign that the zine is about to appear is a pile of clutter on Ackley's desk.

"It's a giant mess for a week or two," he said. "But it's worth it."



Both sides tackle cannabis in 2024 election

By CHRIS SILVA

Cannabis has emerged as a bipartisan issue in the 2024 election, garnering support from candidates and elected officials across the political spectrum and the country. This reflects a broader change in public attitudes toward cannabis, with a majority of voters supporting legalization. This shift in the political landscape could bring about major changes in cannabis policy, such as federal rescheduling and further state or even national legalization, as candidates seek to align with voter sentiments.

This election could prove significant for cannabis advocates nationwide. Voters in three states — Florida and the Dakotas — are poised to decide whether to join Michigan and 23 other states, as well as Washington, D.C., in establishing a state-regulated recreational cannabis market. Should these measures pass, it would mark a turning point: legality in more than half of U.S. states.

For many, the movement toward full legalization represents a long-awaited victory. Activists have spent years advocating for changes to cannabis laws — in many states, legal cannabis markets were created by activist-backed ballot initiatives. Until recently, these activists faced significant political and social resistance. The current climate signals that these efforts may finally be bearing fruit as both public opinion and political stances evolve.

Both presidential candidates have expressed support for cannabis policy reform, highlighting the increasing acceptance of the drug within mainstream politics. While their approaches differ — Harris advocates for full federal legalization, whereas Trump supports decriminalizing cannabis and leaving the decision of whether to establish medical and recreational markets up to each state — both indicate a shift in political



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rhetoric.

Increasing support for cannabis reflects a broader generational shift in attitudes toward cannabis use. According to an October 2023 Gallup poll, 70% of Americans support legalization, a dramatic rise from just 12% in 1969. The same poll indicates that younger demographics are especially supportive of cannabis legalization. As candidates vie for their attention, cannabis reform emerges as a strategic way to engage these critical voters.

Recent events, such as a virtual rally hosted by Willie Nelson in support of Harris, exemplify the growing alignment of cannabis advocacy with political campaigns. The event, which focused on the importance of cannabis reform in America, brought together celebrities and lawmakers who support legalization. Democrats are emphasizing

their historical ties to the cannabis movement, arguing that electing more Democrats could pave the way for meaningful reform.

A key driver of cannabis policy discussions at the federal level is the banking crisis faced by cannabis businesses. Traditional financial institutions are reluctant to work with cannabis companies due to the associated legal risks, forcing many operators to rely on cash transactions. This creates safety concerns for employees who have to transport the cash out of the store and makes it challenging for small and social equity businesses to secure loans.

Additionally, investors often charge premium rates when financing cannabis ventures, citing the drug's federal illegality as a reason for the increased costs. This can stifle innovation and hinder the potential for diverse partic-

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ipation in the cannabis market, particularly for small businesses and entrepreneurs from historically marginalized communities.

Federal reform is increasingly being seen as a necessary step for the industry's survival and growth. In recent years, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency officials and a growing number of lawmakers from both parties, including Republican U.S. Reps. David Joyce of Ohio and Brian Mast of Florida, co-chairs of the Congressional Cannabis Caucus, have indicated that cannabis rescheduling is a top priority. The hope is that this would open up banking options for the cash-strapped industry and could help bring about legalization in the remaining non-legal states.

As legalization spreads, the narrative has evolved from one focused solely on social justice and ending prohibition to one centered on fostering a sustainable industry. With more Americans using cannabis regularly and the political climate shifting, it's likely candidates will take cannabis reform more seriously in future campaigns. As they navigate the complexities of public opinion, the focus will likely remain on creating a viable and equitable framework for the cannabis industry, ensuring that it continues to grow and flourish in the years to come.

As Tuesday's (Nov. 5) election approaches, the question remains: How will candidates capitalize on this momentum, and what does it mean for the future of cannabis in America? With a clear shift in both public opinion and political strategy, the coming months will be crucial in shaping the path forward for cannabis reform in the United States.

Wake Up Call puts a unique spin on vintage resale

By TYLER SCHNEIDER

Alec Joseph and Brice Reynolds, both 26, have been best friends since they were sixth graders at Waverly East Intermediate, in part due to their shared affinity for clothing and sneakers.

Joseph went on to start his own apparel company, Gang Affiliation, in 2017 with his friend Devin Jones, who died later that year.

"I was living in Los Angeles at the time, and Devin was doing stuff over here," Joseph said. "He was a pretty well-known guy around here for only being 20-something years old, but he took his own life."

After that happened, I moved back, and we just took it up in full force."

Joseph brought Reynolds on as a co-owner, and the pair continued developing the brand in Jones' memory. They opened a storefront in Detroit's Russell Industrial Center in 2020, but the pandemic, along with Reynolds' status as a new father, forced them to take a step back.

They continued selling their merch to friends and online via Instagram. However, as demand grew, they were prompted to consider opening a brick-and-mortar shop closer to home. They settled on a 1,450-square-foot space in the Stadium District, the former home of Capital City Homebrew Supply, which closed in March.

The new shop, rebranded as Wake Up Call, opened Oct. 19. It features apparel from Joseph and Reynolds' own brand as well as vintage clothing like letter jackets, sweaters, T-shirts, hats and sneakers.

"We're always looking for the next thing, and right now, vintage is huge. There's just such a big market for it," Reynolds said.

Joseph said their growing stock is sourced partially through partnerships with "resident vendors" Better Aged, a vintage store in Grand Rapids, and online retailer Bo Knows Vintage.

Wake Up Call is also a certified vendor of Heybike electric bicycles,

which stemmed from a desire to diversify the shop's offerings, Reynolds said, adding that the concept "ties in with our theme of reusing clothing." In the back of the shop, Joseph designs "three to four" custom hats daily and also works on shoes and clothing on a case-by-case basis.

The duo believes their creative, multidimensional approach to the standard vintage shop is poised to flourish as they continue to settle in.

"In two weeks, we'll have a bunch of new stuff and more shelving built. So, this is really like ground zero for us. We're just going to keep upgrading," Reynolds said.



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Childhood friends Alec Joseph (left) and Brice Reynolds at their new Michigan Avenue clothing store, Wake Up Call.

