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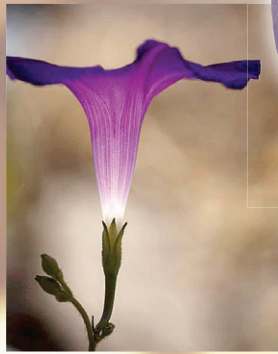
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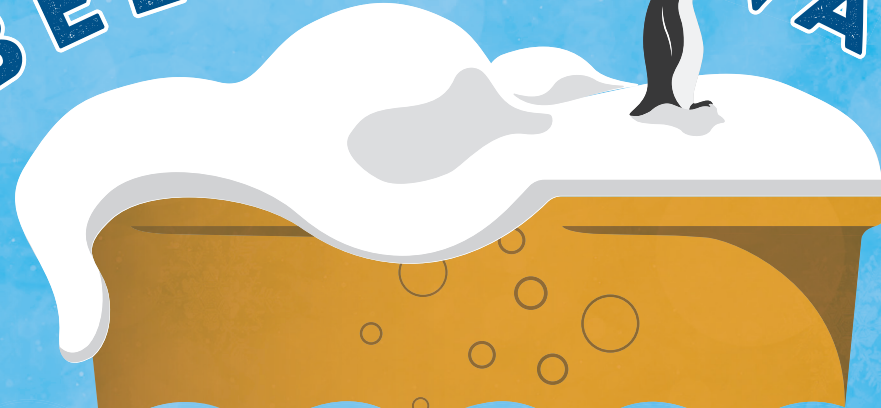
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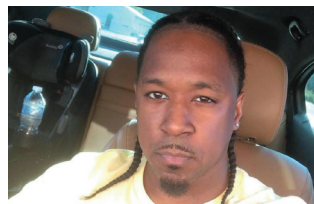
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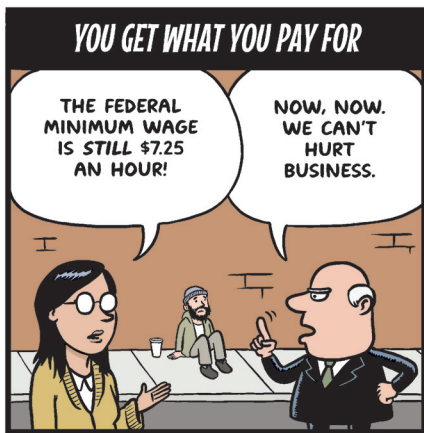
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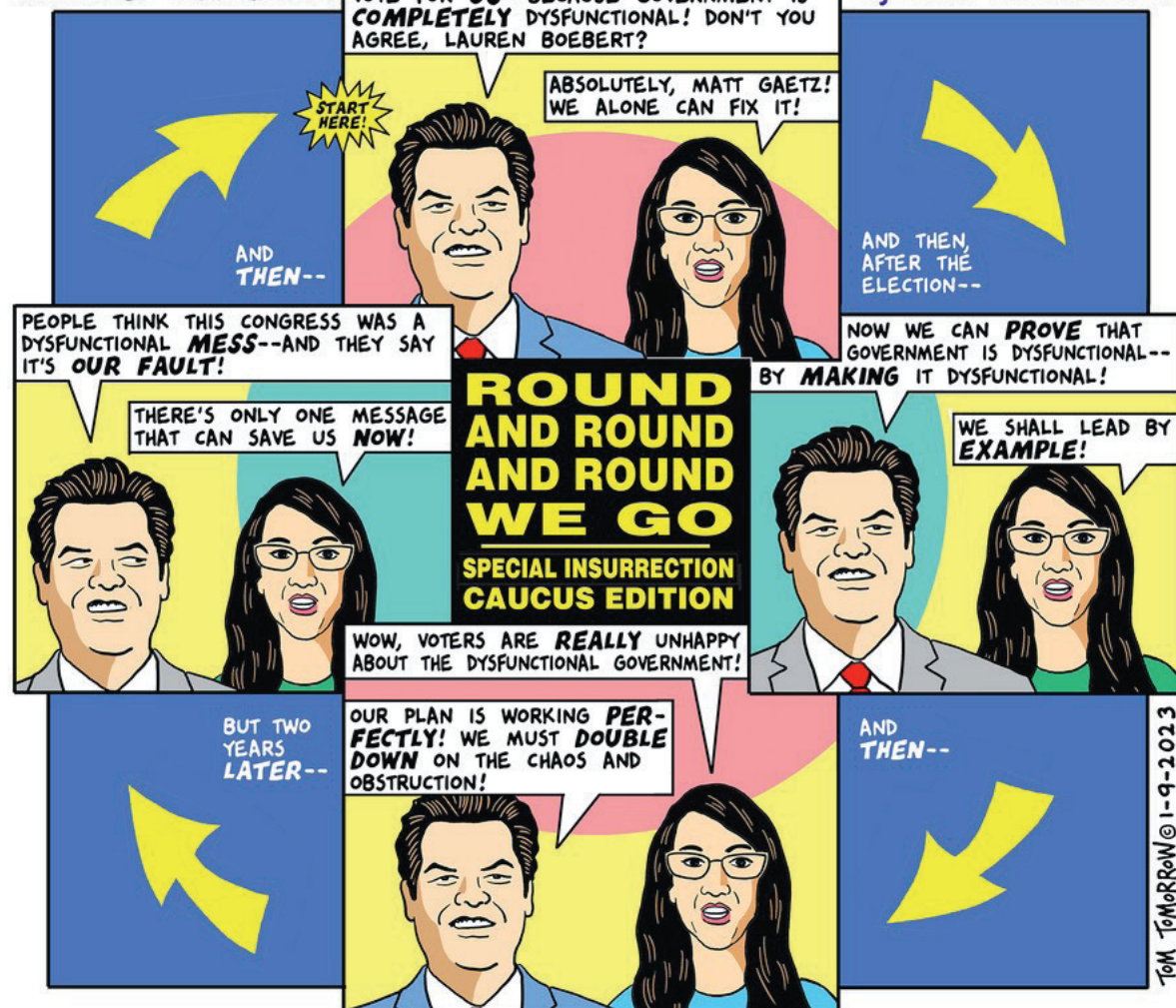
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NEWS & OPINION

Appointed sheriff of Shiawassee Co. was convicted of drunk driving

Selection committee's truncated process didn't reveal arrest

The new sheriff of Shiawassee County was appointed to the position despite a drunk-driving conviction and without its disclosure during the selection process.

At least one member of the selection committee, Shiawassee County Clerk Caroline Wilson, was unaware of the arrest and conviction when she voted for him, she told City Pulse Tuesday. The other two members, county Prosecutor Scott Koerner and Probate Judge Thomas Dignan, did not return calls.

Chapman, 59, replaced Brian BeGole, who was elected to the state House of Representatives in November. Chapman will serve through 2024.

Chapman, a 30-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, was arrested on Oct. 9, 2018, and charged with operating while intoxicated and possession of two firearms while intoxicated. It was a first and only offense for Chapman. He was a road patrol sergeant in the Sheriff's Department at the time.

According to a Michigan State Police arrest report, troopers were dispatched to I-69 at M-71, which is the Durand Corunna exit, after midnight due to a vehicle blocking the entrance ramp. They found Chapman passed out at the wheel of a 2011 Chevrolet.

The report said that when asked how much he had had to drink, he replied, "Too much." He refused to cooperate with troopers for a roadside sobriety test and was arrested, then taken to the Flint MSP Post, where he was tested. His first test registered .19 and second one a few minutes later .17. Under Michigan law, .08 is considered intoxicated.

Searching his vehicle, troopers found a silver .38 caliber revolver that was loaded with five hollow-point bullets, the report said. Troopers also found a .40 Glock, which is a semi-automatic pistol. It, too, was fully loaded with



Photo courtesy of the (Owosso) Angus-Press

Shiawassee County Sheriff Doug Chapman, left, is shown testifying before the Michigan House Judiciary Committee in 2017, when he was a sergeant in the Sheriff's Department. Seated to Chapman's left is Rep. Ben Frederick, R-Owosso, whose term ended Jan. 1.

eight rounds of ammunition. However, no ammunition was chambered, meaning it could not have been fired without sliding ammunition into the chamber.

After his arrest, District judges Ward Clarkson and Terrance Dignan (a relative of the probate judge) and Shiawassee County Prosecutor Deanna Finnegan recused themselves, so the case was moved to Ingham County, where it was heard by 54-A District Judge Louise Alderson in Lansing.

In a plea deal with the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office, the firearms possession charge was dismissed. Both weapons were returned to him.

For a first offense for driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol test showing a level of .17 and above, the penalty under Michigan law includes up to a \$700 fine and up to 180 days in jail.

Chapman was sentenced to a \$685 fine, plus fees, and nine months' pro-

ing and personnel, jail administration and procedures and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certification preferred."

Three candidates applied. Besides Chapman, they were Joe Ibarra, an auxiliary officer with the Owosso Police Department for a decade, and Kevin Rathbun, who ran against BeGole for state representative in the GOP primary. Rathbun cited experience as a military police officer in Virginia.

However, their interviews never took place.

Asked why the panel decided, when it met again on Dec. 13, not to conduct interviews, Wilson, the county clerk, said that only Chapman had the experience they were looking for, so they chose to cut the process short.

Wilson also said that Dignan, the probate judge, sought to recuse himself at some point in the process, although she did not know why. But she said that Koerner, the chairman, said that was not permitted under the state statute. All three voted for Chapman.

Wilson said that while she was unaware of Chapman's record, it would not have changed her vote.

"It was four years ago," she said. "If it was a continuing problem, clearly we would have needed to assess it."

Ibarra, one of the candidates, questioned the process.

"It's like they make up the rules as they go, change them as they want to or need to at whim," Ibarra said.

However, he added that "they did get advice from the county attorney that moving ahead with the appointment would not violate the Open Meetings Act" after the panel decided not to conduct interviews.

Lisa McGraw, an executive with the Michigan Press Association, still questioned the process, though.

"While it may not have violated the letter of the law, it most certainly violated the spirit of the law," she said.

"If I were a resident, I would feel well within the legal confines of the requirement of the Open Meetings Act to bring

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Michigan Dems aim to erase business-friendly environmental laws

By **KELLY HOUSE**
Bridge Magazine

A power shift is coming to Lansing, likely changing the state Legislature's stance on environmental issues from water access to pollution control.

After decades of Republican leadership in Lansing with an emphasis on scaling back environmental regulations and giving businesses more influence in state decision-making, some Democratic lawmakers and environmental groups told Bridge they expect the pendulum to swing back, as the House and Senate work in concert with a reelected Democratic governor.

House and Senate leaders have said they're still putting together their priorities for the coming legislative session, but environmental advocates expect a focus on reversing Republican-enacted laws they see as detrimental to the environment, and reintroducing Democratically sponsored bills that languished in the Republican-controlled Legislature.

The ban on local plastic bag bans could be on the chopping block, and pollution laws could be up for a rewrite. Here's a sampling of issues that could be up for debate in Lansing this year.

Water shutoffs and affordability

After years of applying public pressure to end water shutoffs that plague Michiganders who fall behind on bills, water affordability advocates won a partial victory in 2020.

In recognition that hand-washing could prevent the spread of COVID-19, lawmakers imposed a moratorium on water shutoffs through March 2021, and some cities kept local moratoriums in place even longer.

With Democrats now controlling Lansing, advocates say they're aiming to pass statewide water affordability legislation.

Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit, who sponsored the 2020 moratorium bill, has repeatedly pushed bills to increase shutoff protections and create a state water affordability plan.

One of several bills pushed by Chang would have protected certain classes of people from shutoffs, such as seniors, pregnant people and parents of children. Another would have required utilities to disclose more data on their water rates and shutoffs.

Chang said the issue will be her key priority in the coming term.

"I'm feeling like there's a huge opportunity to get more done," Chang said. "But because these bills haven't gotten to hearing before in most cases, I think there's probably more vetting and more conversations that have to happen."

The push for affordability comes as water systems across the state enact steep rate hikes to cover badly needed upgrades to failing pipes and plants. Chang said those widespread impacts of disinvestment in water infrastructure demand "a broader statewide approach."

Polluter pay

Michigan's law to hold industry liable for cleaning up its pollution — known as "polluter pay" — was once one of the nation's strongest. It set aggressive cleanup standards for contaminated sites and extended liability to both current and former site operators.

But in 1995, during Republican Gov. John Engler's tenure, lawmakers significantly weakened the law. The changes shifted its focus from cleanup to containment and dramatically narrowed who could be held liable for cleanup costs.

Michigan is now home to thousands of "orphan" contaminated sites where those responsible for causing pollution are no longer around, leaving the public to pay for cleanup.

Multiple past attempts to strengthen Michigan's cleanup standards have failed. But momentum began building for another attempt after a multi-thousand-gallon release of liquid containing carcinogenic hexavalent chromium from Tribar Manufacturing's Wixom plating facility last August.

The spill prompted fears of yet another threat to Ann Arbor's drinking water, which is already threatened with PFAS contamination and an underground dioxide plume emanating from the former Gelman Sciences property.

