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Sat Dec 30 08:33:25 2023	Local ski area hopes colder days are ahead	David Limbaugh	“It’s definitely not what we wanted.”Danielle Mustow is the marketing director for Cannonsburg Ski Area in Belding, Michigan. She says that while they spend months preparing for the winter season with the goal of opening in time for the holidays, or even before, this year, Mother Nature had different plans.“The warmer weather has definitely been disappointing, to say the least.”Mustow says that while there are a lot of aspects of the business they can control, the one thing they can’t, is the weather.“So right now it’s just a waiting game which just feels so infuriating because there’s nothing more that we want than to be open and we can’t force Mother Nature to cooperate with us.”Mustow explains what they need in order to turn things around.“What we need is for the cold weather to be consistent so that we can just have our snow guns going around the clock, 24 hours. Basically, what we need is we need temperatures in the mid-20s. Our snow crew can start making snow	Belding, Cannonsburg, snow, Skiing, Snowboarding, winter, winter sports, Downhill Skiing
Fri Dec 29 12:00:38 2023	The Girl from Wudang	Shelley Irwin	Emmy Award Winner and Best Selling author PJ Caldas has written a book about Artificial Intelligence and Martial Arts titled, The Girl from Wudang. PJ Caldas joins us this morning to	Author, Book, Books
Fri Dec 29 11:56:59 2023	Local musician Nathan Walton	Shelley Irwin	Local band ">Nathan Walton and the Remedy is hosting a New Year's Eve party at Turnstiles in Grand Rapids and is celebrating newly released music. Our in-studio guest	Musicians, Artist, Local, New Years
Fri Dec 29 11:49:39 2023	Nat Geo World Almanac 2024	Shelley Irwin	Nat Geo’s the World Almanac and Book of Facts 2024 edition is out, this new edition provides the authoritative chronicle of 2023’s events, from historic labor strikes and a Barbie-themed Summer to a Chaotic Congress and the Israel-Hamas war. Editor Sarah Janssen is our guest.	
Fri Dec 29 11:46:34 2023	Greg McNeilly of Windquest	Shelley Irwin	Windquest, a Michigan based privately held enterprise and investment management firm, believes some industries might be impacted by the economy more than others. CEO Greg McNeilly discusses what he has seen with unique consumer behaviors and surprising	
Fri Dec 29 11:42:12 2023	Tony Rubleski of Mind Capture	Shelley Irwin	West Michigan author Tony Rubleski, Chief Agent of Positive Change at Mind Capture and author of Positive Disruption Mind Capture books, joins us to share three ways to stay	
Fri Dec 29 09:14:27 2023	West Michigan gas prices lower than a year ago, should go even lower	Phil Dawson	Gas Buddy founder Patrick De Haan, an oil industry analyst from Grand Rapids lives in Chicago now, and commuting is one way he knows first-hand, gas prices are lower.“\$2.99 a gallon even here in Chicago. That was the same price basically across Michigan and Indiana as I drove back from Grand Rapids to Chicago.”But De Haan also analyzes data, and says its telling him gas prices in 2024 will, on average, be even lower.“right now we are paying less than what we expect for the yearly national average and then in the summer we are probably going to be paying a little bit more than the average. But all in all the average household is	gas prices, gas prices down, gas, gas station, Grand Rapids, West Michigan, gasbuddy

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Fri Dec 29 05:56:04 2023	Second data breach affects one million Corewell Health patients	David Limbaugh	<p>In November, Corewell Health announced a data breach at Welltok, Inc., a software company contracted by Corewell to provide communication services. That breach impacted one million patients. Late last week, Corewell announced a second data breach from another vendor, HealthEC, a population health management platform, exposing the info of more than one million Michigan residents. Notice letters were sent out to impacted persons by HealthEC on December 22. While not all residents have the same impacted data, it can include social security numbers, billing information and medical diagnoses. Corewell is not the only Michigan-based healthcare provider experiencing data breaches. Earlier this year, McLaren Health Care notified residents of a ransomware attack affecting 2.5 million patients, and in August, University of Michigan dealt with its own cyberattack. In a statement to WGVU, Corewell Health said, quote: "The privacy of our patients is a top concern. We recently learned AgeWell Services of West Michigan discovered Tuesday morning that a malfunction in their freezer was about to cause a big problem for them and the many people who rely on their free food delivery service. "All of that frozen food was at room temperature for greater than 48 hours and so it ultimately spoiled which is why we had to throw it away." Advancement Director Jennifer Drury says that, while most of the food spoilage will be covered by insurance, there is a deductible, and the freezer diagnosis and repair will still need to be paid for out-of-pocket. "We serve over 1,600 meals a day, Monday through Friday, in Muskegon, Oceana and Ottawa Counties and so, knowing the impact that this has, it's a lot of food. And so, it was just a complete shock." While food service had to be cancelled for Tuesday and Wednesday, AgeWell was able to begin delivering more shelf-stable meals on Thursday, thanks to having Eighteen tree-related projects around the state will share more than \$400 thousand in grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and federal programs with the Forest Service and Department of Agriculture. The grants are designed to increase access to trees and green spaces especially in disadvantaged communities. Projects include \$50,000 for forestry operation and urban wood use plans in Grand Rapids, and more than \$25 thousand for tree planting, monitoring and supplies in Holland and Big Rapids. The grants also support We discuss 'Doing Good and Doing Well' by Dr. Michael Kaufman, a timely discussion for a new year. Dr. Kaufman inspires helping professionals to become leaders in their own We talk to former White House Curator Betty Monkman, author of 'Life in the White House,' herself a Betty has witnessed four decades of White House life. We specifically discuss life Plans are proposed to eliminate menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, a move that will assist in preventing issues with adolescent use. Dr. Nia Heard-Garris from the American Academy of Pediatrics join us to talk about discusses what this means for kid's health and steps parents</p>	Michigan, Corewell Health, data, data security, data protection, cyber security, cyber attacks, cybersecurity
Thu Dec 28 14:59:20 2023	Nonprofit loses hundred of meals due to faulty freezer	David Limbaugh	<p>Meals on Wheels, Muskegon, Muskegon County, Ottawa County, Oceana County, Seniors</p>	
Thu Dec 28 14:58:51 2023	West Michigan communities receive grants for green space	Dee Morrison	<p>West Michigan, DNR, Michigan DNR, Holland, Grand Rapids, Big Rapids, Trees, Green Space</p>	
Thu Dec 28 12:36:48 2023	Doing Good and Doing Well	Shelley Irwin	<p>Book, Author</p>	
Thu Dec 28 12:32:53 2023	Life in the White House	Shelley Irwin	<p>Book, Author</p>	
Thu Dec 28 12:26:25 2023	Dr. Nia Heard-Garris	Shelley Irwin	<p>Plans are proposed to eliminate menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, a move that will assist in preventing issues with adolescent use. Dr. Nia Heard-Garris from the American Academy of Pediatrics join us to talk about discusses what this means for kid's health and steps parents</p>	

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Thu Dec 28 12:20:47 2023	Community Access Line of the Lakeshore	Shelley Irwin	A local team of experts stands ready to help, the Michigan 2-1-1 Center offering a free service that connects residents across the state with help from thousands of health and resource agencies. Executive Director of the Community Access Line of the Lakeshore joins us to	211, 2-1-1, Lakeshore
Thu Dec 28 12:17:22 2023	Grand Rapids Rise pro volleyball	Shelley Irwin	The Grand Rapids Rise opens their season next month and the team began practice this week. The Roving Microphone takes you on-site to speak with head coach Kathy George and more.	Grand Rapids, RISE
Thu Dec 28 09:24:09 2023	Final UIA audit finds ineligible payments, under- calculated penalties	Colin Jackson	The Rise plays their inaugural Pro Volleyball Federation match on January 25 th at Michigan’s Unemployment Insurance Agency made more than \$245 million worth of payments to ineligible claims between January 2020 and October 2022, according to a final state audit from the state Office of the Auditor General on the UIA’s pandemic-era performance. The report covered a time span stretching from the beginning of 2020 through the end of 2022, and found recipients of those wrongful payments should have been barred from receiving assistance for a variety of reasons, including being incarcerated, deceased, or above or below typical working age. In the report, the UIA partially agreed with the OAG’s findings. The unemployment agency argued most of the possible improper payments came early in the COVID-19 pandemic, an assertion the OAG’s office disputed. Speaking to reporters Wednesday morning, UIA Director Julia Dale said it’s important to learn from pandemic-era mistakes. “We acknowledge that there were mistakes made and are aggressively looking to either have already corrected those or are in the process of correcting them,” Dale said. Dale’s office is highlighting various efforts it’s made since she took over as director in October 2021. Those changes include personnel hires, switching its computer system, and creating a new bureau to fight fraud. The UIA said that work has led to 90 convictions, over 160 people facing charges, and over \$90 million recovered. Despite that progress, the audit found the state could still potentially collect \$840 million more in assessed fraud penalties. One finding alleged the state had undercalculated fraud penalties because of issues with its data management system. Dale noted the state has been going after bad actors and recovering money. But she said the UIA has faced its own challenges. “Given the large volume of fraud across the country, at both the federal level and the state level, there is a limited number of resources to pursue those bad actors, and that’s a tension that is one we have to manage,” Dale said. This is the fifth in a series of audits lawmakers had requested into the agency. The first in the series arrived in November 2021. For years, the UIA has faced troubles and instability. When Dale arrived as the new director two years ago, she became the 11th person to hold that position in 10 years. During follow-up hearings for previous audits before state legislative committees, Dale defended progress made under her leadership. State Representative Tom Kunse (R-Clare) serves as minority vice chair for the Michigan House Ethics and Oversight Committee. He said he acknowledges the unemployment agency has	unemployment, unemployment claims, unemployment benefits, Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency

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Wed Dec 27 15:51:48 2023 Michigan Attorney David Limbaugh
General wraps up
holiday scam
campaign

Since November 24th, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has issued multiple alerts in an effort to help keep consumers safe during the holiday shopping season. Those efforts include information on scams involving gift cards, puppy breeders and sudden business closures. This week, Nessel wraps up her campaign with a reminder to consumers about the importance of checking your credit report. According to the Attorney General's website, consumers can check their credit report for free, weekly, from three different credit reporting bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. It also reminds consumers that there is a difference between your credit report and your credit score. A credit score is a prediction of your credit behavior and determines how likely you are to pay your bills on time, while a credit report contains information received from your creditors. Credit scores, therefore, determine your credit report. The higher the score, the more likely you are to obtain a loan or get a lower

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Wed Dec 27 12:05:18 2023 Michigan Associated Press
 Supreme Court
 will keep Trump
 on 2024 ballot

Michigan’s Supreme Court is keeping former President Donald Trump on the state’s primary election ballot. The court said Wednesday it will not hear an appeal of a lower court’s ruling from groups seeking to keep Trump from appearing on the ballot. It said in an order that the application by parties to appeal a Dec. 14 Michigan appeals court judgment was considered, but denied “because we are not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this court.” The ruling contrasts with [Dec. 19 decision by a divided Colorado Supreme Court](https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-14th-amendment-2024-colorado-d16dd8f354eeaf450558378c65fd79a2) which found Trump ineligible to be president because of his role in the [Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol](https://apnews.com/article/congress-confirm-joe-biden-78104aea082995bbd7412a6e6cd13818). That ruling was the first time in history that [Section 3 of the 14th Amendment](https://apnews.com/article/trump-14th-amendment-insurrection-2024-election-ballot-9c5f79203109ba221b35a48e708ad725) has been used to disqualify a presidential candidate. The Michigan and Colorado cases are among dozens hoping to keep Trump’s name off state ballots. They all point to the so-called insurrection clause that prevents anyone from holding office who “engaged in insurrection or rebellion” against the Constitution. Until the Colorado ruling, all had failed. The Colorado ruling is likely to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has never ruled on the rarely used Civil War-era provision. The plaintiffs in Michigan can technically try again to disqualify Trump under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment in the general election, though it’s likely there will be a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the issue by then. The state’s high court on Wednesday upheld an appeals court ruling that the Republican Party could place anyone it wants on the primary ballot. But the court was silent on whether Section 3 of the 14th Amendment would disqualify Trump in November if he becomes the GOP nominee. “We are disappointed by the Michigan Supreme Court’s decision,” said Ron Fein, legal director of Free Speech for People, the liberal group that filed the suit to disqualify Trump in the state. “The ruling conflicts with longstanding US Supreme Court precedent that makes clear that when political parties use the election machinery of the state to select, via the primary process, their candidates for the general election, they must comply with all constitutional requirements in that process.” Trump hailed the order, calling the effort to keep him off the ballot in multiple states

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Wed Dec 27 12:01:04 2023	The future of Great Lakes cruise ships in Muskegon's deep water port	Patrick Center	Cindy Larson, President of the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, discusses Great Lakes cruising's growing popularity and potential for the future: "Well, the reservations are starting to come in now and we are planning for the summer season. Well, actually it will start in May, and it will go all the way through September. So, I'm sure we're going to have at least 15 ships next year. And we'll know a lot more in January and February when they finalize those reservations. And they do have to make reservations. We can take two ships at once, but it is a little tricky. So, they do make reservations well in advance to make sure that we have the time and the space for them." I asked Cindy Larson, President of the Muskegon lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, what untapped opportunities she sees moving forward? "We really look forward to attracting that new ship, the larger ship. There are ships that have just started to come into the Great Lakes that are about 600 feet long and not many places can handle a ship like that, but Muskegon can. So, we think that's an opportunity in the future. We see that'll be an even bigger economic impact just by the sheer number of passengers that will be visiting. But once we talk to the authors of #CRIMETIME, a cowritten project by husband/wife team Jeneva Rose and Drew Pyne, a full cast mystery comedy in audio book form.	Muskegon, Muskegon Lake, Port of Muskegon, Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Cindy Larsen, Cruise, cruise ships
Wed Dec 27 10:57:19 2023	#CRIMETIME	Shelley Irwin	Miller Auditorium welcomes the 20 th anniversary tour of Ruben Studdard and Clay Aiken on January 11 th . We talk to both this morn about their announcement of the tour and their return to American Idol in the upcoming season for the finale.	Book, Authors, crime, Thriller
Wed Dec 27 10:52:30 2023	Miller Auditorium welcomes the 20th anniversary tour of Ruben Studdard and Clay	Shelley Irwin	Founding Director of the American Film Institute George Stevens Jr. shares his memoir, My	Miller Auditorium, Performance, Singing, Event, Music
Wed Dec 27 10:48:55 2023	My Place in the	Shelley Irwin	The daughter of Cokie Roberts, Rebecca Boggs Roberts, writes the book Untold Power, the Fascinating Rise and Complex Legacy of First Lady Edith Wilson. We talk to Rebecca.	Book, Author,
Wed Dec 27 10:46:12 2023	Untold Power	Shelley Irwin	Michael Schnabel chronicles a powerful story of his daughter's fight to survive her cancer diagnosis. We discuss the book Daddy's Girl.	Book, Author, Biography, first lady
Wed Dec 27 10:38:48 2023	Daddy's Girl	Shelley Irwin		Book, Author, Memoir, parenting

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Wed Dec 27 06:54:24 2023 Gerald R. Ford Dee Morrison
 legacy 50 years
 later

The congressman who unexpectedly became president was in a front-row seat for some iconic events in American history -- the resignation of Vice-President Spiro Agnew, the Watergate scandal and the resignation of President Richard Nixon. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum in Grand Rapids will be holding special events and opening a new exhibit to mark a remarkable year in U.S history, and Ford's role in it as the 38th president. Gleaves Whitney, Executive Director of the Foundation says there are many milestones, including the pardon of Nixon one month after Ford was sworn in. 1045 "He did something no previous President had done before, pardoned his predecessor for all crimes having to do with the scandal but he did it to heal the nation" Contributions of First Lady Betty Ford will also be highlighted, such as her determination to speak publicly about previously taboo topics. 1125 "Six weeks after her husband became president of the United States, Mrs. Ford was diagnosed with breast cancer. She changed women's health history by The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission now has three vacancies. That's after two members, Republican-affiliated Douglas Clark and Democratic-affiliated M.C. Rothhorn, resigned Tuesday. A third member, Dustin Witjes, stepped down earlier this month. Clark, like Witjes, had faced accusations of living outside of the state since last year. At the commission's most recent meeting, its attorney, Nate Fink, said Clark had been staying in California with family while he dealt with health concerns. Fink said Clark had maintained a Michigan address and voter registration. Clark had previously filed a resignation letter in February 2022 but later withdrew it. In his current resignation letter, Clark said his health had worsened: "Unfortunately I have reached a point in my life, because of health concerns, where I have to take a step backward and in relation to the MICRC that necessitates resigning my position as Commissioner effective December 31, 2023," Clark wrote. Meanwhile, Rothhorn alluded to being too tired to continue with the commission. "With my resignation rendered today, it is my sincere wish to place the burden and joys of service with the next commission. I choose to place my faith in the process that the people have set up, and that selected me. I trust another person with fresh legs, and fresh reasoning will be able to do more democratic debate, and drawing than this weary soul," Rothhorn wrote in his resignation letter. Both moves come after a federal court last week struck down over a dozen metro Detroit state House and Senate

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Tue Dec 26 17:52:44 2023 Redistricting Colin Jackson
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Tue Dec 26 17:19:09 2023	Indiana power company to build solar farm	David Limbaugh	<p>The Michigan Public Service Commission approved a certificate of public necessity to Indiana Michigan Power Company, giving them the green light to construct a 245-megawatt solar energy array, or solar farm. This facility will be built in Blackford County, Indiana, and is expected to provide power to over 73,000 homes. The cost to build the solar farm, known as the Lake Trout site, is expected to run upwards of \$532 million dollars. Regulators with the MPSC say they believe the size and design of the future facility would be the best way to meet the demands of the power company's customers. The Lake Trout site will be the largest of four solar arrays the Indiana Michigan Power Company plans on building in the coming years. Currently, the utility company provides electricity to over 130,000 customers in six counties in southwest Michigan, as well as Indiana. Construction on the site is scheduled to begin in the</p> <p>Great Lakes cruise ships began setting sail more than 150 years ago. Luxury cruising regained popularity about six years ago. "Once we found out about that, we realized, wow, Muskegon has a deep-water port and we should reach out to these cruise ship companies to make sure that they know that we're here and that we're a great port for cruise ships." Cindy Larsen is President of the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. Muskegon is now port of call for three cruise ships. The chamber and Visit Muskegon tracking their economic impact. "We're estimating about \$700,000 this year. We had 19 ships in, and each ship has a lot of service needs. Just the ship itself. They have to get additional supplies. They get fuel here. They may get some service for the ship while they're here. But above and beyond that, of course, all of the passengers all participate in excursions. They're going to museums. They're going out to the beach. They have shuttles and motor coaches and they have to pay for guides to</p>	Michigan, Indiana, solar panels, solar garden, solar energy, Power, power generation
Tue Dec 26 13:45:40 2023	Muskegon established as destination for Great Lakes cruise ships	Patrick Center	<p>Great Lakes cruise ships began setting sail more than 150 years ago. Luxury cruising regained popularity about six years ago. "Once we found out about that, we realized, wow, Muskegon has a deep-water port and we should reach out to these cruise ship companies to make sure that they know that we're here and that we're a great port for cruise ships." Cindy Larsen is President of the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. Muskegon is now port of call for three cruise ships. The chamber and Visit Muskegon tracking their economic impact. "We're estimating about \$700,000 this year. We had 19 ships in, and each ship has a lot of service needs. Just the ship itself. They have to get additional supplies. They get fuel here. They may get some service for the ship while they're here. But above and beyond that, of course, all of the passengers all participate in excursions. They're going to museums. They're going out to the beach. They have shuttles and motor coaches and they have to pay for guides to</p>	Muskegon, Michigan, cruise ships, economic impact, Muskegon Lake, Port of Muskegon, Cindy Larsen

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Tue Dec 26 12:01:04 2023	Meditations for Mediocre Mystics (Part II)	Fred Stella	<p>Tom Stella is the cousin of Common Threads host Fred Stella, he returns to the program to continue the conversation. Ordained as a Catholic priest in 1972, Tom serves as a chaplain, spiritual advisor, retreat leader and author. He has appeared on this program multiple times. This week, Tom discusses his latest book with Fred. <a href="https://www.amazon.com/Meditations-Mediocre-Mystics-Tom-Stella/dp/1773435213" target="_blank" link-data="{&quot;cms.site.owner&quot;:&quot;&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20&quot;},&quot;cms.content.publishDate&quot;:1702986943280,&quot;cms.content.publishUser&quot;:&quot;&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;},&quot;cms.content.updateDate&quot;:1702986943280,&quot;cms.content.updateUser&quot;:&quot;&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;},&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;anchorable.showAnchor&quot;:false,&quot;link&quot;:&quot;&quot;attributes&quot;:[],&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;linkText&quot;:&quot;Meditations for Mediocre Mystics&quot;,&quot;target&quot;:&quot;NEW&quot;,&quot;attachSourceUrl&quot;:false,&quot;url&quot;:&quot;https://www.amazon.com/Meditations-Mediocre-Mystics-Tom-Stella/dp/1773435213&quot;,&quot;_id&quot;:&quot;0000018c-81ee-ddee-a9ef-c5fe60c20001&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ff658216-e70f-39d0-b660-hdfe57a5599a&quot;}&quot; id&quot;:&quot;0000018c-81ee-ddee-a9ef-c5fe60c20001&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ff658216-e70f-39d0-b660-hdfe57a5599a&quot;}&quot;</p>	religion, Mysticism, Catholicism, Eastern Religions
Tue Dec 26 11:00:22 2023	Speaking While Female	Shelley Irwin	Speaking While Female gathers 75 extraordinary speeches by American Women, author Dana Rubin sharing details.	Book, Author, Women, Free Speech
Tue Dec 26 10:58:07 2023	Deadliest Animals on the Planet	Shelley Irwin	What are the deadliest animals on the planet? We talk to Editor Jennifer Szymanski about those animals living on land or in the sea.	Book, Nat Geo, Kids, Animals
Tue Dec 26 10:53:39 2023	Everything Left to Remember	Shelley Irwin	Steph Jagger writes Everything Left to Remember, a world record breaking skier whose most recent memoir chronicles her road trip with her mother, battling Alzheimer's.	Book, Author, Memoir, Alzheimer's,
Tue Dec 26 10:48:39 2023	Recipe for a Good Life	Shelley Irwin	The author of Recipe for a Good Life, Lesley Crewe, presents her American debut, an Indigo 2023 Best Read, a story of loneliness and belonging with a introduction to Cape Breton and	Book, Author, Memoir, Local
Tue Dec 26 10:43:45 2023	Mania: The ABBA Tribute returns to Grand Rapids	Shelley Irwin	ABBA returns to DeVos Performance Hall. Mania: The ABBA Tribute comes January 6th, celebrating 50 years of the iconic Swedish pop group. We talk to Alison Ward, playing Agnetha in Mania.	Music, DeVos Performance Hall, Event, Performance

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Tue Dec 26 09:36:58 2023	New bill allows active military to opt out of jury duty Dee Morrison	Service members testified, when they are working out-of-state and are called for jury duty, they often have to request personal time off work, pay for their own flights home, then still may not be selected for jury duty.State representative Carol Glanville from Walker learned there was a breakdown in the exemption process.“At the federal level if they request an exemption, they get it, no questions asked. Then each state has to institute that same process.But Michigan didn’t offer that, until now. The new measure also exempts spouses of active-duty members.“We don’t always think about them in the same way but they’re making the same sacrifices for our country, right? Especially when they are serving out-of-state or overseas.“Members who would like to serve jury duty may still do so but Glanville says those Black Detroiters first challenged the districts in state court but were denied by the Michigan Supreme Court. The matter was then refiled in federal court with the backing of conservative groups.Former Democratic State Senator Adam Hollier agrees with the ruling and he says he doesn’t mind Republicans are the ones pushing the effort.“There are a lot of people who believe that they are going to be advantaged by these maps the only people who should be listened to right now are the black voters who did not get listened to when the maps	Michigan, Military, jury, court, Michigan courts, Armed Services
Tue Dec 26 08:40:31 2023	More than a dozen Detroit-area state House and Senate districts will need to be redrawn Russell McNamara	Black Detroiters first challenged the districts in state court but were denied by the Michigan Supreme Court. The matter was then refiled in federal court with the backing of conservative groups.Former Democratic State Senator Adam Hollier agrees with the ruling and he says he doesn’t mind Republicans are the ones pushing the effort.“There are a lot of people who believe that they are going to be advantaged by these maps the only people who should be listened to right now are the black voters who did not get listened to when the maps	Michigan, Michigan’s redistricting commission, map

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Tue Dec 26 08:22:44 2023 Tape reveals Associated Press Donald Trump pressured Michigan officials not to certify 2020 vote, a new report says

Donald Trump pressured two election officials not to certify 2020 vote totals in a key Michigan county, according to a recording of a post-election phone call disclosed in a [new report](https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2023/12/21/donald-trump-recorded-pressuring-wayne-canvassers-not-to-certify-2020-vote-michigan/72004514007/) by The Detroit News. The [former president](https://apnews.com/hub/donald-trump)'s 2024 campaign neither confirmed nor denied the recording's legitimacy, insisting in a statement that all of Trump's actions after his defeat to Democrat Joe Biden were taken to uphold his oath of office and ensure fair elections. Trump has consistently repeated falsehoods about the 2020 election as he runs again for the White House. No evidence of voter fraud that could have changed the outcome of the election has since emerged in a litany of federal, state and outside investigations. The Nov. 17, 2020, telephone call included then-President Trump, Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel and Wayne County elections authorities Monica Palmer and William Hartmann, both of them Republicans, The Detroit News reported. Trump told the two canvassers that they would look "terrible" if they certified results after having initially opposed certification, the newspaper said. The two ultimately issued signed affidavits asserting their opposition to certifying Wayne County's results. The newspaper said the recordings were made by a person who was present for the call with Palmer and Hartmann. The report comes as Trump seeks the 2024 Republican nomination while grappling with [multiple criminal indictments](https://projects.apnews.com/features/2023/trump-investigations-civil-criminal-tracker/index.html), including a federal case and a Georgia case tied to his efforts to overturn Biden's victory. As he campaigns for a return to the White House, Trump continues to repeat the lies that the 2020 election was stolen, despite multiple [recounts and court cases](https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-losing-election-lawsuits-36d113484ac0946fa5f0614deb7de15e) confirming his defeat. Biden [won Michigan](https://apnews.com/article/presidency-battleground-states-races-84ba06c8d2dd3c16434f0b9a852a5d17), with Wayne County, which includes Detroit, providing a trove of Democratic votes. As such, it was one of the key places Trump focused on in the weeks after Election Day in 2020. "We've got to fight for our country," Trump said on the recordings, according to The News. "We can't let these people take our

Donald Trump, tapes, Michigan, election certification, election fraud, Election tampering

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Fri Dec 22 16:41:18 2023 The City of Grand Rapids Planning Commission is recommending the rezoning of 30 acres of riverfront property on the northwest side Patrick Center

The Planning Commission’s consideration dates to earlier this year when two developers proposed a 10-story mixed-use building including residential units on properties at 260 and 288 Leonard Street. Ryan Schmidt is a partner at Indigo Design + Development. “What is wonderful about this particular rezoning is that it allows for that activated and lively riverfront activation, but it also allows us to add density while preserving nearby neighborhoods.” The twenty-two properties considered for rezoning are isolated from the westside neighborhoods, wedged between the Grand River to the east and US-131 to the west. To the north Leonard Street and Sixth Street to the south. Currently the height limit for building construction in this area is five stories. Under the proposed rezoning, it would increase to 20 stories. Mobile GR has surveyed traffic determining infrastructure can handle added density. Kristin Turkelson is Grand Rapids Planning Director, she addressed parking citing 2018 when the city did away with parking requirements in the City Center zone. “[N]ot a single development has gone in

Michigan, Grand Rapids, riverfront redevelopment, rezoning, City of Grand Rapids Planning Commission

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<p>Fri Dec 22 14:54:44 2023</p>	<p>Plaintiffs plan to appeal income tax rate lawsuit Colin Jackson</p>	<p>Plaintiffs in a lawsuit over a Michigan income tax cut triggered this year by high revenue say they plan to appeal a court’s decision to dismiss the case. The plaintiffs, which include some business groups and Republican state lawmakers, argue a 2015 state law that created the income tax cut mechanism meant for any reductions to carry forward permanently. The state, however, is relying on an opinion from Attorney General Dana Nessel that found any decreases triggered under the law were temporary. Thursday, the Michigan Court of Claims found the lawsuit was premature ahead of the expected rebound in the tax rate from the lowered rate of 4.05% to the original rate of 4.25%. “[A]lthough defendant (and the Attorney General) have opined that the tax rate will revert back to 4.25% for the 2024 tax year, a determination whether to reduce that rate under the exception outlined in MCL 206.51(1)(c) may occur as late as the January 2024 revenue estimating conference,” Judge Elizabeth Gleicher wrote in her opinion. Mackinac Center vice president for legal affairs Patrick Wright disagreed with the ruling. Wright said the case should be decided now, not later. “There’s 4.9 million people that will be filing taxes or having money withheld, there’s people that do quarterly income taxes, so all of this is going to lead to a lot of mass confusion as to how this is done,” Wright said. Beyond the issue of timing, the court ruled the plaintiffs don’t have the standing to bring the lawsuit. The opinion reasoned that neither lawmaker involved had a “specialized interest” in the case. “[A] general reduction in a lawmaker’s ability to do his or her job does not confer standing,” Gleicher wrote in reference to a previous state Supreme Court finding. The court found the other groups, despite being involved in the state’s budget writing process, had no official right to claim they had been</p>	<p>tax, Taxes, tax cut, tax relief, tax code, appeal, Michigan</p>
<p>Fri Dec 22 11:12:12 2023</p>	<p>Let technology help you track Santa Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Let technology help you track Santa, a tradition that OnStar offers that has begun and runs through 24<sup>th</sup>. For 15 years, OnStar has collaborated with NORAD to provide real time updates during Santa’s annual flight. OnStar Contact Center Manager Jennifer G joins the</p>	<p>Holiday, Christmas, Santa, Santa Tracker, Onstar</p>
<p>Fri Dec 22 11:09:01 2023</p>	<p>Gift Responsibly this holiday season Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>This Holiday season , Gift Responsibly, meaning forgoing the temptation of filling your child’s stocking with lotto tickets. We talk to the Lakeshore Regional Entity’s Amy Embury about this campaign, stay out of the danger zone. Underage usage of adolescents who begin to gamble is</p>	<p>Holiday, gift, Children, Michigan Lottery, Gambling</p>

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Fri Dec 22 11:06:04 2023	We get tips on how separated or divorced parents can navigate the holiday smoothly	Shelley Irwin	We get tips on how separated or divorced parents can navigate the holiday smoothly, including sensitivity to a child’s desires and expectations. Warner Norcross and Judd’s Ric Roane has an extensive Family Law/Divorce Practice Group, handling matters including spousal support and alimony and more.	Divorce, parents, Children, Holiday, Warner Norcross & Judd
Fri Dec 22 11:03:57 2023	The Roving Mic visits JAM Stretch and Fitness	Shelley Irwin	The Roving mic takes you for a winter workout! We explore Byron Center’s JAM stretch and fitness, discussing the importance of joint mobility to feel better and play longer. Proprietor Jolie Mosser with the tour.	Roving Mic, Fitness, Byron Center
Fri Dec 22 09:10:58 2023	Lakeshore company specializing in automation and assembly is expanding and adding jobs	Patrick Center	Koops Incorporated has expanded its City of Holland location four times. Most recently in 2018. As customer demand increases, the company known for automotive, aerospace, construction, defense, life science, and battery automation equipment is expanding again. Increasing its Michigan footprint with a \$3 million capital investment at its Holland facility. The project will create 24 new advanced manufacturing jobs.The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is providing financial support with a \$250,000 performance-based grant. The City of Holland expects to approve a property tax abatement.Lakeshore Advantage president, Jennifer Owen said of Koops, “Their continued investment in the lakeshore region Robert and Anne Minard worked for then-House Speaker Lee Chatfield, who led the chamber in the 2019-2020 session. The team was known for its prolific fundraising.Nessel says the allegations include embezzling from not-for-profit and campaign funds, filing a false tax return and conducting a criminal enterprise.“This was not an accounting error. This was not an oversight. This was, instead, a repeated pattern of illegal activity.”An attorney for Rob Minard The ruling comes in a lawsuit against the Detroit-centric districts.The plaintiffs claimed the state’s redistricting commission drew those boundaries mainly with race in mind in violation of the U-S Constitution’s 14 th Amendment.The court agreed invalidating those districts and requiring they be redrawn before the next election.That could be arduous work for the commission redrawing metro-Detroit is likely to have repercussions for the rest of the state.The commission says it’s too early to say whether it’ll appeal the ruling.Meanwhile the A fitness center company, a bowling alley and a catering business argue the state owes them for lost income due to shutdown orders issued early in the pandemic. In legalese, it’s called a “taking.” The Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed the lawsuit last year, but the businesses challenged the decision before the state Supreme Court.The state argues the COVID pandemic presented a crisis that required extraordinary measures that were equally applied to all businesses that serve the public. There are also arguments on whether COVID closure	Koops Incorporated, investment, expansion, City of Holland, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Lakeshore Advantage Attorney General Dana Nessel, Michigan, staff, Michigan House, GOP, House Speaker Michigan’s redistricting commission, commissioner, resignation, lawsuit, 14th Amendment Michigan, COVID, COVID-19 restrictions, lawsuit, reimbursement
Fri Dec 22 08:57:44 2023	Nessel charges former House GOP staffers with corruption	Rick Pluta	The ruling comes in a lawsuit against the Detroit-centric districts.The plaintiffs claimed the state’s redistricting commission drew those boundaries mainly with race in mind in violation of the U-S Constitution’s 14 th Amendment.The court agreed invalidating those districts and requiring they be redrawn before the next election.That could be arduous work for the commission redrawing metro-Detroit is likely to have repercussions for the rest of the state.The commission says it’s too early to say whether it’ll appeal the ruling.Meanwhile the A fitness center company, a bowling alley and a catering business argue the state owes them for lost income due to shutdown orders issued early in the pandemic. In legalese, it’s called a “taking.” The Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed the lawsuit last year, but the businesses challenged the decision before the state Supreme Court.The state argues the COVID pandemic presented a crisis that required extraordinary measures that were equally applied to all businesses that serve the public. There are also arguments on whether COVID closure	Michigan House, GOP, House Speaker Michigan’s redistricting commission, commissioner, resignation, lawsuit, 14th Amendment Michigan, COVID, COVID-19 restrictions, lawsuit, reimbursement
Fri Dec 22 08:49:38 2023	Redistricting commissioner resigns	Colin Jackson	The ruling comes in a lawsuit against the Detroit-centric districts.The plaintiffs claimed the state’s redistricting commission drew those boundaries mainly with race in mind in violation of the U-S Constitution’s 14 th Amendment.The court agreed invalidating those districts and requiring they be redrawn before the next election.That could be arduous work for the commission redrawing metro-Detroit is likely to have repercussions for the rest of the state.The commission says it’s too early to say whether it’ll appeal the ruling.Meanwhile the A fitness center company, a bowling alley and a catering business argue the state owes them for lost income due to shutdown orders issued early in the pandemic. In legalese, it’s called a “taking.” The Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed the lawsuit last year, but the businesses challenged the decision before the state Supreme Court.The state argues the COVID pandemic presented a crisis that required extraordinary measures that were equally applied to all businesses that serve the public. There are also arguments on whether COVID closure	Michigan House, GOP, House Speaker Michigan’s redistricting commission, commissioner, resignation, lawsuit, 14th Amendment Michigan, COVID, COVID-19 restrictions, lawsuit, reimbursement
Fri Dec 22 08:25:57 2023	COVID shutdown arguments before MI Supreme Court in January	Rick Pluta	The ruling comes in a lawsuit against the Detroit-centric districts.The plaintiffs claimed the state’s redistricting commission drew those boundaries mainly with race in mind in violation of the U-S Constitution’s 14 th Amendment.The court agreed invalidating those districts and requiring they be redrawn before the next election.That could be arduous work for the commission redrawing metro-Detroit is likely to have repercussions for the rest of the state.The commission says it’s too early to say whether it’ll appeal the ruling.Meanwhile the A fitness center company, a bowling alley and a catering business argue the state owes them for lost income due to shutdown orders issued early in the pandemic. In legalese, it’s called a “taking.” The Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed the lawsuit last year, but the businesses challenged the decision before the state Supreme Court.The state argues the COVID pandemic presented a crisis that required extraordinary measures that were equally applied to all businesses that serve the public. There are also arguments on whether COVID closure	Michigan House, GOP, House Speaker Michigan’s redistricting commission, commissioner, resignation, lawsuit, 14th Amendment Michigan, COVID, COVID-19 restrictions, lawsuit, reimbursement

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<p>Fri Dec 22 08:09:02 2023</p>	<p>Drive a Honda or Acura? Over 2.5 million cars are under recall due to fuel pump defect</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>Honda Motor's American arm is recalling more than 2.5 million vehicles in the U.S. due to a fuel pump defect that can increase risks of engine failure or stalling while driving. According to documents published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the fuel pump impeller used for in 2017-2020 Acura and Honda vehicles was improperly molded. This results in low-density impellers, which “can deform and interfere with the fuel pump body” over time, regulators said, leading to an inoperative fuel pump. If the fuel pump module doesn't work, the car's engine may not start or can stall while driving, the NHTSA said, increasing crash and injury risks. Honda says it has not received any crash or injury reports related to this recall to date. The automaker said Thursday that it will replace fuel pumps for all vehicles impacted by the recall at no cost in separate phases, with the first batch of owner notification letters going out in February. “Countermeasure replacement parts are not available in sufficient quantities for all recalled vehicles at the time of this announcement, and American Honda intends to notify vehicle owners in stages,” Honda wrote. Dealer notification was scheduled to kick off earlier this week, according to NHTSA documents. Drivers can confirm if their specific vehicle is included in this recall using the NHTSA site and/or Honda and Acura's recall lookup platforms. The models impacted are: 1. 2018-2020 Honda Accord 2. 2017-2020 Honda Accord Hybrid 3. 2018-2020 Honda Civic 4D 4. 2018-2020 Honda Civic 2D 5. 2018-2020 Honda Civic 5D 6. 2018-2020 Honda Civic Type R 7. 2018-2019 Honda Clarity PHEV 8. 2018-2020 Honda</p>	<p>Honda, Acura, recall, fuel pump</p>
<p>Thu Dec 21 16:26:29 2023</p>	<p>Aspen Surgical expands, adds 75 jobs</p>	<p>Dee Morrison</p>	<p>Aspen Surgical manufactures surgical tools and infection control products, based out of Caledonia. Two years ago, it acquired Symmetry Surgical based in Nashville Tennessee. Local leaders including The Right Place wanted to keep the company's growth in West Michigan rather than at existing operations in Nashville. Incentives included a \$600,000 grant through the Michigan Business Development Program. Aspen CEO Stefe Blazejewski says it just makes sense to stay in Caledonia for a lot of reasons. “Because of great access to talent, because of the existing presence we have and also it was convenient. The facility we’re moving into for our expanded distribution center, its literally right across the street from</p>	<p>Business, Caledonia, Caledonia Township, manufacturing, distribution center, The Right Place</p>

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Thu Dec 21 14:55:45 2023 Navico Group Dee Morrison
expands its
business in Lowell

Navico Group is a division of Brunswick Corporation and supplies products for the marine and RV industries. The company is creating a metal fabrication center with laser and robotic technology for products in its Attwood brand, plus a battery lab where engineers will develop and test custom power solutions. The project received a \$480,000 grant from the Michigan Business Development Program. Lowell City Manager Michael Burns says it's a huge project for the city. "They're going to be coming to city council soon. As part of that grant they received, there has to be some type of local contribution so the city council will be considering a tax abatement for the investment." They're expected to approve a 12-year, 50 percent tax abatement to support the project. The Lowell facility also has a focus on Business, Lowell, grant, The Right Place, RV, Michigan Economic Development Corporation

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Thu Dec 21 13:56:55 2023 Biden-Harris Patrick Center
 administration is
 touting an
 economic
 recovery ahead of
 holidays

Heather Boushey: I think it's really important to recognize what we have accomplished since the president took office. You know, when you think back to what the economy looked like, to the fact that there was, you know, at that time, about 60,000 jobs were being created on average in the months leading up to the president's inauguration. You think about the fact that the pandemic was still raging. And the president took decisive action. It got the economy back on track. And there is no denying the reality. that this is not only one of the strongest, not one of, it is the strongest economic recovery in recent memory going back decades, and the recovery in the United States has been more robust on a number of really important metrics than among other countries that are like ours, who also face the pandemic like everyone did. So it's important to know that You know, under the president's watch, we've seen nearly 14 million jobs created. Now that may sound like some, you know, a random number. What does that mean? Well, after the Great Recession. It took years for the unemployment rate to get back down. And that meant that there were millions of workers and small businesses that were struggling. In the parlance of economics, we call that scarring from the recession. So they weren't in work, they didn't have a good fit with the kind of job that they were in a job. And that meant that they have lower earnings. And you can trace those, they have an effect over a person's lifetime or over a small business's existence. Yet in this recession, When the president came into office, because of his decisive action, we've now seen the unemployment rate lower than 4 percent for 21 months. That's a record streak that we have not seen going back over 50 years, over half a century. So those are just a couple of the metrics that I think are really important to ground whether or not this is a truly unique and historic economic recovery, which I think it is. Patrick Center: and yet there is this psychology out there. Can you put your finger on what is causing this disconnect in our country when it comes to the economy? Heather Boushey: Well, so why are people still frustrated? Why isn't consumer sentiment off the charts? And I have a couple of answers to that. First, I will note that this has been a challenging time for workers, for families, for folks all across the country. The pandemic was really challenging. We've seen those high prices because of all of those supply chain shocks that we saw. And then on top of that, Putin's unprovoked war in the Ukraine of ended global energy prices. We saw those prices go up. Of course, they have come down by about two thirds in terms of the pace of price changes. But we know that the prices are still

Invest in America
 Cabinet, Heather
 Boushey, Biden
 Administration,
 economic recovery,
 U.S. economy,
 inflation, interest
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Thu Dec 21 13:00:58 2023 Grand Action 2.0 Patrick Center
 prioritizing Grand Rapids near-westside properties for constructing proposed professional soccer stadium

Grand Action 2.0, the not-for-profit economic development organization working with the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority on a proposed soccer stadium project says it's focusing on properties located next to the David D. Hunting YMCA and City of Grand Rapids owned Dash parking lots framed by Winter and Summer Avenues and Lake Michigan Drive. Speculation heightened this week with the sudden closure of the Big Boy Restaurant located on Pearl Street NW within the site's footprint. Kara Wood, Grand Action 2.0 Executive Director, says while no final decision has been made on a site, it is prioritizing the near-westside location. "Our ability to build a stadium depends on several factors – most importantly, community and stakeholder engagement, completing due diligence, acquiring property – including, in this case, the property at 407 Pearl St., NW – and securing lead private and public sector funding. We are not able to confirm site information at this time because Currently, there are 21 students involved in a cohort at Grand Valley State University as part of their GV Laker Accelerated Talent Link program. Five inaugural employers helped kick off the program earlier this year. The goal: a collaborative, accelerated work and learning program which includes learning, scholarships, certification, and possible employment upon graduation. "We have cohort meetings and have different employers come in and they talk about different things we're going to use in a work setting. So, whether its getting good feedback, receiving feedback, we just went over public speaking, which was super interesting." Mary Jo Buechler is a senior who starts her internship January 2nd. She says she started obtaining her certificate in her junior year when she found out about this program. Now, she gets to use all that she's learned in real time. "I'm going to be starting at Michigan software labs as an associate delivery lead and with that, I'm excited to get some real-world experience. And use critical skills we learned within our cohort meetings." Officials we spoke with say there are now plans to expand. With just over 20 students this year, the goal next year is 100 students with even more employers. Students can find more information at [Big Boy Restaurant, soccer stadium, USL Champions League Soccer, Grand Rapids, Grand Action 2.0, Kara Wood, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids, Dash](https://www.gvsu.edu/latl/)

Thu Dec 21 12:23:11 2023 GVSU students Jennifer Moss
 getting a head start through job pipeline program

GVSU, Grand Valley State University, Students, Education

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Thu Dec 21 10:29:12 2023	Evergreen Commons receives award from the Michigan	Shelley Irwin	The Michigan Health Endowment Fund awards Evergreen Commons, a leading older adult center, dollars to increase their impact on cognitive health, food and metabolism and increase innovation programming focused on Parkinson’s and Alzheimers. President/CEO Jill Ver Steegs joins in to talk about Vibrant Aging Grant.	Dementia, Dementia and Alzheimer's, Evergreen Commons, Health,
Thu Dec 21 10:29:10 2023	The Women’s City Club continue to celebrate 100	Shelley Irwin	The Women’s City Club continue to celebrate 100 years. President Wendy Sturm reminds us of the history, the celebrations and the future.	Women, Women's City Club, celebration
Thu Dec 21 10:29:08 2023	The drive to have more electric vehicles on the road in Michigan	Shelley Irwin	Michigan’s Chief Infrastructure Officer Zachary Kolodin follows up on the Governor’s recent directive to make all government vehicles electric by 2040. Zach shares what the transition means for the economy and workforce.	Michigan, infrastructure, green infrastructure, electric cars,
Thu Dec 21 10:29:07 2023	Helping family members with dementia over the holidays	Shelley Irwin	The holidays may be challenging for those with dementia, with over 200,000 adults in Michigan over 65 having some form of dementia. LifeCircles Pace is committed to empowering individuals to age in place as independently as possible. Sarah Milanowski talks about dementia triggers over the holidays and how families can best navigate.	Dementia, day cares, Holidays, Family, Alzheimer's Disease
Thu Dec 21 10:29:02 2023	The push to grow Michigan's popultion	Shelley Irwin	We continue a conversation about growing the State’s population! The Growing Michigan Together Council recently voted in support of submitting its comprehensive population growth report to the Governor. Today Council Member Ollie Howie, Managing Director with the New	Population, Michigan, growth, economy, governor
Thu Dec 21 09:00:20 2023	Teddy's Law provides research animals adoption	Michael Symonds	Last week Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Teddy’s Law. It’s named for a beagle who was part of a fungicide test at Charles River Laboratories near Kalamazoo. The company stopped the test after the Humane Society of the United States published an undercover report about it. Teddy the beagle was later adopted. Blake Goodman is the Humane Society’s Michigan director. He says in the past when the group has looked for homes for former lab animals...it’s heard from “thousands” of people. Goodman says, “They want to provide those animals the lives that they always should have been living, the backyards that they should have been	Teddy's Law, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan, Animal, Adoption, Research, Humane Society
Thu Dec 21 08:50:49 2023	The State of Michigan has released its State of the Great Lakes report for 2023	Lester Graham	The more than 40-page report is a laundry list of programs and problems. The big concerns for the four lakes around Michigan are cyanobacterial blooms, wetlands restoration, chemical trends in the lakes, sediment, and fish populations. Some of the good news included the recovery of walleye in Saginaw Bay and the best walleye fishing in Lake Erie in 50 years. And dam removals have opened 150 miles of coldwater tributaries to the St. Joseph River and Lake Michigan. On the stretch of water from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie, a concern is the amount of	Great Lakes, study, invasive, Climate Change, fish, shipping

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Thu Dec 21 08:26:25 2023 Biden needs a new approach to Black voters based on Georgia and Michigan, group of strategists says Associated Press

Some top Democrats are worried that a dip in Black voter turnout, along with other challenges, could doom [President Joe Biden](https://apnews.com/hub/joe-biden) and his party in 2024. A group of Democrats is offering a new analysis of the most recent [campaigns in Georgia](https://apnews.com/article/2022-midterm-elections-college-football-politics-united-states-government-c2fed7e298b9c19fa06a9f1140bb06c5) and [Michigan](https://apnews.com/article/whitmer-michigan-abortion-election-a4323a955a8dc0b3f4875216289f2e12), pitching those battlegrounds as models for drawing in more Black voters next year and beyond. They argue that Democratic power players need to think — and spend money — in new ways, going beyond efforts that can be last-minute or superficial as they try to reassemble Biden’s 2020 coalition. “The days of the symbolic fish fry and one-time church visit are over,” wrote the authors of the analysis by strategists widely credited for helping flip Georgia and Michigan to Biden. “Black voters have always required an approach to voter engagement as diverse as the Black voting coalition.” Biden has long depended on Black voters — first as a Delaware senator and most notably in the 2020 South Carolina primary, which delivered him a [decisive win](https://apnews.com/article/elections-in-state-wire-election-2020-ma-state-wire-joe-biden-b9872b58b495fd17044f359338ab3f2a) that led much of the [Democratic field to consolidate](https://apnews.com/article/in-state-wire-pa-state-wire-election-2020-ma-state-wire-joe-biden-be14026452cb8d39de828ac25ff041cf) behind him. But just 50% of Black adults said they approve of Biden in a [December poll](https://apnews.com/article/biden-trump-2024-campaign-democrats-republicans-440088966619e68dbf89f745788bb372) by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs. That is compared with 86% in July 2021, with the gap fueling concerns about his reelection prospects. The new report, shared exclusively with The Associated Press and being presented privately to Democratic power players, contends as part of several recommendations that the left must regularly engage all Black voters, including the most reluctant, while amplifying arguments about [abortion](https://apnews.com/hub/abortion) rights in Black communities. Said Lauren Groh-Wargo, a leader of the push and longtime adviser to Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams: “People need to see something different; they need to see you coming to them and

President Joe Biden, Democrats, polling, voter, black voters, Michigan, Georgia, swing states

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Thu Dec 21 08:02:30 2023	Michigan receives notice of allegations from NCAA related to recruiting and impermissible coaching	Associated Press	<p>The NCAA sent Michigan a notice of allegations related to impermissible on- and off-campus recruiting during the COVID-19 dead period and coaching activities, potential violations that led to the school's self-imposed three-game suspension of Jim Harbaugh to start the season.School spokesman Kurt Svoboda confirmed Wednesday that the notice was received this week.The Big Ten suspended Harbaugh for the final three games of the regular season for an unrelated matter, stemming from a sign-stealing scheme, that is still under investigation.Harbaugh returned to coach in the Big Ten championship game and will lead the Wolverines against Alabama in the semifinals of the College Football Playoffs on Jan. 1 at the Rose Bowl.Hoping to mitigate some of the damages of an eventual punishment, Michigan chose to suspended Harbaugh for the first three games for impermissible texts and calls — including some by him — to high school prospects during part of a pandemic-related dead period for contact with potential recruits.The NCAA also is The Colorado decision says Trump is not eligible to run under the insurrection clause of the U-S Constitution.Mark Brewer is an attorney with Free Speech for People, which is suing to keep Trump off the Michigan ballot. Brewer says the group added a copy of the Colorado decision to its filing with the Michigan Supreme Court.“Trump is an insurrectionist and cannot appear on the Colorado ballot. That’s exactly what we want to happen here in Michigan.”Brewer says his group wants a decision by Monday on Trump’s eligibility to leave time for more appeals and legal actions before Michigan has to finalize its February primary ballot. The Trump The federal EITC aims to give households under certain income levels a tax break.The checks stem from a Michigan law that retroactively increased the state’s version of the EITC. It takes effect this upcoming February.Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist says the extra money will help families in need.“We know that stuff is expensive, groceries are expensive. And so, to be able to have a little bit more money in your pocket from the State of Michigan, we think that lays a foundation for economic security for people in Michigan at a time when so many people Thousands of acres of UP land were set aside for the Tribe under two treaties in the 1800s. The KBIC says most of it was illegally transferred to the state for construction of the Sault Ste. Marie canal.The bill authored by Senator Gary Peters calls for federal funds through the U.S. Department of the Interior for reparations. KBIC President Doreen Baker says the bill aims to right a 150-year-old wrong.“I guess we feel heard and understood that this was an illegal</p>	<p>NCAA, investigation, University of Michigan, college football, Jim Harbaugh ballot, ballots, primary, Michigan Primary, Primary Election, Trump, Michigan, Grand Rapids Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Gilchrist, Earned Income Tax Credit, Michigan, Grand Rapids, Lansing Upper Peninsula, Michigan Upper Peninsula, Keweenaw, Gary Peters, U.S. Senator</p>
Wed Dec 20 16:05:22 2023	Michigan anti-Trump group cheers Colorado court decision	Rick Pluta	<p>The Colorado decision says Trump is not eligible to run under the insurrection clause of the U-S Constitution.Mark Brewer is an attorney with Free Speech for People, which is suing to keep Trump off the Michigan ballot. Brewer says the group added a copy of the Colorado decision to its filing with the Michigan Supreme Court.“Trump is an insurrectionist and cannot appear on the Colorado ballot. That’s exactly what we want to happen here in Michigan.”Brewer says his group wants a decision by Monday on Trump’s eligibility to leave time for more appeals and legal actions before Michigan has to finalize its February primary ballot. The Trump</p>	<p>ballot, ballots, primary, Michigan Primary, Primary Election, Trump, Michigan, Grand Rapids</p>
Wed Dec 20 16:00:39 2023	Gilchrist discusses update on Earned Income Tax Credit checks	Colin Jackson	<p>The federal EITC aims to give households under certain income levels a tax break.The checks stem from a Michigan law that retroactively increased the state’s version of the EITC. It takes effect this upcoming February.Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist says the extra money will help families in need.“We know that stuff is expensive, groceries are expensive. And so, to be able to have a little bit more money in your pocket from the State of Michigan, we think that lays a foundation for economic security for people in Michigan at a time when so many people</p>	<p>Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Gilchrist, Earned Income Tax Credit, Michigan, Grand Rapids, Lansing</p>
Wed Dec 20 14:55:49 2023	Reparations bill for U.P. tribe working its way through Congress	Nicole Walton	<p>Thousands of acres of UP land were set aside for the Tribe under two treaties in the 1800s. The KBIC says most of it was illegally transferred to the state for construction of the Sault Ste. Marie canal.The bill authored by Senator Gary Peters calls for federal funds through the U.S. Department of the Interior for reparations. KBIC President Doreen Baker says the bill aims to right a 150-year-old wrong.“I guess we feel heard and understood that this was an illegal</p>	<p>Upper Peninsula, Michigan Upper Peninsula, Keweenaw, Gary Peters, U.S. Senator</p>

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Wed Dec 20 14:29:18 2023 GVSU students Jennifer Moss
 halfway through
 innovative work-
 learning
 partnership

“Show me a college student that doesn’t want a career plan when they graduate; that sense of purpose that we’re all longing for.”That’s Dr. Dana Hebreard with Grand Valley State University’s college of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Center for Experiential Learning. She oversees the Laker Accelerated Talent Link which is bringing students together with West Michigan companies in a way that enhances student internships like never before. “It’s really a vision of President Mantella who had the foresight to design this pipeline program, connecting students with those high demand, high need areas in the region.”Dr. Hebreard says there are currently five inaugural employer partnerships. They include: Acrisure, Amway, Cascade Engineering, Corewell Health and Michigan Software Labs.“And they all had internship opportunities in areas like applied data analytics and project management. Those areas all connect to certifications that we have at Grand Valley State University.”In a nutshell, Talent Link offers a win-win for students and employer. Learning opportunities, pathways to employment and certification on top of the degree. Combined, allows students to hit the ground running once employed.Senior Students taking part in this program will begin their internships in January. Upon graduation there’s a good chance they could be hired. Dr. Hebreard says the initial cohort that kicked off in the fall has 21 students. The goal for next year is 100 students with an expanded group of employers. Students can find more information at <https://www.gvsu.edu/latl/for-students-2.htm> link-
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Wed Dec 20 13:57:54 2023 Lottery money Dee Morrison
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 Michigan schools
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 businesses,
 officials say

Party World on Alpine Avenue in Comstock Park is known as the “luckiest place in Michigan to buy lottery tickets” after a streak of big winners started twelve years ago with a \$57 million dollar win. “We’re at a total of ten winners of over \$50 thousand or more now.”Store manager Dave Castor says retailers receive commissions for selling winning tickets, and that can be a big help to small businesses where every dollar counts. “Selling a MegaMillions or a Powerball jackpot, you get \$50,000. Otherwise the most you can get is \$2,000 but we’ll take every little bit we can get.”According to the Michigan Lottery, tickets are sold at more than 10,000

Comstock Park,
 Michigan Lottery,
 school funding,
 Michigan School Aid
 Fund, Mega Millions,
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Wed Dec 20 11:44:19 2023 Michigan joins in Colin Jackson
on nationwide
settlement with
Google

Michigan is taking part in a new [\\$700 million settlement with Google](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Google%20Play%20-%20Settlement%20and%20Release.pdf) over alleged anti-competitive behavior in its Google Play store. Despite the large overall settlement, the State of Michigan is likely to only see a small fraction of that amount. That’s because most of the money, \$630 million, is going toward Google Play consumers. The rest will go toward a monetary fund, to be split among all 50 states, in addition to Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The states and territories will have to work out amongst themselves, with the help of a settlement administrator, how to divide the money. That money is suggested to be used for antitrust or consumer protection enforcement. But University of Michigan Professor Erik Gordon said not to expect too much from the State of Michigan’s share. “Some money will go into the attorney general’s budget. But I don’t think (the) Michigan attorney general is going to get a lot because Michigan wasn’t one of the early participants in the litigation. So, we certainly aren’t going to get an extra share,” Gordon said. The lawsuit started with an individual suing Google in August 2020. The case eventually grew to a class action suit, with several states joining in July 2021. Michigan and many other states and territories joined the settlement after September 2023. Gordon said there could be some benefits behind entering late. “On the one hand, we’re not going to get a lot of the money. But on the other hand, we didn’t spend a lot of the money to get what we end up with so it might actually be very efficient,” Gordon said. The large settlement amount is reminiscent of other major announcements from the Michigan Attorney General’s office, like deals with opioid manufacturers and distributors. But Gordon said this type of settlement is different, partly because states didn’t face a lot of costs because of Google’s alleged behavior. “Maybe some of the consumers in the state paid a little more, maybe some of the app developers had a tougher time. But the State of Michigan and the cities within

The city council vote to ban gas powered leaf blowers in Ann Arbor was unanimous. Councilwoman Jenn Cornell was a sponsor. “Beginning January 1 2028 the use of gas powered leaf blowers in the city is prohibited at all times in the city.” Council members Travis Radina and Ayesha Ghaza Edwin say getting rid of gas fueled leaf blowers will make the city quieter, cleaner and healthier. “Gas powered leaf blowers are in fact bad for the environment bad for your health.” “I do believe this ordinance is going to make our community healthier cleaner more in line with our values.” The council is phasing in the ban over 5 years to give citizens time to switch from gas to electric, and get used to battery powered leaf blowing. “I’ve heard feedback electric blowers don’t work as well but a recent consumer report analysis showed

Google, lawsuit, settlement, Grand Rapids

Wed Dec 20 11:30:32 2023 Ann Arbor city Phil Dawson
council bans gas
powered leaf
blowers

Noise, pollution, City commision, Ann Arbor, East Grand Rapids

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Wed Dec 20 11:21:32 2023	Counselors get probation for role in teen's death at a now-closed Michigan youth home	Associated Press	Two former youth counselors charged in the death of a teenager more than three years ago who was restrained at a Michigan youth home have been sentenced to 18 months on probation. Michael Mosley, 50, and Zachary Solis, 30, both of Battle Creek, pleaded no contest in March to involuntary manslaughter in the May 1, 2020, death of 16-year-old Cornelius Fredericks at Lakeside Academy in Kalamazoo. Two counts of second-degree child abuse were dropped. A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as such at sentencing. Fredericks, 16, died two days after he lost consciousness while being restrained by staff at Lakeside. Prosecutors said at the time that he was being restrained for throwing a sandwich. The restraint resulted in Fredericks losing consciousness due to a lack of blood flow and oxygen, authorities said. He never regained consciousness, and died of a heart attack May 1, 2020, at a Kalamazoo hospital. The Kalamazoo County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death a homicide. A third defendant in the case, Heather It's estimated 67,000 school aged students will have access to before, after, and summer school programs supported with a \$50 million state budget allocation. The State of Michigan's Department of Education is distributing the grant money among 130 youth-serving organizations operating at 780 locations statewide. In Grand Rapids, 11 OST programs are receiving money including Baxter Community Center, Bridge Street Ministries, Camp Blodgett, Grand Valley State University, New City Kids, Oakdale Neighbors, Refugee Education Center, STEM Greenhouse, The Edge Urban Fellowship, The Other Way Ministries and the YMCA, by way of State Alliance of YMCA's. Many of them are Grand Rapids Expanded Learning Opportunities Network members. Christy Knetsch is ELO Network Chair-Elect and Executive Now is the time to plan your 2024 Adventure Recreation, which may include the Abominable Snow Triathlon. Come the third weekend in February, Cannonsburg Ski Area host the second annual event, hoping for snow. Race Director Erika Chapman joins in with all the details. Give back to the community this holiday season and Eric Zane shows us how! We discuss a food giveaway tomorrow, the Great Food Give Away. Recipients simply drive up to Ervine's Auto Repair and GR Hybrid To receive a complete Christmas meal free. We talk to Eric and On the heels of the recent released report by the Growing Michigan Together Council, Samaritas' Chief Strategy Officer Kelli Dobner discusses how to improve the state's population struggles, specifically the Michigan Moonshot and what it takes to get there.	wrongful death, probation, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Teens
Wed Dec 20 10:35:44 2023	Michigan Department of Education distributing grant dollars supporting before - and after - school programs	Patrick Center	Michigan Department of Education, grant, Grand Rapids, School, program, Grand Rapids Expanded Learning Opportunities Network	
Wed Dec 20 10:19:47 2023	Abominable Snow Triathlon takes place in February	Shelley Irwin	Swim, Bike, Run, Cannonsburg	
Wed Dec 20 10:19:45 2023	Eric Zane to host Great Food Give Away	Shelley Irwin	Food, Christmas, Charity	
Wed Dec 20 10:19:40 2023	Michigan Moonshot goal aims to increase Michigan's	Shelley Irwin	Michigan, Population, Samaritas, public aid, aid package	
Wed Dec 20 10:18:18 2023	Michigan Author John Wemlinger talks about his	Shelley Irwin	Author, Local Author, Book, Military, 9/11	

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Wed Dec 20 05:54:13 2023	New school for suspended students opens in Muskegon	David Limbaugh	Lighthouse Academy is one of five strict discipline charter academy schools in the state of Michigan. Lighthouse alone operates eight academies in four different counties. Their latest school opened this past fall in Muskegon. The academies serve students who have been suspended or expelled from public schools, all at zero cost to their family. Heidi Cate, Superintendent of Lighthouse Academy says the way their program operates allows students who have fallen behind to catch up quickly. "We provide a way for, with our individualized education programs, for them to accelerate through their credits. It's very much self-paced, but it's with face-to-face, not virtual or online. They don't do well typically in fully online programs and so that makes us different in terms of serving this population in the Muskegon County area." Cate says that the academy is invested in making a difference in the Muskegon community and they are committed to giving kids who may have struggled in the past a	Muskegon, School, Schools, Muskegon County, Education, Youth, Students
Tue Dec 19 17:01:13 2023	New car-sharing service begins at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport	Dee Morrison	It's a new program at the Gerald R Ford International Airport called Turo. It works like an Airbnb, but you're renting out your car. Any vehicle owner who wants to share their ride now has the option to leave it at the airport in Grand Rapids, and someone needing to borrow a car can - in effect - rent it. Earlier this year, the board approved the Turo partnership, allowing vehicle drop-offs and pick-ups at the airport in designated lots. Turo spokesperson Catherine Mejia says it's about giving people options. "You're not stuck at that rental car counter. You're not stuck in those long lines. You can book your car ahead of time. So if you're sick of that experience, you can try Turo and have a totally different experience and see if it works for you." Mejia says it's not just for airport passengers either. Anyone wanting to rent a car short-term can make arrangements on the app. "You maybe don't have a sedan with snow tires, or don't have the best vehicle to take you up north for the holidays so you can actually book a Turo and it'll take you up north to live your best Pure Michigan life." So how much can you From 2016 to 2020, the 63 rd District Court in Kent County saw more than 26,000 new case filings. That's over 13,000 cases per judge, which surpasses caseloads seen in other districts throughout the county as well as the state of Michigan. Kent County Administrator Al Vandenberg says that, thanks to the passing of this bill, a new judge will provide some much needed relief to the court system. "Kent County is the fastest growing county by actual bodies and in the case of the district court their caseloads have been increasing exponentially with the same number of judges to manage the cases." The Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the position of a new district judge back in October. The candidate will be chosen by public election. Those candidates will need to file by April 23 of 2024. The primary election happens in August followed by the general election in November. The judge who is elected	CAR, Cars, ride sharing, Grand Rapids, Gerald R. Ford Airport, Gerald R. Ford International Airport
Tue Dec 19 14:41:32 2023	New Kent County district judge to be elected in 2024	David Limbaugh	From 2016 to 2020, the 63 rd District Court in Kent County saw more than 26,000 new case filings. That's over 13,000 cases per judge, which surpasses caseloads seen in other districts throughout the county as well as the state of Michigan. Kent County Administrator Al Vandenberg says that, thanks to the passing of this bill, a new judge will provide some much needed relief to the court system. "Kent County is the fastest growing county by actual bodies and in the case of the district court their caseloads have been increasing exponentially with the same number of judges to manage the cases." The Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the position of a new district judge back in October. The candidate will be chosen by public election. Those candidates will need to file by April 23 of 2024. The primary election happens in August followed by the general election in November. The judge who is elected	Kent County, Kent County Court, Kent County Commissioners, Governor Whitmer, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, judges

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Tue Dec 19 13:11:58 2023	GRPS board approves consolidation plan	Phil Dawson	They don't need as many buildings because the student population is smaller in the Grand Rapids Public schools. Down almost 30 percent since 2010"Currently our buildings are only half full" That is superintendent Leadriane Roby in a video posted on the district web site explaining the restructuring plan. She says closing 10 schools and consolidating will save millions in maintenance costs."63 million dollars on maintenance costs and repairs that are needed right now. With on line videos and a series of community forums, the district has tried to explain the need to close schools. before the final school board vote Monday night parent Marta Johnson still wanted more time is needed to consider options:"I know we are going to have to make hard decisions but I still think this takes more time and consideration." "The Governor Whitmer says the bills provide much-needed debt relief for districts hardest hit by financial issues, including Muskegon Heights Public Schools. Longtime Muskegon school supporter Bishop Willie Burrell of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith says getting out of debt can turn things around for a community that has struggled. "We have gone through a lot. We've been battered. We have pain. We have wounds from trying to do the right things but a lot of times in these kinds of societies in black communities it's difficult to get the finances you need to support the schools."The measures will result in lower taxes for residents in the community, and more money re-directed toward things like new textbooks, reduced class sizes and more pay for teachers. Grandville High School teacher Ron Denning spoke at the ceremony, explaining the importance of a new auto tech facility there, and emphasizing the Mimi Hernandez, author of 'National Geographic Herbal: 100 Herbs from the World's Healing Traditions' joins us to talk about this book that explores indigenous wisdom blended with science that offers a unique holistic look at the herbal world. We'll also hear about medicinal Katie VanEck joins us to talk about Enriched Living, a nonprofit serving adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The homes provided are committed to advocacy, community, independence and opportunity. with conversation about this West Michigan West Michigan based North Country Trail Association as the trail has become an official unit of the National Park System. We talk to Andrea Ketchmark about this important step and what The Gerald R Ford International Airport Authority expects a busy week of holiday travel. Today we speak with Heidi Groenboom from the airport on how to best navigate arrivals and We conclude our local Groundbreakers series today with 7 th grade endurance athlete Felicity Fanco. We discuss her half marathon training, what keeps her motivated and	GRPS, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids
Tue Dec 19 11:54:14 2023	Governor signs bills alleviating school debt	Dee Morrison		governor, Governor Whitmer, Grand Rapids, Muskegon Heights, signing, bill, bills, Grandville High School, debt, Relief
Tue Dec 19 11:48:38 2023	National Geographic Herbal	Shelley Irwin		
Tue Dec 19 11:45:33 2023	Enriched Living	Shelley Irwin		
Tue Dec 19 11:34:52 2023	North Country Trail	Shelley Irwin		
Tue Dec 19 11:31:39 2023	Ford Airport Holiday Travel	Shelley Irwin		
Tue Dec 19 11:26:11 2023	Groundbreakers: Felicity Fanco	Shelley Irwin		

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Tue Dec 19 11:03:34 2023	Governor signs bills funding projects at colleges and universities.	Dee Morrison	The new supplemental funding includes \$30 million dollars for GVSU’s Blue Dot Lab, which will create a pipeline of students focusing on data analytics and computer skills. University President Philomena Mantella agrees higher education must meet the changing needs of business and calls the funding a groundbreaking investment in Michigan’s economy. “The digital transformation that is impacting every industry requires education, skills training, and a new level of competency.” The Blue Dot Lab will also provide opportunities for collaboration with tech businesses. Mantella says it will transform the way GVSU uses data science, AI and computer technology to create new opportunities. “Every GVSU graduate in our growing and diverse campus community will have digital literacy, real-world experiences, and the capacity to immediately contribute.” Other projects funded in the bills include centers for	Grand Rapids, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Pew Campus, Governor Whitmer, bills, signing, Blue Dot, supplemental spending bill
Tue Dec 19 06:56:15 2023	Meditations for Mediocre Mystics	Fred Stella	Tom Stella is the cousin of Common Threads host Fred Stella. Ordained as a Catholic priest in 1972, Tom serves as a chaplain, spiritual advisor, retreat leader and author. He has appeared on this program multiple times. This week, Tom discusses his latest book with Fred. <a 315="" 425"="" 850="" 973="" href="https://www.amazon.com/Meditations-Mediocre-Mystics-Tom-Stella/dp/1773435213" link-data="{&quot;cms.site.owner&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20&quot;,&quot;cms.content.publishDate&quot;:1702986943280,&quot;cms.content.publishUser&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;,&quot;cms.content.updateDate&quot;:1702986943280,&quot;cms.content.updateUser&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;,&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;anchorable.showAnchor&quot;:false,&quot;link&quot;:&quot;attributes&quot;:[],&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;linkText&quot;:&quot;Meditations for Mediocre Mystics&quot;,&quot;target&quot;:&quot;NEW&quot;,&quot;attachSourceUrl&quot;:false,&quot;url&quot;:&quot;https://www.amazon.com/Meditations-Mediocre-Mystics-Tom-Stella/dp/1773435213&quot;,&quot;_id&quot;:&quot;0000018c-81ee-ddee-a9ef-c5fe60c20001&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ff658216-e70f-39d0-b660-hdfe57a5599a&quot;}.&quot; id&quot;:&quot;0000018c-81ee-ddee-a9ef-</td> <td data-bbox=" target="_blank">religion, Eastern Religions, World Meditation, Mysticism	

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Tue Dec 19 06:51:02 2023 MI Supreme Court Rick Pluta
 filing seeks to
 block Trump from
 state primary
 ballot

A group seeking to bar former President Donald Trump from the state's Republican primary ballot has taken its challenge to the Michigan Supreme Court and asked for a decision no later than Christmas Day. The group Free Speech for People has already lost in lower courts but still hopes to prevail in its argument that Trump is not eligible to appear on the ballot under the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment due to his role in the January 6th insurrection. Rulings by the Michigan Court of Claims and the Michigan Court of Appeals held that any questions about eligibility should wait until after Republicans choose a nominee. The application filed with the Michigan Supreme Court said the logic behind lower court rulings on at least some of the questions "... is completely untethered from the amendment's purpose to protect the republic from oath-breaking insurrectionists." The Trump campaign has called that argument "a bad faith interpretation of the 14th Amendment" and "frivolous." The 14th Amendment was adopted following the Civil War and was aimed specifically at soldiers and government officials who had served in the Confederacy. It required Congress to vote to restore many rights, including the ability to hold office. Free Speech for People says it also

Michigan Supreme Court, Trump, January 6th, 2021, ballot, Michigan Primary, Michigan GOP Primary, Michigan Republican primary

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Tue Dec 19 06:41:42 2023 Referendum on Colin Jackson
 Extreme Risk
 Protection Order
 Act OK'd for
 signatures

A referendum campaign is targeting a Michigan law allowing courts to temporarily keep guns from those deemed a threat to themselves or others. Getting the referendum on Michigan's [Extreme Risk Protection Order Act](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/publicact/pdf/2023-PA-0038.pdf) on the ballot would allow voters to nullify the law, which is scheduled to go into effect on February 13. Paul Urben is the founder of the group behind the campaign, Referendums of Michigan. He says there's too much room for abuse of the law. "I just think it's going to open the door to a lot of frivolous lawsuits, and I think it's just going to create more chaos in an already hammered court system. Enough's enough," Urben told reporters. On Monday, the campaign received approval from the Michigan Board of State Canvassers to start gathering signatures to get the question on the ballot. Urben said he plans on using a volunteer team and collaborations with other groups and gun clubs to get it there. Signature collection could start as soon as this week. "I'm a part of a few grassroots organizations across the state that have kind of been, you know, waiting. So, now that we have our approval, off we go. So, we'll get them printed, get them out, and get moving," Urben said. This election cycle, it takes 223,099 signatures to get a referendum before voters. https://www.michigan.gov/sos/-/media/Project/Websites/sos/25delrio/SOS_ED105_County_Pet_Form_77019_7.pdf?rev=51b5790c3b2a4fd182c708be55820ff3&hash=5AF6E43E829AFC0B18F801554C2083EC According to Michigan Secretary of State resources, they'd be due by the "90th day following the final adjournment of the legislative session at which the law was enacted, by 5:00pm." In this case, that's February 13. That could prove a challenge for Urben and his team, which plan to avoid using paid signature gatherers in favor of the volunteer effort. Progress Michigan is an advocacy group that has helped support and oppose various ballot efforts in the past. Executive Director Sam Ingot said he wasn't aware of any specific plans to oppose this effort. But he pointed to <https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/michigan/2023/03/07/poll-where-michigan-voters-stand-on-proposed-gun-law-reforms-after-michigan-state-shooting/> polls supporting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act as proof public support could be against rejecting it. "The fact of the matter is common sense, life saving gun violence prevention measures like extreme risk protection orders are supported by the vast majority of Michiganders and any

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Tue Dec 19 05:56:44 2023	Local podcaster donates meals to those in need	David Limbaugh	Four years ago, Eric Zane never imagined that one listener of his podcast would be the catalyst for what would become an annual event. "Saying, 'Hey, I wanna give someone a Christmas meal. Can you help me spread the word about that?' Just like one guy, one meal. So I really can't even take credit for it." Since then, Zane's Great Food Giveaway has become a holiday tradition where he and dozens of volunteers, many of them listeners of his daily podcast, load 100 boxed meals into the vehicles of those in need, free of charge, no questions asked. The meals are purchased by Zane himself and with donations from listeners and sponsors of his podcast, totaling more than \$5,000 dollars. Zane says he hopes the event will continue to grow. "When we see the faces of the people that come through there, they are so appreciative of what's going on. It really is a motivator and it makes us want to do more and help more people out." Also available to those in need are bags of dog food and feminine hygiene products. Zane says that while they no longer need donations, if anyone wants to	Wyoming, City of Wyoming, donations, Food, Charity, Podcasting, podcast
Mon Dec 18 17:13:14 2023	New child support pilot program launching in Kent County	David Limbaugh	The child support navigator pilot program is a result of a partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Kent County Prosecutor's office and Friend of the Court. The program is expected to help residents better maneuver the state's often confusing child support system. Erin Frisch, Director of the Office of Child Support, explains who the program is intended for. "It's really for anyone with a child support case, so moms and dads. Could even be grandparents. It's really meant for anyone who has questions, recognizing that the program can be confusing sometimes and challenging and we want to make it as easy and accessible as possible." Frisch says anyone with a child support case will be able to work with a specialist one-on-one, having questions answered about the status or actions that need to be taken regarding their specific case. She explains why Kent County was chosen for this program. "Kent County has the demographic diversity we're looking for and is a good enough size that we'll be able to get good evaluation results as we study the effectiveness of this program." The program will be free to use for anyone with a child support	child support, Kent County, Kent County Prosecutor, MDHHS, friend-of-the-court brief
Mon Dec 18 13:10:50 2023	Church Demands Gun Recycling Stop	Dee Morrison	Members of Saint David's Episcopal Church in Southfield have organized gun buy-back programs since 2022 and have collected hundreds of weapons which they turned over to authorities to be destroyed. But a recent investigation by a New York Times reporter revealed Michigan is among many states that don't destroy the weapons but instead save money by turning them over to third-party companies. They take the guns for free, break them down, then sell the parts on the internet. In a press conference on gun safety this week in Grand Rapids, ATF Special Agent in Charge James Deir reacted to the Times article, saying the companies appear to be exploiting a loophole by only destroying part of the weapons. "They're in the business to make money and what better way to make money than to scrap a gun and part it out." U.S. Attorney Mark Totten echoed church leaders' concerns,	Grand Rapids, gun, guns, gun buy back, US Attorney's Office, Episcopal Church, Church

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Mon Dec 18 12:47:56 2023	Body and dash cam video released by GRPD of officer-involved shooting	Phil Dawson	When they responded to an assault report police say they found a 19 year old man armed with a box cutter in an alley near Innis avenue. Acting erratically they say. Body cam video appears to show him charging the officers “You are going to get shot put the stop stop” Police fire three shots. “17 to 16 shots fire shots fired I got one suspect down.” After falling the wounded man can be heard saying “finally.” He was shot once more after he got up found a hiding place and then jumped out and threatened the officers again . Police Chief Eric Winstrom says the man has wounds to his stomach, chest and wrist, but should survive. “He did obviously undergo treatment for his multiple gunshot sounds but he is feeling healthy enough that actually he	officer, officer-involved shooting, shooting, GRPD, Grand Rapids, body cam, body cameras
Mon Dec 18 10:44:05 2023	Family estate planning	Shelley Irwin	Beth O’Laughlin with the law firm Warner Norcross + Judd LLP joins us to discuss talking with the family about necessary estate planning while the family is together this holiday season.	Estate Planning, Warner Norcross &
Mon Dec 18 10:34:31 2023	Dr. Donald Karcher on respiratory illness	Shelley Irwin	The President of The College of American Pathologists, Dr. Donald Karcher, joins the show to give tips and advice on how to protect ourselves and families against respiratory illness this Holiday Season. Dr. Karcher shares a thorough understanding of exactly what is happening	Respiratory Infections, illness
Mon Dec 18 10:29:19 2023	Author Kelly Sather	Shelley Irwin	The author of ‘Small in Real Life,’ Kelly Sather, winner of the Drue Heinz Literature Prize, is here to talk about stories that remind readers of the thrills and dangers of living, never far from the undercurrent of human emotions. Sather is a former entertainment lawyer and	Author, Books, Book
Mon Dec 18 10:25:11 2023	Sturgeon in the Grand River	Shelley Irwin	A new sturgeon discovery in the Grand River is playing an important role in the Great Lakes Basin. Dr. Stephanie Ogren, VP of Science and Education at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, is here to discuss the latest updates from a joint project dedicated to Lake Sturgeon.	Great Lakes, Grand River
Mon Dec 18 10:17:29 2023	KDL receives Jerry Kline Community Impact Award	Shelley Irwin	Kent District Library is reinvesting \$250,000 into the Community, supporting Library Expansion Scholarships, and Projects. These funds come to KDL through the Jerry Kline Community Impact Award. KDL Executive Director Lance Werner joins us to share the details.	Kent District Library, KDL

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Mon Dec 18 06:38:31 2023 Michigan State Associated Press trustees approve release of Larry Nassar documents to state official

Trustees at Michigan State University agreed Friday to release documents to the state attorney Larry Nassar, MSU, general related to the school's investigations into now-imprisoned former sports doctor Larry Dana Nessel, Nassar. The East Lansing school's trustees unanimously voted to finally turn over the Michigan Attorney General Dana documents, which first will be reviewed by the school's general counsel before they're released. There will be redactions of sensitive and personal privacy information. The school Nessel, Board of had argued that the documents are protected by attorney-client privilege. In its resolution, the Trustees, abuse, board said Michigan State will develop and implement a plan to support those who might sexual abuse experience trauma when the documents are released. Women who were sexually assaulted by Nassar filed a lawsuit in July against Michigan State and the trustee board, saying school officials made “secret decisions” about releasing documents in the case. They said the school refused to give the attorney general’s office more than 6,000 documents for an investigation into how Nassar was allowed to get away with his behavior, and later wouldn’t turn over emails about the board of trustees’ decision-making. Nassar was sentenced in 2018 to 40 to 175 years in prison after he admitted to molesting some of the nation’s top gymnasts for years under the guise of medical treatment. He was accused of sexually assaulting hundreds of women and girls. Michigan State has been criticized for its handling of the Nassar investigation and its dealings with survivors in the aftermath of his arrest and conviction. The school has settled lawsuits filed by Nassar victims for \$500 million. Attorney General Dana Nessel said in a statement following Friday’s vote that her office will review the documents and reopen and expedite its investigation as soon as they are received. “The students, the MSU community at-large, and most importantly, the victims of Larry Nassar have long been owed this transparency,” Nessel said. “I am encouraged to see the MSU Board of Trustees finally make the right decision on a long-promised, and long-delayed, measure of transparency.” Nessel previously had asked the school to release the documents to help shine a light on what the school knew about Nassar’s abuse. She said

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Mon Dec 18 06:32:17 2023	Norton Shores woman found guilty of murder and child abuse in starvation death of son	Associated Press	A jury on Friday found a western Michigan woman guilty of murder and child abuse in the starvation death of her disabled 15-year-old son who weighed just 69 pounds.The Muskegon County Circuit Court jury deliberated just over an hour before convicting Shanda Vander Ark, 44, of Norton Shores in the July 6, 2022, death of Timothy Ferguson.An autopsy determined the teenager died from from malnourishment and hypothermia. The medical examiner ruled his death a homicide.Vander Ark was sick and not in the courtroom when the jury reached its verdict. She faces mandatory life in prison when she is sentenced Jan. 29.Vander Ark’s attorney, Fred Johnson, argued his client did not grasp the harm she caused her son and did not know he was starving to death.However, a Muskegon	Muskegon, murder, death, disabled, Norton Shores
Sat Dec 16 07:51:51 2023	Anti-Trump group to appeal ballot decision to MI Supreme Court	Rick Pluta	A group arguing that former President Donald Trump is not eligible to run again plans to file its case Monday with the Michigan Supreme Court.The plaintiffs are a bipartisan group of voters and activists who say Trump should be barred from running under the insurrection clause of the U.S. Constitution. They are challenging a Michigan Court of Appeals decision issued Thursday that said Trump cannot be booted from the state’s February primary ballot. But the court said the question can be re-visited if and when Trump becomes the Republican nominee.Plaintiffs’ attorney Mark Brewer, a former Michigan Democratic Party chair, said that is no way to run a presidential election.“It’s just a prescription for chaos,” he told Michigan Public Radio.“The Court of Appeals decision not only allows an insurrectionist like Trump to be on the ballot, but it opens the door to all kinds of mischief,” he said. “Suppose a political party said we’re not going to put a Black candidate on the ballot. We’re not going to put a woman on the ballot. We’re not going to put a gay candidate on the ballot. Under the Court of Appeals decision, no voter could bring a lawsuit to say that’s wrong, that’s illegal, parties can’t act like that.”Brewer said he expects the appeal will be filed Monday.The Michigan Supreme Court would have to move quicklv if it takes the case. The deadline to make	Trump, ballot, Michigan Primary, Michigan GOP Primary, ruling, appeal
Fri Dec 15 16:06:49 2023	Mel Trotter Celebrates New Manufacturing Facility and New Jobs	Dee Morrison	The two-story 15,000 square-foot building sits on Garden Street on the southeast side of Grand Rapids. Two local companies are set to rent space there: Jireh Metal Products and Adept Furniture. Those businesses will have the option to hire workers who go through training provided by Mel Trotter’s Next Step program. It’s a partnership with benefits on both sides says Mel Trotter CEO Dennis Van Kampen.“Some of their employees have challenges that may make it difficult for them to maintain a job, and our caseworkers and job coaches can come alongside them and help them overcome those challenge and stay employed.”He says this is a pilot program that shows how partnerships can creatively solve issues like	Mel Trotter Ministries, Homeless, new jobs, Manufacturing jobs, job training, Grand Rapids

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Fri Dec 15 16:06:29 2023	'Tis the season for pet adoptions	David Limbaugh	The Bissell Pet Foundation and the Kent County Animal Shelter have joined forces again for their Empty the Shelters event, which gives potential pet owners the opportunity to adopt a vaccinated, microchipped, spayed or neutered pet for just \$50 dollars or less. Currently, the Kent County Animal Shelter is at critical capacity, and they need the public's help with finding forever homes for as many pets as possible, however they want to remind prospective pet owners that adopting a furry friend is a lifelong commitment, and to make sure people are taking a thoughtful approach to pet adoption. The Empty the Shelters event runs through this Sunday, December 17 th . Bissell is also doubling any donations made to their Pet Foundation through the end of the year. And while you may be considering gifting a pet to someone special this holiday season, the Michigan Attorney General's office wants to remind you to be on the lookout for puppy scams. Many Michigan residents have been tricked into paying for pets that do not exist or adopting animals with undisclosed health or behavioral issues. Grand Rapids' "Tuba Goddess" Karen Dunnam joins us to discuss the "Tuba Christmas" concert this Sunday, why the tuba is her instrument of choice, and how it plays a role this holiday season. What's the current state of STEM education in the K-12 th grades? We talk to the CEO of the Federation of American Scientists, Dan Correa, who shares insight on recent studies and how exposure to STEM curriculum impacts future career choices. We talk about giving back to the community through pie. Grand Traverse Pie Company, located in Norton Shores, celebrates the holiday season with handcrafted Michigan pies. Owner Mike Busley joins us for this seasonal conversation. You can tour the Hackley and Hume Houses in Muskegon this holiday season. Muskegon Historic Sites of the Lakeshore Museum are opening their doors to the community for special tours, including tours of the houses, ornament and postcard decorating and posing in an authentic carriage. Director of the Center, Erin Schmitz, is here to talk about the tours that run through the center. The Michigan Supreme Court will vote in 2024 on a ruling that could allow employers to maintain current minimum wage and paid sick time requirements or switch to changes brought before the Michigan legislature in 2018. Rhoades McKee's Mark Smith joins us to discuss HG Medical is a contract manufacturer of what it describes as 'complex' extremity and spinal orthopedic implants. It offers design, development, prototyping and production. HG plans to double its North American capacity beyond its Huntington, West Virginia facility. It toured sites in Indiana, Minnesota and Tennessee before deciding the City of Holland's former Johnson Controls facility is best suited for expansion. It builds on West and Southwest Michigan's established life sciences and medical devices sector. HG Medical plans to make a \$41 million capital investment. The expansion will require highly skilled engineers, technicians, and administrators. All told, the company will create nearly 200 new jobs. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is supporting the project with a \$1.8 million	Kent County, Kent County Animal Shelter, Bissell, Bissell Pet Foundation, Attorney General Dana Nessel, Michigan Attorney General's Office, Attorney General, Pets, Puppy
Fri Dec 15 10:30:09 2023	Karen Dunnam on Tuba Christmas	Shelley Irwin		Concert, Holidays, Holiday Music
Fri Dec 15 10:29:32 2023	How STEM impacts future career choices	Shelley Irwin		STEM, Education
Fri Dec 15 10:29:03 2023	Handcrafted Michigan pies for the holidays	Shelley Irwin		Pie, Holidays
Fri Dec 15 10:28:32 2023	Holiday season at the Hackley and Hume houses	Shelley Irwin		Lakeshore Museum, Museum, Holiday, Holidays, Holiday Travel
Fri Dec 15 10:27:59 2023	MI Supreme Court minimum wage, paid sick leave	Shelley Irwin		Michigan Supreme Court, minimum wage, paid sick
Fri Dec 15 08:54:25 2023	HG Medical selects West Michigan for North American expansion	Patrick Center		HG Medical, City of Holland, Michigan, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, abatement

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Fri Dec 15 08:26:37 2023 Trump stays on primary ballot Colin Jackson

Trump had been at the center of a lawsuit against the Michigan Secretary of State to remove the former president’s name from the ballot. The complaint argued that Trump had incited the January 6th 20-21 insurrection at the U-S Capitol. And that by doing so—Trump was disqualified from becoming president under the “insurrection clause” in the U-S Constitution’s 14th Amendment. The lower court ruled against the plaintiffs in the case. Now the Court of Claims is joining in. It punted on whether Trump is disqualified from the Michigan, 14th Amendment, Challenge, ballot, former President Donald Trump, Michigan appeals Population, Michigan, growth

The Growing Michigan Together Council report lists three main strategies: turning the state into an “innovation hub,” building a lifelong learning system and creating thriving communities for young talent. Ollie Howie is with the New Community Transformation Fund Grand Rapids. He says he sees suggestions like a new fund to go after high-growth industries as the most impactful. “There’s certain goals that we think can be short term strategies and be implemented pretty soon. And some that we think may need some structural change. But, all of it, we think can lead to great outcomes if we’re really diligent.” The council’s recommendations don’t list out specific suggestions for new revenue sources to pay for some of its ideas.