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Grooves and grandeur

Pianist Willis Delony brings jazz energy to Lansing Symphony Orchestra concert

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Willis Delony doesn't look like a fugitive from the law, but don't let the scholarly glasses and kindly smile fool you.

On paper, the guest soloist at Friday's (Nov. 1) Lansing Symphony Orchestra concert is as respectable as they come — a longtime composer, teacher and performer obsessed with exploring the connections between classical music and jazz.

Delony will play George Gershwin's famous "Rhapsody in Blue" Friday night, along with a unique concerto by Washington composer Greg Yasinitzky that fuses orchestral grandeur with jazz rhythms, harmonies and improvisation.

But "crossover" artists often find themselves in a crossfire.

"It's hard to find successful pieces that truly marry those two styles," Delony said. "If you don't play both, it's hard to be convincing in both."

It's tempting to imagine Delony scurrying down a back alley with two jurisdictions on his trail — the jazz police and the classical police.

"That might be a view from the past," Delony said with a laugh. "When I was coming along, the classical folks didn't like jazz, and the jazz folks were hiding in the corner, but it's not like that anymore. There are too many people out there who do both things, and there's too much respect on either side for both."

LSO maestro Timothy Muffitt vouched for Delony's skill in both genres.

"If you were to see one of his recitals, it would have Claude Debussy and Art Tatum on the same program," Muffitt said. "He's uncompromising in both realms."

Delony, a professor of piano and jazz studies at Louisiana State University, worked with Muffitt a dozen times when Muffitt was music director of the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra,



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Have you seen this man? Pianist Willis Delony, guest soloist at Friday's (Nov. 1) Lansing Symphony Orchestra concert, has thus far eluded both the jazz and classical police.

but they're bringing their partnership to Lansing for the first time Friday.

In 2017, they struck gold together when they commissioned a concerto for piano and orchestra from Yasinitzky, then director of the School of Music and co-coordinator of the jazz studies program at Washington State University. (Yasinitzky retired in 2022.)

The performance, conducted by Muffitt with Delony as soloist, helped earn the piece the American Prize in composition that year. The duo will showcase it again on Friday.

For much of the concerto, Delony will have nothing but a series of chords to go on, leaving the rest to the whims of the moment.

"There's nothing else quite like it," Delony said. "It's a true jazz piece with classical techniques in the mix. Most of what you hear me play Friday night will be improvised." He'll bring a bassist and a drummer, embedding a jazz trio into the symphonic mix.

The last movement comes out swinging in a bebop frenzy. After drawing together threads from the previous movements in classical concerto fashion, the piece ends with a rollicking

jazz waltz.

In Delony's view, the concerto shows that crossover can be done — and done well.

"The old assumptions aren't true," he said. "This piece has to swing hard, and a lot of orchestras know what to do. Muffitt understands this better than any conductor I've ever met."

Friday's concert will open with William Grant Still's Symphony No. 2, "Song of a New Race." Muffitt is jazzed (so to speak) about conducting this piece for the first time in his career.

"From the moment it hits your ears, it draws you in," Muffitt said. "It's so attractive, so appealing, so American. I just know people are going to walk out saying, 'Why haven't I heard this before?'"

With two largely unfamiliar works on the program, Muffitt asked Delony to warm the piano stool for 20 more minutes and treat the audience to a live romp through Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Delony has played the rhapsody a dozen times. He even wrote his doctoral thesis on it. Despite the demands of double concerto duty, he jumped at another chance to play it. These days, rhapsodizing in blue is the thing to do, with the 100th anniversary of the work's premiere approaching in February.

"I still love it," Delony said. "It's one of those miracles of creativity that's hard to explain and doesn't happen often."

Delony loves performing with Muffitt, but one of his favorite memories with the maestro has nothing to do with their own music. In 2018, the brass-heavy rock ensemble Chicago played a concert in Baton Rouge, performing its entire "Chicago II" album. A starstruck Delony and Muffitt got to hang out with the band afterward.

"Tim and I were just fanboys," Delony said. "I can play every note on that album if you want me to bore you."

Delony begged founding Chicago member Robert Lamm to let him bang out the famous piano intro to the band's hit "Saturday in the Park."

"I told him, 'Dude, if you could let me play that piano part, I could die happy,'" Delony said.

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Library of Michigan exhibit honors prolific Detroit photographer

By BILL CASTANIER

The Library of Michigan has turned its second-floor Lake Erie Room into a photo gallery featuring the work of the late Norman Zadoorian, who shot thousands of moody black-and-white photographs of Detroit in the mid-20th century.

The library worked closely with the photographer's son, author Michael Zadoorian, to mount the exhibit, which is free to view Monday through Saturday until Dec. 20. Called "The Searching Eye," it pairs essays by Michael Zadoorian with his father's original equipment and photographs, which illustrate life in Detroit from the mid-1940s to the mid-1960s. The photos are divided into four themes: "Night and the City," "Detroit as Muse," "City of Work" and "A Life Behind the Camera."

"The exhibit represents the lifetime of joy my father had in taking photographs," Michael Zadoorian said. The elder Zadoorian, who died in 2004, was a self-taught photographer who began shooting when he was a teenager. He spent 35 years working for Detroit Edison (now DTE Energy) as an industrial photographer and was an active member of the Detroit Photographic Club during the heyday of photography clubs and salons, which hosted photography competitions.

"Taking photographs was his dream job," Michael Zadoorian said. "Every day was different for him. He might be shooting the Thanksgiving Day parade or going down in the salt mines under Detroit to photograph something."

The younger Zadoorian said his father's creative job influenced his own career path, even though he didn't be-



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Michael Zadoorian shows off his father's memorabilia to visitors of "The Searching Eye" at the Library of Michigan.

come a photographer. He's won a Michigan Author Award and two Michigan Notable Book awards, and his novel

"The Leisure Seeker" was adapted into a 2017 motion picture starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland. He's pursuing a potential book on his father's photography. Like Henri Cartier-Bresson, considered the father of street photography, Norman Zadoorian's "decisive moments" are enthralling to the viewer.