Ann Arbor Sen. Jeff Irwin has repeatedly attempted bills to strengthen Michigan's polluter pay law. The most recent one, which never got a hearing in the just-closed legislative session, would have required those responsible for pollution to meet state drinking water standards during cleanup, as long as it's technologically feasible to do so.

With Democrats in control of the Legislature, Irwin said he expects the issue to get new traction.

"I think you're gonna see us focus on kitchen table issues," such as lowering taxes, Irwin said. "And you know what else goes on a kitchen table? Drinking water."

Climate change

Whitmer told Bridge in November she wants to work with legislative leaders to write aspects of her administration's climate action plan into law, ensuring that they "transcend a change in administration."

The governor has so far declined to get

specific about the climate policies she may push in 2023. But as Bridge reported this month, advocates have a long wishlist.

It includes requiring utilities to build more wind and solar arrays, regulating the build-out of electric vehicle infrastructure and enacting laws to make it easier for residents and communities to install solar panels or make their home more energy-efficient.

Republican legislative leaders remained tepid this year on the topic of climate policy. Eight months since the Whitmer administration released its climate plan, incoming Senate Minority Leader Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton, told Bridge he still hasn't read the plan.

Spending Michigan's COVID windfall

Lawmakers are expected to resume talks early this year about how to spend Michigan's \$6 billion surplus. And the state still has money to spend from the Biden administration's infrastructure and climate bills.

While policy changes tend to face long and uncertain paths to passage in Lansing, Democrats could advance their environmental agenda by spending that money strategically, said Barry Rabe, a University of Michigan political scientist who studies environmental issues.

"The question becomes, how could the Legislature take maximum advantage of funding coming from Washington to make it more effective?" Rabe said.

Environmentalists are expected to push for spending on home weatherization, public transportation to reduce carbon emissions, wetlands and stormwater upgrades to cope with worsening floods, and other priorities.

Water infrastructure challenges, from removing lead service lines to fixing pipes and treatment plants that are crumbling after decades of underinvestment, also remain a key priority.

Whitmer said lawmakers did "some really good work" by addressing water infrastructure needs in a \$4.8 billion supplemental budget passed earlier in 2022. But as Bridge has reported, the money is not enough.

Reversing Republican policies

Several lawmakers and advocates told Bridge they anticipate early action to reverse Republican-crafted policies they see as bad for the environment.

"If the Dems are smart, they'll message a lot of this stuff as 'We're going back to the way things were intended,'" said Nick Schroeck, an environmental law expert at University of Detroit Mercy.

Among the Republican creations that



Bridge photo by Kelly House

A chromium spill from Tribar Manufacturing's chrome-plating plant into the Huron River near Howell prompted renewed calls to tighten Michigan's pollution laws — one of several issues that Democrats could push in Lansing this year.

could be in the crosshairs:

- A 2016 law that bans local municipalities from banning plastic bags or charging a fee for using them. Ann Arbor's Irwin told Bridge he plans to introduce a bill that would repeal the ban.

- A 2018 law that prohibits Michigan regulators from adopting rules more stringent than federal standards, except in narrow circumstances. Environmentalists have criticized the law, saying it thwarts efforts to ramp up Michigan's pollution protections.

- The Environmental Science Advisory Board, Environmental Permit Review Commission and the Environmental Rules Review Committee, three panels established under Republican Gov. Rick Snyder that gave industry new ways to intervene in state environmental decisions. Environmentalists dubbed them "polluter panels," and Republican legislative leaders blocked Whitmer's attempt to abolish them during her first term.

Dam safety

Michigan spent big in 2022 to repair the state's crumbling dams. But bills to strengthen Michigan's lax dam safety laws failed to get similar traction despite vows of support from Republican legislative leaders.

Members of a state-appointed task force who warned in 2021 that Michigan's dams need "immediate attention" to prevent future failures have said the state's dam safety shortcomings remain a pressing environmental and public safety issue.

Charlotte Jameson, the chief policy officer of the Michigan Environmental Council, said she sees potential for the reforms to be floated again this year.

"It's clear to everybody that there is a problem," she said. "And we need to do something because we can't continue to have these sorts of failures."

GOP lost badly statewide, but scored big in county races

MIKE WILKINSON

Bridge Magazine

Last November, Michigan Democrats scored huge victories as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer easily won reelection and her party took control of the Senate and House.

But while Whitmer and fellow Democrats scored big in state-level races, that didn't happen at the county level, where local politicians still redraw political boundaries.

Of the 619 county commissioners elected in Michigan last year, 444 (72 percent) were Republicans — an increase of five from 2020, according to a Bridge Michigan analysis of county commissioner lists compiled by the Michigan Association of Counties.

The number of Republican commissioners increased in 22 counties. And 35 counties now have all-Republican commissions, up from 31 in 2020.

In contrast, Democratic commissioners increased their numbers in 11 counties and just three — Wayne, Washtenaw and Marquette — are now led entirely by Democrats, the same number as in 2020 (though it was Gogebic, Marquette and Washtenaw counties back then).

Unlike state legislators, whose new boundaries were drawn in 2021 by an independent bipartisan citizens commission, county commissioners ran in districts that are still designed and approved by partisan actors.

Under a 1966 state law, county commission boundaries are approved by

a local redistricting commission composed of three elected officials — the county clerk, treasurer and prosecutor — along with leaders of the county Republican and Democratic parties.

So, whichever party controls at least two of the three elected offices can control the process to approve boundary maps. The commission posts are important because commissioners set policies on everything from economic development to human services while overseeing millions of dollars in spending.

Removing politicians from the drawing of legislative boundaries was the impetus for state voters' approval in 2018 of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission for state and congressional races. This past November was the first election based on the redrawn maps.

Making sure the maps did not give any party a political advantage was a top priority of the MICRC. However, at the county level, it's the last of eight guiding principles, which are listed in descending order of importance.

"If history is our guide, I would expect (partisan redistricting) to be leaned into," said Douglas Spencer, a law professor at the University of Colorado who manages a website, All About Redistricting, that focuses on redistricting across the nation and advocates for reforms to end partisan gerrymandering.

"Those who are in power," he said, "are balancing all of the factors to (work) in their favor."

Other factors at play

To be sure, political gerrymandering does not totally explain the high volume of Republicans elected to county commissions.

Broad geographic stretches of Michigan have become more conservative and more heavily Republican, especially in rural regions, while Democratic voters tend to dominate heavily populated urban areas. That explains how Whitmer could win easily in the governor's race even as Tudor Dixon, her Republican challenger, captured 66 of Michigan's 83 counties.

Consider Bay and Alger counties: In both, Democrats controlled the redistricting process because they held a majority of county political positions, but the counties' conservative voters flipped both commissions to Republicans in November.

In Bay County, a 6-1 Democratic majority became a 4-3 Republican body. Alger, in the Upper Peninsula, went from four Democrats and an Independent to four Republicans and a Democrat.

But in other places, partisan interests may have been at play.

In GOP-dominated St. Joseph County, the Republican-led redistricting commission increased the number of seats on the county commission from five to seven. That increased a 5-0 Republican commission to a 7-0 Republican commission in November.

The county's redistricting commission also took action this year that diluted the ability of a Democrat to win a commission seat. Three Rivers, a town

south of Kalamazoo that has voted more Democratic in recent years, was split in half in the local map, pushing each half into more Republican-heavy commission districts.

"It was definitely divided in a way where it was much less likely for a Democrat to get elected" to the county commission, said Carol Higgins, chair of the Democratic Party of St. Joseph County.

Only one Democrat ran for any commission seat in the county — in the second district, which included half of Three Rivers — and lost.

Rodney Chupp was chair of the St. Joseph County Republican Party when the commission maps were redrawn in 2021. Chupp, who has since stepped down, told Bridge the county redistricting commission added the two commission seats to ease the workload on individual commissioners.

Chupp said he tried to draw maps that kept all of Three Rivers in a single district. But doing so meant the city of Sturgis, in the southeast part of the county, would have to be cut into three districts so each commission district would have roughly the same number of people.

The solution was to split both Three Rivers and Sturgis into two districts. Chupp acknowledged that he knew that if he split up Three Rivers, "It's going to look like gerrymandering, and it's not."

"It felt right, it felt fair and my goal was to be completely impartial," Chupp said.

Sheriff

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a lawsuit on this arguing the statutory committee on Dec. 13 violated the Open Meetings Act. I suspect I would win, but there is no case law to point at right now on this particular question," McGraw added.

Chapman declined to be interviewed.

An MLive-Flint Journal story on Dec. 13 reported that Chapman said

he was "surprised" by his appointment since he had expected a round of interviews.

The article said Chapman indicated he would run for the office when it is on the 2024 General Election ballot.

About the job, he said, "I'm excited. I feel that this is a huge responsibility. I love the people of this community and I'm going to do my best to make sure every individual in this county is safe and I'll do my best as sheriff."

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

BY NICOLE NOECHEL



Anthony Anderson, 28, of Saginaw, has been arrested in connection with a New Year's Eve shooting of two men at 51 Sessions Recording Studio, near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Detroit Street.

Curshawn Terrell, 40, and Shaquille Brown, 29, were rushed to Sparrow Hospital following the shooting. Terrell was pronounced dead, and Brown was in critical condition. Brown's condition has since improved. Anderson was arraigned Monday on open murder, assault with intent to commit murder and multiple weapons charges. According to the Lansing State Journal, he was denied bond by 55th District Court Magistrate Stefani Godsey after stating he has a "son on the way." Godsey said there is a "high likelihood" he will be convicted, and he poses too high of a public safety concern to be released. Anderson, who has a record of multiple assault and weapons charges, was arrested on Jan. 4 for a parole violation after he was discovered to be one of the drivers in a two-car crash in Saginaw Township. The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information should call the Lansing Township Police Department at 517-488-1344. (See related story, P. 20.)



U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow announced she will not seek re-election in 2024.

She said that she is "inspired by a new generation of leaders" and has "decided to pass the torch." The Democrat, who is in her fourth term, chairs the Agriculture Committee. "For the next two years, I am intensely focused on continuing this important work to improve the lives of Michiganders. This includes leading the passage of the next five-year Farm Bill, which determines our nation's food and agriculture policies. It is also key in protect-

ing our land and water and creating jobs in our rural and urban communities," she said. Her term will end on Jan. 3, 2025, and she says she plans to continue serving the state "while spending precious time with my amazing 96-year-old mom and my wonderful family." Eyes are now pointing toward who will fill her empty seat, which could be crucial in determining which party holds control of the Senate after the 2024 election, according to Reuters. (See related story, P. 11.)

A former Webberville deputy clerk and treasurer's embezzlement case is bound for circuit court, according to the Lansing State Journal.



Jaymee Hord, 52, of Owosso, was arraigned in 55th District Court in October on a felony charge

of embezzlement between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and given a personal recognizance bond. She allegedly stole more than \$98,200 from the village through false overtime reports and reimbursements from paid time off as well as pocketing cash from utility bills and property tax payments. She waived her right to a preliminary hearing on Tuesday, sending the case "over to circuit court for all further proceedings as charged," 55th District Judge Richard Hillman said. If convicted, she could serve up to 15 years in prison.

The two buildings at the Knob Hill apartment complex in Okemos that burned down in a Dec. 22 fire had not been inspected since 2017, the Lansing State Journal reported. The fire left one person dead and many families homeless. Rental properties with more than eight units are supposed to hold inspections for one-third of the units each year. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, inspections were often postponed in 2020 and 2021, causing delays once restrictions were lifted. The units that burnt down, as well as two others, were supposed to be inspected in 2020. However, there is no evidence that an issue with the 2300 building, where the fire started, contributed to the incident.



6031 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Sitting at this address are the remains of Maple Grove Elementary School. A beautiful, colorful mural faces the street. But get past the main thoroughfare and the former school is derelict. It's covered in graffiti, the windows are boarded up. The grass is long but matted by a mush of sleet and snow.

The property was purchased by Kingdom of Life Church, 4303 MLK Jr., in 2012, according to city property records. It's been subjected to numerous citations for grass and weeds, multiple board-up orders and trash. Electrical work was finalized by the city in January.

Founding Pastor Coye Bouyer said the church would like to tear the building down because "it is an eyesore." Tearing the property down, however, could easily cost \$360,000 or more because there is asbestos in the building. If the funds can be raised, he would like to see a community center or a park replace the grounds.

The school, which once served more than 200 pupils in kindergarten through fifth grade, operated for just 21 years, from 1995 to 2006 — one of a dozen or so schools the Lansing School District has shuttered for lack of funds and declining enrollment.

TODD HEYWOOD
(Photo courtesy of Jesse LaSorda)

"Eyesore of the Week" is our weekly look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eye Candy of the Week and Eye for Design. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call in a nomination at 517-999-5061.



The Bath Township Police Department released body camera footage Thursday of a fatal police shooting taken while responding to a domestic disturbance at Dutch Hills mobile home park in East Lansing on Jan. 2. A man is shown pointing a gun at his mother and a police sergeant outside of his home. The sergeant asks the man several times to put the gun down before firing at least 10 shots. Police secured two handguns, which they later found to be replicas, before attempting first aid. In a Facebook post, police Chief Gary Smith said the incident is being investigated by the Michigan State Police. The department will also conduct an internal investigation. The officer has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation. Smith said the department chose to release the footage, despite recommendations from other agencies to wait until the investigation is finished, because it "believes in the importance of transparency in these circumstances."