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Thu Dec 14 16:23:57 2023 Growing Michigan Together Council approves final report Colin Jackson

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Thu Dec 14 15:53:23 2023 Former Michigan Associated Press
 GOP chair
 testifies in false
 electors
 preliminary
 examinations

Michigan's former state GOP chair testified Thursday that she approved a document saying the state's Republican electors would cast votes for then-President Donald Trump if Michigan's 2020 election results were overturned. But Laura Cox said that document was ceremonial in nature and required a triggering event such as a court overturning Joe Biden's win. Cox's testimony came on the second day of a preliminary hearing in the case against 15 of the Republicans, who face charges including forgery [for allegedly serving as false electors](https://apnews.com/article/fake-electors-michigan-trump-fdfe984cfbfb4bc374ca844b80ed825). A state police captain and Michigan's elections director [testified on Wednesday](https://apnews.com/article/michigan-trump-fake-electors-a649f163fbf77f3cf17427f9859b4c2a). Investigators say the group signed a document during a meeting at the Michigan GOP headquarters on Dec. 14, 2020, falsely stating they were the state's "duly elected and qualified electors." Cox testified that conversations about assembling a slate of Republican electors began early that December, and that she approved another document, created by her counsel. "The document clearly states that if the election were overturned these electors would serve their job to cast their votes for Donald Trump and Michael Pence," Cox said. Cox said the document she approved was intended to "at least" make "the Trump campaign comfortable that we were doing our part." Her document was signed by Kathy Berden, a Michigan committeewoman for the Republican National Committee. Berden and other former and current party officials and activists are among the defendants, along with officeholders including a mayor and township clerk. All pleaded not guilty to eight criminal charges, including multiple counts of forgery, after Attorney General Dana Nessel announced the charges in July. One, James Renner, agreed to cooperate with the state and had all criminal charges [dropped in October](https://apnews.com/article/fake-electors-michigan-trump-fdfe984cfbfb4bc374ca844b80ed825). The defendants have remained steadfast in their defiance since then, insisting that their actions were not illegal, even though President Joe Biden won Michigan by nearly 155,000 votes, a result confirmed by a GOP-led state [Senate](https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-joe-biden-election-2020-elections-government-and-politics-4b6643aa699480dc63cbce8555aac946)

Fake Electors,
 election, elections,
 false elector
 scheme, testimony

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Thu Dec 14 15:44:20 2023 Putin says Russia Associated Press
 is in dialogue with
 the US on
 exchanging jailed
 Americans
 Gershkovich and
 Whelan

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday Moscow is in dialogue with with the United States on the issue of bringing home jailed Americans Paul Whelan and Evan Gershkovich and the Kremlin hopes to “find a solution,” even though “it’s not easy.” Putin spoke about Whelan and Gershkovich during his year-end news conference in response to a question about a recent offer the Biden administration made to secure the two men’s release. The U.S. State Department reported it earlier this month, without offering details, and said Russia rejected it. “We have contacts on this matter with our American partners, there’s a dialogue on this issue. It’s not easy, I won’t go into details right now. But in general, it seems to me that we’re speaking a language each of us understands,” Putin said. “I hope we will find a solution,” he continued. “But, I repeat, the American side must hear us and make a decision that will satisfy the Russian side as well.” Speaking to reporters in Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said the U.S. has “put multiple offers on the table,” including “one significant offer that we made as recently as a few weeks ago.” “We have seen those offers rejected every time by the Russian government,” he said. Miller said Washington would welcome Russia engaging seriously in talks that would lead to the release of Gershkovich and Whelan but that “so far we’ve seen them refuse to take us up on our proposals, and we hope that they will change the way they handle this going forward.” Whelan, a corporate security executive from Michigan, has been jailed in Russia since his December 2018 arrest on espionage-related charges that both he and the U.S. government dispute. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison. Gershkovich, a Wall Street Journal reporter, was detained in March while on a reporting trip to the Russian city of Yekaterinburg, about 2,000 kilometers

Paul Whelan, Russia,
 Michigan

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Thu Dec 14 15:43:46 2023	Military: Marine from Michigan killed in rollover of amphibious combat vehicle at California base	Associated Press	<p>Marine Corps officials on Thursday identified the Marine killed in a training exercise at a California base after the amphibious combat vehicle he was in rolled over earlier this week, sending 14 others to area hospitals. All but one remains hospitalized and was listed in good condition, officials said Thursday. They did not release details regarding the injuries. Sgt. Matthew K. Bylski, from Royal Oak, Michigan, died from his injuries sustained when the tactical vehicle rolled over during a ground exercise at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton on Tuesday evening, the Marine Corps said in a statement. "Words fail to express our sorrow at the tragic loss of Sgt. Bylski; an outstanding Marine and a leader within his platoon," said Col. Sean Dynan, commanding officer of his unit, adding that "the Marines who lived, trained, and learned from Sgt. Bylski, mourn alongside his family and friends." Bylski was trained as an Amphibious Combat Vehicle crewman assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He was serving as a vehicle commander. He joined the Marine Corps in January 2019 and was awarded two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, along with other medals. Officials are investigating the cause of the rollover. The Marines were inside an amphibious combat vehicle, a model that was introduced to replace Vietnam War-era amphibious assault vehicles after one sank off the Southern California coast in 2020, killing eight Marines and one sailor. It was one of the of Marine Corps' deadliest training accidents of its kind. A Marine Corps investigation found that inadequate training, shabby maintenance and poor judgment by leaders were to blame for the</p>	Marines, U.S. Marines, Michigan
Thu Dec 14 15:21:23 2023	Grand Rapids Public Schools adjust 'Reimagine' plans	David Limbaugh	<p>After a month of gathering community input, GRPS announced it's making a change to one of the proposals it originally released back in mid-November. Originally, the district recommended a newly renovated elementary school at the current site of the North Park Montessori School, but after listening to community input, the district concluded that that particular site may not be the best location for a new elementary school. The new proposal calls for either a new or significantly renovated neighborhood elementary school to be located on the northeast side of the city, however GRPS leaders will be taking more time to assess their current facilities and properties while continuing to review community feedback in order to best determine where the new school should end up. Plans still remain for this new school to become home to Palmer and Aberdeen students once their current schools close in 2027. Thanks to a \$305 million dollar bond proposal being overwhelmingly approved by voters back on November 7th, the district has been proposing a number of strategic moves, including the closing of their most underutilized school buildings. These consolidations are</p>	GRPS, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids School Board, Montessori, Elementary

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Thu Dec 14 14:57:39 2023	Muskegon clerk sends staff to rescue mission to process birth certificates	Dee Morrison	Once a month since May, Muskegon County Clerk Karen Buie sends her staff to the Muskegon Rescue Mission, armed with portable printers and computers linked to county and state registries. The idea is to help people there get copies of their birth certificates - a huge first step in acquiring anything else, such as Social Security cards, a Michigan ID, applications or housing. "Getting a birth certificate for a majority of people is not this huge hurdle, but for those who are 'transportationally-challenged,' or are homeless or have no money, it's like a mountain." Buie says the shelters are full right now with people struggling to support themselves and often their families. Clients are relieved to get birth certificates with no hassle, then and there, as many have no permanent address where paperwork can be mailed, among other challenges. Staff has arranged to use photo ID issued by the mission or even local bus pass photos as documentation. "It was just really humbling today to see the The Literacy Center of West Michigan has been awarded a significant impact grant. Executive Director Dr. Wendy Falb joins us to discuss how the funds will allow an expansion of employment and training services to build a more skilled workforce in Kent County.	Muskegon County, birth certificate, Muskegon Rescue Mission, Prison, Michigan ID
Thu Dec 14 10:35:12 2023	Wendy Falb of the Literacy Center of West Michigan on their recently awarded grant	Shelley Irwin	The Literacy Center of West Michigan has been awarded a significant impact grant. Executive Director Dr. Wendy Falb joins us to discuss how the funds will allow an expansion of employment and training services to build a more skilled workforce in Kent County.	Literacy Center of West Michigan, workforce, Literacy, skilled labor
Thu Dec 14 10:34:52 2023	Roving Mic: Amway River Bank Run Charity Partners	Shelley Irwin	We bring you Part-two of a spotlight on Charity Partners for the Amway River Bank Run. The Roving Microphone brings you conversation from charities including Kids Hope USA and the Conductive Learning Center. Voices from Fifth Third, Corewell Health, and Amway are heard. <a href="https://www.wgfunews.org/the-shelley-irwin-show/2023-12-07/the-roving-mic-looks-at-fundraising-for-the-amway-river-bank-run" target="_blank" link-data="{"cms.site.owner":{"_ref":"00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000","_type":"ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20"},"cms.content.publishDate":1702563762105,"cms.content.publishUser":{"_ref":"0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc"},"cms.content.updateDate":1702563762105,"cms.content.updateUser":{"_ref":"0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc"},"cms.directory.paths":[],"anchorable.showAnchor":false,"link":{"attributes":[],"cms.directory.paths":[],"linkText":"Listen to Part-one","target":"NEW","attachSourceUrl":false,"url":"https://www.wgfunews.org/the-shelley-irwin-show/2023-12-07/the-roving-	Run, Race, Amway, Amway River Bank Run, Charity, Fifth Third Bank, Corewell Health, Conductive Learning Center, Kids Hope USA

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Thu Dec 14 10:34:25 2023	Wylea Griggs of Quantum Mental Wellness Center	Shelley Irwin	Entrepreneur Wylea Griggs opens the doors to Quantum Mental Wellness Center, assisting women in overcoming mental health struggles, cutting edge innovative technologies at the heart. We talk to Wylea about empowering women.	Health, mental health, Wellness
Thu Dec 14 10:33:54 2023	Terra Tarango of the Van Andel Education	Shelley Irwin	The Van Andel Education Institute celebrates an exceptional year with a 102% increase in students served and more teachers served. We speak today with VAI Education Officer Terra Tarango about the past year and the year to come.	Van Andel Institute, Education, k-12, Students
Thu Dec 14 10:33:34 2023	Ford's Chief Futurist on the 2024 Trends	Shelley Irwin	The 2024 Ford Trends Report has been released. Jennifer Brace, Ford Motor Company's Chief Futurist, joins us to discuss what's trending the auto industry, including EV's, and how people are taking charge of their lives by actively shaping their futures and their choices.	Ford, Ford Motor Company, trend, EV, auto industry
Thu Dec 14 09:14:10 2023	Survey showed West Michigan's manufacturing sector continued to slow into November	Patrick Center	In November, the West Michigan economy plodded along with some modest gains. Geopolitical uncertainties – including two wars and threats of domestic terrorism – along with two years of high interest rates are on the minds of surveyed purchasing managers. “We simply can’t rule out a 2024 recession sometime during the year.” Brian G. Long, director of Supply Management Research in the Seidman College of Business at Grand Valley State University. He says the potential for the Federal Reserve’s so-called “soft landing” remains a possibility. Still, he’s closely monitoring West Michigan employment trends. “Unemployment is a classic laggard statistic, so it's no surprise that our employment situation in West Michigan remains relatively stable at this time. However, the employment segment of our local industrial survey has turned negative for the second successive month, and 20% of this	Brian G. Long, Supply Management Research survey, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University, West Michigan Economy, automotive sector, employment,
Thu Dec 14 09:08:33 2023	Nathanial Moody resigning from Grand Rapids City Commission	Patrick Center	Third Ward City Commissioner Nathanial Moody is officially stepping down Sunday, December 31 st . Moody cited personal reasons for the decision. The Grand Rapids native first served on the city commission in 2018 when he was unanimously selected to replace Commissioner David Allen who moved on to lead the Kent County Land Bank. Moody won reelection in 2019. In a news release, Moddy said, “I am proud to see many investments being made in the Third Ward, including the construction of a new MLK Jr. lodge	Grand Rapids City Commission, third ward, Nathanial Moody, retirement
Thu Dec 14 08:58:59 2023	No Labels tells Detroit Economic Club it will offer voters a third choice	Quinn Klinefelter	No Labels officials say they want civil discourse political problem solving and above all the chance to be a choice in any repeat of a Trump versus Biden election. No Labels co-chair and former North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory claims despite protests from Democratic and Republican officials survey data reveals an electorate ready for a third-party candidate. “The only argument against us is we can’t win. Not that they are presenting good candidates, but we can’t win. And actually, the statistics are now showing we can win. In fact, if anything	No Labels, Detroit Economic Club, Third-party, partisan divide, President Joe Biden, former President Donald

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Thu Dec 14 08:27:00 2023	Judge weighing whether to hold separate trials for the parents of Ethan Crumbley simultaneously	Quinn Klinefelter	Prosecutors charged Jennifer and James Crumbley with involuntary manslaughter...accusing them of ignoring their son’s plea for counseling and instead buying him the gun he used to kill four classmates at Oxford High.The Crumbleys have demanded separate trials and which parent would be tried first or if their cases are heard at the same time remains uncertain.In court Judge Cheryl Matthews reminded Jennifer Crumbley that she and her husband now known as her “co-defendant” are no longer on the same team.MATTHEWS: “Do you understand that both your attorney and your co-defendant’s attorney have indicated that Authorities filed a murder charge Wednesday in the October slaying of a Detroit synagogue leader, alleging that she was killed by a stranger who broke into her home.There was not a “shred of evidence” that Samantha Woll was killed as a result of antisemitism or any hate crime, prosecutor Kym Worthy said.A 28-year-old Detroit man was charged with murder and two other crimes. It’s unclear if he has a lawyer who can speak on his behalf.Samantha Woll, 40, was found dead outside her home, east of downtown Detroit, on Oct. 21, hours after returning from a wedding. Investigators believe she was attacked inside the residence.Police said a person of interest was in custody over the weekend. A October slaying of a Detroit synagogue leader, alleging that she was killed by a stranger who broke into her home.	Ethan Crumbley, James Crumbley, Jennifer Crumbley, trial, Oxford High School, school shooting
Wed Dec 13 17:14:12 2023	Stranger charged with break-in, murder in slaying of Detroit synagogue leader	Associated Press	The charges relate to the 20-20 presidential election when a group of sixteen allegedly signed a document claiming to cast Michigan’s electoral votes for former President Donald Trump.That’s despite Trump losing the state by over 100-thousand votes.During the preliminary exam, a Lansing judge heard from a state trooper who, in 2020, stopped a group of people from entering the Michigan Capitol to allegedly deliver that document.Michigan’s elections director was also invited to the witness stand. He answered several questions over Children Trust Fund, formerly known as the Michigan Children’s Trust Fund, is based in Lansing and is the only statewide organization whose sole focus is to proactively support programs with education, funding and resources across the state with a goal of preventing child abuse and neglect. The organization announced it was awarding over \$1.6 million dollars trust worth of grants to six different organizations, including two here in West Michigan.Along with organizations in the cities of Jackson and Flint, as well as Gratiot and Keweenaw counties, both Arbor Circle and Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids will be benefitting from the grants.Arbor Circle was granted \$320,000 dollars for its Nurturing Fathers program, while Bethany will receive nearly \$125,000 for its Be Strong Families Parent Cafes to help build fathers as leaders in their community.The purpose of the Direct Services grants is to help fund child abuse prevention programs and services. They also support families that experience	break-in, murder, murder charges, synagogue, faith leaders, City of Detroit, Detroit
Wed Dec 13 16:21:25 2023	Fake Electors plot defendants appear for preliminary exam	Colin Jackson	The charges relate to the 20-20 presidential election when a group of sixteen allegedly signed a document claiming to cast Michigan’s electoral votes for former President Donald Trump.That’s despite Trump losing the state by over 100-thousand votes.During the preliminary exam, a Lansing judge heard from a state trooper who, in 2020, stopped a group of people from entering the Michigan Capitol to allegedly deliver that document.Michigan’s elections director was also invited to the witness stand. He answered several questions over Children Trust Fund, formerly known as the Michigan Children’s Trust Fund, is based in Lansing and is the only statewide organization whose sole focus is to proactively support programs with education, funding and resources across the state with a goal of preventing child abuse and neglect. The organization announced it was awarding over \$1.6 million dollars trust worth of grants to six different organizations, including two here in West Michigan.Along with organizations in the cities of Jackson and Flint, as well as Gratiot and Keweenaw counties, both Arbor Circle and Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids will be benefitting from the grants.Arbor Circle was granted \$320,000 dollars for its Nurturing Fathers program, while Bethany will receive nearly \$125,000 for its Be Strong Families Parent Cafes to help build fathers as leaders in their community.The purpose of the Direct Services grants is to help fund child abuse prevention programs and services. They also support families that experience	Fake Electors, Electoral College, preliminary hearing, court, Court of law, Michigan courts
Wed Dec 13 16:01:18 2023	Children Trust Michigan approves grants to local and statewide community-based organizations	David Limbaugh	The charges relate to the 20-20 presidential election when a group of sixteen allegedly signed a document claiming to cast Michigan’s electoral votes for former President Donald Trump.That’s despite Trump losing the state by over 100-thousand votes.During the preliminary exam, a Lansing judge heard from a state trooper who, in 2020, stopped a group of people from entering the Michigan Capitol to allegedly deliver that document.Michigan’s elections director was also invited to the witness stand. He answered several questions over Children Trust Fund, formerly known as the Michigan Children’s Trust Fund, is based in Lansing and is the only statewide organization whose sole focus is to proactively support programs with education, funding and resources across the state with a goal of preventing child abuse and neglect. The organization announced it was awarding over \$1.6 million dollars trust worth of grants to six different organizations, including two here in West Michigan.Along with organizations in the cities of Jackson and Flint, as well as Gratiot and Keweenaw counties, both Arbor Circle and Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids will be benefitting from the grants.Arbor Circle was granted \$320,000 dollars for its Nurturing Fathers program, while Bethany will receive nearly \$125,000 for its Be Strong Families Parent Cafes to help build fathers as leaders in their community.The purpose of the Direct Services grants is to help fund child abuse prevention programs and services. They also support families that experience	Community, Organizations, Grants, grant, Local,

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Wed Dec 13 15:58:40 2023 New Charges in Toddler's Death After Accidental Shooting Dee Morrison

Ingham County Prosecutor John Dewane announced a grand jury has indicted Avis Coward and two others in the case, including the boy's mother. "No two-year-old child should ever have access to a loaded firearm." Investigators say in October, Coward went inside a Lansing gas station, leaving a two-year-old child and the boy's mother Emma Huver in the car. Surveillance video shows a bullet hole appearing in the car window, then Huver getting out, holding her child with blood on his face from a gunshot wound. Police say a gun also fell out of the car which Coward put back before smashing out the window with the bullet hole and driving off alone. Police later found the car found burned and abandoned in a field, and the barrel of a pistol hidden in the wall of a Lansing home. Now Coward and Huver face multiple felony firearm charges, and she also faces counts of child abuse. Coward has additional charges of tampering with evidence along with another woman, Gina Schieberl, whom police say helped him. Special Agent James Deir with the ATF calls the case "a cascade of poor decision making." "The choice to hide evidence and to destroy evidence, another bad choice.

Grand Rapids, Lansing, shooting, toddler, gun, Safety

Wed Dec 13 15:49:57 2023 Woman gets 70 years in prison for killing two bicyclists in Michigan charity ride Associated Press

A woman was sentenced to at least 70 years in prison for [causing the deaths of two bicyclists](https://apnews.com/article/michigan-philanthropy-ionia-fcd8648f9640db90e2d78da89b5f6f74) who were hit while taking part in a charity ride in western Michigan. The judge in Ionia County stacked two 35-year terms for Mandy Benn, a rare consecutive punishment. Most sentences in Michigan courts run concurrently. Police said Benn was under the influence of drugs when she crossed the center line and hit a group of bicyclists on a rural road in 2022. Edward Erickson, 48, of Ann Arbor, and Michael Salhaney, 57, of Bloomfield Hills, were killed while riding in a three-day endurance event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. "This is not an accident. ... There was a series of choices you made at some point to ingest this cocktail of narcotics and that led to everything we saw," Judge Ronald Schafer said Tuesday. In October, Benn, 44, was

Sentences, sentenced, Ionia, Ionia County, City of Ionia, Ionia County Courthouse, killing, Bicycles, Bicycle, under the influence of drugs, Influence

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Wed Dec 13 15:37:16 2023 Michigan Associated Press
 prosecutors
 outline case
 against false
 Trump electors in
 first hearing

Prosecutors began to outline their case Wednesday against 15 Michigan Republicans who face forgery and other charges [for serving as false electors](https://apnews.com/article/fake-electors-trump-fdfe984cfbefb4bc374ca844b80ed825) for then-President Donald Trump in 2020, in what is expected to provide the fullest glimpse yet at the state's case. Former state Republican Party co-Chair Meshawn Maddock and Kathy Berden, a Michigan committeewoman for the Republican National Committee, were among the six defendants appearing for preliminary examinations, which are for the judge to determine if there's sufficient evidence to substantiate the charges. Attorney General Dana Nessel announced the charges against Michigan's slate of 16 false electors in July. All defendants have pleaded not guilty, but one, James Renner, had all criminal charges [dropped](https://apnews.com/article/fake-electors-trump-fdfe984cfbefb4bc374ca844b80ed825) in October after he reached a cooperation deal with the state. One defendant, Kenneth Thompson, on Wednesday had his case moved to a later date after his attorney did not show up. The other eight defendants will have preliminary examinations at later dates. Investigators say the group met at the Michigan GOP headquarters on Dec. 14, 2020, and signed a document falsely stating they were the state's "duly elected and qualified electors." Each of the defendants faces eight criminal charges, including multiple counts of forgery. President Joe Biden won Michigan by nearly 155,000 votes, a result confirmed by a GOP-led state Senate [investigation](https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-joe-biden-election-2020-elections-government-and-politics-4b6643aa699480dc63cbce8555aac946) in 2021. Michigan's false electors have remained steadfast in their defiance, insisting that their actions were not illegal. Fake electors in seven battleground states sent certificates to Congress falsely declaring Trump the winner of the 2020 presidential election in their state, despite confirmed results showing he had lost. Last week, [Nevada](https://apnews.com/article/fake-electors-nevada-indictment-ba84be72465e635dbaadc312a9632fc8) became the third state to charge electors, following Michigan and [Georgia](https://apnews.com/article/trump-georgia-fraud-defendants-201d73d2a6b165d06230961af9f21b61). Republicans who served as fake electors in Wisconsin, meanwhile, [hearing, hearings,
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Wed Dec 13 15:25:36 2023	AAA projects 3.6 million Michigan residents to travel-December 23-January 1	Jennifer Moss	More than three million Michigan residents are projected to travel 50 miles or more over the upcoming holiday, year-end travel period. 3.6 million to be exact. AAA says they expect over 100-thousand “more” state travelers than last year and it will be the second highest year end travel forecast since 2000. Adrienne Woodland, spokesperson for the Auto Club Group, says the increase comes despite the cost. “AAA has seen steady year over the year growth in travel demand, and the year end holidays are no different continued growth and despite various inflationary pressures, Americans are still willing to budget for travel.”With a near record	Travel, AAA Travel, Travel Forecast, Holiday Travel, Travel Michigan, winter
Wed Dec 13 10:53:53 2023	Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan looks at the needs of the community	Shelley Irwin	The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan encourages participation in a Needs Assessment. We talk to Emily Armstrong about this Community Need’s Assessment, helping the agency determine needs in its nine county region for both caregivers and older adults.	Agency of Aging of Western Michigan, Aging, Community, health needs assessment, elderly
Wed Dec 13 10:53:50 2023	2023 Google Trends	Shelley Irwin	The Annual Google Trends 2023 list is out, what did we google the most and what topics fascinated the world? Trends Expert Alex Joseph discusses the Year in Search list, plus the	Google, Google Technology Expert,
Wed Dec 13 10:53:42 2023	Keeping safe from scams this holiday season	Shelley Irwin	Scams happen in the holiday season. We catch up with those from the FTC, offering advice and explanations on how to report fraud. Scams include everything from spoofed online stores, fake shipping notifications and more.	Holiday, Scams, Federal Trade Commission , Safety
Wed Dec 13 10:53:14 2023	West Michigan Works! has opened nominations for it’s 15th annual The Beverly A Drake Essential	Shelley Irwin	Be on the lookout for frontline workers who deserve recognition. West Michigan Works! has opened nominations for it’s 15 th annual The Beverly A Drake Essential Service Awards, recognizing frontline workers who go over and beyond. We talk to Mark Bersgma, Workforce Development Board member.	West Michigan Works, nomination, Awards, service, Community
Wed Dec 13 10:53:11 2023	The Right Place Economic Outlook for West	Shelley Irwin	The Right Place presented it’s Economic Outlook, highlighting major accomplishments, wage goals, community development, and more. President Randy Thelen joins in, providing a summary plus more on the state of the region and the 2024 crystal ball.	Right Place, economy, jobs, wages, economic
Wed Dec 13 09:00:35 2023	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners signed off on public-private partnership bringing open access internet	Patrick Center	The State of Michigan prioritized Ottawa County awarding it nearly \$14 million through a grant from Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks also known as ROBIN. It’s a second round of funding initiating construction of 400 miles of new fiber installation delivering internet access to nearly 10,000 residents and businesses. The new service provides access to roughly 3,300 unserved and 1,200 underserved addresses.In March, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners approved the \$27 million high-speed broadband project. A combination of state and federal grants, including the \$14 million from ROBIN, \$7.5 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and a commitment of \$3.5 million in private	Ottawa County, broadband, Tillson Technology, 123 Net, internet, Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks

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Wed Dec 13 08:46:27 2023	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners fills vacant 6th District seat	Patrick Center	Kendra Wenzel has been appointed by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to serve as 6 th District commissioner. When Kyle Terpstra resigned from the board on November 16 th , state law mandates it be filled within 30 days. From a pool of 11 eligible candidates five were selected for interview last week. In a split vote, Wenzel received six votes, Shawn Haff two and Joseph Parnel McCarter one. During Wenzel's interview she highlighted her political involvement as Ottawa County Republican Party executive committee member and county precinct delegate. "I walked my entire precinct for that. Just talking with people giving out literature. Having conversations with everyone. Constituents in my precinct." In the written application, when asked why she wanted to be considered for the position, Wenzel cited excessive government overreach eroding constitutional freedoms. In The new tool allows members of the public to send Freedom of Information Act requests for government documents and receive them in a centralized location. Previously, record requests to the Department of State had to be sent by email, fax, mail or in-person. The agency is also publishing some of its FOIA responses... and users will be able to search through previously released documents at no additional cost. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson says her office is the first to make records available this way on the state level. She adds the portal will enhance transparency in state government. The governor's office and the state legislature Buchanan's financial situation has been the subject of discussion at many city commission meetings, with both officials and residents chiming in. Recently resigned City Manager Ben Eldridge made this comment at a commission meeting in September. "If we finish in the red next year, our 23/24 fiscal year, the state of Michigan will send somebody here to take over the city like they did in Benton Harbor twice." Buchanan Mayor Sean Denison has called the city's financial situation challenging. He says it needs to fix the city's aging infrastructure, but state reductions in revenue sharing have made this difficult. But he says, the rumors of a takeover Under the new laws, courts won't be allowed to assess court fines and fees on juveniles going through the criminal justice system. Young people will soon also have more access to behavioral health and risk-assessment screenings to divert them from detention. Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist signed the bills into law. He says the state's current system has been letting children down. "Every system that does something other than prepare a young person to be successful is a system that desperately needs to be reformed. And that is what	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, Kendra Wenzel, Kyle Terpstra , appointment
Wed Dec 13 08:27:18 2023	Benson launches new online tool to submit and track FOIA requests	Arjun Thakkar	The new tool allows members of the public to send Freedom of Information Act requests for government documents and receive them in a centralized location. Previously, record requests to the Department of State had to be sent by email, fax, mail or in-person. The agency is also publishing some of its FOIA responses... and users will be able to search through previously released documents at no additional cost. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson says her office is the first to make records available this way on the state level. She adds the portal will enhance transparency in state government. The governor's office and the state legislature Buchanan's financial situation has been the subject of discussion at many city commission meetings, with both officials and residents chiming in. Recently resigned City Manager Ben Eldridge made this comment at a commission meeting in September. "If we finish in the red next year, our 23/24 fiscal year, the state of Michigan will send somebody here to take over the city like they did in Benton Harbor twice." Buchanan Mayor Sean Denison has called the city's financial situation challenging. He says it needs to fix the city's aging infrastructure, but state reductions in revenue sharing have made this difficult. But he says, the rumors of a takeover Under the new laws, courts won't be allowed to assess court fines and fees on juveniles going through the criminal justice system. Young people will soon also have more access to behavioral health and risk-assessment screenings to divert them from detention. Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist signed the bills into law. He says the state's current system has been letting children down. "Every system that does something other than prepare a young person to be successful is a system that desperately needs to be reformed. And that is what	FOIA, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
Wed Dec 13 08:22:26 2023	Rumors have spread that state will take control of Berrien County city	Michael Symonds	Buchanan's financial situation has been the subject of discussion at many city commission meetings, with both officials and residents chiming in. Recently resigned City Manager Ben Eldridge made this comment at a commission meeting in September. "If we finish in the red next year, our 23/24 fiscal year, the state of Michigan will send somebody here to take over the city like they did in Benton Harbor twice." Buchanan Mayor Sean Denison has called the city's financial situation challenging. He says it needs to fix the city's aging infrastructure, but state reductions in revenue sharing have made this difficult. But he says, the rumors of a takeover Under the new laws, courts won't be allowed to assess court fines and fees on juveniles going through the criminal justice system. Young people will soon also have more access to behavioral health and risk-assessment screenings to divert them from detention. Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist signed the bills into law. He says the state's current system has been letting children down. "Every system that does something other than prepare a young person to be successful is a system that desperately needs to be reformed. And that is what	Berrien County, Buchanan , Michigan treasurer
Tue Dec 12 16:40:38 2023	Juvenile justice reform package signed into law	Colin Jackson	Under the new laws, courts won't be allowed to assess court fines and fees on juveniles going through the criminal justice system. Young people will soon also have more access to behavioral health and risk-assessment screenings to divert them from detention. Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist signed the bills into law. He says the state's current system has been letting children down. "Every system that does something other than prepare a young person to be successful is a system that desperately needs to be reformed. And that is what	juvenile justice system, juvenile offenders, juveniles, Justice, Justice Department, reform, Prison Reform

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Tue Dec 12 15:37:04 2023	West Ottawa High School students get real world manufacturing education	David Limbaugh	SME is a nonprofit organization that represents the North American manufacturing industry, and its PRIME program partners with schools all over the country to help prepare students for careers in manufacturing and engineering. Earlier this year, it was launched at West Ottawa High School in Holland, the 34th school in Michigan to have the program. This year's programs are funded by a \$6 million dollar public and private partnership between SME and the state of Michigan. The program is expected to expand to an additional 16 schools throughout the state in 2024. By then, roughly 50% of SME PRIME's programs will be in the state of Michigan. Students in the program receive hands-on training in high-demand skill sets including machining and fabrication, and have the unique opportunity to learn using state-of-the-art equipment used by today's manufacturing workers. Since the program began at West Ottawa, several students have earned Industry Recognized Credentials which help future students. The Literacy Center of West Michigan was among ten large nonprofits getting one-time grant funds of up to two million dollars to create or expand programming that lifts Michiganders out of poverty. Dr. Wendy Falb is the executive director for the Literacy Center of West Michigan. She says this grant is a game changer. She says they instruct over 1100 individuals every year, most of which are immigrants and refugees, who have what she says is a "ton of talent." "But English language proficiency and the capacity and the means to get the kind of skilled training they need to get jobs is a barrier, so this is going to bridge this talent gap and we're very excited about it." Dr. Falb says the Literacy Center leads a collaboration with Corewell Health, Grand Rapids Community College and WMCAT. The LEO grant will help the center expand its integrated Education and Training programs, helping to build that skilled workforce through a mixture of technical training and English language instruction, which Dr. Falb says no one else is really doing. "I think we're used to idea of mid-level and professional employees getting There are three arrests in what's being called 'a sophisticated, coordinated string of home invasions' targeting high-end areas in Metro Detroit and Kent County's Ada Township, according to a release by the Michigan Attorney General. Investigators believe the home invasions are being done by thieves coming from South America, traveling to the U-S specifically to commit these crimes. They target vacant homes in affluent neighborhoods, using technology to get around alarm systems, and are careful to avoid home security camera systems as well. Eric Brunner of the Kent County Sheriff's Department says one such group hit two homes in Ada Township in February and tried to rob one in Plainfield Township. He says they likely watched the houses ahead of time to make sure they were empty, but for victims it's a significant violation of privacy on top of any loss of items. "You don't know the feeling until you become a victim and that's not lost on us during the course of our investigation. Whether you're home or not, to have someone violate that by smashing your rear window and	West Ottawa, West Ottawa High, West Ottawa High School, Students, Education, manufacturing
Tue Dec 12 15:24:26 2023	Literacy Center of West Michigan awarded 1M grant from state	Jennifer Moss	The Literacy Center of West Michigan was among ten large nonprofits getting one-time grant funds of up to two million dollars to create or expand programming that lifts Michiganders out of poverty. Dr. Wendy Falb is the executive director for the Literacy Center of West Michigan. She says this grant is a game changer. She says they instruct over 1100 individuals every year, most of which are immigrants and refugees, who have what she says is a "ton of talent." "But English language proficiency and the capacity and the means to get the kind of skilled training they need to get jobs is a barrier, so this is going to bridge this talent gap and we're very excited about it." Dr. Falb says the Literacy Center leads a collaboration with Corewell Health, Grand Rapids Community College and WMCAT. The LEO grant will help the center expand its integrated Education and Training programs, helping to build that skilled workforce through a mixture of technical training and English language instruction, which Dr. Falb says no one else is really doing. "I think we're used to idea of mid-level and professional employees getting	Literacy Center of West Michigan, Literacy, Grants, grant, West Michigan
Tue Dec 12 14:51:57 2023	Arrests made in crime ring that targeted Ada Twp. homes	Dee Morrison	There are three arrests in what's being called 'a sophisticated, coordinated string of home invasions' targeting high-end areas in Metro Detroit and Kent County's Ada Township, according to a release by the Michigan Attorney General. Investigators believe the home invasions are being done by thieves coming from South America, traveling to the U-S specifically to commit these crimes. They target vacant homes in affluent neighborhoods, using technology to get around alarm systems, and are careful to avoid home security camera systems as well. Eric Brunner of the Kent County Sheriff's Department says one such group hit two homes in Ada Township in February and tried to rob one in Plainfield Township. He says they likely watched the houses ahead of time to make sure they were empty, but for victims it's a significant violation of privacy on top of any loss of items. "You don't know the feeling until you become a victim and that's not lost on us during the course of our investigation. Whether you're home or not, to have someone violate that by smashing your rear window and	Ada Township, break-in, arrests, crime, Attorney General, Attorney General Dana Nessel

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Tue Dec 12 11:57:37 2023 Tuesday, Patrick Center
 December 12th at
 10pm on WGVU
 Public Television,
 FRONTLINE
 presents "The
 Discord Leaks."

Samuel Oakford: I think listeners might remember the story from April, right? That's when it hit the news. The user identified later as Teixeira was tied to at first a handful, then dozens, then ultimately hundreds of classified intelligence documents that were circulating on Discord, right? So, in early April, they had cropped up on other platforms, what you might say to the open web, right? So, some of that was on the platforms like 4chan, Twitter, and that's when it hit the news. But reporters, including ourselves, worked backwards to create kind of the chain of events that led to that. And ultimately that led back to a Discord server called Thug Shaker Central. Now that name is kind of racist homophobic illusion in and of itself. It turned out that Teixeira also appeared to be leaking on another server called Abinavski's Exclusion Zone. And that's kind of where things stood in April, May. For the last, oh, six months, along with Frontline, the Post has tried to go deeper into those worlds and learn more about Teixeira's past to understand how this leaking came about, right? It's an extraordinary situation that's very different from previous leaks. It appears that it took place over, in fact, we know it took place for more than a year. And it was done with seeming impunity, right? On this platform called Discord. So, we spent a lot of time trying to understand how that could have happened. The role that Discord itself played in that and how Teixeira wasn't caught earlier. Patrick Center: Jack Teixeira is a pretty young guy. He's an Air National Guardsman, or he was an Air National Guardsman. And he's involved in, from what I recall, part of the gaming culture. And this is his way of bragging a little bit or proving himself to his friends. Is that kind of the nugget of how this all begins? Samuel Oakford: You know, it's really the key question in a lot of ways, right? Like, why did Teixeira leak? And then, you know, I'm sure it'll be instructive for the government itself, right, when they try to think about future threats to national security in this way. That's about the best answer as you're going to get, right? You might need a psychologist ultimately to tell you exactly why he did it, but he clearly got something from sharing these documents with people on the internet. Some of them he knew very intimately in this server, Thug Shaker Central, but then others he didn't know quite as well and he was sharing them on a much larger server with hundreds of users, although a smaller number were actually engaging with them. And he clearly would have wanted approval from those people. So, in as much as we know about his impulses, that appears to be the explanation, you have to show off to get something from having information that he could West Michigan Authors unite. The Book Nook and Java Shop hosts a Michigan authors event along with a liquor tasting experience this Saturday, author Ingar Rudholm joins in to share the details about the authors, and how the 3-7 pm event works.

FRONTLINE, "The
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 national security,
 Jack Teixeira, Air
 National Guard

Tue Dec 12 10:04:55 2023 The Book Nook Shelley Irwin
 and Java Shop
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 authors event this

Author, Books, Book
 Nook, liquor, Event

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Tue Dec 12 10:04:37 2023	King’s Table serves those with special needs in the community	Shelley Irwin	King’s Table programming focuses on providing supportive services, enrichment opportunities and community connections in public special ed schools, adult group homes and in the community. ED Amber Koster discusses the mission and the impact to the students served.	Special Education, Special Needs, Disability, Community, Homes
Tue Dec 12 10:04:32 2023	Heart of West Michigan United Way annual Holiday Giving	Shelley Irwin	The Heart of West Michigan United Way presents their annual Holiday Giving Guide. We talk to Maribeth Groen and Taylor Greenfield about the giving and volunteering theme, including the gift of nourishment, treasure and more.	Heart of West Michigan, Heart of West Michigan United Way, Holiday,
Tue Dec 12 09:56:11 2023	West Michigan Groundbreakers: Three Generations	Shelley Irwin	Recently PBS and WGVU aired the documentary Groundbreakers, featuring sports icons from different generations, celebrating the advancements of women in sports and society while also revealing mentorship and community building. Our local series introduces you to Groundbreakers in our own backyard. On this edition, We sit down with 3 such, an	Ironman, Team, Triathlon, Groundbreakers, Olympian
Tue Dec 12 08:38:52 2023	Governor Whitmer signs Reproductive Health Act	Colin Jackson	Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the bill on the ten-year anniversary of her speaking against the health plan policy back when she was the state’s Senate Minority Leader. Whitmer says it’s a lesson for those fighting to protect reproductive rights. “Sometimes that work takes longer than days or weeks. Sometimes, maybe it takes a decade and it’s still not truly finished. But staying in that fight is the only way to win that fight.” But Genevieve Marnon—of “Right to Life of Michigan” says this isn’t about protecting the right to abortion. “I think this is an attempt for the governor to do what she’s always wanted and, and that’s to force taxpayers to fund her pet	Reproductive Rights, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan, abortion, Right to Life
Tue Dec 12 08:26:43 2023	The chairs of the Oakland and Macomb Republican parties want to remove the head of the state GOP	Quinn Klinefelter	Some Republicans in Michigan are seeing red – not red states versus blue states - but roughly 600-thousand dollars’ worth of red ink that the state party reportedly owes in outstanding debts. GOP Chair Kristina Karamo took over the party leadership after losing a bid for Secretary of State while campaigning on the falsehood that the 2020 election was stolen. She vowed to raise 50 million dollars for the 2024 election cycle. But Oakland County Republican Party Chair Vance Patrick said on WDET’s Detroit Today program that Karamo is not living up to her promise. “Unfortunately, the counties and congressional districts are pretty much	Michigan Republican Party, GOP, Macomb County, Oakland County, Kristina Karamo, removal

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Tue Dec 12 08:18:07 2023 Judge closes Flint water case against former Michigan governor Associated Press

A judge on Monday formally dismissed misdemeanor charges against former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder in the Flint water scandal and ordered that police records and his booking photo be destroyed. The dismissal was expected, weeks after the Michigan Supreme Court turned down a last-gasp appeal from state prosecutors and ended criminal cases against him and many others. Snyder, a Republican who left office in 2019, was charged with willful neglect of duty. He was the first person in state history to be charged for alleged crimes related to service as governor. The dismissal order, signed by Judge William Crawford, tells authorities to destroy records related to Snyder's initial processing by police in 2021, including fingerprints and booking photo. Assistant Attorney General Chris Kessel also signed the court filing. Criminal cases against Snyder and eight others collapsed when the state Supreme Court in 2022 said a one-judge grand jury was improperly used by the attorney general's office to bring charges. Flint's water became tainted with lead after city managers

Governor Rick Snyder, Flint Water Crisis, Michigan

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Tue Dec 12 08:13:18 2023 3 Chilean Associated Press
 nationals accused
 of burglarizing
 high-end Michigan
 homes

Three Chilean nationals have been arrested in connection with a series of burglaries of mansions and other high-end homes in suburban Detroit and across Michigan. The charges were announced Monday by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel who said the three are suspected in eight break-ins after they arrived in the Detroit area on a Feb. 1 flight from Los Angeles. Nessel called them part of “an international crime ring” that “targeted lavish homes of affluent Michigan residents.” They “employ technology to thwart alarm systems and take extensive precautions to avoid being identified on home security systems and to avoid leaving forensic evidence at the crime scenes,” Nessel told reporters. Several law enforcement agencies believe the crimes are conducted by “non-citizen, temporary residents from countries in South America who travel to the United States and the state of Michigan specifically in order to conduct these burglaries,” Nessel added. “There are more out there.” Each of the three are charged with conducting a criminal enterprise and home invasion. They currently are being held in Indiana for similar burglaries there. Over the past few years, high-end homes in Southern California, especially in [San Diego County](https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/chilean-national-burglary-ring-targeting-upscale-neighborhood-back-on-the-prowl-san-diego-police/3177010/) have been broken into. Last week, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard announced the creation of a new task force to address the rise in break-ins in Michigan. The task force includes officers from more than two dozen police departments. They will be assisted by the FBI and other federal agencies. Bouchard said five homes were burglarized in one recent weekend in Bloomfield Hills and nearby Bloomfield Township, and seven others were targeted over Thanksgiving weekend. “They very often try to approach homes in a secluded manner – from woods, for example,” Bouchard said. “They’re looking for jewelry.

Chilean nationals,
 burglary, Michigan
 Attorney General,
 Dana Nessel,
 Michigan

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Tue Dec 12 08:06:31 2023	<p>Person of interest Associated Press arrested in slaying of Detroit synagogue president</p>	<p>A person of interest has been arrested in connection with the fatal stabbing of a Detroit synagogue leader whose death after the start of the Israel-Hamas war prompted speculation the slaying could have been the result of antisemitism.But Police Chief James White has said the attack does not appear to be a result of antisemitism.The arrest is the second announced by the city's police department since the Oct. 21 slaying of Samantha Woll, 40, who was found dead outside her near-downtown home hours after returning from a wedding. Investigators believe the attack occurred inside Woll's home.A suspect initially taken into custody was released last month without any charges being filed. Detroit police did not say Sunday evening if the suspect currently being held is the same person previously arrested in the case.An attorney for the person arrested in November told The Associated Press on Monday that her client is not the person of interest currently being held by police.No other details were released by police.“We have a number of people that give us interest,” <a href="https://apnews.com/article/samantha-woll-synagogue-president-detroit-Students at Rockford Public School’s Belmont Elementary were escorted from the building by the Kent County Sheriff’s patrol staff and school resource officer after Kent County’s Communications Center after receiving a threat from an anonymous caller that an explosive device was inside the school.The students were transported to Plainfield Township Offices while Belmont Elementary was searched. Parents were notified. No explosives were detected.The call came in on the crisis hotline. In the past 24 to 48-hours, Kent County 9-1-1 has received four suspected “swatting” calls. Swatting is when someone calls 9-1-1 falsely reporting a serious crime creating a large police response.The Kent County Sheriff’s Office says three swatting calls involved Plainfield Township and one in Grand Rapids Township. The Money from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is being invested in three railroad corridor projects. The Federal Railroad Administration is providing the Michigan Department of Transportation with \$500,000 for each corridor for improving and developing new services. That includes three intercity passenger rail routes. In West Michigan, Amtrak increasing Grand Rapids to Chicago ridership and expanding service.On the east side of the state, connect existing service between Detroit/Pontiac and Chicago. The corridor will also be extended to include cross-border service to the City of Windsor in Ontario, Canada.Finally, an investment</p>	<p>Samantha Woll, stabbing, Detroit, synagogue, person of interest, Antisemitism</p>
Mon Dec 11 17:33:27 2023	<p>Bomb threat received Monday by Kent County's Crisis Hotline involved a Rockford elementary school</p>	<p>Patrick Center Students at Rockford Public School’s Belmont Elementary were escorted from the building by the Kent County Sheriff’s patrol staff and school resource officer after Kent County’s Communications Center after receiving a threat from an anonymous caller that an explosive device was inside the school.The students were transported to Plainfield Township Offices while Belmont Elementary was searched. Parents were notified. No explosives were detected.The call came in on the crisis hotline. In the past 24 to 48-hours, Kent County 9-1-1 has received four suspected “swatting” calls. Swatting is when someone calls 9-1-1 falsely reporting a serious crime creating a large police response.The Kent County Sheriff’s Office says three swatting calls involved Plainfield Township and one in Grand Rapids Township. The Money from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is being invested in three railroad corridor projects. The Federal Railroad Administration is providing the Michigan Department of Transportation with \$500,000 for each corridor for improving and developing new services. That includes three intercity passenger rail routes. In West Michigan, Amtrak increasing Grand Rapids to Chicago ridership and expanding service.On the east side of the state, connect existing service between Detroit/Pontiac and Chicago. The corridor will also be extended to include cross-border service to the City of Windsor in Ontario, Canada.Finally, an investment</p>	<p>Kent County Sheriff's Office, FBI, swatting, bomb threat, Rockford Public Schools District, Plainfield Township, Grand Rapids Township, 911</p>
Mon Dec 11 17:26:10 2023	<p>Amtrak is expanding its passenger rail service in West Michigan and across the state</p>	<p>Patrick Center Students at Rockford Public School’s Belmont Elementary were escorted from the building by the Kent County Sheriff’s patrol staff and school resource officer after Kent County’s Communications Center after receiving a threat from an anonymous caller that an explosive device was inside the school.The students were transported to Plainfield Township Offices while Belmont Elementary was searched. Parents were notified. No explosives were detected.The call came in on the crisis hotline. In the past 24 to 48-hours, Kent County 9-1-1 has received four suspected “swatting” calls. Swatting is when someone calls 9-1-1 falsely reporting a serious crime creating a large police response.The Kent County Sheriff’s Office says three swatting calls involved Plainfield Township and one in Grand Rapids Township. The Money from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is being invested in three railroad corridor projects. The Federal Railroad Administration is providing the Michigan Department of Transportation with \$500,000 for each corridor for improving and developing new services. That includes three intercity passenger rail routes. In West Michigan, Amtrak increasing Grand Rapids to Chicago ridership and expanding service.On the east side of the state, connect existing service between Detroit/Pontiac and Chicago. The corridor will also be extended to include cross-border service to the City of Windsor in Ontario, Canada.Finally, an investment</p>	<p>amtrak, rail service, Grand Rapids, Chicago, Michigan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act</p>

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Mon Dec 11 16:18:51 2023	Governor Whitmer signs Reproductive Health Act	Colin Jackson	Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the bill on the ten-year anniversary of her speaking against Gov. Gretchen the health plan policy back when she was the state’s Senate Minority Leader. Whitmer says it’s Whitmer, a lesson for those fighting to protect reproductive rights. “Sometimes that work takes longer than days or weeks. Sometimes, maybe it takes a decade and it’s still not truly finished. But staying in that fight is the only way to win that fight.” But Genevieve Marnon—of “Right to Life of Michigan” says this isn’t about protecting the right to abortion. “I think this is an attempt for the governor to do what she’s always wanted and, and that’s to force taxpayers to fund her pet	Reproductive Rights, Lansing, abortion rights, state of Michigan
Mon Dec 11 16:10:56 2023	Woodland Mall Parent Company files for bankruptcy	Dee Morrison	Woodland is one of 18 malls and shopping centers owned and managed by the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust, known as PREIT, according to its website. Located on 28th Street in Kentwood, Woodland is PREIT’s only property in Michigan. The parent company is reorganizing to strengthen its balance sheet and position itself for long-term success, according to CEO Joseph Coradino in a statement Monday as the company filed motions in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Cordino states that the filing will ensure PREIT can operate without interruption while it gets approval for that restructuring. Spokesperson for Woodland Mall, Mary Ann Sabo tells WGVU in a statement that “operations at Woodland Mall are continuing	Woodland Mall, bankruptcy, shopping, Money, Kentwood
Mon Dec 11 15:26:55 2023	"Hope dealer" gives GVSU commencement keynote speech	David Limbaugh	Shannon Cohen is the Founder and CEO of Shannon Cohen, Inc., a company specializing in inspirational products and stationery, which can be found in national retailers such as Target and Meijer, as well as podcasts and speaking engagements. The company will soon be branching out into coaching and networking. “I’m really passionate about wellness and work and the connection between holistic wellness and sustainable leadership.” And while Cohen has had great success with her business, she says it’s not about the accolades. “I always knew that I wanted to be a difference maker, that I wanted to use my strength for service, not status.” Cohen graduated from GVSU with her bachelor’s in international studies in 2000, and received her master’s in public administration in 2011. She says it was an honor to be the first-ever GVSU alum to be invited to give a commencement keynote speech. “To be able to come back and now be catalytic in the lives of these graduates that we will be releasing out into the world to be difference makers themselves is great. It’s a gift.” She says the main message she We continue our conversation with Cole Waterman. Even though it’s been over 40 years, the memory of Jonestown and the massacre that ended it still haunts the American psyche. Few realize that the number of Americans killed on that fateful day is the highest right under the Twin Tower attacks of 9/11. Since the initial reporting of the event, little attention has been paid to any Michigan connections. Recently, MLive reporter Cole Waterman learned of a small group of citizens from various parts of the state who did meet their end in Guyana. He decided to focus on the life and death of one person in particular, Shirlee Fields. In this episode we discuss how Jonestown fascinated Cole, who was not yet born when this all happened. And	Grand Valley State University, Allendale Township, The City of Grand Rapids, graduates, graduation, ceremony
Mon Dec 11 13:36:53 2023	Cole Waterman on Jonestown's connection to Michigan - Part Two	Fred Stella	We continue our conversation with Cole Waterman. Even though it’s been over 40 years, the memory of Jonestown and the massacre that ended it still haunts the American psyche. Few realize that the number of Americans killed on that fateful day is the highest right under the Twin Tower attacks of 9/11. Since the initial reporting of the event, little attention has been paid to any Michigan connections. Recently, MLive reporter Cole Waterman learned of a small group of citizens from various parts of the state who did meet their end in Guyana. He decided to focus on the life and death of one person in particular, Shirlee Fields. In this episode we discuss how Jonestown fascinated Cole, who was not yet born when this all happened. And	common ground, religion, MLive Media Group, bay city, Christianity

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Mon Dec 11 12:01:59 2023	Person of interest arrested in slaying of Detroit synagogue president	Michael Oreskes	A person of interest has been arrested in connection with the fatal stabbing of a Detroit synagogue leader whose death after the start of the Israel-Hamas war prompted speculation the slaying could have been the result of antisemitism.But Police Chief James White has said the attack does not appear to be a result of antisemitism.The arrest is the second announced by the city's police department since the Oct. 21 slaying of Samantha Woll, 40, who was found dead outside her near-downtown home hours after returning from a wedding. Investigators believe the attack occurred inside Woll's home.A suspect initially taken into custody was released last month without any charges being filed. Detroit police did not say Sunday evening if the suspect currently being held is the same person previously arrested in the case.An attorney for the person arrested in November told The Associated Press on Monday that her client is not the person of interest currently being held by police.No other details were released by police.“We have a number of people that give us interest,” <a href="https://apnews.com/article/samantha-woll-synagogue-president-detroit-Ebony-Road-Players-presents...Polkadots, where all Grand Rapids Public School Third Graders see the show free of charge. This Cool Kid Musical is a special arts programming opportunity, Crystal Mountain welcomes skiers and more! Brittany Butti shares info about the snow on the ground, plus mywintertrails.com a wonderful Grand Haven Area’s Community Energy Plan offers drop in Open Houses this week, asking the community how would you power the region’s tomorrow, we also discuss the key priorities for the future of energy. Brittany Goode with Michigan Energy Options with the details.	synagogue, murder, killing, death, Detroit, police
Mon Dec 11 10:32:23 2023	Ebony Road Players	Shelley Irwin	Ebony Road Players presents...Polkadots, where all Grand Rapids Public School Third Graders see the show free of charge. This Cool Kid Musical is a special arts programming opportunity,	Ebony Road Players, Theatre, Musical,
Mon Dec 11 10:32:19 2023	Crystal Mountain is ready for skiers	Shelley Irwin	Crystal Mountain welcomes skiers and more! Brittany Butti shares info about the snow on the ground, plus mywintertrails.com a wonderful	Crystal Mountain, Outdoors, winter,
Mon Dec 11 10:32:17 2023	Grand Haven Area’s Community Energy Plan offers drop in Open	Shelley Irwin	Grand Haven Area’s Community Energy Plan offers drop in Open Houses this week, asking the community how would you power the region’s tomorrow, we also discuss the key priorities for the future of energy. Brittany Goode with Michigan Energy Options with the details.	Grand Haven, Energy, global warming, Housing, Open House
Mon Dec 11 10:32:13 2023	Epigenetics Unleashed	Shelley Irwin	Dr. Mili Thakur of Genome Ally discusses Epigenetics, a new science that explains how self care and lifestyle choices interact with our genetic code. A free webinar Epigenetics	Genetic Testing, Epigenetics,
Mon Dec 11 08:43:03 2023	MSU Names New President	Michelle Jokisch Polo	In a virtual meeting on Friday morning, the MSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously to select Kevin Guskiewicz (Gus-coh-wits) as the university’s 22 nd president.Guskiewicz is the chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also spent several decades as a faculty member there. Guskiewicz says he’s looking forward to moving to East Lansing.“As MSU next President, I pledged to build on the university storied legacy of academic and research excellence through a culture of collaboration and servant	Kevin Guskiewicz , MSU, Michigan State University

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<p>Mon Dec 11 06:40:52 2023</p>	<p>Stellantis plant fined for exceeding emission limit, must follow enforcement plan</p>	<p>Laura Herberg</p>	<p>The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, or EGLE, says the facility violated its air permit in the fall of 2022 by exceeding emission limits for volatile organic compounds. Erin Moran is an enforcement specialist for EGLE. She says the department is proposing that Stellantis sign a voluntary consent order that lays out a plan for the plant to remain in compliance with air quality emission standards. "Once they sign it, they legally have to follow that plan that is written in the consent order to resolve the violations as well as pay a</p>	<p>Stellantis, EGLE, Emissions, fine, environment</p>
<p>Sat Dec 09 07:36:46 2023</p>	<p>Michigan teen gets life in prison for Oxford High School attack</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>A judge sentenced a Michigan teenager to life in prison Friday for killing four students and terrorizing others at Oxford High School, after listening to hours of gripping anguish from parents and wounded survivors. Judge Kwame Rowe rejected pleas from defense lawyers for a shorter sentence and ensured that Ethan Crumbley, 17, will not get an opportunity for parole. Moments before learning his fate, the teen apologized and appeared to agree with his victims that the stiffest punishment was appropriate. "Any sentence that they ask for, I ask that you do impose it on me," the shooter said. "I want them to be happy, and I want them to feel secure and safe. I do not want them to worry another day. I really am sorry for what I've done. ... But I can try my best in the future to help other people, and that is what I will do." Life sentences for teenagers are rare in Michigan since the U.S. Supreme Court and the state's highest court said the acts of minors must be viewed differently than the crimes of adults. But Oakland County prosecutor Karen McDonald said a no-parole order fit the Oxford case. "It's not a moment to celebrate," McDonald said outside court. "It's tragic. And the voices today, I think, profoundly show that." Indeed, Rowe's decision followed deeply emotional remarks by families of the deceased and survivors who said the tragedy had irreparably turned their lives upside down. Crumbley, who was 15 when he committed the shooting, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and terrorism. He brought a gun to school, but his backpack was never checked, even after his parents were summoned that same day about their son's drawings, which included a gun and words: "The thoughts won't stop. Help me." "I am a really bad person. I've done terrible things," Crumbley said in court Friday. The judge said the shooting was planned well in advance, and he noted that the shooter had plenty of time to stop as he walked through school. Rowe was especially troubled by how victim Hana St. Juliana was repeatedly shot and that another, Justin Shilling, was shot at point-blank range in a bathroom while another student was forced to watch. He described it as "execution" and "torture." "The court cannot ignore the deep trauma caused to the state of Michigan and the Oxford community," the judge said. Earlier, Rowe allowed a framed photo of Tate Myre to be placed near him while the slain teen's father spoke. "We are miserable. We miss Tate," Buck Myre said. "Our family has a permanent hole in it that can never be fixed — ever." Nicole Beausoleil recalled seeing the body of her daughter, Madisyn Baldwin, at the medical examiner's office, her hand with blue-</p>	<p>life sentence, Ethan Crumbley, mass shooting, school shooting, Oxford High School</p>

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Fri Dec 08 15:22:27 2023	Local hiring expert reacts to economic report released this week	Dee Morrison	Beth Kelly owns HR Collaborative, a human resources firm and has spent 40 years helping local companies find and hire workers. She says West Michigan is doing a lot right, but there are some opportunities to improve. Companies struggle to fill jobs in manufacturing because fewer people are going into the field. Kelly believes they have to change perceptions to reflect what manufacturing is today. "It's not a dirty factory floor where you go in and work on a dangerous machine for 8 hours. In fact, it can be very collaborative, it can be very high tech." When attracting new people to West Michigan there's room for improvement too when it comes to diversity. Kelly says for instance, a person of color may still be a minority at business events. "We've got a ways to go there. If you go to any of the other kind of emerging towns, especially in the larger cities, you see a great melting pot and I don't think we're quite there yet." She says today's business owners are trying to engage the new generation of The University Club, which sits on the top floor of the Fifth Third Center in downtown Grand Rapids, announced its closure after operating for one hundred years. The club served as a meeting place for businesspeople, entrepreneurs and others who could socialize and network over fine cuisine and fine service. Speaking with WGUV's Shelley Irwin on her show, Board President Tom Pantalind says that the closure is due to lack of membership. "We didn't see quite the momentum that we had hoped and being in the financial world, the numbers don't lie and if we continued to operate in a function that wasn't making money, then we just had to take the time to close." General Manager Mark Canak says he believes Grand Rapids will feel the effect of the closure of the club. "This would create quite a void not only in the city but I also think in the state of Michigan. It is a central point between Chicago and Detroit. This is where businesses come together to have business lunches." Both Pantalind and Canak, however, say they still hope there is a place for organizations like the University Club in Grand Rapids' future. "I hope there are members of the community that will continue to come Plaza Towers condo owner Dan Hibma supports the amphitheater. "Our interest is to see the amphitheater is a great success and not a source of complaints." But he and other downtown residents are concerned because operators of the proposed amphitheater on Market Avenue along the Grand River will have a noise ordinance exemption until 11:00 PM. "They have said all we are going to hear is a free concert all we are going to hear is the boom, boom." Plaza Towers resident Hal Froot says he understands the decibel level in his condo will compare to a vacuum cleaner. "Put on a vacuum cleaner and have dinner and see how annoying that is." Grand Rapids mayor Roselynn Bliss and city manager Mark Washington say architects and sound engineers will find ways to minimize the noise nuisance. "I have a lot of faith and confidence in the people around the table working on that." "I'm confident we will be able to	Grand Rapids, manufacturing, hiring, Hiring West Michigan, jobs, The Right Place
Fri Dec 08 15:11:44 2023	University Club closing after 100 years	David Limbaugh	Beth Kelly owns HR Collaborative, a human resources firm and has spent 40 years helping local companies find and hire workers. She says West Michigan is doing a lot right, but there are some opportunities to improve. Companies struggle to fill jobs in manufacturing because fewer people are going into the field. Kelly believes they have to change perceptions to reflect what manufacturing is today. "It's not a dirty factory floor where you go in and work on a dangerous machine for 8 hours. In fact, it can be very collaborative, it can be very high tech." When attracting new people to West Michigan there's room for improvement too when it comes to diversity. Kelly says for instance, a person of color may still be a minority at business events. "We've got a ways to go there. If you go to any of the other kind of emerging towns, especially in the larger cities, you see a great melting pot and I don't think we're quite there yet." She says today's business owners are trying to engage the new generation of The University Club, which sits on the top floor of the Fifth Third Center in downtown Grand Rapids, announced its closure after operating for one hundred years. The club served as a meeting place for businesspeople, entrepreneurs and others who could socialize and network over fine cuisine and fine service. Speaking with WGUV's Shelley Irwin on her show, Board President Tom Pantalind says that the closure is due to lack of membership. "We didn't see quite the momentum that we had hoped and being in the financial world, the numbers don't lie and if we continued to operate in a function that wasn't making money, then we just had to take the time to close." General Manager Mark Canak says he believes Grand Rapids will feel the effect of the closure of the club. "This would create quite a void not only in the city but I also think in the state of Michigan. It is a central point between Chicago and Detroit. This is where businesses come together to have business lunches." Both Pantalind and Canak, however, say they still hope there is a place for organizations like the University Club in Grand Rapids' future. "I hope there are members of the community that will continue to come Plaza Towers condo owner Dan Hibma supports the amphitheater. "Our interest is to see the amphitheater is a great success and not a source of complaints." But he and other downtown residents are concerned because operators of the proposed amphitheater on Market Avenue along the Grand River will have a noise ordinance exemption until 11:00 PM. "They have said all we are going to hear is a free concert all we are going to hear is the boom, boom." Plaza Towers resident Hal Froot says he understands the decibel level in his condo will compare to a vacuum cleaner. "Put on a vacuum cleaner and have dinner and see how annoying that is." Grand Rapids mayor Roselynn Bliss and city manager Mark Washington say architects and sound engineers will find ways to minimize the noise nuisance. "I have a lot of faith and confidence in the people around the table working on that." "I'm confident we will be able to	University Club of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Shelley Irwin
Fri Dec 08 13:32:04 2023	Plaza Towers residents concerned about noise from forthcoming amphitheater	Phil Dawson	Beth Kelly owns HR Collaborative, a human resources firm and has spent 40 years helping local companies find and hire workers. She says West Michigan is doing a lot right, but there are some opportunities to improve. Companies struggle to fill jobs in manufacturing because fewer people are going into the field. Kelly believes they have to change perceptions to reflect what manufacturing is today. "It's not a dirty factory floor where you go in and work on a dangerous machine for 8 hours. In fact, it can be very collaborative, it can be very high tech." When attracting new people to West Michigan there's room for improvement too when it comes to diversity. Kelly says for instance, a person of color may still be a minority at business events. "We've got a ways to go there. If you go to any of the other kind of emerging towns, especially in the larger cities, you see a great melting pot and I don't think we're quite there yet." She says today's business owners are trying to engage the new generation of The University Club, which sits on the top floor of the Fifth Third Center in downtown Grand Rapids, announced its closure after operating for one hundred years. The club served as a meeting place for businesspeople, entrepreneurs and others who could socialize and network over fine cuisine and fine service. Speaking with WGUV's Shelley Irwin on her show, Board President Tom Pantalind says that the closure is due to lack of membership. "We didn't see quite the momentum that we had hoped and being in the financial world, the numbers don't lie and if we continued to operate in a function that wasn't making money, then we just had to take the time to close." General Manager Mark Canak says he believes Grand Rapids will feel the effect of the closure of the club. "This would create quite a void not only in the city but I also think in the state of Michigan. It is a central point between Chicago and Detroit. This is where businesses come together to have business lunches." Both Pantalind and Canak, however, say they still hope there is a place for organizations like the University Club in Grand Rapids' future. "I hope there are members of the community that will continue to come Plaza Towers condo owner Dan Hibma supports the amphitheater. "Our interest is to see the amphitheater is a great success and not a source of complaints." But he and other downtown residents are concerned because operators of the proposed amphitheater on Market Avenue along the Grand River will have a noise ordinance exemption until 11:00 PM. "They have said all we are going to hear is a free concert all we are going to hear is the boom, boom." Plaza Towers resident Hal Froot says he understands the decibel level in his condo will compare to a vacuum cleaner. "Put on a vacuum cleaner and have dinner and see how annoying that is." Grand Rapids mayor Roselynn Bliss and city manager Mark Washington say architects and sound engineers will find ways to minimize the noise nuisance. "I have a lot of faith and confidence in the people around the table working on that." "I'm confident we will be able to	Acrisure, Acrisure Amphitheater, Noise, downtown, Performance

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Fri Dec 08 13:24:44 2023 Michigan school shooting victims speak as teen faces possible life sentence Associated Press

Parents of students killed at Michigan's Oxford High School described the anguish of losing their children Friday as a judge considered whether a teenager will serve a life sentence for a mass shooting in 2021. Crime victims in Michigan have a right to speak in court, and Judge Kwame Rowe repeatedly acknowledged the tension, emotions and despair during the final hearing in suburban Detroit. "Your statements," Rowe said, "do not fall on deaf ears." Ethan Crumbley, 17, could be locked up with no chance for parole for killing four fellow students and wounding others, a punishment sought by the Oakland County prosecutor. But because of the shooter's age, the judge also could order a shorter sentence — anywhere from 25 years to 40 years at a minimum — that would eventually make him eligible for release by the state parole board. "We are miserable. We miss Tate," said Buck Myre, the father of Tate Myre. "Our family has a permanent hole in it that can never be fixed — ever." Nicole Beausoleil recalled seeing the body of her daughter, Madisyn Baldwin, at the medical examiner's office, her hand with blue-painted fingernails sticking out from a covering. "I looked through the glass. My scream should have shattered it," Beausoleil said. The shooter pleaded guilty to all 24 charges in the 2021 Oxford High School shooting, including first-degree murder and terrorism. Jill Soave, the mother of Justin Shilling, told the shooter that he executed a boy who could have helped him navigate awkward teenage years. "If you were that lonely, that miserable and lost, and you really needed a friend. Justin would have been your friend — if only you had asked," Soave said. Crumbley, who was 15 at the time of the shooting, looked down as Soave and others spoke in court. He also will have an opportunity to address the judge and possibly explain why he believes he should be spared a life sentence. Kylie Ossege described in detail how she had urged Hana St. Juliana a "thousand times" to keep breathing while they waited for help on a blood-soaked carpet. Her classmate died. Ossege, now a college student, was shot and continues to struggle with daily pain from spinal injuries. "Being able to swing a leg over my horse is my therapy. It is pure joy," she said of Blaze. "I have not been able to do it for two years." Defense attorney Paulette Michel Loftin has argued Crumbley deserves an opportunity for parole after his "sick brain" is fixed through counseling and rehabilitation. But after

Michigan, school shooting, Ethan Crumbley, Victims, sentencing

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<p>Fri Dec 08 13:21:03 2023</p>	<p>Michigan State selects UNC- Chapel Hill chancellor as next president</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>Michigan State University named the chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as it's next president Friday morning, ending a search that began last October after the previous president quit amid tension with the school's governing board. Kevin Guskiewicz, who has served as chancellor at UNC-Chapel Hill for the past four years, was approved by the Board of Trustees in an unanimous vote Friday morning. He will become Michigan State's 22nd overall president and the fifth person to lead the university since former President Anna Lou Simon resigned in 2018 in the wake of the Larry Nassar sexual assault scandal. The university has remained embroiled in controversy since the scandal. A Michigan State hearing officer determined in October that former football coach Mel Tucker, who was fired in September, sexually harassed and exploited rape survivor and activist Brenda Tracy. Women who were assaulted by Nassar sued the university in July, accusing school officials of making "secret decisions" in refusing to release more than 6,000 documents from an investigation into how he was allowed to get away with his behavior. Divisions within the Board of Trustees, which contributed to President Samuel Stanley Jr.'s resignation last October after less than three years in the position, have also not improved. An effort to oust board Chair Rema Vassar failed in October after another trustee accused her, among other things, of bullying colleagues. Guskiewicz, a 28-year member of the UNC-Chapel Hill community who first joined as faculty and later served as dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences. A neuroscientist and concussion researcher, Guskiewicz was named the Kenan Distinguished Professor of Exercise and Sport Science at the university in 2009. "I am aware that Michigan State University has faced more than its share of challenges</p>	<p>michigan state university, President, University, university appointments, MSU</p>
<p>Fri Dec 08 10:49:19 2023</p>	<p>A charter airplane joins partners to collect toys</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>A charter airplane joins partners to collect toys! Hangar9 partners with U.P. Kids to collect toys for foster children in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Nick Sanderson, Pamela Kein and Karen Horrigan-Kareismatic with comments. Guests discuss giving back this holiday season.</p>	<p>Upper Peninsula, Kids, airplanes, Charity, Holiday</p>
<p>Fri Dec 08 10:49:16 2023</p>	<p>Holland Museum presents the exhibit</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Holland Museum presents the exhibit Newsflash! The History of Journalism in Holland, Maddalena Frissora joins in to talk about about this exhibit sharing the power of storytelling and Journalism in Holland. The exhibit runs through April 8<sup>th</sup>, we discuss many</p>	<p>Holland, Holland Museum, Journalism, history, History</p>

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Fri Dec 08 10:49:14 2023	Best selling author David Baldacci presents his new book	Shelley Irwin	Best selling author David Baldacci joins the show, this Master Storyteller’s latest work The Edge, the second in the 6:20 Man series. We discuss his secrets to best selling success as one of the most prolific authors and his challenging part of storytelling.	Book, Author, David Baldacci, Thriller, New York Times Bestseller
Fri Dec 08 10:49:10 2023	Davenport University presents Casa	Shelley Irwin	Davenport University presents Casa Latina, a new unique bilingual program to be launched in 2024. Carlos Sanchez, ED of the new initiative, shares a preview of this totally online program. Upon graduation, students will be proficient in Spanish and English.	Davenport University, Spanish, bilingual, Education,
Fri Dec 08 10:04:15 2023	Holland Hospital and University of Michigan Health form alliance	Patrick Center	Holland Hospital and University of Michigan Health say the strategic alliance takes effect immediately. This is a partnership agreement and not a merger. Ownership and governance will remain whole at each healthcare system. What the alliance achieves is expanding patient care. For Lakeshore patients, University of Michigan Health will provide its clinical specialties at Holland Hospital.Patti VanDort is president of Holland Hospital, she said, “Holland Hospital has enjoyed a collaborative and positive relationship with University of Michigan Health over the years, and we are enthusiastic for the opportunity to deepen our alliance to continue serving the evolving needs of our patients and the communities we serve.”University	University of Michigan Health, University of Michigan Health West, Holland Hospital, alliances
Fri Dec 08 08:45:58 2023	State court to hear case against Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority	Patrick Center	A Kent County 17 th Circuit Court judge will hear the state’s case against the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority. The motion filed by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel granted by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan.In September 2020, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy sent the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority a Violation Notice demanding the airport address the release of per- and poly fluoroalkyl substances into groundwater impacting streams and residential drinking water wells in Cascade Charter Township. Firefighting foam used at the airport.is the primary source of the man-made chemical known as PFAS.It’s been three years since that violation notice was sent and received. Attorney General Nessel seeks remediation and monitoring costs along with damages for the loss and destruction of natural resources.The airport authority says it’s disappointed by the ruling.“GFIAA has	Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Gerald R Ford International Airport Authority, Michigan Attorney General, PFAS, firefighting foam, lawsuit, ground water, groundwater contamination,
Fri Dec 08 08:38:21 2023	MSCA considers next steps after Line 5 tunnel advances	Teresa Homs	The Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority is one of two state boards that are involved in the proposed tunnel.Authority chairman, Paul Novak, says Enbridge is now required to submit a detailed risk management plan to the Authority. But the Michigan Public Service Commission's role in this process still remains unclear."The point about the risk management plan, requiring not only that it be submitted, but that it be approved -- that is something for which clarification from the PSC could be sought if we don’t think it is sufficiently."During	Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority, line 5, tunnel, Enbridge Line 5 pipeline, Enbridge Energy

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Fri Dec 08 08:27:12 2023 Michigan Tina Sawyer
veterinarians on
alert for
mysterious dog
illness

Veterinarians say respiratory diseases in dogs are not <i>un</i>-common. Just like people, dogs can get something like our common cold, called "kennel cough", that's vaccine preventable. Dr. Kimberly Dodd is the Director of the Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. She says there are key differences between this mystery illness and other respiratory diseases. "Dogs start to develop sort of a chronic pneumonia...there are some reports of dogs who start with a cough that very quickly evolved into a more severe syndrome." Dr. Dodd says at this point there's no indication that this respiratory bug is passed

Dogs, illness,
Respiratory
Infections, kennel
cough, veterinarian

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Fri Dec 08 08:07:36 2023

High-profile
attacks on Derek
Chauvin and Larry
Nassar put
spotlight on
violence in federal
prisons

Associated Press

Derek Chauvin was [stabbed nearly two dozen times](https://apnews.com/article/derek-chauvin-stabbing-suspect-d458e9c8fba02a98d5dbabb1884dc1cc) in the law library at a federal prison in Arizona. Larry Nassar was [knifed repeatedly](https://apnews.com/article/larry-nassar-gymnastics-stabbed-prison-98c5ca2052f0ebce4a785f5fa2b2ede2) in his cell at a federal penitentiary in Florida. The assaults of two notorious, high-profile federal prisoners by fellow inmates in recent months have renewed concerns about whether the chronically understaffed, crisis-plagued federal Bureau of Prisons is capable of keeping people in its custody safe. In the shadow of gangster James “Whitey” Bulger’s 2018 beating death at a West Virginia federal penitentiary and financier Jeffrey Epstein’s 2019 suicide at a Manhattan federal jail while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges, the Bureau of Prisons is again under scrutiny for failing to protect high-profile prisoners from harm. Chauvin, 47, the former Minneapolis police officer convicted of [murdering George Floyd](https://apnews.com/hub/george-floyd) in 2020, was hospitalized for a week after he was assaulted Nov. 24 at a medium-security federal prison in Tucson, Arizona — the same complex where an inmate tried to shoot a visitor last year with a contraband gun. Chauvin's suspected attacker, an ex-gang leader, told correctional officers he would have killed him if they hadn't responded when they did, prosecutors said. He was charged last week with attempted murder and has been moved out of Chauvin's prison to a federal penitentiary next door. Chauvin’s family is “very concerned about the facility’s capacity to protect Derek from further harm,” his lawyer, Gregory Erickson, said. “They remain unassured that any changes have been made to the faulty procedures that allowed Derek’s attack to occur in the first place.” Nassar, 60, the ex-U.S. women’s gymnastics team doctor who sexually abused athletes, was treated for a collapsed lung after he was stabbed multiple times in the neck, chest and back on July 9 at a federal penitentiary in Coleman, Florida. His attacker was stopped by other inmates before officers arrived. The attacks on Chauvin and Nassar, among dozens of other assaults and deaths involving lesser-known federal inmates, are symptoms of larger systemic problems within the Justice Department’s largest agency that put all 158,000 federal prisoners at risk. They include severe staffing shortages, staff-on-inmate abuse, broken surveillance cameras and crumbling infrastructure. The violence has challenged a

Dr. Larry Nassar,
Derek Chauvin,
attack, Prison

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<p>Fri Dec 08 08:01:41 2023</p>	<p>University of Michigan launches new effort to fight antisemitism</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>The University of Michigan has launched a new effort to fight antisemitism and promote religious inclusion amid a rise in hate-inspired attacks globally, its president said Thursday. The university is establishing the Raoul Wallenberg Institute on its Ann Arbor campus, which will use research and scholarship on antisemitism to find ways to fight it, President Santa Ono told its Board of Regents. "Today, we are bringing together leading U-M expertise and diverse perspectives toward a safer and more inclusive world, and even more, a brighter world of peace," Ono said. The institute is named after the Michigan alumnus and Swedish diplomat credited with saving thousands of Jewish lives during the Holocaust by issuing passports and sheltering Jews in buildings that he marked as Swedish territory. The university community, which is home to 6,500 Jewish students, was the scene of anti semitic and homophobic vandalism at two off-campus fraternity houses in July that included broken windows and a swastika spray-painted at one of the locations. The university's announcement came amid increasing fears of antisemitism worldwide and fallout from Israel's war in Gaza which faces heightened criticism. In this case "adopt" meant lawmakers adopting ballot measures to raise the minimum wage and guarantee sick time into law before they went before voters. And "amend" meant watering them down with new laws later that session. The plaintiffs argue that's anti-Democratic. But Deputy Solicitor General Eric Restuccia says voters could've challenged the changes through a referendum. "This idea that somehow the people have been cut out the process is wrong." However, attorney Mark Brewer says that's an undue burden. "Unconstitutional</p>	<p>University of Michigan, Antisemitism</p>
<p>Thu Dec 07 16:42:55 2023</p>	<p>Michigan Supreme Court hears arguments over "adopt and amend"</p>	<p>Colin Jackson</p>	<p>In this case "adopt" meant lawmakers adopting ballot measures to raise the minimum wage and guarantee sick time into law before they went before voters. And "amend" meant watering them down with new laws later that session. The plaintiffs argue that's anti-Democratic. But Deputy Solicitor General Eric Restuccia says voters could've challenged the changes through a referendum. "This idea that somehow the people have been cut out the process is wrong." However, attorney Mark Brewer says that's an undue burden. "Unconstitutional</p>	<p>Supreme Court, Michigan Supreme Court, court, courts, constitutional, lawmakers,</p>

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Thu Dec 07 16:34:22 2023 The Right Place Dee Morrison
releases
manufacturing
economic outlook

Economists say manufacturing growth in West Michigan is at a level they'd expect to see if there had been no pandemic, and they have some recommendations to see it continue. Manufacturing jobs are up 7% from 10 years ago, and 55% of companies surveyed plan to expand. That's according to a new manufacturing report by The Right Place, an economic development organization. The report focuses on key trends like changes in the labor force, housing, education, and inflation. Recruiting and keeping workers continues to be critical, says Randy Thelen, President and CEO of The Right Place. With people working remotely, they're more mobile than ever, and now, he says is the time to capture the population growth. "It might not be there in 10-15 years. If we're going to be positioned to be a sustained winning market, we have to grow a bit faster." Michael Horrigan, President of the Upjohn Institute says in ten years, West Michigan will have less labor available but will need to export more product. Companies have to figure out how to do that. "That spells automation, it spells training. It's no longer the high school grad walking into a job. It's the high school grad with certificate training, industry licenses, an associate degree and also obviously bachelor's and above." Thelen acknowledges West Michigan can do better at extending training for future

Grand Rapids, The
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manufacturing, Local
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economic forecast

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Thu Dec 07 16:31:08 2023 Have You Seen...? David Hast, Scott
Episode 25 Vander Werf

David Hast: Scott, have you seen Doctor Strange Love? Scott Vander Werf: I have seen Doctor Strange Love or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb probably about 20 times if you include. DH: Wow. SVW: Yeah, well, you know, you think about it back in the in the late 60s, early 70s, mid 70s. It was on TV a lot. It was the one Stanley Kubrick film that that you could see on, you know, late night television or on the weekend on a UHF channel. And then the first time I saw it on the big screen was when I was at my freshman year of college at Western Michigan University. And it played at the film series not at Western but right next door at Kalamazoo College. So I had an opportunity to see it on the big screen. And then of course, later on, I transferred to film school and, and saw it at least once in a class, if not more than once. DH: Well, you've seen it more times than I have, but it's a terrific film, isn't it? Hilarious. SVW: It's great. It's, I mean, it's a hilarious film. As a kid, I actually took it seriously, probably the first time I saw it when I was like 10 or 11 or 12. DH: Well, yeah, it's Stanley Kubrick's movie about nuclear war, about the Cold War and the threat of nuclear annihilation that everyone lived with in the 50s and 60s. This movie was shot in 1963. And when he first started to make it and started to write the script, he thought it was gonna be a serious thing. And then he realized, that's just gonna be depressing and not that interesting, and there's other movies about nuclear war that are serious, so I'm gonna make it a dark comedy and a satire. And that's what makes it a masterpiece. SVW: Yeah, and the plot is that Air Force General Jack D. Ripper, who's played by Sterling Hayden in one of his great roles. He kind of goes nuts uses a loophole in the US nuclear weapons plans to bypass the president and order an attack on the Soviet Union Sending dozens of nuclear armed B-52 bombers that can only be recalled with a code that ripper has But he barricades himself inside his office and orders the men on his base to fight off the US Army troops that George C Scott's character general Buck Turginson has sent there and with him is Peter Sellers as a exchange officer from Britain, group captain Lionel Mandrake, and that's one of three roles that Peter Sellers plays in the movie. DH: Yes, and that's one of the things that's most remembered about this movie. Peter Sellers plays the British captain, he plays the president of the United States, and most famously he plays the ex-Nazi rocket scientist, Dr. Strangelove. SVW: Dr. Strangelove, who's in a wheelchair. DH: Yeah, and he's in a wheelchair, but his right arm is still a Nazi. Like, he can't hide that, right? This is a satire based on the after World War II in real life. Where did all these

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Thu Dec 07 16:23:35 2023	Last sentencings are on docket in 2020 plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer	Associated Press	<p>A judge will hand down the final sentences Thursday in a plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, capping a remarkable investigation that broke into public view on the eve of the 2020 presidential election but produced mixed results in court. Shawn Fix and Brian Higgins pleaded guilty earlier this year in northern Michigan's Antrim County, the location of Whitmer's second home. They were not key figures in the investigation. But Higgins, a resident of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, acknowledged he went on a night ride on Whitmer's road with a camera rigged to his pickup truck. He pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support for terrorism. Fix pleaded guilty to providing material support. The suburban Detroit man admitted he assisted plot leader Adam Fox pinpoint Whitmer's address for an earlier drive. Prosecutors said they also had other evidence against Fix. Whitmer, a Democrat, was targeted as part of a broad effort by anti-government rebels to trigger a civil war around the time of the 2020 election, investigators said. Her COVID-19 policies, which shut down schools and restricted the economy, were deeply scorned by critics and stoked anger. A raft of informants and undercover FBI agents, however, was inside the group for months, leading to arrests in October 2020. Whitmer was not physically harmed. Fourteen people were charged in three different courts in Michigan. Nine people were Welcome Plan West Michigan, a group committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for new Americans, immigrants and refugees in Kent County, recently held a Q & A session in which refugees could meet with local law enforcement. Approximately 70 people attended. According to MaryAnne Flier, Cross-Cultural Community Manager for Treetops Collective: "All of the feedback we received was, that was incredible, that was wonderful, we're so thankful that we had the chance to have those conversations. But now, how do we make sure that those conversations are ongoing, that it's not just a one-time event?" In an effort to do that, Welcome Plan, along with Treetops and the Kent County Sheriff's Department decided to start an ongoing community drop-in every Monday throughout the month of December: "The idea was bringing somebody from law enforcement on site on a regular basis, let the community members know that they're here, and can drop in and speak with them at any time during that hour." Flier says she hopes the drop-in serves as a blueprint for other organizations and wants to encourage local immigrant and refugee</p>	Whitmer, Gretchen Whitmer, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, kidnapping, kidnapping plot, conspiracy to kidnap, sentencing, Sentences
Thu Dec 07 15:48:08 2023	Kent County program seeks to connect refugees with law enforcement	David Limbaugh	<p>Welcome Plan West Michigan, a group committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for new Americans, immigrants and refugees in Kent County, recently held a Q & A session in which refugees could meet with local law enforcement. Approximately 70 people attended. According to MaryAnne Flier, Cross-Cultural Community Manager for Treetops Collective: "All of the feedback we received was, that was incredible, that was wonderful, we're so thankful that we had the chance to have those conversations. But now, how do we make sure that those conversations are ongoing, that it's not just a one-time event?" In an effort to do that, Welcome Plan, along with Treetops and the Kent County Sheriff's Department decided to start an ongoing community drop-in every Monday throughout the month of December: "The idea was bringing somebody from law enforcement on site on a regular basis, let the community members know that they're here, and can drop in and speak with them at any time during that hour." Flier says she hopes the drop-in serves as a blueprint for other organizations and wants to encourage local immigrant and refugee</p>	refugees, refugee, New Americans, Kent County, law enforcement, West Michigan law enforcement, law

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Thu Dec 07 15:37:18 2023	CDC Director Cohen urges vaccinations during Detroit visit	Russell McNamara	About 2.2 million people in Michigan have received a flu shot, but fewer than half of that number have received the latest Covid-19 booster. RSV, another respiratory illness, is also making the rounds. CDC Director Dr. Mandy Cohen says there's a vax for that too, for young kids and their moms. "If you're a pregnant mom and you're between 32 and 36 weeks we also have a new vaccine for pregnant moms to protect their babies against RSV." Dr. Cohen says local health departments meeting people where they are can be huge to ending health care disparities in Black and brown communities. "Pairing together folks who are already trusted	CDC, Vaccinations, vaccinated, Detroit, City of Detroit
Thu Dec 07 10:31:05 2023	Holistic Health with Hollie Schipper, ND	Shelley Irwin	We discuss Holistic Health with Hollie Schipper, ND, Naturopathic Doctor, what it is and how it helps with good health. Hollie and her team with Harmonic Wellness are winners of the West Michigan Woman Magazine Readers Choice Awards.	Health, Wellness, West Michigan, West Michigan Woman,
Thu Dec 07 10:31:00 2023	The Roving Mic looks at fundraising for the Amway River Bank	Shelley Irwin	The Amway River Bank Run happens the second weekend of May but now the Charity Partners gather to begin raising teams and funds. The Roving Mic brings you part one of a 2 part series, introducing those charities chosen. Today we hear from Guiding Light Ministries, No Surrender Running Club and Meals on Wheels of Western Michigan.	Roving Mic, Amway Riverbank Run, Guiding Light, Meals on Wheels
Thu Dec 07 10:30:56 2023	Actors Theatre presents Oil and Sugar starting this week	Shelley Irwin	Actors Theatre presents a world premiere opening this week, Oil and Sugar, written by a local playwright. We talk with those involved, including Liz Merriman, Kyle Los and Seth Kauderer playing Rusty. Playwright Randy Wyatt did lose his life this past summer, so a bittersweet production and conversation to be had.	Actors Theatre, Theatre, Actors, Play, Performance
Thu Dec 07 10:30:53 2023	The University Club of Grand Rapids is closing its doors after 100 years of service	Shelley Irwin	The University Club of Grand Rapids is closing its doors after 100 years of service. GM Mark Canak and Board President Tom Pantlind discuss the tough decision to close the doors with membership down, and more. We also talk about hopes for the future.	University Club of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, nonprofit
Thu Dec 07 08:11:33 2023	Grand Rapids Voter Access Town Hall is part of the larger 2024 My City Votes Campaign	Patrick Center	The Grand Rapids Voter Access Town Hall is bringing together community leaders along with Kent County and Grand Rapids government officials focused on helping community members navigate new voting laws. In particular, new voting rights enacted with the passages of Proposal 2. That includes early voting of up to nine days before election day and absentee voting. "Once you sign up to be absentee, that is going to be forever." Erica Bouldin is a Climate Justice Organizers at Urban Core Collective. "So, you don't have to go back every single year and update that. And you don't have to be disabled or out of the country or anything like that." "We're also going to be expanding the requirements for absentee ballot drop boxes across the state." Charlie Beall is Director of Education Programs at Voters Not Politicians Education Fund. He explained seamless and secure access for voters is the goal. "These new rights need a lot of education across the state so that voters know what their	voting initiative, voter, Voters not politicians, town hall, Grand Rapids, Kent County, election, Education, Grand Rapids Voter Access Town Hall, Linc Up, Urban Core Collective

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Thu Dec 07 07:26:54 2023	Whitmer signs new laws to discourage threats and violence against health workers	Rick Pluta	Governor Gretchen Whitmer hopes tougher laws will help stem the growth of threats and violence against health care workers. She signed the bills Wednesday at a hospital in Lansing. The governor was flanked by health care workers, union leaders and hospital administrators who described incidents and conditions that put workers at risk and stood in the way of providing care to patients. The governor said hospitals and clinics need to be safe spaces. "You cannot go into these types of places and make threats and assault people. It's unacceptable," she said. "We're seeing this increase across many parts of industry and that's why it's important that health care places are safe places and that's why we're taking this action today," she said. "Glad we got it done." The tougher penalties, directed only toward people who are not patients, would also apply to attacks on medical volunteers. Facilities including medical hospitals and psychiatric hospitals will have to post the new penalties in prominent locations. The new laws will take effect in 90 days. Whitmer said on-the-job threats	Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Gretchen Whitmer, Healthcare, Safety, workers, worker safety
Thu Dec 07 07:15:45 2023	Service Commission considers future of signing bonuses for state positions	Michelle Jokisch Polo	The state of Michigan is considering whether to continue offering signing bonuses for certain hard to fill roles. The state's Civil Service Commission approved a pilot program earlier this year to give at least 25-hundred dollars in signing bonuses to newly hired auditors, financial analysts and occupational safety advisors. Liza Estlund Olson is the director of the office of the state employer. She says the program has proven to be successful. "So instead of just saying a pilot, we said, well, let's, let's continue it. But departments have to have money in their budget, and they have to decide if they want to use the program in any given year." During	jobs, state of Michigan, Civil Service Commission, Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Civil Service Commission,

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Thu Dec 07 06:59:44 2023 Survivors of Colin Jackson
 former referee's
 sexual abuse call
 for changes to
 statutes of
 limitations

Cory Rens was around eight years old when he said he first met the [now-incarcerated Gerald Sutter](https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/2023/09/18/gerald-sutter-referee-lansing-township-sexual-assault-sentence/70894649007/). Sutter spent years as a Lansing area sports referee and Rens said he was best friends with Sutter's stepson at the time. Earlier this year, Sutter was sentenced to several years in prison over first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct charges. During a press conference in Lansing Wednesday, Rens said he was among Sutter's victims. Rens said he came forward as a child but was largely ignored. Now with some gray hair, he reflected on developing a "tough guy" persona to avoid being looked at differently. "That's mainly the reason a lot of people don't come forward until they're older, they don't care. They don't care. At that point, they don't care what nobody thinks about them. I came forward at a young age and I was told I was crazy," Rens said. Shawn Sutherlin, now 41 years old, said he met Sutter while Sutherlin was 16 and working at the concession stand at a local athletics center. Despite Sutter ultimately facing charges, imprisonment, and a lawsuit for his behavior, both Rens and Sutherlin feel like they were prevented from getting their sense of justice. That's because Michigan's statute of limitations had expired on both Rens' and Sutherlin's experiences by the time they approached local prosecutors as adults. Sutherlin says after seeing others come forward, he explained his story to prosecutors in hopes of receiving justice. But he was told he was too late. "I was immediately met, well not immediately, after about two hours, met with 'There's no possibility of that.' And that's, that's crushing after sharing such a sensitive, raw story," Sutherlin said. Sutherlin and Rens are now calling on state lawmakers to extend the statute of limitations to ensure other survivors don't receive that same feeling. [Current state law](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ekzio4gs4uqbf0kxy4d344su))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-767-24) gives the latter of either 15 years after an offense, or until the victim's 28th birthday, to file criminal charges for sexually assaulting a minor in the second or third degree. For civil lawsuits, survivors have [either until their 28th](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ekzio4gs4uqbf0kxy4d344su))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-600-5851b) [birthday or three years after they recognize](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ekzio4gs4uqbf0kxy4d344su))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-600-5851b) Leaders of The Rapid stress no routes are being eliminated but they are reducing the hours the buses are running. As ridership continues to climb, the struggle to have enough drivers available is forcing them to cut service. Rapid CEO Deb Prato said in a news release that drivers continually tell the Board they are overworked, and working too much overtime. The new winter service plan addresses the issue by reducing service hours, as the Rapid works to

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 sexual assault

Wed Dec 06 16:32:22 2023 Bus system Dee Morrison
 changing winter
 service due to
 driver shortage

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 Rapid, bus, bus
 drivers, bus routes,
 bus service

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Wed Dec 06 16:05:08 2023	Grand Rapids Public Schools continue public forums	David Limbaugh	<p>During Wednesday’s online forum, GRPS spokesperson Leon Hendrix fielded and read over twenty questions submitted live concerning the district’s future plans. Those questions were then answered by various school board members. GRPS is proposing a number of strategic moves, including the closing of their most underutilized school buildings. These consolidations are expected to save the school district \$63 million dollars in outstanding maintenance and repairs to older facilities:“There is a lot of passion behind each building that we are talking about, transitioning to another place or school communities that we’re talking about joining with others, so we hear that passion, we understand that concern about individual schools.”Currently, GRPS says that all of their school buildings are only half full and that these consolidations, as well as other proposals, would bring their building utilization rate up to 73%. Superintendent Dr. Leadriane Roby says that ideas are still being discussed on what to do with any buildings that could potentially close, or those that have already been shuttered, like Alexander Elementary:“We’ve talked with many community partners about possibly utilizing that space for housing or utilizing that space for youth. kind of creative</p> <p>The Michigan Supreme Court refused Wednesday to immediately hear an appeal of a lower court’s ruling that would allow former President Donald Trump’s name on the state’s presidential primary ballot.The state Supreme Court said the case should remain before the state court of appeals, and not immediately move to Michigan’s highest court as a liberal group had requested.The court said in its order that it “is not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this Court before consideration by the Court of Appeals.”Dozens of cases hoping to keep Trump’s name off state ballots contend that his actions related to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol ran afoul of a clause in the 14th Amendment that prevents anyone from holding office who “engaged in insurrection or rebellion” against the Constitution.In Michigan, attorneys for a group of an activists asked the state Supreme Court on Nov. 16 for an “immediate and expedited consideration” for appeal and an “emergency application” to bypass the state Appeals Court.The liberal group Free Speech for People — a nonprofit also behind a lawsuit seeking to keep Trump off Minnesota’s ballot — had sued to force Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson to bar Trump from Michigan’s ballot.</p>	Grand Rapids, GRPS, Schools, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Education
Wed Dec 06 15:14:55 2023	Michigan high court declines to immediately hear appeal of ruling allowing Trump on primary ballot	Associated Press	<p>The Michigan Supreme Court refused Wednesday to immediately hear an appeal of a lower court’s ruling that would allow former President Donald Trump’s name on the state’s presidential primary ballot.The state Supreme Court said the case should remain before the state court of appeals, and not immediately move to Michigan’s highest court as a liberal group had requested.The court said in its order that it “is not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this Court before consideration by the Court of Appeals.”Dozens of cases hoping to keep Trump’s name off state ballots contend that his actions related to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol ran afoul of a clause in the 14th Amendment that prevents anyone from holding office who “engaged in insurrection or rebellion” against the Constitution.In Michigan, attorneys for a group of an activists asked the state Supreme Court on Nov. 16 for an “immediate and expedited consideration” for appeal and an “emergency application” to bypass the state Appeals Court.The liberal group Free Speech for People — a nonprofit also behind a lawsuit seeking to keep Trump off Minnesota’s ballot — had sued to force Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson to bar Trump from Michigan’s ballot.</p>	Trump, election, Primary Election, Jocelyn Benson, Court of law

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Wed Dec 06 15:11:11 2023	University of Michigan bars student vote on issues related to Israel-Hamas war	Associated Press	<p>The president of the University of Michigan said he has barred students from voting on two “controversial and divisive” resolutions related to the Israel-Hamas war. “The proposed resolutions have done more to stoke fear, anger and animosity on our campus than they would ever accomplish as recommendations to the university,” Santa Ono said in an online post Tuesday. One pro-Palestinian resolution presented to student government asks the university to “recognize the millions of people undergoing genocide in Gaza” and to acknowledge “settler colonialism” there by Israel. The other resolution asks that the university support students “impacted by ongoing violence in Israel and Gaza” and disclose plans to keep students safe. It also includes criticism of Hamas. Each resolution seeking campus votes had more than 1,000 signatures. Ono said the resolutions were “controversial and divisive.” “The proposals have generated an involuntary and unwarranted amount of outside negative attention on a community whose primary objective is to learn, to teach, to research</p> <p>There is a vacancy on the Ottawa County Board after Commissioner Kyle Terpstra resigned because of what he called significant changes in his life. Here is what Commissioner Jacob Bonnema knows about it. “The Terpstras are celebrating. They are adding to their family so we wish Kyle all the best as he is going to be a daddy again, number 3.” The commissioners narrowed the list of applicants for the vacancy to 5. Joseph McCarter with the most support, 8 votes to advance for an interview. In January a conservative majority took control of the board, and in his application McCarter praised the commissioners for delivering on what they promised when they were elected in 2022. Board chair Joe Moss says all of the candidates have appeal. “I had a lot of great conversations with the applicants really interesting to hear</p>	Israel, Palestine, University of Michigan, vote, genocide
Wed Dec 06 11:15:41 2023	Ottawa Co. board getting closer to selecting Terpstra replacement	Phil Dawson	<p>There is a vacancy on the Ottawa County Board after Commissioner Kyle Terpstra resigned because of what he called significant changes in his life. Here is what Commissioner Jacob Bonnema knows about it. “The Terpstras are celebrating. They are adding to their family so we wish Kyle all the best as he is going to be a daddy again, number 3.” The commissioners narrowed the list of applicants for the vacancy to 5. Joseph McCarter with the most support, 8 votes to advance for an interview. In January a conservative majority took control of the board, and in his application McCarter praised the commissioners for delivering on what they promised when they were elected in 2022. Board chair Joe Moss says all of the candidates have appeal. “I had a lot of great conversations with the applicants really interesting to hear</p>	Ottawa, Ottawa County, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, Kyle Terpstra , Holland, Zeeland

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Wed Dec 06 10:54:26 2023 Tuesday, Patrick Center
 December 5th on
 WGUV Public
 Television,
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 presents "Inside
 the Uvalde
 Response"

Lomi Kriel: Along with a team of reporters at ProPublica and the Texas Tribune, we've been covering the Robb School tragedy since it happened last May. What I think is different about both this documentary and the story that we'll be publishing alongside it is not only the full extent of the body camera footage putting you really in the moments of that day, but also the more than 150 interviews with investigators that we went through from law enforcement that really gives an insider look into their own thoughts about how that day transpired, what fears, regrets, questions they have about it? Which is very unusual to hear that kind of firsthand account from officers themselves who were involved in the response. So, I think both the story and the documentary tries to put you in the moment of that day, which we know it's largely considered to be a failed response. But I think what we're seeing in both of these accounts is why? Patrick Center: We would take for granted the response from law enforcement. There would almost be like a blanket statement of what happened, what transpired. And now we have technologies that are entering into that equation where we're documenting in real time what's happening. So, in this case, we have the visuals, we have the audio, and then the people involved can really give their perspective. How has that changed storytelling today? Lomi Kriel: This is really unprecedented to get this amount of information, not just about necessarily any kind of criminal event, but particularly for a mass shooting, where we know from history that information is often kept secret for years, if it's ever publicly released. This amount of information that we went through, more than 100 interviews with law enforcement that they themselves gave to investigators, the body camera footage, radio calls, 911 calls, interviews with students, teachers, medics at the scene, is incredibly unprecedented and was not provided publicly. This was information that we obtained access to. We are still fighting for basic information. to be publicly released by the state police and the Uvalde County District Attorney who is conducting a criminal investigation into the response. So far, a judge has ruled in our favor, but that basic information has not been released. So, what makes us different is not only putting it into a chronological order and really putting you inside the response that day, but also just the amount of information that we were able to gain access to that includes stuff like the investigative interviews by law enforcement that usually may come up in a court hearing, selective accounts, or if they're called to the stand, but this amount would not typically be public. Patrick Center: What Gerald R Ford was sworn in as VP of the United States 50 years ago, today we talk about the vote confirmation as the fortieth Vice President of the US in 1973. Ford was selected by President Nixon to fill the role, sworn in by Chief Justice Burger. The Gerald R Ford Presidential Library and Museum's Supervisory Curator Dr. Mirelle Luecke joins in with comments.