Norman Zadoorian's photographs are reminiscent of another street photographer, the late Vivian Maier, whose



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A cutout of Norman Zadoorian with his Rolleiflex camera watches over the exhibit.

body of work was only discovered after her death. Closer to home, his work is also similar to that of the late Bill Rauhauser, who was known as the dean of Detroit photography.

According to his son, Norman Zadoorian was always ready with his Rolleiflex camera as he traveled the streets of Detroit, taking photos of Detroiters going about their daily business. Some of his photography shows iconic buildings and landscapes that have been lost to time.

"He would take his camera with him on his lunch hour and walk around taking photographs," Michael Zadoorian said.

His photographs of harshly lit nighttime scenes, like one of a popular burlesque joint, portray some of the seedier parts of downtown Detroit, which in the mid-20th century ranked among the nation's five largest cities with a population of almost 2 million.

Michael Zadoorian first began showing his father's photographs on social media, which caught the attention of State Librarian Randy Riley. Riley talked him into mounting an exhibit of his father's work.

"One of the amazing aspects of this exhibit is that it's an intergenerational collaboration between both Norman and Michael," Riley said. "Norman's lens and Michael's compositions work together in articulating a unique era in the city of Detroit."

"The Searching Eye: Images of Mid-Century Detroit by Norman Zadoorian"

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16. Shout of realization
17. Nonsense, to a religion that advocates world unity?
19. Comedian Mayall of “The Young Ones”
20. Direct, as a relationship
21. Martini garnish
23. Garr of “Young Frankenstein”
24. Assertion upon recognizing the peninsula linking Africa with the Middle East?
27. Picnic bug
29. What may make NATO neato?
30. Cuban dance
34. Sea-____ Airport
35. “Pericles, Prince of ____”
39. Series of interlinked Hawaiian verandas?
42. Greek vowels
43. Makeshift dwelling
44. Slight difference
45. Roswell sightings
47. Giants Hall-of-Famer Mel
48. Instruction on how to get to the Burj Khalifa?
52. Arena cheers
56. Completely
57. Forms a line, to Lineker

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60. Send a question
61. Humble response from an Alaskan peninsula?
64. Jeans brand
65. March Madness org.
66. Respectable
67. Waze lines, for short
68. “____, Interrupted” (1999 film)
69. Twill weave
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1. Wooden shoe
2. Construction zone lifter
3. Multiple-choice choice
4. “Not ____ know of”
5. Threesome
6. “Speed-the-Plow” playwright
7. Regress
8. Rocker Reed
9. “Golly!”
10. “Beyond the Sea” singer Bobby
11. Hindu god of destruction
12. “Oh Myyy!” author
14. “What have we here?”
18. Cohesive group
22. “Goodfellas” actor Ray
25. “Game of Thrones” actor Bean
26. Impersonator’s challenge, sometimes
27. Poke bowl fish
28. Ballpark trayful
30. Cavs, on a scoreboard
31. Porkpie, e.g.
32. Actress de Armas
33. Fast ____ (restaurant category for Chipotle and Wingstop)
34. Sticks for blasts
36. Chinese principle with a counterpart
37. Mythical flyer
38. Suffix with ethyl
40. Drive out
41. “Freedom, ____ me loose” (line from the Beyonc song used for Kamala Harris’ campaign)
46. Type of workplace cabinet
47. Work for an orchestra
48. Older TV features
49. Not yet solidified
50. Makes a Battenberg
51. Matching
52. Shearsmith who co-created and co-stars in “Inside No. 9”
53. “Up” voice actor Ed
54. Celebrity chef Eddie who wrote “Fresh Off the Boat”
55. Ill will
58. Abbr. at O’Hare
59. Ualapue strings
62. 13, converted to binary, then converted to Roman numerals
63. Pickle holder

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Oct. 30-Nov. 5, 2024

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Many people believe in the existence of ghosts. If you're not yet one of them, you may be soon. The spirit world is more open than usual to your curiosity and explorations. Keep in mind, though, that the contacts you make might not be with ghosts in the usual sense of the term. They might be deceased ancestors coming to deliver clues and blessings. They could be angels, guardian spirits or shapeshifting messengers. Don't be afraid. Some may be weird, but they're not dangerous. Learn what you can from them, but don't assume they're omniscient and infallible. Halloween costume suggestion: one of your ancestors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): When you were in kindergarten, did you ever share your delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwich with friends who didn't like the broccoli and carrots in their lunch boxes? If so, you may be well primed to capitalize on the opportunities now in your vicinity. Your generous actions will be potent catalysts for good luck. Your eagerness to bestow blessings and share your resources will bring you rewards. Your skill at enhancing other people's fortunes may attract unexpected favors. Halloween costume suggestion: philanthropist, charity worker or an angel who gives away peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): For you, dear Gemini, the coming weeks could be the least superstitious time ever. There will be no such thing as bad luck, good luck or weird luck. Fears rooted in old misunderstandings will be irrelevant. Irrational worries about unlikely outcomes will be disproven. You will discover reasons to shed paranoid thoughts and nervous fantasies. Speaking on behalf of your higher self, I authorize you to put your supple trust in logical thinking, objective research and rational analysis. Halloween costume suggestion: a famous scientist you respect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Which sign of the zodiac is sexiest? Smoldering Scorpios, who are so inherently seductive they don't even have to try to be? Radiant Leos, whose charisma and commanding presence may feel irresistible? Electrifying Aries, who grab our attention with their power to excite and inspire us? In accordance with current astrological omens, I name you Cancerians as the sexiest sign for the next three weeks. Your emotional potency and nurturing intelligence will tempt us to dive into the depths with you and explore the lyrical mysteries of intimate linkage. Halloween costume suggestion: sex god, sex goddess or the nonbinary Hindu deity Ardhanarishvara.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In ancient Egypt, onions were precious because they symbolized the many-layered nature of life. Just as some modern people swear oaths while placing a hand on a Bible, an Egyptian might have pledged a crucial vow while holding an onion. Would you consider adopting your own personal version of their practice in the coming weeks, Leo? It is the oath-taking season for you — a time when you will be wise to consider deep commitments and sacred resolutions. Halloween costume suggestion: a spiritual initiate or devotee.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Two of the world's most famous paintings are the “Mona Lisa” and “The Last Supper.” Both were made by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), one of the world's most famous painters. Yet the brilliant artist left us with only 24 paintings in total, many of which were unfinished. Why? Here are two of several reasons: He worked slowly and procrastinated constantly. In the coming months, Virgo, I feel you will have resemblances to the version of da Vinci who created “The Last Supper” and the “Mona Lisa.” Some of your best, most enduring work will bloom. You will be at the peak of your unique powers. Halloween costume suggestion: Leonardo da Vinci or some great maestro.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): “When you are faced with