Remembering MLK

Honoring the life and legacy of civil rights icon the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continues to evolve from the early fight for national recognition, led by the late U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, to the establishment of the Dr. King Holiday Commission of Greater Lansing (now the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan). Conyers' undertaking began days after King's assassination in 1968 and lasted 18 years as he battled conservative lawmakers for commemoration at the federal level. It wouldn't be until 2000 that every state would establish recognition of the holiday, and still today several southern states tie the day to celebrations of Confederate generals.

Locally, for the first time ever, Michigan State University will close in observance of the holiday, though the school has annually hosted celebratory programming, including marches, jazz concerts and speakers, continuing to do so this year in the days leading up to and after Jan. 16.

Likewise, the MLK Commission of Mid-Michigan will host its first in-person Day of Celebration at the Lansing Center since the pandemic. It is the longest running in the country, entering its 42nd year. Politicians and leaders of the movement will spend the day offering reflections on MLK's legacy, singers will praise his name, scholarships will be handed out and a general good time will be had.

Yet, MLK's tenure as a champion for racial and human justice was far more about action: boycotts and marches in the face of police brutality, unfair employment practices, housing discrimination and poverty. Several organizations support a Day of Service in MLK's honor, and the state's Community Service Commission awards grants from \$100 to \$1,000 to support volunteer projects that address needs across the state. Wouldn't it be wonderful if more energy and effort were devoted to doing the work MLK dreamed of?

Accountability for racial equity

A critical part of realizing Dr. King's dream is holding public institutions accountable for their progress — or lack thereof — toward racial equity. Case in point: the Lansing Fire Department and its ongoing struggles with race-based harassment and discrimination. Need proof? Look no further than the case of former Lansing firefighter Michael Lynn, who last fall won a \$1 million damage award against the department when his claims of racial discrimination were validated by a unanimous U.S. District Court jury.

Rooting out racism in the department has been a challenge, but accountability and change may be coming sooner rather than later in the form of Chief Brian Sturdivant, who led the Battle Creek Fire Department before being appointed by Mayor Andy Schor last April as Lansing's sixth fire chief, including interims, in just

four years.

That Sturdivant is a person of color and an outsider to LFD's toxic culture means he can take a fresh look at the organization. His deep experience and savvy will help him figure out how to inculcate the respect for diversity, equity and inclusion we now expect from every employer, public or private.

But there's more to this man than meets the eye. Twenty of his 37-plus years in the fire service were in Fulton County, Georgia, where Sturdivant faced overt racism from his white colleagues. When he was hired by Schor, he recounted his experience: "I was marginalized. I was minimized. I vowed to myself that I would never allow something like that to happen under my watch. It hurts. It's demoralizing."

Sturdivant's personal journey as a Black firefighter informs his leadership and gives us hope for meaningful, lasting change. With a new chief at the wheel, the arc of the Lansing Fire Department should bend toward a more inclusive culture that honors King's legacy.

A step back in the Prosecutor's Office

As Martin Luther King Day approaches, we are disappointed to note that one of the first acts of Ingham County's newly appointed prosecutor, John Dewane, was to reverse a racial justice reform instituted by his predecessor, Carol Siemon. Dewane's action should raise concern that he does not recognize the justice system's inherent racial bias against African Americans.

Just eight days into office, Dewane set aside Siemon's policy of not automatically invoking Michigan's firearm felony law, which adds a minimum two-year sentence when a firearm is involved in a crime. She rightly denounced the law as "overtly racist": In 2018, African Americans made up four-fifths of those serving felony firearm sentences in Ingham County, where the Black population is 12%. The ire of the law-and-order establishment, led by Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, came crashing down on Siemon, but she held her ground.

Dewane made it clear from the start that he is taking a different approach overall to incarceration. Siemon chose to consider a multitude of factors before applying the repeat offender law, Dewane will use habitual offender charges to increase prison time, allowing that they may be dismissed after consideration.

It appears that even though voters twice chose Siemon by large margins, the panel of Circuit judges who picked Dewane— no doubt led by Rosemarie Aquilina, who openly denounced Siemon from the bench — sought to end progressive efforts in the Prosecutor's Office.

There doesn't appear to be convincing evidence that being tough on crime reduces crimes, yet it feels like it should. We don't doubt that Dewane, a career public servant in the Prosecutor's Office, sincerely believes his course is best. But there is more to creating a safe community than being "tough" on crime. Going back to a system that never worked doesn't seem to be a good direction.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
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SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

<p>Township Board 6:00 pm – Town Hall Room</p> <p>January 10, 24 July 11, 25 February 7, 21 August 1, 15 March 7, 21, 28 September 5, 19 April 4, 25 October 3, 17 May 2, 16 November 9, 21 June 6, 20 December 5, 12</p>	<p>Park Commission 4:30 pm – Service Center</p> <p>January 10 July 11 February 14 August 8 May 9 October 10 June 13</p> <p>4:30 pm – Town Hall Room</p> <p>March 14 November 14 September 12</p>
<p>Board of Review Town Hall Room</p> <p>March 7th, 10:00 AM – Organizational Meeting July 18th, 10:00AM December 12, 10:00AM</p> <p>Administrative Conference Room</p> <p>March 13th, 2:00 - 5:00PM and 6:00 - 9:00PM March 14th, 9:00AM - 12:00PM and 1:00 - 4:00 PM March 15th, 9:00AM</p>	<p>Brownfield Development Authority 8:00 am – Town Hall Room</p> <p>January 19 July 20 February 16 August 17 March 16 September 21 April 20 October 19 May 18 November 16 June 15 December 21</p>
<p>Corridor Improvement Authority 6:00 pm – Central Fire Station</p> <p>January 18 July 19 March 15 September 20 May 17 November 15</p>	<p>Communications Commission 6:00 pm – Town Hall Room</p> <p>March 15 September 13 June 14 December 13</p>
<p>Community Resources Commission 7:00 pm – Admin. Conference Room</p> <p>January 11 July 12 February 8 September 13 March 8 October 11 April 12 November 8 May 10 December 13</p>	<p>Downtown Development Authority 7:30 am – Town Hall Room</p> <p>January 9 July 10 February 6 August 7 March 6 September 11 April 3 October 2 May 1 November 6 June 5 December 4</p>
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<p>Land Preservation 6:00 pm – Service Center</p> <p>January 11 July 12 March 8 August 9 April 12 September 13 May 10 October 11 June 17 November 8</p>	<p>Planning Commission 6:30 pm – Town Hall Room</p> <p>January 9, 23 July 10, 24 February 13, 27 August 14, 28 March 13, 27 September 11, 25 April 10, 24 October 9, 23 May 8, 22 November 13 June 12, 26 December 11</p>
<p>Transportation Commission 6:00 pm – Town Hall Room</p> <p>January 19 July 20 March 16 September 21 May 18 November 16</p>	<p>Zoning Board of Appeals 6:30 pm – Town Hall Room</p> <p>January 18 July 19 February 15 August 16 March 15 September 20 April 19 October 18 May 17 November 15 June 21 December 20</p>

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** This calendar reflects scheduled meetings as of the first of the year, 2023. Township Board will be hosting a joint meeting of all boards or commissions on January 25, 2022. Please note, meetings may be added/canceled throughout the month with appropriate notice. For an up to date calendar, visit www.meridian.mi.us. Prepared by the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 | 517.853.4300.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN INGHAM COUNTY PROBATE COURT. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Decedent's Estate. Case No. 22-1212-DE. Estate of Earnest Grady Letner. Date of birth: 12/13/1937. **TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Earnest Grady Letner, died 05/22/2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dennis Letner, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 313 W. Kalamazoo St, Lansing MI 48933 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 01/11/2023 Dennis Letner 3949 E. Sunwind Dr. Okemos, MI 48864

CP#23-008

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
East Lansing City Hall, 2nd Floor
410 Abbot Road, Conference Room A**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider an appeal from Lingg Brewer, owner of the property at 500 Albert, requesting reconsideration of a code official decision at this address regarding the fire suppression system code requirements to be removed because it 'gives the appearance of protection' which it does not have.

2015 International Fire Code

Sec. 903.3 Installation requirements. Automatic sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with Sections 903.3.1 through 903.3.8.

2015 Michigan Building Code

[A] 114.1 Unlawful acts. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, alter, extend, repair, move, remove, demolish, or occupy any building, structure or equipment regulated by this code, or cause same to be done, in conflict with or in violation of any of the provisions of this code.

2. A public hearing will be held to consider an appeal from Andrew Kraft of DTN Management Company for the property at 1547 N. Hagadorn Rd Stone Ridge Apartments to reconsider a code official decision regarding making mechanical ventilation changes throughout the whole complex, creating a financial hardship..

2006 International Property Maintenance Code

Sec. 604.1. Mechanical Appliances
Mechanical appliances. All mechanical appliances, fireplaces, solid fuel-burning appliances, cooking appliances and water heating appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe working condition and shall be capable of performing the intended function..

Sec. 110.3 Examination, Identification, Installation, Use, and List-ing (Product Certification) of Equipment.
(B) Installation and Use. Listed or labeled equipment shall; be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling.

3. A public hearing will be held to consider an appeal from Andrew Kraft of DTN Management Company for the property at 1705 Coolidge Rd Woodbrook Village Apartments to reconsider a code official decision regarding a change to a significant amount of electrical wiring to effectively meet the code requirement.

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Sec.604.3. Electrical System Hazards
Where it is found the electrical systems in a structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants or the structure by reason of inadequate service, improper fusing, insufficient receptacle and lighting outlets, improper wiring or installation, deterioration, or damage, or on similar reason, the code official shall require the defects to be corrects to eliminate the hazard.

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All persons interested in this appeal will be given the opportunity to be heard. Call (517) 319-6810, the Department of Planning, Building and Community Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should write or call the Building Department, 410 Abbot Rd, East Lansing, MI, 48823. Phone: (517) 319-6810. TDD Number 1-800-649-3777.

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With Stabenow retiring in 2024, who replaces Slotkin when not if ... she runs for U.S. Senate?

If we could add a third certainty to life outside of death and taxes, it would be U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin running for the U.S. Senate.

Our third-term member of Congress has been burning up the phone lines to potential donors after U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow let it be known that she won't be running for reelection in 2024.

Running for one of Michigan's U.S. Senate seats is a roughly \$50 million deal, and Slotkin didn't become the state's most prolific congressional fundraiser because she sits around waiting for something to happen to her.

She's in, and she's making that known behind the scenes.

The next domino to fall is in our Lansing-area 7th Congressional district. Slotkin can't run for the Senate and the House, so this seat opens up in 2024.

The Republicans' nominee last go-round, Tom Barrett, is highly likely to return. The retired Apache helicopter pilot has \$30 million in name ID from his last run. He's got experience raising big money. And he wouldn't be running against a sitting member.

Barrett essentially cleared the field in 2022, and it's hard to imagine he couldn't do the same in 2024.

The Democratic side is less clear-cut. Here's my list of probable candidates:

1. Former Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr. The ambition, broad network and skillset are there. The pedigree is there. His Uncle Dennis is a former member of Congress. Hertel could raise Congress-level money. He's not going to be outworked.

The question is one of timing. Hertel just took a full-time job as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's chief lobbyist. To turn on a dime and run for Congress with a family at home? It'd be a tough transition personally, but if he makes the decision to do it, he becomes the front-runner.

2. Sen. Sarah Anthony, of Lansing. Like Hertel, the ambition and skillset are there. Nobody wants to run against the socially engaging Sarah Anthony. She wins whatever she runs for. She's sharp and progressive while being practical.

The question here is time, not timing. Anthony is learning a new, big gig as the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which is labor intensive and puts large demands on your time if you're doing it right. If anyone could balance doing this job and running for Congress, Anthony could do it. The question is if she'd want to.

3. Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum. The Clerk's Office is not the final stop for the upwardly mobile Barb Byrum, but the popular wisdom was that Byrum would be a perfect fit to succeed Jocelyn Benson as the secretary of state in 2026. That said, remember Byrum was an active state representative before she was a clerk. Her mother, MSU Trustee Dianne Byrum, would have won the Lansing-area congressional seat if the voting rules of today for MSU students had been in place back in 2000.

4. Rep. Angela Witwer. The pragmatic deal-cutter would be fantastic for Democrats in a general election if she could make it through a primary. Witwer has won back-to-back-to-back in 50/50 Eaton County, which may be the first time a Democrat has pulled that off in, like, forever. Putting her one-on-one or even two-on-one against a progressive in East Lansing or Lansing? Probably not. Also, she's chairing House Appropriations, which is probably harder than chairing Senate Approps because the number of members is double.

5. Lansing Mayor Andy Schor If Hertel runs, it's hard to see Schor running against his close friend. If Hertel doesn't run, Schor instantly shoots up the list. Schor has his critics as the mayor of Lansing, but he was a highly effective state representative who got things done whether his party was in the majority or the minority.

Others to keep an eye on: State Rep. Julie Brixie. She's progressive. She raises money. She's knows her stuff. She's relentless.