FRONTLINE, Lomi Kriel , Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, Texas, school shooting, mass shooting, response, investigation

Wed Dec 06 10:53:44 2023 Gerald R Ford was Shelley Irwin
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 the United States
 50 years ago

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Wed Dec 06 10:53:30 2023	Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild in Grand Rapids holds their annual holiday Textile	Shelley Irwin	We talk all things weaving. The Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild in Grand Rapids holds their annual holiday Textile Arts Market this weekend, handmade work and more. Kelly Brandt and Susan Jansen discuss this plus a demonstration area to showcase techniques.	Woodland Weavers, Clothing, Holiday, Christmas
Wed Dec 06 10:48:02 2023	The White Lake Dramatic Club returns tonight	Shelley Irwin	The Playhouse at White Lake welcomes the return of the White Lake Dramatic Club tonight, this Playreading Night, also discussing the premier of a new adaptation of The Elephant Man this spring. Great music on stage this weekend, Playhouse Manager Beth Beaman with	The Playhouse at White Lake, Theatre, Music, Performance
Wed Dec 06 10:46:28 2023	The Roving Mic takes a tour of	Shelley Irwin	The roving microphone takes you to a new business in Ada. Myrth opened in the summer, James Beard Award winning chef Paul Berglund discusses his mission, customer service, and	Roving Mic, Ada, Local Business,
Wed Dec 06 09:03:13 2023	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners table new policies giving board and county administrator hiring authority	Patrick Center	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners weighed discussing four proposed county hiring policies – and voting on them - before legal counsel vet them. In particular, turning employee hiring authority over to the board or County Administrator John Gibbs. Commissioner Jacob Bonnema asked Gibbs if he had worked in Human Resources creating policy noting he didn't see that experience listed on Gibbs' resume. Gibbs said, "You have my resume as you said, so you already have the answer to that question." Bonnema responded, "So, I don't see anything in there." Gibbs answered, "Well, keep looking because it's in there." Bonnema suggested county Human Resources and legal counsel review changes before the board discusses them. "I would agree with that." That's commissioner Rebekah Curran. "I think that it's important. I think that we've gotten...there have been instances in the past where we have had conversations where we didn't know which direction we could go and I think this could be one of those situations." Curran recommended removing it from the agenda until the hiring policy was reviewed. Chair Joe Moss pointed out the board was considering the hiring policy and that Gerald Ford was the minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives and said he always dreamed of being Speaker, not vice president or president. But when scandal forced then Spiro Agnew out of office, President Richard Nixon asked Ford to step in as his Vice President. Gleaves Whitney of the Ford Foundation says Nixon's team had a lot of debate over who should fill the role. Someone with a conservative base? Maybe John Connelly or Ronald Reagan? But it was Ford who emerged as the best candidate. He had decades of service in the House and was well-respected by both Republicans and Democrats, viewed as fair-minded and thoughtful. "Nixon knew he would listen to anyone in the room and make sense of what they were saying and do something with it positively, move forward, move the country forward." But there was another reason, more important than his ability to get things done: Ford had never even a whisper of scandal. "He'd suffered disappointments, he'd had frustrations, he'd had some defeats legislatively but not one scandal and that made Ford	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, John Gibbs, Jacob Bonnema, Rebekah Curran, Joe Moss, hiring, legal
Wed Dec 06 08:50:38 2023	50 years ago, Ford sworn in as Vice President of the United States	Dee Morrison	Gerald R. Ford, Vice President, 50th Anniversary, Grand Rapids, Michigan	

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Wed Dec 06 08:30:59 2023 Senator: Associated Press
Washington
selects 4 Amtrak
routes for
expansion
priorities

The Federal Railroad Administration has selected four routes serving Ohio and other states as amtrak priorities for Amtrak expansion, Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio said Tuesday. The routes are Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati, Cleveland-Toledo-Detroit, Chicago-Fort Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh and the Cardinal Service serving New York City, Washington and Chicago, which would go daily from its current thrice-weekly schedule, Brown said in a news release. Ohio, Amtrak and metropolitan planning organizations will now begin corridor development efforts including the preparation of service development plans, Brown said. The railroad administration will provide \$500,000 to each corridor for planning, he said. "Good

Wed Dec 06 08:17:19 2023 U.S. made offer to Associated Press
bring home jailed
Americans Paul
Whelan and Evan
Gershkovich.
Russia rejected it.

The Biden administration has made a new and significant offer aimed at securing the release Paul Whelan, Russia of American detainees Paul Whelan and Evan Gershkovich, but Russia has rejected the offer, the State Department said Tuesday. Spokesman Matthew Miller did not reveal the details of the offer nor why Russia had turned it down, but the revelation of the proposal was a fresh indication that Washington is continuing to try to negotiate with Moscow to get both men home. "This was a new proposal, in recent weeks. It was a significant proposal," Miller said. "And it was rejected by the Russians but it does not, it will not deter us from continuing to do everything we can to try and bring both of them home." The U.S. government has declared both Whelan and Gershkovich to be wrongfully detained. Whelan, a corporate security executive from Michigan, has been jailed in Russia since his December 2018 arrest on espionage-related charges that both he and the U.S. government dispute. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison, Gershkovich, a Wall Street Journal reporter, was detained in March while on a reporting trip to the Russian city of Yekaterinburg, about 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) east of Moscow. Gershkovich and the Journal deny the allegations, and Russian authorities haven't detailed any evidence to support the espionage charges. A Russian court last week extended the detention until Jan. 30. "They never should have been arrested in the first place. They should be released immediately." Miller said. "But we have made a number of

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Wed Dec 06 06:40:10 2023	Michigan AG warning that gift card scams are on the rise	David Limbaugh	<p>According to the Better Business Bureau, a new scam is on the rise in Missouri and Illinois, and now seems to be occurring in Michigan as well. Scammers will remove gift cards from store racks, steal the information on the back of the card, including the PIN number, and return the cards to the rack. Then, when a shopper purchases and activates the gift card, the funds are directly deposited into the scammer's account. Another version of the scam involves placing a fake barcode over the actual barcode on the back of the gift card. When this happens, the cashier will scan the fake barcode, which then sends the money into the scammer's account instead of being loaded onto the gift card. Authorities say there are steps consumers can take to protect themselves. Be sure to inspect the back of any gift card you purchase. Look for evidence of tampering, such as torn or resealed packaging, as well as stickers placed over barcodes or PIN numbers. Also, always try to purchase gift cards directly.</p> <p>The directive, which applies only to the executive branch and does not carry the force of law, is part of the Democratic governor's campaign to electrify Michigan's transportation networks. "Getting this done will help drive demand of Michigan-made electric vehicles, lower gas and maintenance costs for the state since ZEVs cost far less to fuel and maintain and reduce air and noise pollution in our communities," she said via a statement released by her office. The directive sets a goal – with some exceptions – of having Michigan's vehicle fleet to be entirely made up of zero-emission vehicles by 2040. The first step is to phase in light-duty ZEVs by 2033. The state's vehicle fleet of 8,750 currently has just three Chevy Bolts with four Chevy Silverado E-V trucks on order. The directive also says ZEVs and charging networks should be placed in areas of the state with denser population and heavier pollution. And it encourages higher education and local governments to piggyback on the state's plans. The GRPS is proposing a number of strategic moves in order to better serve their students and community. They are hoping to get community feedback at a number of open public sessions this week to decide how to best utilize the \$305 million dollar bond that was overwhelmingly passed by voters in the most recent November election. Some recommendations include the relocation of students from East Leonard and Stocking Elementary. East Leonard families would move to Coit Creative Arts Academy or Kent Hills Elementary, while Stocking families would transition to Sibley Elementary or Harrison Park Academy. These consolidations are expected to save the school district \$63 million dollars in outstanding maintenance and repairs to older facilities. Currently, GRPS says that all of their school buildings are only half full and that these consolidations, as well as other proposals, would bring their building utilization rate up to 73%. District leaders say all of these recommendations are only at the</p>	gift card, Scams, scam, scammers, Holiday scams, rising
Tue Dec 05 16:48:58 2023	Whitmer signs directive to transition state fleet to emissions- free by 2024	Rick Pluta	<p>The directive, which applies only to the executive branch and does not carry the force of law, is part of the Democratic governor's campaign to electrify Michigan's transportation networks. "Getting this done will help drive demand of Michigan-made electric vehicles, lower gas and maintenance costs for the state since ZEVs cost far less to fuel and maintain and reduce air and noise pollution in our communities," she said via a statement released by her office. The directive sets a goal – with some exceptions – of having Michigan's vehicle fleet to be entirely made up of zero-emission vehicles by 2040. The first step is to phase in light-duty ZEVs by 2033. The state's vehicle fleet of 8,750 currently has just three Chevy Bolts with four Chevy Silverado E-V trucks on order. The directive also says ZEVs and charging networks should be placed in areas of the state with denser population and heavier pollution. And it encourages higher education and local governments to piggyback on the state's plans. The GRPS is proposing a number of strategic moves in order to better serve their students and community. They are hoping to get community feedback at a number of open public sessions this week to decide how to best utilize the \$305 million dollar bond that was overwhelmingly passed by voters in the most recent November election. Some recommendations include the relocation of students from East Leonard and Stocking Elementary. East Leonard families would move to Coit Creative Arts Academy or Kent Hills Elementary, while Stocking families would transition to Sibley Elementary or Harrison Park Academy. These consolidations are expected to save the school district \$63 million dollars in outstanding maintenance and repairs to older facilities. Currently, GRPS says that all of their school buildings are only half full and that these consolidations, as well as other proposals, would bring their building utilization rate up to 73%. District leaders say all of these recommendations are only at the</p>	Whitmer, Gretchen Whitmer, Governor Whitmer, Emissions, auto emissions, Free
Tue Dec 05 15:57:24 2023	Grand Rapids Public Schools continue public forums	David Limbaugh	<p>The GRPS is proposing a number of strategic moves in order to better serve their students and community. They are hoping to get community feedback at a number of open public sessions this week to decide how to best utilize the \$305 million dollar bond that was overwhelmingly passed by voters in the most recent November election. Some recommendations include the relocation of students from East Leonard and Stocking Elementary. East Leonard families would move to Coit Creative Arts Academy or Kent Hills Elementary, while Stocking families would transition to Sibley Elementary or Harrison Park Academy. These consolidations are expected to save the school district \$63 million dollars in outstanding maintenance and repairs to older facilities. Currently, GRPS says that all of their school buildings are only half full and that these consolidations, as well as other proposals, would bring their building utilization rate up to 73%. District leaders say all of these recommendations are only at the</p>	Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids, GRPS, public, public comment, public meeting

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Tue Dec 05 15:42:45 2023	Detroit on track to record fewest homicides since 1966, officials say	Associated Press	The city of Detroit is on-track to see its fewest yearly homicides in nearly six decades, officials said Monday. Through Nov. 30, Detroit had recorded 228 homicides — an 18% decrease over the same period last year. In 2018, Detroit had 261 homicides, the fewest number since 1966, when there were 214 homicides. Officials credit a partnership between the city, Wayne County and the state that improves coordination among agencies and courts. It also has resulted in a 36% drop in carjackings and 13% decrease in non-fatal shootings, they said. The coalition was formed in late 2021 by County Executive Warren Evans and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan to improve the local criminal justice system following disruptions from the coronavirus pandemic. Officials said the COVID-19 outbreak caused court dockets to back up, forced jails to release prisoners due to lack of space and made it difficult for police and the prosecutor's office to fill vacant positions. "We are seeing record drops in gun violence in Detroit because every single part of the criminal justice system is getting past COVID obstacles and is now working again," Duggan said. A joint fugitive apprehension unit between the city and sheriff's office caught nearly 1,000 people wanted on outstanding felony warrants. Gun crimes were given priority. A backlog of felony gun cases in Wayne County Circuit Court was cut from more than 4,000 in January 2022 to 1,330 through the end of last month. More than 2,000 pending pre-trial felony gun cases in Detroit's 36th District Court in January 2022 were reduced to 415. Detroit added 200 additional officers to its ranks this year.	Detroit, homicide, Homicide rate, record, records
Tue Dec 05 10:41:54 2023	Verity Ballet offers a bite sized version of a famous story with The Nutcracker	Shelley Irwin	Verity Ballet's The Nutcracker Storytime is a bite sized version, 30 minutes so the whole family can enjoy, performances this weekend and beyond. Directors Hannah and Noah Trulock join in, in addition to dancers Emily and Audrey with discussion of their passion. VB is a new ballet school in the heart of downtown ADA.	Ballet, nutcracker, Christmas, Holiday, Performance
Tue Dec 05 10:41:52 2023	People First Economy presents the holiday campaign, Gift Local, Give	Shelley Irwin	People First Economy presents the holiday campaign, Gift Local, Give Good. We talk to PFE's Victoria Munro and Holland Bowl Mill's Kory Gier, the initiative lasting through the gifting season. We discuss gift guides and more.	People First, economy, Holiday, gift
Tue Dec 05 10:41:47 2023	Tours Around Michigan hosts a Holiday Historic Home Tour this Saturday	Shelley Irwin	Tours Around Michigan hosts a Holiday Historic Home Tour this Saturday, with the added bonus of going into homes decorated for Christmas. We talk with Proprietor Candice Smith about the details of exploring your own back yard.	Tour, Michigan, Christmas

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Tue Dec 05 10:35:21 2023	West Michigan Groundbreakers: Grand Rapids Tidal Waves	Shelley Irwin	We continue our local Groundbreakers angle, WGVU’s Jennifer Moss shares a conversation with Head Coach Stacey Davis of the GR Tidal Waves. This is part 3 of a series focusing upon the local angle of the national PBS documentary.	Groundbreakers, Women, Sports, football, high school football
Tue Dec 05 08:13:33 2023	Detroit officials estimate lowest number of homicides in almost 60 years	Quinn Klinefelter	Detroit like most other cities during the pandemic saw a significant rise in crime.City officials say that’s in large part because the court system in essence shut down allowing many potentially violent offenders back on the street while awaiting trial.Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan says more than four-thousand violent crime cases were put on the back burner after Covid erupted.“When you had four thousand backlogged...every defense attorney was saying to their client ‘Don’t take a plea – they’re not gonna get to you for two years.’ And the problem For over 20 years, Grand Rapids was the state’s largest region limited to only one hospital for patients looking to undergo open-heart surgery. Last week, those options expanded due to the opening of the Steve and Amy Van Andel Heart and Vascular Center.The new center, located inside the UM Health-West Professional Building in Wyoming, was made possible by a landmark \$3.1 million dollar gift, one of the largest ever received by the non-profit health system.The open-heart surgery program was launched back in October of 2022 through the collaboration of the Cardiovascular Network of West Michigan, Trinity Health of Grand Rapids and Muskegon, and the University of Michigan’s Frankel Cardiovascular Center in Ann Arbor.Dr. Ronald Grifka, President of UM Health-West says working together with these three entities has made all the difference:“As opposed to Trinity Grand Rapids and U of M Health-West competing with each other, we’re working together to have a joint program allowing us a much better opportunity with two programs working together to build a very strong cardiac surgery program.”Dr. Grifka also says that they were incredibly pleased by the interest shown	Detroit, Homicide rate
Tue Dec 05 06:49:21 2023	University of Michigan Health- West unveils new heart center	David Limbaugh	For over 20 years, Grand Rapids was the state’s largest region limited to only one hospital for patients looking to undergo open-heart surgery. Last week, those options expanded due to the opening of the Steve and Amy Van Andel Heart and Vascular Center.The new center, located inside the UM Health-West Professional Building in Wyoming, was made possible by a landmark \$3.1 million dollar gift, one of the largest ever received by the non-profit health system.The open-heart surgery program was launched back in October of 2022 through the collaboration of the Cardiovascular Network of West Michigan, Trinity Health of Grand Rapids and Muskegon, and the University of Michigan’s Frankel Cardiovascular Center in Ann Arbor.Dr. Ronald Grifka, President of UM Health-West says working together with these three entities has made all the difference:“As opposed to Trinity Grand Rapids and U of M Health-West competing with each other, we’re working together to have a joint program allowing us a much better opportunity with two programs working together to build a very strong cardiac surgery program.”Dr. Grifka also says that they were incredibly pleased by the interest shown	Health, Healthcare, Hospital, Grand Rapids

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Tue Dec 05 06:36:38 2023 Former MDHHS Colin Jackson
 child advocate
 among those
 charged in child
 abuse
 investigation

Michigan’s attorney general is charging four mid-Michigan residents, including one former employee of the state agency meant to advocate for children, with child abuse. The charges are split between two couples, Joel and Tammy Brown, and Jerry and Tamal Flore. The state alleges both couples either adopted or fostered nearly 30 children since 2007. The child abuse charges stem from alleged incidents with eight of those kids. According to the Attorney General’s office, the couples had previously faced prosecution in Clinton County over the allegations. But charges were eventually dismissed against the Browns, while the Flores’ charges were reduced. Attorney Mary Chartier represented Joel Brown at the time. “We previously had a multiple day preliminary examination, and the court found that the government had not met its burden for the case to move forward. That’s why the charges were dismissed—because of the evidence,” Chartier said in an email. She continued, “We believe the same result will occur this time around. We won in court once, and we’re confident that we’ll do so again.” And attorney David Kallman, then representing Jerry Flore, [told](https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/2023/04/28/child-abuse-charges-clinton-county-dismissed-flore/70164095007/) the Lansing State Journal the case against his client’s family was “pathetic” and “ridiculous.” In the new state charges, Attorney General Dana Nessel accuses Joel Brown of using his insider knowledge of Children’s Protective Services proceedings to get around the law. “It is clear that many of the child witnesses in this matter were coached, and that the investigation was compromised. However, there was no real criminal statute that exists to prevent this from happening,” Nessel said during a press conference Monday afternoon. Nessel said Brown worked in the Office of Advocate for Children, Youth, and Families, within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, prior to his termination after being placed on unpaid leave last year. Nessel said Brown had worked within MDHHS, in various divisions, since 2002. “The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is committed to protecting children and expects employees to uphold that commitment as well. MDHHS will work with Attorney General Dana Nessel, the Legislature and others who will partner together to keep Michigan children safe,” a statement from MDHHS spokesperson Bob Wheaton read in response to the resurfaced charges. Overall, Nessel alleges the defendants made around a million dollars off the children they were supposed to look after. Nessel said the accused took

Dana Nessel,
 Attorney General
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 MDHHS

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Tue Dec 05 06:25:04 2023 Benson got to sign Rick Pluta
bill adopting SOS
ballot policy

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson recently signed a voting rights law. Benson, Michigan's top election official and a passionate voting rights advocate, signed the bill while Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist were both out of the state Friday on business. The new law makes permanent a policy that allows registered voters to apply online to have an absentee ballot mailed to them. "I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve as acting governor and sign this important bill to improve Michigan's election system," Benson said in a statement released by her office. "As Michigan's Secretary of State, I implemented our state's online absentee ballot application system in 2020 to provide a convenient, accessible way for Michigan citizens to request their ballot. Now this system is codified into law." The system was first used in 2020, early in the COVID-19 pandemic. The Michigan Bureau of Elections mailed postcards to 4.4 million people on the state's list of active registered voters who had not already signed up to have absentee ballots sent to them. The

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Mon Dec 04 17:38:59 2023 MDOT seeks Patrick Center
 public input as it
 considers US-131
 rebuild

John Richard: We've got a lot of people, you know, with the city of Grand Rapids, MDOT, US-131, Michigan the county road commission, we're all working together to try to bring attention to the stretch Department of of US-131 that desperately needs a rebuild. So, it's basically from M-11, which of course is Transportation, 28th Street, all the way to Wealthy and Cherry (Streets). So basically, between I-196 and M-11. MDOT, John Richard, Wealthy Street So, you've got several closely spaced interchanges. It's old, it was designed in the 1950s, built in the 1960s. So, we want to rebuild and these PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkages) meetings, these public meetings and this PEL study is bringing attention to this area, talking about funding. We're getting public opinion about what they want, what they don't want. So, we're just gathering as much information as we possibly can. The PEL Study is going to go through the end of the year. The survey is open until the end of the year, and the PEL study should wrap up probably sometime in the spring, this coming spring. Patrick Center: What kind of feedback are you getting? Are you getting a large turnout? Give me a sense of the interest? John Richard: We had a daytime meeting, and then we had an evening meeting. Both had really, really good turnouts. Some people want to do away with US-131, like get rid of it altogether and put in light rail and transit. Some want to make US-131 a boulevard. Some want to reroute US-131 because they think it's just a through route, which is not true because if you look at the numbers, there's a dramatic drop off in traffic volume to the north and south of this stretch. So, people are not only going through, but they are, you know, Grand Rapids is a destination for many, many reasons. So, there's a lot of pie in the sky ideas out there. But really, we just want to rip out what's there and rebuild and make it modern, make it safer, and make it better for everybody. Patrick Center: Give our listeners a sense of the use. What do you compare it to? John Richard: Well, it's the busiest expressway in all of Michigan outside of Detroit. So, US-131 on that stretch gets about 120,000 vehicles every day. So, it's by far our busiest stretch. We've reconstructed I-96. We've modernized I-196. We're doing work on I-196 in Ottawa County. But it's this stretch that's so, I guess difficult is the word. Challenging. Because you've got the rail yard in place, you've got the Grand River, you've got neighborhoods, you've got all kinds of businesses and property in that area. So, it's a narrow swath to work with, but we can work with it and we can make a lot of improvements. We just need the funding to do so. Patrick Center: Redirecting traffic most likely not going to happen here because of the volume that's there. So, what is likely to take place? The

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Mon Dec 04 16:36:40 2023	Supporters win court injunction stopping a ban on short-term rentals in Park Township	Dee Morrison	Friday, an Ottawa County Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of the Park Township Neighbors, a group of more than 100 short-term rental owners and supporters. That means the township cannot enforce a ban that prohibits homeowners from renting out their properties for periods of less than 28 days. Whether to allow such short-term rentals is an ongoing issue in the lakeshore community near Holland, which includes Holland State Park. As the two sides battle over how to regulate such rentals in areas zoned "residential", township officials enacted a ban, saying they received noise and nuisance complaints from residents frustrated	property, Rental, Ottawa County, City of Holland, ban
Mon Dec 04 16:08:00 2023	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recognizes National Influenza Vaccination Week Dec. 4-8	David Limbaugh	As of November 18, approximately 2.2 million people in the state of Michigan have received their flu vaccine for the 2023-2024 flu season, which is 55% towards the state's goal of reaching 4 million doses administered. The state department of health wants to remind people that, although it's best to get your flu shot in October, it's never too late to protect yourself. Peak flu activity usually occurs in February, but can continue well into May, and once vaccinated, it takes roughly two weeks for the body to build up enough immunity to protect itself from severe illness. They're also urging residents to get their updated COVID-19 and RSV vaccines. Respiratory viruses are starting to increase nationally, which is why getting vaccinated now can still provide protection. Those most at risk include people 65 or older,	state of Michigan, vaccine, Flu Prevention, flu vaccine, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Mon Dec 04 15:50:21 2023	Kent County exploring expanding convention space	Phil Dawson	A proposed amphitheater, soccer field and an aquarium in Grand Rapids are what Kent County Commissioner Tom Antor calls cool stuff, but what he thinks Grand Rapids really needs is a bigger convention center. "That soccer thing, the amphitheater, the zoo thing, cool stuff, but lets get back to the nuts and bolts." Before covid there were conversations about expanding DeVos Place or building a new convention center. Now that the pandemic is over, the Grand Rapids Kent County Convention Arena Authority is hiring a consultant to study the demand for more meeting space in the city. "We are missing out on probably hundreds of millions of dollars in conferences that want to come here but there is no room at the inn." The consultant studying the current demand will evaluate the need for new and larger meeting	Grand Rapids City, kent co., DeVos Place Convention Center, economy, Events
Mon Dec 04 15:44:40 2023	Michigan soldier killed in Korean War to be buried next week at Arlington National Cemetery	Associated Press	The remains of a Michigan soldier who was killed in the Korean War in 1950 will be buried next week at Arlington National Cemetery, nearly a year after they were identified by military experts, officials said. Army Cpl. Gordon D. McCarthy's remains will be interred on Dec. 14 at the cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, following graveside services, the U.S. Army Human Resources Command said in a news release. The Palmer, Michigan, native was 20 when he was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, after enemy forces attacked his unit in North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. But remains turned over by North Korea in 2018 were identified in February as McCarthy's by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. That agency, an arm of the U.S. Defense Department, announced in July that scientists used circumstantial evidence as well as anthropological and DNA analysis to identify his remains. McCarthy's name is recorded on the Courts of the	soldiers, state of Michigan, Korean War, U.S. Army, Military

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Mon Dec 04 11:08:37 2023	Cole Waterman on Jonestown's connection to Michigan	Fred Stella	Even though it's been over 40 years, the memory of Jonestown and the massacre that ended it still haunts the American psyche. Few realize that the number of Americans killed on that fateful day is the highest right under the Twin Tower attacks of 9/11. Since the initial reporting of the event, little attention has been paid to any Michigan connections. Recently, MLive reporter Cole Waterman learned of a small group of citizens from various parts of the state who did meet their end in Guyana. He decided to focus on the life and death of one person in particular, Shirlee Fields. In this episode we discuss how Jonestown fascinated Cole, who was Erika Plunkett and her team are working hard to brighten the holidays for the community they serve in Mexico. We talk about a 4 th annual toy and food drive for new	religion, MLive Media Group, bay city, Christianity
Mon Dec 04 09:29:52 2023	Ama Toy Drive	Shelley Irwin	Local Musician Brian Muratori joins the show to discuss his latest CD release, Muratori following his dreams to be a solo musician, mixing smooth music with baselines and poplike	Mexico, Toys, drive
Mon Dec 04 09:29:44 2023	Brian Muratori returns	Shelley Irwin	From Michigan with Love, Producer Franklin Dohanyos discussing this important gift from Michigan businesses, giving back to the state with each purchase.	Local, Music, Music Brain, WGUV New
Mon Dec 04 09:29:35 2023	From Michigan With Love	Shelley Irwin	Bissell Pet Foundation is bringing hope to homeless pets this holiday season, as the Empty the Shelters-Holiday Hope is back, now through the 17 th of the month. We talk to Brittany Schlacter about adopters and adoptees coming together in over 43 states.	Michigan, Love, gift, Business
Mon Dec 04 09:29:23 2023	Bissell Pet Foundation to host Empty the Shelters-Holiday	Shelley Irwin	Degage Ministries and others prepare now for the winter and the homeless. ED Thelma Ensink talks about how the community can help those helping the homeless.	Bissell Pet Foundation, Pets, Adoption, animal shelter, Animal,
Mon Dec 04 09:29:17 2023	Degage prepares to serve the homeless this	Shelley Irwin	Months ago, after a series of emotional hearings, a judge determined that Ethan Crumbley was eligible for life-without-parole, even though he was only 15 at the time of the shooting. Prosecutors argued Crumbley's meticulous planning of the attack that took the lives of four classmates, and his desire to watch the result of the carnage, demands a life sentence. Judge Kwame Rowe said he doubted Crumbley could be rehabilitated. But Rowe	Dégagé Ministries, winter, Homeless, Homelessness,
Mon Dec 04 09:16:30 2023	Oxford High School shooter learns this week if he will spend the rest of his life in	Quinn Klinefelter		Ethan Crumbley, shooting, school shootings, mass shooting, Oxford High School,

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Mon Dec 04 06:19:51 2023 Swing state Colin Jackson
Muslim leaders
vow to campaign
against Biden

Muslim leaders from some key swing states met in Dearborn this weekend to coordinate opposition to President Joe Biden’s re-election campaign. The group of activists say they’re frustrated with Biden’s support of Israel during its retaliatory airstrikes on Gaza and Biden’s refusal to support a lasting ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Fighting between the two escalated on October 7 when Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel, killing around 1,200 people and taking more than 200 more hostage. Israeli air strikes on Gaza have killed around 15,000 people and displaced over 1.5 million more, according to officials in Gaza. University of Minnesota Professor Hassan Abdel Salam took part in this weekend’s “Abandon Biden” conference put on by the National Conference of Swing State Muslim Leaders. That includes those from North Carolina, Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. At a press conference Saturday, Abdel Salam said the goal is to unite voters in those states against Biden. “We’re looking into finding ways to build the mechanism of coordination between all the swing states so that we’re constantly working together to ensure that Muslim Americans will come out in all of these states and that Mr. Biden will lose each and every one of them,” said Abdel Salam. Abdel Salam referenced the conference attendees in the room standing behind him, arguing Biden could potentially lose 111 electoral votes if their strategy succeeds in each swing state targeted. During the press conference, speaker after speaker repeated that it was too late for Biden to earn back the Muslim community’s vote through his refusal to call for a lasting ceasefire. Michigan-based activist Samra’a Luqman was among them. She also criticized U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken’s handling of the conflict. Luqman said Biden should have called for a ceasefire in October. “This is also a message that no matter how many people you contact to deter us, no matter what pathetic or sorry attempts that Blinken tries to make to mitigate future bombings, no matter how you try to change the narrative or the subject, we will never forget that you already crossed the line,” Luqman said. Biden has previously defended Israel’s attacks as part of its right to defend itself. But the Muslim activists in Dearborn made the case that Biden had the power to influence Israel’s handling of the situation and bring peace to the

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President Joe Biden,
Muslim, Muslim
population, voters,
vote, Dearborn,
election, Israel,
Palestine

Mon Dec 04 06:19:21 2023 Courts, Rick Pluta
Legislature
looking at
sentencing rules

The defendant was convicted of assault with intent to commit murder. The defense says the judge should have to deliver a detailed explanation behind the sentencing decision – even if it fits within state guidelines. A challenge to the Michigan Supreme Court is possible. If so, this would be the second time the state’s highest court considers the case. Attorney Deborah LaBelle with the American Civil Liberties of Michigan says the current system leaves too many open questions. “What are the guidelines to determine reasonableness and proportionality, so

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Sun Dec 03 17:10:41 2023 Casino workers Associated Press
with MGM Grand
Detroit ratify deal,
ending 47-day
strike

Casino workers for MGM Grand Detroit have voted to ratify a new contract, ending a 47-day strike. MGM Grand Detroit workers are union members of the Detroit Casino Council, which represents nearly 4,000 employees of the city's three casinos. Their approval Saturday on a five-year agreement comes weeks after unionized workers reached an agreement with other two casinos following a roughly one-month strike. Workers at MGM Grand Detroit, Hollywood Casino at Greektown and MotorCity Casino walked off the job Oct. 17 over issues including health care and wages that had not kept up with the cost of living. The new agreement, which covers about 1,700 employees, includes an average immediate 18% pay raise, workload reductions and no health care costs increases for employees, according to the council. The union workers include dealers, cleaning staff and valets. "We sacrificed a lot during the pandemic. but we fought for and ultimately won a contract that secures our health

MGM Grand Detroit
Casino, casino,
casinos, Strike,
union, unions

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Sat Dec 02 08:45:12 2023 Demographic Colin Jackson
 trends report:
 Michigan lagging
 nationally and
 among peers

Michigan could be in for a reality check if it doesn't take steps to reverse decades of sluggish growth. That's among the takeaways of a [presentation delivered Friday](https://growingmichigan.org/wp-content/uploads/Michigan-Population-Trends-Overview.pdf) to the Growing Michigan Together Council. The governor assembled the body earlier this year to come up with policy recommendations for bringing in more people to Michigan. Some of the possible solutions heard during Friday's presentation from the consulting firm Guidehouse focused on investing in education, addressing inequality and making Michigan attractive to talent pools. "If you work backwards from what are their needs, they'll probably be at the time of their life where they're starting to enter the workforce, starting to establish roots, get a house, get married, establish families. And understanding the types of communities that they want to live in, whether that's more rural, whether that's urban, whether that's suburban, that will be required to understand and attract them," Guidehouse partner Shaun Fernando said. Other recommendations included investing in the state's natural resources and infrastructure. The presentation split into areas like population demographics, state finances, and comparisons with peer states. Within them, presenters highlighted various problems facing the state like Michigan's divergence from national population growth and relative lack of sustainable revenue sources. Guidehouse Associate Director Kristy Thronson said even bright spots like recent infrastructure spending have a drawback. "That increased infrastructure spending in Michigan has really been propped up by temporary funding and loans," Thronson said. "So if Michigan is going to regain and sustain competitiveness within infrastructure, more sustainable, reliable funding sources will be required." Without addressing some of the revenue and population woes, presenters warned, the state could see costs of government services rise with an aging population. Meanwhile, the state may not have enough money to provide the services that could attract younger demographics. The presentation compared Michigan's place with states like Washington, Colorado, Minnesota, Indiana, and North Carolina. Compared to those peers, Fernando said Michigan is taxed relatively lower. "What we have seen with other states is higher taxes lead to higher outcomes. That sort of is intuitive. And the question for Michigan is ... not necessarily 'Do we want to impose a higher tax burden,' but 'How do we grow the tax base that affords those outcomes,'" Fernando said. The idea of bringing more people to the state through raising

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Sat Dec 02 08:37:32 2023	State board approves Line 5 tunnel permit, inching project a step closer to construction	Teresa Homsi	<p>The Michigan Public Service Commission approved a permit that would allow Enbridge to place a new section of Line 5 in the proposed tunnel. The commission concluded that there is enough of a public need for the pipeline, and that the project meets the state's standards. Commission chair Dan Scripps says a Line 5 oil spill in the Straits would be "catastrophic," and the tunnel is the best alternative to reduce the risk of a spill. "I know some of you are disappointed with our decision, I acknowledge that, but I also want to assure you that your participation improved the process and result. The perspectives shared helps to crystallize our focus as we continued to dig into the evidentiary record." During public comment, several people expressed their frustration with the decision, including Andrea Pierce from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. "I have to tell you I am completely General Motors is losing money on every electric vehicle it sells, but the company says it's on track to generate mid single-digit pretax profit margins in 2025 as it produces more higher margin EVs, works out kinks in battery manufacturing, and sees battery cost reductions. That's what Chief Financial Officer Paul Jacobson told analysts at a Barclays conference in New York on Thursday, conceding that the company has struggled to ramp up electric vehicle manufacturing. "While the ramp has been a little bit bumpy, we have worked through that," he said. Specifically, the company has had trouble with machinery that stacks battery cells into modules at its assembly plants after the cells are produced at a battery plant near Warren, Ohio, a joint venture with LG Energy Solution of Korea. The guidance on Thursday of mid single-digit profit margins in two years is a little better than the low-to-mid single digits the company has estimated in the past, Jacobson said. But the new figure includes benefits from U.S. government clean energy tax credits. Jacobson said current margins on electric vehicles are "substantially negative" as the company builds battery plants, retools factories and then underutilizes them as EV production and demand grow. While the rate of electric vehicle sales growth has slowed in the U.S. this year, Jacobson said demand continues to rise. The company still plans to build factory capacity to manufacture 1 million EVs per year by the end of 2025, but it won't make all of them if the demand isn't there. "I don't want to stuff vehicles into a market that doesn't want them," he said, adding that GM also doesn't want to sell EVs at big discounts. The growth of U.S. electric vehicle sales has slowed sharply since last year. In June 2022, EV sales were growing about 90% year over year. By June of this year the 12-month growth rate had slowed to about 50%, and it remained there at the end of October. Automakers have become increasingly fearful</p>	line 5, Enbridge Line 5 pipeline, Straits of Mackinac
Sat Dec 02 08:29:12 2023	GM believes it will start making money on electric vehicles in 2025 as higher margin models arrive	Associated Press	<p>electric, electric cars, EV, GM</p>	

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Sat Dec 02 08:23:15 2023	<p>GOP businessman Sandy Pensler joins crowded field of Senate candidates in Michigan</p>	Associated Press	<p>Detroit-area businessman Sandy Pensler launched his second campaign for U.S. Senate on Friday, joining close to a dozen other Republican candidates in Michigan who are hoping to flip the open seat for the first time in over two decades. Pensler lost the GOP primary for Senate in 2018 by over 9 percentage points to now-U.S. Rep. John James, who would go on to lose to incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Pensler poured millions into his primary bid at the time. "The American experiment is in big trouble. It's burning," Pensler said in campaign video Friday. "I believe we can turn it around but we need to apply basic morals, take responsibility and fight like hell." Pensler joins a crowded field of Republican candidates that includes former U.S. Reps. Mike Rogers and Peter Meijer and former Detroit Police Chief James Craig. The Republicans are vying for a seat that's been held by Democrats since 2001 but that will be vacated by Stabenow, who is retiring at the end of next year. U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin has led a field of Democratic candidates that also includes actor Hill Harper. Slotkin had nearly \$4 million more in the bank than any other Senate candidate through September, according to campaign finance numbers released in October. Pensler owns Pensler Capital, an investment group, and The Korex Cos., which manufactures detergents and cleaners. In 2018, Pensler said that he contributed nearly \$1 million to the campaign of Henry Kissinger served as national security advisor and secretary of state for Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford during a turbulent time in American history. Gleaves Whitney, Executive Director of the Ford Presidential Foundation, says Kissinger brought valuable experience, negotiating arms with the Soviet Union and opening relationships with China. "Kissinger had the historic depth, the diplomatic skills to deal with some of the most dangerous enemies on the planet, and he did so masterfully, and the Ford administration appreciated him and considered him indispensable." Whitney says the men had very different personalities, but worked well together. "He and Kissinger had differences of opinion but Ford needed Kissinger, and Kissinger needed Ford. They dovetailed, and they needed each other's</p>	<p>U.S. Senate, Michigan U.S. Senate, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, businessman</p>
Fri Dec 01 16:30:40 2023	<p>Death of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger drawing reaction from around the world, and here in Michigan</p>	Dee Morrison	<p>Henry Kissinger served as national security advisor and secretary of state for Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford during a turbulent time in American history. Gleaves Whitney, Executive Director of the Ford Presidential Foundation, says Kissinger brought valuable experience, negotiating arms with the Soviet Union and opening relationships with China. "Kissinger had the historic depth, the diplomatic skills to deal with some of the most dangerous enemies on the planet, and he did so masterfully, and the Ford administration appreciated him and considered him indispensable." Whitney says the men had very different personalities, but worked well together. "He and Kissinger had differences of opinion but Ford needed Kissinger, and Kissinger needed Ford. They dovetailed, and they needed each other's</p>	<p>Henry Kissinger, President Gerald R. Ford, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Gleaves Whitney</p>

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Fri Dec 01 13:32:45 2023	Kent County Health Department offers free HIV tests	David Limbaugh	<p>Since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, almost 700,000 people in the U.S. have died from the virus, but thanks to improved treatments and infection prevention, that number has drastically declined. Still, there is no known cure for the disease. In recognition of the day, the Kent County Health Department offered free walk-in testing today at their main clinic. All testing was done by certified counselors who could answer questions as well as connect residents with other needed services. April Hight with the department says here in Kent County, infection numbers have remained low but steady over the years. "It's actually stayed pretty stable, it's actually gone up a few years to be above 40 new cases a year but I know as a nation they're seeing a trend downward which is great." The Center for Disease Control estimates that 20% of people who are living with HIV don't know they're infected, which raises the risk for passing it on to others. Currently, there are treatments available for people living with HIV that help suppress the virus. but health officials say that early diagnosis such as the Most of the commissioners support the plan to move county administrative operations from downtown Grand Rapids to a new building on their Fuller Avenue campus. Commissioner Monica Sparks thinks it will be easier than going downtown for residents who have business with the county. "And then some of our facilities are you know older facilities so I like we are talking about moving to a different space." But commissioner Stephen Wooden would prefer a plan that keeps county offices in downtown Grand Rapids. "Keeping our administration downtown has a true added benefit" "Being in close proximity to other major players in our community." County administrator Al Vanderberg says administrative offices would move out of the city to Fuller, the prosecutor would relocate to the courthouse leaving their current home at 82 Ionia vacant and expendable. "Once the prosecutor is here and once the other Michigan's Statewide Housing Plan released in 2022 reveals that the average home sales price from January 2013 to October 2021 increased 84%. The housing market is competitive. "But it can be increasingly so for certain parts of the population." State Representative Kristian Grant is addressing discriminatory housing practices that have historically impacted Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. "Having access to homeownership is really the basis of how Americans build wealth and build stability." Recently, the National Association of Realtors enacted a requirement that member realtors complete two hours of fair housing training every three years. The Grand Rapids Democrat and House Bill 4717 takes that training one step further for real estate licensees</p>	Kent County Health Department, Kent County, HIV, HIV testing, World Aids Day
Fri Dec 01 11:41:32 2023	Kent Co. moving forward with relocation of government services facility	Phil Dawson	<p>Most of the commissioners support the plan to move county administrative operations from downtown Grand Rapids to a new building on their Fuller Avenue campus. Commissioner Monica Sparks thinks it will be easier than going downtown for residents who have business with the county. "And then some of our facilities are you know older facilities so I like we are talking about moving to a different space." But commissioner Stephen Wooden would prefer a plan that keeps county offices in downtown Grand Rapids. "Keeping our administration downtown has a true added benefit" "Being in close proximity to other major players in our community." County administrator Al Vanderberg says administrative offices would move out of the city to Fuller, the prosecutor would relocate to the courthouse leaving their current home at 82 Ionia vacant and expendable. "Once the prosecutor is here and once the other Michigan's Statewide Housing Plan released in 2022 reveals that the average home sales price from January 2013 to October 2021 increased 84%. The housing market is competitive. "But it can be increasingly so for certain parts of the population." State Representative Kristian Grant is addressing discriminatory housing practices that have historically impacted Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. "Having access to homeownership is really the basis of how Americans build wealth and build stability." Recently, the National Association of Realtors enacted a requirement that member realtors complete two hours of fair housing training every three years. The Grand Rapids Democrat and House Bill 4717 takes that training one step further for real estate licensees</p>	Kent County, Kent County Commissioners, Government, Services, relocation
Fri Dec 01 09:56:50 2023	Governor Gretchen Whitmer signs bill protecting homebuyers from discrimination	Patrick Center	<p>Michigan's Statewide Housing Plan released in 2022 reveals that the average home sales price from January 2013 to October 2021 increased 84%. The housing market is competitive. "But it can be increasingly so for certain parts of the population." State Representative Kristian Grant is addressing discriminatory housing practices that have historically impacted Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. "Having access to homeownership is really the basis of how Americans build wealth and build stability." Recently, the National Association of Realtors enacted a requirement that member realtors complete two hours of fair housing training every three years. The Grand Rapids Democrat and House Bill 4717 takes that training one step further for real estate licensees</p>	discrimination, BIPOC, People of Color, homebuyers, Rep. Kristian Grant, Real Estate, license
Fri Dec 01 09:35:42 2023	Scribners: Five Generations in Publishing	Shelley Irwin	<p>Scribners: Five Generations in Publishing is written by Charles Scribner III, an entertaining look at the legendary publishing house that his family built, and its history.</p>	Book, Author, Memoir, history

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Fri Dec 01 09:35:37 2023	Regarding Victory, Shelley Irwin Adventures In Entrepreneurship Led Back to Love	Regarding Victory, Adventures In Entrepreneurship Led Back to Love is written by Joshua Wallack, described as a hardcore business book and memoir, yet a cautionary tale for the young, avoiding obsession and balancing work life.	Book, Author, Business, Memoir
Fri Dec 01 09:35:29 2023	How to be Multiple: The Philosophy of Shelley Irwin	How to be Multiple: The Philosophy of Twins, written by Helena de Bres, answering the question, Can twins really read each other minds? The author explores the uncanny experience of Twinhood.	Book, Author, philosophy, Twins
Fri Dec 01 09:35:22 2023	Maestros and Monsters Shelley Irwin	Maestros and Monsters, talking with Robert Boyers and his Days and Nights with Susan Sontag and George Steiner. Boyers takes us back to the last moments of the golden age of	Book, Author, history, History
Fri Dec 01 09:35:16 2023	Unnatural Death Shelley Irwin	Patricia Cornwell, legendary thriller writer, brings her Chief Medical Examiner Kay Scarpetta to new extremes in the book Unnatural Death. We discuss the latest in PC’s sprawling crime	Book, Author, Thriller
Fri Dec 01 08:29:07 2023	Kent County Children's Charity Scrambles to Buy Gift Cards after Fire Dee Morrison	In just over a week, volunteers for the Santa Claus Girls of Kent County were supposed to deliver holiday gifts to more than 2,500 families, but now those presents will come in the form of gift cards.Friday, fire damaged the DeltaPlex Arena in Walker where the charity rents space to store more than 5,000 gifts, wrapped and ready for delivery.Instead, it will take weeks to open them and discover how many are damaged by smoke, and how many can be saved.There	Santa Claus Girls of Kent County, fires, DeltaPlex Arena & Conference Center, gift card
Fri Dec 01 08:20:46 2023	West Michigan Congressional leader testifies before House Budget Committee outlining Fiscal Commission Act of 2023 Patrick Center	“Social Security will become insolvent by 2034, forcing a 23% mandatory cut.”That’s U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga testifying before the House Budget Committee.“Medicare Part A will be depleted by 2031, even sooner than Social Security, resulting in an 11% cut.”To save it and reign in the national debt now at \$33.8 trillion, the Zeeland Republican is introducing the bipartisan Fiscal Commission Act of 2023.A 16-member commission including 12 members of congress, as well as four private sector experts selected by leaders of both the House and the Senate. It will craft a package of short and long-term recommendations.“For any recommendations related to federal programs for which a federal trust fund exists, the Commission must improve their solvency for a period of 75 years.”“The longer we wait the more expensive and more difficult those choices will be and the more likely cuts will be.”U.S. Representative Scott Peters is a Democrat from California and co-chair of the Bipartisan	Fiscal Commission Act of 2023 , Social Security, debt, U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga

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Fri Dec 01 08:11:54 2023 Eyeing 2024, Michigan Democrats expand voter registration and election safeguards in the swing state Associated Press

Michigan Democrats are building on an effort to overhaul election laws in the state by allowing 16-year-olds to register before they can legally vote at 18 and adding more protections for election officials ahead of a 2024 presidential election that the swing state could play a critical role in. The election bills package, signed Thursday by Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, also includes legislation that will automatically register individuals to vote when they are released from incarceration. Michigan is the first state in the nation to implement such legislation, according to the advocacy group Voters Not Politicians. "This groundbreaking step will cement Michigan as a voting rights leader and ensure every eligible voter can participate in our democratic process," Kim Murphy-Kovalick, programs director for Voters Not Politicians, said in a statement. The package is the result of Michigan Democrats prioritizing expanding voting rights after the party flipped both chambers of the Legislature and kept control of the governor's office last year. In July, lawmakers implemented changes approved by voters last November that will require at least nine days of early in-person voting. Earlier this month, Whitmer signed legislation to no longer make it a misdemeanor for individuals to pay for rides to polling locations through apps such as Uber and Lyft. Michigan election law had previously stated that "a person shall not hire a motor vehicle" to take them to vote unless they could not walk. Several Republican lawmakers argued against the legislation, saying that a voter could be influenced while on the ride. The changes precede a 2024 presidential election that could once again hinge on the results of Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania — three so-called blue wall states that were critical to President Joe Biden's 2020 win. Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson praised the legislation signed in Detroit, saying it was a "great step into the 2024 election cycle where we will be prepared for all the bullies who are going to show up on our doorstep." The package looks to further protect

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Fri Dec 01 07:12:22 2023	Whitmer signs bills to require notice on AI-generated political ads	Rick Pluta	<p>Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed nearly two dozen bills Thursday to make major changes to Michigan election laws. “We’ve taken Michigan from mediocre to a state that’s leading when it comes to protecting the right to vote, the franchise and protecting all the people who make it happen,” she said at a signing ceremony that took place at the Detroit branch of the NAACP. Whitmer said the location was chosen because many restrictions on voting most dramatically affect communities of color, young people and those who can’t take time off from work to go vote. The new laws will allow nine days of early voting and automatic registration of young people and released prisoners, and they make it a crime to harass election workers. One of the new laws will require campaigns to flag ads that make use of AI technology. The Democratic governor said it has become too easy to use digital methods to peddle falsehoods and misleading claims. She said helping people identify what is real and what is fake in campaign ads will help combat misinformation. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Michigan’s top election official, said the new law is important to get in front of the use of rapidly changing technology that is used to influence voters. “But I anticipate this will not be the last action we take with regards to protecting voters from AI,” she said. “It’s just a Secretary Buttigieg made a stop at the Kellogg Center for the Jim Blanchard Public Service Forum, a yearly event where the former governor invites prominent speakers to address MSU community members. The secretary’s visit drew close to 100 protestors who called on the Biden administration to end violence in the Middle East. Their voices could be heard from inside the hall. Buttigieg acknowledged concerns about Antisemitism and Islamophobia on college campuses. He said debates should remain civil. “But with regard for one of those humanity, especially when those disagreements are coming from a place of pain, which is It’s been nearly three months since hundreds of Blue Cross Blue Shield employees walked off their jobs after union officials failed to reach an agreement with the health insurance company. United Auto Workers reports the union has now reached a verbal agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Bargaining on behalf of workers in Lansing... Amy Castanon says the deal includes raises. “So literally throughout the life of the agreement, the average wage &nbsp;“He has said he knows nothing about what happened and I trust him he is a man of honor.” In his first public comments on the sign stealing allegations that led to the 3-game suspension of football coach Jim Harbaugh. University president Santa Ono says he believes Harbaugh when he says he was not aware of the scheme “it is an ongoing investigation we will see what happens but I trust the guy I think he is one of the great coaches out there.” But President Ono says he takes seriously allegations the team broke the rules when they sent scouts to games of future opponents to record videos and steal their sideline signals. “Certainly I take it very seriously. This is an academic institution. Ethics and integrity are essential to what we do, it is a cornerstone to a great university.” Ono says he is hopeful</p>	Whitmer, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, AI technology, voting, voting-rights, voting laws
Thu Nov 30 16:26:18 2023	Pete Buttigieg visits MSU, draws protestors calling for ceasefire in Gaza	Arjun Thakkar	<p>Secretary Buttigieg made a stop at the Kellogg Center for the Jim Blanchard Public Service Forum, a yearly event where the former governor invites prominent speakers to address MSU community members. The secretary’s visit drew close to 100 protestors who called on the Biden administration to end violence in the Middle East. Their voices could be heard from inside the hall. Buttigieg acknowledged concerns about Antisemitism and Islamophobia on college campuses. He said debates should remain civil. “But with regard for one of those humanity, especially when those disagreements are coming from a place of pain, which is It’s been nearly three months since hundreds of Blue Cross Blue Shield employees walked off their jobs after union officials failed to reach an agreement with the health insurance company. United Auto Workers reports the union has now reached a verbal agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Bargaining on behalf of workers in Lansing... Amy Castanon says the deal includes raises. “So literally throughout the life of the agreement, the average wage</p>	Pete Buttigieg, MSU, Israel, Gaza
Thu Nov 30 16:16:10 2023	BCBSM reaches tentative deal with striking workers	Michelle Jokisch Polo	<p>It’s been nearly three months since hundreds of Blue Cross Blue Shield employees walked off their jobs after union officials failed to reach an agreement with the health insurance company. United Auto Workers reports the union has now reached a verbal agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Bargaining on behalf of workers in Lansing... Amy Castanon says the deal includes raises. “So literally throughout the life of the agreement, the average wage</p>	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Strike, union, United Auto Workers
Thu Nov 30 11:53:19 2023	U of M President Ono stands by coach Harbaugh	Phil Dawson	<p>“He has said he knows nothing about what happened and I trust him he is a man of honor.” In his first public comments on the sign stealing allegations that led to the 3-game suspension of football coach Jim Harbaugh. University president Santa Ono says he believes Harbaugh when he says he was not aware of the scheme “it is an ongoing investigation we will see what happens but I trust the guy I think he is one of the great coaches out there.” But President Ono says he takes seriously allegations the team broke the rules when they sent scouts to games of future opponents to record videos and steal their sideline signals. “Certainly I take it very seriously. This is an academic institution. Ethics and integrity are essential to what we do, it is a cornerstone to a great university.” Ono says he is hopeful</p>	University of Michigan, U of M, Jim Harbaugh, football

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Thu Nov 30 11:53:00 2023	New EV charging road unveiled in Detroit	David Limbaugh	Officials from all three entities met at the Michigan Central building in downtown Detroit on Wednesday to unveil the new quarter mile stretch of 14 th Street. Imbedded in the road are inductive-charging coils that, when driven over by cars equipped with Electreon receivers, will charge the cars. Dr. Stefan Tongur with Electreon says that there has already been a great amount of interest in the project from the public. "We already got a lot of people from the public asking us, 'Can I charge my Chevy Volt on your road? Can I charge my Ford 150 Lightning? Can I charge my BMW i7 on your road?' Because they have an issue with charging today, with battery range, with cost. And we're looking forward to telling all these people, 'Yes, you can charge on our roads. Not only this one, but others.'"The project was widely touted by Governor Gretchen Whitmer who announced the initiative in September of 2021. Since then, MDOT and Electreon have entered a five-year commitment to develop an electric road system using Michigan roads as the canvas. Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison says the city of Detroit is the perfect place to begin this process. "The wireless charging roadway	Detroit, MDOT, EV, electric cars, Roads
Thu Nov 30 09:24:19 2023	Fire up for Chili in Ada this Saturday	Shelley Irwin	Fire up for Chili in Ada this Saturday. We talk about the annual Ada Chili and beer Festival with Andrew Grashuis, the 9 th year this Saturday in downtown ADA. The event	Ada, Ada Chili and Beer Festival, Event,
Thu Nov 30 09:24:16 2023	Long Road Distillers launch over the top	Shelley Irwin	Long Road Distillers launch over the top holiday Cocktails. We talk to Owner Jon O'Connor about a fun and whimsical menu including names of St. Nick's Vacation, Snow Machine, and Figgy Stardust. The Holiday Pop Up Cocktails last through early January. LRD was born from	Long Road Distillers, alcohol, Local Business, Holiday,
Thu Nov 30 09:24:12 2023	Fountain Hill Center holds its Holiday Open House December	Shelley Irwin	Fountain Hill Center holds its Holiday Open House December 5, plus the Porchlight Award presented. Terri Demeter and Therapist discuss the event and keeping a check on mental health as the days shorten and the holidays come and go.	Fountain Hill Center, Fountain, mental health, Therapy, therapy-based
Thu Nov 30 09:24:10 2023	Laughfest is back for 2024	Shelley Irwin	Laughfest is back for 2024. We talk about the important event, raising awareness and funds for Gilda's Club. We discuss general info for the 2024 preparation and what's in store for the	Gilda's Club, LaughFest, Comedy,
Thu Nov 30 09:24:08 2023	Boston Square organizations and neighbors host a Community Tree Lighting Event	Shelley Irwin	Boston Square organizations and neighbors host a Community Tree Lighting Event that reflects the diverse cultures from within the neighborhoods. Organizer Jenny Luth and Terra Firma Boulderling Co's Jesse Stafford talk about Saturday's flipping of the tree switch and other activities planned.	Boston Square Neighborhood Association, Christmas, Christmas Tree,

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Thu Nov 30 08:59:21 2023 Susan Ford Bales Dee Morrison
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Lady Rosalynn
Carter

Susan Ford Bales knows firsthand how difficult things may be for the Carter family after Mrs. Carter is laid to rest. "My dad died the day after Christmas. It makes Christmas very hard for me. And so I'm sure Thanksgiving will be very hard for them." Rosalynn Carter and Betty Ford created a unique friendship, although their husbands were in opposing political parties, and Democrat Jimmy Carter defeated Republican Gerald Ford in the 1976 election. "They set a great example of how you can put things aside having fought each other very hard in the election and become friends." A lesson she says should be remembered in the divided climate of today's politics, noting members of both parties sat side by side to honor Mrs. Carter. "How proud she would have been to see so many people from both sides of the aisle sitting there honoring her. All the First Ladies were there. If our Congress couldn't do that now, look at what we did by just honoring somebody and really drop your anger and whatever and think of what is best for the country." After their husbands left office, the former First Lady spent 40 years

Susan Ford Bales,
First Lady Rosalynn
Carter, First Lady
Betty Ford, Funeral,
Former President
Jimmy Carter, Gerald
R. Ford

Thu Nov 30 08:12:28 2023 Autoworkers Associated Press
strike cut Ford
sales by 100,000
vehicles and cost
company \$1.7
billion in profits

A <https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-strike-ford-agreement-2e3b61035a1180fdf69b23be8d602d6c>> six-week United Auto Workers strike at Ford cut sales by about 100,000 vehicles and cost the company \$1.7 billion in lost profits this year, the automaker said Thursday. Additional labor costs from the four-year and eight-month agreement will total \$8.8 billion by the end of the contract, translating to about \$900 per vehicle by 2028, Chief Financial Officer John Lawler said in a company release. Ford will work to offset that cost through higher productivity and reducing expenses, Lawler said. The Dearborn, Michigan, automaker re-issued full-year earnings guidance that was withdrawn during the strike, but it trimmed its expectations. The company now expects to earn \$10 billion to \$10.5 billion before taxes in 2023. That's down from \$11 billion to \$12 billion that it projected last summer. Ford said the strike caused it to lose production of high-profit trucks and SUVs. UAW workers shut down the company's largest and most profitable factory in Louisville, Kentucky, which makes big SUVs and heavy-duty pickup trucks. The company generated \$4.9 billion in net income and \$9.4 billion in pretax earnings during the first nine months of the year. The announcement comes ahead of Lawler speaking to the Barclays Global Automotive and Mobility Technology Conference Thursday morning in New York. The UAW strike began Sept. 15, targeting assembly plants and other facilities at Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis. The strike ended at Ford on Oct. 25. Lawler said the company is committed to its strategy of disciplined capital allocation to generate strong growth and profitability. Shares of Ford rose 1.1% to \$10.71 in trading before Thursday's opening bell. They are down more than 20% in the past year. Ford plans to release fourth-

Ford Motor
Company, profit,
Strike, United Auto
Workers

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Thu Nov 30 08:08:44 2023 Biden Administration
 Associated Press
 administration
 proposes biggest
 changes to lead
 pipe rules in more
 than three
 decades

Most U.S. cities would have to replace lead water pipes within 10 years under strict new rules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency as the Biden administration moves to reduce lead in drinking water and prevent public health crises like the ones in Flint, Michigan and Washington, D.C. Millions of people consume drinking water from lead pipes and the agency said tighter standards would improve IQ scores in children and reduce high blood pressure and heart disease in adults. It is the strongest overhaul of lead rules in more than three decades, and will cost billions of dollars. Pulling it off will require overcoming enormous practical and financial obstacles. "These improvements ensure that in a not too distant future, there will never be another city and another child poisoned by their pipes," said Mona Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician and clean water advocate. The Biden administration has previously said it wants all of the nation's roughly 9 million lead pipes to be removed, and rapidly. Lead pipes connect water mains in the street to homes and are typically the biggest source of lead in drinking water. They are most common in older, industrial parts of the country. Lead crises have hit poorer, majority-Black cities like Flint especially hard, propelling the risks of lead in drinking water into the national consciousness. Their impact reaches beyond public health. After the crises, tap water use declined nationally, especially among Black and Hispanic people. The Biden administration says investment is vital to fix this injustice and ensure everyone has safe, lead-free drinking water. "We're trying to right a longstanding wrong here," said Radhika Fox, head of the EPA Office of Water. "We're bending the arc towards equity and justice on this legacy issue." The proposal, called the lead and copper rule improvements, would for the first time require utilities to replace lead pipes even if their lead levels aren't too high. Most cities have not been forced to replace their lead pipes and many don't even know where they are. Some cities with a lot of lead pipes might be given longer deadlines, the agency said. The push to reduce lead in tap water is part of a broader federal effort to combat lead exposure that includes proposed

lead water lines,
 Biden
 Administration, Flint
 water, Benton
 Harbor, Michigan

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Thu Nov 30 08:03:21 2023 UAW will try to Associated Press
 organize workers
 at all US nonunion
 factories after
 winning new
 contracts in
 Detroit

Less than two weeks after [ratifying new contracts](https://apnews.com/article/uaw-ford-contract-vote-strike-workers-union-30da6d5846e77622801d14ae793636d7) with union, nonunion Detroit automakers, the United Auto Workers union announced plans Wednesday to try to simultaneously organize workers at more than a dozen nonunion auto factories. The UAW says the drive will cover nearly 150,000 workers at factories largely in the South, where the union has had little success in recruiting new members. The drive will target U.S. plants run by Toyota, Honda, Hyundai, Nissan, Subaru, Mazda, Volkswagen, Mercedes, BMW and Volvo. Also on the union's list are U.S. factories run by electric vehicle sales leader Tesla, as well as EV startups Rivian and Lucid. "You don't have to live paycheck to paycheck," union President Shawn Fain said in a statement appealing [to nonunion workers](https://apnews.com/article/uaw-automakers-union-strike-pay-workers-factories-3065fadafb0ae1fd180cc99049650191). "You don't have to worry about how you're going to pay your rent or feed your family while the company makes billions. A better life is out there." The union said that Toyota's 7,800-worker assembly complex in Georgetown, Kentucky, is among factories with the strongest interest in the union. A Toyota spokesman declined to comment. The organizing drive comes after a six-week series of strikes at factories run by Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis that ended with new contracts. Under the contracts, top assembly plant worker pay will rise 33% by the time the deals expire in April of 2028. The new contracts also ended some lower tiers of wages, gave raises to temporary workers and shortened the time it takes for full-time workers to get to the top of the pay scale. At the end of the contract top-scale assembly workers will make about \$42 per hour. Plus they'll get annual

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Wed Nov 29 17:04:05 2023 New technology Associated Press
 installed beneath
 Detroit street can
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Crews have installed what's billed as the nation's first wireless-charging public roadway for electric cars, charge, electric vehicles beneath a street just west of downtown Detroit. Copper inductive charging charged, Technology, coils allow vehicles equipped with receivers to charge up their batteries while driving, idling or technologies parking above the coils. The quarter-mile segment of 14th Street will be used to test and perfect the technology ahead of making it available to the public within a few years, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation. Demonstrations were held Wednesday at Michigan Central innovation district, a hub for advancing technologies and programs that address barriers to mobility. The district also is where Ford Motor Co. is restoring the old Michigan Central train station to develop self-driving vehicles. The technology belongs to Electreon, an Israel-based developer of wireless charging solutions for electric vehicles. The company has contracts for similar roadways in Israel, Sweden, Italy and Germany. The pilot initiative in Michigan was announced in 2021 by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Alongside Michigan's automotive expertise, we'll demonstrate how wireless charging unlocks widespread EV adoption, addressing limited range, grid limitations, and battery size and costs," said Stefan Tongur, Electreon vice president of business development. "This project paves the way for a zero-emission mobility future, where EVs are the norm, not the exception." When a vehicle with a receiver nears the charging segments, the coils beneath the road transfer electricity through a magnetic field, charging the vehicle's battery. The coils only activate when a vehicle with a receiver passes over them. Tongur told reporters the roadway is safe for pedestrians, motorists and animals. The state Department of Transportation and Electreon made a five-year commitment

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Wed Nov 29 16:16:22 2023	Christmas toy charity in western Michigan turns to gift cards after fire	Associated Press	<p>A charity that has been giving away Christmas gifts in the Grand Rapids area for more than 100 years said it will turn to gift cards after a fire damaged a building where more than 5,000 packages were stored. It's possible the gifts for needy families were not affected by smoke at the DeltaPlex in Walker. But Santa Claus Girls of Kent County said there's not enough time to check each one before the Dec. 9 distribution to 2,500 families. "It was a question of what can we do within the time constraints to help the kids? So we said gift cards," Rick Barteling, the group's logistics coordinator, told WOOD-TV. The fire happened last Friday. It was knocked down but still caused smoke damage. "It was absolutely unbelievable to think of all of the thousands of children's gifts that were sitting in this smoky box," Barteling said. Santa Claus Girls will examine toys, Charley's Crab, which first opened its doors in 1982 along the Grand River, had served as a downtown dining staple for over three decades. According to a permit filed on November 22, the property is currently owned by RDV Corporation. The restaurant shut its doors in 2020 at the beginning of the Covid pandemic and never reopened. Since then, the building has been condemned and sits vacant. The building sits between US-131 and Market Avenue with a parking lot along the Grand River. The property makes up a 31-acre stretch of land that the city of Grand Rapids and Grand Action 2.0 are considering for mixed-use development to coincide with the planned \$184 million dollar Acrisure Amphitheater project. About 11 acres are slated for the amphitheater itself. Recent renderings of the area show a possible high-rise structure being built on the land currently occupied by the former The hunger strikers are calling on the Biden Administration to get behind a lasting ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Democratic Representative Abraham Aiyash says the protest builds on a letter he and a couple dozen other Michigan lawmakers sent to President Biden last week asking him to support a ceasefire. "No one wants to see children being mauled and murdered. No one wants to see innocent men, women, and seniors attacked and killed and injured. And so, across the board, we recognize that the only way to achieve peace in the</p>	Toys, Charity, Gifts, gift
Wed Nov 29 15:47:08 2023	Vacant Charlie's Crab restaurant building set for demolition	David Limbaugh	<p>Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, demolition, Restaurant, corporations, vacancy</p>	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, demolition, Restaurant, corporations, vacancy
Wed Nov 29 15:35:58 2023	Rep. Aiyash to join state lawmakers in ceasefire hunger strike	Colin Jackson	<p>hunger, Strike, lawmakers, Michigan lawmakers, Rep. Aiyash</p>	hunger, Strike, lawmakers, Michigan lawmakers, Rep. Aiyash

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Wed Nov 29 15:26:35 2023	UAW will try to organize workers at all US nonunion factories after winning new contracts in Detroit	Associated Press	<p>Less than two weeks after ratifying new contracts with Detroit automakers, the United Auto Workers union announced plans Wednesday to try to simultaneously organize workers at more than a dozen nonunion auto factories. The UAW says the drive will cover nearly 150,000 workers at factories largely in the South, where the union has had little success in recruiting new members. The drive will target U.S. plants run by Toyota, Honda, Hyundai, Nissan, Subaru, Mazda, Volkswagen, Mercedes, BMW and Volvo. Also on the union's list are U.S. factories run by electric vehicle sales leader Tesla, as well as EV startups Rivian and Lucid. "You don't have to live paycheck to paycheck," union President Shawn Fain said in a statement appealing to nonunion workers. "You don't have to worry about how you're going to pay your rent or feed your family while the company makes billions. A better life is out there." The union said that Toyota's 7,800-worker assembly complex in Georgetown, Kentucky, is among factories with the strongest interest in the union. A message was left seeking comment from Toyota. The organizing drive comes after a six-week series of strikes at factories run by Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis that ended with new contracts. Under the contracts, top assembly plant worker pay will rise 33% by the time the deals expire in April of 2028. The new contracts also ended some lower tiers of wages, gave raises to temporary workers and shortened the time it takes for full-time workers to get to the top of the pay scale. At the end of All will be merry and bright this Friday in downtown Grand Rapids as the city hosts its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Rosa Parks Circle. Many local vendors and organizations will be on site to hand out free food and merchandise. And in keeping with the spirit of the season, the Homeless Outreach Team will be at the Grand Rapids Fire Department booth accepting donations of hats, gloves, socks and handwarmers. The Humane Society of West Michigan will also be on hand with Max, the Grinch's dog, available for adoption, along with other puppies. Attendees will be able to meet characters from The Nutcracker, as performed by the Grand Rapids Ballet. The U.S. Postal Service will also be available to help you mail your letters to Santa. Other organizations making an appearance include the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, Mexican Heritage Association of West Michigan, and the Grand Rapids Public Library, all providing fun activities and giveaways. The annual Christmas tree</p>	UAW, United Auto Workers, auto industry, Organizations, nonunion, contract, workers
Wed Nov 29 15:21:04 2023	Grand Rapids annual tree lighting ceremony takes place Friday evening	David Limbaugh	<p>Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, Christmas Tree, Christmas, lighting, ceremony</p>	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, Christmas Tree, Christmas, lighting, ceremony

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Wed Nov 29 11:47:49 2023	Jonathan Smith introduced as MSU football coach	Phil Dawson	“Wow. I am excited. Excited to be here.”44 year old Jonathan Smith is coming to Michigan State after 6 years coaching the Oregon State Football team, his alma mater.“Been here 48 hours and I’m so impressed with all I have seen on campus.”MSU Vice President of Athletics Alan Haller says Smith was the best of the 12 candidates he interviewed.‘There was tremendous interest in this position. Michigan State is absolutely viewed as a great job in college football. We got the right guy.”At Oregon State Smith’s team was 18 and 7 over the past 2 seasons. He replaces Mel Tucker, who was fired after sexual harassment	MSU, Michigan State University, football, coach, Sports, East Lansing
Wed Nov 29 10:49:14 2023	The War and Treaty hits Kalamazoo this	Shelley Irwin	The War and Treaty hits Kalamazoo this Friday night, the first black duo to be nominated for the Country Music Association Award for Duo of the Year, plus the nominated for Duo of the Year for the Academy of Country Music. Miller Auditorium hosts Imagine: World Peace with Officials with the Michigan State Police have placed the Flint post’s entire command staff on administrative leave pending an internal investigation.	Kalamazoo, Music, Performance, Performing Arts, Live Roving Mic, catholic, Franciscan Life Process Center, nuns, 50th Anniversary
Wed Nov 29 10:49:12 2023	Part Two of a Tour of the Beginnings of the Franscican Life Process Center	Shelley Irwin	MSP spokesperson Shannon Banner said in a statement that First Lt. Yvonne Brantley, Lt. Michael Philipps and Lt. Thomas Dhooghe were all placed on leave on Wednesday, leaving Third Di+D279strict Assistant Commander Insp. Stephen Sipes in temporary command of the post. Banner said the three commanders were placed on leave in connection with an internal investigation into the promotion process.	
Wed Nov 29 10:49:10 2023	America’s Tallest Singing Christmas Tree opens tonight	Shelley Irwin	Banner did not elaborate in the statement. Asked by The America’s Tallest Singing Christmas Tree opens tonight. Today guests from the quartet Quarter Notes and Producer Tony Ross talk about this 39 th year on the stage of the Frauenthal Theatre. Songs are sung in studio.	Christmas, Music, Performance, Frauenthal Center for the Performing black community, Black Businesses, Entrepreneurs, Grand Rapids, business leaders
Wed Nov 29 10:49:07 2023	The National Black MBA Association announces the official launch of its 42nd Chapter	Shelley Irwin	The National Black MBA Association announces the official launch of its 42 nd Chapter in Greater Michigan. We discuss this historic occasion to strengthen the diverse talent pipeline, plus a commitment to education and economic growth. Skot, Shaquanda and Attah join the show.	
Wed Nov 29 08:50:06 2023	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners seek Terpstra replacement	Patrick Center	Ottawa County Commissioner Kyle Terpstra issued his resignation from the board on November 16 th . Terpstra served Ottawa County’s 6 th District which covers most of Georgetown Charter Township. The term of office expires December 31, 2024. Michigan law mandates the board vacancy must be filled within 30 days.Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will appoint a new member by December 12 th .Candidates can apply online at miottawa.org. Application deadline is 9am	Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, Kyle Terpstra

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Wed Nov 29 08:39:47 2023 GM says strike cost \$1.1B, but it can absorb rising labor costs as it raises dividend Associated Press

General Motors says pretax earnings took a \$1.1 billion hit this year due to production lost during a six-week strike by autoworkers, but the company expects to absorb the costs of a new contract and is even raising its dividend. The Detroit automaker on Wednesday reinstated its full-year earnings forecast that was withdrawn after the United Auto Workers began targeting the factories of Detroit automakers with strikes on Sept. 15. Those strikes continued at GM until Oct. 30. The company now predicts full-year net income of \$9.1 billion to \$9.7 billion, down from its previous outlook of \$9.3 billion to \$10.7 billion. But GM expects to generate more cash for the full year. It expects free cash flow of \$10.5 billion to \$11.5 billion, an increase from a previous forecast of \$7 billion to \$9 billion. To get there, GM expects to cut capital spending, including a slowdown in spending on electric vehicles and at Cruise, its troubled autonomous vehicle unit. California regulators revoked the San Francisco-based subsidiary's robotaxi license last month after one of its vehicles dragged a pedestrian to the side of a street after the person was hit by another car. Barra wrote that GM expects the pace of Cruise's expansion to cities outside of San Francisco to be more deliberate when driverless taxi operations resume "resulting in substantially lower spending in 2024 than in 2023." GM had big plans for Cruise, which it bought eight years ago. The Detroit automaker had been expecting annual revenue of \$1 billion from Cruise by 2025 — a big jump from the \$106 million last year. During the first nine months of this year Cruise posted pretax losses of \$1.9 billion. GM says it will raise its dividend 33% to 12 cents per share starting in January. It's also planning to buy back \$10 billion of its shares. Shares of GM rose 8.6% before Wednesday's opening bell, but remain down about 27% in the past year. The company said new contracts with the UAW and Canadian autoworkers will cost \$9.3 billion during the next four years and eight months, with \$200 million more coming this year and \$1.5 billion next year. The deals will increase costs per vehicle by \$500 in 2024, but analysts say competition will limit automakers' ability to increase prices. "We are finalizing a 2024 budget that will fully offset the incremental costs of our new labor agreements, and the long-term plan we are executing includes reducing the capital intensity of the business, developing products even more efficiently and further reducing our fixed and variable costs," CEO Mary Barra said in a prepared statement. GM, as well as rivals Ford and Jeep maker Stellantis, agreed to new contracts with the UAW that raise top assembly plant worker pay by about 33% by the time the

General Motors, income, Strike, UAW, United Auto Workers

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Wed Nov 29 08:26:53 2023 Michigan to join state-level effort to regulate AI political ads as federal legislation is pending Associated Press

Michigan is joining an effort to curb deceptive uses of artificial intelligence and manipulated media through state-level policies as Congress and the Federal Elections Commission continue to debate more sweeping regulations ahead of the 2024 elections. Campaigns on the state and federal level will be required to clearly say which political advertisements airing in Michigan were created using artificial intelligence under legislation expected to be signed in the coming days by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat. It also would prohibit use of [AI-generated deepfakes](https://apnews.com/article/artificial-intelligence-misinformation-deepfakes-2024-election-trump-59fb51002661ac5290089060b3ae39a0) within 90 days of an election without a separate disclosure identifying the media as manipulated. Deepfakes are fake media that misrepresent someone as doing or saying something they didn't. They're created using generative artificial intelligence, a type of AI that can create convincing images, videos or audio clips in seconds. There are increasing concerns that generative AI will be used in the 2024 presidential race to [mislead voters](https://apnews.com/article/technology-science-business-artificial-intelligence-afb4618ff593db9e3e51ecbd91dc3eef), impersonate candidates and undermine elections on a scale and at a speed not yet seen. Candidates and committees in the race already are experimenting with the rapidly advancing technology, which can create convincing [fake images](https://apnews.com/article/artificial-intelligence-images-rights-1c6d9e0e260e2d135a3e3bf98d5493df), video and [audio clips](https://apnews.com/article/technology-science-fires-artificial-intelligence-misinformation-26cabd20dcacbd68c8f38610fec39f5b) in seconds and in recent years has become cheaper, faster and easier for the public to use. The Republican National Committee in April released an entirely AI-generated ad meant to show the future of the United States if President Joe Biden is reelected. Disclosing in small print that it was made with AI, it featured fake but realistic photos showing boarded-up storefronts, armored military patrols in the streets, and huge increases in immigration creating panic. In July, Never Back Down, a super PAC supporting Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, used an AI voice cloning tool to imitate former President Donald Trump's voice, making it seem like he narrated a social media post he made despite never saying the statement aloud. Experts say these are just glimpses of what could ensue if campaigns or outside actors decide to use AI deepfakes

A.I., Artificial Intelligence, Deep Fake, campaign ads, legislation, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan

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Wed Nov 29 08:16:46 2023	Judge enters \$120M order against former owner of failed Michigan dam	Associated Press	<p>The former owner of a Michigan dam is on the hook for roughly \$120 million sought by the state for environmental damage when the structure failed after days of rain in 2020, a judge said. But it's not known how the state will ever collect: Lee Mueller has filed for bankruptcy protection in Nevada. "I don't have \$120 million," Mueller told The Associated Press, calling the figure an "absurdity." After three days of rain, the Edenville Dam collapsed in May 2020, releasing a torrent that overtopped the downstream Sanford Dam and flooded the city of Midland, located about 128 miles (206 kilometers) northwest of Detroit. Thousands of people were temporarily evacuated and 150 homes were destroyed. Wixom Lake, a reservoir behind the Edenville Dam, disappeared. U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney on Monday granted the state's request for a \$120 million judgment against Mueller, who didn't contest it. The state said much of that amount is related to damage to fisheries and the ecosystem for mussels. The state insists that the Edenville Dam collapsed as a result of poor maintenance and a lack of critical repairs. "The failures of the Edenville and Sanford dams caused impacts that were devastating but avoidable," said Phil Roos, director of the state environment agency. Mueller said he believes the dam failed because of a defect during construction about a century ago. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission asked experts to study what happened at the Edenville and Sanford dams. The </p>	Edenville Dam at Wixom Lake, Sanford Dam
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Wed Nov 29 08:11:03 2023 Michigan State Associated Press
 added 7th year,
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 \$7.25M, to land
 former Oregon
 State coach
 Jonathan Smith

[Michigan State](https://apnews.com/hub/michigan-state-spartans-football) had enough competition from Power Five [college football](https://apnews.com/hub/college-football) teams also hoping to hire Jonathan Smith that it added a seventh year to his contract, helping a shaken program land the former [Oregon State](https://apnews.com/hub/oregon-state-beavers-football) coach. “I was nervous a couple weeks ago because there were jobs that were talking about being open — and there were jobs that were open — that were looking at him,” athletic director Alan Haller said Tuesday, adding that Smith will make \$7.25 million in his first season. “I had to step up my pursuit.”The Spartans had a lot at stake to get it right.They're coming off a 4-8 season stunted by a scandal that led to [Mel Tucker](https://apnews.com/article/michigan-state-mel-tucker-fired-72f41733fc07520eba176020918151be) being fired and entering a year with the [Big Ten](https://apnews.com/article/big-ten-schedule-usc-ucla-oregon-6a535499885bfb87965dc00841959896) expanding to include Oregon, Washington, USC and UCLA from the [Pac-12](https://apnews.com/article/conference-realignment-pac12-c4c791dc1f54d0786e51730a2b90c6f3). “There’s no other Big Ten coach that is going to have that jump-start on those four schools,” said Haller, who interviewed 12 coaching candidates at least once.Smith will need all the help he can get because Michigan State has had only one winning season in four years.The program's history is marked by inconsistency, showing it can win 36 games and two conference titles in a three-year span as former coach [Mark Dantonio](https://apnews.com/article/7fce6b2835828bd5dfcbae2588e37415) did, and yet failing to sustain success in any decade since joining the Big Ten in 1953. “A lot of us in this room understand, this is going to take some work,” Smith said at his introductory news conference at the Breslin Center. “I am definitely excited and up for the challenge — and the opportunity.”Smith is scheduled to get a \$100,000 raise in each year of his contract, getting \$7.85 million for his seventh season in 2030.This will not be Smith's first shot at turning around a team, and the Spartans who stay and those who choose to come will hear his mantra, “low ego, high output,” early and often.Oregon State was winless in conference play and had only one victory the year before it brought Smith back to campus.“The place was not having a ton of success, had some turmoil,” he recalled.The