a choice between two paths, it's always better to take the most difficult one.” What!? No! That's not true! A shamanic psychotherapist gave me that bad advice when I was young, and I am glad I did not heed it. My life has been so much better because I learn from joy and pleasure as much as from hardship. Yes, sometimes it's right to choose the most challenging option, but on many occasions, we are wise to opt for what brings fun adventures and free-flowing opportunities for creative expression. That's what I wish for you right now. Halloween costume suggestion: a hedonist, a liberator, a bliss specialist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio painter Pablo Picasso has been described as a “masterfully erratic pioneer.” He influenced every art movement of the 20th century. His painting “Guernica” is a renowned antiwar statement. Though he was a communist, he amassed great wealth and owned five homes. Today, his collected work is valued at over \$800 million. By the way, he was the most prolific artist who ever lived, producing almost 150,000 pieces. I nominate him to be your role model in the coming weeks. You are due for a Season of Successful Excess. Halloween costume suggestion: an eccentric, charismatic genius.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sagittarian Keith Richards, guitarist for the Rolling Stones since 1962, is a gritty, rugged man notorious for his rowdy carousing. Lots of observers predicted he would die at a young age because of his boisterous lifestyle, yet today he is 80 years old and still partying. But here's his confession: “I never sleep alone. If there is no one to sleep next to, I'll sleep next to a stuffed animal. It makes me feel secure and safe. It's a little embarrassing to admit it. It's important to me, though.” I bring this up, Sagittarius, because I feel that no matter how wild and free you are, you will be wise to ensure that you feel extra secure and supported for a while. Halloween costume suggestion: a stuffed animal or a lover of stuffed animals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Halloween offers us a valuable psychological opportunity. We can pretend to perform our shadowy, wounded and unripe qualities without suffering the consequences of literally acting them out. We can acknowledge them as part of our makeup, helping to ensure they won't develop the explosive, unpredictable power that repressed qualities can acquire. We may even gently mock our immature qualities with sly humor, diminishing the possibility they will sabotage us. All that's a preamble for my Halloween costume suggestion for you: a dictator or tyrant. If you have fun playing with your control-freak fantasies, you will be less likely to overexpress them in real life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Paganism and astrology have key affinities. For instance, they both understand that our personal rhythms are connected with the Earth's cycles. I bring this to your attention because we are in the season that pagans call Samhain, halfway between the equinox and solstice. For Aquarians, this festival marks a time when you are wise to honor and nurture your highest ambitions. You can generate fun and good fortune by focusing on lofty goals that express your finest talents and offer your most unique gifts. How might you boost your passion and capacity to make your mark on the world? Halloween costume suggestion: your dream career.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): I like how you are opening, widening and heightening! Keep up the good work, Pisces! I am cheering you on as you amplify, stretch, augment and burgeon. Here's a small alert, though: You may be expanding so fast and so far that it's a challenge for less expansive people to keep up — even your allies. To allay their worries, be generous in sharing the fruits of your thriving spaciousness. Let them know you don't require them to match your rate of growth. You could also show them this horoscope. Halloween costume suggestion: a broader, brighter, bolder version of yourself.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Breznsky's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. The audio horoscopes are also available by phone at 1-877-873-4888 or 1-900-950-7700.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday for the upcoming Wednesday edition. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Nicole at (517) 999-5066.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. cmialanon.org.

Allen Farmers Market - Wear a costume! 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. allenneighborhoodcenter.org/market.

Beginning Ballet for Adults - 6:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. dancesingact.com.

Beginning Nightclub Two-Step Group Dance Class - Eight-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Beginning Tap Dance for Teens & Adults - 7:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. dancesingact.com.

Beginning West Coast Swing Group Dance Class - Eight-week class. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Code Club - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Cooper Johnson at Dublin Square - 8 p.m. 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-351-2222. facebook.com/dublinsquare.

DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Join us for some fun trivia and great food and beer. Prizes for first, second and third-place teams. 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Fall Harvest Celebration - Join us for a night filled with tasty food, fun games, prizes and plenty of treats! This event is a great way to learn about the resources available at the Neighborhood Wellness Center. 6-8 p.m. 517 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. facebook.com/InghamHealth.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Greg Morton - This "America's Got Talent" semi-finalist's blend of variety and stand-up comedy has been showcased on Comedy Central, his own Dry Bar Comedy special and beyond. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Jackson Lounge, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

Halloween Party - Enjoy face painting, a haunted house, food, drinks and much more. Costumes are welcome. Free. 6-8 p.m. South Side Community Coalition, 2101 W. Holmes Road, Lansing. southsidecommunitycoalition.com.

Hedda Doyle Bookend Gallery Display - Doyle offers some of her collage work, much of which has musical themes. Noon-4 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Lansing Live Open Stage Night - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

Michael Delaware Author Visit - Hear stories from Delaware's new book, "Victorian Southwest Michigan True Crime." Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. 6:30 p.m. Dorothy Hull Library, 405 W. Jefferson St., Dimondale. facebook.com/DorothyHullLibrary.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. lamc.info.

Natalie & Brittany Haas + Nic Gareiss - Sisters Natalie and Brittany Haas' music reflects a wealth of string traditions. Beloved dancer and musician Nic Gareiss opens the show. 7:30 p.m. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

Tap II for Teens & Adults - 15-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Teen Taste Test Challenge: Kit Kat - Eat several Kit Kats without knowing which is which and see if you can correctly guess each flavor! Ages 13-18. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Walk-in Wednesday - Make a work of art, then take it home! This week's theme is charcoal Tim Burton selfies. All ages welcome. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Wheel of the Year: Samhain and Ancestors - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Thursday, Oct. 31

Acoustic Shenanigans at the Graduate Rock Bar - 8 p.m. 133 Evergreen Ave., East Lansing. 517-348-0900. facebook.com/graduaterockbar.