Lansing City Councilmember Peter Spadafore ... if Hertel and Schor each take a pass ...

Sen. Sam Singh. Not sure he wants it, but it's hard to keep Sam off a list like this.

(Email Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS at melinnky@gmail.com.)



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EVERYONE'S INVITED TO SHARE THEIR OPINION!

The Bath Township Senior Services Advisory Board is looking for ideas from the community. We want to expand and improve services to the Township's older citizens.

In mid-January 2023, we will be hosting **two** Community Conversations to answer this question:

What should we do to make the Bath Township senior services, activities, programs and facilities more vibrant, fulfilling and engaging for seniors in the community?

We would love for you to attend the Community Conversation and create answers to this question together with other Township residents.


Wednesday, January 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM
 or
 Thursday, January 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

(Both meetings will be identical and held at the Bath Senior Center, 14480 Webster Rd.)

A validation session will be held on **Saturday, January 28 at 10 AM at the Bath Senior Center** to review all community input. All those interested are invited to attend. Donuts and coffee will be provided!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!

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The historian in me needs to remind you that Anne Frank, MLKJ, and Barbara Walters were all born the same year.

They all should have been with us this long.

RIP Barbara Walters.

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HONORING A LEGEND

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Greater Lansing

By **NICOLE NOEHEL**

Each year, on the third Monday in January, the nation celebrates the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a Baptist minister and Nobel-Prize-winning leader of the American civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s.

For some, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a time to provide acts of service for the communities they live in. For others, it's a time to celebrate Black culture and history. Above all, though, it's a day to look back on King's goals and ideals and recognize that,

while we've moved a few inches forward since the mid-20th century, we still have a lot of work to do to ensure every person on this Earth is equal in every regard.

In the coming week, Michigan State University and the Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan are hosting banquets, performances, days of service, scholarship contests and more to honor King's legacy. Read on for a full list of events (and a couple of fantastic poems from impassioned community members).

MSU 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration Jan. 12-20

Michigan State University is hosting a multitude of events for its 43rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, "Living Purpose, Promise, and Perseverance Now."

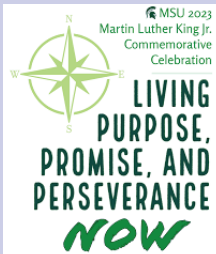
The 2023 MLK Planning Committee, made up of students and staff, has been working since spring 2021 to ensure this year's events go off without a hitch. These include the 6th annual Diversity Research Showcase on Friday (Jan. 13), where undergraduates will present their work on "issues of diversity that advance inclusion;" a wellness event on Saturday (Jan. 14) featuring ice skating, giveaways, food, wellness activity stations and an informational health and wellness workshop; a cultural showcase during the Spring Participation Student Involvement Engagement Fair on Tuesday (Jan. 17); a virtual tour of historical MLK landmarks in Atlanta on Jan. 20, in collaboration with Morehouse College and a four-day, social justice-themed film series from Jan. 17-20.

The jam-packed celebration also includes numerous main events, such as a community dinner, a jazz concert and a commemorative march. A full list of events can be found at inclusion.msu.edu.

"Everyone (on the planning com-

mittee), from the students to the chairs, really tried to engage different people from across the university that are not necessarily people of color," said Tammye Coles, associate director of the Office of Spartan Experiences. "The MSU President, CORES (Council of Racial and Ethnic Students) individuals are always involved, but they always try to at least get folks from other, smaller organizations to be involved to try to make sure that everybody feels they have an opportunity to participate."

"I think they certainly want to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and all that he meant in terms of social justice and making opportunities available for all students, irrespective of race, economic conditions, all of those things," Coles said. "But they really want to get to the crux of why he did what he did. Even when you listen to the speech 'I Have a Dream,' the very first part talks about the economic conditions and disparities and a lot of the social justice deals at the time. The action behind the dream was what Dr. King wanted people to do something about, he wanted to be able to provide a blueprint for what they were doing to make society a better place."



Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer and Protest Sunday, Jan. 15 3 p.m.

Fairchild Theatre

542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
Each year, MSU hosts a jazz concert to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth. Jazz Orchestra I typically plays the event, but the group will be in New York City competing at the Jack Rudin Jazz Championship at Lincoln Center, which the College of Music won in 2022. Jazz Orchestra II, under the direction of conductor Anthony Stanco, is excited to fill in this year.

"It's usually one of our most well attended concerts, and it's gonna give a lot of the students more exposure and the chance to play a little bit more," Stanco said.

The performance will feature trumpet soloist Kris Johnson and two pieces each from vocalists Ludgarde Fall, Tiffany Toriumi and Rockelle Whitaker. In addition to an original program from Fall, the vocalists will pay homage to the music of legendary Black jazz artists Duke Ellington, Nina Simone, Booker Little, Curtis Mayfield and Donny Hathaway.

Tickets are free and can be purchased on etix.com, at the College of Music main office (333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing) or by calling 517-353-5340.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Unity Dinner Thursday, Jan. 12 5-6:30 p.m.

Kellogg Center Hotel & Conference Center Big 10 rooms A, B and C 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing

MSU's event series kicks off with the annual Community Unity Dinner on Thursday evening, catered by chef Michael Clyne. This will be the first in-person dinner since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The keynote speaker is Dr. LeConté Dill, an associate professor at MSU's Department of African American and African Studies whose work focuses on "the safety, resilience and wellness strategies of urban Black girls and other youth of color," according to the event page.

Other speakers include Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Woodruff, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Vice President Jabbar Bennett and a still-to-be-announced student who will share keynote remarks from peers.

There will also be performances from MSU's Transforming Theater Ensemble and a student performance of the Black National Anthem, among others.

The dinner is free, but pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Guests are encouraged to donate to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund, which grants scholarships to MSU students who "carry on Dr. King's Legacy of

community engagement and advocacy." Recipients of the scholarship will be recognized at the event.



MLK Commemorative March Monday, Jan. 16 9 a.m. Beaumont Tower 375 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, students, staff, faculty and community members will gather around Beaumont Tower to hear speeches from campus dignitaries and an excerpt from King's "I Have a Dream" speech by a student from Robert L. Green Elementary who happens to be Green's great great niece.

The March is collaboratively hosted by the MSU Zeta Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., which marshals the event every year, and the MLK Student Committee.

According to Coles, the

committee chose to host this year's march at 9 a.m. so it would precede other events that day, such as the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan's annual luncheon at 11 a.m. They hope as many community members as possible, from all over the city, will attend the event.

Typically, the march leads around Circle Drive and back to Beaumont Tower. This year, however, the march will end at the proposed location for the MSU Multicultural Center (near the River Trail and Shaw Hall). Student leaders will speak about the future of the site and how it relates to King's goals at the end of the event.

MLK Student Leadership Conference Friday, Jan. 13 Noon - 4 p.m. MSU Union 49 Abbot Road, East Lansing

MSU's MLK Student Leadership Conference, hosted by the MLK Student Committee, seeks to "develop the leadership potential of current students, provide a platform to elevate student voices and develop opportunities to build community focused on common goals."

The conference will include a resource fair with tables from campus social justice organizations, lunch, speeches, an "engagement session" where attendees can discuss the topics presented and a networking hour.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Kelsie Reed, a nationally certified school psychologist from Prince George's County Public Schools in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, who graduated from Holt High School and attended



Grand Valley State University. She is the co-author of the book "Hacking Deficit Thinking," which is "grounded in the sort of deficit thinking that is sometimes thrust upon different marginalized populations within the school system and the mindset it can create in young people, making them

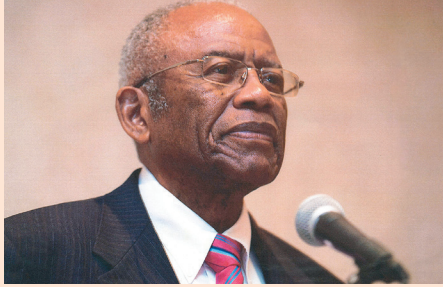
feel that they are somehow inept," Coles said.

Reed will touch on what college students and professionals can do within their careers to make circumstances better for marginalized youth who may not have the same opportunities, among other topics.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan 2023 MLK Day of Celebration event
Monday, Jan. 16
11 a.m.
Lansing Center
333 Michigan Ave., Lansing

This year marks the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan's 38th annual MLK Day celebration and the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic that the event, the largest MLK Day luncheon in the nation, will be held in person at the Lansing Center. This year's theme is "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood."

The luncheon will include speeches, performances and an awards ceremony for the winners of the commission's Mark S. McDaniel Legacy Scholarship Contest and 2023 Essay Contest. Mark McDaniel, CEO



of Cinnaire, one of the commission's largest corporate sponsors, will host the event.

This year's keynote speaker is Fred D. Gray, a Montgomery, Alabama, native and one of the nation's leading civil rights attorneys. Gray, 92, represented Rosa Parks after she refused to move from her bus seat in Montgomery. He has also represented the Freedom Riders, the Selma-to-Montgomery Marchers, Tuskegee Syphilis Study victims and was the first civil rights attorney for King. He has won numerous school de-

segregation and voting rights lawsuits and continues to practice law to this day. He is also an ordained minister, lecturer, former legislator and published author.

Gray was recently awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Joe Biden, the nation's highest honor, and he is also a recipient of the Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit from the Washington Bar Association, Harvard University Law School's Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion, the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award and the Federal Bar Association's Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award. Named "chief counsel of the civil rights era," he served as one of the first African Americans in the Alabama Legislature after Reconstruction, was the first African American president of the Alabama State Bar Association and was the 43rd president of the National Bar Association.

"We are thrilled to be back in person this year at the Lansing Center to honor Dr. King and the many civil rights advocates, thought leaders and changemakers," said Elaine Hardy, commission chair. "We're equally as excited to be able to share Fred Gray's remarkable and courageous story and illustrious, trailblazing career that has spanned several decades and advanced a more equitable future."

Tickets are \$60 each or \$425 for a table of eight and can be purchased via mlk-midmichigan.com/day-of-celebration. For more information, visit the website or contact Fonda Brewer at 517-410-2998.



Kelli Ellsworth Etchison is the chief marketing officer and chief diversity officer for LAFCU. She grew up in Pontiac and earned a bachelor's degree from Northwood University (business administration) and an associate degree from Lansing Community College.



She has received numerous awards and honors for her service, working with organizations such as the Lansing Community College Foundation, the Lansing Promise Foundation and the YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing. She was recently appointed to serve on Gov. Whitmer's Black Leadership Advisory Council.

Prior to penning "I have a right to breathe," Etchison says she had not written poetry in 30 or 40 years. She was moved by the tragic killing of George Floyd in 2020, which left her "grappling with an array of emotions."

"I'm a Christian, and I believe in the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit just be-

gan to give me these words, in this poem, to help me grapple with my emotions," she said. "It really just encapsulates the pain of what I and many other Black people feel in this country."

Ellsworth, who serves on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of mid-Michigan, said Martin Luther King Jr. Day is much more than just a day off from work or a day of service.

"For me, it's really about keeping Dr. King's dream alive. Here we are in 2023, still fighting for some of the same things that he and the late Congressman John Lewis and other civil rights activists fought for — equality for Black people in this country, the right to vote freely without oppression," she said. "It's really about how we educate people. These things aren't necessarily taught in school. How do we educate people, how do we keep the work that he did alive?"

"I have a right to breathe"

Deep as night; mocha in the light; or like me, just bright.
 I have a right to breathe.
 I stand in a sea of tears, swelling with white caps crashing into my hopes and fears.
 I have a right to breathe.
 Martin, Rosa, John, Emmett Till
 Boycott
 Sit
 Marched
 and killed
 I have a right to breathe.
 Hair thick with coils; grandfather and the one before toiled.
 All I have is my bright, mocha, deep as night skin; don't know my name, heritage, ripped from my kin.
 I have a right to breathe.
 On slave ships; shackled, stacked high.
 to dead and alive; lie in menstrual blood, feces; void and deprived.
 I have a right to breathe.
 Built your wealth; country and the people's house; to only be treated like things flushed down in a shouse.
 Built our own wealth, self-contained communities with pride; yet you burned, bombed and left us with nothing but to hide.
 I have a right to breathe.
 Billie Holiday sang southern trees bear a strange fruit, blood on the leaves and blood on the root. Trees exchanged for knees, knees on our neck; meant for genocide of the American dream, meant to wreck.
 I have a right to breathe.
 Deep as night; mocha in the light; or like me, just bright.
 I have a right to breathe.

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Byron Haskins is a jack of all trades, writing essays, short fiction, journalism, poetry and music. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and master's degrees from the University of Michigan (psychology) and Western Michigan University (counseling psychology), he worked for the state of Michigan and the federal government. He retired in 2016 and splits his time between Lansing and Montreal, where his wife works.

Haskins became interested in poetry in the third grade when he was introduced to the work of Paul Laurence Dunbar during what was then known as Black History Week. Since then, he has self-published poetry books and has been featured in poetry journals.

Though he has much to say on the subject, in short, Haskins believes Martin Luther King Jr. Day is "a time when we can think about the actual dream that he had — everybody should be looking at each other as equals, as peers, as people involved in the common human effort to survive on this planet."