Michigan State
 University, college
 football, Jonathan
 Smith

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Wed Nov 29 06:35:11 2023	Whitmer signs landmark energy law	Rick Pluta	<p>Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) signed a landmark energy law in Detroit on Tuesday that sets an ambitious goal for Michigan to generate 100 % of its energy from renewable resources by 2040. Whitmer declared herself “a climate optimist” as she signed the 11-bill package at Detroit’s Eastern Market. “Pessimism is pointless,” she said. “Let’s believe. Let’s fight for future generations. Let’s get it done.” But to accomplish that, the new law will take away the ability of local governments to reject large wind and solar energy projects on private property. That will be preempted by the Michigan Public Service Commission, the state’s utility-regulating agency. “So to make sure we’re successful, we’re making it easier for landowners to build solar panels and wind turbines and big batteries on their properties,” she said. “Our perspective is simple: It’s your land. You should have the freedom to use it however you want.” Whitmer also said the new law will boost the state’s economy and help create thousands of union-wage jobs. Environmental groups praised the new law. “Fifty years ago, the extent of coal and oil’s threats were just being realized,” said Charlotte Jameson, chief policy officer of the Michigan Environmental Council. “Twenty years ago, coal plants were still being proposed in-state. Now, a 100% clean energy future is in sight.” But Republicans, who</p> <p>The Edenville Dam failed more than three years ago and contributed to a devastating flood – that forced 10,000 people to evacuate and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes and businesses in the Midland area. Judge Paul Maloney issued a ruling this week that Boyce Hydro, the company that owned the dam, violated Michigan’s natural resource and environmental protection law. The ruling says Lee Mueller, the owner of the now-bankrupt company, is liable for the damage to fisheries and freshwater mussel populations. Maloney also sided with the state against Mueller saying that he knew the dam was at risk of failure and</p> <p>The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of an Upper Peninsula teenager in a dispute over a school threat and the right to remain silent when questioned by police in the principal’s office. Authorities in Alger County can’t use the boy’s incriminating statements against him because he wasn’t given a Miranda warning, the court said in a 3-0 opinion last week. The court said the case broke new ground in Michigan: It could not find a legal precedent that “substantively addressed the situation” in Munising. In 2021, a 13-year-old boy was pulled from class and taken to the principal’s office at Munising Middle/High School. The boy acknowledged appearing in a video with a shotgun and text that said “be ready tmrw,” a reference to tomorrow. The boy said he was joking about a school shooting, though the prosecutor charged him with two crimes. The appeals court affirmed a decision by a local judge who said the teen should have been given a Miranda warning. Miranda is shorthand for the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that gives crime suspects a right to remain silent and consult a lawyer. The Munising teen wasn’t under arrest. But he was in the principal’s office facing the local police chief with the door closed. the appeals court noted. conditions that could be</p>	Winds, Wind turbine, solar panels, solar energy, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Detroit, Green, green energy, Clean Energy
Tue Nov 28 17:05:55 2023	Judge says Edenville dam owner is liable for nearly \$120 million in environmental damage	Teresa Homs	<p>Judge Paul Maloney issued a ruling this week that Boyce Hydro, the company that owned the dam, violated Michigan’s natural resource and environmental protection law. The ruling says Lee Mueller, the owner of the now-bankrupt company, is liable for the damage to fisheries and freshwater mussel populations. Maloney also sided with the state against Mueller saying that he knew the dam was at risk of failure and</p> <p>The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of an Upper Peninsula teenager in a dispute over a school threat and the right to remain silent when questioned by police in the principal’s office. Authorities in Alger County can’t use the boy’s incriminating statements against him because he wasn’t given a Miranda warning, the court said in a 3-0 opinion last week. The court said the case broke new ground in Michigan: It could not find a legal precedent that “substantively addressed the situation” in Munising. In 2021, a 13-year-old boy was pulled from class and taken to the principal’s office at Munising Middle/High School. The boy acknowledged appearing in a video with a shotgun and text that said “be ready tmrw,” a reference to tomorrow. The boy said he was joking about a school shooting, though the prosecutor charged him with two crimes. The appeals court affirmed a decision by a local judge who said the teen should have been given a Miranda warning. Miranda is shorthand for the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that gives crime suspects a right to remain silent and consult a lawyer. The Munising teen wasn’t under arrest. But he was in the principal’s office facing the local police chief with the door closed. the appeals court noted. conditions that could be</p>	Edenville Dam, Edenville Dam at Wixom Lake, Flood, flooding, liability, legal liability, damage
Tue Nov 28 16:20:22 2023	Court says prosecutor can't use statements from teen in school threat case	Associated Press	<p>Judge Paul Maloney issued a ruling this week that Boyce Hydro, the company that owned the dam, violated Michigan’s natural resource and environmental protection law. The ruling says Lee Mueller, the owner of the now-bankrupt company, is liable for the damage to fisheries and freshwater mussel populations. Maloney also sided with the state against Mueller saying that he knew the dam was at risk of failure and</p> <p>The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of an Upper Peninsula teenager in a dispute over a school threat and the right to remain silent when questioned by police in the principal’s office. Authorities in Alger County can’t use the boy’s incriminating statements against him because he wasn’t given a Miranda warning, the court said in a 3-0 opinion last week. The court said the case broke new ground in Michigan: It could not find a legal precedent that “substantively addressed the situation” in Munising. In 2021, a 13-year-old boy was pulled from class and taken to the principal’s office at Munising Middle/High School. The boy acknowledged appearing in a video with a shotgun and text that said “be ready tmrw,” a reference to tomorrow. The boy said he was joking about a school shooting, though the prosecutor charged him with two crimes. The appeals court affirmed a decision by a local judge who said the teen should have been given a Miranda warning. Miranda is shorthand for the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that gives crime suspects a right to remain silent and consult a lawyer. The Munising teen wasn’t under arrest. But he was in the principal’s office facing the local police chief with the door closed. the appeals court noted. conditions that could be</p>	Appeals Court, Michigan appeals court, rights, threat,

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Tue Nov 28 15:34:32 2023 GRPS holds first in-person forum tonight

The public can have their voice heard at one of several in-person feedback sessions starting tonight. GRPS is proposing a number of strategic moves in order to better serve their students and community, including the closure of several buildings. Some recommendations include the relocation of students from East Leonard Elementary to either Coit Creative Arts Academy or Kent Hills Elementary. Another option would see the transfer of students from Stocking Elementary to either Sibley Elementary or Harrison Park Academy. These consolidations are expected to save the school district \$63 million dollars in outstanding maintenance and repairs to older facilities. Other proposals include turning Ken-O-Shay Elementary along Plaster Creek into an environmental science academy, as well as providing all academic buildings with air conditioning by 2029. District leaders say all of these recommendations are only at the proposal stage right now, and there will be three more public forums throughout December, held in various parts of the district. Voting on the proposals by the school board

Grand Rapids Public Schools, GRPS, Feedback, public, public information, meeting, public meeting

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Tue Nov 28 15:23:43 2023	Michigan will implement ambitious clean energy mandates with goal of carbon-free electricity by 2040	Associated Press	<p>Michigan is implementing one of the nation’s most ambitious clean energy mandates, aiming to be carbon-free by 2040 in what is a pivotal test of the Democrats’ environmental goals in a state with a long-standing manufacturing legacy.Michigan will join four other states in requiring utility providers to transition to 100% carbon-free energy generation by 2040 under legislation signed Tuesday by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. The state has also set a goal for utilities to generate 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2030, a significant leap from the current 12%.The state-level mandates support the Biden administration's goals of a carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035 and a net-zero emissions economy by no later than 2050.The clean energy package, which was approved by Democrats in the Michigan Legislature this month, has been lauded by environmental groups. Lisa Wozniak, executive director of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, said she hopes Michigan’s plan serves as a model for other states. “Michigan is at the heart of the industrial Midwest. What happens here sets the tone for what could happen all across this country,” Wozniak said.Michigan ranked 11th in electricity consumption nationwide in 2021, with a majority of it coming from coal, natural gas and motor gasoline. Of the 12% produced through renewable sources last year, most came from winds that sweep across the Great Lakes.A resource that naturally replenishes over time and is derived from solar, water or wind power is considered renewable. Under the package, clean energy includes renewable sources along with nuclear energy and natural gas. Natural gas can be used only if utilities capture and store the carbon emissions.Meeting the 50% renewable energy goal by 2030, and 60% five years later, will require a massive buildout of utility-scale renewable energy resources in Michigan.Just over 17,000 acres (6,880 hectares) of land in the state are currently used for wind and solar generation, according to Dan Scripps, chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission. Scripps told lawmakers during a Nov. 7 committee hearing that an additional 209,000 acres (84,579 hectares) of land will be needed for projects to hit the 60% renewable energy goal.To achieve this, Michigan lawmakers will give the state’s Public Service Commission the</p>	Whitmer, Gretchen Whitmer, Clean Energy, Clean Energy Healthy Michigan, mandates
Tue Nov 28 10:48:43 2023	The Franciscan Life Process Center celebrates 50 years	Shelley Irwin	<p>The Franciscan Life Process Center celebrates 50 years. The Roving Mic gives you part 1 of a 2 part series, walking the Lowell grounds and talking to original Founders and more. A celebration happens this Sunday, Sister Colleen Nagle with the introduction.</p>	Franciscan Life Process Center, catholic, nuns, Roving Mic,

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Tue Nov 28 10:48:39 2023	West Michigan Shelley Irwin Groundbreakers: Grand Rapids Rise	We continue a series focusing upon local Groundbreakers in tandem with the PBS Groundbreakers Documentary. Today, guests from Grand Rapids Rise share their challenges, surprises, thrills, and ways to make success happen. This special feature highlights Coach Kathy George, Assistant Coach Bill Walton, Director of Operations MacKenzi Welsh, and	Groundbreakers, Grand Rapids, RISE, volleyball, Women
Tue Nov 28 08:26:45 2023	Non-profit leaders Patrick Center say shelter demand far exceeds available beds, "We are faced with difficult decisions and risk loss of life."	In an open letter to the community, leaders from AYA Youth Collective, Degage Ministries, Family Promise of West Michigan, Mel Trotter Ministries along with Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness outlined the demand for services.The lack of bed capacity means an estimated 100 to 300 individuals will not have access to shelters as the weather turns colder. "We are faced with difficult decisions and risk loss of life."Data from Point in Time identifies Kent County's unhoused population's growth. In 2018, 723 people experienced homelessness. Fast forward to 2023, and the number increases to 1,239. Contributing factors include a shortage of affordable housing, the end of COVID relief funding and economic hardships.More people in need and not enough beds compounded by a worker shortage and funding shortfalls led to the collective issuing the winter sheltering warning.The open letter includes a portion in bold type that reads, "What's more, the funding needed to	Homelessness, Kent County, Grand Rapids, shelter, Dégagé Ministries, AYA Youth Collective, Family Promise of West Michigan, Mel Trotter Ministries, Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End
Tue Nov 28 08:11:06 2023	Generous gift Patrick Center creates permanent funding for endowed chair at Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy.	In 2008, a \$1.5 million grant from the Frey Foundation established the Frey Foundation Chair for Family Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University's Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy. It was the first of its kind in the nation. It would create an area of study that did not previously exist. Michael Moody was appointed the first chair with a focus on engaging next-generation donors recognizing their values. Philanthropic programs advancing research and professional development. The work will continue, and the leadership position is now secured with a \$2.2 million gift. The Frey Foundation furnishing a \$1.2 million grant along with an anonymous donor's \$1 million match.In a news release, 'Grand Valley President	Grand Valley State University, Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, Frey Foundation, gift, university funding, chair

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Tue Nov 28 08:01:55 2023 Michigan Associated Press
 Democrats poised to test ambitious environmental goals in the industrial Midwest

Michigan is on the verge of implementing one of the nation’s most ambitious clean energy mandates, aiming to be carbon-free by 2040 in what is a pivotal test of the Democrats’ environmental goals in a state with a long-standing manufacturing legacy. Michigan will join [four other states](https://apnews.com/article/politics-north-dakota-district-of-columbia-puerto-rico-utilities-843904f9037f582d1b7a65b20c631969) in requiring utility providers to transition to 100% carbon-free energy generation by 2040 under legislation that will soon be signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. The state has also set a goal for utilities to generate 50% of their energy from renewable sources by 2030, a significant leap from the current 12%. The state-level mandates support the [Biden administration's goals](https://apnews.com/article/offshore-wind-orsted-cancellation-biden-new-jersey-3f2ff7c9832210ce862f6e7179fae439) of a carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035 and a net-zero emissions economy by no later than 2050. The clean energy package, which was approved by Democrats in the Michigan Legislature this month, has been lauded by environmental groups. Lisa Wozniak, executive director of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, said she hopes Michigan’s plan serves as a model for other states. “Michigan is at the heart of the industrial Midwest. What happens here sets the tone for what could happen all across this country,” Wozniak said. Michigan ranked 11th in electricity consumption nationwide in 2021, with a majority of it coming from coal, natural gas and motor gasoline. Of the 12% produced through renewable sources last year, most came from winds that sweep across the Great Lakes. A resource that naturally replenishes over time and is derived from solar, water or wind power is considered renewable. Under the package, clean energy includes renewable sources along with nuclear energy and natural gas. Natural gas can be used only if utilities capture and store the carbon emissions. Meeting the 50% renewable energy goal by 2030, and 60% five years later, will require a massive buildout of utility-scale renewable energy resources in Michigan. Just over 17,000 acres (6,880 hectares) of land in the state are currently used for wind and solar generation, according to Dan Scripps, chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission. Scripps told lawmakers during a Nov. 7 committee hearing that an additional 209,000 acres (84,579 hectares) of land will be needed for projects to hit the 60% renewable energy goal. To achieve this, Michigan lawmakers plan to give the state’s Public Service Commission the

Michigan, alternative energy, carbon emission, environment, Democrats, Midwest Region

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Mon Nov 27 21:16:23 2023	Tax cut petition campaign stalls in front of state election board	Rick Pluta	<p>A petition campaign seeking to eliminate property taxes in Michigan was dealt a setback Monday by a state elections board. But the Axe MI Tax campaign said it will likely skip the optional step of receiving board approval and start collecting signatures anyway. “You don’t need to go through this way. It’s elective,” said Karla Wagner of Axe MI Tax. Petition campaigns typically seek advance approval by the Michigan Board of State Canvassers of 100-word summary language and the format of petitions to avoid legal challenges later. The Axe MI Tax drive has still not submitted its form for pre-approval, and that alone was enough for board chair Mary Ellen Gurewitz, a Democrat, to vote against approving the petition. Decisions by the four-person, evenly divided board must be bipartisan. Republican board member Anthony Daunt said he would have approved the summary without waiting to see the petition form. That deadlock means the petition did not get pre-approval by the board. Opponents offered more than a hint of what they might argue if Axe MI Tax returns in the future with petition signatures. “The people who will sign this petition are entitled to know the effects of this proposal, said attorney Mark Brewer. Brewer said the petition would be vulnerable to a challenge if it doesn’t list all the laws that would be altered or abrogated by the proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution. He said that is more than a technicality. “This proposal would cut billions of dollars from schools in this state.” he said. “It would defund Officials with the Michigan State Police have placed the Flint post’s entire command staff on administrative leave pending an internal investigation. MSP spokesperson Shannon Banner said in a statement that First Lt. Yvonne Brantley, Lt. Michael Philipps and Lt. Thomas Dhooghe were all placed on leave on Wednesday, leaving Third District Assistant Commander Insp. Stephen Sipes in temporary command of the post. Banner said the three commanders were placed on leave in connection with an internal investigation into the promotion</p>	tax, Taxes, Taxes, Board of State Canvassers, Michigan Board of State Canvassers
Mon Nov 27 21:09:03 2023	Michigan State Police places Flint post command staff on leave pending internal investigation	Associated Press	<p>Michigan State Police have placed the Flint post’s entire command staff on administrative leave pending an internal investigation. MSP spokesperson Shannon Banner said in a statement that First Lt. Yvonne Brantley, Lt. Michael Philipps and Lt. Thomas Dhooghe were all placed on leave on Wednesday, leaving Third District Assistant Commander Insp. Stephen Sipes in temporary command of the post. Banner said the three commanders were placed on leave in connection with an internal investigation into the promotion</p>	Michigan State Police, police, Flint

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Mon Nov 27 14:45:08 2023 Richard Lyman Fred Stella
Bushman (Part II)

Fred Stella continues with Richard Lyman Bushman about his book Joseph Smith's Gold Plates. Richard Lyman Bushman is an American historian and Gouverneur Morris Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University, having previously taught at Brigham Young University, Harvard University, Boston University, and the Mormonism, religion

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Mon Nov 27 13:12:59 2023	Inclusive sensory garden opens at Tanger Outlets Grand Rapids	David Limbaugh	The TangerKids Sensory Garden, located near the flag court, features a multitude of sections to explore. Tanger wanted to make sure the design and layout was welcoming to both kids and adults of all abilities, so they consulted with Hope Network’s Center for Autism on its development. The garden originally opened in September and features non-toxic greenery, paved walkways and other interactive attractions that appeal to the senses of smell, sight, sound and touch, all in a maze-like setting. The garden will be open year-round. Tanger Outlets, located in Byron Center, features over 70 retailers stretched out over a 375,00 square foot open-air setting and has proven to be a popular shopping destination in West	Grand Rapids, shopping, Garden
Mon Nov 27 10:27:37 2023	Tanglefoot hosts Open Studio	Shelley Irwin	Tanglefoot artists join us in studio, Jeff Condon and Elaine Dalcher share the information about this weekend’s event, Open Studio, At the Tanglefoot building on Straight. Seasoned, established artists present their talents, artists who have created art the majority of their	Tanglefoot, Art, Artists, Art Studio, open
Mon Nov 27 10:27:34 2023	Tinsel Treats and Trolleys takes place this Friday	Shelley Irwin	Ada Business Association welcomes another addition of Tinsel Treats and Trolleys this Friday night, an annual event of shopping and community adventure. Jon Conkling joins in with the details, a night that includes an entire Christmasy Village.	Ada, Business, Christmas, Event, Family, Family Fun
Mon Nov 27 10:27:31 2023	Burzurk Brewery Hosts Mi Gente	Shelley Irwin	We discuss “Mi Gente” at the Burzurk Brewery in Grand Haven tomorrow night. Dollars raised will support the Lupita Reyes scholarship. Co owner of the Brewery, Karen Forbes will talk	Event, Grand Haven, Brewing,
Mon Nov 27 10:27:29 2023	GVSU focuses on food security for students for Giving Tuesday	Shelley Irwin	Tomorrow is Giving Tuesday, and GVSU focuses on food security for students. Assistant Director for the Center for Women and Gender Equity, Lariesha Lee talks about the Replenish Student Food Resource, as more students are accessing Replenish than ever before.	GVSU, Giving Tuesday, Women, equity, Food
Mon Nov 27 10:27:28 2023	West Michigan Works! ReThink event recap	Shelley Irwin	Local talent is needed. Insight is provided on what local employers are facing in attempts to attract younger talent to West Michigan. Hello West Michigan’s Rachel Gray discusses the recent ReThink event and moving forward to action items as a follow up. We also feature	West Michigan Works!, West Michigan, jobs,

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Mon Nov 27 06:36:57 2023 Ceasefire
 protestors
 pressure elected
 officials during
 Lansing rally

Dozens of people gathered outside the Michigan state Capitol and governor's mansion this weekend to call for a lasting ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Israeli officials estimate around 1,200 people in Israel died during a surprise Hamas attack on Oct. 7. Hamas also seized around 240 hostages during that raid. In the days and weeks since, Israel has conducted counterstrike campaigns with a death toll that Palestinian officials said approaches 15,000 people. International organizations including the World Health Organization [say](https://www.who.int/news/item/03-11-2023-women-and-newborns-bearing-the-brunt-of-the-conflict-in-gaza-un-agencies-warn) most of the lives lost have been women and children. Mohamad Ashry attended the Lansing rally Saturday evening with his family. He said he comes from Egypt but carried a Palestinian flag. He said he feels Palestinians have been treated as less than human during this conflict. "Every one of them, they are not just numbers. These are human beings. Everyone has a dream, and everyone has a story. But right now, no one cares about them. Even our own government in the United States, they are funding this war sending the weapons, sending the money, sending heavy support," Ashry said. During the protest, speakers and attendees lamented the U.S. government's backing of the Israeli government in the conflict. That's despite rising [criticism](https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/11/1143772) from the United Nations and human rights organizations over the high number of civilian casualties and Palestinians displaced. The Israeli government and Biden administration have defended the offensive as part of Israel's right to self-defense in its fight against Hamas. Organizers of the Saturday event lined the Capitol steps with candles the color of the Palestinian flag, and bloodied figures wrapped up to resemble body bags. A sign that read "human shield" in capital letters stood nearby. They were representing the children lost during the recent escalation. "It wasn't 60, it wasn't 600, it was 6,000+ children that died. How could I not be here?" attendee Aklima Hossain said, referencing [reports](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/25/scarred-for-life-the-families-still-seeking-dead-amid-gaza-rubble) of the number of child casualties in Gaza, when asked why it was important for her to come to Lansing. A temporary ceasefire took effect Friday, allowing for the [swap](https://www.npr.org/2023/11/26/1215226229/another-hostages-for-prisoners-swap-expected-if-a-fragile-cease-fire-holds-in-is) of some

Palestine, pro-
 Palestinian, Israel,
 rally

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Mon Nov 27 06:29:07 2023	Explosions at petroleum refinery leads to evacuations near Detroit	Associated Press	Explosions at a petroleum refinery outside Detroit caused a fire and led to the evacuation of some nearby residents, authorities said.The first explosion occurred shortly after 10 p.m. Friday in White Lake Township, local news outlets reported. A second explosion minutes later sent flames higher than trees and created a large plume of black smoke that could be seen for miles, the Detroit Free Press reported.Fewer than 100 residents near the site of the explosion and fire were evacuated, White Lake Police said. Four fire departments responded to the scene.Laun Dearman, who lives less than half a mile from the refinery, said he and his wife saw the billowing smoke and flames.It wasn't clear who owned the refinery or what caused the explosions.“It’s a small, portable rig. They’ve been drilling for oil for close to a year now,"	refinery fire, explosion, Detroit
Fri Nov 24 07:45:02 2023	More than 1,300 Christmas trees are sailing from Cheboygan to Chicago	Teresa Homs	Volunteers loaded the trees and 1,400 Christmas cards from the Cheboygan community onto the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw this past week.The "Christmas Tree Ship" dates back to the early 1900s, but has been an annual, charity-based event since 2000.Carole Yeck, with the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce, says the tree ship unites the region and gets trees to families that otherwise wouldn't be able to celebrate the holidays with a fresh-cut tree."It's just really exciting as a community to really pair with the Coast Guard and become a big part of something bigger than ourselves [during] the holiday time that will help so many	Christmas, Christmas Tree, Trees, Cheboygan, coast guard, United States Coast Guard, Chicago
Fri Nov 24 07:27:00 2023	Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit briefly interrupted by protesters	Russell McNamara	Pro-Palestinian protesters briefly shut down the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit Thursday morning.About 150 protesters marched along Woodward in Midtown... before being corralled off the route by police at M.L King Jr. Boulevard.The protest continued with DPD watching. There were no arrests.Social justice activist Lexis Zeidan says the holiday is the perfect day to highlight the plight of Native Americans and Palestinians.<i>“Truly a day that has been publicized to cover up the genocide that our country has committed on indigenous Americans... and we're standing in solidarity with our indigenous Americans and with our Palestinians because of the current genocide that's unfolding in	Palestine, pro-Palestinian, Israel, protest, Detroit
Fri Nov 24 07:13:30 2023	Stellantis recalls more than 32,000 hybrid Jeep Wrangler SUVs because of potential fire risk	Associated Press	Automaker Stellantis on Wednesday announced a recall of more than 32,000 of its hybrid Jeep Wrangler SUVs because they pose a potential fire risk.As part of what the company described as a routine review of customer information, Stellantis determined that eight of the hybrid Wranglers had caught fire while they were turned off and parked. Six of the vehicles were being charged when the fires started. The company said it doesn't believe anyone was hurt in the fires.The recall covers 2021-2024 models of the Jeep Wrangler 4xe SUVs. All other Wrangler models have been deemed safe by Stellantis, which maintains its U.S. headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan.The SUVs affected by the recall can still be driven until they are fixed, but Stellantis is recommending they be parked away from buildings and not be charged	Stellantis, Detroit, Auburn Hills, recall, automotive recall

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Wed Nov 22 15:45:57 2023	Grand Rapids proposed soccer stadium Memorandum of understanding amended	Patrick Center	<p>The Kent County Board of Commissioners’ 10-member Finance and Physical Resources Committee signed off on a Memorandum of understanding with Grand Action 2.0. The not-for-profit economic development organization is working with the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority on the proposed soccer stadium project. Commission approval came with an amendment to the MOU. It was decided the soccer stadium would not be constructed with money from Kent County’s general fund. “These are transformational projects for not just the city but the county and the region in general.” While Commissioner Dave Hildenbrand supports the projects, it comes with reservations when it comes to tax dollars supporting them. “We have great philanthropy in this community. Great donors. We Orka Automation is consolidating recently purchased West Michigan Gage and Component Engineering under one roof as a quality inspection solutions leader. Orka is making a \$2.5 million capital investment by purchasing the 24,000-square-foot building it currently leases in Wyoming and transforming it into a state-of-the-art facility with the capacity to meet its clients’ growing needs. That will include the construction of an additional 12,000 square feet. Market demand expansion will require an investment in human resources with the creation of 25 new jobs. Orka considered potential out-of-state locations. Nonprofit regional economic development corporation, The Right Place, assisted automation firm with its Wyoming expansion. Jennifer Wangler is Vice President of Technology for The Right Place. She The proposed \$184 million, 12,000 seat Acrisure Amphitheater located on the east bank of the Grand River is set to receive \$15 million from Kent County over the next three years beginning in 2024. The County Board of Commissioners’ 10-member Finance and Physical Resources Committee agreed to release the money generated through Kent County’s lodging excise tax fund. Not-for-profit economic development organization, Grand Action 2.0 is spearheading the project’s <i>Next Wave</i> campaign. Its goal is raising the \$184 million to finance amphitheater construction. Recently, Grand Rapids-based Acrisure secured its naming rights with a \$30 million commitment bringing the private donation goal of \$70 million past the midway point. Grand Action 2.0 and its partners continue efforts securing another \$114 million in public funding. Kara Wood, Grand Action 2.0 Executive Director was asked what financial gap remains? “The remaining gap are some state funds that have not yet been</p>	<p>USL Champions League Soccer, soccer stadium, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority, Kent County Board of Commissioners, Orka Automation, City of Wyoming, The Right Place, high-tech jobs</p>
Wed Nov 22 15:36:45 2023	Automation and engineering company expanding in Wyoming with multi-million-dollar investment	Patrick Center		
Wed Nov 22 13:57:27 2023	\$15 million from Kent County’s lodging excise tax fund will support amphitheater project	Patrick Center		<p>Kent County Commissioners, Acrisure Amphitheater, public funding, hotel tax, lodging tax</p>

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Wed Nov 22 13:51:50 2023	Former Grand Rapids City Commissioner enters the mayoral race	Patrick Center	Senita Lenear has announced her candidacy for Grand Rapids mayor. Lenear served two terms as Third Ward City Commissioner from 2014 through 2022. While serving, Lenear was chairwoman of the Mayor’s Safe Alliance for Everyone Task Force and worked toward addressing the city’s housing needs as a member of the Great Housing Strategies Committee. Lenear was elected to the Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education in 2009 and later became board president. She also has 25 years of business experience. “The Southtown Corridor Improvement District Authority Business Area Specific Plan is one of which that I championed and spent time developing. And as a result of that we’ve seen an increase in our small business districts in the neighborhoods where we now are seeing façade improvements and we’re seeing more vibrancy in the neighborhood and in and in those	Senita Lenear, Grand Rapids, Michigan, mayor, candidate
Wed Nov 22 12:31:10 2023	Repairs coming to city of Muskegon roads	David Limbaugh	The city is proposing the use of \$625,000 in reserves from its local street fund to improve four streets that are among some of the worst in the city. That’s according to Muskegon Public Works Director Dan VanderHeide, who proposed the upgrades during the city commission’s most recent work session. “We did look at the state of the street funds and found that even keeping six-months recommended minimum expenses in cash that there was some money available in the fund that had not been programmed. And so this is a proposal to you all to take a good portion of that money, \$625,000, and spend that on local street reconstructions.” The roads being considered for repair include Second Street, Edgewater Street, Millard Avenue and New Street. VanderHeide explains why. “These streets have been selected because their utilities are in good shape, with the exception of lead service lines, which would be replaced before work was done. They were selected based on their condition, they are four of definitely the worst streets in the city. they were selected due to geographic	Muskegon, Muskegon City, Muskegon City Commission, Roads, roads funding, road construction, road repairs
Wed Nov 22 11:04:35 2023	John Ball Park parking plan for zoo vote postponed	Phil Dawson	John Ball Zoo board member Casey Albell says they need more parking because zoo attendance is steadily increasing. “even with modest attendance projections our currently paved parking is not adequate. But after listening to objections during public comment the Kent County Finance and Physical Resources Committee is indefinitely postponing a vote on the zoo’s plan to pave green space in John Ball Park and add parking spaces. County Commissioner Carol Hennessy calls the plan paving over paradise. “once the trees are gone the grass is paved its gone together.” But the zoo says while their paving plan may make the park next door smaller, it will be better. “through additional parking, minimizing traffic	John Ball Zoo, Grand Rapids, parking, parking lot
Wed Nov 22 10:24:12 2023	The Roving Mic visits the Iceman	Shelley Irwin	The Iceman has Cometh. Northern Michigan welcomed both novice and pros to the Mountain Bike Trails for the annual Kalkaska to Traverse City race, the Roving mic on site.	Roving Mic, Running, Bike, biking, Traverse
Wed Nov 22 10:24:12 2023	Meals on Wheels Western Michigan Thanksgiving Meal	Shelley Irwin	Meals on Wheels Western Michigan celebrated the holiday season with a community Thanksgiving meal on Tuesday. We talk to ED Lisa Wideman about the status of senior hunger in West MI.	Meals on Wheels, Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Food,

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Wed Nov 22 09:45:04 2023	Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends updated vaccines heading into the holiday season	Shelley Irwin	The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends updated vaccines heading into the holiday season. Dr. Steven Furr, President of the American Academy of Physicians shares info about the Covid 19 Vaccine updates and more.	CDC, Vaccines, flu, COVID, Safety
Wed Nov 22 09:44:58 2023	AAA Michigan activates their Tow to Go for Thanksgiving	Shelley Irwin	AAA Michigan activates their Tow to Go for Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, talking with Adrienne Woodland about the topic.	Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving holiday, driving, Roads, Safety
Wed Nov 22 09:44:48 2023	Thanksgiving food safety	Shelley Irwin	We discuss how best to stay safe in the kitchen when prepping for Thanksgiving Day. We talk about Thanksgiving mistakes that can make you sick, USDA Food Safety Specialist Jesse	Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving holiday,
Wed Nov 22 08:44:44 2023	Whitmer signs more bills to repeal abortion restrictions	Rick Pluta	Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed bills Tuesday to roll back more abortion restrictions remaining on the books in Michigan even though it is questionable if they could be enforced under the reproductive rights amendment adopted a year ago by voters. The governor signed the bills in a room filled with supporters cheering a new round of abortion rights laws. The Democratic governor already signed a law back in April to repeal the state's criminal abortion ban. Whitmer said all this helps align state laws with the reproductive rights amendment adopted last year by voters. "Today we are taking another bold step forward to ensure that Michigan law reflects Michigan values," she said. "The people spoke loudly last year." Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing had a different view. "This is a dark day in Michigan as the Governor recklessly signs into law a package of bills that present an immediate danger to the health and safety of women and children, including the unborn, in our state," she said, noting poll numbers that suggest a majority of voters support some restrictions on abortion. One of the bills Whitmer signed repeals a law to criminalize medication abortions, including prescribing the drug mifepristone. "Medication abortion is the most common method of abortion, and while other states restrict access to these pills, we in Michigan are making sure that our health care providers and patients have every option available," she said. Dr. Sarah Walleth, the chief medical operating officer for Planned Parenthood of Michigan, said repealing the laws will provide clinics and patients with certainty. "Under current restrictions, our patients are seeing growing wait times for appointments -- already more than three weeks out in some areas of the state," she said. "They're traveling longer and longer distances to access care and tragically far too many are being forced to cancel	Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan, abortion rights

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Wed Nov 22 08:35:31 2023 Supporters: Colin Jackson
 Language access
 bills a potential
 "gamechanger"

Michigan bills awaiting the governor's signature would require government agencies to provide language-access services for people with limited English proficiency. That would mean using interpreters and translating official documents. The bills would apply for any language spoken by at least 500 or 3% of people in a served community. Christine Sauvé is policy engagement coordinator for the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center. She said the bills could be a "gamechanger." "No matter what language you speak or where you were born, we all benefit when people with limited English language proficiency can participate fully in public life and are included in many of the important government communications that this would cover," Sauvé said. The legislation would work by requiring the Office of Global Michigan to coordinate implementation of the policy, called the Statewide Meaningful Language Access Coordination Act. The Office of Global Michigan would have to create a language access liaison to work with government entities on training and resource development. There would also be a process to file complaints with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights for non-compliance with the bills. Sauvé said some government agencies may try to provide some level of translation services as a form of compliance with federal civil rights law. But she said that often falls short, leaving someone with limited options, other than the federal court system, for accessing language resources if they're unavailable. "There could be a lot of things that could be done to better utilize available space and save on maintenance costs. But superintendent Leadriane Roby says they don't plan to sell any closed school buildings. And they are holding public hearings asking residents what they think they should do with the empty schools. "As buildings come off line we are committed to engaging neighbors about what would happen next at those sites. The Grand Rapids Board Of Education has expressed a desire to maintain property ownership for potential future growth." The school district held their first public hearing Monday night...5 more are planned and residents can also offer feedback during public comment periods at

Michigan, Language,
 Accessibility

Tue Nov 21 15:58:16 2023 GRPS seeks Phil Dawson
 public input on
 school closings

The Grand Rapids Public School District has a plan to close up to 10 school buildings to better utilize available space and save on maintenance costs. But superintendent Leadriane Roby says they don't plan to sell any closed school buildings. And they are holding public hearings asking residents what they think they should do with the empty schools. "As buildings come off line we are committed to engaging neighbors about what would happen next at those sites. The Grand Rapids Board Of Education has expressed a desire to maintain property ownership for potential future growth." The school district held their first public hearing Monday night...5 more are planned and residents can also offer feedback during public comment periods at

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Tue Nov 21 15:44:04 2023 Ford to resume building Michigan electric vehicle battery plant delayed by strike, but scale it back Associated Press

Ford Motor Co. is resuming construction on a Michigan electric vehicle battery plant that the company postponed two months ago during a strike by the United Auto Workers union. But the automaker said that due to slowing electric vehicle sales growth, it will scale back the factory's size, cutting the number of planned jobs by about one third to 1,700 from 2,500. The annual battery cell output will drop from enough for 400,000 vehicles per year to about 230,000. Ford put the plant, originally to cost \$3.5 billion, on hold in late September as the union went on strike at targeted assembly plants run by Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis. The contract dispute ended last week with workers at all three voting to ratify new agreements. Spokesman Mark Truby said Tuesday that the company looked at growth forecasts for electric vehicle sales, its EV product plans and whether it could make a sustainable business out of the factory in Marshall, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of Detroit. "We are now good to confirm that we are moving forward with the plant," he told reporters. The plant will open in 2026 on the same timeline as the company set when it announced the factory in February. It will produce batteries with a lithium-iron-phosphate (LFP) chemistry, which is cheaper than the current nickel-cobalt-manganese chemistry now used in many EV batteries. Consumers will be able to choose between a battery with lower range and cost, or pay more for higher range and power. Unlike the company's other battery plants that are joint ventures, the Marshall factory will be a fully owned Ford subsidiary staffed by Ford workers. But China's Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Ltd., or CATL, which is known for its lithium-iron-phosphate expertise, would supply technology, some equipment and workers. Truby said he wasn't sure how much the company would spend on the scaled back plant. U.S. electric vehicle sales are still growing at a high rate, but not as fast as they were last year, causing many automakers to slow their battery and assembly plant building plans. In June of last year, for instance, electric vehicle sales were growing about 90% year over year, according to Motorintelligence.com. But by June of this year, the growth rate had slowed to about 50%, and automakers are fearful it will slow even further with consumers having reservations about how far they can travel and whether charging stations will be available. Michigan Gov. Gretchen

Ford, Ford Company, electric cars, electric, Stellantis

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Tue Nov 21 15:33:26 2023	More than 100 guns stolen in Michigan after store manager is forced to reveal alarm code	Associated Press	More than 100 handguns were stolen from a store in southwestern Michigan after the manager was held at gunpoint outside his home and forced to reveal how to turn off the alarm, authorities said Tuesday. All guns except one were recovered and two men were arrested Friday, a day after the brazen heist at Dunham's Sports, U.S. Attorney Mark Totten said. "Just look at the firepower on this table," Jim Deir, head of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in Michigan, told reporters. "There's over \$100,000 worth of guns here. ... My experience: These were headed to the streets. These were headed for quick sale, quick money," Deir said. The two men, who are brothers, are accused of targeting a Dunham's near Benton Harbor, 100 miles (160.9 kilometers) east of Chicago. A store manager told investigators he was confronted Thursday night, blindfolded and placed in the rear seat of a car, federal agent Mallorie Campbell said in a court filing. "One of the subjects held a gun to his head and made him reveal the passcode to the alarm at the store," Campbell wrote. Store video shows a man later disabling the alarm system and filling two coolers with 123 handguns, Campbell said. Investigators got the name of a suspect after he tried to transfer money from the manager's bank account with a cash app. the agent said. The complaint	gun, theft, gun theft, Federal Court, charge
Tue Nov 21 12:43:53 2023	Grand Haven Musical Fountain seeks volunteers	David Limbaugh	The Musical Fountain Committee has approved 50 new songs for their 2024 season, but they seek the public's input for the fountain's "choreography" of lights and dancing water. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with those efforts. The 2024 season will feature the music of Motown, including performers such as Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, and The Temptations. The committee is seeking volunteers interested in learning the finer points of designing light and water movement through the Grand Haven Musical Fountain Facebook page. 2024 will also feature New Wave music from the 1980's from bands such as The Cure and Depeche Mode. The fountain celebrated its 60 th anniversary last year and MSU welcomes a decorated Jazz Drummer to its Jazz Artist in Residence series. We speak with Rodney Whitaker, head of Jazz Studies at Michigan State. We talk about Jazz Drummer Sylvia Cuenca, her presence on campus beginning December 4th. This dubbed a great concert for the community.	Grand Haven, Fountain, Tourism, volunteering, Music
Tue Nov 21 11:10:35 2023	MSU welcomes a decorated Jazz Drummer to its Jazz Artist in Residence series	Shelley Irwin	MSU welcomes a decorated Jazz Drummer to its Jazz Artist in Residence series. We speak with Rodney Whitaker, head of Jazz Studies at Michigan State. We talk about Jazz Drummer Sylvia Cuenca, her presence on campus beginning December 4th. This dubbed a great concert for the community.	MSU, Music, Jazz, Women, music director
Tue Nov 21 11:10:30 2023	Cool School, Dog Sledding and Terrain Based Learning at	Shelley Irwin	Northern Michigan offers multiple opportunities to ski, snowshoe, tube and more. Our first stop on visiting is to TreeTops, GM Barry Owens discussing Cool School, Dog Sledding plus Terrain Based Learning.	Treetops, Treetops Resort, winter, Skiing, sled

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Tue Nov 21 11:10:28 2023	The Grand Rapids Turkey Trot is one of the many choices for running before	Shelley Irwin	The Grand Rapids Turkey Trot is one of the many choices for running before your turkey. We talk to those from GRPS, including Kurt Johnson from GRPS Foundation and Race Director plus Tanell Hills with GCBS. A record may be happening when it comes to registration, proceeds going to a great cause.	Grand Rapids, Turkey Trot, Running, Thanksgiving, GRPS
Tue Nov 21 11:10:27 2023	CARE Ballet presents 'Twas the Night Before Christmas this	Shelley Irwin	CARE Ballet presents 'Twas the Night Before Christmas this weekend, Jaci Tyler and Ballet Dancer Isabella talk about this unique opportunity to showcase local talent. Several options to see the show in EGR available including a tea.	CARE Ballet, East Grand Rapids, Christmas
Tue Nov 21 11:10:23 2023	St. Francis Sculpture Garden celebrates the completion of its	Shelley Irwin	Tomorrow the St. Francis Sculpture Garden celebrates the completion of its newly constructed scenic wooden, pedestrian bridge with a ribbon cutting ceremony and more. Sculpturer Mic Carlson talks about this ADA compliant 6 foot wide bridge, spanning nearly 150 feet.	St. Francis de Sales, Mic Carlson, sculptor, Sculpture, bridge
Tue Nov 21 11:10:20 2023	West Michigan Groundbreakers: Kerri Becker	Shelley Irwin, Jennifer Moss	Starting today we highlight local West Michigan Groundbreakers in Women's Sports for the next 4 weeks on WGVU Radio. These stories are inspired by our PBS Groundbreakers episode- airing tonight, hosted by Billie Jean King. We decided to take a look closer to home and TSIS and Here and Now will be highlighting outstanding local women who have made tremendous strides right here in West Mi. We start today with Kerri Becker. WGVU's Jennifer Moss spoke	Groundbreakers, GVSU, GVSU Athletics, Sports, Women
Tue Nov 21 11:08:16 2023	New state-wide poll indicates two Republican Presidential primary candidates lead incumbent Democrat Joe Biden.	Patrick Center	Lansing-based EPIC-MRA has wrapped up a survey of 600 Michigan registered voters who are likely 2024 November voters. Republican Donald Trump leads President Joe Biden by five points, 46% to 41%. Former Republican Governor, Nikki Haley, of South Carolina leads Biden by 11 points, 47% to 36%.What impact do former President Trump's criminal charges in four separate cases have? If convicted of a crime before the election, 44% said they'd be less likely to vote for Trump. However, pollster Bernie Porn points out that block is "not voting for him anyway." But among Trump supporters, there are enough who would drop their support for the former president. In that scenario Trump's lead decreases from 46% to 40% giving Biden a one percentage point advantage.In Michigan U.S. Senate polling, Democrat Elissa Slotkin narrowly leads Republicans James Craig and Mike Rogers. In a head-to-head with Craig, One-term Congressman Peter Meijer was among the 10 House Republicans who voted to oust Donald Trump and he lost a bid for re-election last year to a pro-Trump candidate.Some question whether a moderate Republican like Meijer who might do well in a general election can win the GOP primary for Michigan's soon-to-be-open U.S. Senate seat.Meijer acknowledges national Republican officials are against him."I've also found a surprising amount of support from some unexpected corners because they say, 'Hey, the thing we loved about Donald Trump is that he's not afraid to be a bull in a China shop he's somebody who says it like it is he's not afraid to ruffle some feathers and hey, you're kind of doing the same	Epic-MRA poll, Donald Trump, Joe Biden, Nikki Haley, survey, presidential candidates, presidential campaign, Bernie Porn, Democrat, Republican, Michigan, Elissa
Tue Nov 21 08:27:46 2023	Republican U.S. Senate candidate Meijer explains campaign strategy	Quinn Klinefelter	Donald Trump and he lost a bid for re-election last year to a pro-Trump candidate.Some question whether a moderate Republican like Meijer who might do well in a general election can win the GOP primary for Michigan's soon-to-be-open U.S. Senate seat.Meijer acknowledges national Republican officials are against him."I've also found a surprising amount of support from some unexpected corners because they say, 'Hey, the thing we loved about Donald Trump is that he's not afraid to be a bull in a China shop he's somebody who says it like it is he's not afraid to ruffle some feathers and hey, you're kind of doing the same	Senate, candidate, Republican, GOP, Peter Meijer, Donald Trump, impeachment

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Tue Nov 21 08:13:25 2023 Governor Whitmer Jessi Phillips
signs gun control
legislation to
protect domestic
violence survivors

Governor Gretchen Whitmer traveled to Kalamazoo Monday to sign gun control legislation that aims to protect domestic abuse victims. The laws will forbid those convicted of domestic abuse from buying or owning a gun for eight years after finishing their sentence. Whitmer said nearly half of women who are murdered in the U.S. are killed by a partner or former partner. She also described gun violence as a "uniquely American problem." "We do not have to live like this," she said. "We're making a choice and we're choosing today to keep people safe." The bill-signing took place at the Kalamazoo YWCA, which provides counseling and advocacy for domestic violence survivors. Whitmer said the laws are commonsensical. "These bills are based on a simple idea," she said. "If you have been found guilty in court, for violently assaulting your partner, you should not be able to access a deadly weapon that you could use to further threaten, harm or kill them." Rick Omilian of the gun safety group Moms Demand Action spoke at the signing. His stepdaughter, Maggie Wardle, was murdered by her former

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Tue Nov 21 08:05:02 2023 UAW chief, having Associated Press won concessions from strikes, aims to expand membership to nonunion automakers

Entering contract talks with Detroit's three automakers, Shawn Fain set lofty expectations for what he could gain for his union members — and delivered on many of them. He secured significant pay raises, improved benefits, the right to strike over plant closures and a raft of other concessions. But to the United Auto Workers president, the agreements that emerged from talks that were marked by six weeks of strikes were merely the start of a victory streak and a renaissance for the 88-year-old union. Now, Fain has set his latest ambitious goal: To gain UAW membership in nonunion companies across the industry — from foreign automakers with U.S. operations like Toyota to electric vehicle makers like Tesla to EV battery plants that will likely represent a sizable share of auto jobs in the decades ahead. Already, Fain asserted in an interview with The Associated Press, the contracts have benefited workers in nonunion auto companies: Soon after the UAW won major pay raises for its workers, Toyota, Honda, Hyundai and Nissan — all nonunion operations — raised their own workers' pay in what Fain characterized as an obvious bid to stop the UAW from unionizing those workforces. Last week, workers at General Motors, Ford and Stellantis collectively voted 64% to ratify the new settlement deals, which are among the richest contracts in the UAW 88-year history. The agreements ended many wage tiers, gave temporary hires better pay and a path to full-time work and boosted from around 6% to 10% the annual 401(k) contributions for those without pension plans. According to Fain, workers at some nonunion plants, including the electric vehicle sales leader, Tesla, have contacted the UAW about joining the union, which hasn't even begun its organizing efforts. Fain noted that the nonunion companies didn't raise pay for their workers until after the UAW won general and cost-of-living raises, which should reach 33% by the time the contracts expire in 2028. "Companies play their workers as fools sometimes," he said in the interview. "They care about keeping more for themselves and leaving the employees to fend for themselves." Fain, who took office just eight months ago in the first direct election of UAW leaders in its history, said the time is right for labor unions to grow as they did in the 1930s and 40s, before they began a steady decline beginning in the 1950s. American workers, he said, are fed up with stagnant wages while corporate executives earn ever-growing multiples of median worker pay. Companies, Fain said, will spend "limitless amounts" to try to stop the UAW, but the union can point to its Detroit contracts to show workers they will have a voice. In that way, he said, the union is a "great equalizer." Fain

United Auto Workers, UAW, union, U.S. automakers, nonunion, Tesla

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Tue Nov 21 06:45:45 2023 Plaintiff, redistrict Colin Jackson
 commission
 lawyers project
 confidence after
 redistricting
 lawsuit trial

Both sides of a lawsuit over Michigan’s legislative district maps projected confidence Monday as attorneys prepared their post-trial briefs. The suit alleges state House and Senate maps drawn by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission violate the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act. John Bursch is the attorney for the plaintiffs. He said the Voting Rights Act doesn’t allow for the consideration of race in the redistricting process. That’s unless it’s used to protect Black voters’ interests. “The evidence showed that the commissioners relied predominantly on race in drawing the House and Senate maps. But, that in doing so, they deprived the Black voters of the ability to elect the candidates of their choice,” Bursch said. The commission denies wrongdoing, saying it stuck to criteria mandated by the state Constitution when crafting the maps. That includes population, geographic continuity, diversity and communities of interest, political neutrality, neutrality when it comes to elected officials, a consideration of municipal boundaries, and compactness. During a press conference Monday, commission Executive Director Edward Woods III said that’s a departure from standards used in past years. “So to do an apples to apples comparison, in terms of how redistricting is done this cycle versus the previous cycle is just factually incorrect because there were two distinct criterias that were being used,” Woods said. Both sides presented their arguments in federal court in Kalamazoo earlier this month. The trial focused significantly on the question of how race factored into the commission’s work. In an interview Monday, Bursch said he felt the most impactful moments came during various commission members’ and consultants’ testimony about how the group handled race while map drawing. After one of the court days, MIRS News quoted Bursch as accusing redistricting Commissioner Anthony Eid and voting rights expert Bruce Adelson of lying. On Monday, Bursch told the Michigan Public Radio Network they provided testimony that contradicted

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Tue Nov 21 06:34:10 2023 Al tech will help Rick Pluta
enforce gun ban
at MI Capitol

New artificial intelligence software is being deployed at the Michigan Capitol to help detect guns, ban, firearm, illegal guns in the building. The ZeroEyes software will monitor surveillance video from Capitol, Michigan cameras posted inside the Capitol for signs that someone slipped a gun past the metal capitol, gun ban detectors. "Using technology to basically watch the cameras and say, hey somebody's pulled out a weapon, they brandished a weapon," as William Kandler, chair of Michigan State Capitol Commission, described it. "(It) wouldn't tell you necessarily if they're carrying it concealed. Hopefully, we would have caught that when they came to the door. But if they pull it out, we would see it." Kandler said if the system spots something that seems like a weapon, that sets off an automatic alert to officers stationed nearby. "No system's 100 %. It won't be perfect,"

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Mon Nov 20 15:03:36 2023 Michigan Associated Press
 continues
 overhaul of gun
 laws with
 extended firearm
 ban for
 misdemeanor
 domestic violence

Michigan Democrats who have transformed gun laws in the state in the wake of multiple mass school shootings are now making it more difficult for individuals with convictions for misdemeanor domestic violence from gaining access to guns. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation Monday that prohibits individuals convicted of a misdemeanor related to domestic violence from possessing firearms for at least an eight-year-period. State law currently includes firearm restrictions for those with felonies related to domestic abuse, but no law had existed for misdemeanor domestic violence. "These bills are based on a simple idea: if you have been found guilty in court for violently assaulting your partner, you should not be able to access a deadly weapon that you could use to further threatened, harm or kill them." Whitmer said at a bill signing in Kalamazoo. "It's just common sense." The eight-year ban for misdemeanor domestic violence convictions is only the latest firearm restriction added to Michigan law since Democrats took control of both chambers of the state Legislature and retained the governor's office last election. Legislation implementing [red flag laws](https://apnews.com/article/michigan-red-flag-law-guns-38805222d6192cc6170e81e79dc6596f), stricter background [checks and safe storage](https://apnews.com/article/gun-legislation-msu-whitmer-safe-storage-4495e4ab951ddf7fb6b16a4a37e58260) requirements were all signed by Whitmer earlier this year. The overhauled gun laws follow [two deadly mass](https://apnews.com/article/gun-reform-democrats-michigan-state-shooting-4ec6ceac1459d0d9a2af94af6a753d96) school shootings that happened in Michigan within a 14-month period. Democratic State Sen. Stephanie Chang, a lead sponsor of the bill package, said Monday that the latest legislation would put Michigan in line with similar laws in 31 other states and the District of Columbia. Federal law [already prohibits](https://www.justice.gov/archives/jm/criminal-resource-manual-1117-restrictions-possession-firearms-individuals-convicted) those charged with felonies or misdemeanors related to domestic violence from purchasing or possessing a gun. But advocates have pushed for state-level laws that they say can be better enforced and won't be threatened by future Supreme Court rulings. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court took [up a challenge](https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-guns-domestic-violence-debeb3aeaabc6c81dcd369963ea2bec) to a federal law that prohibits

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Mon Nov 20 14:16:16 2023 West Michigan Patrick Center
Congressman
introduces "No
U.S. Financing for
Iran Act"

U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga is introducing legislation responding to the October 7 attacks on Israeli citizens by Hamas terrorists. The Zeeland Republican says Hamas is primarily financed by Iran. Huizenga's *No U.S. Financing for Iran Act* would prevent the Iranian government from entering the U.S. financial system. "My bill tightens our grip on the ayatollahs, on the government itself, but licenses for humanitarian aid to ordinary Iranians will continue to be permitted," The language of the legislation dates back to 2015 and the 114th Congress. "First, it prohibits Treasury from issuing licenses that allow U.S. financial institutions to enable trade with Iran." The exception states, "other than the sale of agricultural commodities, food, medicine, medical devices, or humanitarian assistance benefitting the civilian population of Iran." Secondly, the legislation blocks Iran from

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Mon Nov 20 13:55:40 2023 Richard Lyman Fred Stella
Bushman

Fred Stella speaks with Richard Lyman Bushman about his book Joseph Smith's Gold Plates. Richard Lyman Bushman is an American historian and Gouverneur Morris Professor Emeritus of History at Columbia University, having previously taught at Brigham Young University, Harvard University, Boston University, and the Brigham Young University.

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Mon Nov 20 13:06:23 2023	DNR asks hunters to aim for doe	David Limbaugh	In an open letter to hunters across the state, DNR specialist Chad Stewart says lower peninsula hunters should reevaluate their deer hunting priorities. Other advocates and state officials have echoed the call to stop chasing antlers and start aiming their bows and rifles at does. The logic, they say, is simple: killing an adult male has little effect on herd size, because it only takes a few bucks to impregnate many does, but those many does can give birth to twins or triplets each spring. Less does mean less fawns in the spring. In his letter, Stewart estimates that the state of Michigan is tens of thousands of does short from the number that officials would like to see harvested to keep populations stable. Deer feed on local crops and accounted for nearly 59,000 auto accidents last year alone. Compounding the situation, the DNR reports fewer hunters. The sport peaked in the late 1990's, with almost 800,000 hunters.	Hunting, Deer Hunting, DNR, Michigan DNR, deer, Deer Population
Mon Nov 20 10:36:24 2023	The Beautiful Madness of Martin Bonham	Shelley Irwin	Robert Hudson, GR Resident and former editor at Zondervan, has a new novel, a theological satire that's something of a combo of CS Lewis and PG Wodehouse. Robert talks about creating an endearing literary fantasy world, plus what he attributes his success to in the	Book, Local Author, satire, Christian, Christianity
Mon Nov 20 10:36:17 2023	Travel tips for the holidays	Shelley Irwin	We talk about the best way to travel over the holidays, much includes planning ahead and being flexible. Travel by Gagnon's Joann Verboom shares info including travel tips to make a trip less stressful, reading notifications regarding a flight, and keeping your home safe while	Travel, Holiday, JoAnne Verboom, Gagnon Travel,
Mon Nov 20 10:36:14 2023	Taking care of aging parents	Shelley Irwin	As adult children head home for the Holidays, signs of physical and mental health decline may be noticeable in aging parents. GR Attorney Catherine Jacobs discusses the topic of elder care, including appropriate response, community resources, and Long term needs.	elderly, Attorney, Seniors, seniors communities, law
Mon Nov 20 10:10:58 2023	Muskegon mayor and commissioners receiving pay increases for training and travel	Phil Dawson	They are all getting a 50-dollar-a-month raise, 600 dollars per year, and Mayor Ken Johnson says he is still making less than minimum wage. "Rising \$8,600 to \$9,200 for mayor and rising \$6,900 to \$7,500 hundred for our city commissioners. Given all the hours I put into this role it comes out to being less than minimum wage." City manager Johathan Seyferth says the education, training and travel allowance is also going up. "For the mayor it increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and for the commissioners from \$750 up to \$1,000." "But this doesn't even compare to what we spend in gas and wear and tear on our cars." That's Commissioner Teresa Emory. And Mayor Johnson? "This increase is less than the rate of inflation. This is the first	Muskegon, Muskegon City Commission, Muskegon City
Mon Nov 20 09:47:13 2023	Muskegon County Veteran Affairs helps veterans get the benefits they	Shelley Irwin	Muskegon County Veteran Affairs is on a mission to break down barriers and ensure that Vets in Muskegon and Ottawa Counties are empowered with the benefits they many not be aware of or are currently assessing. We talk to Manager Mike Baauw about the benefits available and how to receive them.	Muskegon, Ottawa, veterans, benefits, Disability
Mon Nov 20 09:47:10 2023	Time to prepare for increased energy usage	Shelley Irwin	Time to prepare for increased energy usage. DTE Gas Marketing Strategy and Support's Rosana Laurain shares winter energy saving tips, the latest on Natural Gas Prices plus general Natural Gas Safety.	DTE, DTE Energy, gas, Energy, winter

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Sat Nov 18 07:16:32 2023	<p>Judge rules Michigan lawmakers violated open meetings law during debate on gun control legislation</p>	Associated Press	<p>A judge has ruled that Michigan lawmakers violated the state’s open meetings laws during public hearings on gun control legislation. Court of Claims Judge Robert Redford ruled Thursday that the House of Representatives violated the Open Meetings Act by limiting testimony during committee hearings on the bills this past spring, the Detroit Free Press reported.The legislation expands background checks, implements so-called red-flag laws, which allow judges to temporarily confiscate a firearm from an individual, and imposes safe storage requirements on guns in homes where children are present. The laws are set to go into effect Feb. 13, exactly a year after a gunman opened fire at Michigan State University, killing three students and injuring five others. Committees in both the House and Senate heard mostly from the legislation’s supporters during hearings in March and April. Speakers from Great Lakes Gun Rights and Michigan Open Carry were allowed to submit cards in opposition but were not allowed to speak during a House committee hearing on the red-flag bills. Lawmakers said they were under a time constraint. The Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to make meetings and actions accessible to the public. Under the act, entities must make time for members of the public who attend meetings to speak. although they can impose time limitations. Great Lakes</p>	<p>Michigan Legislature, legislature, gun, guns, Grand Rapids, James Redford</p>
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Sat Nov 18 07:09:52 2023

Ford and
Stellantis workers
join those at GM
in approving
contract
settlement that
ended UAW
strikes

Associated Press

The United Auto Workers union overwhelmingly ratified new contracts with Ford and Stellantis, that along with a similar deal with General Motors will raise pay across the industry, force automakers to absorb higher costs and help reshape the auto business as it shifts away from gasoline-fueled vehicles. Workers at Stellantis, the maker of Jeep, Dodge and Ram vehicles, voted 68.8% in favor of the deal. Their approval brought to a close a contentious labor dispute that included name-calling and a series of punishing strikes that imposed high costs on the companies and led to significant gains in pay and benefits for UAW workers. The deal at Stellantis passed by a roughly 10,000 vote margin, with ballot counts ending Saturday afternoon. Workers at Ford voted 69.3% in favor of the pact, which passed with nearly a 15,000-vote margin in balloting that ended early Saturday. Earlier this week, GM workers narrowly approved a similar contract. The agreements, which run through April 2028, will end contentious talks that began last summer and led to six-week-long strikes at all three automakers. Shawn Fain, the pugnacious new UAW leader, had branded the companies enemies of the UAW who were led by overpaid CEOs, declaring the days of union cooperation with the automakers were over. After summerlong negotiations failed to produce a deal, Fain kicked off strikes on Sept. 15 at one assembly plant at each company. The union later extended the strike to parts warehouses and other factories to try to intensify pressure on the automakers until tentative agreements were reached late in October. The new contract agreements were widely seen as a victory for the UAW. The companies agreed to dramatically raise pay for top-scale assembly plant workers, with increases and cost-of-living adjustments that would translate into 33% wage gains. Top assembly plant workers are to receive immediate 11% raises and will earn roughly \$42 an hour when the contracts expire in April of 2028. Under the agreements, the automakers also ended many of the multiple tiers of wages they had used to pay different workers. They also agreed in principle to bring new electric-vehicle battery plants into the national union contract. This provision will give the UAW an opportunity to unionize the EV battery plants, which will represent a rising share of industry jobs in the years ahead. "I think this is a huge win for the UAW that they got all three contracts ratified," said Art Wheaton, director of labor studies at Cornell University. "It's lifting the boats of all or many autoworkers." Three non-union, foreign automakers in the United States — Honda, Toyota and Hyundai — quickly responded to the UAW contract by

UAW, United Auto
Workers, Strike,
Ford, Ford Motor
Company, Stellantis

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Sat Nov 18 07:03:08 2023	Striking workers reach deal with Detroit casinos	Russell McNamara	After a month on strike, unionized casino workers have a reached a tentative agreement with Motor City Casino, MGM Grand, and Hollywood Casino at Greektown.The Detroit Casino Council negotiated the deal. It's a group of five unions including the Teamsters and the United Auto Workers.All three casinos saw a drop in revenue last month, making about 20-percent less than they did in October of 2022.Gwen Mills is the National Secretary Treasurer of the union UNITE HERE. She says the strike hurt their bottom line:"I think was workers on the outside instead of on the inside talking to customers picketing entrances you know Detroit a union down and so people stayed away from the casinos and it showed in terms of	casinos, Michigan Casinos, Detroit, union, unions, Strike
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Fri Nov 17 12:35:54 2023 Unifying wage scale for early childhood educators could be an answer to the childcare crisis Patrick Center

Alex Andrews: This was commissioned by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant actually went through the Michigan Department of Education to the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, and they are who kind of commissioned us to work on this. Patrick Center: Long title, big issue. This is addressing this childcare crisis. Walk me through the shortages, the cost. the nuts and bolts of what employers are facing. Alex Andrews: Yes, so over the past, I would say 20, 22 years, our early childhood workforce in Michigan has fallen by about 27%. That equates to around 29,000 fewer educators. So, each educator is able to serve about four to 12 children. So, if you kind of quantify that number in terms of the slots that we've lost, it's about 116,000 to 348,000. So, it's quite a number of slots that we've lost, which equates to essentially more parents being forced to stay home in order to care for their children. So, the real cost there is around \$2.9 billion per year. Patrick Center: Within all of this, there are some key drivers. You mentioned two decades. What has been happening, the layering over time? What's happened to that workforce? Alex Andrews: Yeah, I think the big issue here is really around compensation and benefits. So, if we look at the early educator workforce, very skilled, very qualified and credentialed, but the wages that they're making are on par with roles that typically require only a high school diploma. So, the highest paid role in the early education workforce, lead teachers, make about \$16.03 an hour. So that is about on par with what you're seeing for fast food workers, retail workers, roles that do not require advanced levels of education. Now add on there an extra layer where early educators do have pretty strict licensing requirements, which means they do have to continue to go back for their continuing education. That's a lot of time and a lot of resources that folks have to invest to stay up to date on their licensing, and they're not making near enough that they should be making. So, if you look at the gap between a lead teacher and what you might make as a kindergarten teacher in a K-12 setting, in some regions that gap is about \$15 an hour. And then add on there the extra layer that K-12 educators add a host of additional benefits they can access that are not available in the early childhood environment. So, you're talking about folks who are highly skilled, they're doing important work, but they're making about the same wages that you could make if you got a job at McDonald's or Best Buy, Target. So, it's quite an issue and I think we're seeing a lot of the workforce now looking for opportunities outside of early education. And I think the big issue

unifying wage scale, childcare, Early Childcare Educator, childcare crisis, TalentFirst, Alex Andrews

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<p>Fri Nov 17 12:24:08 2023</p>	<p>Muskegon City Commissioners approve Windward Pointe development</p>	<p>Patrick Center</p>	<p>Muskegon-based Parkland Properties received unanimous approval from Muskegon City commissioners to transform the former Sappi Paper Mill site on Muskegon Lake into 123-acres of residential and retail space. Named Windward Pointe, the mixed-use development will include more than 2,300 residential units, a marina housing more than 250 private boat slips along with public parks and lake access. "It's a great opportunity to create a development that will have a profound, long-lasting impact." Jon Rooks is President of Parkland Properties. "It'll help solve the local housing crisis. It'll help solve a regional housing crisis and it provides attainable 'for rent' and it includes attainable 'for sale' products. And it generates 10s of millions of dollars per year in economic spinoff to the community." The site Attorneys for a group of Michigan activists are asking the state Supreme Court to hear an appeal of a lower court's ruling that would allow former President Donald Trump's name on the state's presidential primary ballot. Filings late Thursday afternoon seek an "immediate and expedited consideration" for appeal and an "emergency application" to bypass the state Appeals Court. The Supreme Court is asked to render a decision by Dec. 1, a reversal of the lower court's ruling and remanding the lower court to conduct an evidentiary hearing on Trump's eligibility to be placed on the primary ballot. "It is a virtual certainty that any decision by the Court of Appeals will be appealed to this court by the party that does not prevail," the filing read. "But with the pressing need to finalize and print the ballots for the presidential primary election, there is not time for considered decisions from both the Court of Appeals and this court. Time is therefore of the essence in this election case." The liberal group Free Speech for People had sued to force Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson to bar Trump from the ballot. They pointed to https://apnews.com/article/trump-14th-amendment-insurrection-2024-election-ballot-9c5f79203109ba221b35a48e708ad725 a section of the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment that prohibits a person from running for federal office if they have engaged in insurrection. https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-14th-amendment-ballot-michigan-b2a870f98a60dffbe4c9566cfe97457c But Court of Claims Judge James Redford rejected their arguments that Trump's role in the Jan. 6, 2021. attack on the U.S. Capitol meant</p>	<p>Parkland Properties, Windward Pointe, Jon Rooks, Sappi Paper Mill, Muskegon, Muskegon City Commission, PFAS, Michigan Department of Michigan Supreme Court, Donald J. Trump, ballot, 14th Amendment</p>
<p>Fri Nov 17 12:06:57 2023</p>	<p>Group asks Michigan Supreme Court to hear an appeal of a ruling in Trump ballot case</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>(This content is merged into the first row's text for brevity and accuracy.)</p>	<p>(This content is merged into the first row's text for brevity and accuracy.)</p>

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Fri Nov 17 12:03:03 2023	Two area businesses are expanding in West Michigan	Patrick Center	Cascade Die Casting Group is expanding in Sparta. A leading manufacturer of aluminum and zinc die cast components, its forecast for growth in the automotive sector, including electric vehicle production, required meeting demand. Its Sparta expansion is a \$6 million investment. The company employs 259 workers in Sparta and Grand Rapids. It also operates in High Point, North Carolina. Consideration was made to expand there. Nonprofit regional economic development corporation, The Right Place, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation worked with Cascade providing incentives including a \$180,000 performance-based grant. Advanced robotics and automation equipment will enhance manufacturing capabilities. The expansion will require the hiring of 30 new employees. In Muskegon, Beacon Recycling is adding 36 jobs over the next three years. Beacon provides sustainable scrap management for industrial clients. It's investing \$17.5 million in equipment for meeting green	Cascade Die Casting Group, Beacon Recycling, Sparta, Muskegon, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, MEDC, The Right Place, expansion, investment
Fri Nov 17 10:06:45 2023	BAM Talent presents Babtunde	Shelley Irwin	BAM Talent presents A Night With... Series performance tonight featuring Social Media Influencer and Hip Hoper artist Babtunde Akinboboye. "Tunde" and BAM's Darius Colquitt discuss this 3 day event. BAM Talent is a home for enriching and inspiring Black and	Music, Opera, Hip Hop, Talent, Performance
Fri Nov 17 10:06:40 2023	West Michigan Youth Ballet presents The	Shelley Irwin	The West Michigan Youth Ballet presents The Nutcracker, Stephen Sanford and Josie Sulka join the show to discuss a partnership with Coit GRPS. We also preview the spring show.	Ballet, West Michigan Youth Ballet, nutcracker,
Fri Nov 17 10:06:04 2023	Christkindl opens at the Downtown Market today	Shelley Irwin	Christkindl opens at the Downtown Market today. We talk to GM Karen Carpenter about this 26 day festive experience, including glowy lights, sugary smells and European feels. Many local organizations on site, including music from the GR Symphony.	Downtown Market, Grand Rapids Downtown Market,
Fri Nov 17 10:06:01 2023	U.S. News and World Reports shares Nursing	Shelley Irwin	What is the status of GR Nursing Homes when it comes to making a best list? We talk to the Editor of U.S. News and World Reports, Ben Handler about the 2024 Best Nursing Homes ratings, an objective assessment of quality and more.	nursing home, Seniors, study, elderly, World Elder
Fri Nov 17 10:05:58 2023	City of Grand Rapids launches annual water	Shelley Irwin	The City of Grand Rapids rolls out its annual water study, and is inviting the public to comment before the 4th of December. GR's CFO Molly Clarin talks about the process of rating sewers and water and how the voice of the public matters. The Commission votes on the 12th.	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, Water, water quality, study

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Fri Nov 17 06:28:37 2023 Adeline Hambley Associated Press
 is taking Ottawa
 Co. to court over
 \$4 million
 resignation offer

Ottawa County health official Adeline Hambley is asking a judge to uphold a \$4 million settlement in exchange for her resignation, coming after [months of conflict](https://apnews.com/article/health-department-michigan-covid-ottawa-county-06e0312a5bf7d34cfe1019443f87f3db) with local [conservative leaders](https://apnews.com/article/grand-haven-pride-despite-opposition-1fee2a66fc456f0b5640326ff90153d6) who were elected in response to COVID-19 restrictions. Ottawa County leaders had attempted to fire Hambley in January after they took majority control of the county's board of commissioners. Finding themselves unable to, the board opted to offer her \$4 million — equivalent to a quarter of the health department's 2024 budget — in return for her resignation. She also would have had to drop her lawsuit against the county. The board backed off the offer, saying it was only a "tentative settlement agreement." David Kallman, the county's legal counsel, told The Associated Press that "there has never been an agreement by the board to accept the \$4 million. There were discussions." But Hambley's lawyer filed a motion Thursday to enforce the settlement, and it's scheduled to go in front of a judge on Nov. 27. "The parties agreed to settle this matter on Nov. 6, 2023. Now, defendants have remorse and want out of the deal," Hambley's lawyer, Sarah Riley-Howard, wrote in the filing. Public health officials and local health departments across the country [became political targets](https://apnews.com/article/96cd6aff79638dc382296ae4521f4afe) during the pandemic due to lockdowns and restrictions. Ottawa County's health department serves 300,000 residents in the western part of the state. Earlier this year, county commissioners voted to cut the department's upcoming budget by nearly \$4 million. The board had threatened deeper cuts, and Hambley took to social media to protest. The county's 11-member board of commissioners was transformed last year when eight incumbents were defeated by a slate of challengers tied closely to a group known as Ottawa Impact, which was formed in 2021 partly [in response](https://apnews.com/article/gretchen-whitmer-covid-michigan-027dc3981036cf538b0cc9d9dfa3e187) to [mask mandates](https://apnews.com/article/gretchen-whitmer-covid-michigan-027dc3981036cf538b0cc9d9dfa3e187) in the county. Kyle Terpstra, a Republican commissioner, resigned from his position on the board Thursday, just hours after

Ottawa County,
 Adeline Hambley,
 settlement, Holland,
 Zeeland, West Olive,
 Health Department

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Fri Nov 17 06:18:26 2023	Consumers Energy continuing to weigh the future of its hydroelectric dams	Arjun Thakkar	Consumers Energy is evaluating how customers could be impacted if the utility sells or decommissions its hydroelectric dams. Consumers operates 13 dams on Michigan rivers. The utility generates less than one percent of its energy from the facilities. The dams will need to have their licenses renewed in 2034. The utility reports it would be cheaper to shut down the dams rather than keeping the facilities online. But officials with Consumers say both options would push costs onto customers. Spokesperson Josh Burgett says the utility is considering its options. "We're absolutely looking at how does our decision impact communities from a taxing standpoint, how does it impact residents? How does it impact tourism? And then also, The strike sent union workers to picket lines and forced layoffs by suppliers. That was combined with more people joining the labor force in hopes of finding a job. Labor Market Information Director Wayne Rourke says jobs numbers should quickly improve once the UAW contracts are finalized. Also, as employers across all sectors fill vacant positions. "So the labor force is still going strong and people are coming back into the labor force. Sometimes that causes the unemployment rate to go up a little bit, but that's not a bad thing with the In a video posted on social media, Kildee said for most of this year he was actively planning a campaign to run for Congress. "But after spending time with my wife, my children, my grandchildren, contemplating our future, the time has come for me to step back from public office." Kildee said a cancer diagnosis earlier this year was the catalyst behind rethinking his future in Congress. He's been cancer free ever since having a successful surgery. According to the latest Cook Political Report, Michigan's eighth congressional district,	Consumers Energy, hydroelectric dam, Energy, electricity
Thu Nov 16 16:12:52 2023	UAW strike plays a part in upward bump in MI jobless rate	Rick Pluta	The strike sent union workers to picket lines and forced layoffs by suppliers. That was combined with more people joining the labor force in hopes of finding a job. Labor Market Information Director Wayne Rourke says jobs numbers should quickly improve once the UAW contracts are finalized. Also, as employers across all sectors fill vacant positions. "So the labor force is still going strong and people are coming back into the labor force. Sometimes that causes the unemployment rate to go up a little bit, but that's not a bad thing with the In a video posted on social media, Kildee said for most of this year he was actively planning a campaign to run for Congress. "But after spending time with my wife, my children, my grandchildren, contemplating our future, the time has come for me to step back from public office." Kildee said a cancer diagnosis earlier this year was the catalyst behind rethinking his future in Congress. He's been cancer free ever since having a successful surgery. According to the latest Cook Political Report, Michigan's eighth congressional district,	jobs, jobless claims, unemployment, unemployment benefits, unemployed, unemployment rate, Dan Kildee, U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, Michigan, Congress, U.S. Congress
Thu Nov 16 16:06:55 2023	Rep. Kildee won't seek re-election	Rick Brewer	Consumers Energy is evaluating how customers could be impacted if the utility sells or decommissions its hydroelectric dams. Consumers operates 13 dams on Michigan rivers. The utility generates less than one percent of its energy from the facilities. The dams will need to have their licenses renewed in 2034. The utility reports it would be cheaper to shut down the dams rather than keeping the facilities online. But officials with Consumers say both options would push costs onto customers. Spokesperson Josh Burgett says the utility is considering its options. "We're absolutely looking at how does our decision impact communities from a taxing standpoint, how does it impact residents? How does it impact tourism? And then also, The strike sent union workers to picket lines and forced layoffs by suppliers. That was combined with more people joining the labor force in hopes of finding a job. Labor Market Information Director Wayne Rourke says jobs numbers should quickly improve once the UAW contracts are finalized. Also, as employers across all sectors fill vacant positions. "So the labor force is still going strong and people are coming back into the labor force. Sometimes that causes the unemployment rate to go up a little bit, but that's not a bad thing with the In a video posted on social media, Kildee said for most of this year he was actively planning a campaign to run for Congress. "But after spending time with my wife, my children, my grandchildren, contemplating our future, the time has come for me to step back from public office." Kildee said a cancer diagnosis earlier this year was the catalyst behind rethinking his future in Congress. He's been cancer free ever since having a successful surgery. According to the latest Cook Political Report, Michigan's eighth congressional district,	Dan Kildee, U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, Michigan, Congress, U.S. Congress

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Thu Nov 16 13:11:49 2023 General Motors Associated Press
 becomes 1st of
 Detroit
 automakers to
 seal deal with
 unionized workers

[United Auto Workers](https://apnews.com/hub/united-auto-workers) union UAW, United Auto members have voted to approve a new contract with General Motors, making the company the Workers, Detroit, first Detroit automaker to get a ratified deal that could end a contentious labor dispute and a GM, Strike series of crippling strikes. A vote-tracking spreadsheet on the union's website shows that with all local union offices reporting, the contract passed by just over 3,400 votes, with 54.7% in favor. A union spokesman on Thursday confirmed that the spreadsheet had the official GM totals. The outcome was closer than expected after the UAW's celebrations of victories last month on [many key demands](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-strike-ford-agreement-2e3b61035a1180fdf69b23be8d602d6c) that led to six weeks of targeted walkouts against GM, Ford and Stellantis, the maker of Jeep, Dodge and Ram vehicles. On Thursday the contract had a big lead in voting at Ford and Stellantis. Ratification was leading at Ford by more than 10,000 votes, with 66.7% of ballots in favor. At Stellantis, the lead was over 5,700, with 66.5% voting for the deal, according to the UAW website. Voting continues at Ford through early Saturday with only two large factories in the Detroit area and some smaller facilities left to be counted. At Stellantis, three Detroit-area factories were the only large plants yet to vote, with tallies expected to be complete by Tuesday. The three contracts, if approved by 146,000 union members, would dramatically raise pay for autoworkers, with increases and cost-of-living adjustments that would translate into a 33% wage gain. Top assembly plant workers would get immediate 11% raises and earn roughly \$42 per hour when the contracts expire in April of 2028. At GM, about 46,000 workers were eligible to vote on the deal, and about 36,000 cast ballots. Of the four GM plants that went on strike, workers at only a large SUV plant in Arlington, Texas, approved the contract. Workers in Wentzville, Missouri; Lansing Delta Township, Michigan; and Spring Hill, Tennessee, voted it down. Workers said that longtime employees at GM were unhappy that they didn't get larger pay raises like newer workers, and they wanted a bigger pension increase. "I'm not ungrateful, but I feel like it could have been better," said Andrea Repasky, a body shop worker at GM's pickup truck factory in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, who voted against the deal. Repasky said she's happy that temporary workers will be hired faster and won't have to wait multiple years to reach the full assembly worker pay rate, now about \$32 per hour. She's also glad that workers at parts warehouses and component factories will get the top wage. But she says that she'll

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Thu Nov 16 11:57:33 2023	GVSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences receives \$2.2 million grant	David Limbaugh	The \$2.2 million dollar grant was awarded to GVSU’s Center for Experiential Learning by the U.S. Department of Education. The Center itself was created as a hub to support the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Voyage program. The Voyage program provides students studying at the center with educational experiences such as career-oriented internships and intensive research projects. Other key uses of the grant include creating online data dashboards that faculty can update in real-time to help further student success, as well as providing funding for the hiring of two new faculty members who will work on course design and revision. Kris Pachla, director of the College’s Center for Experiential Learning says the funding will help launch programs that had already been developed but needed financial support to	GVSU, Grand Valley State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, GVSU's College of Liberal Arts and Science, CLAS, GVSU CLAS, Allendale
Thu Nov 16 10:12:25 2023	Nearlywed officially launches this week	Shelley Irwin	Nearlywed officially launched this week, a first statewide magazine publication in Michigan with a goal to help highlight the beauty of Michigan weddings and inspire others to utilize Michigan vendors and venues. We talk to Publisher Kelly Stroborg about the growing wedding	wedding, marriage, same-sex marriage, interracial
Thu Nov 16 10:12:23 2023	Humane Society of West Michigan to host first ever Humane Hustle Fundraiser	Shelley Irwin	It’s the first ever Humane Hustle, a day of fun and compassion, a 5k trail run to raise critical funds for the animals at the Humane Society of West Michigan. Zoey Goehring talks about the benefits plus special guest in studio.	Humane Society, Humane Society of West Michigan, Fundraiser, Running, Pets
Thu Nov 16 10:12:20 2023	Grand Rapids' 2023 Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index scorecard	Shelley Irwin	The 2023 Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index scorecard is a nationwide evaluation of municipal laws and policies advancing equity and equality. How did the City of Grand Rapids score? We talk to Equity Systems Manager in the Office of Equity and Engagement for the answer.	Human Rights, Human Rights Campaign, equity, Equity and Inclusion, inclusion
Thu Nov 16 10:12:17 2023	We look at the plans for the future of US 131	Shelley Irwin	We look at the plans for the future of the US 131 corridor through Grand Rapids’ south side. MDOT’s John Richard discusses the state’s planning process and recent community input.	U.S. 131, Development, MDOT, traffic,

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Thu Nov 16 09:04:56 2023 Autoworkers to Associated Press
wrap up voting on
contract with
General Motors
Thursday in a race
too close to call

In a tight vote, thousands of [United Auto Workers](https://apnews.com/hub/united-auto-workers) members at General Motors are expected to finish casting ballots Thursday on a tentative contract agreement that could be a giant step toward ending a prolonged labor dispute with Detroit’s Big Three automakers. The outcome of the GM vote is uncertain, despite the UAW’s celebrations of victories last month on [many key demands](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-strike-ford-agreement-2e3b61035a1180fdf69b23be8d602d6c) that led to six weeks of targeted walkouts against GM, Ford and Stellantis, the maker of Jeep, Dodge and Ram vehicles. The union is expected to announce GM results Thursday. The three contracts, if approved by 146,000 union members, would dramatically raise pay for autoworkers, with increases and cost-of-living adjustments that would translate into a 33% wage gain. Top assembly plant workers would earn roughly \$42 per hour when the contracts expire in April of 2028. Voting continues at Ford through early Saturday, where 66.1% of workers voted in favor so far with only a few large factories still counting. At Stellantis, workers had voted 66.5% in favor of the deal as early Thursday, with some large factories yet to finish casting ballots, according to a vote tracker on the UAW website. About 46,000 UAW members at GM were wrapping up voting. As of Thursday morning, those for the agreement outnumbered those against it by about 2,500 votes. That total didn’t include the tally from a 2,400-worker assembly plant in Lansing, Michigan, where 61% of members cast ballots against the contract. The union local there didn’t release actual voting figures. Of the four GM plants that went on strike, workers at only a large SUV plant in Arlington, Texas, approved the contract. Workers in Wentzville, Missouri; Lansing Delta Township, Michigan; and Spring Hill, Tennessee, voted it down. Workers said that longtime employees at GM were unhappy that they didn’t get larger pay raises like newer workers, and they wanted a bigger pension increase. Several smaller facilities were still voting, many of them parts warehouses or component factories where workers got big pay raises and were expected to approve the contract. Keith Crowell, the local union president in Arlington, said the plant has a diverse group of workers from full- and part-time temporary hires to longtime assembly line employees. Full-time temporary workers liked the large raises they received and the chance to get top union pay, he said. But many longtime workers didn’t think immediate 11% pay raises under the deal were enough to make up for concessions granted to GM in 2008, he said. That One bill package stalled in the state Legislature despite a prolonged push from supporters would give undocumented Michigan residents access to driver’s licenses. Adonis Flores is organizing director with the Michigan People’s Campaign. He says passing the bills is a matter of bravery. “Our communities have waited more than 15 years. You know? Families have been separated.” Senate Democratic Majority Leader Winnie Brinks says there is progress being made. “It’s moving very slowly in terms of getting that support and people are frustrated. And I

UAW, United Auto Workers, Detroit, GM, Ford, Stellantis, vote

Wed Nov 15 16:52:34 2023 Brinks leaves door Colin Jackson
open for FOIA,
Drive SAFE bills
next year

Winnie Brinks, Michigan Legislature, legislature, policy, proposal, drivers, drivers license

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Wed Nov 15 15:37:20 2023 Vote on tentative contract with General Motors too close to call as more tallies are reported Associated Press

Voting on a [tentative contract agreement](https://apnews.com/article/general-motors-ford-stellantis-uaw-strike-34f6f0d7ca32a671783594722b20fb24) between General Motors and the United Auto Workers union that ended a six-week strike against the company appears too close to call after the latest tallies at several GM factories were announced Wednesday. The union hasn't posted final vote totals yet, but workers at several large factories who finished voting in the past few days have turned down the four year and eight month deal by fairly large margins. However a factory in Arlington, Texas, with about 5,000 workers voted more than 60% to approve the deal in tallies announced Wednesday. The vote tracker on the UAW's website Wednesday shows the deal by 958 ahead by votes. But those totals do not include votes from GM assembly plants in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Lansing Delta Township, Michigan, and a powertrain plant in Toledo, Ohio, which all voted against the agreement, according to local union officials. In most cases the vote tallies ranged from 55% to around 60% against the contract. But in Arlington the vote was 63% in favor with 60.4% of production workers approving the deal and nearly 65% of skilled trades workers voting in favor, making the tally tight with GM voting to wrap up on Thursday. Spokesmen for both the union and General Motors declined comment while the voting continues. It wasn't clear what would happen next, but local union officials don't expect an immediate walkout if the contract is voted down. Voting continues at Ford through early Saturday, where the deal is passing with 66.1% voting in favor so far with only a few large factories still counting. The contract was passing overwhelmingly at Jeep maker Stellantis, where voting continues until Tuesday. The union's vote tracker on Wednesday showed that 79.5% voted in favor with many large factories yet to finish. Workers at some smaller GM facilities have yet to vote, and final tallies are expected to be announced late Thursday. Keith Crowell, the local union president in Arlington, said the plant has a diverse group of workers from full- and part-time temporary hires to longtime assembly line employees. Full-time temporary workers liked the large raises they received and the chance to get top union pay, he said. But many longtime workers didn't think the immediate 11% pay raises were enough to make up for concessions granted to the company in 2008, he said. "There was something in there for everybody, but everybody couldn't get everything they wanted," Crowell said. "At least we're making a step in the right direction to recover from 2008." The union agreed to accept lower pay for new hires and gave

UAW, United Auto Workers, auto industry, Strike, vote, voting, too close to

call

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Wed Nov 15 15:20:13 2023 GR Planning David Limbaugh
Commission
seeks public input
on master plan

The original Community Master Plan, or CMP, was launched back in 1963, updated in 2002, and again in 2020 as the Bridge to Our Future campaign, with an emphasis on learning how Grand Rapids could become more accessible to current and incoming residents over the next 20 years. Back in mid-October, Sarah Bongiorno with Planning Next said it’s all about making sure everyone has a voice:“Our community connectors and neighborhood organizations will be hosting what we’re calling ‘Community Conversations.’ Again, they are boots on the ground kind of going out in the community going and making sure those voices that don’t come out to our larger events are being heard.”Topics covered at these events include housing, economic development and transportation, as well as going over public input that’s been collected so far.“We’re still continuing to analyze and understand all the inputs, a lot of input is good input from Round 2 so that we can start to write the recommendations for the plans.”Each meeting will allow an opportunity for the public to give feedback on current plans.The public is welcome to attend Wednesday’s CMP event at the Center for Community Transformation from 5 to 7 PM, as well as Thursday’s event also from 5 to 7 PM at the Leslie E. Tassell M-TEC Center at GRCC.<a href="https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Events-Activities/Visualizing-Outcomes" target="_blank" link-data="{"cms.site.owner":"_ref":"00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000","_type":"ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20"},"cms.content.publishDate":1700079570206,"cms.content.publishUser":"_ref":"0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc"},"cms.content.updateDate":1700079570206,"cms.content.updateUser":"_ref":"0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc"},"cms.directory.paths":[],"anchorable.showAnchor":false,"link":"attributes":[],"cms.directory.paths":[],"linkText":"Bridge to our Future

Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, Grand Rapids Planning Department, public transportation, transportation, Housing

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Wed Nov 15 14:00:26 2023 Public providing Patrick Center Michigan Department of Transportation with input for future of US-131

“Some people want to do away with 131, like get rid of it altogether and put in light rail and transit.”That's John Richard, Communications Representative at the Michigan Department of Transportation. He tells us some want to make it a boulevard like the East Belt Line or reroute it.Outside of Detroit, US -131 is the busiest expressway with 120,000 vehicles using it daily. Reimagining it is a challenge. It's narrow. There's a rail yard and the Grand River is in play. There are 26 exit and entrance ramps that are outdated.<bsp-image data-state="{"cms.site.owner":{"_ref":"00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000","_type":"ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20"},"cms.content.publishDate":1700074806566,"cms.c content.publishUser":{"_ref":"0000017a-9c3c-d1df-a7fa-dcbf60390000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc"},"cms.content.updateDate":1700074806566,"cms.c content.updateUser":{"_ref":"0000017a-9c3c-d1df-a7fa-dcbf60390000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc"},"cms.directory.paths":[],"anchorable.showAnchor":false,"image":{"_ref":"0000018b-d459-d857-a9cf-dcfe1e20000","_type":"4da1a812-2b2b-36a7-a321-fea9c9594cb9"},"theme.npr-theme-falcon.:core:enhancement:Enhancement.hbs.enhancementAlignment":null,"the me.npr-theme-falcon.:core:figure:Figure.hbs._template":null,"theme.npr-theme-falcon.:core:figure:Figure.hbs.imageEnhancementSize":null,"theme.npr-theme-falcon.:core:figure:Figure.amp.hbs._template":null,"theme.npr-theme-falcon.:core:figure:Figure.amp.hbs.leadImageSize":null,"theme.npr-theme-falcon.:core:figure:Figure.amp.hbs.imageEnhancementSize":null,"_id":"ot;0000018b-d459-d0b8-adbf-f77bc7450000","_type":"23ac712d-8839-31ed-81b0-4bf6cfff37a2"};">US-131 and Hall Street.jpg (1800x1011, AR: 1 7804154302670623)</hsp-image>“You have many concerns. It's those ramps that are

Michigan Department of Transportation, MDOT, John Richard, US-131, Grand Rapids, update, Wealthy Street

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Wed Nov 15 12:20:23 2023 Grand Rapids Patrick Center
 community-based
 food equity
 nonprofit Kids'
 Food Basket
 expanding in
 Muskegon County

Bridget Clark Whitney: The County of Muskegon has really been hit hard by the pandemic and certainly by economic issues over the past 15 years, but also during the pandemic itself, Muskegon Heights Public Schools, for example, were virtual for almost two years. And there just is a real tremendous need there. Muskegon Heights as a community, the entire Muskegon Heights is a food desert, meaning that there's no walkable fresh fruits and vegetables. And so, it's a really, really tremendous need in that county. To go backwards, the story of Muskegon, we expanded, and Muskegon County was the first county outside of Kent County that we expanded into. And we expanded into Muskegon right after the recession. And so, it was 2012 when we expanded into Muskegon County, and it was because we had a reputation, we had created a reputation in Kent County of making a big impact, of being very trustworthy, showing up every day with healthy, nourishing food. Food access for children in schools all around Kent County. And we had teachers, we had principals, we had superintendents, families, parents calling and asking us if we would expand into Muskegon. And when we looked at the data and really did a deep dive into the needs that exist in Muskegon County, we knew that we could make a big impact. And so, served our first meals in Muskegon County in 2012, and we've been serving in Muskegon County now for 11 years. And it's been an extraordinary community. They've been so supportive of Kids Food Basket, have been really just wrapped their arms around the mission, created an engine of volunteerism in Muskegon. We've been very grateful. to have that support from the Muskegon community. Well, during the pandemic, there was a huge increase in need during the pandemic. And Kids Food Basket was being asked and called upon to respond to food security needs in more and different ways than the past. A lot more food security needs for families, a lot more targeted neighborhood food security needs. And then schools, of course, asking for Kids Food Basket's both SAC supper program, as well as our nutrition education program and our agriculture program, our growing program, to be in our Muskegon schools. And what we found is that the impact there that we're able to make was really widespread and the impact was deep. We were meeting an immediate need today, but also planting seeds for a sustainable future where kids were empowered around their healthy food, where kids were excited and enthusiastic, not only around eating healthy food, but also about growing healthy food, growing healthy food in their own backyards. And so, for the past 11 years, Kids Food Basket Muskegon has operated out of Let's learn about Classic Greek Myths. Father/Daughter team Kenny Curtis and Jillian Hughes discuss the work, Greeking Out: Epic Retellings of Classic Greek Myths. We walk about what is the importance of mythology in ancient cultures and what is a Herculean task. We talk to Dr. Sabine Stanley about the answer to the question, What's Hidden Inside Planets? The title of her book, we ask about diamond rain, frozen seas, and why Earth is the only planet

Kid's Food Basket,
 Muskegon County,
 Bridget Clark
 Whitney, school
 meals

Wed Nov 15 10:49:10 2023 Father/Daughter Shelley Irwin
 team discuss the
 work Greeking Out

Let's learn about Classic Greek Myths. Father/Daughter team Kenny Curtis and Jillian Hughes discuss the work, Greeking Out: Epic Retellings of Classic Greek Myths. We walk about what is the importance of mythology in ancient cultures and what is a Herculean task.