Acting 101 for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Lansing Día de los Muertos celebration

10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3

Michigan History Center

702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing



Casa de Rosado Gallery and Cultural Center, mid-Michigan's only arts-focused Hispanic center, will celebrate Día de los Muertos, a traditional Mexican holiday honoring the deceased, Friday (Nov. 1) through Sunday (Nov. 3) at the Michigan History Center.

The three-day event will feature the opportunity to view community-made ofrendas, or elaborate memorials to the deceased, which will be lit 6 p.m. Friday. Attendees are welcome to add their own photos or notes to a collaborative ofrenda. There will also be a display of Día de los Muertos-themed artwork by local Hispanic artists.

Saturday will offer a few special events, including a sugar skull decorating contest from 10:30 a.m. until supplies run out, a sugar skull costume contest at 2 p.m. and a performance by Maria Luz Ballet Folklórico at 3 p.m.

The celebration is free and open to the public. For more information, call (517) 402-0282 or visit facebook.com/casaderosado.

Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. cmialanon.org.

Al-Anon Meeting - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cmialanon.org.

Beginning Hustle Group Dance Class - Seven-week class. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Beginning West Coast Swing Group Dance Class - Seven-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Cameron Graves - A member of the genre-blurring Los Angeles collective West Coast Get Down, pianist Cameron Graves is taking the modern jazz scene by storm. 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center Jackson Lounge, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. whartoncenter.com.

Halloween Bash - Join us for a hauntingly good time with a live DJ, mouth-watering snacks, endless candy, apple bobbing, games, a photo booth and more. 5-9 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Halloween Costume Party - 21+ event featuring Halloween music, a costume contest with prizes, scary movies, discounted drinks and an all-you-can-eat food spread. 7-10 p.m. Looking Glass Brewing Co., 115 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. lookingglassbrewingcompany.com.

Hedda Doyle Bookend Gallery Display - Doyle offers some of her collage work, much of which has musical themes. Noon-6 p.m. Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. cadl.org/about/our-locations/haslett.

Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ice Cube, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiessilverblades.org.

The Lynx Band - Get your costume on, grab your friends and join us for a night of dancing and singing along to high-energy pop and rock hits from the '70s to today! 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

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Events

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Monster Mash, with JP & the Energy - 9 p.m. Mash Bar, 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

MSU Percussion Ensemble - 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Parkinson's Exercise: Boxing - Exercise program proven to help enhance strength, balance and agility. Free for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lapsg.org.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages - 15-week class, meets biweekly, 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Spirit of Michigan Chorus Rehearsal - We're an inclusive community of women who sing a cappella in the barbershop style. We welcome all levels of musical experience. 6:45 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, 4851 Holt Road, Holt. spiritofmichiganchorus.com.

Spooky Tunes for Carillon - Enjoy spooky tunes performed on MSU's 49-bell carillon. 9 p.m. Beaumont Tower, 375 W Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

"Tell Me the Truth About Love" - Soprano Melanie Helton, with guest pianist Rachelle Jonck, performs selections themed around love and life's journey. 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

Friday, Nov. 1

African Diaspora Percussion Ensemble - Members of MSU's percussion ensemble perform a variety of traditional songs and rhythms from the African diaspora. 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Baila Conmigo - DJ E-Nyce spices up Lansing Shuffle with Latin dance music on the first Friday of each month. Ages 21+. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. lansing-shuffle.com.

Ben Awrey at Summerlands Brewing Co. - 8 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. 517-709-3647. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Born of Osiris & Convictions - A night of hard-hitting metalcore at Grewal Hall at 224. Doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m. 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Craft Club Jr. - Make beaded corn cobs! Grades 1-3. Registration req. 4:15 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.

Euchre with the Kiwanis Club and Unity - Potluck at 6:30 p.m., Euchre at 7. Tournament with cash prizes. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Johnny Guest Trio - Guest combines original songs and storytelling with covers of classic country, rock and music of the '80s and '90s. 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Lansing's 28th Día de Los Muertos Celebration - 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Michigan History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/casader-osado.

LCC Fall Swing Fling - 6-9 p.m. Gannon Commons, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

The Love Effect at Mash Bar - 9 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

LSO Masterworks 02: "Rhapsody in Blue" - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. lansingsymphony.org.

Matthew Shannon at the Peanut Barrel - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

MHSA Fall Classic Horse Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. michiganhorseshow.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

MSU Horticulture Gardens Houseplant & Succulent Sale - 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Plant & Soil Sciences Building, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. canr.msu.edu/hrt/our_gardens.

MSU Women's Volleyball vs. University of Minnesota - 6 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball.

Parkinson's Exercise: Movement for Vitality - Free group class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lapsg.org.

"Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic" - 7 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

River Walk Trash Cleanup - Pick up the trash on the Lansing River Trail and around our building. We'll walk for about 30 minutes, then head back to the building for disposal and cleanup. 11 a.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

The Schrock Brothers - This Michigan-based Americana/blues ensemble will be joined by harmonica virtuoso and Grammy winner Peter "Madcat" Ruth, plus local legends Andy and Joe Wilson. 7:30 p.m. University Lutheran Church, 1020 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

The Townsman at Beggar's Banquet - 8 p.m. 218 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. 517-351-4540. beggars-banquet.com.

'Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic'

Nov. 1-3 and 8-10
7 p.m. Friday
3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Road, East Lansing



All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre will stage its first full production of the season, "Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic," Friday (Nov. 1) through Sunday (Nov. 3) and Nov. 8 through 10 at East Lansing's Hannah Community Center. The play is a parody of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series from the perspective of the "Puffs," or members of the Hufflepuff house.

"For seven years, a certain boy wizard went to a certain wizard school and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story," a description on All-of-Us Express' website reads. "This is the story of the Puffs, who just happened to be there, too — a tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world."