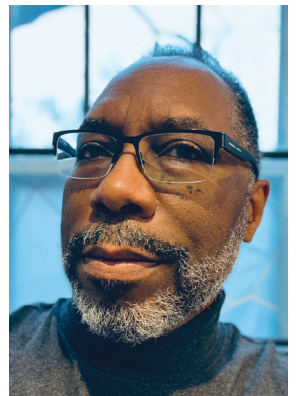
"There's a universal idea of humanity that we have not quite reached. The fact that some people still call people from different ethnic groups different 'races' just blows me, because we're all one race, and Martin Luther King understood that," he said. "It took people who were oppressed to march and to protest and to make it a political point for everybody else. Unless the most oppressed people find equality, the ones who think they're the most privileged will never have it either."

"When MLK Jr. Marched"

When MLK Jr. marched,
 He knew he would take a bullet for us.
 Not the little us of some identifiable
 Affinity group,
 But the big of us; the united state of us.
 He took it for everyone on that bus,
 Everyone in the neighborhood:
 The hoods and the hidden-under-hoods
 the would-be tyrants, the would-be freed
 Just like every marcher should mean.

When we honor the marcher King,
 We must think for a moment
 about our collective being
 That pride comes before a fall,
 That being broken off the body
 Makes you nothing at all
 And that a day in a winter month
 May get by everyone without meaning anything,
 That flying a flag that says, "Me, me, ME"
 Is a salutation for just a mirror to see.
 That's not what King Marcher was meaning.

There is no special race of mice and men
 That separates us kith from kin, or from she or him
 When we call up the memory of the marching King.
 When we march on his special day,
 We must raise it from a birthday praise,
 Elevate from more than a time to go out and play,
 Expand it from a set of remembrances in February,
 Grow it - from them and us - into one of unity.
 This is a march to go on for centuries
 So that no bullet can stop it eventually.





We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

Martin Luther King Jr.



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'Chamber music times 1,000'

Pianist Jon Nakamatsu, Lansing Symphony Orchestra take a big bite of Brahms

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

No Internet bio or program booklet will tell you what Jon Nakamatsu, the guest soloist for this week's Lansing Symphony Orchestra concert, had to go through to pursue a life in music making.

Friday evening, Nakamatsu and the LSO will join forces to tackle one of the biggest and most absorbing concertos in the repertoire: the magisterial Brahms Second. The program also includes the tuneful, folk-inflected First Symphony of Virginia-based composer (and MSU alumnus) Adolphus Cunningham Hailstork.

Nakamatsu is one of the most accomplished soloists the LSO has ever worked with — the gold medalist in the ultra-prestigious 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the first American to win the prize since 1981.

But it hasn't exactly been a rose garden for him.

In 1993, a judge at a national piano competition told him, to his face, that he would never have a musical career and he should find "something easier to do" with his life. A jury member at another competition told him that "Japanese people can't play Chopin" and that he should find something that speaks "more to his culture."

The first time he entered the Cliburn competition, he didn't make it to the preliminary round.

But he kept at it, pulled by "the feeling that there's nothing else you'd rather be doing — that not doing it would be like cutting off your arm."

"What a great privilege it is to just be playing a piano for a living," he said. "How ridiculous is that?"

Nakamatsu doesn't come from a musical family, he doesn't have a degree in music, and he never studied at what he calls a "fancy conservatory."

He grew up in Sunnyvale, Califor-



Photo by Sarah Shatz

San Jose, California-based pianist Jon Nakamatsu, soloist in Friday's Lansing Symphony Orchestra concert, won the gold medal at the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the first American to win since 1981.

nia, and worked as a German teacher at Mountain View High School. He became fascinated with an upright piano at his preschool and begged his parents to get him one. They compromised and bought him a toy organ, which he promptly wore to a nub.

He had same piano teacher, Marina Derryberry, for nearly 20 years.

"She was my first piano teacher and was at the Cliburn when I went 20 years later," he said. "Unbelievable."

No matter how intensively he studied and practiced, he always made sure he had an exit plan. If the piano career

didn't work out, he was ready to go back to school for a graduate degree by the time he hit his early 30s.

"That's the other part of life," he said. "You can't be unrealistic and chase something that may never happen."

The Van Cliburn medal opened the door to gigs with major orchestras around the world. But without maintaining a sane life balance, that level of

success can create a whole other set of problems.

"I didn't want music to turn bitter," he said. "This business is not always a nice one. I knew music would always be the biggest part of who I am, but it had to be in a way that let me be happy as a person, and that's still the driving factor in my life."

Nakamatsu doesn't live in a bubble. He eagerly tracks the reactions of non-musicians, including his wife and young son, to his performances.

"She might say, 'Everything was a little bit too quiet,'" he said. "It's very instructive to me. You can get so involved in the process of making music that you can lose track of what people are actually perceiving."

He perks up at comments from his 7-year-old son, such as "that sounds a little like 'Star Wars.'"

"It's great talking with him," he said. "What a child perceives — people are more perceptive than you may think."

No matter how complicated the music gets, he doesn't get lost in technical problems and concentrates on taking

listeners along for the ride.

"You want people to have this cathartic experience along with you," he said. "When they come away with this puzzled expression on their faces, you know something's not right."

Friday's Brahms concerto is a gripping, 50-minute voyage along a complex and deep river.

"It's a tough piece, but it doesn't seem as tough to the audience, because it's never showy for the sake of showiness," Nakamatsu said.

Intimacy, intensity and sincerity take the place of the white-water thrills that upstage many concertos, including Brahms' First.

"In many ways, it's chamber music — only it's chamber music times 1,000," he said.

Diverse solo voices, from a noble horn to a tender viola, share the spotlight along with the pianist. (Nakamatsu compared it to a "spirited read-through of a play.") Weaving in and out of a rich tapestry like

Brahms' Second requires even more concentration and focus from the soloist than a flashier concerto where the pianist charges ahead, full bore, from start to finish.

"I'm just in awe of it," Nakamatsu said. "The orchestra loves playing it, too, because we're all trying to do the same thing."

Nakamatsu has worked with LSO maestro Timothy Muffitt several times, including with the Baton Rouge Symphony and at other venues.

"We always have a lot of fun," Nakamatsu said. "He's wonderful. I can't wait to get together and do this."

He's also looking forward to getting out of the monsoon rains currently drenching San Jose, California, and getting a look at some snow. The only drawback, for both father and son, is looming "daddy away" time.

"But it always goes by so quickly, and he knows I always come back," Nakamatsu said. "But how lucky am I? I get to come to you and play Brahms' Second, and we'll figure it all out together, and it's a great life."

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pianist
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Lifted and bubbly: reviewing cannabis-infused beverages

By LUCAS HENKEL

Ah, January. The time of year for fresh starts and resolutions like going to the gym, eating healthier and, for some, the beginning of “Dry January.” For those unaware of the trend, the concept of Dry January is to abstain from drinking alcohol during the month as a personal challenge. According to a recent study by The Washington Post, this period of sobriety can provide long-lasting effects for participants, like weight loss, better sleep and a boost to mood and energy levels, which can reinforce the new habit, motivating people to drink less in the long run. Richard de Visser, a psychologist at Brighton and Sussex Medical School in England, has studied the effects of Dry January and was quoted throughout the Post’s article: “Instead of public health people wagging their fingers and saying, ‘Don’t drink, it’s bad for you,’ people do it and say, ‘I didn’t realize how good I would feel.’”

When I was a budtender, folks came in all the time telling me that they swapped out their six packs for cannabis. Many of them enjoyed that smoking a joint or eating a gummy provided a sense of relief that was more fulfilling and enjoyable than drinking alcohol. However, they also expressed how much they missed the social aspect of drinking and the comradery that came with it. Thankfully, in 2023, there may be a solution to this missed connection: cannabis-infused beverages. Cannabis drinks can be enjoyed in the same setting as alcohol and can provide a very pleasant high. The THC in these drinks tends to absorb into the body more quickly than traditional edibles. This shouldn’t deter newbies from partaking though; most only contain 2.5 to 5 milligrams per 12-ounce serving, meaning you can enjoy the whole beverage without worrying about overdoing it. There are quite a few cannabis-infused seltzer options on the market in Michigan right now. Here is a breakdown of some of them:

Highly Casual

A joint collaboration between Pleasantrees and Andrew Blake of Blake’s Hard Cider brings Highly Casual, a cannabis-infused seltzer that’s sure to be a hit at your next social gathering. Each can is produced by Emerald Canning Partners, a joint-venture produc-



tion facility located at what was once the historic Gibraltar Trade Center in Mount Clemens. This renovated facility has over 17,000 square feet of production space, a separate area for research and development, a quality assurance lab and state-of-the-art canning equipment that runs more than 40 cans per minute. The facility is one of only a few in the country that can successfully add THC oil to water-based beverages. Highly Casual is offered in four packs of 12-ounce cans with flavors like strawberry-watermelon, lemon-lime and blueberry-pineapple. Each can contains 2 milligrams of THC, so consumers can enjoy the whole tasty beverage without worrying about getting too buzzed. Head over to Pleasantrees in East Lansing to grab your own.

Little Saints



In the words of founder Megan Klein, “Little Saints was born during the pandemic as an antidote to my drinking too much alcohol and feeling terrible about it.” Klein was frustrated with

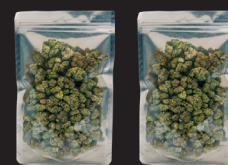
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Brunch options for everyone at Hungry Bunny's

By **LIZY FERGUSON**

Like all good entrepreneurs, east-side resident Emily Kaye saw a need and decided to step up to fill it. As the owner of Hungry Bunny's, a new allergy-friendly and plant-based brunch pop-up, she's creating the food she'd like to see in the world.

"I deeply missed the experience of going to a diner and getting a big, sloppy plate of food, and I know that others with dietary restrictions miss this nostalgic experience as well, especially on the east side, where brunch is a part of our culture," she said. "Although weekend brunch is celebrated at restaurants throughout the city, there are not a lot of plant-based or allergen-friendly options on those menus."

The business, just Kaye and two employees, held its first event on Dec. 4 at the Allen Neighborhood Center. It was the next step for Kaye in finding her place in the world of food.

"I have worked all over the industry, from fine dining to fast food and even baking at a well-loved, European-style bakery. Since 2019, I have been the sole owner and operator of a small, seasonal business making cold drinks from locally sourced ingredients. I have had so much fun running that business, but I decided to pursue something more in line with my passions," she explained.

From her former business, she brings a passion for locally sourced, carbon footprint-reducing ingredients and business practices, but she's honed in on thoughtfully prepared comfort food as her specialty.

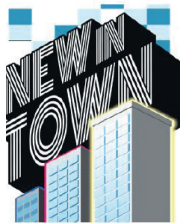
"I describe my style of cooking as 'homey' — I don't obsess over making every last detail perfect, I don't spend a million years on plating and garnish. I just create simple, deli-

cious food that feels like home," she said.

This is apparent in the menu from the December brunch, which featured cinnamon roll pancakes, "white cheddar" mac and pumpkin pie overnight oats. These may sound standard, but not when you consider that they're allergy-friendly and animal product free, taking the stress out of ordering for many Lansing foodies. Meat and wheat eaters can also enjoy Kaye's creations, enabling people to gather over food that doesn't exclude.

"Lansing needed a space where everyone can come together and enjoy a delicious brunch, even if it's just for a few hours one Sunday a month," Kaye said.

The next event, coming in February, will feature more savory options and special pancake flavors along with a variety of hot and cold drink options. Follow Hungry Bunny's on Instagram or Facebook to watch for confirmation of the next date.



Hungry Bunny's

Next pop-up in February — follow on Instagram or Facebook for updates on date and time.

Hungry Bunny's Sunday Brunch

- cinnamon roll pancakes \$13**
three pancakes stacked with layers of cinnamon roll filling topped with maple icing (v gf sf nf)
- raspberry pistachio pancakes \$13**
pistachio cream and raspberry jam layered between three pancakes (v gf sf)
- brekky sliders \$4 or 3/\$10**
breakfast sausage, FYH gouda, and JUST egg stacked between two mini pancakes (v gf sf nf)
- drinks**
hot coffee \$4
cold brew coffee \$4
lavender lemonade \$4
- classic pancakes \$10**
three fluffy pancakes served with whipped butter and local maple syrup (v gf sf nf)
- tiramisu overnight oats \$8**
chocolaty overnight oats with a thick creamy layer of dalгона and a dusting of cocoa (v gf sf nf)
- shaved root veg salad \$9**
thinly sliced beet, carrot, cabbage, and apple with roasted sweet potatoes (v gf sf nf)
- BBQ chicky mac \$14**
sharp white cheddar mac with a hefty layer of bbq chickpeas (v gf sf)

(v) vegan (gf) gluten free (sf) soy free (nf) nut free
made in a shared kitchen where allergen are present

Courtesy of Emily Kaye

Hungry Bunny's, a pop-up serving allergy-friendly and plant-based brunch options, hosted its first event on Dec. 4. Its next event will take place in February, featuring all of the delightful creations listed above.