Book, Nat Geo,
 Mythology, history,
 History Research

Wed Nov 15 10:41:23 2023 What's Hidden Inside Planets? Shelley Irwin

We talk to Dr. Sabine Stanley about the answer to the question, What's Hidden Inside Planets? The title of her book, we ask about diamond rain, frozen seas, and why Earth is the only planet

Book, Johns
 Hopkins, space,

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Wed Nov 15 10:30:01 2023	Overactive inflammation and suicide risk	Shelley Irwin	A latest study has identified overactive inflammation and loss of critical protection mechanisms in the brain as potential contributors to suicide risk. We talk to Van Andel Institute's Dr. Lena Brundin about the findings, supporting further exploration of anti	VAI, Van Andel Institute, Suicide Prevention, Suicide
Wed Nov 15 10:29:27 2023	The Fly Trap @ the DAAC arrives this weekend	Shelley Irwin	The Fly Trap @ the DAAC arrives this weekend, a new artist market event from members of the Tanglefoot Building Artists Collective. Artists Tommy Allen and Alynn Guerra talk about this 3 day art event in GR.	Art, The DAAC, fly, Arts, Public Art, Art Downtown
Wed Nov 15 10:27:07 2023	Firearm deer season begins today	Shelley Irwin	It's opening day, Firearm deer season begins today. We talk with the DNR's Chad Stewart, deer, elk, and moose management specialist, to discuss this Michigan tradition, including where to hunt and how to hunt safely. We also discuss the much talked about topic of	deer, Deer Population, Whitetail deer, Deer Hunting,
Wed Nov 15 09:58:10 2023	Union workers at General Motors appear to have voted down tentative contract deal with the company		The https://apnews.com/article/general-motors-ford-stellantis-uaw-strike-34f6f0d7ca32a671783594722b20fb24 tentative contract agreement between General Motors and the United Auto Workers union appears to be headed for defeat.The union hasn't posted final vote totals yet, but workers at five large factories who finished voting in the past few days have turned down the four year and eight month deal by fairly large margins.The vote tracker on the UAW's website shows the deal winning by 686 votes. But those totals do not include votes from GM assembly plants in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Wentzville, Missouri; Lansing Delta Township and Lansing Grand River in Michigan, and a powertrain plant in Toledo, Ohio, which all voted against the deal, according to local union officials.In most cases the vote tallies ranged from 55% to around 60% against the contract.Workers were awaiting totals from a large assembly plant in Arlington, Texas, but many said they expect the contract to be voted down.A message was left seeking comment from the union's spokesman.It wasn't clear what would happen next, but local union officials don't expect an immediate walkout after the final totals are known.Voting continues at Ford. where the deal is passing with 66.1% voting in	UAW, United Auto Workers, GM, Ford, Stellantis, contract, auto industry

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Wed Nov 15 09:00:26 2023 Judge says MI courts cannot bar Trump from ballot Rick Pluta

A Michigan Court of Claims judge issued an order Tuesday rejecting a request to bar former President Donald Trump from the GOP primary ballot and setting the case on a path to the Michigan Supreme Court. Judge James Redford issued orders in three separate but related cases. He held the state cannot keep Trump off the ballot, only Congress can do that, and courts have no say in the decision because it's a political question. He said the cases would have to resolve thorny questions as ballot deadlines loom. One of the cases challenges Trump's eligibility on constitutional grounds under the 14th Amendment's insurrection clause as ballot deadlines loom. "What is an insurrection or rebellion?" he wrote. "What is it to engage in it to give aid and comfort to the enemies of the Constitution?" Redford declined to make a ruling on whether Trump is eligible to appear on the November ballot. He said the issue is "not ripe" because Trump is not the GOP nominee for president. The plaintiffs are registered voters, including some former Michigan Republican officials. Mark Brewer is the plaintiffs' attorney. He said the judge ignored the substance of their complaint in favor of a narrow – and wrong, according to Brewer – interpretation of process. Brewer said the U.S. Constitution's insurrection clause, although not applied since the Reconstruction era, renders Trump ineligible because of his role in the January 6 insurrection. "The constitution says if you engage or lead, participate in a rebellion or insurrection, which Trump clearly did, you cannot serve in public office in the United States ever again," Brewer told Michigan Public Radio. "And that law applies to former presidents. Nobody is above the law." Brewer said the decision will be appealed and he will ask for a bypass so it would go directly to the Michigan Supreme Court. There are similar challenges underway in other states. In a statement, the Trump campaign welcomed the ruling. "Each and every one of these ridiculous cases have LOST because they are all un-Constitutional left-wing fantasies orchestrated by monied allies. Speaking to the committee, UAW President Shawn Fain said there are three crises the country needs to deal with. "income inequality, a transition to a green economy. We have to have an economy and environment we can live in sustainable and retirement insecurity. They're all linked and they are the fight for our future. You know, what kind of economy do we want to live in? What kind of planet do we want to live on? And what kinds of lives are we going to lead?" Despite tentative contracts in place with Detroit's Big 3 automakers., Fain may still have work to do. General Motors workers at plants in three states, and Ford workers at the

Trump, ballot, insurrection, Insurrection Act, 2024 Election, James Redford, Grand Rapids

Wed Nov 15 07:29:04 2023 UAW President Fain addresses Senate committee Russell McNamara

Shawn Fain, UAW, United Auto Workers, Ford, GM, Stellantis

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Wed Nov 15 07:15:56 2023 Man charged with abducting Michigan teen who was strangled dies while awaiting trial Associated Press

A man awaiting trial in the kidnapping of a 16-year-old western Michigan girl who was later killed has died from medical complications. Gerald Bennett, 63, of Detroit, was admitted Nov. 7 to a hospital for cancer treatment, U.S. Attorney Mark Totten said Tuesday. Bennett was placed on life support after his health declined. He died Monday. Bennett was found competent last April to stand trial in the abduction of Mujey Dumbuya. In 2017, Dumbuya had accused Quinn James — a maintenance worker at her school — of sexually assaulting her when she was 15. She had been scheduled to testify at his trial in April 2018. But Dumbuya was abducted from a bus stop in January 2018 and her partially clothed body was later found in woods in Kalamazoo, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of her Grand Rapids home. She had been strangled. Totten said James hired Bennett to help him kidnap and kill Dumbuya, and the two men were charged in state court with murder. James was convicted and sentenced in April 2019 to life in prison. But Bennett was ruled incompetent to stand trial and charges against him were dismissed in March 2022. The case then was referred to the FBI and federal prosecutors, and a federal grand jury indicted Bennett in August 2022. A forensic psychologist concluded that Bennett had faked incompetency and a judge ruled he was competent to stand trial

Mark Totten, kidnapping, death, murder trial

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Wed Nov 15 07:05:22 2023 Detroit officer to stand trial after photojournalists were shot with pellets during a 2020 protest Associated Press

A Detroit police corporal accused of shooting three photojournalists with rubber pellets while they covered protests against police brutality has been ordered to stand trial. Daniel Debono is police scheduled to be arraigned Nov. 28 in Wayne County Circuit Court on felonious assault charges, the county prosecutor's office said Tuesday. Shortly after midnight on May 31, 2020, in downtown Detroit, MLive.com photojournalist Nicole Hester and two independent photojournalists, Seth Herald and Matthew Hatcher, encountered Debono and two other officers. Each of the photojournalists was wearing press credentials, identified themselves as news media and raised their hands as they asked to cross the street, Prosecutor Kym Worthy said at the time. Debono, dressed in riot gear, struck all three with rubber pellets that inflicted bruises and other injuries. The photojournalists were covering the protest in downtown Detroit, which was sparked by the May 25, 2020, death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Most of the protesters at the time had already dispersed from the area where the photojournalists were shot. Then-Detroit Police Chief James Craig suspended Debono. A 36th District Court judge dismissed the case at the officer's preliminary examination in 2021, ruling that a state statute gave Debono immunity from prosecution. That was appealed by the prosecutor's office and a Wayne County Circuit Court judge reversed the lower court's decision which was appealed by the defense. Last March, Michigan's Court of Appeals affirmed the circuit court ruling and remanded the case back to U.S. District Court in Detroit. The appeals court determined the statute provides a legal defense at trial instead of immunity, the prosecutor's office said. Debono's attorney Pam

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Wed Nov 15 05:01:00 2023 Should Medicaid pay to help someone find a home? California is trying it Ryan Levi, Dan Gorenstein

Pooja Bhalla has worked with organizations for 20 years that help homeless people find a safe place to recover after leaving the hospital. NPR News API Ingest Tag

Bhalla was thrilled when California's Medicaid office announced plans in 2021 to recruit hundreds of nonprofits to provide a new suite of social services to some of the state's sickest and most expensive patients. She also knew working with Medicaid would require a complete transformation at the organization she leads.

"We were very, very worried," says Bhalla, the CEO of the Illumination Foundation in Southern California. "Like, how the heck are we going to do this?"

Bhalla, in a handful of months, had to convert her philanthropy-supported housing nonprofit into something that operated more like a doctor's office or a hospital — able to bill private health insurers and navigate Medicaid's web of regulations.

"We had to build our own billing department," Bhalla says. "There were systems that we've never had to think about before. There were different codes for each service."

Social service providers like the Illumination Foundation are key to the success of CalAIM — California's ambitious overhaul of its Medicaid program, which provides health insurance for 15 million low-income and disabled Californians. State health officials are betting that addressing people's social needs will improve health and drive down health spending long term.

 Illumination Foundation CEO Pooja Bhalla

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Tue Nov 14 17:26:04 2023	GRPS reveals district overhaul plan	David Limbaugh	<p>GRPS is proposing a number of strategic moves, including the closure of some buildings and consolidation of others, in order to better serve its students and community. Some of the recommendations include the relocation of students who attend East Leonard Elementary to Coit Creative Arts Academy or Kent Hills Elementary, as well as transitioning Stocking Elementary students to Sibley Elementary or Harrison Park Academy. Other consolidations are expected to save the district \$63 million dollars in outstanding maintenance and repairs to older facilities. GRPS Superintendent Dr. Leadriane Roby says that this transformative approach reflects the district’s commitment to high achievement while preparing their students for success. Another proposal would ensure that, after the combining of some schools, all academic buildings would be provided with air conditioning by 2029. District A Michigan judge ruled Tuesday that former President Donald Trump will remain on the state’s primary ballot, dealing a blow to the effort to stop Trump’s candidacy with a Civil War-era Constitutional clause. Court of Claims Judge James Redford rejected arguments that Trump’s role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol meant the court had to declare him ineligible for the presidency. Redford wrote that, because Trump followed state law in qualifying for the primary ballot, he cannot remove the former president. Additionally, he said, it should be up to Congress to decide whether Trump is disqualified under a section of the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment that bars from office a person who “engaged in insurrection.” “The judicial</p>	GRPS, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, Education
Tue Nov 14 16:09:56 2023	Michigan judge says Trump stays on primary ballot, rejecting challenge under insurrection clause	Associated Press	<p>A Michigan judge ruled Tuesday that former President Donald Trump will remain on the state’s primary ballot, dealing a blow to the effort to stop Trump’s candidacy with a Civil War-era Constitutional clause. Court of Claims Judge James Redford rejected arguments that Trump’s role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol meant the court had to declare him ineligible for the presidency. Redford wrote that, because Trump followed state law in qualifying for the primary ballot, he cannot remove the former president. Additionally, he said, it should be up to Congress to decide whether Trump is disqualified under a section of the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment that bars from office a person who “engaged in insurrection.” “The judicial</p>	Trump, Donald Trump, Trump Campaign, primary, ballot, ballots, legal challenges

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Tue Nov 14 15:31:40 2023	Michigan Democrats delay key legislation as they adjourn early for new presidential primary date	Associated Press	<p>Michigan Democrats who were passing legislation at a historic pace ended their session nearly a month earlier than usual on Tuesday as they grapple with internal divisions and a temporarily deadlocked state House. Democratic leaders opted to delay key legislation until next year as they adjourned at noon on Tuesday to ensure that new legislation will take effect making Michigan the fifth state to hold its presidential primary on Feb. 27. The decision to end early also comes after two Democratic state representatives won mayoral races, erasing the House's slim Democratic majority. The chamber is split 54-54 until special elections can be held in several months. Michigan Democrats had worked at a record pace at the start of the year after regaining full control of the Legislature while already holding the governor's mansion last year for the first time since 1983. They passed a number of pent-up policy priorities, such as a gun safety package and increased protections for LGBTQ+ people and abortion rights. They also repealed a union-restricting law known as "right to work." But party unity has wavered in recent months and Democrats were unable to pass several key pieces of legislation before the end of the year that would have implemented paid family and medical leave, lowered prescription drug costs and increased auto insurance reimbursement rates. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer had called on the Legislature to pass paid leave in her "What's Next Address" in August. Democrats were facing a Nov. 29 deadline to finish the session or miss out on becoming one of the states that will kick off the party's presidential primary starting next year. The legislation that moved the state's primary will not take effect</p> <p>The Vintage Parlor Orchestra presents Classical Brews as Creston VI: Live at the Golden Age, this GR ensemble presenting two nights of classical music and brews. We talk to Tom Pike, Director, about this experience of the Classical.</p>	primaries, primary, delays, Democratic party, Democrats
Tue Nov 14 11:42:12 2023	Vintage Parlor Orchestra presents	Shelley Irwin	<p>The Vintage Parlor Orchestra presents Classical Brews as Creston VI: Live at the Golden Age, this GR ensemble presenting two nights of classical music and brews. We talk to Tom Pike, Director, about this experience of the Classical.</p>	Vintage Parlor Orchestra, Creston Area, Brewing,

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Tue Nov 14 11:40:54 2023	Cascade Community Foundation presents the 2nd annual Tributes and Triumphs Awards this	Shelley Irwin	The Cascade Community Foundation presents the 2nd annual Tributes and Triumphs Awards this Wednesday night, raising necessary funds for the organization's programming and initiatives. We talk to the organizers, key highlights including Tribute to local heroes and Celebrating Achievements.	Cascade Foundation, Cascade Community Foundation, Cascasde, Awards, Philanthropy
Tue Nov 14 11:40:23 2023	Why You Feel the Way You Do	Shelley Irwin	The author of Why You Feel the Way You Do, Reneau Peurifoy gives insight into our emotions and helps us decipher, why difficult feelings arise and more. We also discuss practical tools.	Book, Author, social emotional health, mental health,
Tue Nov 14 11:40:21 2023	Panel discussion on the war in Gaza takes place at Muskegon Community	Shelley Irwin	The War in Gaza: A Panel Discussion in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict takes place tonight at Muskegon Community College. Moderator Dr. Andy Wible joins the show to discuss the format and goals. The discussion is part of MCC's lecture series, featuring professors who will shed light on the background of the conflict and more.	Muskegon, Muskegon Community College, Israel, Palestine, war
Tue Nov 14 11:40:10 2023	Muskegon County Commission votes on a planned unit development for the largest housing	Shelley Irwin	Tonight the Muskegon County Commission votes on a planned unit development for the largest housing development in city history, and one of the largest in West Michigan. Journalist/Author Roger Papoport shares an update, discussing the pros and cons, and community reaction.	Muskegon, PFAS, vote, Muskegon County, Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

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Tue Nov 14 06:55:19 2023 Toxic chemicals Associated Press
 turning up in wells
 near Wolverine
 Worldwide
 headquarters

Tests show toxic chemicals in wells near the headquarters of a western Michigan shoe manufacturer, years after the company dredged and transferred river sediment from a leather-Worldwide, PFAS, processing tannery. There is no dispute Wolverine Worldwide used a 3M Co. waterproofing product that contained PFAS, known as “forever chemicals,” and has settled lawsuits over PFAS testing, Toxic, land and well contamination in the Rockford area, north of Grand Rapids. But now there's a toxic water, toxic chemicals new development: at least 27 properties have contaminated wells in Courtland Township near company headquarters in Rockford, [MLive.com reported](https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2023/11/pollution-probe-zeros-in-on-wolverine-worldwide-headquarters.html). “It’s early on and we’re still kind of waiting to figure out what the extent is and what the best action to take is,” said Matt McCannon, the township's elected supervisor. “We have avoided it up until now.” Wolverine posted a [statement online](https://wearewolverine.com/2023/11/08/environmental-investigation-update/) last week, saying it had state approval to “occasionally dredge sediment from the Rogue River in front of our former tannery to ensure proper operation of the water intake pipes.” The sediment was then placed at headquarters property in the 1980s and early 2000s, Wolverine said. “We are actively working to identify and delineate the sediment, and will coordinate with EGLE to determine any next steps,” Wolverine said, referring to state regulators. The well at Janet Washburn's home greatly exceeds the state’s threshold for risky chemicals. She said she has had kidney cancer and other health problems. “We’ve always eaten right. We don’t drink, we don’t smoke, and I used to say to my husband, ‘How can we be so medically challenged when we take good care of ourselves?’” said Washburn, who is in her 70s and has lived in her home for 46 years. The Kent County health department is giving affected residents a kitchen water filter. PFAS were used to make Scotchgard, a 3M waterproofing product used by Wolverine, which has a number of

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Tue Nov 14 06:46:19 2023	Democrats adjourning Michigan Legislature to ensure new presidential primary date	Associated Press	<p>Michigan Democrats who were passing legislation at a historic pace will abruptly end their session Tuesday as they grapple with internal divisions and a temporarily deadlocked state House. Lawmakers are adjourning nearly a month early and delaying key legislation until next year to ensure that new legislation will take effect making Michigan the fifth state to hold its presidential primary on Feb. 27. The decision to end early also comes after two Democratic state representatives won mayoral races, erasing the House's slim Democratic majority. The chamber is split 54-54 until special elections can be held in several months. Michigan Democrats had worked at a record pace at the start of the year after regaining full control of the Legislature while already holding the governor's mansion last year for the first time since 1983. They passed a number of pent-up policy priorities, such as a gun safety package and increased protections for LGBTQ+ people and abortion rights. They also repealed a union-restricting law known as "right to work." But party unity has wavered in recent months and Democrats were unable to pass several key pieces of legislation before the end of the year that would have implemented paid family and medical leave, lowered prescription drug costs and increased auto insurance reimbursement rates. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer had called on the Legislature to pass paid leave in her "What's Next Address" in August. Democrats were facing a Nov. 29 deadline to finish the session or miss out on becoming one of the states that will kick off the party's presidential primary starting next year. The legislation that moved the state's primary will not take effect until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. Michigan is also one of the only states where the</p>	Michigan Legislature, Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Senate
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Tue Nov 14 06:41:19 2023	House, Senate to wrap up session Tuesday	Rick Pluta	The Michigan Legislature convenes Tuesday to gavel out its historic 2023 session. The wrap-up means no session days, no floor votes, and no committee meetings until the Legislature reconvenes in mid-January. Even then, things might be slow to start. Democrats in the House and the Senate will still hold on to the gavels. But the majority will be temporarily evened to a 54-54 split with Republicans. The vacancies are the result of Representatives Lori Stone (D-Warren) and Kevin Coleman (D-Westland) winning local mayoral races. That will leave the House with an even split until special elections fill the vacancies, a process that could take months. During that period, Democrats will remain in control of the House. The mid-November end to the session will start the clock that will allow many laws adopted this year to take effect	Michigan Legislature, Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Senate
Tue Nov 14 06:33:20 2023	Man, 40, is fatally shot during exchange of gunfire with police in southwestern Michigan	Associated Press	A 40-year-old man has been fatally shot and an officer has been wounded during an exchange of gunfire in southwestern Michigan. Two Coloma Township officers and a Berrien County sheriff's deputy were responding to a "domestic type incident" about 12:30 p.m. Monday prior to the shooting in Hagar Township, state police said in a release. Shots were fired by the officers and the 40-year-old man. A Coloma Township officer suffered a gunshot wound that was not considered life-threatening. It was not immediately clear who fired first or how many shots were fired, state police said. The names of the 40-year-old man and the officers were not	shooting, Berrien County, police, gunfire
Tue Nov 14 06:27:29 2023	Parents of Michigan school shooter will have separate trials, judge says	Associated Press	The parents of a Michigan school shooter will have separate trials for their alleged roles in the deaths of four students, a judge said Monday. James Crumbley and Jennifer Crumbley had presented a united defense for two years. But their lawyers asked for separate trials after prosecutors shared new evidence. "It is apparent that a conflict exists," wrote Mariell Lehman, who represents James Crumbley. Oakland County Judge Cheryl Matthews granted the request, though it wasn't immediately clear who would go first. The Crumbleys had been preparing for a Jan. 23 trial. Ethan Crumbley, 17, killed four fellow students at Oxford High School in November 2021 and wounded six more students and a staff member. He pleaded guilty and faces a possible life sentence on Dec. 8. The parents are charged with involuntary manslaughter. They are	Jennifer Crumbley, James Crumbley, Ethan Crumbley, mass shooting, school shooting, Oxford High School

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Mon Nov 13 15:36:43 2023 Have You Seen...? Scott Vander Werf,
Episode 24 David Hast

[Music from Do the Right Thing]David Hast: Scott, have you seen Do the Right Thing?Scott Vander Werf: I have seen Do the Right Thing. I saw it when it originally came out in 1989. I had already seen She's Gotta Have It by Spike Lee, so I was really eager to see this, and it blew me away then, and I've watched it again recently, and it blew me away once again.DH: Yeah, what ... What was it about it that blew you away?SVW: Well, anytime there's a movie that takes place within a 24-hour period, and they're able to make it move along really quickly, and yet you see sort of the gravity of each event as it accumulates over the course of the narrative. It's a movie that does it perfectly.DH: Yeah, and as you said, it's a movie that's set in one day in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, one very hot summer day. They established that right away, that it's incredibly hot. And the movie is lots of interesting character studies. It's kind of lighthearted for a lot of it and funny. But we see that, you know, underneath all of it are these tensions that are growing between what's now a mostly black and Hispanic neighborhood. And there's this pizzeria around which the story centers run by Italians, Italian-Americans, who've been there for decades. And there's this kind of racial tension there. We also see it with the Korean grocery store owners across the street. And it becomes extremely dramatic near the end.SVW: And you mentioned the fact that it's on a hot summer day. And one of the key inspirations for the beginning of this film in terms of creating the film was that Spike Lee wrote that during the summer months when it's very, very hot that violence kind of escalates in urban neighborhoods. So that was one of the things that started his interest in writing this script. And then there were other things. There were, just as there have been in recent years, there were a lot of police killings of black men in the 1980s. And so that was another thing that was an influence for this movie.DH: Yeah, it's ahead of its time in that sense. I mean, there's a part in the movie where they're chanting the names of black people that have been murdered by the police. And then, you know, it really feels like it's looking ahead to, unfortunately, to what developed later.SVW: But it's a beautiful film. It's got beautiful photography. And they actually worked on the neighborhood, it's actually shot in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn.DHL Yeah, Spike Lee said if he made a movie that was supposed to be in Bedford-Stuyvesant and he didn't actually shoot it on location there, people would hate him. So he made sure to shoot it. They got this one block and they took weeks to shoot it, but they had to make it look like this one day. What blew me, you talked about what

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Classic Cinema,
Film, Cinema, Films

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Mon Nov 13 10:45:15 2023	Sitting in the Shade of Another Tree (Part II)	Fred Stella	<p>Sitting in the Shade of Another Tree is a new book that features authors who are committed to interfaith engagement. Each was tasked with writing an essay on the attributes of a religion not their own. The book includes 16 chapters. Here we discuss this effort with the editor and 3 of the contributors.Keith Giles is the best-selling author of the best-selling “Jesus Un“ book series and the Sola Trilogy which includes “Sola Mysterium“ and “Sola Deus." He has appeared on CNN with Anderson Cooper, USA Today, BuzzFeed, and John Fugelsang’s “Tell Me Everything." Keith is also co-owner of Quoir Publishing and co-hosts 3 podcasts:“Heretic Happy Hour, Apostates Anonymous, and 2nd Cup with Keith. He and his wife currently reside in El Paso, Texas.Heather Hamilton is the Bestselling Author of“Returning to Eden: A Field Guide for the Spiritual Journey. She“received her B.A. in Journalism from Georgia State University and spent many years doing video production before discovering her love of writing. After filming and editing stories with people from all over the</p>	religion, faith, Faiths, Christian, Christianity, Islam, Muslim, Hindu, Hinduism, Eastern Religions
Mon Nov 13 09:10:40 2023	November is Running Safety	Shelley Irwin	November is Running Safety Month, Ambassador for Gazelle Sports Sammie Bennett talks about being seen, keeping dry, staying connected and more as a way to stay safe and exercise	Running, Run, Gazelle Sports,
Mon Nov 13 09:10:02 2023	The Purest Bond looks at the human-canine	Shelley Irwin	How much do we understand the Humane-Canine Connection? The book The Purest Bond answers the question, authors Jen Goldbeck and Stacey Colino share their groundbreaking research and touching real life stories.	Book, Dog, Pets, Science, Animals

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Mon Nov 13 09:09:25 2023	Pictures of Time	Shelley Irwin	Pictures of Time is the latest work of Celebrity Photographer David Alexander, exploring the concept of time in his new art photography book. Alexander was responsible for the album cover of the 1978 Grammy winning Eagles' Hotel California, plus the front cover depicting The Dog Story Theatre returns. Co-Founder Jay Harnish talks about the return of this community theatre, finding a new home in the Heritage Hill neighborhood. Discussion centers on the why	Book, Photography, time, Art, The Arts
Mon Nov 13 09:08:44 2023	Dog Story Theatre returns	Shelley Irwin	The three registration plates replicate ones used during specific time frames. That includes a red, white, and blue plate originally issued for the U.S. bicentennial...and which would not be available until the nation's next birthday in 2026. There's also a black plate previously used between 1979 and 1983 and an iconic blue one issued for about a quarter century after	dog story theatre, Heritage Hill, Acting, Michigan, license plate, license, drivers license, vintage
Mon Nov 13 09:05:41 2023	Retro Michigan license plates may be returning	Quinn Klinefelter	Grand Valley State University's Muskegon Innovation Hub was one of 27 organizations selected by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation which oversees the Small Business Support Hub. It's a program designed to strengthen small businesses with technical and service assistance. It also focuses on the MEDC's desire to regionally "cultivate a more inclusive, accessible and effective entrepreneurial ecosystem." The Muskegon Innovation Hub is receiving \$1.7 million. Additional funding for helping entrepreneurs and businesses reach their potential in Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Mason and western Kent and northern Ottawa counties. The innovation hub focuses on coaching, funding, and networking. Kevin Ricco is director of the Muskegon Innovation Hub. He said, "There are a number of grant programs that exist at the state level to help high tech companies. But then there are a lot of other entrepreneurs and small businesses that struggle to find funding and help. This is going to give	Muskegon Innovation Hub, Grand Valley State University, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Small Business Support Hub, American Rescue Plan Act, small businesses, entrepreneurs
Mon Nov 13 08:36:28 2023	Grand Valley State University's Muskegon Innovation Hub is resource for area businesses and entrepreneurs receiving a nearly \$2 million grant.	Patrick Center	Michigan Republican Congressman John James says he traveled with the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee for an update on the war between Israel and Hamas. Officials estimate more than 11-thousand Palestinian civilians have been killed since Israel began its siege of Gaza...following Hamas' deadly attack in southern Israel last month. James, a military veteran, said in a social media post from Israel that the country and the U.S. remain staunch allies. "Israel has a right to defend itself." James voted to send more than 14 billion dollars to Israel...a House Republican plan paid for by re-allocating money away from the IRS. President	Israel, Palestine, Gaza, John James
Mon Nov 13 06:44:06 2023	Rep. James meets with Israeli officials, families of hostages	Quinn Klinefelter		

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Sat Nov 11 07:03:33 2023	Legislature wraps up for '23 as House heads to 54-54 split	Rick Pluta	The Legislature is all but officially done for 2023. That's as House Democrats are about to lose their majority once two members resign to assume new positions as their hometown mayors. Among the final actions of the 2023 session, the Legislature sent Governor Gretchen Whitmer bills to boost the requirements for reporting assets and potential conflicts of interest by state elected officials and to enact new felony charges for desecrating churches, mosques, synagogues and other places of worship. The financial disclosure bills are needed to enforce requirements under an amendment to the Michigan Constitution adopted last year by voters. The House and the Senate will return to the Capitol one more time on Tuesday for the sparsely attended formality of adjourning "sine die" with no plans to return until mid-January. But GOP lawmakers still cried foul as an adjournment resolution was adopted, saying there was no reason to wrap up business this early. Adjournment starts the clock ticking on laws that cannot take effect before 90 days have passed. That includes new gun rules, lifting some abortion restrictions and clearing the way for a February presidential primary. Once	Michigan Legislature, legislature, Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Senate
Fri Nov 10 10:07:02 2023	Grand Valley State University positions itself as tech-talent pipeline for Michigan and Midwest businesses	Patrick Center	Grand Valley State University's Future Ed Lab (futureEDlab) is a space where students can be makers, architects, testers and evaluators. "You'll see faculty and staff collaborating with learners and partners to break new ground in technical innovation, active learning, pathways to and through college, expanding opportunities in teacher pipelines and much, much, more." GVSU President Philomena V. Mantella explained this is a commitment to the university's expansion of computing, engineering and tech-enable fields. Within the Future Ed Lab, students develop innovative skills, gain knowledge and creativity necessary for engaging with emerging technologies. Ashley Castellanos is a legal studies major testing technology involving Virtual Reality learning research. "As a legal studies major, having tech and digital skills improves my effectiveness and efficiency as a legal practitioner. These abilities help me to stay flexible and creative in the past paced industry and lead to new job opportunities." The Future Ed Lab is a node within GVSU's Blue Dot Ecosystem. "As a metaphor, Blue Dot	Grand Valley State University, futurEDlab, Technology, tech talent, Grand Rapids, Midwest Region, hub, Philomena V. Mantella, Blue Dot
Fri Nov 10 09:58:09 2023	Trump attorney says eligibility to serve not an issue until after election	Rick Pluta	A voters group argues Trump is not eligible under the insurrection clause of the U-S Constitution due to actions surrounding the January 6 th attack on the U-S Capitol. Attorney Mark Brewer says many Republicans may want Trump on the ballot. "But they have no right to dragoon, to commandeer the state election process and put ineligible candidates on the ballot and that's the issue here." An	Donald J. Trump, Michigan, ballot, 14th Amendment, insurrection
Fri Nov 10 09:06:29 2023	The Last Outlaws is a true story of the desperate final days of the	Shelley Irwin	The Last Outlaws is a true story of the desperate final days of the Dalton Gang. #1 NY Times Best selling author Tom Clavin brings us to Coffeyville, Kansas, and the Gang of Dalton brothers.	Book, Author, history

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Fri Nov 10 09:06:26 2023	Aimee Jackson shares her journey	Shelley Irwin	Local Coach, Mentor, and Proprietor of Guaranteed Financial Solutions Aimee Jackson shares her journey dealing with her own financial challenges plus starting a nonprofit to help	coach, Finances, personal finances,
Fri Nov 10 09:06:20 2023	INFORUM presents their Capstone Dinner	Shelley Irwin	INFORUM presents their Capstone Dinner next week, keynote Dr. Dominique Pritchett, Mental Wellness Strategist, Speaker and owner of Beloved Wellness Center discusses her address to the audience come the 16 th of November. She specifically will be addressing	Inforum, mental health, Wellness, Speaker
Fri Nov 10 09:06:15 2023	Author, Veteran Bob Taylor discusses his release, From	Shelley Irwin	Veterans Day is Saturday, a time to honor the vets. Author, Veteran Bob Taylor discusses his release, From Service to Success, plus updates TSIS on the status of the Patriot Promise Foundation. We talk about how to best to support today’s veteran.	Book, veterans, Veterans Stories, Veterans Day, Author
Fri Nov 10 09:06:13 2023	Reach for Recovery aims to tackle substance abuse on the	Shelley Irwin	Reach for Recovery has a mission to make an impact on the Lakeshore when it comes to substance abuse and more, ED Andrew Davenport joins TSIS to talk about the growing issue of substance abuse and how to treat/recover and more.	Lakeshore, Recovery, drugs, Addiction, drug addiction
Fri Nov 10 08:29:40 2023	Voters remove 5 Michigan officials who support Chinese-owned factory for electric vehicle batteries	Associated Press	Voters in a Michigan community removed five local officials in a recall election fueled by opposition to a Chinese company's plan to make components for electric vehicle batteries.The Green Township supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees — all Republicans — were defeated Tuesday by challengers who listed no party affiliation.“This recall shows how the community did not want this,” recall advocate Lori Brock told The Detroit News, referring to the factory. “This just means we have a voice again.”The five officials were part of a 7-0 vote last December supporting a factory by Gotion, a China-based manufacturer, in the Mecosta County township. The project, valued at more than \$2 billion, could bring thousands of jobs.It also has the support of state officials , including Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Millions of dollars in financial incentives have been approved.But critics point to possible environmental impacts in the rural area, about 60 miles (95 kilometers) north of Grand Rapids, and concerns about national security. An opponent, former U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, said Chinese companies serve the Chinese government.Jim Chapman, the township supervisor who was removed from office, has called the project a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”“It’s called democracy.” Chapman said after being removed	Chinese manufacturer, Mecosta County, vote, Gotion

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Thu Nov 09 15:15:46 2023 A judge heard arguments today in Grand Rapids to keep Trump off Michigan ballot Associated Press

A judge in Michigan heard arguments Thursday on whether Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has the authority to keep Donald Trump’s name off state ballots for president. Activists sued [Benson](https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-michigan-benson-2024-election-749b5a86a45684ae8de51e650ae0a503) in the Michigan Court of Claims to force her to keep Trump’s name off ballots and to assess Trump’s constitutional qualifications to serve a second term as president. Meanwhile, attorneys for the former president demanded that Trump’s name be allowed on the 2024 Republican presidential primary ballot. Arguments in three separate cases started Thursday morning in Grand Rapids before Judge James Robert Redford, who, at the end of the hearings, told the parties that he “will act with all possible deliberate speed to figure out what should happen next.” Redford said he will issue written opinions, but did not give time frame for when that will occur. He also alluded to expecting some type of appeal. “I fully recognize I am not the last word on whatever happens in this case,” he said. Activists in two separate suits point to a section of the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment that prohibits a person from running for federal office if they have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the U.S. or given aid or comfort to those who have. Liberal groups [have filed similar lawsuits](https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-14th-amendment-2024-election-64ea3e076af335a3e1bce6d7620d58a3) in [Colorado](https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-constitution-2024-election-primary-ballot-19ca3f17881e8818302cb1260e7c2aed) and Minnesota to also bar Trump from the ballot, portraying him as the inciter of the [Jan. 6, 2021, attack](https://apnews.com/article/congress-confirm-joe-biden-78104aea082995bbd7412a6e6cd13818) on the U.S. Capitol, which was intended to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden’s 2020 presidential election win. The groups cite a rarely used constitutional prohibition against holding office for those who swore an oath to uphold the Constitution but then “engaged in insurrection” against it. [The two-sentence clause](https://apnews.com/article/trump-14th-amendment-insurrection-2024-election-ballot-9c5f79203109ba221b35a48e708ad725) in the 14th Amendment has been used only a handful of times since the years after the Civil War. But the Minnesota Supreme Court on Wednesday [dismissed a](https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-election-president-f6b72c94bb351c1b870d4884e54f6a75)

Trump, Donald Trump, former President Donald Trump, Michigan Ballot, primary, Primary Election, Primary elections, Michigan Primary

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Thu Nov 09 12:58:03 2023 Crain's Grand Patrick Center
 Rapids Business
 Brief

Mark Sanchez: A glimpse. That's a good way to put it. So, we can go online. We've got the lodging tax, hotel tax, first, what's described as very preliminary renderings of a 'maybe' soccer stadium there on the Michigan House, west side of downtown. We posted this story by my coworker, Kate Carlson here this week. legislation, Acrisure Amphitheater, USL authority kind of confirmed that this is something under consideration as far as the look at this Champions League place. They're described as sneak peak, very preliminary, but it does give you some kind of Soccer, soccer idea of the direction the project's going. And of course, the to be determined is exactly where stadium, public the soccer stadium would get developed. The most speculated site is in behind the YMCA and funding, hospitals, the Big Boy there in downtown, just west of US-131. That's been confirmed as a site under Report Card, Safety, consideration. There may be more. Folks aren't saying a whole heck of a lot about this process Leapfrog Group as it plays out. But we know that's one site under consideration. And now with these renderings coming out, we've got some idea, again, very preliminary, but we got a little bit of an idea of what this site could look like.

Patrick Center: You mentioned preliminary renderings. We're in that early phase where the powers that be are probably figuring out amenities, still consolidating a look. There are dollars involved in all of this. This is a process.

Mark Sanchez: Yeah. And it's a big process and the single biggest question mark we can talk about looks, designs, architecture, traffic, transportation sites. Well, the big thing to figure out is money. How do you pay for all this? Because there's not just this idea for a soccer stadium there in downtown. There's also the Acrisure amphitheater down on the riverfront on the south end of downtown and that project's going forward. And of course, there's the idea of how do you pay for all this? And there's some legislation making its way through Lansing, the state house, just last week passed the bill. And that would allow cities and townships in Kent County to levy a lodging tax to fund what's called transformational and generational projects, such as an amphitheater and a soccer stadium. This is house bill 5048. It would allow cities and townships in the county to ask voters that would need voter approval to ask them to appropriate or levy a 2% lodging tax. So that's one possible way if this works its way through the legislature and then ultimately goes on the ballot here locally. That's one possible way to raise some of that capital to fund these projects.

Patrick Center: And there's a second house bill that's also out there. That would be a county hotel/motel tax up to 10%.

Mark Sanchez: It's competing or complimentary. We'll see where that one goes as

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Thu Nov 09 12:49:39 2023 The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan is exploring the role of women in the peace building process Patrick Center

Tonis Montes: I am here with a colleague from the U.S. Institute of Peace, which is based in Washington, DC. And we're invited here through the World Affairs Council. We're here to talk about what peace building looks like in conflict zones around the world. Particularly, I'm here to talk about Latin America because that's my region of expertise. And so, I think my main message being here is to share what I know and exchange with others about how they see peace building as a part of their communities and what that means practically. Peace feels really nebulous sometimes and it can mean different things to different people. So, I think that's one message for me and to connect with the U.S. audience. I think that's a really important part of why we're here as well. Patrick Center: Can you provide us with Peace Building 101? What does that look like? Tonis Montes: Peace Building 101. We talk about peace building kind of with three different tools, or at least I think about three different tools when I think of peace building. It's dialogue, how we use dialogue to really transform relationships that have been harmed or, you know, mistrust for many years. We also talk about mediation as a tool for peace building, how we need to mediate different types of conflicts at different levels. And then we also talk about negotiation, which are like really formal peace processes where there are warring parties that need to find political solutions to their issues. So those are kind of three main peace building tools that we think about at USIP when we're talking about peace building. Patrick Center: And your focus is South America. I would imagine most North Americans aren't familiar with all of the dynamics of issues that face different communities across South America, but this is your area of expertise. Are there areas in particular that you focus on, and how do they impact North Americans? Tonis Montes: When we think about peace building in Latin America, I think the one that is most relevant is Colombia. Colombia has been in an armed conflict for 70 years now, and probably most North Americans or U.S. citizens know Columbia for the implications it has to drugs and cocaine and what that means for public health here. But in Columbia, we deal with a lot of issues related to exclusion of people who are marginalized, a lot of inequity. And so, I work mostly with women and youth in Columbia to make sure that their positions and there are opportunities for them to participate in important decision-making spaces. Patrick Center: Let's focus in on that. Women in particular, when it comes to peace building, over time there's a track record of success. Tonis Montes: That's right. Patrick Center:

Maria Antonia Montes, Tonis Montes, peacekeeping, Women, World Affairs Council of Western Michigan

Thu Nov 09 10:35:50 2023 Nat Geo Senior Editor Allyson Johnson presents Best of the World: 1000 Destinations of a Lifetime Shelley Irwin

Nat Geo Senior Editor Allyson Johnson presents Best of the World: 1000 Destinations of a Lifetime, sharing special places to visit, including the Midwest. Exotic places offer adventure trips, like kite surfing and a cloud forest.

Book, Nat Geo, Nat Geo Almanac for Kids, Travel, Tourism

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Thu Nov 09 10:35:47 2023	Among the Bros is a Fraternity Crime story written by Max Marshall	Shelley Irwin	Among the Bros is a Fraternity Crime story written by Max Marshall, an addictive and haunting true portrait of tomorrow's American establishment. The story is told for the first time featuring student deaths, violence, and more.	Book, Fraternity, crime, drugs, crimes
Thu Nov 09 10:35:43 2023	Local author Tika McCoy writes the book Broken Clay: Finding Renewal in the Potter's	Shelley Irwin	Local author Tika McCoy writes the book Broken Clay: Finding Renewal in the Potter's Hands, sharing the experience of transformative power of faith and unwavering goodness of God. We discuss this deep personal journey of loss, grief, and raw emotion.	Book, Local Author, God, Memoir, Christian
Thu Nov 09 10:35:36 2023	The Highlands celebrates 60 years	Shelley Irwin	The Highlands celebrates 60 years, the Midwest's first 6 person bubble lift and much more in the 23/24 season. Erin Ernst discusses this Harbor Springs destination, including the anniversary celebrations. Camelot 6 is a Midwest first, plus Slopes after Sundown will offer a	high, Land, Skiing, winter, winter sports, Winter Activities
Thu Nov 09 10:35:32 2023	Different Kinds of Minds: A Guide to Your Brain	Shelley Irwin	Dr. Temple Grandin, renowned scientist and autism spokesperson, is back with her latest book aimed at teens. Different Kinds of Minds: A Guide to Your Brain explores what it means to be a visual thinker, and shares how kids can discover if they are a visual thinker too.	Book, Autism, Autistim Education, math, Neuroscience
Thu Nov 09 08:41:32 2023	Local manufacturing economy continued cooling trend into October	Patrick Center	The Federal Reserve's raising interest rates to rein in inflation paired with the United Auto Workers strike have contributed to West Michigan's economic deceleration. "For October, our local unemployment index posted the first significantly negative reading we've had since the pandemic. And although some of the softness may relate to the UAW strike, which is of course now over, there is nonetheless plenty of evidence that the West Michigan economy is in fact slowing." Brian G. Long is director of Supply Management Research in the Seidman College of Business at Grand Valley State University. "Now as evidence that the West Michigan economy is slowing, only 11% of the firms in this month's survey reported adding staff while 21% reported staff reductions. So, after many, many months, the supply of people has apparently	Institute for Supply Management Research survey, Brian G. Long, October, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University, employment, supply,

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Thu Nov 09 08:22:39 2023 A judge is set to hear arguments as Michigan activists try to keep Trump off the ballot Associated Press

A judge in Michigan is expected to hear arguments Thursday on whether Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has the authority to keep Donald Trump’s name off state ballots for president. <https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-michigan-benson-2024-election-749b5a86a45684ae8de51e650ae0a503>>Activists are suing Benson in the Michigan Court of Claims to force her to keep Trump’s name off ballots and to assess Trump’s constitutional qualifications to serve a second term as president. Meanwhile, attorneys for the former president are demanding that Trump's name be allowed on the 2024 Republican presidential primary ballot. Arguments were scheduled to begin Thursday morning in Grand Rapids before Judge James Robert Redford. Activists — in two separate suits — point to a section of the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment that prohibits a person from running for federal office if they have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the U.S. or given aid or comfort to those who have. <https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-14th-amendment-2024-election-64ea3e076af335a3e1bce6d7620d58a3>>Liberal groups also have filed lawsuits in <https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-constitution-2024-election-primary-ballot-19ca3f17881e8818302cb1260e7c2aed>>Colorado and Minnesota to bar Trump from the ballot, portraying him as the inciter of the <https://apnews.com/article/congress-confirm-joe-biden-78104aea082995bbd7412a6e6cd13818>>Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, which was intended to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden’s 2020 presidential election win. The groups cite a rarely used constitutional prohibition against holding office for those who swore an oath to uphold the Constitution but then “engaged in insurrection” against it. <https://apnews.com/article/trump-14th-amendment-insurrection-2024-election-ballot-9c5f79203109ba221b35a48e708ad725>>The two-sentence clause in the 14th Amendment has been used only a handful of times since the years after the Civil War. But the Minnesota Supreme Court on Wednesday <https://apnews.com/article/trump-insurrection-election-president-f6b72c94bb351c1b870d4884e54f6a75>>dismissed a lawsuit citing the provision. The court's ruling said its decision applied only to the state’s primary. Free Speech For People, a group representing petitioners before the Minnesota Supreme Court, also represents

Donald J. Trump, removal, ballot, presidential election, Michigan, JUDGE, 14th Amendment, insurrection

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Thu Nov 09 07:29:03 2023 MI Supreme Court Rick Pluta
to decide whether
misleading robo-
calls can be voter
intimidation

The Michigan Supreme Court will hear arguments Thursday on whether robo-calls sent to Detroiters in the run-up to the 2020 elections may have crossed the line into illegal voter intimidation. The decision, which would likely not come for months, will determine whether Jacob Wohl and Jack Burkman of the 1599 Project will face charges of circulating a robo-call that used falsehoods in an effort to deter Detroit voters from using mail-in ballots and, thus, suppress voter participation. "Mail-in voting sounds great, but did you know that if you vote by mail, your personal information will be part of a public database that will be used by police departments to track down old warrants and be used by credit card companies to track down outstanding debt? The CDC is even pushing to use information from mail-in voting to track people for mandatory vaccines." Wohl and Burkman have already been sanctioned in other states on similar charges. But their attorney argues that Michigan's voter suppression law is too broad to enforce. Scott Graybel said the calls do not fit any legal definitions in the election tampering law. "You have to be on sort of constructive notice that, hey look, it's clear if I do this, I should be aware that this is criminal in nature and I don't think the statute makes it clear," he told us. The statute says: "A person shall not attempt, by means of bribery, menace, or other corrupt means or device, either directly or indirectly, to influence an elector in giving his or her vote, or to deter the elector from, or interrupt the elector in giving his or her vote at any election held in this state." Graybel said the robo-calls were not "some kind of threat or bribery or something like that with money – something pretty understandable." Phil Mayor is an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case. He said the calls do count as a threat under the law when they falsely warned the act of mailing in a ballot could bring law enforcement or debt collectors to a

Robocalls, election,
elections, voter
fraud, voter
intimidation, vote by
mail, mail in voting,
mail-in ballot,
Michigan Supreme
Court

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Thu Nov 09 07:11:09 2023 Solar, wind Colin Jackson
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 move out of
 Senate

Legislation passed in the Michigan Senate Wednesday would give state regulators final say in approving wind and solar projects.It’s in response to pushback and ordinances on behalf of local governments against allowing zoning for renewable energy projects.Critics of building out that infrastructure, especially in rural areas, say it can hurt the landscape, bring nuisance hums, and take farmland out of agriculture production.During a Senate Energy and Environment Committee hearing Tuesday, Michigan Public Service Commission chair Dan Scripps said local resistance could hinder Michigan’s clean energy future.“There’s no question in my mind, that if we allowed local governments essentially veto power over all energy infrastructure, we would not build the critical energy infrastructure that we need,” Scripps said.Scripps emphasized the MPSC already has the power to pre-empt local governments when it comes to other types of energy infrastructure projects, like pipelines.The legislation changed multiple times since first being introduced in the state House of Representatives.One major change would require electric companies and power providers to work with local governments first before turning to state regulators.That process includes holding a public meeting in each affected locality, offering in writing to meet with local elected leaders to discuss the plan, and applying with local governments.Those local units would then have 120 days to evaluate an application, with the option of extending that out another 120 days if both the applicant and local government agree.If the local government doesn’t act within that time frame, has an ordinance that goes beyond state regulations, or denies a project that complies with state requirements, a project could then go through the Michigan Public Service Commission for permitting.Aside from that, applicants would have to pay affected local governments up to \$75,000 each, with a total up to \$150,000.Senator John Damoose (R-Harbor Springs) says local governments wouldn’t have any meaningful way of blocking a project. Speaking from the Senate floor Wednesday, he said their involvement was just for show.“This type of community involvement is pretend. We’re passing a law here that strips any reasonable local control over new facilities, that can dramatically change communities for generations to come, and yet we’ve put in enough window dressing to make some of us feel better about what’s happening,” Damoose said.The legislation received heavy pushback from Republicans, who said the package would

Wind turbine, solar panels, solar energy, Solar Winds Power Systems, Energy, renewable energy, Michigan Senate

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Wed Nov 08 17:02:27 2023 Effort to remove Michigan GOP chair builds momentum as infighting and debt plague party Associated Press

Former staunch allies of Michigan GOP Chairwoman Kristina Karamo, who assumed the role following an [unsuccessful](https://apnews.com/article/voting-rights-biden-cabinet-michigan-donald-trump-9be43be13c3424b0cee21eda46143216) secretary of state campaign, are now uniting to remove her as the party remains mired in infighting and hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. It's a swift fall for Karamo, an election conspiracy theorist who in February was [overwhelmingly elected](https://apnews.com/article/politics-michigan-state-government-c0f56b7f9b6af7bb4a3c12a92f0edc01) by grassroots activists to lead the state party through the next presidential election until early 2025. Michigan Republicans were coming off [historic losses](https://apnews.com/article/2022-midterm-elections-abortion-michigan-gretchen-whitmer-9447ff560f7484ebe4c99bbd6c3b0300) in the [2022 midterms](https://apnews.com/article/2022-midterm-elections-voting-donald-trump-0ee9afeb304662dcec28e8af0f18bc1d), and Karamo promised to rebuild the state party into “a political machine that strikes fear in the heart of Democrats.” Just nine months later, a petition is circulating within the state GOP calling for a vote to remove Karamo as chairwoman, according to internal communications obtained by The Associated Press. Party members supporting the petition say Karamo has done little in her time to advance the party, which had at least \$500,000 in debt as of last month. The turmoil among Donald Trump loyalists who have largely controlled formal state GOP operations since 2020 has added to growing discord among Michigan Republicans who are grasping for a strategy to turn around the party’s string of recent losses. “I love Kristina as an individual, as a person. I think she’s an amazing, amazing woman when you talk to her one-on-one about stuff. But her administration and the way she’s operating has been an absolute disappointment,” said Jon Smith, a former district chair of the Michigan GOP who stepped down last month. Karamo did not respond to a request for comment by AP. The Michigan GOP has historically been one of the most powerful state parties in the country, led by the likes of former [Education Secretary](https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-donald-trump-betsy-devos-coronavirus-pandemic-education-9bac8880e7c7164473674c0bc02365d5) Betsy DeVos and Ronna McDaniel, who is [Kristina Karamo, Michigan GOP, chair of the state Republican Party, petition, debt, removal](https://apnews.com/article/politics-republican-national-convention-united-states-</p>
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Wed Nov 08 16:56:21 2023
 Governors call for more funds to secure places of worship as threats toward Jews and Muslims rise
 Associated Press

A Democratic group of governors led by Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer have joined national leaders in calling for an increase in funding for security at places of worship as concerns grow over [threats against Jewish and Muslim communities](https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestine-muslim-jewish-hate-crimes-3528a67cdf4e6799355be0da9a3c0634) sparked by the Israel-Hamas war. Governors of 10 states and the territory of Puerto Rico sent a letter Wednesday, first obtained by The Associated Press, that was addressed to leaders in both chambers of the U.S. Congress. It calls for an increase in funding to the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which is set to give \$305 million this year to nonprofits to help secure their facilities against potential attacks. "My fellow governors and I are calling for an increase to the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program so we can help keep people safe amid rising threats and violence targeted towards Jewish, Muslim, and Arab communities and houses of worship," Whitmer said in a statement. The letter echoes calls from other national Democrats to increase the program's funds to address concerns over potential hate crimes motivated by the [Israel-Hamas war](https://apnews.com/hub/israel-hamas-war). President Joe Biden asked for an additional \$200 million for the security grant program in a supplemental budget request last month. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said on social media Monday that he was asking for an additional \$1 billion for the grant program to "counter acts of hate targeting places of worship and gathering like schools, religious community and senior centers," and more. Other U.S. senators, including Nevada's Jacky Rosen, have made similar requests. In addition to Whitmer, the letter was signed by Democratic governors in Wisconsin, North Carolina, New Mexico, New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, Colorado, Louisiana, Maryland and Puerto Rico. They asked for "swift consideration" of the funding increase "in light of ongoing concerns within our states and territories." The letter cites the [fatal stabbing](https://apnews.com/article/muslim-boy-killed-chicago-landlord-will-county-5135dea218326d6e639a996564d9369e) of a 6-year-old Muslim boy in Chicago and a man arrested in Michigan after saying he wanted to hunt Palestinians as examples of the rising hate crimes related to the Israel-Hamas war. The increased [fears of violence](https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestine-muslim-jewish-hate-crimes-3528a67cdf4e6799355be0da9a3c0634) follow a familiar pattern of crimes against Jewish and Muslim communities rising when conflict erupts in the Middle East

security, houses of worship, Safety, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Jews, Muslim, threats

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Wed Nov 08 11:27:02 2023	West Michigan communities reelect mayors and elect new ones	Phil Dawson	In Grand Haven Robert Monetza returns to office after a 2 year absence. In Muskegon Heights councilwoman Bonnie McGlothlin defeated incumbent Walter Watt. On the "Torn In 2 with Gregory Roberts" podcast she promised to serve the voters. "They want improvement, to see improvement within the city. They want to see businesses they want to see new homes. And allow them to be part of some of the decisions and let them know what we are planning on doing and have a voice in it." In Holland Nathan Bocks was reelected. On Facebook he pointed to pending projects under his leadership. "We are planning a downtown ice skating park and new public access to the water front. And city wide high speed internet is on the way." In South	election, vote, mayor, West Michigan, ballot
Wed Nov 08 10:38:30 2023	A student led project leads to a campus award	Shelley Irwin	A student led project leads to a campus award. We talk to GVSU students, the Director of Student Health Services, and more about the honor, The Skin Smart Campus Award. This Award is recognized by the National Council on Skin Cancer.	GVSU, Skin Cancer, Awards, Students, Health
Wed Nov 08 10:33:44 2023	Violinist Dylana Jensen stops by the show with her	Shelley Irwin	Violinist Dylana Jensen stops by the show with her violin. We discuss her online instructions and more. We also catch up on what is happening with her husband, former GR Symphony Director David Lockington? We hear from Dylana and her violin.	Music, Musical, music director, Symphony, life
Wed Nov 08 10:26:36 2023	What Wild Women Do	Shelley Irwin	What do Wild Women do? Author Karma Brown celebrates two women yearning to take up more space in a world that often demeans and trivializes their dreams. Her work in novel form takes us to her childhood camping experience with "hippie parents", this socialite turned	Book, Author, Women, history, feminist
Wed Nov 08 10:22:45 2023	The Roving Mic visits Rise and Ride Ranch	Shelley Irwin	Rise and Ride Ranch is a small family run ranch in Allegan Michigan, the Roving Mic takes you to the scenes of rescue horses and more. Proprietor Liz Steffes takes us for a tour of this ranch accessible to all.	Horses, Horse and Human, Roving Mic, Rise and Ride Ranch,
Wed Nov 08 09:49:36 2023	City of Grand Rapids voters approve \$305 million Grand Rapids Public Schools bonding	Patrick Center	City of Grand Rapids voters have agreed to extend the current tax rate of 3.85 mils over the next 20-years raising \$305 million for Grand Rapids Public Schools. John Helmholdt is the voluntary campaign advisor for the Yes for GR Kids campaign. He says it's not a tax increase. Rather, it's the same tax residents have been paying since voters approved the 2015 and 2004 bond proposals. "We are so pleased and grateful that the voters of Grand Rapids once again said 'yes' to our GRPS students. This is going to raise \$305 million for classrooms, air	Yes for GR Kids, Grand Rapids Public Schools, GRPS, bond, millage, voter, Students, tax renewal
Wed Nov 08 09:23:22 2023	Voters weigh in on two high profile west Michigan library millage renewal proposals	Patrick Center	Ottawa County's Patmos Library has been the center of debate in Jamestown Charter Township. It began when the book <i>Gender Queer: A Memoir</i> appeared on the library's shelves and some disapproving residents began attending board meetings, voicing their disapproval for it and others with LGBTQ+ themes. Last year citizens voted against the renewal of a millage supporting the library with 84% of its \$245,000 annual budget. As funding is set to expire this year, Jamestown Township voters were asked to renew the library millage for three years for operating, maintaining, and equipping the Patmos Library. Nearly 63% of voters approved of the millage generating approximately \$231,000 in revenue. 37% voted "no." Just	Ottawa County, Jamestown Charter Township, Patmos Library, Kent District Library, Gender Queer, millage

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Wed Nov 08 09:13:57 2023	City of Ionia residents vote in favor of two charter amendments	Patrick Center	Conducting elections in the City of Ionia has become increasingly demanding for its part-time manager in recent years with the population growing to more than 13,400 residents. Voters were asked to make the City Manager position full-time and appointed by the mayor and city council. Residents agreed with a 55% to 45% vote. They also decided it was time to make elected city offices nonpartisan races by an overwhelming 65% “yes” vote to 35% “no.” All elected officials’ current four-year cycles will now be extended by one year. As for the clerk,	City of Ionia, City Manager, nonpartisan, Elected officials, voter
Wed Nov 08 09:02:19 2023	An Allegan County woman faces up to seven years in prison for impersonating a registered nurse	Patrick Center	Leticia Gallarzo faces up to seven years in federal prison on two counts. The 49-year-old pled guilty to aggravated identity theft and making false statements in medical records affecting health care benefit programs, and production of a false identification document. When applying for employment via indeed.com for a nursing position at a west Michigan hospice facility, Gallarzo claimed she had completed a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Davenport University. A false claim. Investigators determined Gallarzo knew a licensed Michigan registered nurse and acquired the identification. Once on the job, Gallarzo evaluated elderly patients and falsely signed electronic medical records. In particular, the federally	Leticia Gallarzo, identity theft, nurse, nursing home, Allegan County, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

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Wed Nov 08 08:48:59 2023	Michigan Democrats to lose full control of state government after representatives win mayoral races	Associated Press	<p>Michigan Democrats who have controlled the governor’s office and slim majorities in both chambers of the Legislature will at least temporarily lose their full control after two state representatives won mayoral races Tuesday, which will soon put the state House in a deadlock. Democrats have been able to push through a number of key legislation in Michigan since they flipped both chambers in the Legislature while holding onto the governor’s office in last year’s midterms, giving them full control for the first time in 40 years. Two Democratic state representatives, Lori Stone and Kevin Coleman, won mayoral races Tuesday in their own districts in suburban Detroit. The wins will eliminate Democrat’s two-seat majority in the state House and put the chamber in a 54-54 deadlock until special elections can be held for the seats. Democrats will still control the agenda, but they will no longer hold a voting advantage. It’s not yet clear when special elections will be held in the two districts — which each heavily favor Democrats — but it’s expected to at least be several months. The governor may call a special election in the representative’s district when a seat is vacated, or may direct that the vacancy be filled at the next general election, according to Michigan law. The entire Michigan House of Representatives will be up for election in next year’s November general election. Coleman won his mayoral race in Westland while Stone won in Warren. Each is expected to be sworn into office later this month after the election is certified, according to local officials. Democrats have known the loss of full control was a possibility and are expected to try to pass a number of bills this week before Stone and Coleman are sworn in to their mayoral positions. Fueled by their midterm wins, Michigan Democrats have this year passed a gun safety package and expanded voting rights. The bills would repeal several abortion-related restrictions... and ban governmental entities from infringing on someone’s right to an abortion. Unlike earlier versions... the package would not end the state’s 24-hour waiting period or allow Medicaid reimbursement for the procedure. Democratic Senator Mallory McMorrow says those issues could still come up either in courts or in future policymaking. “It shouldn’t matter what your income or tax bracket is to be able to get the healthcare that you need to decide if and when to get pregnant, and to know that if you do decide to get pregnant that, if something goes wrong,</p>	Michigan Democratic Party, Michigan House, majority, control, mayor, election results
Tue Nov 07 17:12:08 2023	Senate sends Reproductive Health Act bills to governor	Colin Jackson	<p>The bills would repeal several abortion-related restrictions... and ban governmental entities from infringing on someone’s right to an abortion. Unlike earlier versions... the package would not end the state’s 24-hour waiting period or allow Medicaid reimbursement for the procedure. Democratic Senator Mallory McMorrow says those issues could still come up either in courts or in future policymaking. “It shouldn’t matter what your income or tax bracket is to be able to get the healthcare that you need to decide if and when to get pregnant, and to know that if you do decide to get pregnant that, if something goes wrong,</p>	Michigan Reproductive Health Act, Reproductive Rights, state of Michigan, Michigan U.S. Senate, Michigan Governor

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Tue Nov 07 16:59:51 2023 House advances Associated Press
 effort to censure
 Rashida Tlaib over
 her rhetoric about
 the Israel-Hamas
 war

The House is headed for a showdown vote Wednesday on whether to punish Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan — the only Palestinian American in Congress — for her rhetoric about the Israel-Hamas war. A vote on whether to censure Tlaib, a punishment one step below expulsion from the House, advanced Tuesday in a procedural vote. Republican Rep. Rich McCormick of Georgia proposed the censure resolution in response to what he calls Tlaib's promotion of antisemitic rhetoric. "It's a shame my colleagues are more focused on silencing me than they are on saving lives, as the death toll in Gaza surpasses 10,000," Tlaib said in a statement. "Many of them have shown me that Palestinian lives simply do not matter to them, but I still do not police their rhetoric or actions." The censure push sets the stage for a dramatic vote on the House floor amid the political tensions over the ongoing, deadly Israel-Hamas war. While the majority of both parties have historically stood firmly on the side of Israel, divisions have emerged in the Democratic Party since the outbreak of the war. Some on the left have criticized President Joe Biden's stance and urged him to put conditions on U.S. support for Israel as their aggressive military campaign drives the Palestinian death toll higher by the day. While the vote against Tlaib will take place against an extraordinary backdrop, the push to censure her is part of a growing pattern in the House. Censure had long been viewed as a punishment of last resort, to be triggered only for the most egregious wrongdoing. But censure resolutions are quickly becoming routine in the chamber, often wielded in strikingly partisan ways. While the censure itself carries no practical effect, it leaves a historic footnote that marks a lawmaker's career. A second resolution by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., to censure Tlaib had also been scheduled for a procedural vote late Tuesday night. Both of the censure resolutions are "privileged," which is a procedural tool lawmakers can use to bypass leadership and committees and force votes in the House. Tlaib, who is one of two Muslim women in the chamber, has long been the target of Republican attacks for her critical views of Israel's government and its treatment of Palestinians in the region. That criticism reached new heights after the Oct. 7 attack by the terrorist group Hamas that left hundreds of Israelis dead. Grand Rapids police chief Eric Winstrom says the first two victims, a young man and woman, were discovered in late morning in the street a few blocks apart: "Two individuals laying in the street with blood on the faces to bloodied bodies in the street and we don't have an explanation for it." A third victim, another male, was found close by in late afternoon. Detectives are looking for witnesses and surveillance camera video to help them identify suspects. Police believe the killer and the victims knew one another. "This appears to be a very

censure, U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Rashida Tlaib, Israel, Gaza

Tue Nov 07 14:00:00 2023 GRPD Phil Dawson
 investigating triple
 homicide on
 southeast side

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GRPD, police, investigation, homicide, Grand Rapids

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Tue Nov 07 12:03:08 2023	Domestic Violence Court coming to Kent County	Jennifer Moss	<p>Jennifer Moss: We're so happy to welcome Judge Amanda Sterkenburg, city of Kentwood 62 B District Court as we continue to talk about domestic violence. We welcome you, Judge.Amanda Sterkenburg: Thank you. It is my pleasure to be here.JM: Judge Sterkenburg you are part of DVAN, which is that Domestic Violence Action Network. And you've received American Rescue Plan Act dollars for that court about 4 million dollars or so that is still in those active stages of planning. I know you would like to to have started yesterday, but where are you at with the court and it actually becoming a tool in the process to fight domestic violence.AS: Well, I think active planning stage is probably the right phrase to describe where we are right now. What we have done is identified stakeholders and really the different voices that need to be heard in this project. And we've created a way to bring them together. So we can plan the specifics of operation for the court that are going to be most effective to both restore and rehabilitate the offender, as well as give support to the voices of the victims in those cases. We are meeting here in the very near future to talk about entry criteria and exactly what might prohibit a particular offender from being accepted into the program. And then what the timeline looks like for their duration in the court and whether it will be a phased approach with certain goals or it will be a longer more streamlined process. Those are the types of conversations that we're having right now.JM: Absolutely. And and we'll talk about in a moment who will be eligible for the court at what stage. But what is it that prompted the need for the court? Like a specific case? We know there's domestic violence on the rise, but was there something that occurred where you said, okay, we really need to take this outside of the general court system and create a specific court for domestic violence. Is there specific case in point that you use to kind of develop a process and a plan?AS: What I'll say is we've been watching this very disturbing trend, an increase in domestic violence cases and an increase specifically in intimate partner, homicides. And so several years ago, the DVAN was, uh, called something different. It was called the Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team, it's a little bit longer name, but they saw this need and trend and were prompted to do a study. So they actually did a study. It was a homicide review on a case that occurred in Kent County where they identified lethality factors and some breakdowns in the system. And then they were able to use that to give some different points of focus for the actors within the system to try to make sure those breakdowns and gaps in communication</p>	Mutually Inclusive, domestic violence, court, Kent County, Kent County Court
Tue Nov 07 10:22:56 2023	Michigan Central collaborates with MDOT	Shelley Irwin	Michigan Central collaborates with MDOT for the launch of a new airspace capability dedicated to Advanced Aerial Mobility and Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Matt Whitaer, Director of the Mobility Innovation Platform, shares details.	MDOT, Michigan, air, aircraft, Unmanned Aircraft
Tue Nov 07 10:06:49 2023	The Roast of Birigt Klohs	Shelley Irwin	Silent Observer plans a roast November 14th, former CEO/President of The Right Place Birigt Klohs gets roasted, ED of Silent Observer Jennifer Reynolds joins the show to discuss. We talk about the event, the Roasters and the run of the show.	Silent Observer, The Right Place, Birigt Klohs, Event,

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Tue Nov 07 10:06:46 2023	The Roving Mic takes you to a Total Trek Quest	Shelley Irwin	The Roving Mic takes you to a Total Trek Quest practice. On November 11, the boys will run a 5k after many weeks of training. TTQ is an afterschool program for boys grades 3-5, combining physical activity and curriculum that focuses on learning to set goals and more. We bring you	Total Trek Quest, 5k, Running, Roving Mic, elementary students
Tue Nov 07 10:06:43 2023	November is Diabetes Awareness Month	Shelley Irwin	November is Diabetes Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to diabetes which affects just over 11 percent of the U.S. population. We talk about everyday habits, including getting enough sleep, and walking after meals. BCBSM’s Shanthy Appelo shares this advice and more.	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, BCBS, Diabetes, Diabetes Awareness
Tue Nov 07 10:06:39 2023	Beauty and the Beast opens at the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre	Shelley Irwin	Beauty and the Beast opens at the Civic Theatre on November 17th, a musical including all the wonderful songs you know and love. We are joined by actors in studio including The Beast, Belle and GRCT’s Noddea Skidmore with details. We talk about the show plus new design and staging elements.	Civic Theatre, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Acting, Musical, Beauty and the Beast
Tue Nov 07 08:11:57 2023	Discarded lithium-ion batteries spark fires at Kent County’s Department of Public Works disposal facilities	Patrick Center	“We’ve had six fires. So, that’s like across our department either at the landfill or at the recycling center.”Earlier this year at the South Kent Landfill, an electric scooter’s lithium-ion battery caught fire. Katelyn Kikstra is Waste Reduction Educator with the Kent County Department of Public Works. She tells us more recently, a lithium-ion battery fire at the county’s Grand Rapids Recycling and Education Center shut down the facilities hopper.“We weren’t able to process recycling for a really long time. We were able to hold some of the recycling. But that’s a vital service that our community relies on.”The six battery fires have caused over 40 hours of lost operational time and approximately \$90,000 in damages.The battery fires pose a safety risk to employees. There are a variety of flammable and combustible materials that also enter the recycling stream. Lithium-ion batteries are found in	lithium-ion battery, fires, Kent County Department of Public Works, recycling center, batteries

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Tue Nov 07 06:39:43 2023 AG Nessel, Sen. Colin Jackson
Moss make 'plea'
to Rep. Tlaib over
language in social
media post

A pair of Michigan Jewish Democratic elected officials are calling on a Democratic congresswoman to walk back social media comments they say used an antisemitic phrase. The phrase is "from the river to the sea." It's part of a chant heard in recent protests against Israeli strikes in Gaza, and included in a social media post by Representative Rashida Tlaib. Conflict has escalated between Israel and Hamas, Gaza's ruling party, after a surprise Hamas attack on Israeli soil about a month ago that killed around 1,400 people and took over 200 others hostage. Meanwhile, Israeli counterstrikes have killed around 10,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health. Democratic Attorney General Dana Nessel is among the Jewish elected officials condemning the use of the chant. She said high tensions over Israel's retaliation for a Hamas attack have prevented nuanced discussions. "There's nothing we can say that's right, and there's nothing we can say that doesn't cause us to get, minimally, very hateful responses, but in some cases, death threats," Nessel said during a press conference Monday. This past weekend, Nessel criticized Tlaib (D-MI 12) for defending the use of the phrase on X, formerly known as Twitter. "From the river to the sea is an aspirational call for freedom, human rights, and peaceful coexistence, not death, destruction, or hate. My work and advocacy is always centered in justice and dignity for all people no matter faith or ethnicity," Tlaib wrote in a tweet. Despite Tlaib's defense of the phrase, Nessel and Senator Jeremy Moss (D-Southfield) have urged her to take down the tweet and walk back those comments. Moss said the phrase is a call for displacement of Jews in Israel. "I'm hopeful that an outcome of this dialogue — and this is tough dialogue; we know Rashida very well — but an outcome of this dialogue hopefully can be a better understanding of where each of our communities is coming from," Moss said. Both Moss and Nessel say they consider Tlaib a friend. They acknowledged they felt she wasn't coming from a place of hate. But they argued her words were unproductive. "What I have seen in the state is that oftentimes, the enemies of Jewish people are also the enemies of Arab Americans and the Muslim community. And I think it's one of the things that have brought us together, to understand that we have to work together in order to combat hate," Nessel said. Tlaib, who is the only Palestinian-American member of Congress, has faced heavy criticism for her commentary on the Israel-Hamas conflict. She said that

Israel, Palestine, pro-Palestinian, Gaza, Rashida Tlaib, U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Dana Nessel, conflict

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Tue Nov 07 06:29:10 2023 Whitmer signs Colin Jackson
 Crime Victims Bill
 of Rights
 legislation

Michigan legislation known as the “Crime Victims Bill of Rights” was signed into law Monday. The four-bill package gives law enforcement the power to share contact information for domestic- and sexual violence survivors with qualified service providers. Sharman Davenport is the president and CEO of the Mount Clemens-based support agency, Turning Point. She said the new laws help give survivors more access to the justice system. “As a first-response and survivor advocate, we know that having someone who gets it and can help can make all the difference in the life of a survivor in getting their needs met and having the opportunity to take a legal stand,” Davenport said. Some concerns arose during legislative debate about whether law enforcement should receive permission from survivors first, before sharing their contact information with resources. But sponsors said the practice of sharing information is already occurring in some areas. Representative Julie Rogers (D-Kalamazoo) sponsored the bill. She said those agencies are already receiving government grants to work with survivors, and there are address-confidentiality laws in place. “We’re not just giving this information out willy-nilly to whoever,” Rogers said. The new laws also let victims of a crime testify remotely, and have their images blurred during court proceedings. Representative Graham Filler (R-St. Johns) said that change might make the most immediate difference. “Right now, there are victims and witnesses out there who are teetering about whether they’re going to testify about the crime that was committed towards them or somebody else. And this is going to be the push. the shove that says. ‘I can do this. I’m Meijer is an Iraq war veteran and an heir to his family’s supermarket chain. He is attempting a comeback after serving one term in Congress, but losing a Republican primary following his vote to impeach then-President Donald Trump. Meijer says he’s not ready to call it quits with politics. “Our near-term prognosis is not healthy, it’s not good and we need to be working to reverse course so that we get back to fulfilling the promise of this country.” Meijer says he would support Trump if he is the Republican presidential nominee next year. With an already

Gov. Gretchen
 Whitmer, crime,
 crimes, legislation

Mon Nov 06 17:04:26 2023 Peter Meijer Rick Pluta
 announces GOP
 Senate bid

U.S Rep. Peter
 Meijer, Republican,
 Trump, Senate, state
 of Michigan

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Mon Nov 06 13:30:42 2023 Ottawa Co. faces Phil Dawson
age
discrimination
lawsuit over
Gibbs' aide hiring

"I would like to talk to you about the process of hiring your aid."Because of the age discrimination lawsuit Ottawa county Administrator John Gibbs says he can't discuss why he chose 23-year-old Jordan Eperson to be his senior executive aid."I'm not able to discuss that due to ongoing litigation."But others on the committee that interviewed the 2 finalists are admitting under oath age was a factor when Gibbs selected comparatively unqualified Epperson instead of 49-year-old army veteran Ryan Kimball for the aide position. Here's former county deputy administrator Patrick Waterman."We asked what it was about Mr. Epperson that he liked and he said he felt he was younger than him and he could boss him around." "I was directed to hire him."Sworn testimony about hiring Epperson was heard during the termination hearing for county health officer Adeline Hambley. Her attorney, Sara Howard asked Human Resources director Marcy Verbeek about the choice."You felt Mr. Kimball was better qualified for the position is that correct?" "Personally yes." "Did Mr. Gibbs tell you why he preferred Mr. Eperson?" "During one of the first sessions a comment was made that he

John Gibbs, lawsuit, Republican, Ottawa County, discrimination, job discrimination, age

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Mon Nov 06 10:34:42 2023 Sitting in the Fred Stella
 Shade of Another
 Tree (Part I)

Sitting in the Shade of Another Tree is a new book that features authors who are committed to interfaith engagement. Each was tasked with writing an essay on the attributes of a religion not their own. The book includes 16 chapters. Here we discuss this effort with the editor and 3 of the contributors. Keith Giles is the best-selling author of the best-selling “Jesus Un“ book series and the Sola Trilogy which includes “Sola Mysterium“ and “Sola Deus." He has appeared on CNN with Anderson Cooper, USA Today, BuzzFeed, and John Fugelsang’s “Tell Me Everything." Keith is also co-owner of Quoir Publishing and co-hosts 3 podcasts: “Heretic Happy Hour, Apostates Anonymous, and 2nd Cup with Keith. He and his wife currently reside in El Paso, Texas.Heather Hamilton is the Bestselling Author of“Returning to Eden: A Field Guide for the Spiritual Journey. She“received her B.A. in Journalism from Georgia State University and spent many years doing video production before discovering her love of writing. After filming and editing stories with people

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Mon Nov 06 10:26:46 2023 Republican Peter Meijer, who supported Trump's impeachment, enters Michigan's US Senate race Associated Press

Peter Meijer, a Republican who served one term in Congress before being ousted by voters following a vote to [impeach then-President Donald Trump](https://apnews.com/article/trump-impeachment-vote-capitol-siege-0a6f2a348a6e43f27d5e1dc486027860), announced Monday that he will run for an open U.S. Senate seat in Michigan. Meijer joins a field of more than a dozen candidates vying for a seat that's been held by Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow for more than two decades. Stabenow shocked many in the state in January by [announcing her retirement](https://apnews.com/article/2022-midterm-elections-politics-debbie-stabenow-michigan-afb0e42225f76bd8def5eab701ae1297), creating a wide open race in the battleground state. "My wife and I prayed hard about this race and how we can best serve our state and our nation. We considered every aspect of the campaign, and are confident we have the best chance of taking back this seat for the Republicans and fighting hard for a conservative future," Meijer said in [a statement](https://twitter.com/VoteMeijer/status/1721481674293219654/photo/1) on X, formerly known as Twitter. "We are in dark and uncertain times, but we have made it through worse. The challenges are great, but so is our country. If we are to see another great American century, we need leaders who aren't afraid to be bold, will do the work, and can't be bought." Meijer is an heir to a Midwestern grocery store empire. His name recognition and fundraising ability instantly make him a top candidate in one of the nation's most competitive Senate races. He joins former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers and former Detroit Police Chief James Craig in the Republican field, while the Democratic field has been led by U.S. Rep. [Elissa Slotkin](https://apnews.com/article/politics-united-states-government-2022-midterm-elections-senate-debbie-stabenow-89bdd39d53342b6ed6ccf107d4f2b1d8) and includes actor [Hill Harper](https://apnews.com/article/hill-harper-senate-michigan-csi-good-doctor-b820a0f56cf445830f1f086c235318a1). Slotkin announced her intentions in February, but the Republican field had remained relatively empty until Rogers [announced a campaign](https://apnews.com/article/senate-michigan-republican-mike-rogers-5d31f24afa47d14c4cfb3b6865a65e1a) in September and [Craig did so](https://apnews.com/article/james-craig-michigan-senate-run-trump-f90308a4fb4c8cca6aa74b3208654a7b) in October. Slotkin had nearly \$4 million more in the bank than any other Senate candidate through September, according to Republican Senator Ed McBroom says the current system of choosing boards at Michigan's largest public universities favors political insiders who are nominated at state party conventions. "Purely, the blame lays at the feet of the parties. The parties are motivated to win, not necessarily to provide the best governance of the universities." Michigan's 12 other public university boards are appointed by the governor, subject to Senate approval. Changing

Peter Meijer, U.S. Senate race, Michigan U.S. Senate, campaigning

Mon Nov 06 10:19:28 2023 Resolution proposes ending elected university boards Rick Pluta

university boards, elected, Michigan, Senator Ed McBroom, legislature,

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Mon Nov 06 10:10:13 2023	Survivors say trauma from abusive Native American boarding schools stretches across generations	Associated Press	Donovan Archambault was 11 years old in 1950 when he was sent from the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana to a government-backed Native American boarding school in Pierre, South Dakota, where abusive staff forced him to abandon his community's language and customs.Archambault emerged bitter from the experience and said he drank alcohol for more than two decades before he finally pulled his life together, earning a master's degree in education and serving as chairman of the Fort Belknap tribes.“It was probably the most brutal time of my whole life," Archambault recalled Sunday, “and it all stemmed from the trauma we suffered in the Pierre Indian School.”Decades after the last Native American boarding schools stopped receiving federal money, the traumas inflicted by the abusive institutions are getting belated attention through a series of listening sessions hosted by federal officials across the U.S.For over 150 years, Indigenous children were taken from their communities and forced into the boarding schools, which systematically abused students to assimilate them into white society. Religious and private institutions ran many of the schools and received federal funding as partners in government programs to “civilize” Indigenous students.Sunday's event at Montana State University in Bozeman was the last of 12 stops on the “Road to Healing” tour by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, a member of Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico who has prioritized examining the trauma caused by the schools.The effects of the trauma have rippled through generations, fueling alcoholism, drug addiction and sexual abuse on reservations, said Jennifer Finley, a council member for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes whose grandparents went to one of the boarding schools.“When we talk about historical trauma I always think, ‘If only that’s all we had.’ But we have fresh traumas piled on top of it every single day,” she said.The U.S. enacted laws and policies in 1819 to support the schools and some continued to operate through the 1960s. An investigative report released last year by the Interior Department identified 408 government-backed schools in 37 states or then-territories, including Alaska	Native Americans, abuses, Native American boarding schools
Mon Nov 06 10:03:19 2023	Dork Diaries	Shelley Irwin	The author of Dork Diaries talks about bullying, we are joined by Rachel Renee Russell and her co author daughter Nikki Russell. Dork Diaries characters are as diverse as the millions of	Book, Author, Bullying, Kids, young
Mon Nov 06 10:03:18 2023	The Truth About Horses	Shelley Irwin	The Truth About Horses, written by Christy Cashman, is a heartwarming novel about the fierce spirit of a young woman facing down life’s unexpected challenges, a devastating loss and a	Book, Author, Horse, Horse and Human,

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Mon Nov 06 10:03:14 2023	Somatic Coach Whitney Dawn Pyles shares her story of winning a Juried Award for	Shelley Irwin	Somatic Coach Whitney Dawn Pyles shares her story of winning a Juried Award for ArtPrize. Plus, she is the cofounder of Wellness Retreat Michigan, and talk about what a Somatic Coach is. Whitney shares her journey.	Art Prize, Art, Public Art, Art Downtown, Therapy
Mon Nov 06 10:03:12 2023	Blood pressure and over the counter	Shelley Irwin	The American Heart Association reminds us that it's essential to work closely with healthcare professionals before using over the counter medications, especially if they have preexisting conditions or are on other meds. Clinical Science Officer of the AHA, Dr. Mitchell Elkind	Heart, The American Heart Association, Medical, Blood,
Mon Nov 06 10:03:09 2023	Operation Green Light begins this week	Shelley Irwin	It's called Operation Green Light, and it starts this week, the Kent County Veteran Services are asking the community and business to change the color of their exterior lighting to green to show support for area veterans. This begins today and runs through the 12th. Reginald Farrior	veterans, veterans advocate, Veterans Stories, Green,
Mon Nov 06 09:54:36 2023	Tyson recalls 30,000 pounds of chicken nuggets after consumers report finding metal pieces	Associated Press	Tyson Foods is recalling nearly 30,000 pounds (13,600 kilograms) of breaded chicken ""Fun Nuggets"" after consumers complained of finding metal pieces in the dinosaur-shaped patties. The nuggets, sold in 29-ounce bags, were produced on Sept. 5 by the Berryville, Arkansas, company. Tyson informed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service and said it recalled the nuggets voluntarily "out of an abundance of caution." USDA said that there had been only one report of a "minor oral injury associated with consumption of this product." The nuggets subject to the recall carry the number P7211 on the back of the package. They were	Tyson Foods , recall, chicken nuggets

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Mon Nov 06 09:44:06 2023 Right turn on red? Associated Press
 With pedestrian
 deaths rising, US
 cities are
 considering bans

Sophee Langerman was on her way to a bicycle safety rally in Chicago’s Lakeview neighborhood in June when a car turning right rolled through a red light and slammed into her bike, which she was walking off the curb and into the crosswalk. The car was moving slowly enough that Langerman escaped serious injury, but the bicycle required extensive repairs. To Langerman, it’s another argument for ending a practice that almost all U.S. cities have embraced for decades: the legal prerogative for a driver to turn right after stopping at a red light. A dramatic rise in accidents [killing or injuring pedestrians](https://apnews.com/article/pedestrian-cyclist-deaths-safe-cars-afcf8e6fd1b1cbfbd1a5360a29f08308) and bicyclists has led to a myriad of policy and infrastructure changes, but moves to ban right on red have drawn some of the most intense sentiments on both sides. Washington, D.C.’s City Council last year approved a right-on-red ban that takes effect in 2025. New Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson’s transition plan called for “restricting right turns on red,” but his administration hasn’t provided specifics. The college town of Ann Arbor, Michigan, now prohibits right turns at red lights in the downtown area. [San Francisco](https://apnews.com/article/california-public-transit-9002a8b3e0270db28587835a85c2ccb0) leaders recently voted to urge their transportation agency to ban right on red across the city, and other major cities such as Los Angeles, Seattle and Denver have looked into bans as well. “Drivers should not have the option to decide for themselves when they think it’s safe,” said Langerman, 26. “People are busy. People are distracted.” But Jay Beeber, executive director for policy at the National Motorists Association, an advocacy organization for drivers, called it a “fallacy” to assume such blanket bans would make streets safer. He cited an upcoming study by his association that analyzed California crash data from 2011-2019 and found that drivers turning right on red accounted for only about one pedestrian death and less than one bicyclist death statewide every two years. “What’s really behind this movement is part of the agenda to make driving as miserable and as difficult as possible so people don’t drive so much,” Beeber said. Safety advocates counter that official crash reports are often mislabeled, undercounting the [dangers](https://apnews.com/article/blind-pedestrians-safer-crosswalks-signals-chicago-61d62685127d3e2228e91860e2c998b2). The United States is one of few major countries that generally allow right turns on red. Concerned that cars idling at stop lights traffic safety, pedestrian walkways

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Mon Nov 06 09:23:33 2023 New vehicles from Associated Press Detroit's automakers are planned in contracts that ended UAW strikes

Stellantis plans to build a new midsize pickup truck, along with battery-run versions of six Jeep, Ram and Dodge vehicles. Ford envisions at least three new electric vehicles that will preserve jobs at several factories. General Motors plans to build at least six new electric vehicles, including a full-size SUV. Those and other closely held production plans by Detroit's automakers have emerged in details of the tentative contract agreements that ended the six-week strikes by the United Auto Workers union. Under the new agreements, the three companies will significantly boost pay and benefits and improve job security. But the agreements also provide a blueprint for which cars and trucks they intend to build in the coming years and where they will do so. Many of the plans will continue the manufacture of vehicles that the automakers already build. But the production of some new vehicles over the next few years is being planned, too. About 146,000 union members will vote on the contracts in the next two weeks. Workers at 10 Ford facilities who have already voted have overwhelmingly favored the agreements, which will be in effect through April 2028. The UAW's success in gaining commitments from the companies to build new electric vehicles at several factories represented a particular achievement. The expansion of EV production will preserve jobs and could create new ones, depending on how fast the nation transitions from gas engines to batteries. The automakers have all embraced the transition to electric vehicles as a large-scale and long-term commitment. The companies have set goals of having EVs represent roughly half their U.S. sales by 2030. Adopting the same goal, the Biden administration's 2022 Inflation Reduction Act increased federal tax credits to buyers of new and used EVs. What's not yet known is whether consumer demand for EVs in the coming years will justify the automakers' plans to accelerate their production. In the meantime, the companies are moving ahead with their ambitious EV production plans. In Belvidere, Illinois, according to the union, Stellantis will construct an EV battery factory that would create 1,300 jobs. And at its Toledo Assembly Complex, Stellantis plans to build a battery-electric version of the rugged Jeep Wrangler SUV and another with an unknown new powertrain. In addition, the union said, the company plans to build battery electric versions of the Jeep Wagoneer and Grand Wagoneer large SUVs at a plant in Warren, Michigan. The Ram REV battery-electric truck is expected to be built starting next year at the plant in Sterling Heights, Michigan. And at the Detroit Assembly Complex, Stellantis plans to build the next generation of the Dodge

United Auto Workers, UAW, U.S. automakers, EV, Production

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<p>Fri Nov 03 15:58:24 EDT 2023</p>	<p>\$615 million and \$29 million spending bills pass Michigan Legislature</p>	<p>Colin Jackson</p>	<p>Spending bills totaling around 645-million-dollars are heading to the governor after passing the Michigan Legislature this week. The bills close the books on the state’s last budget, help forgive outstanding debt for some school districts, and help the metro-Detroit City of Highland Park pay debt related to water service. Critics of the budget bills accuse Democrats in legislative leadership of working alone and spending too much money. Democratic Senator Sarah Anthony chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee. She says lawmakers planned ahead when writing the state’s current budget. “Despite putting so much money out, we also Grand Valley State University’s Master Plan includes a renovation and construction of additional learning space at its downtown Grand Rapids Eberhard Center. The nine-story building constructed in 1988 is located along the west bank of the Grand River. It’s the focal point of GVSU’s Blue Dot. A \$140 million project creating a new Center for Talent, Technology and Transformation. GVSU’s Vice President and Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer, Stacie Behler, issued this statement, “Grand Valley State University is excited and grateful to see our request for funding for our Blue Dot Lab moving forward. The Blue Dot will serve to revitalize the physical space necessary to serve as the center of gravity for our community’s tech strategy as well as drive investments in growing the talent needed to fuel the tech economy in our state. GVSU students, faculty and our corporate and community United Auto Workers leaders detailed the tentative deal with Stellantis to members last night. It includes across the board 25-percent wage increases plus a return of cost-of-living adjustments. UAW President Shawn Fain says the contract was so good, <i>nonunion</i> automakers are taking notice. <i>“Toyota isn’t giving out raises out of the goodness of their heart Toyota is the largest and most profitable auto company in the world they could have just as easily raised wages a month ago or a year ago they did it now because the company knows we’re coming for him”</i> Fain also says the union was able to secure about 19-Billion dollars The Mosaic Film Experience hosts its first annual Purple Party tonight, at the GRAM. The party celebrates Prince and stands as a heartfelt tribute to the students. The Experience is a nonprofit educational platform that empowers underrepresented youth to explore careers through the power of storytelling. Program and Education Manager Elizabeth Merriman with comment. Muskegon Community College presents the documentary Ghost Mountain, the Second Killing Fields of Cambodia. We talk to Filmmaker James Taing and MCC’s George P. Maniates about Monday night’s event. Taing features his father, James, highlighting his perilous flight to freedom as a refugee.</p>	<p>spending, budget, budget proposal, Michigan budget, surplus state funds, Michigan Legislature Grand Valley State University, Blue Dot, appropriations, tech talent, Eberhard Center, Stacie Behler UAW, United Auto Workers, Shawn Fain, Stellantis Mosaic Film Festival, Mosaic Film Experience, Fundraiser, Event, Youth documentary, Muskegon, Muskegon Community College, Film, Screening Event</p>
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<p>Fri Nov 03 14:42:20 EDT 2023</p>	<p>UAW details tentative deal with Stellantis</p>	<p></p>	<p>UAW President Shawn Fain says the contract was so good, <i>nonunion</i> automakers are taking notice. <i>“Toyota isn’t giving out raises out of the goodness of their heart Toyota is the largest and most profitable auto company in the world they could have just as easily raised wages a month ago or a year ago they did it now because the company knows we’re coming for him”</i> Fain also says the union was able to secure about 19-Billion dollars The Mosaic Film Experience hosts its first annual Purple Party tonight, at the GRAM. The party celebrates Prince and stands as a heartfelt tribute to the students. The Experience is a nonprofit educational platform that empowers underrepresented youth to explore careers through the power of storytelling. Program and Education Manager Elizabeth Merriman with comment. Muskegon Community College presents the documentary Ghost Mountain, the Second Killing Fields of Cambodia. We talk to Filmmaker James Taing and MCC’s George P. Maniates about Monday night’s event. Taing features his father, James, highlighting his perilous flight to freedom as a refugee.</p>	<p>UAW, United Auto Workers, Shawn Fain, Stellantis</p>
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Fri Nov 03 10:45:51 EDT 2023	Teeth care questions	Shelley Irwin
Fri Nov 03 10:45:48 EDT 2023	Split by More Than the Grand River, How Uneven Access to Affordable Child Care Divides Kent	Shelley Irwin

Why does sleep matter when it comes to the health of your teeth? Dr. Brian Nylaan of Nylaan dental care, Health, Dental stops by to catch us up to the care of our teeth and why it matters. How often to brush, fluoride, oral self- The Roving Mic takes you to a meeting of results of the Collaboration between the IFF and the IFF, W.K. Kellogg, WK Kellogg Foundation. We discuss a Kent County Executive Summary of Early Childhood Roving Mic, child Education called Split by More Than the Grand River, How Uneven Access to Affordable Child care, study Care Divides Kent County. We disucss.