Tickets to the shows, performed by children, for children, are \$12 for adults and \$8 for ages 17 and under. They're available at the Hannah Community Center box office, online at allofusexpress.org or by calling (517) 333-2580, Ext. 0.

Saturday, Nov. 2

2024 Samhain Ritual - Celebrate the final harvest with a ritual to honor our ancestors of blood, spirit and tradition, plus a shared feast and a raffle. 4-9 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Friends of the Haslett Library Semi-Annual Book Sale - Event will also feature the annual book basket silent auction, featuring 25 themed baskets. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. facebook.com/groups/1241798239320417.

Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly, 11 a.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Kanin Wren's Taylor Swift Experience - With a reputation for delivering electrifying performances, Wren has earned acclaim as the ultimate Swift tribute artist in the region. Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. Grewal Hall at 224, 224 S. Washington Square, Lansing. hall224.com.

Lansing's 28th Día de Los Muertos Celebration - 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Michigan History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. facebook.com/casader-osado.

Meridian Township Farmers Market - 10 am.-2 p.m. Marketplace on the Green, 1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-712-2395. meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket.

MHSA Fall Classic Horse Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. michiganhorseshow.com.

MSU Football vs. Indiana University - 3:30 p.m. Spartan Stadium, 325 W. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/football.

"Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic" - 3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. allofusexpress.org.

Tad and the Fat Katz - Join us for an electrifying night of blues and classic rock with mid-Michigan's premier cover band! 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Tiger and Dragon Kenpo Martial Arts Training - Based on a variety of martial arts systems, tiger and dragon kenpo is designed to develop self-confidence in the warrior. 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend Chapter 404 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances to add Section 404.14 to provide for the efficient use of EV charging station parking spaces and penalties for violations of use restrictions.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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Sunday, Nov. 3

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course. 7-9 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. [lansingrollerderby.com](#).

Euchre - 6 p.m. Esquire Bar, 1250 Turner St., Lansing. 517-487-5338.

First Start Sunday - Monthly blacksmithing workshop for beginners, featuring a shop tour, lessons on safety and technique, and a take-home project. 2 p.m. Artfire Michigan, 4567 Churchill Road, Leslie. [artfiremichigan.com](#).

FREE Gentle Nidra Yoga Class - Designed for all levels to ease you into deep relaxation and stillness. Noon. Firefly Hot Yoga Barre, 118 S. Washington Square, Lansing. [fireflyhotyogabarrefitness.com](#).

GLAD Drum Circle - We offer a welcoming space for all, from beginners to advanced drummers. Bring your own drum or borrow one! 2-4 p.m. Lake Lansing Park North, 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. [facebook.com/GreaterLansingAreaDrummers](#).

Harmony Sundays - Weekly DJ event featuring Aura the Brave and special guests. 9 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. [instagram.com/macsbarmsu](#).

JUGGLERS AND WOULD-BE JUGGLERS - Jugglers meet at the Orchard Street Pump House 2 p.m. Sundays. 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. [mikemarhanka@gmail.com](#).

Lansing's 28th Día de Los Muertos Celebration - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Michigan History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. [facebook.com/casaderosado](#).

Lansing Liederkranz Holiday Bazaar - Featuring handmade crafts and other wares, a bake sale and a kaffee haus serving German eats. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/LansingLiederkranzClub](#).

Let's Dance! Intro to Contra Dance - Free contra dance workshop for beginners. Ages 7+. 1:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](#).

MHSA Fall Classic Horse Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing. [michiganhorseshow.com](#).

MSU Women's Volleyball vs. Ohio State University - Noon. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball](#).

"Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic" - 3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. [alofusexpress.org](#).

Red Cedar Quaker Friends Worship - 10:30 a.m. 1400 Turner St., Lansing. [redcedarfriends.org/join-us-for-worship](#).

Rodney Whitaker - Internationally renowned jazz bassist, recording artist and director of MSU's jazz studies program performs at UrbanBeat. 6 p.m. 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-331-8440. [urbanbeatevents.com](#).

Spartan Spectacular - A tradition since 1971, this program features performances by the MSU Wind Symphony, Spartan Marching Band and faculty and student groups from the College of Music. 3 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](#).

Summerlands Sunday Brunch - Noon-4 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](#).

Monday, Nov. 4

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 8 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. [cmialanon.org](#).

Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class - Eight-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Bingo Night at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Free to play, with fun prizes every game! 8-9:30 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](#).

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Make a wreath for your front door or wall. We have thousands of embellishments to add to your wreath. Registration req. 6 p.m. BlackDog Coffee, 120 W. Hamlin St., Eaton Rapids. [rocksmobilecraftingstudio.com](#).

Crafty Story Time - Preschool-aged children and their caregivers can enjoy fun activities, stories and a craft. 11 a.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](#).

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. [meridian50plus.com](#).

"The Four Agreements" Zoom Book Study, with Kathi Frederick - 1:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](#).

Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Jazz/Ballet II for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 9-13. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](#).

MSU Men's Basketball vs. Monmouth University - 7 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/mens-basketball](#).

Native American Poetry - Join us for a Native American poetry reading. This activity is part of the Grand Ledge community read of "Firekeeper's Daughter," by Angeline Boulley. 7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](#).

Open Mic Night, hosted by Kathy Ford - 6:30-9:30 p.m. One North Kitchen & Bar, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-901-5001. [onenorthdining.com](#).

"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Zoom Book Study, with Jeff Benoit - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. [unitylansing.org](#).

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Yoga for Parkinson's - Free group class for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](#).

Zhihua Tang and Friends - MSU pianist Zhihua Tang, in collaboration with clarinetist Mingzhe Wang and guest musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, performs works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Joan Tower. 7:30 p.m. Cook Recital Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. [music.msu.edu](#).

LCC Fall Swing Fling

6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1
Gannon Commons
422 N. Washington Square,
Lansing

Jazz enthusiasts will have the opportunity to dance along to the sounds of the big-band era 6 to 9 p.m. Friday (Nov. 1) at Lansing Community College's Gannon Commons. The LCC Jazz Band, alongside local vocalist AnnaMaria Horn, will perform classics from the 1930s, '40s and '50s, including songs by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie and many more jazz greats. Local dance instructors will be in attendance to teach swing dance techniques throughout the evening.