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the sparse options available to those seeking non-alcoholic beverages. Her fascination with sacred plant medicine and food science, as well as her background as a hydroponic farmer, inspired her to create a beverage that is as delicious as it is beneficial. She worked with a food scientist who specializes in adaptogens and a plant shaman to ensure each plant ingredient has spiritual and functional benefits. In 2021, Little Saints and its lineup of sugar-free, cocktail-inspired, non-alcoholic seltzers was introduced to the city of Detroit. Flavors include Negroni spritz, Spicy Margarita, Ginger Mule, mimosa and Paloma. Each can contains reishi mushroom, which can help promote calmness; botanical terpenes and 10 milligrams of CBD. Since the drinks don't contain any THC, interested parties can buy directly from the company's website, littlesaints.com.

Wynk

Wynk has shaken up the infused seltzer game. First of all, instead of making its drinks in a single factory or finding a co-manufacturer and deal-

ing with different states' licensing, Wynk makes each beverage on-site in legal states using equipment that lives in the back of its "Wynk Wagon" — an 18-wheeler tricked out with all sorts of gadgets. Second of all, Wynk offers a beverage infused with both THC and CBD. The balance of 2.5 milligrams of each makes it a great option for folks new to cannabis. The company's website states that most consumers feel the effects within 10 to 15 minutes of consumption, and the high continues for about 90 minutes. Flavors include Lime Twist, Black Cherry Fizz (which I personally dig) and Juicy Mango. Wynk hit the Michigan market last summer, so it's widely available in dispensaries throughout town. Check out its website, drinkwynk.com, to find one near you.



Resolve to use these words less in 2023

“Banished words” list, books entering public domain updated for the new year

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Each January, two lists are issued for word nerds. The first is the annual list of overused, abused and plain stupid words published by Lake Superior State University. Called “banished words,” the list was started by master publicist W. T. Rabe in 1976 as a way to garner attention to the tiny Upper Peninsula school.

At the top of this year’s list, which includes several words culled from previous years, is the acronym “GOAT,” which stands for “greatest of all time.” Nominees said the acronym should be banned for “overuse, misuse and uselessness.” One nominee said, “It is applied to everyone and everything from athletes to chicken wings.”

“Inflection point” was named as this year’s version of “pivot,” which was on the 2021 list — wouldn’t it make more sense to use “turning point” instead? “Quiet quitting” is another banned phrase that seemed to grow out of the COVID-19 pandemic, when employees came back to work not fully committed. It used to be called “checking out” or being “burned out.”

Lake Superior State wants the term “gaslighting” thrown in the trash bin. It’s been tossed around for several years now, especially by TV talking heads, but it’s a throwaway word meant to end intelligent discussion. We have enough trauma in the world without inflicting further insult by us-

ing “gaslighting” in our conversations; when folks say it, ask them to be more specific.

“Amazing” is another word we could use less. It seems to have grown in popularity on social media, but let’s face it: what does it really mean? I guess “amazing” would be discovering an alien in the closet.

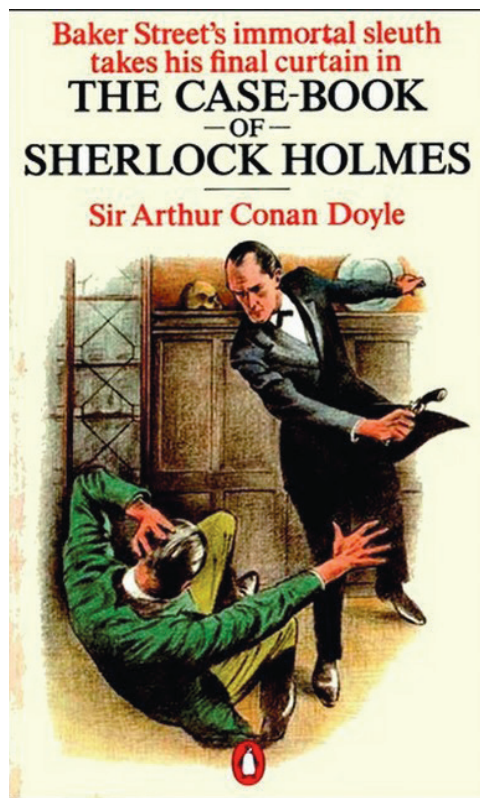
My favorite banished word is “irregardless,” which, in all regards, is not a word. (Dictionaries disagree.)

Nothing is absolute, so you’ll find the word “absolutely” on the list this year. Why use it when “yes” is easier to understand and type?

Finally, closing out this year’s list is “it is what it is.” It might sound like a quote from one of Shakespeare’s dramas, but it’s a lazy phrase, and anyone who uses it deserves some produce in their face (an Elizabethan way of showing displeasure).

Rabe, an avid Sherlock Holmes fan, would have loved another list issued annually: books entering the public domain under federal copyright law. On this year’s list is Arthur Conan Doyle’s “The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes” — the last Holmes book to enter the public domain. That means there will no longer be any valid legal claims against authors writing their own Holmes novel, and producers can adapt Holmes books for movies or create delightful spinoffs.

In addition to Doyle’s book, tomes of all stripes appear on this year’s list,



Courtesy photo

“The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes,” by Arthur Conan Doyle, is the last Holmes book to enter the public domain, rendering the storied sleuth’s tales fair use for writers and film producers.

including Ernest Hemingway’s “Men Without Women,” Willa Cather’s “Death Comes for the Archbishop,” Thornton Wilder’s “The Bridge of San Luis Rey,” William Faulkner’s “Mosquitoes,” Agatha Christie’s “The Big Four” and Edith Wharton’s “Twilight Sleep.” There are also books in their original languages: Franz Kafka’s

“America,” Marcel Proust’s “Le Temps” and Hermann Hesse’s “Der Steppenwolf.” One other book going into the public domain is Franklin W. Dixon’s “The Tower Treasure,” the first in “The Hardy Boys” series.

Copyright law, which is noted for its “in the weeds” technical language, requires books and other creative works, such as movies, to enter the public domain after 95 years. At one time, the running calendar was 28 years, but a 1998 change in the law, known as the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act, extended the protection. It is also known as the “Mickey Mouse” law, since it protected Mickey Mouse’s first appearance in “Steamboat Willie.” Copyright protection for the “Steamboat” appearance will end next year.

I’m sure if Rabe was still alive, he would be plumbing this list for public relations opportunities. After all, he did dream up the SOB, or Stamp Out the Beatles, campaign in 1964. The inscription on his gravestone on Mackinac Island says it all: “Life is a grave matter.”

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

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ACROSS

- 1. "Don't hassle the ___"
- 5. Pine for
- 9. Red Sea parter
- 14. Stuff in lotions
- 15. Aqueduct feature
- 16. "The Jetsons" dog
- 17. MVP of Super Bowl XXIII (23)
- 19. "Like, run, ___"
- 20. Moving day vehicle
- 21. Source of vibranium in the Marvel universe
- 23. ___ Martin (007's auto)
- 26. Contented murmurs
- 28. Replaceable oboe part
- 29. Early 1900s "King of Broadway" whose musical "Little Johnny Jones" is credited with popularizing "23 skidoo"
- 32. "Baker Street" instrument
- 33. Movie with Blu the macaw
- 34. Accelerator particles
- 37. His jersey #23 was retired by two NBA teams (even though he never played for one of them)
- 42. Swindle
- 43. Part of TTYL
- 44. Talk too much
- 46. "Quiz Show" actor whose character reels off "23"-based facts before a pivotal scene
- 51. World Golf Hall of Famer ___ Aoki
- 54. Heady beverage
- 55. Tennis player Naomi
- 56. Infomercial line
- 58. "What ___ we going to do?"
- 59. Arthouse film, usually
- 60. Comedian and star

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- of the 2007 thriller "The Number 23"
- 66. Idyllic settings
- 67. Leave off
- 68. Council Bluffs' state
- 69. Olympic flag feature
- 70. Cellphone signal "measurement"
- 71. Not easily understood

DOWN

- 1. "The ___" (1984 Leon Uris novel)
- 2. Flamenco dance cheer
- 3. Supporting
- 4. Zeal
- 5. Raise a red flag
- 6. Jackie O's second husband
- 7. ___-1701 ("Star Trek" vehicle marking)
- 8. "Pinball Wizard" group
- 9. Piece of hockey equipment
- 10. Hope of many

- December movie releases
- 11. Skipping rock
- 12. Reduce bit by bit
- 13. "I need this win ___ I can taste it"
- 18. Bowen of "SNL"
- 22. "Pokemon" protagonist
- 23. Merrick Garland and predecessors
- 24. Baseball stitching
- 25. Type of masculinity that needs to be called out
- 26. Parisian's confidante
- 27. Priest's assistant
- 30. Victorian or Edwardian, e.g.
- 31. Tire inflater
- 35. Parminder ___ of "ER" and "Bend It Like Beckham"
- 36. Bit of sarcasm
- 38. Sweet-talking
- 39. Patient care gp.
- 40. Soup du ___
- 41. "___ Flag Means Death"

- 45. Squeazy snake
- 47. Cable network with a 50th anniversary last year
- 48. It may start with orientation
- 49. Afghanistan's ___ Bora region
- 50. Common log-in requirement
- 51. Less welcoming
- 52. "QI" and former "Bake-Off" host Toksvig
- 53. Pilgrim in a Longfellow poem
- 57. "Queer Eye" star Jonathan Van ___
- 58. Talent show lineup
- 61. Britney Spears's "___ Slave 4 U"
- 62. Space station that orbited Earth from 1986 to 2001
- 63. Spreadable sturgeon
- 64. Ma who baas
- 65. Talk too much

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

January 11-17, 2023

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Good news, Aries! During the next episode in the age-old struggle between the Impulsive You and the Farsighted You, I predict the latter will achieve a ringing victory. Hallelujah! I also foresee you overcoming the temptation to quit a project prematurely and instead pushing on to complete it. There's more! You will refrain from knocking your head against an obstacle in the vain hope of toppling it. Instead, you will round up helpers to help you wield a battering ram that will produce the desired toppling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may not have a clear picture of where you'll be going in the next five years. The detailed master plan that your higher self devised for you before you were born might even be obscure. But I'm here to tell you that in the coming weeks, a new lucidity can be yours. You can summon an acute instinct about which way is forward, if only you will recognize the subtle ways it's speaking to you. In fact, I believe you will regularly know what move you should make "next" so as to expedite your long-term evolution. Life will be rewarding you with mysterious step-by-step guidance. Now, please write a short statement affirming your intention to love, honor and obey your intuition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do you believe in the existence of guardian angels and spirit guides and ancestors who can intervene on your behalf from the other side of the veil? Do you wonder if maybe your invisible friends from childhood show up in your vicinity now and then to offer you support and kindness? Or how about the animals you loved earlier in your life who have since passed away? Is it possible their souls have never left you but are available if you need their affection? Even if your rational mind tells you that none of these possibilities are authentic, Gemini, I suspect you will nevertheless be the beneficiary of their assistance in the coming weeks and months. Their influence will be even more potent if you proceed as if they are real.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Among your potential strengths as a human being are empathy, sensitivity and emotional intelligence. You may or may not choose to develop these natural gifts. But if you do, they can be instrumental in helping you achieve the only kind of success that's really meaningful for you — which is success that your heart and soul love as much as your head and your ego. According to my astrological analysis, you are moving into a phase of your cycle when you will have extra power to ripen your empathy, sensitivity and emotional intelligence — and thereby enhance your ability to achieve the kind of success that's meaningful for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "Dear Rob the Astrologer: The computer firewall at my youth hostel is blocking your website. I am being told you practice 'illegal folklore and insurrectionary fairy tales.' What the hell? Can you do anything at your end to get me access to your wonderful horoscopes? Maybe cut back a bit on your illegal folklore and insurrectionary fairy tales? Haha. Just kidding. I love that crazy stuff. — Deprived Leo in Ireland." Dear Deprived: Many of you Leos have lately had problems getting all the illegal folklore and insurrectionary fairy tales you need. I hope you will push hard to compensate. In my estimation, you currently have a strong need for dreamy stories that appeal to the wild child in you. They're essential to your mental and spiritual health.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In his book "A Million Miles in a Thousand Years: What I Learned While Editing My Life," Donald Miller acknowledges that fear can be a "guide to keep us safe." Being afraid may indeed have its uses and benefits. But Miller adds that it's also "a manipulative emotion that can trick us into living a boring life." In my astrological opinion, Virgo, fear will be of service to you — a guide to keep you safe — about nine percent of the time in 2023. Around 83 percent of the time, it will be a manipulative emotion not worth acting