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Revised clean energy package passes Michigan House

Colin Jackson

Legislation aimed at lowering Michigan’s energy-related greenhouse gas emissions passed the Michigan House of Representatives late Thursday night. After around 13 hours of meeting and voting, lawmakers approved bills that would require utilities to draw power using only "clean energy" sources by 2040. <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billanalysis/House/pdf/2023-HLA-0271-43C8EB2C.pdf> The legislation would differentiate between renewable and clean energy. Under it, renewable energy sources like wind or solar would have to make up at least 60% of a utility’s energy portfolio. The rest of the portfolio could be made up of “clean energy systems” that include sources like nuclear and natural gas using 90% carbon capture and storage technology. Representative Jenn Hill (D-Marquette) said times are changing for Michigan and its energy landscape. “If we’re powered by the sun, or powered by the wind, we are not sending money back out to Wyoming to pay for coal, or to Texas to pay for that natural gas,” Hill said in a floor speech. Each bill in the clean energy package passed along party lines. Early in voting, House Republicans protested when a vote on one of the bills went up before they said they had time to evaluate the legislation. House Republicans argued the package would raise energy prices across the state, hurting households that rely upon fossil fuels and companies that draw large amounts of electricity. Representative Graham Filler (R-St. Johns) pointed to the company Hemlock Semiconductor, located in his mid-Michigan district, and said the legislation would drive up its costs. “That puts Hemlock Semiconductor at risk, that puts the jobs of those employees in my district at risk, that puts Michigan’s high-tech future at risk, that’s bad for my community. That’s really bad for Michigan’s manufacturing future,” Filler said. As a way of facilitating the transition away from fossil fuels, the [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(r4bshs02ytwjt2tl2y4hipfk\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2023-HB-5120](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(r4bshs02ytwjt2tl2y4hipfk))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2023-HB-5120) bill package would give state regulators the power to pre-empt local governments when it comes to approving zoning for solar and wind projects. Republicans, including Rep. Jaime Greene (R-Richmond), derided the legislation as coming at the expense of rural residents where projects could be located. “When the MPSC does inevitably greenlight a project against the will of the neighboring families, there is no way for residents to hold these unelected commission members accountable. This is an egregious assault on our local decision-making authority and an outright affront to democracy itself”

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Bills would ban
gun possession
for misdemeanor
violent crimes
Rick Pluta

People convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence would be automatically barred from possessing firearms for an eight-year-period under bills that have cleared the state House. Many felony convictions already include a ban on gun possession for a period of time. But Representative Amos O’Neal (D-Saginaw) said people convicted of lesser crimes like misdemeanor assault or stalking often still pose a threat after they’ve been released from jail or prison. “With this legislation before us, we stand with survivors to reduce the risk of having deadly weapons in the hands of violent and deadly people,” he said during a floor speech. “...These bills finally prohibit an individual convicted – and I’ll emphasize convicted – of a domestic violence misdemeanor from possessing a firearm and ammunition with a gun,” he said. The eight years would not begin until after release from incarceration and all fines are paid. Two Republicans crossed over to vote with Democrats for the bills. Representative Josh Schriver (R-Oxford) was a no vote. He said people convicted of crimes like misdemeanor assault or stalking should not be treated like felons. “They’re petty misdemeanors and shouldn’t cause individuals to become sitting ducks for violent criminals by losing their right to defend One of two northern Michigan men <https://apnews.com/article/alpena-michigan-homicide-crime-7f21618660f529f3b11ea04655d41052> charged in the deaths of two women

pleaded guilty to reduced charges Thursday and has agreed to cooperate in the prosecution of his co-defendant, prosecutors said. Joshua Wirgau, 35, of Alpena, pleaded guilty to one count each of involuntary manslaughter and disinterment and mutilation of a dead body, accessory after the fact, prosecutors said. A sentencing agreement requests 15-30 years in prison, prosecutors said. Wirgau agreed to cooperate in the case against Brad Srebnik, 37, who's charged with five crimes, including first-degree murder in the deaths of Brynn Bills, 17, and Abby Hill, 31, both of Alpena. It wasn't clear whether Srebnik had entered a plea in the case or has an attorney who might comment on the allegations against him. Court records for the case weren't available online and Nessel did not address those questions in her news release. Bills was last seen in August 2021. Her body was <a

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Northern
Michigan man
pleads guilty to
charges in death
of 2 women
Associated Press

murder, murder trial,
murder charges,
crime, guilty, guilty
plea

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Public Safety and
Violence
Prevention Fund
bill fails House
vote

Colin Jackson

Michigan House lawmakers voted down part of legislation Thursday that would have put a portion of sales tax revenue toward violence prevention. The two-bill package aimed to create a new [Public Safety and Violence Prevention Fund](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billanalysis/House/pdf/2023-HLA-4605-D8A5B409.pdf) to award grants to local governments. The first bill in the package, which would have [outlined how sales tax revenue found its way into the fund](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billintroduced/House/pdf/2023-HIB-4605.pdf), failed by a vote of 52-51, with seven lawmakers not voting. Representative Alabas Farhat (D-Dearborn) co-sponsors the package. He says the vote should have been a message to law enforcement that the state had its back. “And instead of it being a bipartisan moment, a moment when we come together as a chamber and we say, ‘You know what? A neighbor shouldn’t be scared to walk their streets at night at the risk of getting shot.’ And say, ‘You know what? An officer shouldn’t be worried about leaving their partner out there,’ we voted it down,” Farhat told reporters after the vote. Despite failing, the legislation still has hope of passing the House. The House approved a motion to reconsider and postponed a future vote to a later date. The seven lawmakers who didn’t vote either way on the measure broke down into four Democrats and three Republicans. The bills themselves would put 1.5% of sales-tax revenue collected at a rate of 4% into the Public Safety and Violence Prevention Fund. They would then set aside biannual deposits from the fund into a grant program for local governments. Those localities could then use that money for “public safety and violence prevention” purposes, with some exceptions. Representative Mike Harris says the bills would provide too much leeway to local governments. “If they wanted to divert 100% of that money that their community would have to a social program versus a law enforcement staffing issue or an equipment issue the police department might not get a dime.” Harris

Michigan House of
Representatives,
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Thu Nov 02 12:10:19 EDT 2023	UAW members at the first Ford plant to go on strike vote overwhelmingly to approve new contract	Associated Press	Autoworkers at the first Ford factory to go on strike have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a tentative contract agreement reached with the company. Members of Local 900 at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Michigan, west of Detroit voted 81% in favor of the four year-and-eight month deal, according to Facebook postings by local members on Thursday. Two union officials confirmed the accuracy of the percentage Thursday. Neither wanted to be identified because the vote totals had not been made public. About 3,300 United Auto Workers union members went on strike at the plant Sept. 15 after the union's contract with Ford expired. They remained on the picket lines until Oct. 25, when the union announced the tentative deal with Ford. Production workers voted 81% to ratify the deal, while skilled trades workers voted 90% in favor. Voting at Ford will continue through Nov. 17. Local union leaders from across the country at Jeep maker Stellantis are meeting in Detroit Thursday to get an explanation of the company's tentative agreement from UAW President Shawn Fain and Vice President Rich Boyer. If they endorse the contract, Fain and Boyer will explain it to members in an online presentation Thursday evening. General Motors local leaders will meet on Friday, with another contract explanation likely on Friday evening. Dates for voting at GM or Stellantis were not yet clear. Marick Masters, a business professor at Wayne State University in Detroit who follows labor issues, said the vote at the Ford factory is a positive sign for the union. "These workers are deeply in the know about the overall situation," he said. "I think that they responded to it with such high levels of approval it is perhaps reflective of how the broader workforce represented by the UAW feels about this contract." Masters says union officials still have to make their cases to the membership. but "certainly this would appear to Atlas of Wild America features 41 of the most stunning locations in Wild America with opportunities for hiking, camping and more. Author/Photographer Jon Waterman shares some of the remarkable areas, including right here in Michigan and the midwest. In honor of October as Breast Cancer Awareness month, we continue the conversation, the Roving Mic is on site at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation to talk with Physical Therapist Cynthia Tan. We explore the whys of Rehab after a diagnosis and/or surgery, the role of rehab and recovery onward. A unique partnership between the Parks and Cycling is up for conversation, an example of nonprofits and startups working together. Friends of GR Parks' Stacy Bare and BIKED's Jared Lebel talk about their bond and a GR Bike Park. We talk about the project's impact on the community.	UAW, United Auto Workers, Ford, Strike, Wayne County
Thu Nov 02 10:57:22 EDT 2023	Atlas of Wild America	Shelley Irwin	Atlas of Wild America features 41 of the most stunning locations in Wild America with opportunities for hiking, camping and more. Author/Photographer Jon Waterman shares some of the remarkable areas, including right here in Michigan and the midwest.	Book, Nat Geo, Nature, Travel, Photography
Thu Nov 02 10:57:20 EDT 2023	The Roving Mic looks at physical therapy for breast cancer patients at Mary Free Bed	Shelley Irwin	In honor of October as Breast Cancer Awareness month, we continue the conversation, the Roving Mic is on site at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation to talk with Physical Therapist Cynthia Tan. We explore the whys of Rehab after a diagnosis and/or surgery, the role of rehab and recovery onward.	Mary Free Bed, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy, Breast Cancer,
Thu Nov 02 10:57:20 EDT 2023	Friends of GR Parks and BIKED team up for GR Bike Park	Shelley Irwin	A unique partnership between the Parks and Cycling is up for conversation, an example of nonprofits and startups working together. Friends of GR Parks' Stacy Bare and BIKED's Jared Lebel talk about their bond and a GR Bike Park. We talk about the project's impact on the community.	Bike, biking, Bike Trails, Parks, parks and recreation

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Thu Nov 02 10:57:14 EDT 2023	Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys presents the first Andy Larson Memorial Concert	Shelley Irwin	The Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys presents the first Andy Larson Memorial Concert in early December, featuring a Grammy winning baritone. We talk to Andy's mom, Marcy Larson and Director Scott Bosscher. Andy lost his young life 5 years ago, a former chorister loved by all.	Choir, Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, Concert, Music, Fundraiser
Thu Nov 02 10:57:14 EDT 2023	Restaurant Week kicks off tomorrow	Shelley Irwin	Restaurant Week kicks off tomorrow with over 50 local restaurants participating. There is currently a sign up for the digital pass to prepare for the 14th annual event. Experience Grand Rapids Kate Lieto discusses the 2023 highlights, including donating up to \$5000 to the GRCC Two Kent County transformational projects are receiving private financial support. What’s needed now are public dollars. One way to generate that public financing is by approving tax dollars supporting bonds for the projects.State Rep. John Fitzgerald, a Democrat from Wyoming, sponsored House Bill 5048 allowing cities and townships to collect a 2% lodging tax. It passed this week by a 66-44 vote. The bill now moves to the Senate. If approved there, the bill goes to Governor Gretchen Whitmer for her signature. Kent County residents would then vote on the 2% hotel/motel tax.The money generated would help finance the \$184 million, 12,000 seat Acrisure Amphitheater located on the east bank of the Grand River. And on the near-west side, a proposed 8,500 seat USL Championship League soccer stadium. The state Legislature has begun adopting bills to require lawmakers to disclose financial information and potential conflicts of interest. The main bill passed the Michigan Senate Wednesday on a bipartisan vote of 36 to 2.Senator Jeremy Moss (D-Southfield) chairs the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee and is one of the bill sponsors. He said Michigan needs to lift itself from having some the weakest ethics and financial disclosure standards in the country. The bills would apply to state elected officials and candidates. That includes the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state and legislators.“You will know what someone’s income was the previous year and where their income came from,” he said. “You will know if there is something in their financial portfolio that provides a conflict to the bills that they’re introducing and the bills that they’re voting on.”The disclosure rules would include investment income such as stocks, annuities and pensions, trips financed by lobbyists or special interests and positions with outside organizations such as not-for-profit boards.They’re required by an amendment to the Michigan Constitution approved by voters last year.Senator Mark Huizenga (R-Walker) said the wide support for Proposal 1 shows voters	Restaurant, Restaurant week, Experience Grand Michigan House, legislation, lodging tax, hotel tax, Acrisure Amphitheater, USL Champions League Soccer, stadium, public funding, bonds, GR Area ethics, Michigan House Elections and Ethics Committee, Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives
Thu Nov 02 09:26:59 EDT 2023	Proposed Lodging Tax bill passes Michigan House	Patrick Center		
Thu Nov 02 06:52:40 EDT 2023	Michigan Senate adopts Prop 1 ethics bills	Rick Pluta		

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Thu Nov 02 06:43:40 EDT 2023	Democrats fear that Biden's Israel-Hamas war stance could cost him reelection in Michigan	Associated Press	<p>Democrats in Michigan have warned the White House that President Joe Biden's handling of the Israel-Hamas conflict could cost him enough support within the Arab American community to sway the outcome of the 2024 election in a state he almost certainly can't afford to lose in his bid for reelection. The situation has prompted the White House to discuss ways to alleviate tensions with some of the state's prominent Democrats, including several who have been vocal critics of the president about the war. "The message has been relayed. We've had calls with the White House. We've had calls with DNC officials," said Abraham Aiyash, the third-ranking Democrat in the state House of Representatives, referring to the Democratic National Committee. "We've been clear in saying the humanity should matter, but if that is not a calculation that you're going to make in this moment, recognize that there will be electoral reverberations to this." Michigan was a critical component of the so-called blue wall of states that includes Wisconsin and Pennsylvania that Biden returned to the Democratic column, helping him win the White House in 2020. Since then, Democrats have felt more confident about their standing in Michigan, particularly after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer notched a commanding 10-point reelection victory last year. But a cross current of developments in recent months has tested the party. Beyond the war, Michigan was shaken by a showdown between the autoworkers' union and the Detroit Three automakers. Former President Donald Trump visited the state during the strike and Biden, who has longtime ties to unions, became the first sitting president to join a picket line. Now that the strike is resolved, the war may have a more lasting political impact for the president. In 2020, Muslim voters nationally supported Biden over Trump 64% to 35%, according to AP VoteCast. Aiyash, the Democratic floor leader in the state House, said Arab</p>	Biden, President Joe Biden, Israel, Palestine, Arab-American, Democrats, election
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Thu Nov 02 06:30:47 EDT 2023	Reproductive rights bills adopted by House but key measures stall	Rick Pluta	The state House adopted legislation Wednesday night to repeal some abortion restrictions that remain on the books in Michigan, although Democratic leaders working with a slim majority had to settle for less than they hoped for. Representative Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) said the bills are more steps to strip away laws that do not align with the reproductive rights amendment to the state constitution adopted last year by voters. "This bill package seeks to repeal onerous, politically motivated and medically unnecessary laws that were put into place over the last 10 to 15 years with the express purpose of limiting access to abortion," she said in a floor speech. She said the goal of the package is "to correct a long-standing wrong and remove politicians from rooms where only patients and medical professionals belong." But Representative Gina Johnsen (R-Lake Odessa) said these bills are not necessary to comply with the reproductive rights amendment, which appeared on the ballot as Proposal 3. "Proposal 3 has passed with 57 % of the vote. The 1931 law banning abortion procedures has been removed by the Legislature," she said. "But why do we need yet another fast track to have more abortions?" The bills were adopted on 56-to-54 party-line votes. But Democratic leaders could not muster the necessary votes for lifting the ban on using Medicaid funds for abortion care or repealing 24-hour waiting periods. Those bills remain pending on the House calendar while the other bills advance to the Senate. Abortion rights groups were glad for some	abortion, abortion rights, Reproductive Rights, Michigan Reproductive Health Act, 1931 law
Wed Nov 01 15:12:21 EDT 2023	Sit-in protestors demand expanded driver's license access for immigrants	Michelle Jokisch Polo	Carrying signs and bullhorns, dozens of activists marched into the office of Democratic state Senator Winnie Brinks. The Senate Majority Leader is co-sponsoring a package of bills that would allow any Michigan immigrant to obtain a driver's license or a state-issued identification card. But some protesters say there has not been enough movement on the bills since they were introduced in April. Dolores Olivarez is an organizer with Movimiento Cosecha, the group behind the sit in. "The legislation has promised us that they were going to give us this opportunity to have driver's license. We feel like they have failed us. We feel that	immigrants, drivers license, drivers' licenses, protest, protests
Wed Nov 01 14:46:19 EDT 2023	Kent County Department of Public Works responds to area environmental groups' concerns about Waste-to-Energy facility included in proposed clean energy legislation	Patrick Center	WGVU's Patrick Center reached out to the Department of Public Works. A proposed Michigan Senate Clean Energy bill designates the Kent County Waste-to-Energy facility a clean energy producer of electricity. But leaders from the Grand Rapids Climate Coalition, Urban Core Collective, Community Collaboration on Climate Change, Ecology Center and West Michigan Environmental Action Council say the incinerator doesn't produce energy it considers clean or renewable. The environmentalists are also concerned about the incinerator's emissions. WGVU reached out to the Kent County Department of Public Works. Director Dar Baas said, "For more than 30 years, Kent County's Waste to Energy facility has been a key part of an integrated materials management system that allows our community to dispose responsibly and reliably of waste while producing local energy and reducing our reliance on landfills. Waste to Energy is a source for local energy and upholds the highest environmental standards, meeting and exceeding the strictest federal standards set forth by	legislation, Clean Energy, renewable energy, Kent County Department of Public Works, incinerator, Urban Core Collective, Community Collaboration on Climate Change, Ecology Center, West Michigan

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Wed Nov 01 13:54:43 EDT 2023	Governor Gretchen Whitmer asking U.S. State Department to help Michigan residents get out of Gaza	Nargis Rahman	More than 600 Americans have been stuck in Gaza since the latest conflict there began in early October. Some Americans in Israel have been able to leave with the help of the U.S. State Department...but Palestinians have had little chance to get out. Now in a letter to the U.S. Secretary of State, Governor Whitmer is requesting an update on Michigan residents still in the war zone. Whitmer writes that numerous Michiganders have family members in Gaza. Experts estimate roughly eight thousand people have been killed by Israeli airstrikes in the region and others have been displaced. Whitmer recently cancelled a speech set for a fundraising event in Dearborn for a free health care clinic. Arab American activists planned to protest Whitmer's visit because she has not called for a ceasefire in Gaza or in the activist's	Gaza, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, U.S. State Department, Michiganders
Wed Nov 01 13:42:20 EDT 2023	A Midwest-based airline will begin service next year at Gerald R. Ford International Airport	Patrick Center	Sun Country Airlines' service from the Gerald R. Ford International Airport to Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport begins in June 2024. The Minnesota-based low-cost air carrier is focused on seasonal service from June to September on a bi-weekly basis (Sunday and Thursday). Booking will be available spring 2024 at Sun Country's website: https://www.suncountry.com/ Sun Country's flies to North American, Central American and Caribbean destinations catering to leisure travelers. Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport offers connections to 98 destinations. This month, Southwest Airlines announced a Grand Rapids connection to Nashville with Saturday	Sun Country Airlines, GRR, Gerald R. Ford International Airport
Wed Nov 01 11:06:37 EDT 2023	The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies presents an essay film by	Shelley Irwin	The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies presents an essay film by Nate Harrison, Pour le Peuple, tonight at the Loosemore Auditorium. The title translates to For the People and the film retraces the history of the Alexander Calder's La Grand Vitesse. We talk to Nate and the Center's Kahler Sweeney.	The Hauenstein Center, documentary, Calder Plaza, Film, Event
Wed Nov 01 11:06:34 EDT 2023	The annual Grand Rapids International Wine, Beer, and Food Festival	Shelley Irwin	The annual Grand Rapids International Wine, Beer, and Food Festival Returns to DeVos Place the weekend of November 15th. We talk to Dawn Baker and Kavy Lenon about this "taste for every palate" event and the special events Thursday through Saturday night.	Grand Rapis Wine Beer and Food Festival, Food Wine, Food and Wine, Wine, beer, DeVos
Wed Nov 01 11:06:29 EDT 2023	The Wishing Bridge	Shelley Irwin	Local Best selling author Wade Rouse presents her newest holiday novel, The Wishing Bridge, set in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Brimming with nostalgic charm with heart and humor, this is a homage to hometown life. We talk to Wade, who writes under the name Viola Shipman, we	Book, Author, Local Frankenmuth
Wed Nov 01 11:06:10 EDT 2023	GRPS Bond Proposal	Shelley Irwin	Part 2 of a conversation about the GRPS Bond Proposal. We welcome GRPS Superintendent Dr. Leadriane Roby, who shares the background on the proposal, and resources to prepare	GRPS, Dr. Leadriane Roby, Bond Issue,
Wed Nov 01 11:06:05 EDT 2023	Laker Accelerated Talent Link begins this week	Shelley Irwin	This week, GVSU Students and West Michigan employers embark on an innovative work and learning partnership as part of the Laker Accelerated Talent Link. GVSU President Dr. Philomena Mantella provides a brief description of the kick off and what it means down the	GVSU, GVSU President, Students, Education, jobs

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<p>Wed Nov 01 09:14:40 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Trump asks a court to prevent Michigan secretary of state from leaving his name off the 2024 ballot</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>Former President Donald Trump is asking a court to prevent Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson from leaving his name off the 2024 primary ballot. In a filing made Monday in the Michigan Court of Claims, Trump's attorneys also want the court to declare that Benson has neither the duty nor authority to assess Trump's constitutional qualifications to serve as president. Trump's filing is in response to efforts by activists in Michigan who have asked a judge to order Benson to keep his name off any ballot for president. They point to a section of the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment that prohibits a person from running for federal office if they have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the U.S. or given aid or comfort to those who have. Last week, a Court of Claims judge denied Trump's request to dismiss their lawsuit, the Detroit Free Press reported. The activists' efforts mirror others around the nation that paint Trump as the inciter of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, which was intended to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden's 2020 presidential election win. A lawsuit in Colorado also is focusing on the Constitution's "insurrection" clause to bar Trump from that state's 2024 ballot. Lawyers representing six Republican and unaffiliated Colorado voters argue that Trump's violent rhetoric preceding the attack makes him culpable. A hearing also is scheduled this week before the Minnesota Supreme Court. Monday's Michigan filing by Trump called the events of Jan. 6, 2021 "a riot." "They were not an 'insurrection' for purposes of section three of the Fourteenth Amendment," Trump's lawyers wrote. "They did not amount to lawing war against the United States. Even if the There are pictures of someone who looks like suspended Michigan football staff member Connor Stallions, disguised in Central Michigan University logo wear. On the sidelines at the CMU - Michigan State football game, potentially stealing signs. CMU coach Jim McElwain. "our people are doing everything they can to get to the bottom of it." "I do know his name was on none of the passes that were let out." Stallions is already under investigation for allegedly breaking the rules by buying tickets for others to attend games of future University of Michigan opponents to steal their signs to give the Wolverines an advantage. But this is the first suggestion he impersonated staff of another school to get sideline access "certainly don't</p>	<p>Donald J. Trump, 14th Amendment, U.S. Constitution, Michigan, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, court, election, ballot, insurrection, U.S. Capitol assault, January 6th, 2021</p> <p>Connor Stallions, Jim Harbaugh, University of Michigan, college football, investigation, sign stealing, Michigan State University, Central Michigan</p>
<p>Wed Nov 01 09:06:47 EDT 2023</p>	<p>CMU investigating alleged Michigan staffer on its sideline scouting Michigan State</p>	<p>Phil Dawson</p>	<p>There are pictures of someone who looks like suspended Michigan football staff member Connor Stallions, disguised in Central Michigan University logo wear. On the sidelines at the CMU - Michigan State football game, potentially stealing signs. CMU coach Jim McElwain. "our people are doing everything they can to get to the bottom of it." "I do know his name was on none of the passes that were let out." Stallions is already under investigation for allegedly breaking the rules by buying tickets for others to attend games of future University of Michigan opponents to steal their signs to give the Wolverines an advantage. But this is the first suggestion he impersonated staff of another school to get sideline access "certainly don't</p>	<p>Connor Stallions, Jim Harbaugh, University of Michigan, college football, investigation, sign stealing, Michigan State University, Central Michigan</p>

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Tue Oct 31 16:57:02 EDT 2023
 Criminal Sexual Conduct statute of limitations bills leave committee
 Colin Jackson

The bills are part of a years-long effort to tighten Michigan’s sexual assault laws after abuse by former athletics doctors Larry Nassar and Robert Anderson came to light. The package would give survivors decades more time to sue over an assault... and end governmental immunity for schools in some cases. Democratic Representative Julie Brixie says the legislation is a “positive step.” “In terms of protecting children, allowing people to seek justice that is their right and that they’re due and really shining a bright light on serial pedophiles and serial

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 Flint water prosecutions ended following MI Supreme Court decision
 Rick Pluta

In an unsigned order, the court said, “we are not persuaded that the question presented should be reviewed by this court.” That leaves in place a lower court decision dismissing the charges against former Governor Rick Snyder. That court found the Flint prosecution team appointed by Attorney General Dana Nessel mishandled the case. Charges against seven other government officials had already been dismissed. The prosecution team released a statement through Nessel’s office, saying -quote- “Our disappointment in the Supreme Court

Flint, Flint water, Flint water; Snyder, prosecution, Michigan Supreme Court

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Have You Seen...? David Hast, Scott
Episode 23 Vander Werf

David Hast: Scott have you seen the big sleep? Scott Vander Werf: I have seen the big sleep and I have seen it many many times I love it. DH: Oh yeah I mean it's not just it's not just the fact that it's directed by Howard Hawks it's based on a novel by Raymond Chandler which I've also read of course it's the introduction to Bogie and Bacall's you know their relationship and yeah fantastic movie. DH: Well it's not. Totally the introduction to that because the first movie they were in was To Have and Have Not a couple years earlier. SVW: Oh, I thought that came afterwards. Okay. DH: No, To Have and Have Not is the one, 1944, the film adaptation of what many people consider to be Ernest Hemingway's worst novel. Howard Hawke certainly did. That's what he told Hemingway. And no, that's the movie that's famous for the scene where they're together and she says, you know how to whistle, don't you? She's 19 years old and you can see them falling in love on the screen. I mean, in the scenes, Bogart is completely stricken, struck by her. And, you know, Bogart was what 20 or at least 20, maybe 25 years older than Lauren Bacall. But it was a genuine deep romance and they fell in love in that movie. SVW: And they were together the rest of their lives. Yeah. His life, because he died, he passed away before she did. DH: Right. He died. Not that he was in his 50s still I think when he died of cancer. SVW: Well, The Big Sleep is really important for two things in terms of Humphrey Bogart. He in 1941 he was in John Huston's adaptation of The Maltese Falcon where he played Sam Spade who is along with now in The Big Sleep with Philip Marlowe the two most important hard-boiled detectives. DH: Uh huh, yeah. Yeah, I mean this is... starting with those movies, The Maltese Falcon and then The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, which is not a detective film, but is one of the ones. And High Sierra, Raoul Walsh, where he's a gangster. But those are the movies in the early 40s when Bogart made the transition from just playing a gangster to leading man and leading romantic man and often playing these detective characters. SVW: And The Big Sleep had a great screenplay, William Faulkner, who also worked on the screenplay for To Have and Have Not. And he collaborated with Lee Brackett, who was known as a science fiction, one of the early women science fiction writers. DH: Yeah. And the fact that Brackett's a woman is very important because we're talking about Howard Hawks today, right? And Hawks is known for, you know, what his stories are about, are often... the camaraderie between men, groups of men. But there's always, he's certainly no feminist, but he always has one really strong female character who's important in it. And I think Lee

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Television,
FRONTLINE
presents
"McConnell, the
GOP & the Court"

Michael Kirk: Start at the beginning when he's a little boy and take him all the way out to being a man in great peril, not only as a representative of the sort of more moderate Republicans, but also having great physical problems. Patrick Center: What is his trait that really stands out in your mind? Michael Kirk: I think you don't ever know where he's coming from on a lot of things. He's quiet. Is he a tough guy? What does he really believe? He plays it all really close to the vest. He's politically been sort of forced into positions that I don't think he really believes, but he's such a deal guy, such a politician. And I don't say that necessarily negatively, although it can certainly be viewed that way. Somebody who believes strongly in some things, but you never really know what they are? When one finally, a decision point surfaces for him where he has to decide where he stands. Sometimes, a few times in his life, you've seen him on that knife's edge of making a decision. And it's from those decisions that, not necessarily how he decides, but that he had to decide reveals a great deal about who Mitch McConnell is. So, you could, for example, say, well, like what? And I would say it would surprise me, and it did dramatically, that he was such a believer and adherent to the civil rights movement in the United States growing up as a little boy in Kentucky and being in that sort of living around the South, being in that sort of Southern mindset on race, I believe. But actually, he interns in Washington in 1963 and 1964 during the great rise of Martin Luther King and the struggle, the civil rights struggle. And he finds himself really a believer in it. By college he's not leading marches but participating in marches. And at school is a campus leader in favor of civil rights giving speeches, writing op-eds. Surprises me that he's a civil rights adherent. And even so much as the first time he has to make a choice, which is between Barry Goldwater, the very conservative Republican who voted against civil rights, he and McConnell chooses Lyndon Baines Johnson. The idea that Mitch McConnell would have voted for Lyndon Baines Johnson is a shock to me and I suppose to many of your... of your listeners, but there it is, a big part of him. But there are many times during the Trump presidency, for example, during Charlottesville, for example, where he has to make a decision about where to stand and to stand up against Trump's apparent racism, and he doesn't do it. Patrick Center: Why doesn't he do it? Michael Kirk: Well, he's the politician. He is a politician and he decides, and he likes to take great pride in the fact that he can look forward and do something that will get him what he wants further down the road. So, for example, he never liked Trump.

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Donald J. Trump,
MAGA, U.S. Senate

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Tue Oct 31 11:59:49 EDT 2023	Crain's Grand Rapids Business Brief	Patrick Center	<p>Mark Sanchez: This is an issue that's been going on for a few quarters now. This is a story we posted the other day. It's data that comes to us each quarter from the National Venture Capital Association and the folks at PitchBook that really tracks this data. Bottom line in Michigan, in the third quarter, there were 34 deals in Michigan totaling \$77.8 million. That compares to 48 a year ago in the third quarter, \$283.7 million. And this really tracks with the national data that shows interest rates are up, valuations are down, and there's a little bit of a pullback going on and it's kind of a soft market right now for venture capital. And that's expected to continue for a little bit longer. There is some pent-up demand that's brewing. There's a lot of capital out there waiting to be deployed, but some folks are maybe sitting on the sidelines a little bit right now and waiting to see what happens here in the near term with interest rates and the economy. You know, one of the deals we did track in the story that, it's kind of an interesting company, it's over here in Grand Haven. It's called UV Partners. Also, they're known as UV Angel. And it makes these systems that you install in office buildings, public areas, restaurants, especially healthcare settings. It basically uses artificial intelligence, sensors that monitor the air quality, and ultraviolet light to kill the mold, bacteria, the viruses in the air. It basically installs with the light fixture, brings the air in one side, passes it under the light, the UV light cleans the air, puts it out the other side. And it's a company that's growing and it's going through a \$25 million capital run right now. And during the third quarter, looking at this data we got from PitchBook and the NVCA, they received an \$11 million venture capital investment from an outfit out of Washington, DC. And they're also making inroads into installing these at military bases. So that's one example of a company that uses and raises venture capital to support its growth, to really go forward with an innovation. But bottom line, as you said, Patrick, it's a little soft market for venture capital these days. Although we did recently see one really nice success here in Grand Rapids with Grand Ventures. Closed on a new \$50 million round to raise a new venture capital fund. So, there is activity. It's just a little down in some areas right now. Patrick Center: Always activity in healthcare. ASR Health Benefits, it's boosting a pitch to employers for self-funded plans. Mark Sanchez: Yeah. Keep an eye on this outfit. It is that time of year again. All the HR directors, the benefit managers at companies are going through this process of open enrollment for health benefits that renew on January 1 of 2024. And most companies do use Broadway Grand Rapids presents Tina: The Tina Turner Musical opening November 7th, DeVos Performance Hall. We talk to "Tina", played by Ari Groover. Thirty Dollar educational/Rush tickets have also just been announced.</p>	Crain's Grand Rapids Business, Mark Sanchez, Healthcare, license, venture capital, health benefits
Tue Oct 31 11:19:40 EDT 2023	Broadway Grand Rapids presents Tina: The Tina Turner Musical opening	Shelley Irwin	<p>Broadway Grand Rapids presents Tina: The Tina Turner Musical opening November 7th, DeVos Performance Hall. We talk to "Tina", played by Ari Groover. Thirty Dollar educational/Rush tickets have also just been announced.</p>	Broadway, Broadway Grand Rapids, DeVos Performance Hall, Devos, Actor

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Tue Oct 31 11:11:02 EDT 2023	YMCA to host breakfast event on November 9	Shelley Irwin	Don't miss an opportunity to support the YMCA through an hour of impact. Jenny Garone stops by to discuss the many whys for the YMCA, including the November 9th breakfast event that will include an educational panel discussion.	YMCA, Fundraiser, Event, breakfast
Tue Oct 31 11:06:34 EDT 2023	Bell's Iceman Cometh takes place this	Shelley Irwin	The Iceman Cometh. This weekend Northern Michigan welcomes cyclists of all abilities to the annual Bells Iceman Cometh race from Kalkaska to Traverse City. Kat Paye discusses the race, community impact, and the sustainability of the event.	Bells brewing, ice, Race, Cycling, Event
Tue Oct 31 11:00:41 EDT 2023	Halloween Google Trends	Shelley Irwin	It's Halloween. So we have fun talking all things Halloween Trends according to Google Trend Experts. We ask if Barbie is the top costume of the year, and what are the most searched costumes for dogs? Plus what's being searched in West Michigan? Elizabeth Howard, Google	Google, Google Expert, Google
Tue Oct 31 10:49:31 EDT 2023	Michigan Heroes Museum Veterans Day Event Preview	Shelley Irwin	The Michigan Heroes Museum launched over 47 years ago with the mission of Honoring, Respecting, and Remembering Michigan Servicemen. We discuss the Museum as the Veterans Day and Heroes Next Door Celebrations are right around the corner. Brian	Michigan Heroes Museum, veterans, Veterans Day,
Tue Oct 31 10:05:33 EDT 2023	GVSU embarks on growing Laker Accelerated Talent Link	Patrick Center	Some Grand Valley State University students in their senior year are customizing their learning experience. "We're looking at every way we can get our students positioned well in our local employers job market." GVSU President Philomena V. Mantella says the goal of the Laker Accelerated Talent Link is increasing West Michigan's talent base. The university has secured partnerships with five area employers: Acrisure, Amway, Cascade Engineering, Corewell Health and Michigan Software Labs. "So, together the employers invest with us in that year upfront. The student goes through this very integrated work and learning program and then makes a one-year commitment and the end of it to continue on with that employer." In February, the program began with 25 students, the university seeks to expand to more than 100. "And we're now going to open it up for other employers to participate and we're going to add some more certificates that we believe our	Grand Valley State University, workforce, Development, Laker Accelerated Talent Link, Philomena V. Mantella
Tue Oct 31 09:56:30 EDT 2023	Environmental groups' oppose Kent County trash incinerator considered "clean" energy in proposed legislation	Patrick Center	Kent County's Waste-to-Energy facility located near downtown Grand Rapids at 950 Market Ave. SW burns solid waste producing electricity sold to Consumers Energy. "Incinerators create some of the most toxic emissions, dioxins, and furans. Some of the most toxic substances that we know as human beings." Dr. Kathryn Savoie is Director of Equity and Environmental Justice with the Ecology Center. She was joined by a number of environmentalists less than a mile from the incinerator. "The Black Hills, the Rosevelt Park Neighborhood where Black and Brown communities live is downwind from the incinerator." Sergio Cira-Reyes is Environmental Justice Team lead strategist at Urban Core Collective. He and gathered activists calling on legislators to exclude the Kent County incinerator from the proposed Michigan Senate Clean Energy bill. "So, we need it to be legislation that is strong and it is effective and actually meets the goals that are stated." Janet	Kent County Department of Public Works, Clean Energy, Michigan Senate, legislation, Grand Rapids Climate Coalition, Ecology Center, Urban Core Collective, incinerator

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Stellantis expects Associated Press
North American
strike to cost it
\$795 million in
third-quarter
profits

Automaker Stellantis said Tuesday that the autoworkers strike in North America is expected to cost the company around 750 million euros (\$795 million) in profits —less than its North American competitors. The Europe-based maker of Jeep, Fiat and Peugeot reported a 7% boost in net revenues to 45.1 billion euros, with production halts caused by the strikes costing the company 3 billion euros in sales through October. The net revenue boost was due to higher volumes in all markets except Asia. Chief Financial Officer Natalie Knight told journalists that Stellantis’ strike impact was lower than the other Big Three automakers due to its global profile as well as some high-profile cost-cutting measures, calculating the hit at around 750 million euros (\$795 million.) GM, the last carmaker [to reach a deal](https://apnews.com/article/general-motors-ford-stellantis-uaw-strike-34f6f0d7ca32a671783594722b20fb24) to end the strike, reported [an \\$800 million strike hit](https://apnews.com/article/general-motors-net-income-strike-losses-fe5fafe7a711684d8aa3a97b63f36f52). Ford has put its impact at \$1.3 billion. “We continue to be in a very strong position globally and in the U.S. This is an important market for us, and we’re highly profitable and we are very committed to our future,” Knight said. “But mitigation is core to how we act, and how we proceed.” Stellantis has canceled appearances at the CES technology show in Las Vegas next year as well as the LA Auto Show, due to the strike impact. Stellantis on Saturday reached [a tentative agreement](https://apnews.com/article/uaw-stellantis-tentative-contract-agreement-d32cb38791730c4c92a8b2112c205e59) with the United Auto

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<p>Tue Oct 31 08:34:03 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Judge wants to know why men tied to Gov. Whitmer kidnap plot were moved to federal prisons</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>A judge wants to know why two men convicted of secondary roles in a plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer have been transferred to federal prisons out of state. Paul Bellar and Joe Morrison are entitled to appeal their convictions following a trial on state charges in Jackson County in 2022. But their lawyers said it's extremely hard to work with them hundreds of miles away. They said the distance interferes with a right to have access to Michigan courts. The transfer is "mind-boggling" and "appalling," said Michael Faraone, who represents Morrison. "Whatever we may say about this case, however we may feel about it, I think we can agree we're not dealing with al-Qaida," Faraone told a judge Friday, referring to the Middle East terrorist group. Bellar, Morrison and Pete Musico were found guilty of providing material support for a terrorist act and other charges. They had no direct role in the kidnapping conspiracy but had held gun training with leader Adam Fox and shared his disgust for Whitmer, police and public officials, especially after COVID-19 restrictions were imposed. Musico was sentenced to at least 12 years in prison. Morrison got 10 years, and Bellar received seven. Morrison was shipped to a federal prison in Illinois, and Bellar is in Pennsylvania. Musico is in West Virginia, though he hasn't formally challenged that placement like the other two men. "Under what legal authority did the MDOC send him there?" Faraone said, referring to Morrison and the state Corrections Department. "I haven't seen an answer to that." Appellate lawyer Ron Ambrose said trial transcripts sent to Bellar through the mail have been returned. "Trying to communicate with Mr. Bellar is almost nonexistent," Ambrose said, according to courtroom video posted online Assistant Attorney General John Pallas said he didn't know specifically why the report by the company Guidepost Solutions says the drawings, conduct, and statements made by Oxford shooter Ethan Crumbley should have triggered the school's threat assessment policies. That would have let the school principal examine Crumbley's backpack that contained the gun he used to kill four classmates. Instead, the report finds former school superintendent Tim Throne and two former assistant administrators failed to take the actions that would have elevated the situation to the principal's attention. The report also notes that no cabinet-level school administrator would say it was their responsibility to oversee the policies, and that several officials, including the two who met with Crumbley and his parents</p>	<p>Michigan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, kidnapping plot, Paul Bellar, Joe Morrison, Adam Fox, Pete Musico, Prison</p>
<p>Tue Oct 31 07:10:05 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Report finds deadly shooting could have been avoided</p>	<p>Quinn Klinefelter</p>	<p>The report by the company Guidepost Solutions says the drawings, conduct, and statements made by Oxford shooter Ethan Crumbley should have triggered the school's threat assessment policies. That would have let the school principal examine Crumbley's backpack that contained the gun he used to kill four classmates. Instead, the report finds former school superintendent Tim Throne and two former assistant administrators failed to take the actions that would have elevated the situation to the principal's attention. The report also notes that no cabinet-level school administrator would say it was their responsibility to oversee the policies, and that several officials, including the two who met with Crumbley and his parents</p>	<p>Oxford High School, shooting, mass shooting, school shooting, Ethan Crumbley, Jennifer Crumbley, James Crumbley</p>

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Whitmer says
she'd sign
reproductive
rights package
that's less than
she asked for

Rick Pluta

Governor Gretchen Whitmer said Monday that she would sign a reproductive rights package from the Legislature even if it is less than she has called for. Whitmer backs legislation that would sweep away many abortion restrictions remaining on the books. The Michigan Senate last week adopted a bill to do that and sent it to the House. But the effort appears stalled, largely over repealing the law that forbids the use of Medicaid funds for most abortions. At least one House Democrat is opposed to that and the margins in the House and the Senate are slim. Whitmer said she would step back if that is necessary to get the rest of the legislation adopted. "I'm trying to negotiate and get all of them over the finish line," she said, "but if any version of the act comes where a piece or two doesn't make it or all of it does, I'm going to sign whatever hits my desk." Whitmer said repealing abortion restrictions is necessary to align

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Act, Gov. Gretchen
Whitmer, Gretchen
Whitmer, Michigan
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General Motors
Associated Press
reaches tentative
agreement with
UAW, potentially
ending 6-week
strike

General Motors and the United Auto Workers union have reached a tentative contract agreement that could end a six-week-old strike against Detroit automakers, two people briefed on the deal said Monday. The agreement follows the pattern set with Ford last week and Jeep maker Stellantis over the weekend. It was reached early Monday in a meeting at the UAW headquarters in Detroit involving union President Shawn Fain, GM CEO Mary Barra and manufacturing chief Gerald Johnson, said the people, who asked not to be identified because they aren't authorized to speak publicly about the deal. The agreement was reached on Fain's 55th birthday. The deals will last four years and eight months and include 25% general pay raises and cost of living adjustments. Combined they bring the wage increase to over 30% over the life of the contract. The contract with GM is similar to those reached by the other two automakers, but there are some differences. GM was the last company to reach a deal and the union added a lucrative factory in Tennessee to the strike list on Saturday to turn up the pressure. The UAW reached [tentative agreement last week with Ford](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-strikes-ford-general-motors-stellantis-08a81503d72e44d4efa40549f684d5a2) and Stellantis on Saturday, and it wasted no time in hitting GM where it hurts financially. Nearly 4,000 unionized workers on Saturday [walked out of GM's largest North American plant](https://apnews.com/article/uaw-strike-gm-spring-hill-tennessee-contract-64c756ec121d7f39205fdea396d21bc0) in Spring Hill, Tennessee, hours after the deal with Stellantis was announced. They joined about 14,000 GM workers already striking at factories in Texas, Michigan and Missouri. The people briefed on the matter said Barra and Johnson wanted a deal in an effort to get Spring Hill up and running on scheduled Monday morning, plus they're trying to reopen a large and profitable SUV factory in Arlington, Texas. President Joe Biden was asked about the deal Monday, as he boarded Air Force One back to the White House. He gave a thumbs-up and said: "I think it's great." Also Monday, 8,200 Stellantis workers in Canada represented by a different union, Unifor, briefly went on strike before reaching a deal that comes with base hourly wage increases of nearly 20% for production workers. General Motors and Ford workers in Canada have already voted to ratify a three-year contract agreement with the company. Spring Hill, the plant where workers hit picket lines Saturday, produces the engines for vehicles assembled at nine plants as far afield as Mexico, including Silverado and Sierra

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Mon Oct 30 11:49:38 EDT 2023	Ottawa Board delaying decision on health officer	Phil Dawson	Ottawa County Commission Board Chair Joe Moss says they need more time to decide on the employment of Public Health Officer Adeline Hambley. After a two-day termination hearing last week the board said they would vote Monday morning on their plan to fire Hambley, but now say they will decide next Monday, November 6. "I believe it is in the best interest to give everybody time to continue reviewing all of the copious amounts of information and answer any questions they have to recess this meeting a little bit longer." After taking office in January the new conservative majority on the Ottawa County Board moved to replace Hambley with the safety officer at a hearing and air conditioning. It's the 2nd annual Listen Learn Lead-State of the Student event, featuring members of the Student Leadership Community held at GVSU's Eberhard Center. Students will share their voices and adults will listen. Guests from Kent ISD share the details.	Ottawa, Ottawa County Health Department, Adeline Hambley, hearing, Health, officer
Mon Oct 30 10:58:42 EDT 2023	2nd annual Listen Learn Lead-State of the Student	Shelley Irwin	Local author Amy Eckert writes the book, 100 Things to Do in Detroit Before You Die, 3rd Edition, plus Perfect Day Michigan. Amy gives us examples, from our very own Motor City of bucket list ideas for a perfect road trip in Michigan.	Students, Learning, Education, Event, Kent ISD
Mon Oct 30 10:58:39 EDT 2023	100 Things to Do in Detroit Before You Die, 3rd	Shelley Irwin	We have the latest news when it comes to West Michigan Bobbleheads. The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum now welcomes the heads of the Grand Rapids Chicks and Kalamazoo Lassies AAGPBL Champions. We talk to Director Phil Sklar about the choice and which bobblehead stands out.	Book, Author, Travel, Tourism, Detroit
Mon Oct 30 10:58:37 EDT 2023	National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum now welcomes the heads of the Grand Rapids	Shelley Irwin	GVSU hosts a free family drop in event this Saturday. The Energizing Our Weekend Family Fun Event offers k-12 students, parents, and community members an opportunity to participate in interactive sustainability related activities such as building your own solar bug or hands on learning about freshwater resources. We talk to those involved from the Regional Math and The Roving Mic takes you to a Market that's expanding its local presence. Kingma's Market is making a major investment to better serve the people who live in the neighborhood while continuing its contributions to the Creston community. We get the tour with Owner Alan Hartline.	National Bobblehead Hall of Fame, Sports, Women, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo
Mon Oct 30 10:58:34 EDT 2023	GVSU hosts a free family drop in event this Saturday	Shelley Irwin		GVSU, Event, Sustainability, Education, Science
Mon Oct 30 10:58:28 EDT 2023	The Roving Mic takes you to a Market that's expanding its	Shelley Irwin		Roving Mic, Market, Kingma's Market, opening, openings

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Mon Oct 30 09:50:37 EDT 2023 Armin Langer Fred Stella (Part II)

Armin Langer joins us for part two of our conversation. Here in the United States we can get pretty spoiled with our 1st Amendment rights of Free Speech. But of course, it wasn't always this way here, and around the world, freedom of expression and religion have been in competition with one another for quite a while. Today we speak with Prof. Armin Langer from the University of Florida's Center for European Studies on the challenges many countries face in maintaining a balance between the ability to voice opposition towards certain beliefs and what most might consider hate speech. Our discussion is largely based on Langer's article in 'The Conversation' titled, <https://theconversation.com/quran-burning-in-sweden-prompts-debate-on-the-fine-line-between-freedom-of-expression-and-incitement-of-hatred-211849> target="_blank" link-data="{"cms.site.owner":"_ref":"00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000","_type":"ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20","cms.content.publishDate":"1698085958387,"cms.content.publishUser":"_ref":"0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc","cms.content.updateDate":"1698085958387,"cms.content.updateUser":"_ref":"0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000","_type":"6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc","cms.directory.paths":[],"anchorable.showAnchor":"false,"link":"attributes":[],"cms.directory.paths":[],"linkText":"Quran burning in Sweden prompts debate on the fine line between freedom of expression and incitement of hatred","target":"NEW","attachSourceUrl":"false,"url":"https://theconversation.com/quran-burning-in-sweden-prompts-debate- Two major projects are moving forward in downtown Grand Rapids. The 12,000 seat, \$184 million Acrisure Amphitheater located on the east bank of the Grand River. And on the near-west side, an 8,500 seat USL Championship League soccer stadium. Both facilities are slated to open in 2026. Two West Michigan lawmakers have introduced hotel tax bills to help finance the projects. State Rep. John Fitzgerald, a Democrat from Wyoming, is sponsoring a bill (H.B. 5048) allowing cities and townships to collect a 2% lodging tax. Meanwhile, East Grand Rapids Democrat Rep. Phil Skaggs is proposing (H.B. 4931) counties increase their hotel/motel excise tax to up to 10%. "It's kind of a user fee, in a lot of ways, right. Folks are going to come here and they're going to benefit from these world-class amenities, and it's proven to work." Josh Lunger is vice president of government affairs with the Grand Rapids Chamber. Governor Gretchen Whitmer must sign off on the bills before they appear on the

religion, faith, Islam, Quran

Mon Oct 30 08:52:03 EDT 2023 Grand Rapids Chamber supports lodging tax for amphitheater and soccer stadium construction Patrick Center

Grand Rapids, hotel tax, lodging tax, Kent County, Acrisure Amphitheater, Riverfront project, soccer stadium, USL Champions League Soccer

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2023

EPA to strengthen
lead protections
in drinking water
after multiple
crises, including
Flint

About four decades ago, when the Environmental Protection Agency was first trying to figure out what to do about lead in drinking water, Ronnie Levin quantified its damage: Roughly 40 million people drank water with dangerous levels of lead, degrading the intelligence of thousands of kids. But new regulations were going to be costly and complicated. So, “instead of trying to deal with it substantively, they just tabled it,” Levin, a former EPA researcher, said of some of her colleagues at the agency in the 1980s. Levin’s analysis then was leaked to the press, igniting a public outcry that pressured the EPA to act. And the rules it issued back then have stayed in place, with only [modest changes](https://apnews.com/1fcb3ac1ac244773b9cc7eb9fbca9be8), ever since. Now, the EPA is on the eve of strengthening them. Decades after officials banned lead in gasoline for new cars and stopped the sale of lead paint — huge steps toward eliminating significant sources of lead exposure to the public — there are still an estimated 500,000 U.S. children with levels of lead in their blood that are considered high, and experts say lead in drinking water is an important source. Now the agency is aiming to further reduce lead levels in drinking water and tighten a rule that failed to prevent recent drinking water crises in cities like Flint, Michigan, and [Newark, New Jersey](https://apnews.com/article/newark-drinking-water-lead-pipes-a984c9bf51086419b9f8dcc0de0e91f3). Although the specifics aren’t public, the agency says it will propose requiring that utilities actively replace harmful lead pipes. President Joe Biden has already called for eliminating the [country’s estimated 9.2 million lead pipes](https://apnews.com/article/epa-lead-pipes-water-florida-infrastructure-pfas-55dc1a30936940312778bc5143166e8e), lines that connect water mains under the street to homes and businesses and are responsible for most of the lead that seeps into drinking water. But it’s costly to send out workers to dig up the pipe, lay new ones and replant damaged landscaping. In many cities, homeowners are [expected to pay to deal with the pipe on their property](https://apnews.com/article/toxic-lead-pipes-epa-providence-health-bc793dea64ab59d26e27620d3c2338c9). “Across the population, this has huge effects,” said Levin, who now teaches at Harvard University’s school of public health. Kids are especially sensitive to lead exposure and high doses significantly reduce intelligence, impair coordination and disrupt a student’s ability to focus and learn. Behavior can deteriorate. Federal officials say there is no safe level

EPA, U.S.
Environmental
Protection Agency,
lead water lines,
utilities,
replacement, Flint,
Benton Harbor

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Mon Oct 30 07:03:50 EDT 2023 UAW escalates strike against lone holdout GM after landing tentative pacts with Stellantis and Ford Associated Press

The United Auto Workers union has widened its strike against General Motors, the lone holdout among the three Detroit automakers, after reaching a tentative contract agreement with Jeep maker Stellantis. The escalated walkout began Saturday evening at a Spring Hill, Tennessee plant, GM's largest in North America, just hours after the Stellantic deal was reached. Its nearly 4,000 workers join about 14,000 already striking at GM factories in Texas, Michigan and Missouri. The UAW did not immediately explain what prompted the new action after 44 days of targeted strikes. The added pressure on GM is substantial as Spring Hill makes engines for vehicles assembled in a total of nine plants as far afield as Mexico, including Silverado and Sierra pickups. One plant already on strike it supplies with engines, in Arlington Texas, makes full-size SUVs including the Tahoe and Suburban. Vehicles assembled at Spring Hill include the electric Cadillac Lyriq, GMC Acadia and Cadillac crossover SUVs. "The Spring Hill walkout affects so much of GM's production that the company is likely to settle quickly or close down most production," said Erik Gordon, a University of Michigan business professor. The union wants to wrap negotiations with all three automakers so "Ford and Stellantis workers don't vote down (their) tentative agreements because they want to see what GM workers get." The Stellantis deal mirrors one reached last week with Ford, and saves jobs at several plants, the UAW said. Presidents of the Ford union locals voted unanimously Sunday in Detroit to endorse that tentative contract after UAW President Shawn Fain explained its details, the union tweeted. As he explained the particulars to the full membership in a later livestream, Fain, along with Chuck Browning, the UAW vice president, said the deal represents a "historical inflection point" for reviving union power in an America where "we were being left behind by an economy that only works for the billionaire class." "UAW members at Ford will receive more in straight general wage increases over the next 4 1/2 years than we have over the last 22 years combined," Browning said. Fain called the deal "a turning point in the class war that has been raging in this country for the past 40 years." The Ford and Stellantis pacts, which would run until April 30, 2028, include 25% in general wage increases. Republican Senator Ed McBroom says the current system of choosing boards at Michigan's largest public universities favors political insiders who are nominated at state party conventions. "Purely, the blame lays at the feet of the parties. The parties are motivated to win, not necessarily to provide the best governance of the universities." Michigan's 12 other public university boards are appointed by the governor, subject to Senate approval. Changing

UAW, United Auto Workers, Strike, Shawn Fain, GM, Ford, Stellantis

Mon Oct 30 06:51:02 EDT 2023 Resolution proposes ending elected university boards Rick Pluta

University, universities, Board of Regents, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees

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<p>Fri Oct 27 17:20:00 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Country's largest domestic airline expanding service at Gerald R. Ford International Airport</p>	<p>Patrick Center</p>	<p>Southwest Airlines has served the Gerald R. Ford International Airport for the past decade. Beginning next year, Southwest is adding a Grand Rapids connection to Nashville. GRR leadership explains the Nashville destination provides business and leisure passengers with yet another southeast connection. The new service begins June 2024 with Saturday and Sunday non-stop flights. Southwest Airlines will operate Boeing 737-700's featuring 143 seats. Tickets are now on sale at <a</p>	<p>Gerald R. Ford International Airport, GRR, Southwest Airlines, Nashville</p>
<p>Fri Oct 27 12:02:02 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Alcohol carry and consume in EGR social district starts today</p>	<p>Phil Dawson</p>	<p>The new social district allows adults who buy to go drinks at specific locations to sip and stroll around the Gaslight district and into John Collins Park. City Commissioner Kathy Hamrick thinks it will bring more pedestrians into town. "Creating the draw for people who may not live in the community and we want to draw more foot traffic tour businesses as well as the amenities we have in our community." Social district hours are from 4 until 10 Monday through Friday, 11 until 10 Saturday and Sunday. Public Safety Chief Mark Herald says he researched social districts in other communities and does not anticipate any problems "There are no significant increases in crime or anything like that. Nothing that I would consider out of the</p>	<p>East Grand Rapids, Gaslight Village, social, districts, alcohol</p>

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<p>Fri Oct 27 11:44:43 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Autoworkers reach a deal with Ford, a breakthrough toward ending strikes against Detroit automakers</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>The United Auto Workers union said Wednesday it has reached a tentative contract agreement with Ford that could be a breakthrough toward ending the nearly 6-week-old strikes against Detroit automakers. The four-year deal, which still has to be approved by 57,000 union members at the company, could bring a close to the union's series of strikes at targeted factories run by Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis. The Ford deal could set the pattern for agreements with the other two automakers, where workers will remain on strike. The UAW called on all workers at Ford to return to their jobs and said that will put pressure on GM and Stellantis to bargain. Announcements on how to do that will come later. "We told Ford to pony up, and they did," President Shawn Fain said in a video address to members. "We won things no one thought possible." He added that Ford put 50% more money on the table than it did before the strike started on Sept. 15. UAW Vice President Chuck Browning, the chief negotiator with Ford, said workers will get a 25% general wage increase, plus cost of living raises that will put the pay increase over 30%, to above \$40 per hour for top-scale assembly plant workers by the end of the contract. Previously Ford, Stellantis and General Motors had all offered 23% pay increases. When the talks started Ford offered 9%. Assembly workers will get 11% upon ratification, almost equal to all of the wage increases workers have seen since 2007, Browning said. Typically, during past auto strikes, a UAW deal with one automaker has led to the other companies matching it with their own settlements. GM said in a statement it is "working constructively" with the union to reach an agreement as soon as possible. Stellantis also said it's committed to reaching a deal "that gets everyone back to work as soon as possible." Browning said temporary workers will get more in wage increases than they have over the past 22 years combined. Temporary workers will get raises over 150% and retirees will get annual bonuses, he said. "Thanks to the power of our members on the picket line and the threat of more strikes to come, we have won the most lucrative agreement per member since Walter Reuther was president," Browning said. Reuther led the union from 1946 until his death in 1970. Fain said that the union's national leadership council of local union presidents and bargaining chairs will travel Sunday to</p>	<p>Auto, auto industry, United Auto Workers, deal, Labor Unions</p>
<p>Fri Oct 27 10:59:30 EDT 2023</p>	<p>National Philanthropy Day is November 13th</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>National Philanthropy Day is November 13th, the annual Association of Fundraising Professionals celebration takes place, presenting awards to those deserved in their philanthropic field. Keynote speaker Vu Le shares advice to the audience. We talk to Steve How did the daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt break all the rules and win the Heart of America? The author of White House Wild Child Shelley Mickle writes about Alice Roosevelt, known for carrying a gun, a copy of the constitution and more. Author Mickle shares her</p>	<p>Fundraiser, Fundraising, Philanthropy, Book, Author, history, White House, Women</p>
<p>Fri Oct 27 10:59:27 EDT 2023</p>	<p>White House Wild Child</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>How did the daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt break all the rules and win the Heart of America? The author of White House Wild Child Shelley Mickle writes about Alice Roosevelt, known for carrying a gun, a copy of the constitution and more. Author Mickle shares her</p>	<p>Book, Author, history, White House, Women</p>

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<p>Fri Oct 27 10:59:25 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Halloween road safety tips</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Halloween is on Tuesday. We talk with AAA’s Adrienne Woodland about Halloween safety tips for the holiday, including the look out for pedestrians and wearing bright colors as a trick The Van Andel Institute presents the annual “A Conversation” discussion, hosted by Carol Van Andel. The theme is Food for Thought: You are More than you Eat, presented by Dr. Sara Norwinski. We talk to Dr. Norwinski, who has led VAI’s metabolism lab since 2021.</p>	<p>Halloween, Halloween safety, VAI, Van Andel Institute, Food, Event, diet</p>
<p>Fri Oct 27 10:59:24 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Food for Thought: You are More than you Eat</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>The GRPS Bond Proposal is up for discussion with Leon Hendrix, GRPS Communications, topics including the key themes, what it is, why it’s up for a vote, and how best to learn about</p>	<p>GRPS, election, bond, proposal,</p>
<p>Fri Oct 27 10:59:20 EDT 2023</p>	<p>GRPS Bond Proposal</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>The bills aim to give low-income residents assistance in keeping their water bills below 3-percent of their household income. Republican Representative David Prestin says he’s concerned that there wouldn’t be a limit on how long people can qualify. “I just see it—down the road without some type of an endpoint—being abused.” But Democratic Representative Abraham Aiyash says he doesn’t see that as an issue for the low-income households that would be eligible. “It’s doubtful that them being able to get a discount for their water bill is</p>	<p>tap water, Water, debt, Michigan House of Representatives</p>
<p>Thu Oct 26 19:55:13 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Water affordability bills receive first House hearing</p>	<p>Colin Jackson</p>	<p>The Michigan Senate approved a bill Thursday to roll back abortion restrictions remaining on the books to reflect the state’s reproductive rights amendment approved last year by voters. Democrats supported the bill and voted down a Republican proposal that would have made it tougher to obtain an abortion later in pregnancy. Senator Thomas Albert (R-Lowell) argued that would fall within the bounds of the amendment. “Are the Democrats going to elect to regulate abortion post-fetal viability as our constitution allows, or will they take the extreme position that abortion will be permissible up to the moment a child leaves the womb?” he said in a floor speech. But Democrats said Albert’s proposal would intrude on decisions that should be left to patients and doctors. Senator Erika Geiss (D-Taylor) said that would alter the bill to violate the intent of the reproductive rights amendment. “Let’s leave medical decisions to the medical professionals and not to legislators who have none of the following: the ability to practice obstetric medicine or midwifery in the State of Michigan, or a uterus,” she said. The bill would take the language of the constitutional amendment and place it in statute. One part of the Senate bill would also repeal a law that requires health insurers to charge policyholders</p>	<p>Reproductive Rights, abortion, abortion rights, Michigan Senate, bill, bills, legislation, Michigan Reproductive Health Act</p>
<p>Thu Oct 26 19:43:45 EDT 2023</p>	<p>MI Senate adopts Reproductive Health Care Act bill</p>	<p>Rick Pluta</p>		

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Thu Oct 26 15:57:51 EDT 2023	General Motors and Stellantis in talks with United Auto Workers to reach deals that mirror Ford's	Associated Press	General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis are meeting with United Auto Workers bargainers Thursday to see if they can reach a contract agreement that mirrors a deal signed with crosstown rival Ford.Nearly 17,000 striking workers at Ford left the picket lines when the agreement was announced Wednesday night and will return to work shortly. About 57,000 Ford workers still have to vote on the tentative pact.GM and Stellantis will have to follow the pattern set by Ford or it's likely that UAW President Shawn Fain will add factories to its partial strikes that began on Sept. 15, said Art Wheaton, director of labor studies at Cornell University.“Fain does not strike me as someone who is going to be willing to concede anything to the other two automakers to break the pattern,” Wheaton said.Additional strikes would be painful to the companies, especially at GM, which has profitable pickup truck plants in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Flint, Michigan, that the union could shut down, Wheaton said.GM and Stellantis are losing money due to the strikes and they may be eager to bring them to a close, even though it's not certain whether Ford workers will ratify the contract, Wheaton said. GM said Tuesday that it's losing about \$200 million per week due to the strike, which this week hit the highly profitable factory in Arlington, Texas, that makes large truck-based SUVs such as the Chevrolet Tahoe.The Ford deal, if approved by local union leaders and ratified by members, would give top-scale assembly plant workers a 25% raise over the life of the contract. Including cost of living raises, workers would get over 30% in pay increases to over \$40 per hour by the time the contract expires on April 30 of 2028. They also won pay raises and a quicker path to full-time for temporary workers, the end of some wage tiers, pension increases, and increased 401(k) contributions for those without them. Members could begin voting next week on the pact.GM is likely to be the next company to settle because it has agreed to pull new electric vehicle battery factories into the UAW's national contract, which essentially unionizes them. The UAW sees the plants as the jobs of the future in the auto industry as the nation and world transition from <a href="https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-battery-plants-strike-contract-"	UAW, United Auto Workers, GM, Ford, Stellantis, Shawn Fain, Strike
Thu Oct 26 10:54:31 EDT 2023	Application window open for 2023 Turkey Day	Shelley Irwin	Now is the time to apply for the annual 2023 VIP Turkey Day Sweepstakes, the opportunity to ride BCBSM's parade float in Detroit’s Thanksgiving Day parade, and deliver the game ball at the 84th annual Thanksgiving Day game at Ford Field. Andrew Hetzel, VP of corporate	blue cross blue shield, Thanksgiving, sweepstakes,

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Thu Oct 26 10:54:26 EDT 2023	Beer City USA Documentary in production by Manitou Films	Shelley Irwin	Grand Rapids continues to show off its Beer City USA title and now a documentary is in the making. Beer City USA’s goal is to celebrate the culture and history of West Michigan’s brewing industry from the 1830’s to present day. Manitou Films’ Keith Patterson hopes to complete the filming series January 2025 and discusses the project currently underway.	beer, beer tourism, documentary, Grand Rapids, Beer City
Thu Oct 26 10:54:23 EDT 2023	Factory Yards now sees a vision for a development that will have a transformative impact on Southwest	Shelley Irwin	Factory Yards now sees a vision for a development that will have a transformative impact on Southwest Michigan. Ben Smith, Parter with Heritage Development, talks about the recent awarding of funds in Transformational Brownfield Tax Incentives for Factory Yards, a mixed use district in the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood.	Housing, Factory Yards, Roosevelt Park, Southwest Michigan, funding
Thu Oct 26 10:54:23 EDT 2023	Hospice of Michigan observes Spiritual	Shelley Irwin	This is Spiritual Care Week, Spiritual Care Advisor, and Master of Divinity with Hospice of Michigan Mark Bennink, discusses how West Michigan hospice patients are comforted and provided with healing they need during one of the most frightening times in their lives. The Calvin University’s Prison Initiative is now captured on film, Behind Our Walls, a documentary exploring the experiences of incarcerated individuals in the Prison Initiative. The film shares the stories of Michigan prisoners to hopefully reveal incarcerated individuals as humans rather than their worst mistakes. Director of Operations for the Calvin Prison Initiative Kary Bosma joins in to talk about tonight’s screening, open to the public.	Hospice, hospice of michigan, Spirituality, Healing, Calvin University, documentary, calvin prison initiative, Prison, Prisoners
Thu Oct 26 10:54:18 EDT 2023	New Calvin University’s Prison Initiative documentary shares the stories of incarcerated	Shelley Irwin	This is Spiritual Care Week, Spiritual Care Advisor, and Master of Divinity with Hospice of Michigan Mark Bennink, discusses how West Michigan hospice patients are comforted and provided with healing they need during one of the most frightening times in their lives. The Calvin University’s Prison Initiative is now captured on film, Behind Our Walls, a documentary exploring the experiences of incarcerated individuals in the Prison Initiative. The film shares the stories of Michigan prisoners to hopefully reveal incarcerated individuals as humans rather than their worst mistakes. Director of Operations for the Calvin Prison Initiative Kary Bosma joins in to talk about tonight’s screening, open to the public.	Hospice, hospice of michigan, Spirituality, Healing, Calvin University, documentary, calvin prison initiative, Prison, Prisoners
Thu Oct 26 10:41:07 EDT 2023	Ottawa Co. board to decide Monday on health officer’s future	Phil Dawson	The conservative majority of the board says it was misconduct and grounds for dismissal when Health Officer Adeline Hambley shared with the public her concerns about proposed budget cuts. At her termination hearing, her attorney, Sara Howard asked Hambley and county administrator John Gibbs about that contact with the media.Hambley:“Why did you feel it was important to notify the public about where things were in the budget process? To me it is public information when this level of cut is being considered that would severely impact public health programming I think that information needs to be conveyed and communicated to the public. That was fact based.”Gibbs:“The budget is a process and throughout that process to be going to the media and saying things like the department of Public Health is going to be forced to shut its doors I think is extremely highly irresponsible. You don’t think it is information that belongs to the public to talk about what the policies that are being proposed at the moment No, because it is not a final product yet. You are in danger of the state coming in and taking over the department. You don’t think that is information that	Ottawa County, Ottawa, Board of Commissioners, John Gibbs, Adeline Hambley, Health, officer

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Thu Oct 26 09:22:39 EDT 2023	Autoworkers reach a deal with Ford, a breakthrough toward ending strikes against Detroit automakers	Associated Press	<p>The United Auto Workers union said Wednesday it has reached a tentative contract agreement with Ford that could be a breakthrough toward ending the nearly 6-week-old strikes against Detroit automakers. The four-year deal, which still has to be approved by 57,000 union members at the company, could bring a close to the union's series of strikes at targeted factories run by Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis. The Ford deal could set the pattern for agreements with the other two automakers, where workers will remain on strike. The UAW called on all workers at Ford to return to their jobs and said that will put pressure on GM and Stellantis to bargain. Announcements on how to do that will come later. "We told Ford to pony up, and they did," President Shawn Fain said in a video address to members. "We won things no one thought possible." He added that Ford put 50% more money on the table than it did before the strike started on Sept. 15. UAW Vice President Chuck Browning, the chief negotiator with Ford, said workers will get a 25% general wage increase, plus cost of living raises that will put the pay increase over 30%, to above \$40 per hour for top-scale assembly plant workers by the end of the contract. Previously Ford, Stellantis and General Motors had all offered 23% pay increases. When the talks started Ford offered 9%. Assembly workers will get 11% upon ratification, almost equal to all of the wage increases workers have seen since 2007, Browning said. Typically, during past auto strikes, a UAW deal with one automaker has led to the other companies matching it with their own settlements. GM said in a statement it is "working constructively" with the union to reach an agreement as soon as possible. Stellantis also said it's committed to reaching a deal "that gets everyone back to work as soon as possible." Browning said temporary workers will get more in wage increases than they have over the past 22 years combined. Temporary workers will get raises over 150% and retirees will get annual bonuses, he said. "Thanks to the power of our members on the picket line and the threat of more strikes to come, we have won the most lucrative agreement per member since Walter Reuther was president," Browning said. Reuther led the union from 1946 until his death in 1970. Fain said that the union's national leadership council of local union presidents and bargaining chairs will travel Sunday to Michigan, Clean Energy</p>	UAW, Shawn Fain, Strike, Ford Motor Company, deal
Thu Oct 26 09:18:07 EDT 2023	Senate committee pushes energy plan to full Senate	Colin Jackson	<p>The legislation is the result of weeks of negotiations and re-writes. Among other things... it would require Michigan energy producers to use 100-percent clean energy by 20-40. But Democratic Senator Sam Singh says supporters had to compromise on some areas. "We didn't get everything that we had discussed and talked about. There are some things that I wish could've been included, including items such as community solar, which I think still will be still be just an [ongoing] conversation we'll need to have." Some business groups are</p>	Michigan, Clean Energy

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Thu Oct 26 09:11:03 EDT 2023	Consumers Energy asked to show why it should not be fined for allegedly overcharging customers	Arjun Thakkar	The public service commission sent an order to the utility Tuesday asking it to respond to claims of inaccurate billing and readings. The commission says it's received several complaints from customers who received unusually high bill estimates as the utility was upgrading its meters. Customers have also claimed their meters were malfunctioning and that they faced delays in receiving new equipment. Those potential issues could be a violation of the state's rules and subject Consumers to a fine. Officials have been investigating inaccurate meter complaints since July. Under the current order, Consumers has until mid-November to show why it shouldn't be held accountable for the service issues. A spokesperson for the Michigan Public Service Commission, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan State University, criticized the Board is not cooperating with its Title Nine process. "It's alarming to me that any trustee would not fully comply with an investigation about a victim whose name was inappropriately and perhaps unlawfully leaked. And so I have a lot of questions." Vassar	Consumers Energy, Michigan Public Service Commission,
Thu Oct 26 08:29:20 EDT 2023	Governor Gretchen Whitmer is criticizing Michigan State University's Board of Trustees	Eli Newman	The ethics probe follows MSU Trustee Brianna Scott's allegations against Board Chair Rema Vassar. Scott accuses Vassar of over-stepping her authority... including when the university fired former football coach Mel Tucker over sexual harassment claims. Whitmer says she's concerned the Board is not cooperating with its Title Nine process. "It's alarming to me that any trustee would not fully comply with an investigation about a victim whose name was inappropriately and perhaps unlawfully leaked. And so I have a lot of questions." Vassar	Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan State University, criticism

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Report: Outside Associated Press firm gave NCAA evidence of Michigan's sign-stealing scheme to trigger investigation

The NCAA's inquiry into a sign-stealing scheme by Michigan's football program was triggered by an outside firm's investigation, which turned up videos of and documented plans and budgets for impermissible scouting of the Wolverines' opponents. The Washington Post, citing two people familiar with the matter who were not identified, reported Wednesday the firm obtained computer drives maintained and accessed by multiple Michigan coaches. The firm presented evidence to the NCAA last week that suggests Connor Stalions, the low-level staffer suspended by Michigan on Friday, was not the only person on staff aware of the scheme, according to the report. A person with knowledge of the situation confirmed to The Associated Press that an outside firm provided the NCAA with evidence, including photographs, videos and documents, that initiated the association's investigation. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because no one was authorized to speak publicly about the ongoing investigation. It was unclear who hired the firm to investigate Michigan. The NCAA informed the Big Ten Conference, which then notified Michigan's future opponents. Both Michigan and the Big Ten acknowledged the investigation last week. Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, who served a three-game, university-imposed suspension earlier this season for an unrelated and still unresolved NCAA violations case tied to recruiting, has denied any knowledge or involvement in impermissible scouting of opponents. Michigan has declined to comment further, citing an ongoing investigation. No. 2 Michigan (8-0) has won the Big Ten title and appeared in the

University of Michigan, college football, Jim Harbaugh, cheating, NCAA, sign stealing, Washington Post, Big Ten Conference

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MI Court of Rick Pluta
Claims won't toss
Trump ballot case

Donald Trump had filed a motion to have the case dismissed. But the judge says the former president is not a party to the case because it pits four Michigan voters against Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson in her role as Michigan's top election official. Judge James Redford says Trump's legal filings make no argument on how the court has the authority to let him join the legal action. Redford gave the Trump campaign until this coming Monday to file additional arguments. The original lawsuit filed against Benson says she can't allow Trump to appear on the ballot because his role in the January 6th Capitol riot makes him ineligible

Michigan Court of
Claims, Michigan
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UAW appears to be moving toward a potential deal with Ford that could end strike

Associated Press

The United Auto Workers union appears to be edging closer to a tentative contract agreement with Ford that would be critical to ending the union's 6-week-old strikes against the three major Detroit automakers, two people with knowledge of the talks said Wednesday. The people said the union made a counter-offer to Ford that proposes a 25% general wage increase over the life of a new four-year contract and said that negotiations on Tuesday extended well into Wednesday morning. Previously Ford, Stellantis and General Motors had all offered 23% pay increases. A Ford deal would include cost-of-living pay increases that could lift the total pay raises above 30%, said the people, who asked not to be identified because they are not authorized to speak publicly about the talks. In addition, workers would still receive annual profit-sharing checks. It's still possible that the negotiations, despite the meaningful progress being made, could unravel. But if the UAW can reach a tentative agreement with Ford, it would be used as a model to seek similar contract settlements with GM and Stellantis. Typically, during past auto strikes, a UAW deal with one automaker has led the other companies to match it with their own settlements. One of the people said there also was progress in the union's talks with GM. But it was unclear whether any of the automakers had accepted the UAW's counter-offer of 25% pay increases over four years. The progress in the negotiations came after the union this week walked out at three factories that produce highly profitable pickup trucks and SUVs, adding them to the list of plants already on strike in a strategy to intensify pressure on the companies. On Tuesday, about 5,000 workers at GM's assembly plant in Arlington, Texas, walked out, halting production of truck-based SUVs that are huge profit makers for the company. A day earlier, the UAW's president, Shawn Fain, had added 6,800 employees at Stellantis' Ram pickup plant in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Two weeks ago the union struck Ford's largest and most profitable factory, the Kentucky Truck Plant in Louisville, where 8,700 workers make heavy-duty F-Series pickups and two large SUVs. In all, about 46,000 workers have walked out at factories owned by the three companies in a series of targeted strikes that began Sept. 15. About 32% of the union's 146,000 members at the automakers are now on strike. The automakers have been laying off workers at other plants as parts shortages have cascaded through their manufacturing systems. Todd Dunn, president of the UAW local at Ford's Kentucky Truck Plant, said he was told by people within the union's leadership that the company is nearing an agreement. "I've heard they are moving

UAW, United Auto Workers, Ford, Stellantis, Strike, General Motors strike, deal

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Wed Oct 25 15:33:07 EDT 2023	Detroit man who threatened Michigan governor, secretary of state sentenced to 15 months probation	Associated Press	A 60-year-old Detroit man will serve 15 months of probation after threatening to kill Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. James Toepler was sentenced Tuesday under a specialized mental health treatment court, the Michigan Attorney General's office said Wednesday in a release. He also was ordered to have no contact with Whitmer or Benson, and to have no contact with their offices, no malicious contact with 911 emergency response services or Secretary of State branch offices. Toepler pleaded no contest in September in 36th District Court in Detroit to one count of malicious use of telecommunications services. The threats to kill Whitmer, Benson and others were made June 23, 2021, in a telephone call to the Detroit Police Department's 911 Call Center. Toepler is to report Nov. 1 to the specialized mental health treatment court where appropriate treatment will be determined. The court will supervise his probation and oversee the completion of his treatment, the attorney general's office said. "I appreciate the mental health treatment court's role in assessing and treating convicted residents who commit crimes from a place of mental unwellness," Nessel said. "Specialized courts across the state do an excellent job of providing evidence-based intervention strategies and aim to put offenders on a stable footing to find success post-sentencing." Whitmer and Benson are Democrats. Whitmer was the target of a kidnapping scheme in 2020. Nine people were convicted at trial or pleaded guilty. Five were acquitted In August a man dressed in	threats, threat, Whitmer, Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State, guilty, probation
Wed Oct 25 11:20:57 EDT 2023	October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month	Shelley Irwin	Comcast's Michelle Gilbert shares the advice on how to incorporate into a household's daily routine in order to create a safer and more secure digital environment, including the The Michigan State University Broad College of Business brings together MSU alum and local business leaders for an annual event highlighting the work of the college in the community. We discuss the event, including the Businessperson of the year, Jeff Lobdell, President of Restaurant Partners Management. We discuss with Jeff and Blake Rosekrantz, West Michigan Spartans.	Comcast, cybersecurity, Cybersecurity Business, Awards, MSU, Event, restaurants
Wed Oct 25 11:20:52 EDT 2023	Michigan State University to Award Jeff Lobdell Businessperson of the year	Shelley Irwin	The Grand Rapids Chamber hosts a National Civics Bee in 2024, this an initiative aimed at encouraging young Americans to engage in civics, and contribute to their communities. We talk about how it works, and how creativity is sparked. The Chamber's Andy Johnston with	Grand Rapids Chamber, grand rapids chamber of

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Wed Oct 25 11:20:45 EDT 2023	Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan to host Trunk or Treat for Lead Defeat	Shelley Irwin	This is Lead Poisoning Protection Week, guests from the Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan discuss what has been happening, including what happens tomorrow night, the Trunk or Treat for Lead Defeat. We talk about this and new laws recently passed to protect young children from lead poisoning. Hana Salmoran and Jackie Hernandez with the info.	Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan, toxic lead, lead rules, Halloween, Event
Wed Oct 25 11:20:44 EDT 2023	October is National Small Business	Shelley Irwin	October is National Small Business Women’s Month, the Roving Mic talks to women in the field. We have a conversation about being a businesswoman, mistakes to avoid, the secrets to success, and more. Our conversation includes Rebecca Johnson, Denise Kolesar and Shawn	Small Business, Women, Women in Business, Roving
Wed Oct 25 09:34:04 EDT 2023	Michigan approves nearly \$103 million in Transformational Brownfield Tax Incentives for Grand Rapids’ Factory Yards mixed-use housing project	Patrick Center	Three empty factories built in the late 1800s will soon transform the Roosevelt Park neighborhood. The \$147 million Factory Yards project will convert 650,000 square feet of industrial space into mixed-income apartments, retail, and commercial space.The Michigan Strategic Fund approved \$102.98 million in Transformational Brown field Tax incentives. Detroit-based Heritage Development is spearheading the project. Partner Ben Smith said, “Rising construction costs and interest rates, in combination with the added expenses inherent in adaptive reuse project like this, would have made the project nearly impossible without the tax credits.”The historic factories will be renovated creating 467residential units. Those will include loft-style studio, one-, two-and three-bedroom apartments. The Brownfield tax incentive stipulates the availability of affordable housing ensuring 20% of those units will be made available below market rate and will lock in for 20 years.The 15.5-acre site at 655	Factory Yards, brownfield redevelopment, Grand Rapids, tax incentives, Heritage Development, affordable housing, mixed-use
Wed Oct 25 09:24:18 EDT 2023	U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Michigan launched initiative combating hate crimes	Patrick Center	“I’m thrilled to announce that we are forming a Civil Rights team within the U.S. Attorney’s office for the Western District.”That’s U.S. Attorney Mark Totten speaking to attendees of the Greater Grand Rapids Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People’s (NAACP) Freedom Fund Program.The U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan explained the Civil Rights team consisting of four assistant U.S. attorneys will be dedicated to prosecuting hate crimes, stopping discrimination, enforcing disability and sexual harassment laws, environmental justice, and protecting the right to vote.“In addition, I’m also excited to announce our United Against Hate Campaign. This campaign is focused on educating the public about Civil Rights, the work we do to protect those rights, and how to	U.S. Attorney's Office, Mark Totten, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Hate Crime, civil rights

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Wed Oct 25 07:26:04 EDT 2023 Party-line vote Rick Pluta
 send polling place
 ride-share bill to
 Whitmer

A bill headed to Governor Gretchen Whitmer would clear the way for outside parties to pay for election, elections, free or discounted rides to help voters get to the polls on Election Day. The bill cleared the polls, rides to polls, Michigan Senate on Tuesday on a 20-to-18 party-line vote. Republicans say the bill might be Souls to the Polls, well-intentioned. But they say it would leave too much room for abuse by groups trying to get polling places, poll in the last word before dropping voters off at polling places. GOP Senator Ed McBroom (R- workers, voting, Vulcan) sits on the Senate Elections and Ethics Committee. He said the offer of a ride poses a voting-rights, vote risk that “such transportation to the polls provides for electioneering and possible intimidation of voters.” He argued the bill would allow Republican- or Democratic-aligned organizations to use rides to make sure they get the last word before voters are dropped off at the polls. “The potential for abuse in this situation continues to exist and is something we have long recognized in law: that providing opportunities for voter intimidation or manipulation is wrong,” he said. But Senator Jeremy Moss (D-Southfield), who chairs the elections committee, said Michigan is one of only a few states that doesn’t allow ride-sharing services to offer free About five thousand workers walked off the job at GM’s Arlington Assembly plant...which UAW, United Auto builds lucrative...large S-U-V’s. Earlier in the day G-M reported it earned about three billion Workers, Strike, dollars in the third-quarter of the year...but claims it’s also lost roughly 800 million dollars Shawn Fain, GM, because of the ongoing strike against Detroit’s Big Three automakers. Last week, UAW SUV, SUVs President Shawn Fain told members the union was making progress on new deals with the automakers. “But G-M in particular is worrying. They tell us they need a two-tier wage progression because they expect to do a lot of hiring...and won’t give us the right to strike over

Wed Oct 25 07:16:12 EDT 2023 UAW launches strike at Texas SUV assembly plant Quinn Klinefelter

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Wed Oct 25 07:06:10 EDT 2023 SOAR Fund Colin Jackson
 overhaul bills get House committee hearing

Michigan bills to reshape a business incentives program received a first hearing Tuesday before a House committee. The legislation would rename the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve, or SOAR, Fund to the "Make it in Michigan Fund." The SOAR Fund is currently made up of two different pots of money. One is the Critical Industry Program (CIP). The other is the Michigan Strategic Site Readiness Program. The legislation heard before the House Economic Development and Small Business Committee would add a third category, <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billanalysis/House/pdf/2023-HLA-5095-86107BB0.pdf>> the Michigan 360 program. Bill sponsors say Michigan 360 would focus on community development as a piece of any business incentive package. Representative Jason Hoskins (D-Southfield) said it's important to consider issues like housing as part of economic development. "We want to make sure that we took that into account. That if you are a business and you want to come to our great state ... that when you come here, there is some benefit to the state, there is some benefit to the community that you are going to be coming to," Hoskins said. Under the package, a Michigan 360 investment would make up at least 20% of the amount awarded through the proposed "Make it in Michigan Fund." The SOAR Fund was originally created with bipartisan support. But it has also historically faced bipartisan opposition. Critics have questioned whether the program, implemented to chase large-scale economic investment from major companies after Ford <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/economy/ford-to-build-three-electric-vehicle-battery-factories-and-an-auto-assembly-plant>> chose to invest billions of dollars in new electric vehicle manufacturing plants in Kentucky and Tennessee in 2021, has ever actually tipped the scales in Michigan's favor. Those opposed to the SOAR Fund have argued Michigan could better spend its money than by giving multi-national corporations millions -- sometimes <https://apnews.com/article/technology-business-detroit-electric-vehicles-gretchen-whitmer-614740a616a1d761b34f42f46c2f2417>> hundreds of millions -- of dollars in incentives and tax breaks. This year, votes to free up money for SOAR projects have largely fallen along party lines. Republicans have argued the program needs more legislative oversight and has become political. "The only visibility that Legislature has in the SOAR process, is the appropriations transfer step. And by the time we get to that moment, it's likely too late to have any influence. There have already been press releases, there's been a ribbon

SOAR, funds, funding, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan, Michigan House of Representatives

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Termination Phil Dawson
hearing underway
for Ottawa Co.
health officer

Ottawa County lawyer David Kallman says the board wants to fire Hambley because of incompetence, misconduct and neglect of duty when she publicly opposed cuts during recent budget discussions during recent budget discussions. "Miss Hambley demonstrated incompetence, misconduct and neglect of duty by making false claims that encourage that caused confusion, anxiety, fear and panic in the community." But Hambley's attorney Sara Howard says the new conservative majority on the board moved to replace her right after they took office in January. She says they want Hambley out because she supported mask mandates, social distancing and other COVID restrictions. "Are the charges the real reason for termination or are they a pretext for ousting health officer Hambley? Do we have a sham justification? We believe that we do. "The board wants to replace Hambley with the safety manager at a heating, ventilation and air conditioning company who supported horse de-

Ottawa County,
Health, officer,
COVID-19
restrictions, Adeline
Hambley

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Tue Oct 24 12:22:13 EDT 2023 Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum joins Presidential museums, foundations, and centers across the nation promoting democratic values Patrick Center

Jeff Polet: It came together, the Bush Center got a new leader back in January. And part of their mission is civil discourse and democratic renewal. And he was thinking about different ways to address what has become a kind of crisis situation in America. And by that, I mean that if you look at opinion polls and so forth, many Americans are deeply concerned about the social state of this country today. So, the Bush Center was sort of directly addressing some of these issues. And they thought about putting together the statement. They contacted the other presidential foundations as the statement indicates there are 14 of us and ran the draft by us. We had a number of meetings, online meetings, where we talked about the early drafts, made suggestions, and then at the end of it asked us if we would be willing to be signatories to this. And we said, yeah. Yeah, we think it's an important statement because the presidential foundations and centers are kind of uniquely positioned to bring a kind of credible voice to the current political moment. Patrick Center: I'll read a portion of this and then maybe you can delve into this a bit more. "Our statement calls for a renewed commitment to American democratic values, civic responsibility, and respect for differing viewpoints. We urge leaders across the United States to model our nation's democratic principles." This isn't just a call to citizens. I see leadership mentioned here. Jeff Polet: Yeah, very much. I think there are two ways to think about that. One is that, you know, democratic liberalism is a way of doing politics where you navigate disagreement by allowing it to foment, by allowing it to express itself, but also at the same time, trying to cap its tendency to devolve into violence. I mean, when you have disagreement, one way to do it is just to kill off your opponents, right? I mean, silence them. or you can have other mechanisms for silencing opposition. But democracy is a way of saying that the opposition is actually healthy, that the disagreement is actually healthy, but we can keep it from ever turning into violence. And so, when you see disagreement becoming more and more heated to the point where violence becomes justified. That's a moment where you have to step in and say something has to be done about this because that's one of the primary goals that we're trying to accomplish. How do you keep this from devolving into violence? How do you maintain public order and public peace? And it's always been the case in any kind of system of government, and especially in democratic systems of government, that that goal is achieved through good leadership. That leaders can help articulate, concentrate public sentiment and appeal to the better angels of our nature, to use Ada Business Association presents the Pumpkin Prowl this Friday night, over 80 businesses participating with trick or treat at their locations, or trunk or treat on River Street. New this year, a digital scavenger hunt. We talk to ED Kim Rantala about the fun and economic impact.

democracy, George W. Bush Presidential Center, Gerald R Ford Presidential Foundation, Gerald R Ford Presidential Museum, Jeff Polet, Leadership, January 6th, 2021, Civil War, democratic values

Tue Oct 24 11:12:29 EDT 2023 Ada Business Association presents the Pumpkin Prowl Shelley Irwin

Ada, Business, Michigan Association, Event, Halloween

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Tue Oct 24 11:12:27 EDT 2023	Aquinas College and University of Detroit Mercy collaborate on	Shelley Irwin	Aquinas College offers a unique collaboration between its existing BS of Nursing and the University of Detroit Mercy. Dr. Suzanne Keep, Site Director and Associate Professor, and Current Nursing student Sean Callahan discuss the partners involved, with a special focus on compassionate care.	Aquinas College, Aquinas, Detroit, University, Nursing
Tue Oct 24 11:12:23 EDT 2023	The Six: The Untold Story of America’s First Women	Shelley Irwin	Author of The Six: The Untold Story of America’s First Women Astronauts Space Reporter Loren Grush talks about these talented women, often flying under the radar. The book has been described as well researched and gripping. We talk to Loren.	space, Book, Women, astronauts, Author
Tue Oct 24 11:12:22 EDT 2023	Harvest Fest in Downtown Muskegon to raise money for read Muskegon, CIM Scholarship, and Rotary of	Shelley Irwin	The Inaugural Harvest Fest fundraising event in Downtown Muskegon happens this Thursday at the Culinary Institute of Michigan. Producer Carla Flanders joins the show to discuss the multiple gourmet food stations, a signature Harvest Fest drinking glass, and more on this October 26 evening. Proceeds go to Read Muskegon, CIM Scholarship Fund and Rotary of Muskegon.	Muskegon, Harvest Festival, Fundraiser, Rotary, Read Muskegon
Tue Oct 24 11:12:21 EDT 2023	Plein Air on the Trails happens this Saturday at Huff Park Trails	Shelley Irwin	Festival of the Arts takes place every year during the first weekend of June, but art happens in between. Plein Air on the Trails happens this Saturday at Huff Park Trails in GR. Missy Summers joins the show to talk about art all year long and the plans for Saturday, all about art creation.	festival of the arts, Arts Festival, Trails, air, Public Art
Tue Oct 24 09:55:51 EDT 2023	Former West Michigan congressman says Israeli airstrike in Gaza killed family members	Patrick Center	On his Facebook page, former U.S. Representative Justin Amash re-posted his X account message that several of his relatives living in Gaza were killed last week when an Israeli air assault struck a Greek Orthodox Church where they sought shelter. The Grand Rapids Republican wrote, “I was really worried about this. With great sadness, I have now confirmed that several of my relatives (including Viola and Yara pictured here) were killed at Saint Porphyrius Orthodox Church in Gaza, where they had been sheltering, when part of the complex was destroyed as the result of an Israeli airstrike. Give rest, O Lord, to their souls, and may their memories be eternal. The Palestinian Christian community has endured so much. Our family is hurting badly. May God watch over all Christians in Gaza – and all Israelis	Justin Amash, Palestine, Israel, bombings, deaths, X, Facebook, relatives