"There aren't many opportunities in the Lansing area to dance to a live big band," LCC Jazz Band director Jonathon Gerwitz said. "I'm very excited to help create an opportunity to connect and engage with not only the LCC community but also the Greater Lansing community."

The event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available on Grand Avenue and the first floor of the Gannon ramp. For more information, visit [facebook.com/LCCPerformingArts](#).



Tuesday, Nov. 5

Acting 101 for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 9 a.m. Alano Club South, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. [cmialanon.org](#).

Al-Anon Meeting - 7 p.m. St. Jude Church, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt. [cmialanon.org](#).

Beginning American-Style Rhumba Group Dance Class - Eight-week class. 8 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Intermediate Ballet for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Jazz Tuesdays - Weekly series showcasing the best and brightest mid-Michigan jazz musicians. 7 p.m. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. [facebook.com/jazztuesdaysatmoriartys](#).

Level I Dance for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 5-8. 4 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. [midmichiganartguild.org](#).

MSU Women's Basketball vs. Oakland University - 6:30 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. [msuspartans.com/sports/womens-basketball](#).

Parkinson's Exercise - Free group class for people with Parkinson's, led by exercise professionals. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. [lapsg.org](#).

Preteen Reads Book Club - Each participant reads the same book beforehand and comes to the meeting ready to chat, eat snacks and have

book-related fun. Grades 4-6. Registration req. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. [charlottelibrary.org](#).

"The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Rediscovery" Book Study, with Rev. Sharon Ketchum - 1:30 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. [unitylansing.org](#).

Summerlands Karaoke Night - Family-friendly until 9:30 p.m. Enjoy food and beverages, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic. 7:30-11 p.m. Summerlands Brewing Co., 1957 Cedar St., Holt. [facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing](#).

Toastmaster Meeting - We welcome guests who wish to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills. 6:30 p.m. Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [capitalcity-toastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org](#).

Trivia at Lansing Shuffle - 7:30-9 p.m. 325 Riverfront Drive, Lansing. 517-940-4365. [lansingshuffle.com](#).

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Acting & Glee Music Class for Kids - 15-week class. Ages 5-12. 4:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6 p.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. [cmialanon.org](#).

Beginning Ballet for Adults - 6:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](#).

Beginning Tap Dance for Teens & Adults - 7:45 p.m. The Studio Performing Arts Center, 5015 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. 517-336-4088. [dancesingact.com](#).

Broadway Jazz Dance for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 7 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. [ruhalacenter.com](#).

Code Club - Learn to make websites, apps, animations and more! No coding experience necessary. Grades 3+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [gladl.org](#).

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DJ Trivia at Summerlands Brewing Co. - Join us for some fun trivia and great food and beer. Prizes for first, second and third-place teams. 7 p.m. 1957 Cedar St., Holt. facebook.com/summerlandsbrewing.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

How to Research Your Own Home - Bob Myers of the Michigan Historical Society discusses how to conduct historical research on your home. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. charlottelibrary.org.



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Improv Acting for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Lansing Live Open Stage Night - Whether you're experienced or just starting out, the stage is open to all. Not a performer? Enjoy dinner, drinks and live music. No cover, all ages welcome. 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

Mid-Michigan Art Guild Fall Art Show - The guild presents its first exhibition of the season, featuring original artwork in an array of media. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. midmichiganartguild.org.

Mindfulness Meditation in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition - All are welcome to join our weekly practice! 7-9 p.m. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. lamc.info.

Read Between the Wines Book Club (First Wednesday Group) - We'll discuss Kristin Harmel's "The Winemaker's Wife." Glasses of wine \$1 off. Registration req. 5 p.m. Choice Farm Market, 4212 Holt Road, Webberville. 517-655-2883. burgdorfwinery.com/events.

Switch Gaming: "Overcooked" - Feel free to bring your Switch to play between turns on the big screen. All skill levels welcome. Ages 8+. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Tap II for Teens & Adults - 15-week class. 6 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Walk-in Wednesday - Make a work of art, then take it home! This week's theme is pastel transfer drawings. All ages welcome. Children under 7 must attend with a registered adult. 4:30-6 p.m. REACH Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. reachstudioart.org.

Weaving the Web: Relative Truth - Join us online or in person every Wednesday for discussions, rituals, meditations and more! 6 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. weaversoftheweb.org.

Acting Ensemble Class for Teens & Adults - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Adult Roller Derby Basic Skills Boot Camp - Four-month roller derby training course. 6-8 p.m. Court One Training Center, 7868 Old M-78, Lansing. lansingrollerderby.com.

Al-Anon Meeting - Are you concerned about someone else's drinking? This group welcomes any adult looking for help. 6:45 p.m. Mason Sparrow Urgent Care, 800 E. Columbia St., Mason. cmialan-non.org.

Al-Anon Meeting - 8 p.m. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cmialan-non.org.

Beginning Hustle Group Dance Class - Seven-week class. 7 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8800.

Beginning Ukulele Workshop for the Family - Learn a brief history of the instrument and all the basics you need to start playing. Ages 8+. Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org.

Capital Area Modelers Society Meeting - Learn about building scale models, display what you're working on and get to know others interested in the hobby. 6:30 p.m. Judson Baptist Church, 531 Glendale Ave., Lansing. capitalareamodelerssociety.wordpress.com.

Clayworks Pottery Fall Sale - A great opportunity to support local artists and find unique gifts for your holiday giving! Noon-7 p.m. Faith Church, 2300 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. clayworkspottery.net.