on. For the other eight percent, it will be neither. Please plan accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Select two sticky situations in your world that you would love to reinvent. Let other annoyances and glitches just slide for now. Then cultivate a focused desire to do everything in your power to transform the two awkward or messy circumstances. Proceed as if you will have to do all the work yourself — that nothing will change for the better unless you take full responsibility. If you're absolutely sure this involves other people altering their behavior, consider the possibility that maybe your behavior needs to shift as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Three out of four toxic waste dumps in the U.S. are located in predominantly African American or Latino communities. Two million tons of radioactive uranium tailings have been dumped on Native American lands. Three hundred thousand Latino farm workers in the US suffer from pesticide-related sicknesses every year. These travesties make me furious. More importantly, my rage motivates me to mitigate these travesties, like by educating my readers about them and donating money to groups crusading to fix the problems. In the coming weeks, Scorpio, I hope you will take advantage of your astrological potential by using your anger constructively too. Now is a favorable time for you to fight fiercely and tenderly for what's right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I predict that love will bring you many AHA! moments in 2023. You can't fully prepare yourself for them — and that's a good thing! The epiphanies will be brighter and deeper if they are unexpected. Your motivation to learn the available lessons will be wilder and stronger if you enjoy being surprised. So, be ready for lots of entertaining rumbles and reverberations, Sagittarius. The adjustments you will be asked to make will often be strenuous and fun. The inspirations you will be invited to harvest will require you to outgrow some of your previous beliefs about the nature of intimacy and togetherness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Some insects are helpful to humans. For example, ladybugs devour aphids, which are highly destructive to crops. Damsel bugs eat the pests called leafhoppers, and lacewings feed on the pernicious nuisances known as mealybugs. I also remind you that some bugs are beautiful, like butterflies, dragonflies and jeweled beetles. Keep these thoughts in mind, Capricorn, as you contemplate my counsel. Metaphorically speaking, you will have experiences with bugs in the next three weeks. But this won't be a problem if you ally yourself with the good, helpful and beautiful bugs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What are "brain orgasms?" Can you seek them out and make them happen, or do you have to wait patiently for them to arrive in their own sweet time? When they occur, what should you do? Surrender into them with all your welcome fully unleashed? Or should you question whether they're real, be suspicious of their blessings or dismiss them as irrelevant flukes? I encourage you to meditate on questions like these. That will raise your receptivity to the stream of brain orgasms that life will offer you in the coming weeks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): My Piscean pagan friend Valie says God is stealthy yet blatant, like a green chameleon perched on a green leaf. After analyzing the astrological omens, I conclude that this is a helpful, all-purpose metaphor for you to use in the coming weeks. I encourage you to be alert for beauty that is hidden in plain sight. See if you can spy the miracles embedded within the ordinary. Ask life to pleasantly blow your mind over and over again. Here's your phrase of power: open secret.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Breznsy'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.

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Intermediate

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!

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, Jan. 11

"A Course of Love" with Lucille Olson - 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 177 417 886. Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

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

Career Night Open House - Learn more about the exciting industry of real estate and the unique opportunity through EXIT to generate residual income that lasts! EXIT Realty at Home, 1427 W. Saginaw St #110, East Lansing. 5:30 p.m. 517-489-2550.

Fitness Over 50 - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Mall Food Court. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

MAC - Group Dance Class - Beginning West Coast Swing - Wear smooth-soled shoes and casual clothing. 7-week class. Registration req. 7 p.m. 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

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

Michigan Agri-Business Association Winter Convention - 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-336-0223.

Michigan Onsite Wastewater Conference - 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing.

MSU Women's Basketball vs. Wisconsin - 7 p.m. Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. 517-432-1989. breslincenter.com.

Open Mic hosted by Rick Hansel featuring Sam "I Am" Warren - 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner Road, Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Plant-Based Eating 101 - Presentation on the health benefits of plant-based eating by Dr. Daniel Dubay and Dr. Kristin Regan. Registration req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladi.org.

William Hays Color Linocuts - View four dozen multi-color linoleum block prints. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saper Galleries and Custom Framing, 433 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0815. sapergalleries.com.

Working Hands | Jessica Considine, Angela Larson, & Kelly O'Neill - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square #100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Thursday, Jan. 12

"A Course in Miracles," a Group Discussion on ZOOM - 7 p.m. Meeting ID: 177 417 886 Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

BUDDHAHAND - 8 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. macsbar.com.

Dave Mingus - Acoustic covers and originals. 5 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner Road, Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Group Dance Lessons - Beginning Salsa - Partner not needed. Open to all levels of dancers. Wear casual clothing. 7-week class. Registration req. 7 p.m. 2900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. 517-364-8888

Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:20 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiessilverblades.org.

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Wine about Winter - 4:30-6:30 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott, 2710 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. 517-487-3322. downtownlansing.org.

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Friday, Jan. 13

The Dangling Particles at The Peanut Barrel - 8 p.m. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0608. peanutbarrel.com.

Darin Larner Jr. - 9:30 p.m. The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-319-4500. lansing-exchange.com.

Fitness Over 50 - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Mall Food Court. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

Freaky Fridays - Full bar & open kitchen. Sounds by DJ Freaky Freckz. 10 p.m. Tatse Restaurant and Alobosa Bar, 221 S. Washington Square, Lansing. 260-246-7692. tatserestaurants.com.

Lansing Symphony Orchestra Presents: Nakamatsu Plays Brahms - 7:30 p.m. Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Michigan State Spartans vs. Penn State Nittany Lions Men's Hockey - 7 p.m. Munn Ice Arena, 509 Birch Road, East Lansing.

MSU Polo at the Pavilion - Join us for our annual exhibition match and fundraising event! 7:30 p.m. MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing. 517-432-5566.

PROHIBITION ENDS!!! A Roaring Steak Night Celebration - 6 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner Road, Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Sewers Salute Quilts of Valor Meeting - Patriotic quilts for service members or veterans touched by war. Bring your project, sewing machine and supplies. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Towar Hart Baptist Church, 6157 Towar Ave., East Lansing. 517-337-0727.

TGIF Dinner & Dance - 7 p.m.-midnight. Eagle Eye Golf Club & Banquet Center, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath. 734-604-5095. tgifdance.com/calendar.

Tina Gorter, piano DMA - 6 p.m. MSU College of

Travelogue — Viking River Cruise

Friday, Jan. 13
7 p.m.

Foster Community Center room 213
200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing

Retired Lansing Community College film production professor Bill Blanchard and his wife, Millie, have created a short documentary about their time traveling across Europe on a Viking River Cruise to cities like Prague, Vienna and Amsterdam. The film will be the first in a series of travelogues about various regions of the world showing every Friday through March 17 at the Foster Community Center.

Blanchard says he was inspired by "the heyday of travelogues when superstars Stan Midgley and Don Cooper screened their 16-millimeter Kodachrome movies in the MSU Auditorium to sold-out audiences. They combined gorgeous photography and slapstick humor, touring Colorado, California and Alaska."

Audiences will find humor throughout Blanchard's film, too, as well as plenty of history mixed with breathtaking views and cinematography.

Admission is \$2. Show up early to get a good seat and a bag of popcorn.



Music, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

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Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Environmental Stewardship Work Day - Help in the restoration of East Lansing's park biotic communities. 9-11 a.m. East Lansing. 517-319-6804. cityofeastlansing.com.

Horrocks Beer Garden - Swift Brothers - 5 p.m. 7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 517-323-3782. shophorrocks.com.

Let's Warm Up - Kid's Cooking Class - Home-made broccoli and cheddar soup with honey glazed cornbread and a raspberry & pear crisp. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sweet Encounter Bakery & Café, 300 S. Washington Square, Lansing. 517-730-5005. sweetencounterbakery.com

Main Street Dueling Pianos at Lansing Brewing Company - 21+. Doors at 6 p.m., show at 7:30. 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-371-2600. lansingbrewingcompany.com.

Michigan State Spartans vs. Penn State Nittany Lions Men's Hockey - 7 p.m. Munn Ice Arena, 509 Birch Road, East Lansing.

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Sunday, Jan. 15

Bottle and Can Collection for Eastern Ingham Farmers Market - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. McCormick Park, 123 High St., Williamston. 517-618-1630. easterninghamfarmersmarket.org.

Classical Beet - Benefit for Ukrainian Orphans - Proceeds going to Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort. Doors 2 p.m., show 3 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner Road, Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

Drum Circle with Greater Lansing Area Drummers (GLAD) - 1 p.m. Keys to Manifestation, 809 Center St., Suite 7, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

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Live & Local CityPULSE

The Avenue

2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Marsha, Cult Therapy, Werewolves
 Fri., Jan. 13, 9 p.m.
Space Dogg presents: Secret Grief, The Fever Haze, The Falcon King
 Sat., Jan. 14, 9 p.m.

Eaton Rapids Craft Co.

204 N. Main St., Eaton Rapids
Brian Shelley
 Fri., Jan. 13, 7 p.m.
Travis Faber
 Sat., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

The Exchange

314 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Darin Lerner Jr.
 Fri., Jan. 13, 9:30 p.m.

The Green Door

2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Soulstice
 Fri., Jan. 13, 8:30 p.m.

The Corzo Effect

Sat., Jan. 14, 8:30 p.m.

Capital Area Blues Society "Beale Street Bound" send-off party

Sun., Jan. 15, 4 p.m.

Horrocks Beer Garden

7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
The Swift Brothers
 Sat., Jan. 14, 5 p.m.

Mac's Bar

2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Dad Caps, Tequila Mockingbird, Darcy Moran, Tournament
 Thurs., Jan. 12, 8 p.m.

Buddahand, Soccer, Mushroom Jam

Fri., Jan. 13, 8 p.m.

Karaoke Kickback - Power 96.5 517

Spotlight Artist edition

Sun., Jan. 15, 8 p.m.

The Peanut Barrel

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
The Dangling Particles
 Fri., Jan. 13, 8 p.m.

UrbanBeat

1213 Turner Road, Lansing
Dave Mingus

Thurs., Jan. 12, 5 p.m.

Prohibition Ends! A Roaring '20s Steak Night Celebration featuring John "TBone" Paxton and the Old Town Stompers

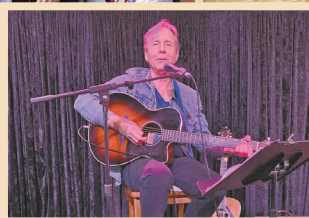
Fri., Jan. 13, 6 p.m.

Time2Play

Sat., Jan. 14, 8 p.m.

Classical Beet - benefit for Ukrainian orphans

Sun., Jan. 15, 3 p.m.



TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN LAUNCHES FUNDRAISER FOR KAZ



By Kevin Burdick

A newly commissioned 5-foot portrait of Kaz, by Kevin Burdick, at The People's Kitchen.



Courtesy photo

Curshaw "Kaz" Terrell: Nov. 4, 1982 - Dec. 31, 2022.

GoFundMe and dinner benefit daughter of late producer

Curshaw "Kaz" Terrell, 40, was not only a long-time fixture in the Lansing hip-hop community but also the national scene. His credits include work with Young Jeezy, DJ Khaled, T.I. and Gucci Mane, Lyfe Jennings and Ace Hood, to name a few. He also mentored countless local musicians since his career launched in the 1990s.

On New Year's Eve, just after 3 p.m., the prolific producer and beloved community member was shot on Lansing's east side inside his 51 Sessions Recording Studio at 2722 E. Michigan Ave., suite 24. The building also houses The People's Kitchen. Kaz was pronounced dead at Sparrow Hospital. Shaquille Brown, 29, was also shot but survived and was transported to Sparrow Hospital in critical condition.

Last week, a suspect in the shooting, Anthony Anderson Jr. of Saginaw, was arrested and charged with open murder, assault with intent to commit murder, felony firearm possession and carrying a concealed weapon, among other charges. Anderson, 28, could face life in prison.

In the wake of the murder, a GoFundMe, "Kaz's Memorial Education Fund," was launched by The People's Kitchen. Donations will help support Kaz's daughter's college expenses. The goal is to raise \$20,000. To further benefit the fund, the locally owned restaurant is hosting a memorial benefit dinner for Kaz at 6 p.m. Jan. 24. The event description states: "All are invited to come and break bread, speak about Kaz's life and experiences and share our memories with our beloved friend. All proceeds will go directly to the fund."

A Facebook post from The People's Kitchen, which recently placed a 5-foot-high portrait of Kaz, by Kevin Burdick, on its wall, detailed what workers witnessed on the day of the tragic shooting. It read, in part:

"On NYE, we lost a valuable member of our community to an act of senseless violence. Kaz — an admired producer, loving father and community pillar — had his life taken away in his studio, located in the same building as The People's Kitchen.

At the time of the event, our entire team was heads-down preparing for our New Year's Eve dinner as well as Gov. Whitmer's inaugural celebration. We were suddenly thrown into a state of shock, fear and confusion as we quickly locked our restaurant down after discovering a person had been shot on (the) property.

Our staff was first to arrive on the scene. Still unsure if the shooter was in the area, several team members heroically rushed to aid, attempting to save the victim with compression and CPR. We quickly realized that the victim was our business neighbor, restaurant regular and good friend, Kaz. We are shaken to our core at the loss of our friend."

On Jan. 1, as tributes flooded social media, Ozay Moore, founder of All of the Above Hip Hop Academy, shared a group photo of Kaz at the academy and published this tribute:

Kaz was "a pillar of our community, a legend in our scene and a friend to us all. A quiet giant who cared deeply about making sure youth discovered their passions. He always answered the call. He embodied humility and master-level skill. An inspiration to us all. Rest easy big homie."

Kaz Memorial Benefit Dinner

Jan. 24, 6 p.m.