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Strikes trim profit at GM in an otherwise strong quarter; more losses likely if picketing spreads

Associated Press

A strike by auto workers against General Motors is expected to cut pretax earnings by \$800 million this year, and another \$200 million per week after that, the company's chief financial officer said. And those figures include only factories that are on strike now with less than a third of the company's workforce on the picket lines, so if more plants are added by the United Auto Workers union, the losses will pile up further, CFO Paul Jacobson told reporters. Those strike are already taking a toll. GM on Tuesday posted net income of more than \$3 billion from July through September, down 7% from the same period last year due to lost production from the strike, and also increased warranty costs, Jacobson said. The company also withdrew its previous full-year pretax earnings estimates, citing uncertainty over the length of the strike and how many factories would be shut down. However, excluding one-time items, GM said made \$2.28 per share, handily beating Wall Street estimates of \$1.87. Revenue of \$44.13 billion rose 5.4% and also exceeded estimates of \$42.48 billion, according to data provider FactSet. Shares slipped about 1% at the opening bell Tuesday. The UAW has been [on strike since Sept. 15](https://apnews.com/article/auto-uaw-workers-strike-gm-ford-stellantis-7ce3ca9d94b911250d07556b7af376c7) — nearly six weeks — against GM and its Detroit competitors, Ford and Jeep maker Stellantis. So far the union has spared factories that make GM's most profitable vehicles, pickup trucks and large SUVs, from its targeted strikes. Yet the UAW demonstrated again this week that risks to those money making facilities can rise the longer the strike goes on. On Monday, the union shut down Stellantis' [huge Ram pickup truck plant](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-union-strikes-stellantis-pickup-truck-factory-bb03283120bfbe0c22773dfc258b890c) north of Detroit in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Two weeks ago workers walked off their jobs at Ford's largest and most profitable plant, one that makes pickups and big SUVs in Louisville, Kentucky. So far only 28% of the union's 146,000 members at the Detroit Three are on strike. Jacobson said the third-quarter strike loss was \$200 million, since the walkouts were only in effect the final two weeks of the period. He predicted another \$600 million of losses from October through December. In a note to shareholders, CEO Mary Barra said GM has made a record offer to the union that will raise top factory pay to [\\$40.39 per hour](https://newsroom.ap.org/41cf2acdc75441d690a95b8d11d00e95), or roughly \$84,000 per year in four years. She indicated that the company is nearing

General Motors, GM,
Strike, income, profit

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Tesla says Justice Department is expanding investigations and issuing subpoenas for information

Federal prosecutors have expanded investigations into Tesla beyond the electric vehicle maker's <https://apnews.com/article/tesla-autopilot-crash-driver-monitoring-investigation-nhtsa-8468bebd1602c242131649fc3c64e489> partially automated driving systems, and they have issued subpoenas for information instead of simply requesting it, the company disclosed Monday. In a quarterly report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Tesla said the Department of Justice is looking into "personal benefits, related parties, vehicle range and personnel decisions," without giving details. The additional investigation topics and the subpoenas suggest that prosecutors have broadened their inquiry, and they have found the need to force Tesla to disclose information, legal experts say. The filing indicates prosecutors may be investigating Tesla CEO Elon Musk, and whether the company has been candid in describing the features of its vehicles, they say. In January, Tesla disclosed that the Justice Department had requested documents related to its Autopilot and "Full Self-Driving" features. Both features are classified <https://apnews.com/article/elon-musk-technology-accidents-business-df0f198b4e900e29f51f674e2e7a01b4> as driver-assist systems, and the company says on its website that the vehicles cannot drive themselves. Now, the company is disclosing a probe that is "a lot wider than just looking at Autopilot and FSD features," said Erik Gordon, a University of Michigan business and law professor. "The DOJ often starts with a formal written request and escalates to administrative subpoenas if it thinks it isn't getting full cooperation," he said. Specifying additional items that prosecutors are looking at indicates that Tesla lawyers found them serious enough to change the company's public disclosures, Gordon said. Tesla didn't respond to a request for comment, but the company based in Austin, Texas, said in its SEC filing that to its knowledge, no government agency has concluded that any wrongdoing happened in any ongoing investigation. The Justice Department declined to comment. For the first time, Tesla said in its filing that the investigations could damage the company's brand. "Should the government decide to pursue an enforcement action, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on our business, results of operation, prospects, cash flows, financial position or brand," the filing said. Jacob Frenkel, a former SEC enforcement attorney and ex-federal prosecutor, said specifically pointing out "personal benefits and related parties" suggests a possible connection to Musk. Disclosing that vehicle

Tesla, U.S. Department of Justice, investigation

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Tue Oct 24 09:30:11 EDT 2023 Gov. Whitmer Patrick Center criticizes MSU for 'scandal after scandal,' leadership woes

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ripped into Michigan State University on Monday, accusing the school of “no clear unified leadership” amid rancor on the governing board and other unflattering incidents. Whitmer’s statement came after two trustees over the weekend said they would support the ouster of board chair Rema Vassar. Separately, MSU apologized after an [image of Adolf Hitler](https://apnews.com/article/michigan-state-hitler-image-529638bd6705a53e65cef82efba056fd) was displayed on the scoreboard before the Michigan-MSU football game Saturday night. Officials said it was part of a quiz by an outside contractor that provides pregame content. MSU also is dealing with fallout from the [firing of football coach Mel Tucker](https://apnews.com/article/michigan-state-mel-tucker-fired-72f41733fc07520eba176020918151be) who was accused of sexually harassing a woman over the phone. Some critics say the school should have acted months ago. The latest turmoil involves MSU’s governing board. Trustee Brianna Scott accused Vassar of “bullying” other trustees in her role as chair and unilaterally trying to negotiate a settlement with a dean who was forced out in 2022. Scott said Vassar has not agreed to have her phone examined to determine if a trustee leaked the name of Tucker’s accuser to former trustees. “This university has been rocked by scandal after scandal with no clear unified leadership or direction and tragically no accountability either,” Whitmer, a Democrat and MSU graduate, said in a statement. “Right now, there are too many questions and not enough answers. The university owes it to students, alumni and our entire state to get to the bottom of this and take appropriate action.” Later, at an event in Grand Rapids, Whitmer acknowledged that she could remove Vassar from office under certain conditions. An email seeking comment was sent to Vassar, a Democrat, who is a professor at Wayne State University in Detroit. Voters elected her to MSU’s board in 2020. MSU’s leadership has been in

Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan State University, Leadership

Tue Oct 24 06:57:55 EDT 2023 MI Raise the Wage Rick Pluta campaign headed to court

a state of flux. [The campaign to boost the state minimum wage to \\$15 an hour is headed to court.](https://apnews.com/article/sports-michigan-sexual-assault-larv) That’s after the effort stalled last week at a critical stage. The Michigan Board of State Canvassers deadlocked – two Republicans to two Democrats – on whether to send the question to the Legislature. If that fails, the question would go on next year’s statewide ballot. Mark Brewer is the lawyer for Raise the Wage. He confirmed Monday the campaign will file a challenge. He said the campaign will seek a court order for the board to certify it has gathered the necessary petition signatures for a voter-initiated law to increase the state minimum wage. “The only issue before the board on Friday was whether there were enough signatures – and there clearly were,” he told Michigan Public Radio. The petition campaign wants to boost the minimum wage in steps – winding up at \$15 an hour by 2025. The board’s Republican members said language to modify the definition of employer under the initiative stood in the

minimum wage, petition, petition signatures, petition campaigns, Board of State Canvassers, Michigan Board of State Canvassers

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Native American
boarding school
study preparing
for a second RFP

Colin Jackson

A state government study on Native American boarding schools could soon start taking applications for candidates to lead the research. The study would look at data involving abuse, deaths, and disappearances at boarding schools where Native American children had been forced to attend. “Funds must be used to locate, analyze, and preserve records and should work in concert, when appropriate, with the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. Funds must be used to interview boarding school survivors, their family members, and a broad cross-section of Michigan tribal representatives and experts specializing in duration, health, and children and families with the purpose of fully understanding the impacts of policies of Native American child removal,” <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/publicact/pdf/2023-PA-0119.pdf> language allocating the most recent round of funding for the project read. The Michigan Department of Civil Rights is leading the project, working with the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. According to an update given Monday, an initial request for proposal, or RFP, only turned up one candidate. That candidate was later determined to be “a qualified candidate.” MDCR tribal liaison and Native American specialist Melissa Kiesewetter told the state Civil Rights Commission the next RFP will incorporate additional tribal input. “We want to take the opportunity we have right now after gathering their feedback and their comments and questions to maybe address any gaps that were in the first RFP document or to maybe elevate some of the critical points that we feel could help us identify the most viable candidate.” Kiesewetter said Monday. The project

Native-American,
Native Americans,
Native American,
study, abuses, abuse

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Autoworkers Associated Press
strike at Stellantis
plant shutting
down big profit
center, 41,000
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The United Auto Workers union has once again escalated its strikes against big Detroit automakers, this time adding a factory that makes Ram pickup trucks for Stellantis. The union says that 6,800 members walked out Monday morning and shut down the Sterling Heights, Michigan, Assembly Plant, a huge profit center for the company. The newest strike action comes just three days after union [President Shawn Fain](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-strike-union-uaw-shawn-fain-0e3e71f44f075fda066f499bb2165b48) reported progress in talks with General Motors and Stellantis but said the companies will have to make better offers. No progress was reported with Ford, which last week said it had the best offer of the three. The [union went on strike Sept. 15](https://apnews.com/article/auto-uaw-workers-strike-gm-ford-stellantis-7ce3ca9d94b911250d07556b7af376c7) at one assembly plant from each company. About 41,000 workers are now on strike against all three automakers. The strikes, now in their sixth week, cover seven assembly plants and 38 parts warehouses. About 28% of the union's work force at the three companies are now on strike. General Motors, which increased its offer last week, and Ford were spared in the latest escalation. At first the union avoided striking at pickup and large SUV plants, which at all three produce vehicles that make the most money for the companies. But that changed two weeks ago when the UAW took out a giant Ford heavy-duty pickup and SUV plant in Louisville, Kentucky. In previous strikes the union has targeted a particular company and reached an agreement that served as a pattern for a deal with the other two. In a statement, the union said that offers from Stellantis, formed in the 2021 merger of Fiat Chrysler and France's PSA Groupe, lag Ford and GM despite the automaker having the most revenue and highest profits of the three. Stellantis has the worst offer on cost of living raises, how fast workers move to the top of the pay scale, temporary worker pay, converting temps to full time, and other issues, the union said. Messages were left seeking comment from Stellantis. By taking down the Stellantis factory, the union is signaling Ford and GM to improve their offers, Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said. Last week it appeared a deal might be in the works, but Fain said Friday that the companies will need to pay more. "It takes a potential deal that appeared on the table -- at

UAW, Stellantis,
Ford, General
Motors, Strike,
United Auto Workers

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<p>Mon Oct 23 14:40:31 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Armin Langer on blasphemy</p>	<p>Fred Stella</p>	<p>Here in the United States we can get pretty spoiled with our 1st Amendment rights of Free Speech. But of course, it wasn't always this way here, and around the world, freedom of expression and religion have been in competition with one another for quite a while. Today we speak with Prof. Armin Langer from the University of Florida's Center for European Studies on the challenges many countries face in maintaining a balance between the ability to voice opposition towards certain beliefs and what most might consider hate speech.&nbsp;Our discussion is largely based on Langer's article in 'The Conversation' titled, <a href="https://theconversation.com/quran-burning-in-sweden-prompts-debate-on-the-fine-line-between-freedom-of-expression-and-incitement-of-hatred-211849" target="_blank" link-data="{&quot;cms.site.owner&quot;:{&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20&quot;},&quot;cms.content.publishDate&quot;:1698085958387,&quot;cms.c content.publishUser&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;},&quot;cms.content.updateDate&quot;:1698085958387,&quot;cms.c content.updateUser&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;},&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;anchorable.showAnchor&quot;:false,&quot;link&quot;:&quot;attributes&quot;:[],&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;linkText&quot;:&quot;Quran burning in Sweden prompts debate on the fine line between freedom of expression and incitement of</p>	<p>religion, Islam, Quran, Free Speech</p>
<p>Mon Oct 23 10:54:32 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Brandy Colbert presents her new book The Blackwoods</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>The author of The Blackwoods, Brandy Colbert presents a fictional family of Black Hollywood royalty as the basis for her story. Themes in the book include a conversation about culture and the price that one has to pay for fame, struggle, and loss. Brandy hopes her writing about social issues will trigger conversations on difficult topics.</p>	<p>Book, Author, Family, Culture, BIPOC</p>
<p>Mon Oct 23 10:54:27 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>The documentary Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life airs on WGVU, Filmmaker Patrice O'Neill follows survivors, families, and other members of the Pittsburgh community in the months after 11 Jewish people were murdered at the Tree of Life Synagogue. We talk to</p>	<p>documentary, Tree of Life Synagogue, shooting, mass</p>
<p>Mon Oct 23 10:54:26 EDT 2023</p>	<p>SteepleTown's Early Childhood program presents Parents Partnering as</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>SteepleTown's Early Childhood program presents Parents Partnering as Teachers, a conversation today with Dick Bulkowski and Ernestine Barnes. SteepleTown's primary focus is on developing the work readiness skills of young adults who have significant life challenges and/or barriers to becoming employed. A key piece of the conversation is the Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship program.</p>	<p>Early Childhood, Early Childhood education, employment, employers, skilled</p>

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Mon Oct 23 10:54:24 EDT 2023	LMCU Ballpark becomes a BOOPark for	Shelley Irwin	LMCU Ballpark has an event for Halloween when the park will become a BOOPark. Events include a special seasonal double feature of Hocus Pocus 1 & 2 on the field over Halloween Weekend. Events Manager April Butler discusses this escape into a land of	LMCU Ballpark, Halloween, Event, Movie, Family Fun
Mon Oct 23 10:54:21 EDT 2023	The Roving Mic takes you to the GVSU Career	Shelley Irwin	The Roving Mic takes you to the GVSU Career fair, matchmaking between Employers to be and students vying for internships and jobs. The GVSU Career and Internship Fair was held this month as DeVos Place Convention Center, over 230 employers meeting over 1700 students	Roving Mic, GVSU, Career Fair, jobs, Interns
Mon Oct 23 09:13:30 EDT 2023	Report seeks solutions for paying early childcare educators "living wage"	Patrick Center	For more than two decades, Michigan’s childcare workforce has been on the decline. Since 2001, Michigan has lost 29,000 early childcare educators. A drop of 27%. Each educator serves four to 12 children. That 27% decline means the state has 116,000 to 348,000 childcare slots. “So, it’s quite a number of slots that we’ve lost which equates to essentially more parents being forced to stay home in order to care for their children.” Alex Andrews is with Grand Rapids-based TalentFirst. An alliance of West Michigan CEOs seeking to benefit all who live and work in the region. He tells us the state has lost an estimated \$2.88 billion in annual economic activity. The new report, https://info.talentfirst.net/ece-wage-scale “Balancing the Scales: A Proposal for a Systemwide Wage Scale to Address Michigan’s Early Childhood Education Crisis,” commissioned by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also finds just 28% of ECE workers earn enough to support a single adult. Only 1% earns enough to support the average family. The study proposes a systemwide, unifying wage scale. “Regardless of what setting you’re operating in, whether it’s a private Michigan Public Service Commission chair Dan Scripps says the commission already has authority to site other types of energy infrastructure—like pipelines for fossil fuels. He says solar and wind shouldn’t be treated any differently. “It doesn’t make sense and we don’t follow this approach in any other aspect of Michigan’s energy infrastructure.” But Judy Allen of the Michigan Townships Association says the bills would disregard community desires. “These decisions on the location for the renewable facilities create a lasting change for a community,	childcare, child care assistance, Early Childcare Educator, TalentFirst, living wage, study, report, unifying wage scale, childcare crisis
Mon Oct 23 09:01:43 EDT 2023	Wind, solar siting bills draw Republican backlash	Colin Jackson	Michigan Public Service Commission chair Dan Scripps says the commission already has authority to site other types of energy infrastructure—like pipelines for fossil fuels. He says solar and wind shouldn’t be treated any differently. “It doesn’t make sense and we don’t follow this approach in any other aspect of Michigan’s energy infrastructure.” But Judy Allen of the Michigan Townships Association says the bills would disregard community desires. “These decisions on the location for the renewable facilities create a lasting change for a community,	Michigan Public Service Commission, Wind Power, solar energy, Republicans, legislation, renewable energy

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Mon Oct 23 08:35:50 EDT 2023	UAW's confrontational leader makes gains in strike talks, but some wonder: Has he reached too far?	Associated Press	<p>Throughout its 5-week-old strikes against Detroit's automakers, the United Auto Workers union has cast an emphatically combative stance, reflecting the style of its pugnacious leader, Shawn Fain. Armed with a list of what even Fain has called "audacious" pay and benefit demands, the UAW leader has embodied the exasperation of workers who say they've struggled for years while the automakers made billions. Yet as the strikes have dragged on, analysts and even some workers have raised a pivotal question: Does Fain have an endgame to bring the strikes to a close? People with personal ties to Fain say his approach reflects the straightforward manner he developed as he rose through the union's ranks. Others, though, say they worry that Fain set such high expectations for what he can extract from the companies — better pay and benefits, an expansion of the UAW to non-union rivals such as Tesla and Toyota USA — that he risks incurring a personal setback if an eventual deal disappoints union members. "He's gotten far more from the companies than anyone, in particular the companies, may have expected," said Harley Shaiken, a professor emeritus specializing in labor at the University of California Berkeley. "But now is the critical point where you pull the package together. If it isn't now, when will it be? That is what he's got to be giving some thought to." What began with 7,000 workers at one factory each of Ford, General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis has grown to 34,000 at six plants and 38 parts warehouses. The companies say they've sweetened pay offers and made numerous concessions. GM even agreed to bring its new electric vehicle battery factories into the national UAW contract, essentially guaranteeing that workers of the future will belong to the union. Three auto officials, who asked that they not be identified so they could speak candidly, say they're unsure whether Fain has a plan to end the strikes or whether he'll cling to demands that the companies say would be so costly as to jeopardize their ability to invest in the future. Fain, who in March narrowly won the UAW's first-ever direct election of a president, had campaigned on promises to end cooperation with the automakers, essentially declaring war on them. He has complained that the companies have failed to restore concessions the</p>	United Auto Workers, UAW, Strike, Shawn Fain, demand
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<p>Mon Oct 23 08:09:35 EDT 2023</p>	<p>GOP businessman Perry Johnson suspends long- shot presidential bid after failing to make debates</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>Republican businessman Perry Johnson suspended his long-shot bid for president on Friday after failing to gain traction in the race. Johnson said the fact that he wasn't permitted to participate in the debates played a major role in his decision. He accused the Republican National Committee of using "authoritarian power" to keep him off the debate stage despite the RNC contending he hadn't met the necessary polling and donor qualifications. "I've said it before and I'll say it again, the people should decide the next president of the United States, not the head of the RNC and her cronies," Johnson wrote in a statement. "With no opportunity to share my vision on the debate stage, I have decided at this time, suspending my campaign is the right thing to do." An RNC spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Johnson maintained he was only suspending his campaign, not officially withdrawing, and would keep a small political team on staff in case the trajectory of the race changed. He is the third Republican candidate to pause or end his campaign in a primary contest in which former President Donald Trump holds a commanding lead in early polling. Miami Mayor Francis Suarez suspended his campaign in August, and former Texas congressman Will Hurd dropped out earlier this month. Johnson filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission after failing to qualify for the first GOP presidential debate in August, claiming that he was left off the stage not because he hadn't met the polling and donor qualifications but because he was "a political outsider." He also didn't qualify for the second debate. This wasn't Johnson's first attempt to run for political office. He was considered a top GOP candidate for Michigan governor last year before he and four other Republican hopefuls were disqualified because of It's been more than a month since targeted UAW strikes began against General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis. And UAW President Shawn Fain says the union's strategy is working. The automakers have said they've offered record wage increases. Then, Fain says, the companies put forward a new record proposal. "In the past 24 hours we've gotten new offers from two of the three companies. So despite all the bluster about how much the companies have stretched, there's clearly still room to move." Fain says General Motors and Stellantis have put new numbers on the bargaining table. But he says the Ford Motor Company, which saw the</p>	<p>Perry Johnson, Presidential candidate, GOP, Republican</p>
<p>Sat Oct 21 08:21:51 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Fain rallies UAW members to stand firm in strike</p>	<p>Quinn Klinefelter</p>	<p>UAW, United Auto Workers, Shawn Fain, Strike, GM, Ford, Stellantis</p>	

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Sat Oct 21 08:09:43 EDT 2023	Minimum wage petition campaign headed to court	Rick Pluta	<p>A petition campaign to gradually raise Michigan’s mandatory minimum wage to \$15 an hour appears to be heading to court. That’s after an evenly divided state board deadlocked on whether to certify the petition signatures. The issue argued before the bipartisan, four-person Board of State Canvassers was whether a change in the initiative language was substantive enough to stall the effort. The change would make the required increases in the wage apply only to businesses with 21 or more employees. But Raise the Wage attorney Mark Brewer said any judgment on whether that change matters is outside the board’s purview. “The only issue before this board this morning is whether there are enough signatures to certify the proposal for the ballot and there are,” he said. The campaign submitted more than 610,000 petition signatures with the Michigan Bureau of Elections last year, but not in time to qualify for the 2022 ballot. The group is now aiming for the 2024 general election ballot. The question would go to voters only if it’s not adopted first by the Legislature. Republicans on the board said, given the questions in play, they are not comfortable giving the go-ahead without a court order. “We have a well-organized effort with lots of funding that either changed something. The “Institutional Desecration Act” would toughen penalties for vandalizing a place because of its cultural identity or importance. It received a Senate committee hearing this week. Democratic Senator Stephanie Chang says recent escalated violence between Israel and Hamas brought the issue to the forefront: “The plan was actually to take these up prior to recent events. However, I think we’ve heard loud and clear from my constituents and constituents from across the state that now is absolutely an important time for us to move</p>	Michigan Board of State Canvassers, Board of State Canvassers, minimum wage, wage increases, living wage, signatures
Sat Oct 21 08:02:01 EDT 2023	Institutional Desecration Act sees Senate hearing	Colin Jackson	<p>The “Institutional Desecration Act” would toughen penalties for vandalizing a place because of its cultural identity or importance. It received a Senate committee hearing this week. Democratic Senator Stephanie Chang says recent escalated violence between Israel and Hamas brought the issue to the forefront: “The plan was actually to take these up prior to recent events. However, I think we’ve heard loud and clear from my constituents and constituents from across the state that now is absolutely an important time for us to move</p>	vandalism, religious, Islam, Jewish, Mosque, Church, religion

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<p>Fri Oct 20 15:09:51 EDT 2023</p>	<p>General Motors raises offer to autoworkers union ahead of UAW bargaining update</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain is expected to update members Friday afternoon on progress in contract talks with Detroit's three automakers as General Motors increased its offer to the union. In a prepared statement, GM said it made an offer Friday with "substantial movement in all key areas in an effort to reach a final agreement with the UAW and get our people back to work." The company says the offer raises pay for most of the work force to \$40.39 per hour, or about \$84,000 per year by the end of a four-year contract. That's a 23% increase over the \$32.32 per hour that most factory workers make. Compounded annually it's 25%. The company also said it reinstated cost of living raises for many employees in the first year of the contract, boosting the pay increase to over 30% by September of 2027. Workers gave up the inflation-fighting raises in 2007 when the companies were in financial trouble. GM previously had offered to contribute 8% of a worker's salary into 401(k) defined contribution plans. "It is time for us to finish this process, get our team members back to work and get on with the business of making GM the company that will win and provide great jobs in the U.S. for our people for decades to come," GM said in its statement. The UAW had no immediate comment on the increased offer, but it had been seeking 36% raises over the four years. GM's wage offer was similar to one made earlier by Ford. The union said in a statement that Fain's update comes after "a week of intensive negotiations" with the companies. Stephen McCray, one of the striking GM workers at a factory in Wentzville, Missouri near St. Louis, said the company's latest offer seems to be good, but he is suspicious that GM will wait a year to give cost of living increases. A former temporary worker, he's concerned that part-time temps won't be converted to full time in the deal. That said, McCray thinks workers will ratify the deal because of the raises, cost of living pay, and other benefits, if Fain tells workers this is the best deal he could get. "If this is what he's going to bring to the table, after everything that has been going on since September, I believe it will be ratified," McCray said. "This might be the best that they might bring out." Marick Masters, a business professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, said the GM offer has the potential to be a breakthrough that could bring agreements to end the union's 5-week-old strikes against GM, Ford and Jeep maker Stellantis. "That moves them closer, and I think that it may not take much from that point" to reach a deal, he said. Fain is scheduled to do a live video appearance Friday afternoon to update workers on the bargaining. He could call on more workers to strike and join the 34,000</p> <p>The Rapidian is a service of the GR Community Media Center and is relaunching. We discuss the relaunch, an upcoming reception, and the vision. Program Manager, Allison Donahue shares the details.</p>	<p>General Motors, General Motors strike, UAW, unions, trade unions, Labor Unions, Strike, negotiations</p> <p>Grand Rapids, Community Media Center, Local, News,</p>
<p>Fri Oct 20 10:41:42 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The Rapidian is relaunching</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>The Rapidian is a service of the GR Community Media Center and is relaunching. We discuss the relaunch, an upcoming reception, and the vision. Program Manager, Allison Donahue shares the details.</p>	<p>Grand Rapids, Community Media Center, Local, News,</p>

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<p>Fri Oct 20 10:41:41 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The book Shelley Irwin Diagnosed shares stories of life after medical diagnosis</p>	<p>The authors of Diagnosed, Mark and Mary Kay Liston, share 27 inspirational stories of life after medical diagnosis, a book brimming with inspiration written for anyone that needs inspiration after an alarming medical diagnosis. They also share their own journey.</p>	<p>Book, Medical, medical procedures, mental health</p>
<p>Fri Oct 20 10:41:38 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The NIA Centre Shelley Irwin opens My Story 5 Art Exhibition October 24</p>	<p>The NIA Centre is a nonprofit that aspires to become a nationally recognized African American Cultural Center that celebrates Black Excellence, opens its My Story 5 Art Exhibition, highlighting the impact of prejudice and more. We talk to Andre Dandridge, Esan Sommersell and Skot Welch about the organization and the exhibit.</p>	<p>The NIA Centre, NIA Centre, Art, BIPOC, Event</p>
<p>Fri Oct 20 10:41:36 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The Roving Mic Shelley Irwin talks to women in business for National Business Women's Month</p>	<p>This is National Business Women's Week and National Women's Small Business Month. The Roving Mic talks to two women in business about their challenges, surprises, thrills, and their advice for others. We talk to Anne Divitto and Betsy Fahlen Alverio at the Lantern.</p>	<p>Roving Mic, Henry Ford Health System, Women, Business, Small Business</p>
<p>Fri Oct 20 10:41:36 EDT 2023</p>	<p>DeVos Urban Shelley Irwin Leadership Initiative celebrates 25</p>	<p>DVULI, DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative, is a national program that supports leaders of urban youth with the training and skills needed to make a long lasting impact in their communities. The program is celebrating 25 years. Ron Carter, Director of Training and Resources, and Gerald Bell, Director of Communications, share what's been happening this</p>	<p>Devos, Urban Policy, Leadership, initiative, anniversary</p>

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Fri Oct 20 08:42:36 EDT 2023 MRI scan could predetermine side effects men will experience if radiation is prescribed for treating prostate cancer Patrick Center

One side effects men diagnosed with prostate cancer experience when receiving radiation treatment is the risk of experiencing moderate or chronic urges to urinate. A Corewell Health radiologist began researching the issue. Dr. Kiran Nandular says, "While chronic moderate urinary side effects were more problematic in approximately 28% of participants after three years, the good news is less than 3% of men experienced severe urinary side effects." Why the disparity? Dr. Nandalur found that the longer the prostatic urethra, the greater the chance of radiation inflammation. The findings published in the journal

Corewell Health, prostate cancer, study, Men's Health, Dr. Kiran Nandular

Fri Oct 20 08:35:45 EDT 2023 Michigan Senate passes partial RHA package Colin Jackson

abortion, Michigan Reproductive Health Act

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NCAA Associated Press
investigating
allegations of sign-
stealing by
Michigan.
Harbaugh denies
knowledge,
involvement

Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh denied any knowledge or involvement in plotting to steal opponents' play-calling signals by sending representatives to their games and said he would fully cooperate with an NCAA investigation into the allegations against his program. "I do not have any knowledge or information regarding the University of Michigan football program illegally stealing signals, nor have I directed any staff member or others to participate in an off-campus scouting assignment," Harbaugh said Thursday in a statement. "I have no awareness of anyone on our staff having done that or having directed that action." The Big Ten also announced it had been informed of the investigation. But the conference provided no further details, only to say that it had notified Michigan's upcoming opponents. The second-ranked Wolverines (7-0), who started their season with Harbaugh serving a university-imposed three-game suspension for a still unresolved NCAA infractions case, play at Michigan State on Saturday. "I want to personally assure you that U-M Athletics will offer its complete cooperation to the NCAA in this matter," Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel said Thursday. "At the University of Michigan, all of us are committed to the highest standards of ethics and integrity for all members of our community. This is the same expectation I have of all coaches, staff, and student-athletes." Michigan is coming off two straight playoff appearances under Harbaugh and is currently tied with No. 1 Georgia as the odds-on favorite to win the national title, according to FanDuel Sportsbook. The NCAA does not have rules specifically against stealing signs, but it does prohibit in-person advanced scouting of opponents and using electronic equipment to record an opponents' signals. There are also bylaws prohibiting unsportsmanlike or unethical activities. The NCAA had no comment, and the conference offered little more. "The Big Ten Conference considers the integrity of competition to be of utmost importance and will continue to monitor the investigation," the league said in a statement. Michigan has been tied up in an infractions case involving impermissible contact with high school prospects during the pandemic recruiting dead period

Jim Harbaugh,
cheating, Big Ten
Conference, NCAA,
allegations,
investigation,
University of
Michigan, football

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<p>Fri Oct 20 08:20:47 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Michigan Republican charged in false elector plot agrees to cooperation deal</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>A Michigan Republican accused of participating in a fake elector plot had all criminal charges dropped Thursday after he and the state Attorney General's office reached a cooperation deal. James Renner was one of 16 Republicans who acted as false electors for then-President Donald Trump in 2020, according to charges announced in July by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. President Joe Biden won Michigan by nearly 155,000 votes, a result confirmed by a GOP-led state Senate investigation in 2021. All 16 defendants pleaded not guilty to eight criminal charges, including multiple counts of forgery, after investigators say the group met following the 2020 presidential election and signed a document falsely stating they were the state's "duly elected and qualified electors." But on Thursday, the attorney general's office announced during a court hearing in Ingham County that it would drop its case against Renner, 77, based on "an agreement between the parties." Renner's lawyer, Clint Westbrook, said in court that he and his client welcomed the result. Westbrook did not immediately return a phone call seeking further comment on the agreement. In a statement, the state Attorney General's office said they dismissed the Renner case under a cooperation agreement. While the office did not elaborate further, cooperation agreements typically include talking to investigators and, if necessary, testifying against others. The dropped charges come after Nessel, a Democrat, told a liberal group during a virtual event that the false electors had been "brainwashed" and believed Trump won in Michigan. A motion to dismiss charges against two defendants was thrown out by an Ingham County District Court judge earlier this month. Michigan is one of seven battleground states where supporters of Trump signed certificates that falsely stated he won their states — not Biden. The fake certificates were ignored, but the attempt has been subject</p>	<p>Michigan, false elector scheme, James Renner, Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel</p>
<p>Thu Oct 19 15:44:01 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Whitmer signs bills to preserve Obamacare, outlaw LGBTQ discrimination in insurance</p>	<p>Rick Pluta</p>	<p>More than 322,000 Michiganders are signed up for the state's version of ACA coverage. Whitmer says this new law would ensure Healthy Michigan remains available even if the federal law is changed or scrapped by Congress or court decisions. That includes guaranteed coverage for hospitalization, pregnancy, emergency care. Also coverage cannot be denied for pre-existing conditions. The new law also prohibits insurers from denying coverage based on gender, gender identity or sexual orientation or expression. Whitmer said the state law guards</p>	<p>Governor Whitmer, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, ACA, Obamacare, health care, health care bill, LGBTQ, LGBTQ</p>

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Thu Oct 19 15:38:56 EDT 2023	Michigan Republican charged in false elector plot agrees to cooperation deal	Associated Press	A Michigan Republican accused of participating in a fake elector plot had all criminal charges dropped Thursday after he and the state Attorney General's office reached a cooperation deal.The defendant, James Renner, was one of 16 Republicans who investigators say met following the 2020 presidential election and signed a document falsely stating they were the state's "duly elected and qualified electors." Michigan was one of seven states where supporters of then-President Donald Trump signed certificates that falsely stated he won their states.President Joe Biden won Michigan by nearly 155,000 votes, a result confirmed by a GOP-led state Senate investigation in 2021.In July, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced that each of the 16 would face eight criminal charges, including multiple counts of forgery. All 16 had pleaded not guilty.But on Thursday, the attorney general's office announced during a court hearing in Ingham County that it would be dropping its case against Renner, 77, based on "an agreement between the parties."Renner's lawyer, Clint Westbrook, said in court that he and his client welcomed the result. Westbrook did not immediately return a phone call seeking further comment on the agreement.In a statement, the state Attorney General's office said they dismissed the case Renner case under a cooperation agreement but did not elaborate on the	Dana Nessel, Attorney General Dana Nessel, 2020 Presidential Election, electors, fraud, charges, Trump, Trump supporters, President Trump
Thu Oct 19 10:44:29 EDT 2023	Third Coast Swing to play at the Playhouse at White Lake	Shelley Irwin	Members from the band Third Coast Swing, Steve and Kaedin plummer will be on stage at the Playhouse at White Lake on November 3. We discuss and listen to their music, that they call Gypsy Jazz. This performance is part of First Friday at the Playhouse, a popular Made in Michigan series.	Playhouse at White Lake, The Playhouse, Gypsy jazz, Jazz, swing
Thu Oct 19 10:44:29 EDT 2023	The GRAM opens the exhibit Underneath Everything: Humility and Grandeur in	Shelley Irwin	The GRAM opens the exhibit Underneath Everything: Humility and Grandeur in Contemporary Ceramics, and a collaboration with Wealthy Theatre. Curator of Collections and Exhibitions Jennifer Wcisel joins the show to discuss.	GRAM, Art, ceramics, Pottery, art museum
Thu Oct 19 10:44:22 EDT 2023	Jurassic Live World Tour comes to GR this	Shelley Irwin	The Jurassic Live World Tour comes to GR this weekend. Dinosaurs and more to grace the stage, we talk with puppeteer Tomas Monquete who plays a dinosaur in the show. The stage comes alive against a backdrop of captivating scenery.	Van Andel Arena, Event, Van Andel, Dinosaur, Puppet,
Thu Oct 19 10:44:18 EDT 2023	The Roving Mic takes you to the ReNew facility	Shelley Irwin	ReNew Mobility uses the motto: Access equipment, Enhance independence, Promote inclusion. The Roving Mic takes you to the ReNew facility to introduce you to those in charge and those who receive. We also discuss a fundraiser opportunity via the sport of Fowling. ED	Roving Mic, Mobility, Disability, Accessibility,

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Thu Oct 19 08:49:41 EDT 2023	Federal judge sentences two marihuana industry lobbyists for their roles in bribery scheme	Patrick Center	A federal judge has sentenced Vincent Brown to spend 20 months in prison. Brian Pierce also received two years behind bars. The two were Marijuana lobbyists representing companies entering the Michigan marijuana market. The five member Michigan Medical Licensing Board oversees licensing and regulation. Rick Johnson, who was chair from 2017 through 2019, received bribes from Brown and Pierce totaling more than \$40,000. Johnson, who was Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives from 2001 through 2004, was recently sentenced to 55 months in a federal prison after pleading guilty to soliciting and accepting bribes. After sentencing Brown and Pierce, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan Mark Totten spoke to a text message Brown sent to a client. "We own the board." Wednesday on Capitol Hill, a second vote for U.S. Representative Jim Jordan, an Ohio Republican, was called. "Huizenga...Jordan...Jordan." U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga supports Jordan, but 22 of his Republican colleagues do not. Jordan must secure 217 votes – a majority – to gain the speakership. He received 199 and that's two fewer than the initial vote. After the votes were counted Tuesday, the Zeeland Republican spoke with reporters on C-SPAN. Huizenga addressed the idea of empowering speaker pro tempore, Patrick McHenry. "I don't think that that would be a direction necessarily that we would go. We probably might have to do something very limited, very temporary if there is really, truly an impasse.	Michigan Medical Marihuana Licensing Board, Rick Johnson, Mark Totten, U.S. attorney, United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Vincent Brown, Brian House Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga, U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, Republicans, GOP, majority, Patrick
Thu Oct 19 08:34:57 EDT 2023	West Michigan Congressman reacts to failed U.S. House Speaker votes	Patrick Center		

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Thu Oct 19 08:19:00 EDT 2023	U.S. announces \$3.5B for projects nationwide to strengthen electric grid, bolster resilience	Associated Press	<p>The Biden administration on Wednesday announced \$3.5 billion for 58 projects across the country to strengthen electric grid resilience as extreme weather events such as the deadly Maui and California wildfires continue to strain the nation's aging transmission systems. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said it was the largest federal investment ever in grid infrastructure, supporting projects that will harden electric systems and improve energy reliability and affordability. The federal spending, combined with money promised by private partners, could result in up to \$8 billion in investments nationally to upgrade the grid, Granholm said. "The grid, as it currently sits, is not equipped to handle all the new demand" and withstand natural disasters and extreme weather worsened by climate change, Granholm said at a news conference. "We need it to be bigger, we need it to be stronger, we need it to be smarter" to bring a range of renewable energy projects online and meet the Biden administration's goal of reaching 100% clean electricity by 2035, she said. Projects funded by the federal Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program will increase the flexibility, efficiency and reliability of electric power systems, with a particular focus on spurring solar, wind and other renewable energy, Granholm said. The projects also are aimed at fixing problems that may contribute to wildfires and other disasters and will improve reliability by deploying innovative approaches to electricity transmission, storage and distribution, she and other officials said. Projects to be funded include \$249 million each for rural areas in Georgia and Louisiana and \$250 million for a Native American tribe in Oregon. The largest grant, \$464 million, will go to improve five transmission projects across seven Midwestern states, from Iowa to North Dakota. The money includes \$95 million previously announced for Hawaii in the wake of devastating wildfires this summer, and \$150 million to PacifiCorp to upgrade the</p>	power grid, electricity, Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Energy Secretary, Biden Administration
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Thu Oct 19 08:11:01 EDT 2023	Hospital systems Ascension and Henry Ford Health plan joint venture	Associated Press	<p>Two Michigan hospital systems plan to combine operations in the Detroit metropolitan area and the center of the state, they announced Wednesday. Henry Ford Health and Ascension Michigan have entered into a joint venture to combine Ascension’s southeast Michigan and Genesys health care facilities and assets with those of Henry Ford Health, they said in a news release. The combined operations would give the venture nearly 44% of the metro Detroit hospital market by revenue, The Detroit News reported. Eight Ascension hospitals and related care sites and Ascension's Brighton Center for Recovery addiction treatment center would be renamed under Henry Ford Health. The combined, Detroit-based organization would have \$10.5 billion in operating revenue and be led by Henry Ford Health CEO Bob Riney. A board of directors with representatives from both hospital groups would oversee operations. The combined health system is expected to employ 50,000 people across more than 550 care sites. The partners are preparing to submit the agreement to state and federal regulatory agencies for review and hope the transaction closes Permitting for the project to house the Line 5 pipeline has been delayed for years over environmental concerns. Republican Senator John Damoose says rural areas and the Upper Peninsula depend on gas carried by Line 5. “Up North, I got to tell you, we get tired of people coming up and protesting the line and patting themselves on the back as if they’ve done something, and then getting in their SUVs to drive home.” But “Clean Water Action” Michigan State Director Sean McBrearty says most of the fuel the pipeline carries doesn’t go to Democratic Senator Jeff Irwin is the bill sponsor. He says Michigan is the only state to offer this level of legal protection to pharmaceutical companies. “And I think we have a moral responsibility to say, no, we are going to stand up for our people and when folks harm them through negligence, there has to be a path of accountability.” Irwin says the immunity law has also failed in its purpose of encouraging drug companies to locate in Michigan. Support for the</p>	Henry Ford Health System, merger, Hospital, Detroit
Thu Oct 19 07:31:57 EDT 2023	Michigan Senate Republicans pen Line 5 support letter	Colin Jackson	<p>Permitting for the project to house the Line 5 pipeline has been delayed for years over environmental concerns. Republican Senator John Damoose says rural areas and the Upper Peninsula depend on gas carried by Line 5. “Up North, I got to tell you, we get tired of people coming up and protesting the line and patting themselves on the back as if they’ve done something, and then getting in their SUVs to drive home.” But “Clean Water Action” Michigan State Director Sean McBrearty says most of the fuel the pipeline carries doesn’t go to Democratic Senator Jeff Irwin is the bill sponsor. He says Michigan is the only state to offer this level of legal protection to pharmaceutical companies. “And I think we have a moral responsibility to say, no, we are going to stand up for our people and when folks harm them through negligence, there has to be a path of accountability.” Irwin says the immunity law has also failed in its purpose of encouraging drug companies to locate in Michigan. Support for the</p>	line 5, Enbridge Line 5 pipeline, Enbridge Energy Line 5, Enbridge, Enbridge Energy, Republicans
Wed Oct 18 16:15:46 EDT 2023	MI Senate votes to lift drug company immunity from lawsuits	Rick Pluta	<p>Democratic Senator Jeff Irwin is the bill sponsor. He says Michigan is the only state to offer this level of legal protection to pharmaceutical companies. “And I think we have a moral responsibility to say, no, we are going to stand up for our people and when folks harm them through negligence, there has to be a path of accountability.” Irwin says the immunity law has also failed in its purpose of encouraging drug companies to locate in Michigan. Support for the</p>	drugs, opioids lawsuit drug companies, drug court, lawsuit, Michigan Senate

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Wed Oct 18 15:54:11 EDT 2023	Lobbyist gets 2 years in prison for Michigan marijuana bribery scheme	Associated Press	<p>A lobbyist responsible for \$42,000 in bribes given to the head of a Michigan marijuana licensing board was sentenced Wednesday to two years in federal prison. Brian Pierce cooperated with investigators in bagging the big target, Rick Johnson, who was formerly known as a powerful Republican lawmaker before leading the marijuana board in 2017-19. The board reviewed and approved applications to grow and sell marijuana for medical purposes. Johnson was recently https://apnews.com/article/michigan-marijuana-board-bribery-3299a13d408bf05d15526c6ecce955d7 sentenced to more than four years in prison for accepting \$110,000 when he was in charge. Pierce, a lobbyist and consultant for politicians and the marijuana industry, was greedy and in a "dark place" when he conspired to bribe Johnson, defense attorney Ben Gonek said in a court filing. Prosecutors said Pierce's corruption included paying a Detroit stripper \$2,000 to have sex with Johnson. "Pierce's bribes corrupted the process for the state's issuance of licenses for businesses to operate in a new and lucrative industry," Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher O'Connor said in a court filing. Pierce's partner, Vincent Brown, also faces sentencing Wednesday. Michigan voters legalized marijuana for medical purposes in 2008. A decade early this month, rape survivor and activist Brenda Tracy was granted a temporary emergency restraining order against Mel Tucker and his attorneys. The complaint was made after Tucker's legal team published some of Tracy's texts to the public. The release occurred shortly before an M-S-U Title NINE hearing on her claims of sexual misconduct. Karen Truszkowski is part of Tracy's legal team. She says a previous hearing about the case was cancelled. "That is because the opposing parties removed the case from state court to federal court, which they are allowed to do that. If they can show that the federal court has jurisdiction." A decision from The Commissioners are not going to vote on the zoo's plan to convert part of John Ball Park into parking spaces until finance and physical resources Vice Chairman Stephen Wooden says there is one more public hearing "At least have one final public engagement session" The Zoo is a victim of its own success, an ever growing number of visitors but nowhere to park. Zoo CEO Peter Darienzo says they hear it all the time "Our number one complaint from zoo guests is lack of parking." The Zoo proposes paving over some of the grass in John Ball Park for parking, a plan opposed by some neighbors like Jenna Lyons "And it is disappointing to know that park might not be enjoyed if we are paving over it for parking." But visitors already park on the lawn when there are no open spaces at the zoo. Shawn Nolan from nearby Sacred Heart Academy thinks the zoo's parking, green space and traffic flow redesign is a safety</p>	Bribes, marijuana, lobbyist, Medical Marijuana Licensing Board, marijuana industry
Wed Oct 18 15:34:05 EDT 2023	Mel Tucker's Lawyers file to move text message lawsuit to federal court	Michelle Jokisch Polo	<p>Early this month, rape survivor and activist Brenda Tracy was granted a temporary emergency restraining order against Mel Tucker and his attorneys. The complaint was made after Tucker's legal team published some of Tracy's texts to the public. The release occurred shortly before an M-S-U Title NINE hearing on her claims of sexual misconduct. Karen Truszkowski is part of Tracy's legal team. She says a previous hearing about the case was cancelled. "That is because the opposing parties removed the case from state court to federal court, which they are allowed to do that. If they can show that the federal court has jurisdiction." A decision from The Commissioners are not going to vote on the zoo's plan to convert part of John Ball Park into parking spaces until finance and physical resources Vice Chairman Stephen Wooden says there is one more public hearing "At least have one final public engagement session" The Zoo is a victim of its own success, an ever growing number of visitors but nowhere to park. Zoo CEO Peter Darienzo says they hear it all the time "Our number one complaint from zoo guests is lack of parking." The Zoo proposes paving over some of the grass in John Ball Park for parking, a plan opposed by some neighbors like Jenna Lyons "And it is disappointing to know that park might not be enjoyed if we are paving over it for parking." But visitors already park on the lawn when there are no open spaces at the zoo. Shawn Nolan from nearby Sacred Heart Academy thinks the zoo's parking, green space and traffic flow redesign is a safety</p>	lawsuit, MSU, Title IX, sexual assault, sexual misconduct
Wed Oct 18 13:56:46 EDT 2023	Zoo neighbors oppose parking lot expansion plans	Phil Dawson	<p>The Commissioners are not going to vote on the zoo's plan to convert part of John Ball Park into parking spaces until finance and physical resources Vice Chairman Stephen Wooden says there is one more public hearing "At least have one final public engagement session" The Zoo is a victim of its own success, an ever growing number of visitors but nowhere to park. Zoo CEO Peter Darienzo says they hear it all the time "Our number one complaint from zoo guests is lack of parking." The Zoo proposes paving over some of the grass in John Ball Park for parking, a plan opposed by some neighbors like Jenna Lyons "And it is disappointing to know that park might not be enjoyed if we are paving over it for parking." But visitors already park on the lawn when there are no open spaces at the zoo. Shawn Nolan from nearby Sacred Heart Academy thinks the zoo's parking, green space and traffic flow redesign is a safety</p>	John Ball Zoo, parking, Grand Rapids, Kent County, Commissioners, vote

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Wed Oct 18 10:41:50 EDT 2023	Weird But True Disney: 300 Wonderful Facts to Celebrate the Magic of Disney	Shelley Irwin	So much hidden history of Disney! We talk to the Senior Editor of Weird But True Disney: 300 Wonderful Facts to Celebrate the Magic of Disney. Little known info about the parks themselves, a floral sculpture of Mickey Mouse in Dubai Miracle Garden included!	Book, Disney, National Geographic, National Geographic Kids, Disney
Wed Oct 18 10:41:47 EDT 2023	The Spirit Glass	Shelley Irwin	The author of The Spirit Glass, Roshani Chokshi pays tribute to her Filipino heritage in a story that has all the magic, sparkle and heart that made her Aru Shah series a fantasy classic. We talk about how she draws on elements of Hindu mythology and elements of Filipino culture.	Book, young people, Hindu, Mythology
Wed Oct 18 10:41:45 EDT 2023	Island Medicine: A Novel	Shelley Irwin	A new novel has been published, a work of historical fiction that leans heavily on the legend of Feodor Protar, who lived on Beaver Island 1893-1925. Emeritus Professor of Psychology Dr. David Bernstein shares the theme and details of Island Medicine: A Novel. Bernstein owned a	Book, New book, Novel, Local Author, mackinac
Wed Oct 18 10:41:42 EDT 2023	Climate Change Education Solutions Summit 2023 Taking Place at the Pew	Shelley Irwin	Dr. Elena Lioubimtseva is passionate about the climate, and as such is in the midst of the annual CCESS, Climate Change Education Solutions Summit 2023, which began yesterday on the Pew Campus. Elena shares a recap on the first day of the summit, the theme Connecting Minds for a Sustainable Climate Future. Bryan Alexander, creator of the Future of Higher Education Observatory is the Keynote speaker. Elena shares the details.	Climate, Climate Crisis, Climate Change, Education, Grand Rapids Pew Campus
Wed Oct 18 10:41:40 EDT 2023	New Courses In Robotics and More Coming to Grand Rapids'	Shelley Irwin	Welcome the President of GRCC Dr. Charles Lepper for a conversation, about his vision and goals, school partnerships, GRCC economic impact, enrollment growth, and academics including new courses in robotics and applied technology.	Grand Rapids Community College, GRCC, robotics,
Wed Oct 18 09:24:43 EDT 2023	Grand Rapids' Valley Field restoration project breaks ground Wednesday	Patrick Center	Valley Field was constructed in 1937. The historic baseball park located on Grand Rapids' westside is also known as Sullivan Field. Nonprofit Fans of Valley Field is raising money to renovate the ballpark and create a year-round community space. Grand Rapids' Sullivan Field is one of 17 West Michigan placemaking projects sharing \$6.1 million. The money from the American Rescue Plan is distributed through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Fans of Valley Field recently received \$680,000 toward its capital campaign goal of \$4.2 million. So far, \$3.6 million has been raised. Money for renovating the grandstands,	Valley Field, Sullivan Field, Grand Rapids, Fans of Valley Field, renovation, ground breaking, Restoration

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Wed Oct 18 09:12:47 EDT 2023	Detroit casino workers strike in latest labor strife in Michigan	Associated Press	<p>Workers at Detroit's three casinos went on strike Tuesday, the latest major labor dispute in Michigan and one that follows a partial walkout at auto companies. Unions represent 3,700 people, including dealers, cleaning staff, valets and food staff. The casinos — MGM Grand Detroit, MotorCity Casino and Hollywood Casino at Greektown — pledged to stay open. "We will take whatever lawful action is necessary to fill shifts and continue providing our customers with entertainment and service," Matt Buckley, president and chief operating officer of MGM Resorts Midwest Group, said in a letter to employees. Unions said they're concerned about health insurance and job security. "These companies are making more than ever, and it's time they respect us for all the sacrifices we made to keep the doors open during the pandemic," said Terri Sykes, a dealer at MotorCity Casino and president of United Auto Workers Local 7777. The unions said casino workers have received only 3% raises since a three-year contract extension in 2020. The three Detroit casinos reported \$1.27 billion in U.S. regulators are investigating General Motors' Cruise autonomous vehicle division after receiving reports of incidents where vehicles may not have used proper caution around pedestrians in roadways. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that the reports involve automated driving system equipped vehicles encroaching on pedestrians present in or entering roadways, including crosswalks. This could raise the risk of a vehicle striking a pedestrian, which could result in severe injury or death, according to the NHTSA. The NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation said that it's received two reports involving pedestrian injuries from Cruise vehicles. It's also identified two additional incidents from videos posted to public websites. The office said the total number of relevant pedestrian incidents is unknown. It opened an investigation on Monday. "Cruise's safety record over 5 million miles continues to outperform comparable human drivers at a time when pedestrian injuries and deaths are at an all-time high," Cruise spokesperson Hannah Lindow said in a prepared statement. "Cruise communicates regularly with NHTSA and has consistently cooperated with each of NHTSA's requests for information — whether associated with an investigation or not — and we plan to continue doing so." The ODI said its investigation is being opened to help determine the scope and severity of the potential problem, including causal factors that may relate to ADS driving policies and performance around pedestrians. and to fully assess the</p>	casinos, Detroit, unions, Strike, wages, pay raise, Healthcare, benefits
Wed Oct 18 09:06:40 EDT 2023	US regulators investigate GM's Cruise division over incidents involving pedestrians in roadways	Associated Press	<p>U.S. regulators are investigating General Motors' Cruise autonomous vehicle division after receiving reports of incidents where vehicles may not have used proper caution around pedestrians in roadways. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that the reports involve automated driving system equipped vehicles encroaching on pedestrians present in or entering roadways, including crosswalks. This could raise the risk of a vehicle striking a pedestrian, which could result in severe injury or death, according to the NHTSA. The NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation said that it's received two reports involving pedestrian injuries from Cruise vehicles. It's also identified two additional incidents from videos posted to public websites. The office said the total number of relevant pedestrian incidents is unknown. It opened an investigation on Monday. "Cruise's safety record over 5 million miles continues to outperform comparable human drivers at a time when pedestrian injuries and deaths are at an all-time high," Cruise spokesperson Hannah Lindow said in a prepared statement. "Cruise communicates regularly with NHTSA and has consistently cooperated with each of NHTSA's requests for information — whether associated with an investigation or not — and we plan to continue doing so." The ODI said its investigation is being opened to help determine the scope and severity of the potential problem, including causal factors that may relate to ADS driving policies and performance around pedestrians. and to fully assess the</p>	General Motors, GM, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA, autonomous vehicles, pedestrian, Cruise

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Three West
Michigan men
face charges in
April 14 homicide

Media Release

Two individuals, Gemir Blakely (19), and Omarion Dixon (18), were located and arrested yesterday by members of the US Marshal's Fugitive Task Force for the April 14 th murder of 20-year-old Julius Hight. In addition to Blakely and Dixon, a third suspect, Cartier Lawrence-Murray (20) was already in custody on unrelated charges. All three are facing charges of open murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and assault with intent to murder, among other charges. "Any loss of life due to murder is tragic for our community, but especially so when a young person is the victim. I hope these arrests bring some measure of comfort and closure to Julius' loved ones," said Chief Eric Winstrom with the Grand Rapids Police Department. "I commend the GRPD Major Case team and our federal partners for their dedication and

GRPD, homicide,
sentencing,
sentence, murder

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Tue Oct 17 16:05:18 EDT 2023	Ex-Michigan gubernatorial candidate sentenced to 2 months behind bars for Capitol riot role	Associated Press	<p>A judge on Tuesday sentenced a former Republican candidate for Michigan governor to two months behind bars for joining a mob's Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, where he riled up other rioters and ripped a tarp outside the building.Ryan Kelley, who finished fourth in a primary field of five Republican gubernatorial candidates last year, pleaded guilty in July to a misdemeanor for his role in the siege. Several months before his guilty plea, Kelley posted on social media that the Capitol riot was an FBI “set up.” His campaign posted the words “political prisoner” on Facebook after his June 2022 arrest. U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper told Kelley that he misused his platform as a candidate for public office by promoting lies about election fraud, including the baseless claim that Jan. 6 was somehow part of an FBI plot. “A lot of folks voted for you. A lot of folks followed you,” Cooper said before sentencing Kelley to 60 days of imprisonment and ordering him to pay a \$5,000 fine. Kelley, 42, traveled from Allendale, Michigan, to Washington, D.C., to attend then-President Donald Trump’s “Stop the Steal” rally near the White House on Jan. 6. Kelley told the judge that he wanted to see “receipts” supporting Trump’s claims that Democrats stole the 2020 presidential election from him, the Republican incumbent. “Those receipts never came,” he said. “That is a betrayal, and I was misled into believing those things,” Kelley said. But he said he doesn’t blame Trump for his conduct on Jan. 6. “He did invite us there, but my actions were my actions,” Kelley said. Kelley, a 42-year-old real estate broker, isn’t accused of engaging in violence on Jan. 6. But federal prosecutors said he helped breach scaffolding, stirred up the mob with his shouts and gestured for other rioters to move closer to the Capitol and to police officers guarding the building. Kelley pleaded guilty to entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, a charge punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of one year. Prosecutors recommended sentencing Kelley to three months of incarceration. “Mr. Many of the bills have already cleared the Senate on bipartisan votes. Adoption by the House Criminal Justice Committee brings the legislation a step closer to the governor’s desk. Democratic Senator Stephanie Chang says these bills will help protect domestic violence survivors once abusers have been released from the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system. “Individuals convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence will be prohibited from having a gun for eight years after the completion of their sentence.” There was some</p>	Capitol riot, Riot, Ryan Kelley, sentenced, jail, jail time
Tue Oct 17 15:50:59 EDT 2023	Committee sends domestic violence firearm bills to House floor	Rick Pluta	<p>Many of the bills have already cleared the Senate on bipartisan votes. Adoption by the House Criminal Justice Committee brings the legislation a step closer to the governor’s desk. Democratic Senator Stephanie Chang says these bills will help protect domestic violence survivors once abusers have been released from the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system. “Individuals convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence will be prohibited from having a gun for eight years after the completion of their sentence.” There was some</p>	domestic violence, guns, gun, gun laws

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Tue Oct 17 15:34:06 EDT 2023	General Motors delays electric pickup truck production at plant near Detroit as US EV demand slows	Associated Press	General Motors will delay electric pickup truck production at a factory near Detroit due to slowing U.S. demand for electric vehicles, to better manage its capital investments, and to make some engineering changes. The company said in a statement Tuesday that the factory in Orion Township, Michigan, will instead start making electric Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups in late 2025. Originally the company had planned to start production sometime next year. GM spokesman Kevin Kelly said the change has nothing to do with the ongoing four-week partial strike by members of the United Auto Workers union. "What's happening in the marketplace does play a factor," said Kelly, who added that the company wants to make engineering changes that will improve the trucks' profitability. About 1,000 workers at the Orion plant will keep building the Chevrolet Bolt hatchback small electric car and Bolt electric utility vehicle through the end of this year as planned, the company said in a statement. Workers will be offered positions at other Michigan factories until their plant reopens, the statement said. GM already is building a Chevrolet Silverado work truck at its "Factory Zero" electric vehicle plant, which straddles the border between Detroit and the enclave of Hamtramck. The plant also makes the GMC Hummer EV as well as the Cruise Origin, a multi-passenger electric ride-hailing shuttle. GM says it's still planning to ramp up production at Factory Zero next year, including adding a second shift. Demand for electric vehicles in the U.S. has started to level off after a couple of years of huge growth. In August, for example, automakers sold almost 111,000 EVs, equating to 8.3% of the total market. But in September, sales dropped to just under 106,000, or 7.9% of the market. August EV sales were up almost 60% from a year earlier, but in September, the year-over-year growth rate dropped to 56%, according to Motorintelligence.com. U.S. dealers had an 88-day supply of new EVs at the end of September, compared with the industry as a whole, which had a 56-day supply, according to data from Kelley Blue Book. The average price of an EV was just over \$61,000 in January, but that fell to just under \$51,000 in September. That's because of large price cuts by market leader Tesla and increased production and sales of the lower-cost Chevrolet Bolt. Sam	GMC, GM, General Motors, delays, delay, electric cars, demand
Tue Oct 17 11:58:25 EDT 2023	Gerald R. Ford International Airport recognized as nation's best small market	Patrick Center	The Gerald R. Ford International Airport has received the USA TODAY Reader's Choice Award after being voted the best small market airport. An expert panel selected 20 finalists, then put them to a public vote. Huntsville International Airport was runner-up followed by Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport. USA TODAY made note of commercial flight offerings, easy access, and amenities. Ford exceeds the number of small market guests it serves. The	USA Today, USA TODAY Reader's Choice Award, Gerald R. Ford International Airport,

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Tue Oct 17 10:15:22 EDT 2023	John Ball Zoo Hosting Naming Contest for Baby Red Pandas	Shelley Irwin	The John Ball Zoo asks you to vote. The zoo has launched a naming contest for the red panda cubs, the donations made for voting will benefit animal conservation. We talk to Rhiannon Mulligan, Education Manager for the Zoo, about how the process works and a bit of Red Panda 101.	Zoo, John Ball Zoo, contest, Animals, Babies
Tue Oct 17 10:15:18 EDT 2023	Civil Discourse Symposium to take place at GVSU on	Shelley Irwin	GVSU Endowed Professor of Civil Discourse Greg Warsen joins TSIS to promote a Symposium on November 16 on the topic of Civil Discourse, panelists and community conversation encouraged.	GVSU, Civil Discourse, Padnos/Sarosik Civil Discourse
Tue Oct 17 10:15:16 EDT 2023	Experience Grand Rapids CEO Doug Small Receives 2023 Siena Heights University Outstanding Alumni Award	Shelley Irwin	Experience Grand Rapids is thriving under the leadership of President and CEO Doug Small, who just received the 2023 Siena Heights University Outstanding Alumni Award. He was recognized for outstanding his professional achievements and more. We talk about the achievements and what’s in store for 2024.	Experience Grand Rapids, experience gr, Awards, CEO, alumni
Tue Oct 17 10:15:15 EDT 2023	The Roving Mic takes you to the Lavender Life	Shelley Irwin	The Roving Mic takes you to a Lavender Farm in Caledonia. We discuss the medicinal effects, and how good lavender smells and tastes. We talk to owners of Lavender Life Company Vicki and Victor Bennett about the farm and how they are giving back to the community.	Roving Mic, Caledonia, Farm, Lavender Life Co,
Mon Oct 16 17:45:32 EDT 2023	State program leads to over 500 illegal gun confiscations	Colin Jackson	The “Operation Safe Neighborhoods” initiative launched a little over a year ago.It involves checking in on people on parole or probation to see if they illegally have a gun at home or work.Michigan Department of Corrections legislative liaison Kyle Kaminski says the operation is just one part of addressing the issue of illegal guns.“It’s really [going] after those situations that we think pose the greatest risk to the public. We know—we have tools and assessments to help us understand who poses the greatest risk. And so, with that, we’re able to use that to	Michigan Department of Corrections, Safety, Public Safety
Mon Oct 16 17:03:01 EDT 2023	Kent County’s Recycling and Education Center will go offline next week for upgrades	Patrick Center	The Kent County Department of Public Works will upgrade and replace equipment at its Grand Rapids Recycling and Education Center.This is where residential recyclables from across the area come for processing and converted into new packing, glass bottles and clothing.Beginning next week, that processing will pause October 24th through the end of the month. Aging equipment will be replaced, and upgrades will be made to improve efficiency. The county will focus on rebuilding the bailer, installing a new glass cleaning system and replacing the conveyor belts.Residential recyclables will be redirected to	Kent County Department of Public Works, Kent County Recycling Center

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Madeline Peyroux Scott Vander Werf
at St. Cecilia
Music Center

Scott Vander Werf: Madeline Peyroux makes her Grand Rapids debut on Saturday, October 21st at St. Cecilia Music Center. She's an artist who crosses over from jazz to blues and folk music with a tradition of busking and playing intimate music. Her voice is distinctive, recalling Billie Holiday and Bessie Smith while at the same time encompassing her own individual artistry. Here's Walkin' After Midnight from her first album, Dreamland:[MUSIC]SVW: I spoke to Madeline by telephone and I asked her how she's doing here since her musical life was shut down by the pandemic in 2020.Madeline Peyroux: Well, thank you so much for asking, Scott. I'm just one of so many people in this world, however many people there are in this world, that's just dealing with the day-to-day stuff. And I'm grateful to be a musician, you know, even when we're not all getting together and hustling, bustling around, they would normally do. But I will say that I...I believe more strongly in the things that I believed in before the pandemic. I hope that's a good thing because the things that I believe in are gatherings with strangers to hear good music, hear, you know, nurturing sounds and think of dreamy ideas. And I believe it's good for society, it's good for the individual. And so being able to get back into that groove of being around other people is really exciting and fulfilling. And I feel like, you know, ever since I started touring again in late 2021, that I've had such, even a more magical experience than ever. It's been a very special time. People are really grateful to be together and I'm grateful to be with them. And that hasn't gone away yet. It's not gotten old, if you know what I mean, like coming back out of the cave.SVW: I kind of sense it myself when I'm at concerts that people seem a little bit more humble and also a little bit more joyous.MP: Yeah, exactly. Exactly. And it just, a lot of meaning in the little things, a lot more appreciation. And I'm sure there's a lot of sadness as well. And we have to share that and face, you know, that there was a lot of heartache. But doing it together is actually very nurturing and very, you know, very positive thing. So I tend to come out of every concert feeling like this is what we should be doing all the time. We should, or at least we should make sure that everybody, every little kid, you know, has a chance to do that on a regular basis. There would be less tendency to violence in any shape or form if we could just have a little bit more of these type of innocent community gatherings. You know, without an agenda, you know, you don't have to do anything. You can just be, you know.SVW: Well, your, your tour is billed as part of the careless love, uh, anniversary, um, tour and continuing that. Um, I just was interested in how you

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<p>Mon Oct 16 15:40:16 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Ford Executive Chair Bill Ford calls on autoworkers to end strike, says company's future is at stake</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>Ford Motor Co. Executive Chairman Bill Ford called on autoworkers to come together to end a monthlong strike that he says could cost the company the ability to invest in the future. In a rare speech during contract talks in the company's hometown of Dearborn, Michigan, Ford said high labor costs could limit spending to develop new vehicles and invest in factories. "It's the absolute lifeblood of our company. And if we lose it, we will lose to the competition. America loses. Many jobs will be lost," said the great grandson of company founder Henry Ford. The company, he said, builds more vehicles in America and has more United Auto Workers employees than any company, which has increased its costs in a highly competitive industry. Ford has 57,000 UAW workers compared with 46,000 at GM and 43,000 at Stellantis. "Many of our competitors moved jobs to Mexico as we added jobs here in the U.S.," Ford said. The company is near an impasse with the United Auto Workers union, which walked out in targeted strikes at all three Detroit automakers on Sept. 15, Last week 8,700 union members walked out at the largest and most profitable Ford plant in the world, the Kentucky Truck Plant in Louisville. Ford said the strike at the Kentucky plant is harming tens of thousands of Americans who work for parts suppliers and Ford dealers. The strike also could cause a fragile parts supply base to collapse, he said. "If it continues, it will have a major impact on the American economy and devastate local communities," he said. There was no response from the UAW on Monday when The Associated Press sought comment. Bill Ford, only the fourth family member to lead the 120-year-old company, said he has watched other countries lose their auto industries, then all of their manufacturing base. He said strong American manufacturing is essential for national security. "We need to come together to bring an end to this acrimonious round of talks," Ford said. "I still believe in a bright future – one that we can build together. I still believe the automobile industry is a major force for good in our country. We will continue to be there when America needs us most." Last week, after the Kentucky strike began, a top Ford executive said on a conference call with reporters that Ford had reached the limit in how much it was willing to spend to end the strike. At the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne west of Detroit, few workers are on the picket lines Monday afternoon said they listened to Ford's speech. When told what Ford said about investing in the PEO is having a fundraiser this Saturday. The Philanthropic Educational Organization was founded in 1869 and continues today, recognizing the importance of education for women and insuring that women have the opportunity to access higher learning. We talk to Barbara Kligenmaier and Tami Budd.</p>	<p>Ford, Ford Motor Company, auto industry, Strike, Dearborn</p> <p>Philanthropy, corporate philanthropy, Educational Foundation, Women,</p>
<p>Mon Oct 16 11:24:08 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The Philanthropic Educational Organization Hosts Fundraiser on Sunday</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>PEO is having a fundraiser this Saturday. The Philanthropic Educational Organization was founded in 1869 and continues today, recognizing the importance of education for women and insuring that women have the opportunity to access higher learning. We talk to Barbara Kligenmaier and Tami Budd.</p>	<p>Philanthropy, corporate philanthropy, Educational Foundation, Women,</p>

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<p>Mon Oct 16 11:24:04 EDT 2023</p>	<p>GVSU Music and Theatre Department presents Dracula: A Feminist</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>GVSU Music and Theatre Department presents Dracula: A Feminist Revenge Fantasy, Really. We talk to Director Demetria Thomas and Student Riley Begeman about the play, story, and take home message. The show opens October 26th, an adaptation of Bram Stoker’s vampire classic.</p>	<p>GVSU Theatre, Play, GVSU, Performing Arts, Women</p>
<p>Mon Oct 16 11:24:01 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The Bodies Keep Coming: Dispatches from a Black Trauma Surgeon on</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Dr. Brian H. Williams learned to keep his head down and his scalpel ready, he shares Harvard trained life as a surgeon in the book The Bodies Keep Coming: Dispatches from a Black Trauma Surgeon on Racism, Violence, and How We Heal. We talk to Dr. W.</p>	<p>Book, Surgery, Memoir, black community, equity</p>
<p>Mon Oct 16 11:23:57 EDT 2023</p>	<p>City of Grand Rapids invests \$100,000 in the New Community</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>The City of Grand Rapids invests \$100,000 in the New Community Transformation Fund, this GR based venture fund is aimed at boosting businesses owned by people of color in West Michigan. We talk to City Manager Mark Washington about this important step for increasing economic prosperity for entrepreneurs of color.</p>	<p>Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids City, Grand Rapids development, Business, People of</p>
<p>Mon Oct 16 11:23:54 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Grand Rapids Public Museum to See Expansion As Part of River Restoration</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Changes are coming to the shores of the Grand River. President and CEO of the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Dale Robertson, joins the show to discuss this historic moment for GR Forward, the river restoration, and the Museum. We talk about one of the first in several projects to begin along the river.</p>	<p>GRPM, GR Public Museum, Museum, Public Museum, River, Grand River restoration</p>

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Mon Oct 16 11:14:09 EDT 2023	Medicare shoppers often face a barrage of unsolicited calls and aggressive ads	Leslie Walker, Dan Gorenstein	<p>One minute last December Leslie Montgomery was a medieval warlord pillaging a nearby kingdom. The next she was a retiree drowning in a flood of confusing Medicare sales calls.</p> <p>
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The 75-year-old had been deeply immersed in her favorite free online game when a banner ad appeared warning her that she might be missing out on money from the federal government. She clicked, and within minutes, she received an avalanche of calls with health insurance quotes she had never requested.</p> <p>
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A batch of federal regulations issued this year aim to protect consumers like Montgomery. Following a sharp rise in complaints of misleading marketing of private Medicare plans and a damning report by Senate Democrats, the Biden administration finalized new rules to rein in deceptive Medicare marketing tactics.</p> <p>
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Those reforms face their first big test as Medicare's open enrollment period kicks off. It's an annual chance for the country's 65 million Medicare beneficiaries to shop for higher quality, lower cost insurance coverage.</p> <p>
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It's easy to see why Montgomery gets tempted by these kinds of online ads. She's one of about 12 million people in the U.S. whose medical and social vulnerabilities qualify them for both Medicare and Medicaid.</p> <p>
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Earlier this year, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, and not long after was</p>	NPR News API Ingest Tag
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Righting the American Dream (Part II)
Fred Stella

Fred Stella welcomes Diane Winston back to Common Threads to continue their conversation on her book,

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Mon Oct 16 07:06:42 EDT 2023
 Wind, solar siting bills draw criticism
 Colin Jackson

New legislation in the Michigan House of Representatives would give state regulators, rather than local officials, the power to approve zoning for certain wind and solar energy projects. The bill package is part of a broader push to boost renewable energy in Michigan while cutting the state's reliance on fossil fuels. It received a hearing before the House Energy, Communications, and Technology Committee last week. Under the legislation, the Michigan Public Service Commission would gain authority to pre-empt local governments and zoning ordinances. Chair Dan Scripps told the committee his commission already has authority to site other types of energy infrastructure, like natural gas and petroleum pipelines. Scripps said solar and wind shouldn't be treated any differently. "It doesn't make sense and we don't follow this approach in any other aspect of Michigan's energy infrastructure," he said. But the idea of overruling local government control faced pushback from both Republican lawmakers and local government organizations. Judy Allen is with the Michigan Townships Association. She said the bills would disregard community desires. "These decisions on the location for the renewable facilities create a lasting change for a community, for their future development, for their businesses, for their farmland. And this is all for a minimum of 25 to 50 years. So it should not be taken lightly," Allen said. During and after the meeting, Representative Jaime Greene (R-Richmond) echoed that sentiment. She said permitting questions have already gone on the ballot in many rural communities. "And they're being turned down by an overwhelmingly amount. But then, here we are. The state coming in, and really it's like a hostile takeover, usurping their authority—not just the elected officials but then also the people who voted on these things," Greene told Michigan Public Radio. When it came to the question of shouldering the burden of the state's energy portfolio, supporters indicated a willingness to find common ground and work with communities. As written, the bills would require project applicants to enter agreements with at least one community-based organization, like a local government. During the hearing, a sponsor mentioned individuals in urban communities around the state have had to deal with the negative health effects related to being near oil refineries and other power plants for decades. Greene argues rural areas deal with similar burdens of pollution from other industries. She named fertilizer runoff from agriculture or contamination from mining operations as examples. Aside from needing to expand the state's renewable energy portfolio to meet a goal of carbon neutrality by 2040,

Wind Power, alternative energy, solar panels, solar energy, Michigan Legislature

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<p>Mon Oct 16 06:58:24 EDT 2023</p>	<p>UAW enters second month of strike, significant roadblocks remain</p>	<p>Quinn Klinefelter</p>	<p>UAW officials claim the first-ever simultaneous strike against the Big Three automakers is already paying dividends. Union President Shawn Fain says automakers have offered more wage increases than workers' combined pay raises over the past 15 years. But Fain says UAW members walked off the job last week at Ford's most profitable plant because companies continue to low-ball workers' pay while the automakers earn record profits. "Unless we start to see real gains in our contracts that match the gains we've seen on Wall Street, then I predict there's gonna be a lot more strikes on the horizon." Ford officials say the company has offered</p>	<p>United Auto Workers, UAW, GM, Ford, Stellantis, Strike, work stoppage</p>
<p>Fri Oct 13 17:02:41 EDT 2023</p>	<p>More than 50 new high-tech jobs are being created in Grand Rapids</p>	<p>Patrick Center</p>	<p>Payload CMS is a Grand Rapids-based content management solutions company assisting businesses with management of digital content at scale. It's a Silicon Valley-funded start-up founded in 2018. Currently, Payload CMS employs 10 full-time workers, but with demand for its products, there's a need for significant expansion. Sites in California, Florida and New York were explored, but leadership determined Grand Rapids area's talent base stood out. It will invest \$875,000 into its Grand Rapids headquarters, adding 1,600 square feet. Payload will create 55 high-wage tech jobs in the process. Regional economic development organization, The Michigan Senate passed legislation to rework the state's juvenile justice system</p>	<p>Payload CMS, jobs, expansion, Grand Rapids, tech talent, Midwest Region, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, The juvenile justice system, juvenile offenders, juveniles, Michigan Senate</p>
<p>Fri Oct 13 11:43:24 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Senate approves respective juvenile justice legislation</p>	<p>Colin Jackson</p>	<p>Thursday. The package would create more uniform statewide policies, prevent kids from having to pay court costs, and require the development of mental health and risk screenings to help with diversion decisions. Senator Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit) said the goal is to keep kids out of the adult criminal justice system. "When you think about if we're putting those resources back into the community, that's helping kids who are non-violent to get on the right path and also making sure that, structurally, the system works. Right now, it was broken as it currently stood," Santana said. Critics of the package have raised concerns about its potential impact on courts. During Senate voting Thursday, Senator Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) said the policy could hurt court budgets. "The bill does not seem to allow for the recovery of court monies spent on damaged, lost equipment. For example, the juvenile cuts off a tether or otherwise destroys or loses it. They are very expensive. And the court would be unable to recoup that money," Runestad said. The legislation is a reflection of the recommendations from the state's Task Force on Juvenile Justice, formed in 2021. Another part of the package would create a new state Office of the Child Advocate out of the old Children's Ombudsman Office. Senator Roger Victorv (R-Hudsonville)</p>	<p>Michigan Senate</p>
<p>Fri Oct 13 10:27:04 EDT 2023</p>	<p>This is Energy Awareness Month</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>This is Energy Awareness month, that includes a Weatherization Day. We talk to Gustavo Perez, Kent County Community Action Director about the topic, as well as a day to highlight the impact of the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program. Other</p>	<p>Energy, energy costs, renewable energy, Michigan energy,</p>

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<p>Fri Oct 13 10:26:52 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The Pinkn' Patch Ballpark Bash Happens Saturday</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Grand Rapids nonprofit Pinkn' Patch is dedicated to helping breast cancer patients and their families and this Saturday they host their inaugural event The Pinkn Patch Ballpark Bash, a full day of music, food, games, crafts and pink pumpkins. Scott Packer joins the show with the The Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan handled 10% more cases than the year before, a 17% increase in landlord/tenant and neighbor disputes. This weekend the Pins for Peace III fundraiser takes place, honoring Volunteer of the Year and a Community Peacemaker of the Year. We discuss the Center with ED Christine Gilman.</p>	<p>Event, LMCU Ballpark, Cancer, Breast Cancer, Dispute, Land Dispute, Resolution, Rental, neighborhood</p>
<p>Fri Oct 13 10:26:50 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan Handling More Cases Than Ever</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>The Roving Microphone takes you to a store that believes in natural products for your four legged friend. Owners and Staff give the tour at Your Pets Naturally, located in Cascade. We discuss how the store is giving back to the community, and a Halloween themed event this weekend acts as an example. Jim Van Dyken and Kristin Root take the lead, we also meet Two GVSU Professors join the show to discuss a semester long series of events and activities related to the Czech Republic for the Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium. Dr. Marlen Vavriova, and Dr. Salvatore Alaimo share the details of the mix of educational lectures, films, music, authentic food, and more.</p>	<p>Roving Mic, Pets, Halloween, Event, supplies Awareness, GVSU, GVSU College Of Education, GVSU Inclusion and Equity, Event</p>
<p>Fri Oct 13 10:26:48 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Your Pets Naturally to host Halloween Themed Event</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Kent County has a deficit of 20,500 childcare slots. That's the central finding in IFF's study titled <i>Split by More than the Grand River: How Uneven Access to Affordable Childcare Divides Kent County</i>. It finds the city of Grand Rapids has the highest gap (7,239 slots) in access for ages 0-5, followed by Wyoming (3,397), Kentwood (1,538), and Gaines township (1,191). Not only is there not enough childcare in Kent County with only 10 of 30 cities and townships meeting capacity needs, IFF study authors wrote, "We also saw that communities with limited access to quality ECE were those with large BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) populations and economically challenged households." IFF, which is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution, also points to affordability as a barrier to BIPOC communities. It cites the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its baseline that families should spend no more than 7% of their household income on childcare. In Kent County that equates to \$5.670. IFF crunched the numbers concluding the</p>	<p>IFF, Kent County, childcare, demand, supply, BIPOC, cost</p>
<p>Fri Oct 13 10:26:46 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Global Awareness Collaborative Colloquium Hosts Events and Activities to Learn</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Kent County has a deficit of 20,500 childcare slots. That's the central finding in IFF's study titled <i>Split by More than the Grand River: How Uneven Access to Affordable Childcare Divides Kent County</i>. It finds the city of Grand Rapids has the highest gap (7,239 slots) in access for ages 0-5, followed by Wyoming (3,397), Kentwood (1,538), and Gaines township (1,191). Not only is there not enough childcare in Kent County with only 10 of 30 cities and townships meeting capacity needs, IFF study authors wrote, "We also saw that communities with limited access to quality ECE were those with large BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) populations and economically challenged households." IFF, which is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution, also points to affordability as a barrier to BIPOC communities. It cites the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its baseline that families should spend no more than 7% of their household income on childcare. In Kent County that equates to \$5.670. IFF crunched the numbers concluding the</p>	<p>IFF, Kent County, childcare, demand, supply, BIPOC, cost</p>
<p>Fri Oct 13 09:31:04 EDT 2023</p>	<p>New study finds demand for early childcare slots in Kent County falls thousands short</p>	<p>Patrick Center</p>	<p>Kent County has a deficit of 20,500 childcare slots. That's the central finding in IFF's study titled <i>Split by More than the Grand River: How Uneven Access to Affordable Childcare Divides Kent County</i>. It finds the city of Grand Rapids has the highest gap (7,239 slots) in access for ages 0-5, followed by Wyoming (3,397), Kentwood (1,538), and Gaines township (1,191). Not only is there not enough childcare in Kent County with only 10 of 30 cities and townships meeting capacity needs, IFF study authors wrote, "We also saw that communities with limited access to quality ECE were those with large BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) populations and economically challenged households." IFF, which is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution, also points to affordability as a barrier to BIPOC communities. It cites the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and its baseline that families should spend no more than 7% of their household income on childcare. In Kent County that equates to \$5.670. IFF crunched the numbers concluding the</p>	<p>IFF, Kent County, childcare, demand, supply, BIPOC, cost</p>

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Biden awards \$7 billion for clean hydrogen hubs across the country to help replace fossil fuels

Associated Press

Clean-energy projects in seven states from Pennsylvania to California have been selected by the Biden administration for a \$7 billion program to kickstart development and production of [hydrogen fuel](https://apnews.com/hub/hydrogen-fuel), a key component of President Joe Biden's agenda to slow climate change. His goal is to establish seven regional hydrogen hubs to help replace fossil fuels such as coal and oil with cleaner-burning hydrogen as an energy source for vehicles, manufacturing and generating electricity. Biden is expected to make the official announcement during an economic-themed visit to Philadelphia on Friday. The White House calls clean hydrogen "essential to achieving the president's vision of a strong clean energy economy" and net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 2050. "As a clean fuel, hydrogen complements the role played by other clean energy sources, like wind and solar, to help the U.S. reduce emissions in energy-intensive sectors of the economy: steel and cement production, heavy-duty transportation, and shipping," the White House said in a statement. The seven hubs selected by the administration will spur more than \$40 billion in private investment and create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs, the White House said, including many high-paying union jobs. There were 23 finalists for the hydrogen fuel program. The projects selected are based in California, Washington, Minnesota, Texas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Illinois. [The infrastructure law](https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-congress-infrastructure-bill-signing-b5b8cca843133de060778f049861b144) Biden signed in 2021 included billions of dollars to develop so-called clean hydrogen, a technology that industry and clean-energy advocates have long pushed as a way to reduce planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions produced by fossil fuels. Some environmentalists call hydrogen a false solution because it frequently relies on natural gas or other fossil fuels as feedstocks. Energy companies say fossil fuels can serve as feedstocks if the projects capture the carbon dioxide produced and keep it out of the atmosphere, a technology that has yet to be produced at commercial scale. States and businesses have been competing for federal dollars in [the new Energy Department program](https://apnews.com/article/hydrogen-energy-biden-climate-f843765fddb2ee8fe40f7330e020b3ea), which will create regional networks of hydrogen producers, consumers and infrastructure. The intent is to accelerate the availability and use of the colorless, odorless gas that already powers some vehicles and trains. Among those selected were the Appalachian Regional Clean

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Ford says it's at Associated Press
the limit on how
much it can spend
to get new
contract with
striking
autoworkers

A top Ford executive says the company has reached the limit of how much money it will spend to get a contract agreement with the striking United Auto Workers union. Kumar Galhotra, president of Ford Blue, the company's internal combustion engine business, told reporters Thursday that Ford stretched to get to the offer it now has on the table. His comments are starkly different from those made by UAW President Shawn Fain Wednesday when he [announced an escalation](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-uaw-strikes-layoffs-factories-60f444a85a51b1261b093fdaaae4bdb4) of the union's strike by walking out at Ford's largest and most profitable factory. The apparently widening labor rift indicates that Ford and the union may be in for a lengthy strike that could cost the company and workers billions of dollars. Fain said on Wednesday that Ford told UAW bargainers for nearly two weeks that it would make another counteroffer on economic issues. But at a meeting called by the union, the company didn't increase its previous offer, Fain said. "Ford hasn't gotten the message" to bargain for a fair contract, Fain said in announcing the walkout by 8,700 workers at the company's Kentucky Truck Plant in Louisville. "We've been very patient working with the company on this," he said in a video. "They have not met expectations, they're not even coming to the table on it." Galhotra called Ford's offer "incredibly positive" and said Ford never indicated to the union that it would be increased. "We have been very clear we are at the limit," he said on a conference call with reporters. "We risk the ability to invest in the business and profitably grow. And profitable growth is in the best interest of everybody at Ford." The company has a set amount of money, but is willing to move dollars around in a way that might fit the union's needs, he said, adding that he still thinks it's possible to reach a deal. The escalation of the strike came nearly four weeks after the union began its walkouts against Ford and Detroit counterparts General Motors and Jeep maker Stellantis [on Sept. 15](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-strike-ford-general-motors-stellantis-5f185f6615a1b3690af744641508c8e2), with one assembly plant from each company. The union later added 38 parts warehouses at GM and Stellantis, and then three Ford and Stellantis assembly plants, involving a total of 33,700 workers. On Thursday, Fain hinted at further action against Stellantis. "Here's to hoping talks at Stellantis today are more productive than Ford yesterday," Fain wrote on X, formerly Twitter, without saying what might happen. A person with direct knowledge of the talks said the union

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negotiations, Ford
Motor Company

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Teen faces adult
murder charge in
slaying of
Michigan election
canvasser

Associated Press

A 15-year-old has been charged as an adult with murder in the death of a Michigan election canvasser he is accused of shooting after asking the worker for a dollar. The teen was arraigned Wednesday in district court in Lansing and ordered held without bond. Court records Thursday did not list a defense attorney for the teen, who The Associated Press is not naming due to his age. Ingham County Prosecutor John Dewane said Theodore Lawson's slaying Sunday does not appear to be connected to his political activities or beliefs. Lawson, 63, was a member of Ingham County's Board of Canvassers and served as secretary of the county's Democratic Party. Lansing police have not released any details around the circumstances of the shooting, but Lansing City Council at-large candidate Trini Lopez Pehlivanoglu [told the Lansing State Journal that](https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/2023/10/11/ted-lawson-murder-lansing-suspect-lamar-kemp-charged/71142621007/) Lawson was knocking on doors for her campaign when he was shot. He later was pronounced dead at a hospital. Security video in the area recorded Lawson leaving a driveway as three teens were walking on the other side of the street, a police detective wrote in a court affidavit. One of the three crossed the street toward Lawson before he and Lawson walked out of the camera's view. A short time later a gunshot was heard. The video then recorded the three teens running away. A juvenile court officer later identified each of the teens in the video. One teen told investigators he saw the 15-year-old shoot Lawson after asking Lawson for a dollar, according to the affidavit. The other two teens are 15 and 17. A .22-caliber handgun was recovered in the home where the 15-year-old charged with murder was found. He denied being involved in the shooting, the affidavit said. The 15-year-old who was charged with murder also faces gun charges. A probable cause conference has been

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More Americans support striking auto workers than car companies, an AP-NORC poll shows

Associated Press

A majority of Americans support higher pay for auto workers who are on strike against Detroit's Big Three carmakers, although approval of the workers' other demands is more mixed, according to a poll from [The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research](https://apnorc.org/). The poll found that 36% of Americans sympathize with the workers in their dispute with the automakers, 9% support the automakers, and the rest back both or neither. Support for the autoworkers fell short of the 55% support for [striking Hollywood writers and actors](https://apnews.com/hub/hollywood-strikes/) in an [AP-NORC poll conducted last month](https://apnorc.org/projects/half-of-the-public-approve-writers-and-actors-striking-against-hollywood-studios/). Still, the new poll adds to evidence of U.S. support for labor unions during [a year marked by strikes](https://apnews.com/article/labor-strikes-us-uaw-kaiser-hollywood-9c3d6d63c70078f1dd769ccadc81a06b) in Hollywood, a walkout that was narrowly averted by [Teamsters at United Parcel Service](https://apnews.com/article/ups-teamsters-strike-labor-logistics-delivery-a94482dbff7bfb67ad82f607ab127672), and now the picket lines outside auto plants. In the new AP-NORC survey, 51% say labor unions help U.S. workers while only 15% say they hurt working people. About one-third say unions help the U.S. economy, while 22% say they damage the economy. A [Gallup poll](https://news.gallup.com/poll/510281/unions-strengthening.aspx) taken in August found that 67% of Americans approve of unions, down four points from 2022 but up from a low of 48% in 2009. Rachel Collins, a fifth-grade teacher and union member in Chicago, says she hopes the UAW strike could help reverse a [long decline in labor power](https://apnews.com/article/state-of-unions-us-labor-organizing-15ad8061bcd21e0c1dcaa5f10b3f10ee) and raise pay for workers across the economy. "For far too long, labor has been the backbone of what we do in this country but has never been compensated," she said. "In the last 50 years we have seen the decline of the working class and the rise of this sort of billionaire class and corporations taking and taking and not giving anything to the workers." Chris Ross, a mechanical engineer from Oviedo, Florida, said he understands the workers' desire for more money to cope with inflation. However, he thinks they are paid better than similar workers in other industries, and he fears that the union's demands will drive the carmakers' costs too high as they face lower-

United Auto Workers, UAW, U.S. automakers, polling, AP-NORC survey

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Group rallies for Rick Pluta
water bill aid from
state