Crafty Vibes - Bring your knitting, crochet or any other portable craft project and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity, conversation and community. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

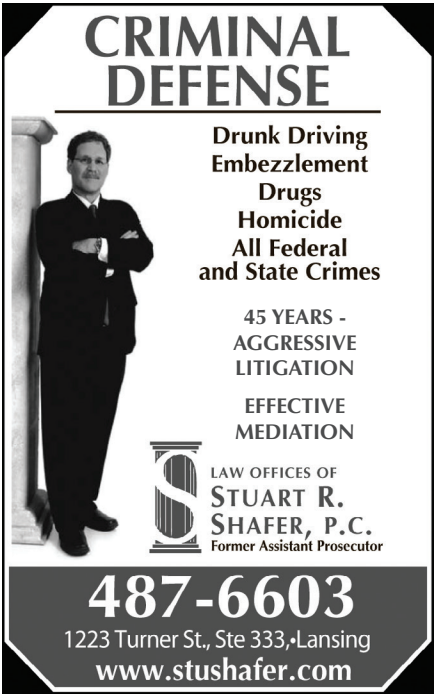
Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Fall Sale - Find unique, handmade ceramics for the perfect gifts. New items are put out each day. 5-8 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. greaterlansingpottersguild.org.

Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ice Cube, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiesilverblades.org.

MSU Men's Basketball vs. Niagara University - 8 p.m. Breslin Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-basketball.

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Parkinson's Exercise: Boxing - Exercise program proven to help enhance strength, balance and agility. Free for people with Parkinson's and their caregivers. 1 p.m. Michigan Athletic Club, 2900




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Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. To register, call 517-364-8888. lapsg.org.

Ruhala Broadway Ensemble for All Ages - 15-week class, meets biweekly. 5:30 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. 517-337-0464. ruhalacenter.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly - Weight-loss support group. Weigh-in 5:30 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. 800-932-8677. facebook.com/HaslettTops.

"Urinetown" - A deliciously subversive satire that skewers everything from corporate greed to municipal corruption, all while delivering some of the wittiest and most inventive songs to grace the stage. 7 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. riverwalktheatre.com.

Friday, Nov. 8

Clayworks Pottery Fall Sale - A great opportunity to support local artists and find unique gifts for your holiday giving! 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Faith Church, 2300 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. clayworkspottery.net.

Dan Dan Laird at Beggar's Banquet - 8 p.m. 218 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. 517-351-4540. beggars-banquet.com.

Divination Roundtable - Learn a new divination method, get a reading and compare notes with others in your field. All readings free, all systems of divination welcome. 5 p.m. Weavers of the Web, 809 Center St., Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Fitness Over 50! Exercise Group - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Central Park Pavilion. 9-10 a.m. 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

The Future of Comedy Show at Spare Time - Performances by Nicole "Big Juicy" Middleton and FOCS regulars Steve Kaz, Nicole Melnyk and Dan Grinnell. Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. 3101 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. mikeballdot-com.com/focs.

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild Fall Sale - Find unique, handmade ceramics for the perfect gifts. New items are put out each day. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. greaterlansingpottersguild.org.

JP & the Energy at Mash Bar - 9 p.m. 212 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-858-2100. mashbar.net.

MSU Men's Ice Hockey vs. Ohio State University - 7 p.m. Munn Ice Arena, 509 Birch Road, East Lansing. msuspartans.com/sports/mens-ice-hockey.

MSU Jazz Nonets with Dan Wilson, jazz guitar - Dan Wilson is a distinguished guitarist, celebrated for his soulful tone, intricate improvisation and masterful blending of jazz and blues with gospel influences. 8 p.m. Murray Hall, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

A nod to La Cocina Cubana's empanadas

By COURTNEY BOWERMAN

I'll admit it: I'm out of touch. When a friend invited me to lunch at downtown Lansing's La Cocina Cubana, it was my first time eating Cuban food. I didn't even know what the difference was between Cuban and Mexican food. Nevertheless, I'm always willing to try new things.

I've worked downtown for more than a decade. I remember when the space at 123 S. Washington Ave. used to be Great Harvest Bread Co. After that closed, it housed several different restaurants until La Cocina Cubana took over in 2017. Although it had been a long time since I was inside the building, the interior of the restaurant was vastly different from what I re-



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membered. It's a small establishment, so tables tend to fill up fast, especially during lunch hour on a workday. Despite how busy it was, the staff worked very hard to accommodate everyone.

As I learned, Cuban cuisine isn't as spicy as Mexican, which is good news for people with sensitive taste buds. Instead of chips and salsa, we recieved a complimentary basket of bread and chicken spread to start with. (Additional helpings cost \$2 each.) For me, it was a rather unique appetizer. The chicken spread was mild, and the hard-crust Cuban bread bits reminded me of a baguette. Though not as addictive as chips and salsa, it was still pretty good.

Perhaps I should have tried one of the many Cuban-style sandwiches on the menu, but that day I was interested in the chicken empanada house special, which came with two savory chicken-filled pastries, rice and beans. The seasoned rice and black beans weren't served separately as they usually are at Latin restaurants but were instead mixed together and molded into a tidy cylinder, which seems to be a popular plating trend these days.

I dug right into my meal, and it was delicious. The pastry crust was warm and flaky, and while the chicken wasn't spicy, it was far from bland. The seasoning was just right. The plate came with some kind of empanada sauce that I couldn't identify, but it had a tangy flavor that helped liven up the whole dish.

My friend ordered the traditional Cuban sandwich (ham and cheese) and a side of maduros, or fried plantains. My



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curiosity to try one was overruled by my longtime distaste for bananas, which are very similar to plantains. The sandwich, on the other hand, looked promising. It was so big that my friend had to get a box because she couldn't finish it. All in all, we had a great lunch, and I'm glad I was able to try a new cuisine — one that I'll definitely have to explore more in the future.

TOP 5

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THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED BY CITY PULSE READERS

TOP 5 BAGELS

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- Bakery and coffee shop offering croissants, cookies, bagels, sandwiches, soups and more
- 323 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
- (517) 622-4772
- flourchildbakeryandcafe.com
- 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday
- 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
2. Big Apple Bagels
- Counter-service chain for coffee, sandwiches and basic breakfast fare, including muffins and bagels
- 248 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing

- (517) 324-4400
- bigapplebagels.com
- 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday
- 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
3. Panera Bread – all locations
- Counter-service cafe chain with sandwiches, salads, baked goods and more
- See panerabread.com for locations, hours and phone numbers
4. Bruegger's Bagels
- Cafe chain offering small-batch, New York-style bagels, plus breakfast and lunch sandwiches
- 505 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
- (517) 332-9940
- brueggers.com
- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. daily
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