The People's Kitchen
 2722 E. Michigan Ave.,
 Lansing

Donate online at:
tinyurl.com/kazmemorial

Events

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Jazz: Spirituals, Prayer and Protest Concert

A commemorative concert celebrating the birth of Martin Luther King Jr., featuring MSU Jazz Orchestras and special guests. 3 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

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

Karaoke Kickback - POWER 96.5 517 SPOTLIGHT ARTIST EDITION - 8 p.m. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 517-484-6795. macsbar.com.

Let's Talk About "The Four Agreements," with Teresa Mulford - 9:30 a.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

SPARTan Wellness: JOURNALING - We have all the materials you'll need, but feel free to bring your own supplies (like collage materials). 2 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Starting Now | Sistrum Winter Concert - Help support the Lansing Refugee Development Center by bringing needed personal and household items. Mask and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test req. 3 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 5509 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. sistrum.org.

Sunday Jazz - Wayne Meinke Trio with Lucas LaFave and Will Grandell - 6-9 p.m. Red Cedar Spirits, 2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing. 517-908-9950.

Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Monday, Jan. 16

Fiber Circle at Charlotte Community Library - Social gathering for knitters, crocheters and stitchers of all ages and skill levels. 6 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Fitness Over 50 - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Mall Food Court. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

MSU Men's Basketball vs. Purdue - 2:30 p.m. Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. 517-432-1989. breslincenter.com.

Tween & Teen Book Club - Hang out with friends, chat about the book, have a snack and do a book-related craft or activity. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladi.org.

William Hays Color Linocuts - View four dozen

multi-color linoleum block prints. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saper Galleries and Custom Framing, 433 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0815. sapergalleries.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Auditions: "I Knock at the Door" and "Tartuffe" - Joint auditions for our two final season shows. Cold readings from the script. All are welcome. 6 p.m. Lansing Community College Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. 517-483-1122. lcc.edu.

Nermis Mieses, oboe - Hear oboist Nermis Mieses performing her first recital as a member of the MSU faculty, joined by her husband, Xavier Suarez, at the piano. 7:30 p.m. MSU College of Music, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Preschool Family Storytime - Stories and literacy-enhancing activities for ages 1-6. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladi.org.

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Young Adult Book Club - Grades 8-12. Registration req. 6 p.m. Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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Allen Farmers Market - 3-6:30 p.m. 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. allen-neighborhoodcenter.org/market.

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Diabetes Support Group - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. 517-220-4944.

Emergency Services - 6 p.m. LSW Emergency Services, 7425 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

Fitness Over 50 - The Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Stretch and Flex Exercise group exercises at Meridian Mall Food Court. 9-10 a.m. 1982 W. Grand River Road, Okemos. meridian50plus.com.

How Steam Engines Work: STEAM Science! - Learn the history of steam power, visit our N-gauge steam locomotive display and see demonstrations with steam-powered devices. Reg. Req. 6 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014. gladi.org.

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

Senior Software Engineer sought by Vertafore, Inc. in East Lansing, MI. Dvlpng critical features & build solutions to integrate core web applications & microservices platforms using Agile dvlpmnt practices; Dsgn next generation products & build service-oriented applications, providing analysis of reqmts & estimation; Reqs a Bach's deg in Comp Sci, Comp Applications, Comp Engg or a closely related field, or a foreign equiv deg, + 5 yrs of exp as s/ware engineer or prgmr analyst for insurance industry s/ware products. To apply, send resumes to mgarrison@verta-fore.com, ref # 584944.

Wine about Winter

Thursday, Jan. 12

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott
2710 Lake Lansing Road,
Lansing

Every Thursday evening in January and February, Downtown Lansing Inc. is hosting a winter-themed social hour for Lansing-area residents to hang out with friends and co-workers or meet new people over drinks. The event will take place at a different venue each week, showcasing different breweries, distilleries and bars throughout the city, including Lansing Brewing Co., American Fifth Spirits, Sidecar Slider Bar and Midtown Brewing Co.

"Downtown Lansing is home to so many wonderful and unique distilleries, breweries as well as beloved and new restaurants. We invite anyone 21 and up to come out and toast to the new year while reconnecting after the frenzy of the holidays," said Cathleen Edgerly, executive director of Downtown Lansing Inc. "Not only are Wine About Winters informal and fun, but they're also a great way to help support these local businesses through the cold and slower winter months. The best way to keep local businesses as part of our community is to show up and show them that we are here for them, the same way they've been here for us as part of the Capital City!"



MSU Women's Basketball vs. Iowa - 7 p.m. Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. 517-432-1989. breslincenter.com.

Snowy Movie Marathon at Charlotte Community Library - Screening "Eight Below" and "The Day After Tomorrow." Come warm up with some popcorn and hot chocolate! 5:30 p.m. 226 S. Bostwick St., Charlotte. 517-543-8859. charlottelibrary.org.

William Hays Color Linocuts - View four dozen multi-color linoleum block prints. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saper Galleries and Custom Framing, 433 Albert Ave., East Lansing. 517-351-0815. sapergalleries.com.

Working Hands | Jessica Considine, Angela Larson, & Kelly O'Neill - 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 300 S. Washington Square #100, Lansing. 517-574-4521. lansingartgallery.org.

Zaha Hadid Design: Untold - 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Thursday, Jan. 19

"A Course in Miracles," a Group Discussion on ZOOM - 7 p.m. Meeting ID: 177 417 886 Passcode: 601744. unitylansing.org.

Chipmunk Story Time - Stories are followed by nature activities and a guided walk. 10 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866.

Harmonious Wail - 7 p.m. Elderly Instruments,

1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - Join other adult women for fun, exercise, friendship and skating practice. 9:30-11:20 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. ladiesilverblades.org.

LIBRARY BOARD - 7 p.m. City Hall, 114 S. Woodhull Road, Laingsburg. laingsburg.us.

MSU Men's Basketball vs. Rutgers - 6:30 p.m. Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Road, East Lansing. 517-432-1989. breslincenter.com.

Sheryl Lott and E. Brysien Beer - "Songs of Winter" - Doors 5 p.m., show at 7:30. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner Road, Lansing. 517-331-8440. urbanbeatevents.com.

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Wine about Winter - 4:30-6:30 p.m. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. 517-487-3322. downtownlansing.org.

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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Noodles steal center stage at BAPS

By LIZY FERGUSON

Winter break is the perfect time to visit the restaurants of East Lansing, so last week, my friends and I took advantage of relaxed schedules and (relatively) ample parking and visited BAPS, a new-to-me Korean restaurant on the Buffalo Wild Wings block of Albert Avenue. I had already scoped out the menu online, but upon arrival, an unexpected lunch special menu threw me for a loop.

As a deeply budget-conscious person, lunch specials are almost impossible to resist. My



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ambitions to try something new left the building when I saw I could get a long-standing favorite, bibimbap, for \$9. Bibimbap is a well-balanced dish consisting, in this instance, of marinated beef and stir-fried greens, carrots and zucchini served over rice and topped with a fried egg. You then add some of the kimchi served alongside, a healthy dose of gochujang (Korean chili paste) and proceed with enjoying myriad combinations of flavors and textures

in every bite. BAPS' bibimbap was a satisfying iteration of the Korean menu classic.

I kept finding myself bypassing my entrée, though, to get more of the dish my companions and I ordered to share: the japchae. If I've had this dish before, it certainly wasn't memorable, but going forward, BAPS' is the one that will be filed under japchae in my flavor Rolodex. It is composed of glass, or cellophane, noodles, which are made from sweet potato starch. The texture of the noodles is difficult to describe, and the best and most fitting adjective I can summon is "springy" — dangling and bouncing around from the end of your chopsticks, practically making a cartoonish spring sound effect. They have an addictive texture to which the delicious sauce clings, tasting of flame-broiled beef, green onions, sesame oil and sweet soy. My favorite element, though, was the wood ear mushrooms, which were toothsome, meaty and even more delectable than the shreds of actual meat. Fun fact: they are called that



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Japchae, a Korean dish consisting of stir-fried glass noodles, meat and assorted vegetables, wows with its unique textures and flavors.

because they look like crinkly, little brown ears!

Though japchae is listed on the menu as an appetizer, it could definitely serve as a light lunch — one that leaves your senses stimulated and your sense of wonder piqued. I also enjoyed the house lemonade, a fizzy concoction that's not too sweet but more honeyed than sour, filled with preserved lemon rinds. A meal of unexpected textures and preparations, it was the perfect way to begin a new year — hopefully, one brimming with even more delightful culinary discoveries.

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Parsnip power

By **ARI LEVAUX**

One of my son's first tastes of solid food was dirt licked from a freshly dug parsnip. He didn't yet have the teeth to chew into the ivory taproot itself, but his attempts to do so sure got it clean.

It was wintertime in New Mexico and his first winter anywhere. We were visiting a friend at his farm, and I was helping him dig parsnips that had been planted the previous summer, kept in the ground through the winter under a heavy layer of mulch. He'd also planted carrots, a close relative, and kept them under mulch as well.

As winter wore on, the carrots became woody, but the parsnips stayed tender and grew sweeter until March when we dug the last one. By that time, I had conducted extensive trials. I made oven-roasted parsnip fries and pan-fried parsnip pudding. I mixed them into mirepoix, fried rice and hash browns. I added them to the root mix beneath roasting birds and the soup made from the leftover bones.

If you're ever at a loss for what to do with a parsnip, a good rule of thumb is to use it however you would a carrot. Boiled and buttered, cooked with peas or chopped in a stew, to name a few. Carrots and parsnips cook well together, too.

Back in the days before the widespread use of sugarcane and sugar beets, parsnips were used to make sweeteners. Winter-harvested parsnips, like the ones we dug, are especially sweet, as some of their starches have broken down into sugar. Eventually, I added baby food to my list of parsnip dishes.

In Medieval times, people survived northern European winters with parsnips. Roman Emperor Tiberius was such a fan that he accepted them as tribute from the region of present-day Germany.

They eventually lost ground to potatoes, brought back to Europe by New World explorers. Potatoes don't have that nutmeg-like flavor, and they lack the parsnip's diversity of nutrients, like folic acid, fiber, calcium and carotenoids. But spuds yield more pounds per acre and more calories per pound. When survival is a priority, it pays to grab every calorie you can get.

When you're not in danger of starving, though, why not diversify your diet for both nutrition and flavor? Adding

the occasional parsnip to your menu will add an aromatic dose of earthy sweetness.

While they're still a niche ingredient in most of the U.S., parsnip culture remains strong in Europe, especially in the U.K. The Guardian once ran a story claiming parsnip wine to be one of the finest wines on the planet, and the Brits also use "parsnip" as slang for shapely men with broad shoulders and narrow waists — the shape my taproot-eating son is growing into. In the comment sections of parsnip-related online content, Brits often take the opportunity to remind the world that the biggest ones are from the U.K.

So, let's all thank a Brit for keeping



Mashed parsnips and carrots in cinnamon sauce

This sweet, earthy side dish can accompany any meal. For a more-savory version, replace cinnamon with an herb like thyme. You can also omit the carrots and double up on parsnips or replace the carrots with potatoes. For a richer version, add some cream at the very end.

1 large parsnip (about ½-pound), peeled and cut into ½-inch thick rounds

1 carrot, peeled and cut into ½-inch thick rounds

2 cups water or stock

1 large clove of garlic, minced

1 medium onion, minced

2 tablespoons butter or olive oil

2 teaspoons cinnamon
Salt and pepper to taste

Add the parsnips, carrots and stock or water to a small pot or pan with a tight-fitting lid. Simmer until the liquid is nearly gone.

Meanwhile, in another pan, sauté the onions in the butter or oil until they become translucent.

In the first pan, once the simmering is finished, add a clove of garlic and mash the parsnip and carrots together with a potato masher or the bottom of a cup — whatever technique you might employ to make mashed potatoes.

Add the mashed ingredients to the onions on low heat, then add the cinnamon. Stir together and season with salt and pepper.

the parsnip fire burning through the dark years. Here is an easy, British-style recipe to get you started down the parsnip pathway.

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Thursday, February 23rd, 7:00-8:30 pm
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Jared Armstrong’s Fight For Israeli Citizenship

Monday, April 3rd, 3:00-4:20 pm, Zoom
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*Israeli Fantasy and Science Fiction: Fantastical Time/Space and the Modern Promised Land by Dr. Vered Weiss

Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00-2:30 pm, Natural Sciences Bldg 304

Israeli Film Festival- Sunday March 19

RCAH Theater, C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall, 362 Bogue St.

1:00 pm Intro to *One More Story*, with special guest **Omer Barak**, author of novel upon which film was based
1:30 pm Screening of *One More Story*
3:00 pm Discussion, **Omer Barak**

3:30 pm Intro to *Queen Shoshana*
3:45 pm Screening of *Queen Shoshana*
5:45 pm a discussion with **Dr. Yael Katzir**
6:00-7:00 pm **Dinner (complementary Woody’s dinner served outside if weather permits)**
7:00-8:30 pm **Live Performance by the Yemen Blues Quartet**

Israeli Film Festival- Tuesday, March 21

STEM Building Room 1202, 642 Red Cedar Rd.
10:00 am Welcome and Intro to *Give it Back!*
10:15 am Screening of *Give it Back!*
10:30 am a discussion with director **Ruchama Ehrenhalt**

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12:50 pm Screening of *Science is a Beacon*
1:30 pm a discussion with director **Yael Katzir**

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