A group from Highland Park showed up at the state Capitol Thursday to demand assistance to erase millions of dollars in water and sewer service debt. The Detroit enclave has fewer than 9,000 residents, a poverty rate around 40 %, and a giant past-due bill from the state-created Great Lakes Water Authority. Highland Park owes the authority \$24 million dollars plus interest. Highland Park residents say that cost will be passed along to utility customers who can't afford it. A legal challenge went up to the Michigan Supreme Court, which refused to hear the case. Last April, the Highland Park city council also asked the state for permission to file for bankruptcy protection. Democratic House Speaker Joe Tate (D-Detroit) told Michigan

Water, water deal,
tap water, water
crisis, rally, petition

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Thu Oct 12 20:45:21 EDT 2023 17 West Michigan Patrick Center placemaking projects are splitting \$6.1 million in state awarded funding

The second round of Revitalization and Placemaking Program funding has been released. The money from the American Rescue Plan is distributed through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. In West Michigan, 41 competitive applications from 11 counties were received with 17 gaining approval from the project team consisting of regional economic development organization, The Right Place, Lakeshore Advantage, and Greater Muskegon Economic Development. Highlights include the restoration of Grand Rapids' Sullivan Field. The baseball park constructed in 1937 is receiving \$680,000. Nonprofit Fans of Valley Field capital campaign goal is \$4.1 million, Money for renovating the grandstands, museum addition and other amenities. Placemaking grants, American Rescue Plan Act, economic revitalization, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Sullivan Field, Holland Community Ice Skating Park

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Thu Oct 12 15:59:42 EDT 2023
 Ottawa County Daniel Boothe
 Public Health
 Officer rightfully
 appointed, says
 Michigan Court of
 Appeals

The Michigan Court of Appeals Thursday ruled that embattled Health Officer Adeline Hambley *had* been rightfully appointed, and will keep her job, for now. The newly elected board of Ottawa County Board of Commissioners had attempted to terminate Public Health Officer Adeline Hambley back in January. She in turn filed a wrongful termination lawsuit. Attorneys for the current county board argued to the Michigan Court of Appeals, that the previously elected board never actually voted to hire Adeline Hambley, but rather, had only voted to approve the hiring conditions, therefore making her employment null and void. During the hearing, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Christopher Yates was skeptical of that argument. "What you're suggesting is the equivalent of digging back into legislative history or comments made during the course of a debate on the floor to override what the ultimate act is when the legislature, for example, passes a bill. And I don't see why we would accept that invitation to create chaos," he said. The ruling means that the wrongful termination lawsuit will move forward. However, the elected board of commissioners are making attempts to have Hambley

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Auto workers
escalate strike,
walking out at
Ford's largest
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Associated Press

The United Auto Workers union significantly escalated its walkout against Detroit's Three automakers, shutting down Ford's largest factory and threatening Jeep maker Stellantis. In a surprise move Wednesday night, 8,700 members left their jobs at Ford's Kentucky truck plant in Louisville. And Thursday morning, union President Shawn Fain hinted at further action against Stellantis. "Here's to hoping talks at Stellantis today are more productive than Ford yesterday," Fain wrote on X, formerly Twitter, without saying what might happen. Ford's truck plant makes heavy-duty F-Series pickup trucks and large Ford and Lincoln SUVs, the company's most lucrative products. The vehicles made at the plant generate \$25 billion per year in revenue, the company said in a statement. Fain said in a statement that the union has waited long enough "but Ford hasn't gotten the message" to bargain for a fair contract. "If they can't understand that after four weeks, the 8,700 workers shutting down this extremely profitable plant will help them understand it," Fain said. The strike came nearly four weeks after the union began its walkouts against General Motors, Ford and Stellantis on Sept. 15, with one assembly plant from each company. The company, however, called the strike expansion "grossly irresponsible" and said it has made strong wage and benefit offers to the union. It said the move puts about a dozen other Ford facilities at risk, as well as parts supply plants that together employ over 100,000 people. Anthony Spencer, who has worked at the truck plant for eight years, said the surprise walkout would get Ford's attention. "We know it's going to hit them. We lose a lot of millions of dollars every day that we don't run," said Spencer, who is the local union's recording secretary and helped organize the walkout. "This is a historic moment," Spencer said on the picket line Thursday morning, adding that the local hasn't been on strike since 1976. "We've got people that's got 30, 35, 40 years — they've never been on strike. So the morale is good." He said there were a few sticking points with negotiations that prompted the strike, including the unionization of Ford's electric vehicle workers and employee raises. "We all know if we ever go EV, we're going to lose a lot of members that build engines, transmissions, and they got to have a place to go," Spencer said. A Ford executive said the union called a

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Thu Oct 12 13:10:55 EDT 2023
 Crain's Grand Rapids Business Brief
 Patrick Center

This afternoon in our Crain's Grand Rapids Business Brief, WGVU talks with Crain's senior writer Mark Sanchez about the future construction of a downtown Grand Rapids USL Championship League soccer stadium. Mark Sanchez: It's been talked about, envisioned, dreamed about. Looks like it actually is now going to happen. Just last week, the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention and Arena Authority approved a memorandum of understanding with Grand Action 2.0. This is a group that's been pushing this vision and advocating and came up with this dream. And it's a document that stipulates the development, funding, construction, ownership, and operation of the stadium, which sounds like a pretty good idea that's going forward. It's more of a procedural move that occurred here late last week, but it's a move in that direction. It's a minor step in as Rich MacKeigan, regional manager for ASM Global that operates these facilities in town. You know, it's a step forward. It's part of the process. So, think about where Grand Rapids downtown is going? You know, a couple of weeks ago, we talked about the amphitheater looking to move forward down along the riverfront on the south end of downtown. And now you have another major element, another new major amenity with the soccer stadium. And boy, if they can land that professional soccer franchise, here's something new to Grand Rapids that adds to that downtown environment. Patrick Center: Grand Action is telling us design is in the works. It's determining a final location and there are a handful of those. This is moving. I spoke with Kara Wood last week, who's the executive director of Grand Action. She says this is aggressive. They want to have this constructed by 2026. Mark Sanchez: Yeah, this is an organization, this is a group of folks in town that tends to get things done. They have a long list of accomplishments. They envision what's a good project for this community or a project comes along and, you know, this is the business leadership that has the ability and the understanding of what's needed to get barriers out of the way and to proceed with the project. So, it's going forward and, you know, let's just say the property that's been most talked about is just north of Pearl Street and just west of U.S. 131, north of the Big Boy restaurant. So that's a good potential. At least that looks like where it could go and this move last week again, it's a step in the direction that goes forward to developing that stadium, that soccer stadium here in downtown Grand Rapids. Patrick Center: We're talking with Crain's Grand Rapids

Crain's Grand Rapids Business, Mark Sanchez, Grand Rapids, soccer stadium, Grand Action 2.0, USL Soccer

Thu Oct 12 10:13:43 EDT 2023
 Women of Color Give to Hose Event in
 Shelley Irwin

Business Senior Writer, Mark Sanchez. The New Community Transformation Fund just Today, Women of Color Give in Muskegon changes lives. WOC GIVE is West Michigan's leading philanthropic collective supporting the advancement, development, and promotion of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. We talk to Event Chair and Investor Jennifer

People of Color, Women, entrepreneurs of

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Thu Oct 12 10:13:40 EDT 2023	Crystal Mountain To Host Fall Activities Every Weekend This Fall	Shelley Irwin	Crystal Mountain is the place be this fall, with activities every weekend. Brittney Primeau joins us with the run down, including this weekend’s Golf and Give, Mrs. Muller’s Closet fundraiser, plus ride the Skilift, visit the spa, and more.	Crystal Mountain, Fall, fall sports, Skiing, golf
Thu Oct 12 10:13:37 EDT 2023	Walk to Ends Alzheimer’s Takes Place Saturday	Shelley Irwin	Alzheimer’s experts in the house to discuss this Saturday’s walk to raise funds and friends. The Walk to End Alzheimer’s is an important staple statewide and nationally, Joyce Fennema and Clair Fisher give the event specifics and more when it comes to the topic.	Alzheimer’s, Alzheimer’s Association, Walk to
Thu Oct 12 10:13:34 EDT 2023	The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies Presents A Common Ground Initiative Conversation this	Shelley Irwin	The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies presents A Common Ground Initiative Conversation this evening. The center welcomes Christopher McKnight Nichols, Scholar and author, as he moderates a discussion on the merit of global citizenship as a guiding ethic. Kahler Sweeney from the Center and Dr. Nichols join us in the studio to discuss.	The Hauenstein Center, Hauenstein, common ground, political common ground, Global, Citizenship
Thu Oct 12 10:13:31 EDT 2023	Rapid Growth Media: Housing, Mental Health,	Shelley Irwin	Rapid Growth Media Publisher Tommy Allen joins in the share the local headlines, including 3 main points: Modular Housing, Community Mental Health Agencies, and Award Winning Chocolate.	Rapid Growth Media, Rapid Growth, Local, Housing, mental
Thu Oct 12 07:07:50 EDT 2023	GRPD investigating recent ‘swatting’ calls at area businesses	Patrick Center	The Grand Rapids Police Department is investigating two recent swatting incidents called into 911 involving a hotel and restaurant. “Both of them called reporting a person armed with a long gun, multiple people shot with rounds, shots still being fired within the businesses.” A scenario Captain P.J. Bakers says fits the swatting definition which is calling 911 to falsely report a serious crime creating a large police response. “Once on scene the folks that are working there, the staff or the patrons, have no idea why this largescale event, number of officers are showing up. So, it takes quite a bit of communication, creates quite a bit of chaos and a lot of fear that’s just not needed for anybody.” Captain Baker recommends businesses review their emergency response plans and for the community to check in with reliable	GRPD, Grand Rapids Police Department, 911, 911 dispatch, 9-1-1

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Thu Oct 12 06:50:51 EDT 2023
 Michigan Senate passes domestic violence gun legislation
 Colin Jackson

The Michigan Senate passed a bill package Wednesday meant to stop domestic abusers from possessing firearms. The legislation would prevent anyone convicted of a domestic violence-related misdemeanor from owning a gun until eight years after they complete their sentence. Senator Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) said misdemeanor violent crimes can be precursors to more dangerous behavior. "Certain criminal activity like destruction of property, stalking, breaking and entering, can turn -- and in too many unfortunate circumstances, did turn -- lethal in domestic violence situations where abusers seek to exert power and control over their victims," Chang said from the Senate floor. There are three bills total in the package. One details the terms of the ban and lists out the qualifications for what would be considered a "misdemeanor involving domestic violence." There are 11 circumstances that would fall under that category, including nine state laws and two situations accounting for ordinances or laws from other states or the federal government. Critics of the package say its definition of domestic violence misdemeanors is too broad. Senator Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) said the legislation should have used federal standards for domestic violence crimes rather than creating a state-specific list. "I absolutely -- along, I think, with everyone in this chamber -- want to make sure that we don't have domestic abusers having access to guns. But this bill was not as simple as just described. It goes way beyond accomplishing that goal," Runestad said during a no-vote explanation. After session, Chang explained to reporters the decision to Criminal defendants have a right to a publicly funded attorney. That's not true for parties to debt collection cases, landlord-tenant disputes, and divorce and custody matters. So they have to represent themselves. Nora Ryan with Michigan Legal Help says self-help centers can help people navigate the legal system and protect their rights. "We want the outcome of people's cases to be based upon the merits of their case and not because they didn't have the information they needed to fully advocate for themselves in court." Ryan says national data suggest three-quarters of people in civil cases show up in court without a lawyer. Ultimately, the goal is that we would like to have every resident of Michigan regardless of where they live in the state to have access to a self-help center where they're able to get high-quality accessible legal self-help services. Michigan currently has 38 centers in 27 counties. Ryan says she expects there will be 57 centers in 30 counties by the end of the year. Many are located in public libraries and courthouses. The reality of the legal system right now is that

domestic violence, domestic abuse, gun, guns, gun laws, Gun legislation, gun rights, Michigan Senate

Wed Oct 11 17:13:50 EDT 2023
 New state alliance seeks to expand network for self-help legal services
 Rick Pluta

Michigan courts, Michigan appeals court, michigan federal courts, civil

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Wed Oct 11 15:44:30 EDT 2023 Allegan Aquatic Daniel Boothe
Director fired after
relationship with
student

After learning of an inappropriate relationship with a student, Allegan Public Schools announced Wednesday it had terminated its Aquatics Director. Officials from the district say Aquatics Director Scott Simmons had been placed on leave at first, but his employment came to an end after officials learned he had been charged with four felony charges including criminal sexual conduct. Authorities allege that Simmons began an intimate relationship with a student beginning in August and had secretly met up at various locations in Ottawa County including his home. Police first became suspicious of the two when an officer found them together in a public park after it had closed for the evening. According to a press release, the student initially denied the relationship to police, however later admitted the two had engaged

Allegan County,
Public Schools,
sexual misconduct,
misconduct, felony

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Wed Oct 11 15:27:10 EDT
2023Detroit
automakers and
union leaders
spar over 4,800
layoffs at non-
striking factories

Associated Press

Detroit's three automakers have laid off roughly 4,800 workers at factories that are not among the plants that have been hit by the United Auto Workers strikes, which have lasted for nearly four weeks. The companies say the strikes have nevertheless forced them to impose those layoffs. They note that the job cuts have occurred mainly at factories that make parts for assembly plants that were closed by strikes. In one case, layoffs have been imposed at a factory that uses supplies from a parts factory on strike. The UAW rejects that argument. It contends that the layoffs are unjustified and were imposed as part of the companies' pressure campaign to persuade UAW members to accept less favorable terms in negotiations with automakers. The factories that have been affected by layoffs are in six states: Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Kansas, Indiana and New York. Sam Fiorani, an analyst with AutoForecast Solutions, a consulting firm, said he thinks the layoffs reflect a simple reality: The automakers are losing money because of the strikes. By slowing or idling factories that are running below their capacities because of strike-related parts shortages, Fiorani said, the companies can mitigate further losses. "It doesn't make sense to keep running at 30% or 40% of capacity when it normally runs at 100%," he said. "We're not looking at huge numbers of workers relative to the ones actually being struck. But there is fallout." In a statement, Bryce Currie, vice president of Americas manufacturing at Ford, said: "While we are doing what we can to avoid layoffs, we have no choice but to reduce production of parts that would be destined for a plant that is on strike." UAW President Shawn Fain countered in a statement that the automakers were using layoffs to pressure the union into settling the strike. With billions in profits, Fain argued, the companies don't have to lay off a single employee. The UAW began striking against General Motors, Ford and Stellantis on Sept. 15, with one assembly plant from each company. The next week, the union expanded the strike to 38 GM and Stellantis parts warehouses. Assembly plants from Ford and GM were added the week after that. All told, about 25,000 workers have walked off their jobs at the three automakers. Striking workers are receiving \$500 a week from the union's strike pay fund. By contrast, anyone who is laid off would qualify for state unemployment aid, which, depending on a variety of circumstances, could be less or more than \$500 a week. "Their plan won't work," Fain said. "The UAW will make sure any worker laid off in the Big Three's latest attack will not go without an income." GM said it has laid off 2,330 workers, including 1,600 at a temporarily closed assembly plant in Kansas City,

UAW, United Auto
Workers, Strike, lay
offs, Ford, GMC

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Wed Oct 11 11:46:32 EDT 2023	Grand Rapids Public Museum to begin \$50 Million Expansion	Phil Dawson	The Grand Rapids Public Museum is one of the city’s oldest institutions. “The oldest museum in the state of Michigan, the second largest. We are owned by the city of Grand Rapids.” And after nearly 30 years at its current location downtown on the Grand River, President Dale Robertson says the museum is due for an update. and the city commission is approving funds for the project. “This will allow for the beginning of an expansion of the Grand Rapids Public Museum because of community demand and necessity.” The 50-million-dollar renovation will provide easy barrier free access to the river, a separate entrance to the carousel, more capacity for students and exhibit upgrades “I think the great think about this, it will have an	Grand Rapids Public Museum, GRPM, renovation, expansion, Downtown GR
Wed Oct 11 10:39:19 EDT 2023	Opportunity for All: How Charter Public Schools and k-12 School Options Improve Educational	Shelley Irwin	We talk about school choice with Walter Blanks Jr., spokesperson for the American Federation for Children, and a School Choice Program Beneficiary. We give an overview of this path and preview an event tonight, Opportunity for All: How Charter Public Schools and k-12 School Options Improve Educational Equity.	school choice, charter schools, Education, equity, Michigan Opportunity, School
Wed Oct 11 10:39:15 EDT 2023	You Can in Michigan Campaign Kicks	Shelley Irwin	Gov. Whitmer has announced the launch of a national marketing campaign, You Can in Michigan, with the goal to push the boost in the state's population, grow the economy, attract, and retain talent. Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Michelle Grimmell talks	governor, Governor Whitmer, Michigan, campaign, public
Wed Oct 11 10:39:12 EDT 2023	Today is the International Day of the Girl	Shelley Irwin	Today is the International Day of the Girl, recognizing the challenges girls face around the world. We talk to Cindy Bultema of Gem's Girls Club about a social campaign, a special milestone, and tips for parents and caregivers who want to support girls.	GEMS Girls Club, Girls, Women, Support
Wed Oct 11 10:39:08 EDT 2023	Important Muskegon Planning Commission Vote to Take Place Thursday on	Shelley Irwin	This Thursday, the Muskegon Planning Commission meets to decide on an application for a Planned Unit Development at Windward Pointe for 2000 proposed residential units on the 124 acre Muskegon Lake site on the former Sappi Paper Mill. Veteran Journalist, author, and filmmaker Roger Rapoport joins in with the details.	Muskegon, vote, Development, Real Estate, residents
Wed Oct 11 10:39:05 EDT 2023	October is National Pet Wellness Month	Shelley Irwin	October is National Pet Wellness Month, bringing new hope to pet owners across West Michigan. We talk to ED Sharon Caldwell-Newton of CSNIP, a nonprofit veterinary provider, about a new grant from PetSmart Charities, as well as a Wags & Whiskers fundraiser on	CSNIP, Pets, Grants, Wellness, Event
Wed Oct 11 10:39:03 EDT 2023	Kent District Library to Host Great Michigan	Shelley Irwin	Michigan Humanities is a statewide nonprofit offering grant making and programming to bring Michiganders together through stories, histories and conversations. Thursday night Kent District Library hosts the signature program the Great Michigan Read, choosing the book	Michigan, Michigan Humanities, KDL, Library, Reading

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Tue Oct 10 17:29:40 EDT 2023	State launches talent attraction ad campaign	Colin Jackson	The ‘You Can in Michigan’ campaign features a combination of T-V... radio... and digital ads highlighting the state’s industries and recreational activities. Officials say they plan on running it in ten states and Washington D-C. Michelle Grinnell—with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation—says there’s some outreach to international audiences too. But not with paid marketing. “Right now we’re focused on the U.S. again, as we launch this starting point, and we’re going to continue and evolve but we want to make sure that we’re	campaign, Talent, Michigan, state of Michigan
Tue Oct 10 17:12:19 EDT 2023	MI Court of Claims sets speedy schedule for Trump ballot case	Rick Pluta	The challenge says Trump is not eligible under the insurrection clause of the U-S Constitution. And the stated reason is refusing to accept the results of the 2020 election and goading the January 6th insurrectionists. Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson says she can’t unilaterally keep Trump off the election ballot without a court order. So attorney Mark Brewer says that’s what the plaintiffs are looking for. “The Secretary of State is going to issue her list of presidential candidates in November and it’s important that we get a final	ballots, Michigan Court of Claims, Court of Claims, Trump, Trump supporters
Tue Oct 10 16:12:11 EDT 2023	MDHSS to seniors: watch out for scammers during Medicare enrollment period	Daniel Boothe	With the Medicaid enrollment period set to begin, officials are warning Michigan’s seniors to be on alert for scams and high-pressure tactics. The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are reminding older persons that scammers often take advantage of seniors during the Medicare open enrollment period, and while they may sound professional, say they’re from Medicare, and have seniors detailed information, in reality, they’re just criminals trying to steal money or one’s identity. According to a release sent out Tuesday by both departments Medicare participants, and those enrolling for the first time, can protect themselves by not giving out personal information, including their Medicare or Social Security Number, to anyone who tries to solicit their business over the phone, online, or at their front door. Scammers often use specific tactics on the elderly in order for the con to work--officials say that persons posing as enrollment specialists can change their caller ID to read Medica, force people to make quick decisions, or threaten to take one’s benefits away if they do not	scam, Scams, Medicare, theft

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Tue Oct 10 15:45:10 EDT
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Michigan
Associated Press
launches
nationwide talent
recruitment effort
to address
stagnant
population growth

Michigan is launching a \$20 million nationwide marketing initiative aimed at boosting the state's decades-long [sluggish population growth](https://apnews.com/article/michigan-census-2020-0f6f9c9147c8ab9d3b408ca52f56d02c) by attracting and retaining young talent. The campaign, which was unveiled Tuesday by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, will include television, radio and online advertisements in 11 states. It will be the largest state-led talent attraction effort in the U.S., according to the state's economic development board. Whitmer and other state leaders have looked for ways to grow the population after the [2020 census](https://apnews.com/article/census-congressional-districts-7dd29f02c7d68038920c7e1a23f842a1) revealed a population increase of only 1.7% over the previous decade. Michigan, the 10th most populous state in the nation, had the 49th slowest rate of population growth since 2000. Only West Virginia's was slower. The pace cost Michigan [a U.S. House seat](https://apnews.com/article/census-2020-business-government-and-politics-michigan-7823e21fa737b36281388a12a679b538) in 2021, the sixth time that has happened since 1980. In June, Whitmer announced the state would create the "Growing Michigan Together" council to come up with policy ideas to jumpstart population growth. The council is also charged with setting a population goal for 2050. The state will spend an initial \$59 million on the campaign this year and set aside another \$20 million for the ad run. Labeled the "You Can in Michigan" campaign, the new effort is designed to appeal to young people. Target markets will include large cities, such as New York, San Francisco and Atlanta, with billboards placed near colleges and universities. Michigan has specifically targeted Republican-led states in the past and the new campaign will be no different, with ads slated to run in Texas and Ohio, among others. Whitmer, [a Democrat](https://apnews.com/article/florida-desantis-michigan-whitmer-political-opposites-ae429022f326c83238807a8e16ea9fa1), penned an [op-ed](https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/opinion-michigans-gov-whitmer-has-a-message-for-teachers-move-to-a-state-that-has-your-back/2023/10) Monday directed at teachers and titled "Move to a State That Has Your Back." She specifically called

Governor Whitmer,
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Population, U.S.
Senate, Michigan

U.S. Senate

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'Document dump' Associated Press
by Flint water
prosecutors leads
to contempt
finding

Michigan taxpayers will be on the hook for a financial penalty after state attorneys violated a court order by distributing protected documents in the Flint water prosecution. A judge last Friday found Attorney General Dana Nessel's agency in civil contempt. The department "simply did a large 'document dump'" without any meaningful review of the records, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Thomas Tucker said. What does a [bankruptcy court](https://apnews.com/article/flint-be3a030bafa7d33f76780ba568d42d57) have to do with efforts to pursue criminal charges in Flint's lead-contaminated water? Armed with a search warrant in 2019, prosecutors in the attorney general's office obtained documents from computer servers controlled by other state attorneys who had represented former Gov. Rick Snyder in Flint water matters. The search apparently swept up sensitive records from the Detroit bankruptcy, in which the Snyder administration played a key role, as well as attorney-client communications of other state officials. The records, in electronic form, were then given to people charged with crimes in the Flint water scandal in 2021. Prosecutors claimed they had an obligation to share them with defense lawyers. The attorney general's office argued that prosecutors were unaware of orders protecting the bankruptcy documents. Nonetheless, the "entire department at all times was bound to comply," the judge said. Tucker said the state must pay Snyder's legal fees for raising the issue. An email seeking comment was sent to the attorney general's office Tuesday. Snyder was among [nine people charged with crimes](https://apnews.com/article/environment-michigan-flint-rick-snyder-f5987ee1f56b62h6858052hh759f996f) in the Flint

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Tuesday, October 10th at 9pm on
Patrick Center
WGUV Public
Television,
FRONTLINE
presents "Elon
Musk's Twitter
Takeover"

James Jacoby: What's interesting about Musk is that he's become a major influence on sort of American political conversation. Buying Twitter is buying one of the most important platforms for news and political debate in the United States and abroad. And I found that really fascinating for a guy who'd been into hardware, you know, into whether it's satellites or space rockets or Tesla's, here's somebody buying a very important information platform and a very important political platform and really that's what drew me to it. Patrick Center: So having that as a backdrop, the whole idea that he purchases Twitter, renames it *X*, which I find odd because you have this great brand, it's, it's a name that people know and can associate with. And then also we see SpaceX and the satellite system that's put in place. Why does he feel the need to get involved in the social media platform? Why is his voice so important today? James Jacoby: I think he felt the need because he had evolved over the past few years to become much more concerned with the political conversation. He was sort of activated during the pandemic and the film really delves into this kind of evolution of his over the, since basically 2020, where he didn't like the lockdowns. He didn't like that the government was forcing people to stay home. He didn't like that his factories, his Tesla factories were forcibly closed, and people couldn't go to work. And he became sort of politically activated in a way he hadn't been before. And that then kind of cascaded over the course of a couple of years into sort of weighing in on some of the really major you know, cultural debates going on and, uh, whether it be about, you know, free speech or transgender politics and all sorts of kind of hot button issues in America and his wanting to express his opinion and his voice. And he had loved Twitter always, but this also became about the fact that he felt like Twitter and some of the other social media companies have been part of a problem of starting to suppress voices. And so, he wanted to buy it. And in some ways, it was on an impulse and, uh, but in some ways, it makes a lot of sense given the direction he was going. And given the fact that at the time he was the richest person in the world, I think he's second now and had plenty of money to do it. Patrick Center: Does he understand news media, journalism? Does he understand the news media and how it operates? James Jacoby: Um, well, from what I know, there's a steep learning curve there for him, right? I mean, this is not his expertise. He has tremendous acumen in other areas. And I think that there's been a learning curve here in terms of not just kind of traditional media or journalism,

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Elon Musk's Twitter
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Tue Oct 10 11:28:07 EDT 2023	West Michigan's economy is slowing	Patrick Center	West Michigan’s economy is slowing. The Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates since March of last year to gradually slow the economy in order to reduce inflation. “The Fed still doesn’t want the economy to slow too fast. It’s like trying to balance a basketball on top of a pencil.” Brian G. Long is director of Supply Management Research in the Seidman College of Business at Grand Valley State University. September’s survey indicates local purchasing managers have turned “marginally negative”, describing new orders, production and purchases as “slowing.” Long says the two national surveys he tracks are also marginally negative. “I underline marginally negative. Higher interest rates are starting to slow the	West Michigan Economy, Institute for Supply Management Research survey, Brian G. Long, September, employment, Actors Theatre, Holocaust, Play, Acting, Event
Tue Oct 10 10:13:04 EDT 2023	Judgment at Nuremberg opens this Thursday at the Actors Theatre	Shelley Irwin	Judgment at Nuremberg opens this Thursday at the Actors Theatre. The play is a powerful stage version of an Academy Award winning film. Director Bud Thompson and Paul Arnold discuss this play where characters face a military tribunal in the second wave of post war trials.	Actors Theatre, Holocaust, Play, Acting, Event
Tue Oct 10 10:13:02 EDT 2023	Muskegon Area District Library’s 2023 NEA Big Read Lakeshore Program Kicks Off	Shelley Irwin	The Muskegon Area District Library’s 2023 NEA Big Read Lakeshore program kicks off into high gear this month, with a final presentation to take place at the Frauenthal Center on November 14th. We talk to Jackie Endres and Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga about what the Big Read is as well as programming highlights from MADL.	Muskegon, Library, Big Read Lakeshore, Books, Reading, Lakeshore
Tue Oct 10 10:12:59 EDT 2023	Today is World Mental Health Day	Shelley Irwin	Today is World Mental Health Day, this year's theme is Mental Health is a Universal Right. Hope Network Foundation ED Erik Wolenberg discusses how Hope is involved in the mental health field and how it advocates for people who suffer from physical, mental, and social health field and how it advocates for people who suffer from physical, mental, and social health field and how it advocates for people who suffer from physical, mental, and social	Hope Network, Hope Network Foundation, mental health, Book, Holland, Travel, Tourism, Local Author
Tue Oct 10 10:12:56 EDT 2023	100 Things to do in Holland MI Before You Die	Shelley Irwin	The book, 100 Things to do in Holland MI Before You Die is up for discussion, local author Veronica Bareman gives some suggestions, including best places to spend the day eating, drinking, boating, and stepping inside an authentic working windmill.	Book, Holland, Travel, Tourism, Local Author
Tue Oct 10 10:12:53 EDT 2023	Glenn Bulthuis Presents the Sounds of Bob	Shelley Irwin	We spend time listening to the sounds of Bob Dylan thanks to local musician Glenn Bulthuis. We get the info about his free concert playing Dylan's music this Thursday at the Calvin University Chapel. Bulthuis has been teaching the class The Music and Poetry of Bob Dylan	Glenn Bulthuis and the Tonedeaafs, Calvin University, New Community
Mon Oct 09 21:24:56 EDT 2023	Steelcase Foundation commits 500K to minority-focused venture capital fund	Patrick Center	Steelcase Foundation is committing \$500,000 toward Grand Rapids New Community Transformation Fund. NCTF supports opportunities for entrepreneurs of color and West Michigan businesses owned by people of color. It has now raised \$11.85 million since the venture fund was created in 2020 by former Right Place president and CEO Birgit Klohs. Last month, Novi-based ITC Holding Corporation, the nation’s largest independent electricity transmission company, also made a \$500,000 investment. Grand Rapids-based Steelcase Foundation has invested \$50 million over the past decade through 400 grants to 177 nonprofits. Daniel Williams is Steelcase Foundation President. He said, “We work with partners who share our commitment since true impact comes from collaboration and a belief	New Community Transformation Fund, Grand Rapids, Steelcase, Foundation, BIPOC, Minorities, minority owned businesses

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Mon Oct 09 21:14:18 EDT 2023
 Whitmer joins
 Colin Jackson
 Reproductive
 Health Act
 roundtable

The bills would repeal Michigan’s 24-hour abortion waiting period, certain reporting requirements, and the ban on Medicaid reimbursement for abortions. The package is stalled in the Michigan House—with at least one Democrat in the slim majority holding out. But Governor Gretchen Whitmer says last year’s vote on an abortion-rights amendment to the state constitution shows residents want to see the legislation passed. “Overwhelmingly, we in Michigan said these are rights we expect to have, we want to enshrine them and it’s our job to After its board of trustees banned short-term rentals in Ottawa County’s Park Township, a group of residents filed a lawsuit against the municipality. The ban went into effect on October 1st ^{of} this year, which prohibits homeowners in Park Township--a small lakeshore community of around 19,000 near Holland-- from renting out their property for periods of less than 28 days. Township officials say the ban came after receiving hundreds of noise and nuisance complaints from residents frustrated at loud and unruly guests staying in the short-term rental properties. Now a group of over 100 residents called the Park Township Neighbors are suing the elected board of trustees who say the ban is unlawful and unfair. Jeremy Allen is the organization’s president. “The board of trustees has put forth some narratives that I wouldn’t say are just outright lies but aren’t necessarily grounded in facts.” Specifically, Allen says, is the number of complaints the Township is receiving. “As we got organized, we started doing Freedom of Information of Act Requests, and said to the

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 City of Holland,
 Ottawa, short-term
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<p>Mon Oct 09 11:06:46 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Righting the American Dream</p>	<p>Fred Stella</p>	<p>The marriage between conservative politics and Evangelical Christianity dates back generations. But one man brought it to the forefront of the American landscape. President Ronald Reagan used his charisma, gravitas and personal convictions to engage a previously untapped resource in both state and national politics. It is from this juncture in the late 1970s that we can measure the growth of what are now termed "the culture wars." In her book, <a href="https://worldcat.org/title/1348869939?oclcNum=1348869939" target="_blank" link-data="{&quot;cms.site.owner&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;00000177-ab1d-d2dd-abff-eb5da8bc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ae3387cc-b875-31b7-b82d-63fd8d758c20&quot;},&quot;cms.content.publishDate&quot;:1696863487985,&quot;cms.c content.publishUser&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;},&quot;cms.content.updateDate&quot;:1696863487985,&quot;cms.c content.updateUser&quot;:&quot;_ref&quot;:&quot;0000017a-86b0-d69d-a9fa-bebe63dc0000&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;6aa69ae1-35be-30dc-87e9-410da9e1cdcc&quot;},&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;anchorable.showAnchor&quot;:false,&quot;link&quot;:&quot;attributes&quot;:[],&quot;cms.directory.paths&quot;:[],&quot;linkText&quot;:&quot;Righting the American Dream: How the Media Mainstreamed Reagan's Evangelical Vision,'&quot;,&quot;target&quot;:&quot;NEW&quot;,&quot;attachSourceUrl&quot;:false,&quot;url&quot;:&quot;https://worldcat.org/title/1348869939?oclcNum=1348869939&quot;,&quot;_id&quot;:&quot;0000018b-14f1-da83-afdf-3ffdeb3b0001&quot;,&quot;_type&quot;:&quot;ff658216-e70f-39d0-b660-hdfe57a5599a&quot;}&quot; id&quot;:&quot;0000018b-14f1-da83-afdf-</p>	<p>religion, Religious History, Religious Liberty, Christian Right, Christianity, Evangelical, President Ronald Reagan, Christian Nationalism, nationalism</p>
<p>Mon Oct 09 10:18:25 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Local Artist Nora Faber Shares Her Work</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Local Artist Nora Faber discusses her art at the Nora Faber Gallery, an abstract artist who creates depth with a multi layer technique on clayboard. We talk about her experiences with ArtPrize and how her process of painting is layered and unique.</p>	<p>Art, Art Studio, Art Prize, Artist, Art Downtown</p>
<p>Mon Oct 09 10:18:23 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Opera Grand Rapids stages The Abduction from the Seraglio this weekend</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Opera Grand Rapids stages The Abduction from the Seraglio this weekend. We talk with Emilee Syrewicze about the story, and how it still impresses today. The Act II Quartet is sung by the 2 principle couples.</p>	<p>Opera, Opera Grand Rapids, Music, Performace, Art</p>
<p>Mon Oct 09 10:18:20 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Christo Brand Shares His Relationship with</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Christo Brand was an 18 year old prison guard in 1978 on Robben Island in South Africa, when a bond with Prisoner Nelson Mandela changed his life. Brand joins TSIS to talk about a secret plan that allowed Mandela, to see his children in prison. Brand shares the story, and speaks to</p>	<p>South Africa, Prison, Family, Rotary, Activism</p>

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Mon Oct 09 10:18:17 EDT 2023

West Michigan Teacher Collaborative Aims to Train, Retain Teachers
Shelley Irwin

There's a new initiative to train and retain high quality teachers in Kent, Ottawa, and Muskegon Area ISDs in collaboration with GVSU. We talk to Laura Fennel Castle, Director, West Michigan Teacher Collaborative, Morgan Daily, Coordinator, West Michigan Teacher Collaborative, and Amy Schelling, Associate Dean, CECI. This initiative is no charge to the candidates chosen to participate.

Mon Oct 09 09:06:45 EDT 2023

LG Energy Solutions is investing billions of dollars in its Holland facility
Patrick Center

LG Energy Solutions has secured a new contract with Toyota Motor North America, supplying the Japanese automaker with lithium-ion batteries for US assembly. LG is investing \$3 billion, expanding its Holland, Michigan production facility to begin manufacturing the batteries in 2025. The lithium-ion batteries will be shipped to Toyota Manufacturing Kentucky for battery electric vehicle assembly. Toyota's electrification strategy includes 30 BEV models, including its Lexus nameplate. The goal is to produce three and a half million BEVs annually by the year

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Mon Oct 09 08:50:11 EDT 2023
 Auto workers stop expanding strikes against Detroit Three after GM makes battery plant concession

The United Auto Workers union said Friday it will not expand [its strikes](https://apnews.com/article/auto-workers-strike-negotiations-progress-gm-stellantis-ford-4dc51e9f463022bc3794e9615d8a705b) against Detroit's three automakers after General Motors made a breakthrough concession on unionizing electric vehicle battery plants. The announcement of the pause in adding factories to the strikes came minutes after GM agreed to bring workers at battery factories into the UAW's national contract, essentially assuring they will be represented by the union. "We have had a major breakthrough that has not only dramatically changed negotiations, but is going to change the future of our union and the future of our industry," union President Shawn Fain told workers Friday in a video appearance. Fain, wearing a T-shirt that said "Eat the Rich" in bold letters to back his contention that it's time for the [working class](https://apnews.com/article/uwa-strike-gm-ford-stellantis-pay-dacdf9ec0736f4bf3ce7ee38b4bcf4) to make gains over billionaires, said the UAW is winning at GM and expects to do the same at Ford and Stellantis. Neither GM nor Stellantis commented directly on unionization of battery factories, but Ford stuck to statements that workers will have to choose once they are hired at plants that haven't even been built. "We remain open to the possibility of working with the UAW on future battery plants in the U.S., reminding that these are multibillion-dollar investments and have to operate at sustainably competitive levels," Ford said in a statement. Fain told workers that additional plants could be added to the strikes later. He said GM made the change after the union threatened to strike at a plant in Arlington, Texas, that makes highly profitable large SUVs such as the Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon. "Today, under the threat of a major financial hit, they leapfrogged the pack in terms of a just transition" from [combustion engines to electric vehicles](https://apnews.com/article/biden-electric-cars-uaw-strike-d73f259bf5e9242340e912ad1e9b4aa9), he said. The union, he said, has seen significant progress in talks with all three companies. Ford's general wage offer, for instance, is up to 23% over four years, after starting at 9%. GM and Stellantis, he said, are at 20%. None of the raises is big enough but they're further along, he said. Ford and Stellantis, Fain said, have agreed to return to a cost-of-living pay raise formula that the union gave up in 2007 as the automakers were in financial trouble. Both sides remain far apart on pension increases for workers hired before 2007 and a switch from defined-

UAW, United Auto Workers, Strike, Shawn Fain, General Motors, GM, EV, electric cars

Mon Oct 09 06:30:49 EDT 2023
 'Filter First' bills set up for a vote in the MI House

The package, known as "Filter First," would require schools and childcare centers to implement water testing and filtration systems. Democratic Representative Ranjeev Puri says kids deserve access to safe water. "I know how much parents trust these institutions with safeguarding their kids' health and safety. And so, with kids spending upwards of 30 to 40 hours a week in the hands of these institutions, I think the least we can do is make sure that the water they're consuming is free from any sort of contamination." The three-bill package

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<p>Fri Oct 06 15:42:57 EDT 2023</p>	<p>City of Grand Rapids took another step Friday toward the construction of a USL Championship league soccer stadium</p>	<p>Patrick Center</p>	<p>During Friday morning’s Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority board meeting, a memorandum of understanding with Grand Action 2.0 was approved. The not-for-profit economic development organization has been working with the CAA on the soccer stadium project. “Which is very similar to what we have in place with the amphitheater.” Kara Wood is Grand Action 2.0 Executive Director. She confirmed the stadium’s vision is taking shape with a seating capacity of 8,500 with room for expansion. WGUV asked if an ownership group is in place? “That is still being worked on, and certainly we can’t have an ownership group until we have a confirmed stadium in place. And so, it’s real important that we advance the stadium design and due diligence to be able to confirm that we would have a place for a team to play.” Wood tells us a few sites are under consideration including Grand Rapids’ immediate westside along US-131. The David D. Hunting YMCA would become the stadium’s neighbor. The price tag has yet to be disclosed. The project would be financed through public-</p>	<p>USL Soccer, soccer stadium, Grand Action 2.0, Kara Wood, Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority, Grand Rapids</p>
<p>Fri Oct 06 13:38:44 EDT 2023</p>	<p>New Grand Rapids beer celebrates Hispanic and Latinx contributions to the brewing industry</p>	<p>Patrick Center</p>	<p>“Mi Gente means my people.” And it’s the name of a West Coast IPA Edwin Collazo, CEO of Grand Rapids’ City Built Brewing Company is bringing to market. “I had been talking with some other brewers about Mi Gente and the idea of doing a beer that would kind of highlight and showcase Latin, Hispanic brewers that are making contributions to the industry that tend to not be highlighted and/or just overlooked.” Collazo, who’s grand parents came to the United States from Puerto Rico recently returned from Denver, Colorado’s Suave Fest where 18 breweries participated in the National Latino Craft Beer Festival. “I met five other Puerto Rican business owners who own breweries, which blew my mind.” A 2021 Brewers Association survey found 2.2% of breweries are Hispanic or Latinx owned. In West Michigan, there is a growing community of brewers. “Miguel, who’s a brewer at Mitten Brewing, we want to talk about him. So, he’s actually going to be here tomorrow for our brew. There’s Linus, 3 Gatos (Brewery), which is in Wyoming. Karen at Berzerk in Grand Haven. Alana who’s an owner at A new academy opens to teach Massage. We talk to the founder of Synergy Wellness Academy Pete Overvoorde about the health benefits of Massage and why proper instruction and licensure is important.</p>	<p>craft beer, City Built Brewing Company, Edwin Collazo, West Coast IPA, Mi Gente, Hispanic, Latinx Owned Business, Brewing</p>
<p>Fri Oct 06 10:33:17 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Synergy Wellness Academy Opens to Teach Massage</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>A new academy opens to teach Massage. We talk to the founder of Synergy Wellness Academy Pete Overvoorde about the health benefits of Massage and why proper instruction and licensure is important.</p>	<p>Academy, Massage, Synergy Wellness Academy, Education</p>
<p>Fri Oct 06 10:33:14 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Western Michigan University's School of Theatre and Dance is</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Western Michigan University's School of Theatre and Dance is ready for the fall. We discuss the season with Thom Cooper and Emily Duguay in studio. We discuss stage management, music theatre performance, and how the audience is entertained.</p>	<p>Western michigan University, Dance, Theatre, Plays, Musical</p>
<p>Fri Oct 06 10:33:10 EDT 2023</p>	<p>The Time For Fall Vaccines is Here</p>	<p>Shelley Irwin</p>	<p>Executive VP of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Former President Biden Covid Czar Dr. Julie Morita joins the show to discuss vaccination against Covid-19, flu and RSV, plus why taking an equitable approach to vaccination is the best way to ensure everyone can access</p>	<p>vaccine, Vaccinations, COVID, flu, RSV</p>

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Fri Oct 06 10:33:07 EDT 2023	Annual St. Nicholas' Middle Eastern Dinner Takes Place on	Shelley Irwin	Be Greek on Tuesday. It's the annual St. Nicholas' Middle Eastern Dinner, a meal prepared at St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church. We talk to Mark Ansara about this October 10th event. Sahtein!	Middle East, Food, Event, Orthodox, Christian
Fri Oct 06 10:33:04 EDT 2023	The Rapid Wants to Hear from You	Shelley Irwin	The Rapid seeks community involvement to help shape the 20 year vision of public transportation. Cassi Cooper joins in to share the details. Individuals participate through an online survey or an in person engagement workshop.	Rapid, The Rapid, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids development,

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Fri Oct 06 09:09:13 EDT
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District judge Colin Jackson
denies dismissal
motions in
electors plot

A judge is refusing to dismiss charges against two defendants in an alleged plot to award Michigan's 2020 electoral college votes to former President Donald Trump. Clifford Frost and Mari-Ann Henry are among 16 people accused of signing an official document claiming they were electoral college members attempting to cast their votes for Trump. That's despite Trump's certified election loss in Michigan by more than 150,000 votes. Friday morning, attorneys for both appeared in Lansing's 54A district court to separately argue why the case should be dismissed. The motions came after Attorney General Dana Nessel reportedly made comments that the defendants had been "brainwashed" into believing Trump had won the state. In comments first reported by the Detroit News, Nessel said the belief that Trump won wouldn't allow the defendants to plead guilty if they wanted to. Lawyer George Brown represents Henry. In court, Brown argued the comments undermine the state's case against his client. "Convictions here would require the Attorney General to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant intended to cheat or deceive. The attorney general cannot make that assertion, let alone prove it beyond a reasonable doubt," Brown said. "Because she now claims that the defendant believed what she was doing was right." In response, Assistant Attorney General LaDonna Logan argued Nessel's comments were irrelevant to the facts of the case. "Those allegations are not evidence. The evidence comes from witness testimony, it comes from the presentation of documents, which, again, has not happened in this case. So extrajudicial statements made by the attorney general are not evidence that can be put before this court," Logan said. Ultimately, Judge Kristen Simmons sided with the prosecution. She said it was wrong to consider dropping the case based on this motion ahead of a preliminary examination. "And at that time is when the prosecutors, the Attorney General's office, has a duty and a responsibility solely upon them to put forth sufficient evidence to establish if there's probable cause enough to move forward with this as a crime," Simmons said. In a written statement provided after the hearing, Brown didn't say whether he plans to appeal the decision. "We are

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House committee Rick Pluta
continues
hearings on
housing
discrimination
bills

Sweeping housing protections – including a bill to create a “homeless bill of rights” – would be enacted in Michigan under a package of legislation that was the subject of a hearing Thursday before a state House panel. The main bill lists a broad array of rights. Those include a ban on employment discrimination against people who don’t have a permanent mailing address or list a shelter as a home address, a right for homeless kids to be registered at a school, the right to documentation so a homeless person can vote, and the right to move about public spaces regardless of housing status. “The homeless bill of rights ensures that there are equal rights and privileges and access to public services regardless of housing status, real or perceived,” said Representative Emily Dievendorf (D-Lansing), the bill sponsor. The legislation is aimed at combating homelessness and getting more families into secure housing. Other bills in the package include a ban on discrimination based on source of income or non-violent criminal history. Genesee County Sheriff Christopher Swanson testified in favor of the bills. He said housing affects crime rates. “I will tell you selfishly, if you can help fix the stable housing issue, not only here in the state but be an example across the country, you’re going to reduce crime and you’re going to reduce victims and you’re going to save families,” he said. Republicans on the committee expressed concerns about many of the bills. Republican Representative Jav DeBover (R-Clav) said landlords do not want to turn away prospective

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Fri Oct 06 06:58:25 EDT
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House lawmakers Colin Jackson
reintroduce
physician's
assistant
legislation

Michigan lawmakers are renewing an effort to give physician's assistants, or PAs for short, more authority. Newly filed bills in the Michigan House would change PAs' titles to physician associate, give them power to supervise medical assistants, and count them as mental health professionals. The package would also enter Michigan in a [multi-state compact](https://www.pacompact.org/) to recognize licenses from out of state. Representative Carrie Rheingans (D-Ann Arbor) co-sponsors the legislation. "Since we know that patients deserve the highest quality of care from professionals who are trained to provide it, we're here trying to address this gap. Sometimes outdated laws on the books get in the way of people trying to provide that care and address our mental health crisis right now in our state," Rheingans said during a press conference Thursday morning. Federal numbers show Michigan has 526 facilities and 77 geographic areas [designated as Health Provider Shortage Areas](https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-workforce/shortage-areas). That means they're dealing with a [shortage of primary, dental, or mental health care providers](https://bhw.hrsa.gov/workforce-shortage-areas/shortage-designation). The bill to identify PAs as mental health professionals came up [last legislative session](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2021-2022/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2021-SFA-0191-F.pdf) as well, sponsored by then-Senator Curt VanderWall (R-Ludington). Though the legislation passed the Senate unanimously, it stalled before the Michigan House. While in Senate committee, it faced pushback from various organizations, including the Michigan Psychiatric Society. The group shared concerns over giving PAs and nurse practitioners the authority to make decisions regarding hospitalization, seclusion, and restraint. "[I]nstead of curtailing the use of restraint and seclusion, a goal for everyone in the mental health community, SB 191 simply adds a host of new people, some of whom won't be qualified, to the list of those who can do authorizations, exams and orders," [written testimony](https://committees.senate.michigan.gov/testimony/2021-2022/Mark%20Reinstein%20Oppse%20SB%20191.pdf) to the committee from the group read. Likewise, the most recent legislation is also getting pushback from the Michigan State Medical Society, which said the bills are confusing the patient-physician dynamic. "Quality patient care is rooted in the trusted relationship between

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Thu Oct 05 15:40:31 EDT 2023	Appeals Court says Hambley termination hearing will move forward	Patrick Center	<p>In late September, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners Chair Joe Moss issued a Notice of hearing to remove interim Administrative Health Officer, Adeline Hambley, from her position. Hambley’s request to postpone the October 19th Michigan Court of Appeals termination hearing has been denied by Presiding Judge Michelle Rick. On September 27th when Moss requested the hearing a corresponding news release alleged Hambley had, “demonstrated incompetence, misconduct, and neglect of duty by making false public representations about budgetary scenarios, falsely claiming that she was not included in the budget process, failing to cooperate in the budget process, and making false claims that encouraged and caused confusion, anxiety, fear, and panic in the community.” Hambley maintains Ottawa County’s leadership is engaging in “retaliatory Mel Tucker’s legal team sent a letter this morning to MSU interim president Teresa K. Woodruff and the board of trustees. The letter says quote “Under the Office of Institutional Equity rules, we are prohibited from participating in the hearing scheduled for October 5th and 6th because Mr. Tucker is not available due to a serious medical condition.” The 106 page document also outlines quote “new evidence that undermines MSU’s decision to terminate Mr. Tucker” - end quote. Among that evidence is newly revealed text messages, allegedly from Tracy to a close friend. Lansing-area attorney Elizabeth Abdnour, who specializes in Title IX, On August 8 police say 40-year-old Brandy Sue Jones of Belding ran over 3 boys walking along Wise Road in Montcalm County, killing one and injuring the other two, and then drove away. This is magistrate Brian Wagner at her arraignment. “It is alleged on or about August 8, 2023 in Eureka Township in Montcalm County, Michigan that you did commit the offense of failure to stop at the scene of an accident when at fault resulting in death.” 14-year-old Jamison Lafferty was killed. His 2 companions survived but have serious injuries. Because Jones is an habitual offender with at least a decade of crimes on her record, she face up to 30 years in prison. “Miss Jones has a criminal history.” “She is currently on parole for an offense.</p>	<p>Adeline Hambley, Joe Moss, Ottawa County, Ottawa County Health Department, Ottawa County Department of Public Health, Board of Commissioners, Holland, Zeeland, Mel Tucker, MSU, Title IX, hearing, Lansing</p>
Thu Oct 05 15:21:37 EDT 2023	Mel Tucker not participating in title IX hearing	Al Martin		
Thu Oct 05 11:53:34 EDT 2023	Belding woman pleads no contest to fatal hit and run	Phil Dawson		<p>Hit and Run, hit-and-run, accident, police, Belding, manslaughter with a motor vehicle</p>

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Thu Oct 05 11:10:51 EDT 2023
 Alabama finally has a new congressional map after a lengthy legal fight

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The lines on Alabama's congressional map have shifted — along with some of the state's political power.

After a high-profile legal fight that lasted roughly two years, a panel of three federal judges on Thursday picked a map that will be used when Alabamians cast their 2024 vote for who will represent them in the U.S. House.

The new map adds a second congressional district where Black voters' preferred candidate is projected to win a majority of the time.

That's a win for Black Alabamians — and Democrats, who tend to receive those votes.

It's a loss for Republican leaders in Alabama who were twice rebuked by the U.S. Supreme Court.

And the shift in Alabama of one seat toward Democrats' favor could be repeated in other states, as the precedent set with Alabama's case is affecting similar redistricting cases elsewhere. That could make the GOP's slim majority in the U.S. House harder to hold next year.

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 Second Annual Built By Women Event Takes Place October 12

A celebration of the contributions of Women in the Construction, Architecture, and Real Estate Industries is to be had on October 12th. We discuss the second annual Built By Women Event that celebrates Diversity and more. The Keynote speaker is Rita Brown, Advocate and CEO, a prominent construction professional and entrepreneur. She joins in to preview her

construction, Architecture, Real Estate, Women, Event

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Thu Oct 05 10:37:19 EDT 2023	Grand Rapids Marathon Hits 20th Year	Shelley Irwin	It's #20 for Marathon Don, the Grand Rapids Marathon weekend of races is right around the corner for the 20th year. Race Director Don Kern talks about the beginnings and what's in store for October 15th.	Marathon, GR Marathon, Marathon Don, Grand Rapids
Thu Oct 05 10:37:12 EDT 2023	Holland Offers a New Community Fund	Shelley Irwin	Holland offers a new community fund, the Jeannette Brownson Building Beloved Communities Fund. We talk to Jonathan Brownson, husband of the late Jeannette Brownson. Jeannett lost here life last year to Pancreatic Cancer and the fund in her honor is held at the Kalamazoo Lively Arts begins its 2023/2024 season tonight. Producer/Director Alan Helzer shares the details of what's in store, the mission/vision, and the take home message from the series.	Holland, Community, funding, memorial, Real Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Lively Arts, WGUV-TV, Art,
Thu Oct 05 10:37:07 EDT 2023	New Season of Kalamazoo Lively Arts Airs Tonight	Shelley Irwin		Alzheimer's Disease, National Institutes of Health, Research, Black Americans, Dr. Travonia Brown-Hughes, Dr. Stewart Graham, Corewell Health
Thu Oct 05 09:10:31 EDT 2023	Corewell Health researcher spearheading study identifying environmental and social factors contributing to cognitive aging in Black seniors	Patrick Center	Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death for White Americans over the age of 65. For Black Americans, it's the fourth leading cause of death. "It's not enough for us to compare Blacks to Whites, we need to know how Blacks differ from each other?" Dr. Travonia Brown-Hughes is an associate professor at Hampton University and Johns Hopkins Resource Center Minority Aging Research scientist. Through the Black American United Memory & Aging project 600 Black adults aged 55 and older from across the country are encouraged to register in the online study. Participants will receive a mobile phone installed with cognitive tests. Corewell Health will send out a kit for retrieving saliva samples measuring DNA strands. "If you include stressors such as racism, geographic location, diet, exercise, you include all that information, it will give you an output whereby that will shorten faster. So, we're trying to measure that to see, with all these perceived stressors, do these individuals in the black community age quicker?" That's Corewell Health neuroscientist Dr. Stewart Graham. "We're going to combine our biomedical measurements with all the psychological measurements with all of our cognitive testing information and believe me it's going to be a large pot of information which is going to give us a direct readout of how these individuals are effected over this time period." For more information on the five-year study visit <a href="https://u12097671.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=9rudYHeevExQpJ5A1h-2BA7XJr5iUxKj8oCsQK5oCd64QCFCdfyrSiOF8iVMpEKiu-2B360o_lo0KzcndCvF8z2ERM-2BLu21Q4PnC-2BxglVTiwKwTzElgtuLf9vyeuh5c4B9J7o0DXmOzjjXGGGZ0vQkCsgzSMeddlOmLzPDmFnwoL1ad-2Fe0J942C9X7zxs47AQCYKO-2F574Rdes0X43vohXkikRvnF1wYt5nl H7WRDcnPs9IFFA6n2wii1OTth8DuCCdl lFl lnnlI5k89Ptn	Alzheimer's Disease, National Institutes of Health, Research, Black Americans, Dr. Travonia Brown-Hughes, Dr. Stewart Graham, Corewell Health

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Auto worker strike highlights disparities between temporary and permanent employees

Associated Press

When Rhonda Naus got a job inspecting Jeep Wranglers fresh off the assembly line, her paycheck added up to roughly half of what her co-workers were making. But with that came an expectation that her temporary status eventually would become permanent with a big jump in wages. Six years later, she's still doing the same work as her colleagues at Stellantis and still making a lot less. "I knew I had to start at the bottom. I didn't think I'd be at the bottom forever," said Naus, who's among thousands of striking United Auto Workers nationwide pushing for pay and benefit increases along with an end to multiple tiers of wages for workers across the companies. From office workers to delivery drivers, companies have become increasingly reliant on temporary workers. Automakers have used the lower-paid workers for years to fill in for absent and vacationing full-time employees and to staff up when production increases. Tiers for the Detroit automakers were created starting in 2007 as the UAW tried to help them out of serious financial troubles. Even so, GM and Chrysler ended up in government-funded bankruptcies. Today, union leaders say the Detroit automakers are abusing the system to save money by treating temps like full-time workers — one major point of contention in current contract talks that has led to [more than 25,000 auto workers going on strike.](https://apnews.com/article/autoworkers-detroit-general-motors-stellantis-ford-e2c78274333bea20856b90126a6b831c) "Temp work has to be temporary work," said UAW President Shawn Fain weeks before the strike began. "We're going to end the abuse of temps." The union is also asking for pay raises as part of the contract talks, as well as a 32-hour week with 40 hours of pay, the restoration of traditional defined-benefit pensions for new hires and a return of cost-of-living pay raises, among other benefits. Under contracts negotiated in 2019, temporary workers reach full-time status at GM after 19 months of continuous employment and at Ford after two years. At Stellantis, maker of Jeeps, Rams and Chryslers, they get preferential hiring but no guarantees. In the current negotiations, GM and Stellantis have made offers to increase temporary worker starting pay from \$16.67 to about \$20 per hour. Ford raised its offer to \$21 per hour with profit sharing and said it would make temporaries full-time workers after 90 days of continuous service. Once temporary workers become full time, they start on a higher pay scale that eventually would reach the top assembly plant wage of \$32 per hour. Of the Detroit Three, Stellantis relies most heavily on temporary employees, who make up about 12% of its UAW workforce, or just over 5,100

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CEO shares
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Museum's
expansion plans

Full construction on the final phase of the Motown Museum’s expansion will get underway in the spring of 2024, the museum’s CEO announced Wednesday night. Robin Terry also said that fundraising for the expansion has reached \$59 million, “nearing our goal of \$65 million.” “Although we are not done, we will get it done,” Terry, who also serves as the museum’s chair, said during a private donor event that honored Motown legends the Four Tops and The Temptations. Otis Williams, a 60-plus-year member of The Temptations, was honored at the event. Earlier in the day, he fielded questions from a group of aspiring performers at the museum. The historic section of the city where Motown Records founder Berry Gordy Jr. built his music empire six decades ago has undergone a facelift in recent years with the addition of an educational programming and creative hub as well as an outdoor plaza that serves as a gathering space. The museum continues to be housed in the famed “Hitsville, U.S.A” building at 2648 West Grand Boulevard. Terry, Gordy’s grand-niece, also announced two exhibits that will be coming to the museum. One called “The Motown Atmosphere,” will be an immersive room featuring classic Motown images that showcase the record label’s family environment. The second, “The Backstage Lounge,” will allow visitors to search the Motown

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Thu Oct 05 08:27:25 EDT 2023	Striking auto workers and Detroit companies appear to make progress in contract talks	Associated Press	<p>Meaningful progress has been made in negotiations between the striking United Auto Workers union and Detroit's three auto companies, according to a person with direct knowledge of the talks. The person said Wednesday that progress was reported at all three companies, with some offers being exchanged. Another said there was more movement in talks with Jeep maker Stellantis, with less at Ford and General Motors. Neither person wanted to be identified because they aren't authorized to speak publicly about the bargaining. Union President Shawn Fain will update members Friday on bargaining toward bringing to an end the nearly 3-week-old strikes against the companies. It wasn't clear exactly what Fain will announce as part of the union's strategy of targeted strikes against the companies, with automakers perceived as making progress in the talks being spared additional job actions. But the report of progress raises the possibility that the union may decide not to expand its walkouts at one or more of the companies. The union has so far limited the strike to about 25,000 workers at five vehicle assembly plants and 38 parts warehouses. Fain has announced strike expansions on each of the past two Fridays. Ford said Tuesday that it increased its offer to the union on Monday night, but provisions made public by the company were close to previous offers. The company said its seventh offer raised the general wage increase to over 20% over four years without compounding. It also said the company raised its 401(k) retirement contributions and confirmed profit sharing was offered to temporary workers. Those workers also would see a pay raise from \$16.67 per hour to \$21. Ford, which had made early progress, was spared from the second round of strikes, and its parts warehouses remain open. Stellantis was exempted last week, when the union added assembly plants at Ford in Chicago and GM in Lansing, Michigan. So far the union has avoided strikes at large pickup truck and SUV factories, vehicles that are responsible for much of the automakers' profits. The union has about 146,000 members at all three companies combined. The targeted strike strategy helps to preserve the UAW's strike fund, which was \$825 million before the strikes began on Sept. 15. GM and Ford</p>	United Auto Workers, UAW, Strike, Detroit 3, Shawn Fain
Wed Oct 04 17:19:12 EDT 2023	Prescription Drug Affordability Board legislation passes Senate	Colin Jackson	<p>The legislation would create a "Prescription Drug Affordability Board" to create upper payment limits on certain medicines. Democratic Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet says the issue of high drug costs has gone on for too long. The reality is we have to do something, and we would love for Congress to act in a very big way but in that absence, it's incumbent upon the states to take action and this is our first best shot at trying to get a handle—get our arms around this problem. Opponents to the legislation say setting price limits won't work—arguing</p>	prescription drugs, prescription drug prices, specialty drugs, Michigan Senate

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One of the first arguments was about exactly when a train operator had a duty to pull the brakes when he saw a person walking along the track. The plaintiff is the family of an injured teenager who was wearing earbuds and failed to hear the warning whistle. Other cases look at criminal justice questions regarding the use of polygraphs and the rules for when police officers can block in a vehicle before approaching a driver for questioning. Also this week, the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Justice

David Hast: Scott, have you seen The Man I Love? Scott Vander Werf: I have seen it, directed by Raoul Walsh in 1947. DH: Yeah, it's not one of Raoul Walsh's better known films, but it is, it'll be an interesting one for us to talk about. We should probably remind people who Raoul Walsh was, they may not know the name, but he was a director of several very well-known Hollywood films. And he, he... It was often said about him that he was Hollywood. Raoul Walsh is Hollywood because he was a director who worked from 1914 all the way to 1964 from the early silent era, you know, before Birth of a Nation, which incidentally he worked on. He was on the crew of Birth of a Nation. He directed silent films. And then he went on to direct some really famous, you know, although he directed over a hundred films and most of them are not well known or well thought of today. Amongst those were some of the greatest Hollywood movies. He directed a couple of the great gangster films, The Roaring Twenties, which is my favorite of all of the gangster films, starring James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart. A good one to see if you've never seen all those movies Humphrey Bogart did before he became a star, where he always played like the bad gangster, the second build gangster. SVW: And this was in 1939. DH: 1939. And it's a wonderful portrayal. In many ways thought of as the culmination of the gangster genre in 1939 until Raoul Walsh himself again came back in 1949 and made White Heat. SVW: Which is a film I have seen. I have not seen The Roaring Twenties, unless I saw it 40, 50 years ago and just don't remember it. But White Heat has that iconic portrayal by James Cagney. DH: Yeah, he plays a really psychotic gangster. At the end he's like... refinery is blowing up around him and he's standing there burning up shouting top of the world ma and he in some ways it just like put an exclamation point on the gangster genre and pretty much ended it until a new generation came along heavily influenced by Walsh and the other gangster films and made movies like The Godfather and Goodfellas the ones we know so well today. SVW: And Raoul Walsh also directed They Drive by Night, 1940, Humphrey Bogart, George Raft, and Ida Lupino. And I have seen that, although it's sort of vague in my memory. Remind me of that film. DH: They Drive by Night is about some truck drivers who get involved inadvertently in some criminal activity and Bogart's really great in it. Ida Lupino is always good and she was a favorite of Walsh. And this is Bogart on the verge of stardom. But stardom came for him the next year in a Raoul Walsh directed film. This is the movie that made Humphrey Bogart a star, High Sierra. In fact, in High Sierra, if you look at the billing at the beginning, the

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Cinema, Classic Cinema, Classic Films, Movie talk, Movies, Movie

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Wed Oct 04 10:36:45 EDT 2023	National Institutes of Health seeking Type 2 diabetes insulin resistance solution	Patrick Center	In almost all animals, insulin regulates metabolism and growth and development. There are more than 35 million people, or 1 in 10 U.S. residents, living with Type 2 diabetes. They either lack insulin or have it but their body fails to respond to it correctly making Insulin resistance the underlying cause of the disease. The National Institutes of Health is seeking a solution. Through its Common Fund, N.I.H. has awarded Dr. Nick Burton its nearly \$2.9 million New Innovator Award. The Van Andel Institute scientist believes there are human microbiomes either predisposing or causing insulin resistance. "And if we can harness that, we might be able to prevent the development of Type 2 diabetes or insulin resistance in humans. And prevent a lot of the diseases associated with them. All we have to do is find them... Our entire hypothesis came about from really, studies of worms and flies. Critters that predominantly The law requires doctors to test one- and two-year-olds for lead... and for records to be reported to health departments. Ellen Vial is a member of the Michigan Alliance for Lead Safe Homes. She says universal testing can help identify - and phase out - sources of lead - either from water lines, paint in historic houses, or antique objects. "People think about something when there's an emergency or crisis, but they don't think about how it could impact their families or their communities on a day-to-day basis." Childhood exposure to lead can result in One of the speakers at the rally was Jen Brown. Her mother had to move to a nursing home after she was severely injured in a car crash. That's because of the 2019 auto no fault law's dramatic cuts to fees for home care aides. Brown said those who helped pass the law made a terrible mistake. "I speak to each and every one of them who participated in this unethical and immoral decision. You harmed and decimated the lives of families of people you were charged with protecting." The Insurance Alliance of Michigan says the bills would take the Disneyland on the Mountain: Walt, the Environmentalists, and the Ski , and the Ski	Nick Burton, Ph.D, Van Andel Institute, insulin, resistant, NIH, National Institutes of Health, grant, Research, Diabetes, Type 2 diabetes
Wed Oct 04 10:19:47 EDT 2023	Advocates say new universal lead testing law will help identify, phase out lead	Teresa Homs	The law requires doctors to test one- and two-year-olds for lead... and for records to be reported to health departments. Ellen Vial is a member of the Michigan Alliance for Lead Safe Homes. She says universal testing can help identify - and phase out - sources of lead - either from water lines, paint in historic houses, or antique objects. "People think about something when there's an emergency or crisis, but they don't think about how it could impact their families or their communities on a day-to-day basis." Childhood exposure to lead can result in One of the speakers at the rally was Jen Brown. Her mother had to move to a nursing home after she was severely injured in a car crash. That's because of the 2019 auto no fault law's dramatic cuts to fees for home care aides. Brown said those who helped pass the law made a terrible mistake. "I speak to each and every one of them who participated in this unethical and immoral decision. You harmed and decimated the lives of families of people you were charged with protecting." The Insurance Alliance of Michigan says the bills would take the Disneyland on the Mountain: Walt, the Environmentalists, and the Ski , and the Ski	Michigan, lead tests, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Children
Wed Oct 04 10:12:21 EDT 2023	Advocates rally for no-fault reform in Lansing	Tracy Samilton	The Grand Rapids Athena Celebration has come and gone, the Roving Mic takes you back to show what it takes to be an Athena. Mayor Rosalyn Bliss and Evelyn Esparza-Gonzalez were honored at the celebration. These voices and others take you back to this late September Second Vibess is a second hand clothing store that's giving back to the community. Owners Camille Steverson and Kaitlynn Fitzpatrick share their story of friendship, homegrown business sense, and building a real community of vintage fashion art lovers at their Division street location.	no-fault, reform
Wed Oct 04 10:08:02 EDT 2023	Disneyland on the Mountain: Walt, the Environmentalists , and the Ski	Shelley Irwin	The Grand Rapids Athena Celebration has come and gone, the Roving Mic takes you back to show what it takes to be an Athena. Mayor Rosalyn Bliss and Evelyn Esparza-Gonzalez were honored at the celebration. These voices and others take you back to this late September Second Vibess is a second hand clothing store that's giving back to the community. Owners Camille Steverson and Kaitlynn Fitzpatrick share their story of friendship, homegrown business sense, and building a real community of vintage fashion art lovers at their Division street location.	Book, Disney, Skiing, environment, history
Wed Oct 04 10:07:59 EDT 2023	The Roving Mic Recaps the Athena Awards	Shelley Irwin	The Grand Rapids Athena Celebration has come and gone, the Roving Mic takes you back to show what it takes to be an Athena. Mayor Rosalyn Bliss and Evelyn Esparza-Gonzalez were honored at the celebration. These voices and others take you back to this late September Second Vibess is a second hand clothing store that's giving back to the community. Owners Camille Steverson and Kaitlynn Fitzpatrick share their story of friendship, homegrown business sense, and building a real community of vintage fashion art lovers at their Division street location.	Awards, Women, Roving Mic, Grand Rapids, Mayor Bliss
Wed Oct 04 10:07:56 EDT 2023	Building A Community of Vintage Fashion Lovers At Second Vibess	Shelley Irwin	The Grand Rapids Athena Celebration has come and gone, the Roving Mic takes you back to show what it takes to be an Athena. Mayor Rosalyn Bliss and Evelyn Esparza-Gonzalez were honored at the celebration. These voices and others take you back to this late September Second Vibess is a second hand clothing store that's giving back to the community. Owners Camille Steverson and Kaitlynn Fitzpatrick share their story of friendship, homegrown business sense, and building a real community of vintage fashion art lovers at their Division street location.	Art, Fashion, Second Vibess, Local Business, west side

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Wed Oct 04 10:07:55 EDT 2023	Rockstar Women Brunch Series Recap	Shelley Irwin	Rockstar Entrepreneur Businesswoman Shannon Cohen joins TSIS to recap her 5th annual Rockstar Women Brunch series, its success, and her next project on the horizon. Shannon is the founder of the Rockstar Woman Brunch series, her talents are also found in Target stores, Automakers posted big increases in new vehicle sales during the summer, despite high prices, rising interest rates and even a limited strike against Detroit companies. Industry sales rose 16.3% from July through September as consumer demand stayed strong, even given an average new vehicle loan rate of 7.4% and an average vehicle price of more than \$45,500. Vehicle supplies also continued to recover from shortages of computer chips and other parts that began during the pandemic and are finally abating. With increased selection, more people bought vehicles, despite an average monthly payment of \$736. "I think this is 100% replacement purchases and needs-based," said Ivan Drury, director of insights at Edmunds.com. Pent-up demand has been building since the pandemic started in 2020, with many people delaying purchases while waiting for prices to come down and supplies to increase. But then the Federal Reserve began raising interest rates. "Unfortunately some of the people in that pool, they go into the (new vehicle) market because something has forced their hand" such as a failing transmission in their existing vehicle, Drury said. Automakers sold just short of 4 million vehicles from July through September, according to Motorintelligence.com. General Motors posted a 21.2% increase, while Toyota sales rose 12.2%. Honda reported a 52.7% increase, while Nissan posted a 40.8% gain and Hyundai sales were up 10.2%. Kia sales rose 13.8%. But Stellantis sales were down 1.3%. Its car sales fell 29% as the company began phasing out Dodge gas-powered muscle cars. Ford will report sales on Wednesday, and Tesla, which reported a	Women, Women In Power, Business, Entrepreneur, Ladies automakers, sales
Wed Oct 04 08:51:33 EDT 2023	US automakers' sales rose sharply over the summer, despite high prices and interest rates	Associated Press	Federal Reserve began raising interest rates. "Unfortunately some of the people in that pool, they go into the (new vehicle) market because something has forced their hand" such as a failing transmission in their existing vehicle, Drury said. Automakers sold just short of 4 million vehicles from July through September, according to Motorintelligence.com. General Motors posted a 21.2% increase, while Toyota sales rose 12.2%. Honda reported a 52.7% increase, while Nissan posted a 40.8% gain and Hyundai sales were up 10.2%. Kia sales rose 13.8%. But Stellantis sales were down 1.3%. Its car sales fell 29% as the company began phasing out Dodge gas-powered muscle cars. Ford will report sales on Wednesday, and Tesla, which reported a	
Wed Oct 04 08:47:36 EDT 2023	Detroit-area mayor indicted on bribery charge alleging he took \$50,000 to facilitate property sale	Associated Press	A suburban Detroit mayor was indicted Tuesday on a federal bribery charge for allegedly demanding \$50,000 in bribes to facilitate the sale of a city property to an outside party. Inkster Mayor Patrick Wimberly allegedly accepted the bribes from September 2022 through this past April, the indictment said. The bribes began at \$5,000 monthly until Wimberly demanded more and they rose to \$10,000 monthly, prosecutors said in a news release. Wimberly, 49, could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 if convicted. "Elected public officials owe a duty to their community to act in the citizens' best interest," U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison said in a news release. "Our office is committed to prosecuting those public officials who betray the public trust by accepting bribes." A telephone message seeking comment was left	City of Inkster, Bribes, Mayor Patrick Wimberly

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Wed Oct 04 08:39:33 EDT 2023
 Many states are expanding their Medicaid programs to provide dental care to their poorest residents
 Associated Press

For months, Carlton Clemons endured crippling pain from a rotting wisdom tooth. He couldn't Medicaid coverage, sleep, barely ate and relied on painkillers to get by. The 67-year-old from Nashville, Tennessee, dental care could not afford to see a dentist on the \$1,300-a-month his family gets in Social Security and disability payments. So he waited for the state to roll out a program this year that offers dental care to the more than 650,000 Medicaid recipients like him who are 21 and older. Tennessee is spending about \$75 million annually on the program. "Man, I thought I had made it to heaven because the pain was over," he said after the tooth was pulled in July at the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. "When they did pull it out, I was so happy. I was so glad. Everything just changed after that." His wife, Cindy, who also is on Medicaid, has had her teeth pulled at the clinic. Medicaid, the federal and state health insurance program for the poor, [requires states to provide dental coverage for children but not adults](https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/dental-care/index.html). But with a growing recognition of the economic and health costs of poor dental health and an influx of federal pandemic dollars, six states began or expanded their Medicaid programs this year to provide coverage for adults. Access remains difficult in many of those states with some dentists refusing to treat Medicaid patients. Even those who want to expand their practice are finding themselves caught up in red tape. Dr. Victor Wu, the chief medical officer for Tennessee's Medicaid program, said he was pleased with the rollout of Medicaid dental benefits that started in January, but he acknowledges the state needs to build out its network and increase the participation rate among dentists. While dental care often is seen as routine, the poor often go without any care for years or even decades. Doing so has significant costs, both to taxpayers and to those who cannot afford treatment. One study from Texas A&M University found that treatment for preventable dental conditions represents up to 2.5% of emergency room visits, at a cost of \$2 billion a year. An additional \$45 billion is lost year in productivity in the United States annually from untreated oral disease, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "You put off care and you get sicker and then it becomes a crisis where you're missing work or you end up going to the emergency department where you get a big bill and you don't get the tooth actually taken care of," said Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, the chief executive officer of Interfaith Dental Clinic which has offices in Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee. "You need good teeth to have good employment," Switzer-Nadasdi said. Michigan Reconnect provides residents with tuition at their local community college while they work toward an associate's degree or professional certification. Though initially only available to those over the age of 25—that age lowered to 21 via the state's new budget that took effect this week. Susan Corbin is the director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. She says Michigan Reconnect has helped three-thousand people get a community college degree or certificate. "And with this expansion, we're poised to see even bigger wins for

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 Michigan Reconnect expansion takes effect
 Colin Jackson

college tuition, Michigan Reconnect program, Michigan Reconnect, community college degree or certificate. "And with this expansion, we're poised to see even bigger wins for

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Tue Oct 03 15:37:34 EDT 2023	Crumbley parents Rick Pluta will face charges related to Oxford HS shootings	This is the final blow to James and Jennifer Crumbley’s efforts to have the charges dismissed. The Supreme Court upheld lower courts when it refused to take the case. It’s a rare instance of prosecutors trying to hold parents criminally responsible for providing a gun used by a child in a mass shooting. Prosecutors also allege the Crumbleys ignored their son’s pleas for help with mental health issues, including violent ideation. The Crumbleys say they kept the gun safely stored and could not have known it would be turned to such a horrible purpose. Ethan	Oxford High School, school shooting, school shootings, charges, murder charges
Tue Oct 03 15:24:08 EDT 2023	East Grand Rapids Phil Dawson discussing possible ban on gas leaf blowers	The main concerns about gas powered leaf blowers in East Grand Rapids are air pollution from the exhaust and the noise they make. Commissioner John Arendshorst says they are as loud as a jet plane: “That noise is primarily a low frequency noise which among other things can penetrate cars and houses pretty easily so it is difficult to get away from that.” While some agree the noise can be annoying, almost everyone who spoke at Monday’s commission meeting is against banning gas leaf blowers. resident Daniel Brown. “What is he next step? The next step is the lawn mower. And then the next step is the car.” And Jim Benedict: “I spent a lot of money on a leaf blower and now the city is considering telling me I can’t use it anymore. That is unacceptable.” Deputy City Manager Doug Lafave assured residents the blower ban is not likely in the near future, but worth discussing. “This is just a Central Park Place in Grand Haven offers a free family event this Saturday afternoon as a part of Arts and Humanities Month with the help of local Grand Haven artists. We talk to Char Seise about this Encounter the Arts afternoon, as well as the partnerships with Loutit Library Ferris State University’s New Center for Virtual Learning prepares students for rapidly evolving careers while making education more accessible. We talk to Andrew Peterson with Ferris about how the Center will connect students around the state, and around the world.	Noise, East Grand Rapids, City of East Grand Rapids, pollution
Tue Oct 03 12:14:20 EDT 2023	Free Saturday Shelley Irwin Family Event at Central Park Place	Ferris State University’s New Center for Virtual Learning prepares students for rapidly evolving careers while making education more accessible. We talk to Andrew Peterson with Ferris about how the Center will connect students around the state, and around the world.	Grand Haven, Public Art, public events, Family Fun, Art
Tue Oct 03 12:14:19 EDT 2023	Ferris State Shelley Irwin University Unveils New Center for Virtual Learning	Ferris State University’s New Center for Virtual Learning prepares students for rapidly evolving careers while making education more accessible. We talk to Andrew Peterson with Ferris about how the Center will connect students around the state, and around the world.	Ferris State University, virtual learning, Higher Education, small
Tue Oct 03 12:14:13 EDT 2023	Family Reunites Shelley Irwin After A Life Apart	Guests in studio to share a unique story of finding siblings in the later years. Donna Garrett, James Engleking, and Dorothy Lain talk about how finding documents and photos began a Metastatic Cancer Awareness Day is right around the corner, talking with Allison Kay Bannister about the cancer, events taking place on the day, and landmark lightings. We talk about what this cancer is, how it is treated, prevented, and more.	James Engleking, Family, history, Awareness, Breast Cancer, Women's Health, Event,
Tue Oct 03 12:14:10 EDT 2023	Metastatic Breast Cancer Shelley Irwin Awareness Day	Metastatic Cancer Awareness Day is right around the corner, talking with Allison Kay Bannister about the cancer, events taking place on the day, and landmark lightings. We talk about what this cancer is, how it is treated, prevented, and more.	Awareness, Breast Cancer, Women's Health, Event,
Tue Oct 03 12:14:08 EDT 2023	Pleasant Hearts Shelley Irwin Dog Food Pantry Takes the Roving Mic on a Tour	The Roving Mic takes you to Pleasant Hearts Dog Food Pantry on the GR West Side, giving away pet supplies to those in need all month. President/Founder Rachel Jensen takes us on a tour. From basic foods, to leashes, flea medication and more, this process helps keep the family (of humans and animals) together.	Pets, supplies, food pantry, Pleasant Hearts Pet Food Pantry, Roving Mic

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<p>Tue Oct 03 09:21:22 EDT 2023</p>	<p>Michigan school shooter's parents cleared to stand trial on involuntary manslaughter charges</p>	<p>Associated Press</p>	<p>The Michigan Supreme Court turned down an appeal Tuesday, clearing the way for the parents of a teenager who killed four fellow students in a shooting at Oxford High School to face trial on involuntary manslaughter charges. James and Jennifer Crumbley are accused of making a gun available to Ethan Crumbley and ignoring his mental health needs. The state appeals court in March said the couple could face trial, and the Supreme Court said it would let that decision stand. The shooter killed Madisyn Baldwin, Tate Myre, Hana St. Juliana and Justin Shilling at Oxford High, about 40 miles (60 kilometers) north of Detroit, in November 2021. Six students and a teacher were also wounded. Ethan Crumbley pleaded guilty to terrorism and murder. A judge last week said he is eligible for life in prison without parole. Attorneys for the parents insist the school shooting was not foreseeable. They acknowledge that bad decisions were made but not ones that should rise to charges of involuntary manslaughter. The teen and his parents met with school staff on the day of the shooting after a teacher noticed violent drawings, but no one checked his backpack for a gun. He was allowed to stay. The 17-year-old who was 15 at the time of the shooting will be The City of Ionia has grown to more than 13,400 residents. City leaders believe the expansion lends itself to modernizing government through a pair of prohibitions found within the city's charter. The first is impact the city clerk. Currently an elected, but part-time position. Voters will be asked to make the position full-time and appointed by the mayor and city council. "Anyone who's been watching what's happened in the world of elections knows that the demands placed on municipalities to conduct elections have increased significantly. Along with that, the duties of the clerk are significant in terms of keeping track of all of our public records." Precia Garland currently serves as City Manager. She says this would allow for a professional to serve. The second amendment would designate all elected city offices nonpartisan races. "We could likely see more participation from people wanting to serve the</p>	<p>Ethan Crumbley, Jennifer Crumbley, James Crumbley, school shooting, Oxford High School, parents, trial</p>
<p>Tue Oct 03 09:10:23 EDT 2023</p>	<p>City of Ionia voters asked to consider two charter amendments on November 7th ballot</p>	<p>Patrick Center</p>	<p>The City of Ionia has grown to more than 13,400 residents. City leaders believe the expansion lends itself to modernizing government through a pair of prohibitions found within the city's charter. The first is impact the city clerk. Currently an elected, but part-time position. Voters will be asked to make the position full-time and appointed by the mayor and city council. "Anyone who's been watching what's happened in the world of elections knows that the demands placed on municipalities to conduct elections have increased significantly. Along with that, the duties of the clerk are significant in terms of keeping track of all of our public records." Precia Garland currently serves as City Manager. She says this would allow for a professional to serve. The second amendment would designate all elected city offices nonpartisan races. "We could likely see more participation from people wanting to serve the</p>	<p>Ionia, clerks, Elected officials, election results, voters, ballot, amendment</p>

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Tue Oct 03 08:57:46 EDT 2023	Economists and industry advocates calculating United Auto Workers work stoppage's financial toll	Eli Newman	<p>The Detroit Three automakers have lost more than one-point-one Billion dollars in the past two weeks according to estimates from the Anderson Economic Group. The consulting firm says auto workers both UAW and non-union have lost 325 million dollars in direct wages during that time. Anderson estimates suppliers have seen the biggest drop in wages and earnings with more than one-point-two Billion dollars in losses. Julie Fream advocates for original equipment suppliers as part of MEMA, the Vehicle Suppliers Association. She says the strike is causing layoffs throughout the auto sector. "Your sales people. Your engineers. People that aren't directly impacted on the manufacturing floor. But as time goes on in this strike, we will see increasing numbers of cutbacks." Fream says suppliers have cut staff by 18 Detroit already has a water affordability program. Most low-income Detroiters who are enrolled pay as little as \$18 a month for water through the program. Detroit Water and Sewerage Director Gary Brown says a statewide program would help fund Detroit's affordability program. He says all local municipalities should take part in it. "We're not going to run from problems. We're going to run to them and we're going to solve this</p> <p>Meijer is partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Beginning October 15, seniors can enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan called Medicare Plus Blue PPO + Meijer. For those who are Medicare-eligible, Blue Cross members and Meijer shoppers, the plan features a \$0 monthly premium, \$0 annual deductible, \$0 primary care visits, \$0 copay on many generic prescription drugs, and a \$660 in-store allowance. Comprehensive dental and vision Advocates say the bills would improve access to medical care and make services more affordable for car crash survivors with catastrophic injuries. Those changes are meant to address the effects of a 2019 law were signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The law has proven controversial as thousands of patients have lost coverage and patient advocates say at least 14 people have died. The insurance industry says it saves ratepayers money. Whitmer has not endorsed the plan but has said she's willing to look at possible improvements to the</p>	United Auto Workers, UAW, Strike, auto parts suppliers, economists
Tue Oct 03 08:42:04 EDT 2023	Detroit community leaders weigh in on water affordability bills	Briana Rice	<p>Detroit already has a water affordability program. Most low-income Detroiters who are enrolled pay as little as \$18 a month for water through the program. Detroit Water and Sewerage Director Gary Brown says a statewide program would help fund Detroit's affordability program. He says all local municipalities should take part in it. "We're not going to run from problems. We're going to run to them and we're going to solve this</p>	City of Detroit, clean water, bill
Mon Oct 02 17:03:28 EDT 2023	Michigan-based retailer, Meijer, is now a health insurance option	Patrick Center	<p>Meijer is partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Beginning October 15, seniors can enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan called Medicare Plus Blue PPO + Meijer. For those who are Medicare-eligible, Blue Cross members and Meijer shoppers, the plan features a \$0 monthly premium, \$0 annual deductible, \$0 primary care visits, \$0 copay on many generic prescription drugs, and a \$660 in-store allowance. Comprehensive dental and vision Advocates say the bills would improve access to medical care and make services more affordable for car crash survivors with catastrophic injuries. Those changes are meant to address the effects of a 2019 law were signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The law has proven controversial as thousands of patients have lost coverage and patient advocates say at least 14 people have died. The insurance industry says it saves ratepayers money. Whitmer has not endorsed the plan but has said she's willing to look at possible improvements to the</p>	Meijer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Medicare, Medicare Plus Blue PPO + Meijer auto insurance, no-fault, insurance, hearing, Michigan
Mon Oct 02 16:34:38 EDT 2023	Hearings to open on no-fault insurance bills	Rick Pluta	<p>Advocates say the bills would improve access to medical care and make services more affordable for car crash survivors with catastrophic injuries. Those changes are meant to address the effects of a 2019 law were signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The law has proven controversial as thousands of patients have lost coverage and patient advocates say at least 14 people have died. The insurance industry says it saves ratepayers money. Whitmer has not endorsed the plan but has said she's willing to look at possible improvements to the</p>	auto insurance, no-fault, insurance, hearing, Michigan Representatives

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Ben Reiter: It's been almost a decade since I first went down to Houston in 2014, June of 2014, for Sports Illustrated to write that first story about what was then the worst baseball team in 50 years. And yes, people thought that they were only tanking. That's all there was to it. That they were trying to be so bad so that they can get very high draft picks and rebuild that way. And it's not like that wasn't part of it. But what I saw back then, which was... was that they were kind of overhauling the entire philosophy by which a team should be built, injecting data into every single part of their decision-making, whether it was, yes, deciding who to draft, who to cut, who to acquire, but so much more than that as far as how they were developing these players once they acquired them. As far as the strategies they were undertaking to guide their investments into where they're investing in the organization. It was really far beyond *Money Ball*. And obviously I thought back then that it had a lot of promise, uh, and then it could turn a very bad team into a much better one, which it did among doing other things as well. Patrick Center: That *Money Ball* concept, which the Oakland A's brought into Major League Baseball using analytics. How? were the Astros using analytics differently from everybody else? Ben Reiter: When the A's did it, there was a debate in baseball. You were supposed to define yourself almost, or teams were defining themselves as either an analytics team or a traditional team. You know, either we believe in stats and what the numbers can show us, the human eye can't, or we believe in the way we're doing it all along. The Astros' insight was to say, we believe in both. We're not answering the question one or the other. We are going to use both. We are going to push data analytics much farther than the A's have, or any other teams have. We are going to lean into this to a degree that no other sports organization has yet, but we are not tossing away human observation, human intuition, we're going to systematically combine all sources of information to guide our decision-making and when you're making a decision, you're essentially trying to make an accurate prediction of the future. So, they were trying to use all available sources of information to make better predictions about what would happen in the future, at least better than their rivals. And it's hard to say that in transforming the organization the way they did, they didn't succeed at doing that. Patrick Center: They turn things around, and they make their way into the playoffs and finally the World Series. Ben Reiter: Yes, this was a city, Houston, that's a great sports town, has loved the Astros. even when they were the worst baseball team in recent history, Ballet 5:8 comes to West Michigan this weekend, performing Bareface, an incredible story of love, jealousy, and what it means to be beautiful. Star of the show/Artistic Director Julianna Rubio Slager talks about this special piece performed at Grand Rapids Christian High.

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Mon Oct 02 11:30:52 EDT 2023	The Playhouse at White Lake Welcomes Musician Rachael	Shelley Irwin	The Playhouse at White Lake continues its First Fridays this weekend We welcome Musician Rachael Davis to the stage with her bassist husband Dominic Davis. Rachael talks about her style and her performance. She is a much beloved Michigan songstress of jazz, folk, blues, and more.	Playhouse at White Lake, Local, Music, Event, Jazz
Mon Oct 02 11:30:48 EDT 2023	One Book, One Ada To Read Once We Were Here	Shelley Irwin	Author Christopher Cosmos writes the book Once We Were Here, the book now chosen for One Book, One Ada by Plumfield Books in Ada. We talk to Christopher, and Amy Squires with Plumfield, about the book choice and how the community can read along.	book club, Ada, KDL, historical, Book
Mon Oct 02 11:30:46 EDT 2023	Go Back In Time At The Grand Rapids Children's Museum	Shelley Irwin	The Roving Mic takes you to the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. Guests travel back in time to unravel the secrets of world famous heroes in the exhibit, Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum. CEO Maggie Lancaster takes us on a tour. Also don't forget to check out the show on WGVU TV.	Grand Rapids Children's Museum, Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum,
Mon Oct 02 11:21:08 EDT 2023	'Raining Wisdom' by Abdoulaye Conde wins ArtPrize 2023	Phil Dawson	At first, ArtPrize winner Abdoulaye Conde didn't think it could be true. "what was your reaction when you first heard you were the winner? I can't believe when I hear my name." "I was so happy. So surprised." Conde says it took him 25 12 hour days to paint his mural "Raining Wisdom" on the side of a building on Ottawa Avenue NW. After it was voted best n show crowds gathered to see the piece. "Do you see why it won the first prize? Absolutely. The color schemes. The hard work and dedication. The vision. He only had one shot to do it. Kind of like a tattoo. You can't undo a tattoo, so, yea, you can't undo the mural." "I can see why it won first prize. I think it is gorgeous. It is amazing." The first place prize money is \$125,000. "I am so happy to have this prize because my baby will be born in December. And I want to build a new	ArtPrize, Art

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