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American Horror Story trivia night at Hogs Hollow Smokehouse

Are you and your friends fans of AHS? Put your American Horror Story knowledge to the test at Hogs Hollow on Sunday, November 3 at 5 p.m.

The Quizzo Pub Trivia is free to play and there are always prizes for the top teams. Reservations are recommended as seating is limited and fills up quick. Teams are a maximum of six people.

For more information, call 586-580-2164. Hogs Hollow Smokehouse is located at 45108 Cass Ave in Utica.

Thompson Square comes to Shelby

Internationally-renowned country music duo Thompson Square will perform at Coyote Joe's on Friday, November 8. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 9:30 p.m.

Thompson Square is the husband-and-wife team of Keifer and Shawna Thompson. Since breaking out in 2010 with "Are You Gonna Kiss Me Or Not," the duo have gone on to score two Top 5 albums and romantic #1 hits in the U.S. and Australia, while also racking up multiple Grammy nominations and three trophies as Vocal Duo of the Year from the ACM and CMA Awards. Their latest and third studio album release is titled "Masterpiece."

Tickets are $10 and available online at Coyotejoes.ticketleap.com/. Coyote Joes is located at 49440 Ryan Rd in Shelby Township.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY, the Romeo High School Girls Cross Country team has been crowned regional champions. All-region athletes on the team include Madison Clor, Sarah Greb, Rachel Felstow, and Maddy Malczewski (runner-up). The boys team finished second in a close contest and are also on their way to States.

Macomb legislators support changes to budget process

State Reps. Diana Farrington, of Utica, and Douglas Wozniak, of Shelby Township, this week backed a new framework related to the state budget – preserving some State Administrative Board powers while preventing future gubernatorial powers within the system.

The legislators say the plan relates to a board recently used by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to shift around $625 million in taxpayer money without oversight or accountability during the budget process. Advocates for the new changes say those funds were shifted to bureaucratic priorities.

"Instead of focusing on the past and who put this board into place, we can set the table for better government practices in the future," Farrington said. "We can tell people in southeast Michigan that their voices will matter and the people they elect to represent them will be able to fight for funding for essential services they rely on. The current setup lends too much power and not enough oversight – to the detriment of people in Michigan."

Wozniak said a precedent could be set by the governor's actions going forward and it's important to shore up what is essentially a loophole in the state budget process.

"It's dangerous when a legislative body spends months on a budget that directly reflects the wishes of people in communities they represent across Michigan and those wishes are completely disregarded at the eleventh hour," Wozniak said. "That's not the right way to do state business with people's tax dollars."

One of the proposals introduced would limit the amount of money the board could redirect in any one line item to $200,000 in one year. The other would change the appropriations process to empower the legislature with stronger authority on budget transfers.

The legislation, House Bills 5175-77, will be reviewed in the House Government Operations Committee.

Tensions high in Washington ahead of ballot proposal vote

by ANDREW NEAL

The debate over a Washington Township ballot proposal has been contentious in the lead up to the November 5 election. If approved, the proposal would allow the township to purchase Total Sports Park in an effort to create a new community center and recreational district.

Both sides are accusing each other of spreading misinformation and suggesting that corrupt motives may be at play.

At the end of July, the township reached a deal to purchase the 117,000-sq-ft complex on 80 acres of land east of M-53 between 30 and 31 Mile roads for $11.5 million. The ballot proposal would increase the Parks & Rec millage by .25 from its current .75 over 20 years via bond sell-off.

When the board voted to secure a deal with Total Sports, it passed unanimously, but when they voted to bring the millage before voters on the November 5 ballot, it passed 6-1, with Trustee Sam Previti voting no.

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THE WINNER OF SHELBY TOWNSHIP'S 2019 SCARECROW CONTEST is Daisy, created by Girl Scout Troop 76775. Congratulations to the winners and all those who participated.

State Rep. Doug Wozniak honored Nathan Fenoseff (left) on the floor of the Michigan House last week. Nathan, a fifth-grader from Shelby Township, won a contest encouraging students to read as many books as they could over the summer. Fenesoff was joined by his brother Jacob and his father Jeff in Lansing.

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UCS Superintendent on annual financial audit

by CHRISTINE M. JOHNS, ED. D. Superintendent, UCS

Utica Community Schools has received its annual fiscal report card. The audit of our schools is an important analysis of our district's financial records by an independent firm. The firm, contracted by the UCS Board of Education to conduct the audit, is Plante Moran, one of the nation's largest public accounting firms.

For the 16th straight year, Utica Community Schools received an excellent rating for meeting the highest standards for financial controls and accountability to taxpayers. The independent auditors awarded the district an "unmodified opinion," which means strong financial controls and policies are in use and that the district met all guidelines for federal grants.

The financial results demonstrate the district's ongoing commitment to maintaining a stable financial future for students, families and staff. We are making gains in establishing the financial reserves that auditors identify as critical to protecting our schools against unforeseen emergencies or economic downturns. Our Board of Education is committed to managing and utilizing resources responsibly and carefully.

This commitment to fiscal responsibility is demonstrated by the fact that the district's budget is structurally balanced. Simply put, we remain committed to living within our means with the funds allocated by the State of Michigan. Our commitment to excellence is reflected by the fact that our expenditures are above similar districts for the percentage of funds targeted directly to classroom instruction.

In addition to providing an opinion on the UCS fiscal reporting, Plante Moran also discussed areas of financial concern that could impact our future. One key area identified by the auditors is that UCS operates in an uncertain environment where our community does not control the amount of dollars allocated to the district.

This lack of local control makes UCS, and all Michigan districts, dependent on state lawmakers to set funding levels. These funding levels do not address the inflationary costs of operations as well as responding to the changing needs of our students.

Utica Community Schools recognizes the importance of focusing resources on the strategic direction and priorities of our district. Accountability is central to our work.

For more information, visit Uticak12.org/audit19/.

AT THIS WEEK'S Utica Community Schools Board of Education meeting, National Merit semifinalists were commended for their hard work and dedication.

Macomb Diversity Luncheon Nov. 6

The Macomb County Chamber and ONE MACOMB will partner to bring you an informative luncheon you won't want to miss.

The Annual Diversity Luncheon, held this year on Wednesday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m., will discuss diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

The cost to attend is $30 for members and $40 for non-members. Reservation cancellation must be made at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled event. All others will be charged.

Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are available. Call Mary Ann Bauman at 586-493-7600 for further details.

The IACS Banquet Center is located at 43843 Romeo Plank Rd in Clinton Township.

For more information, visit Macombcountychamber.com/.

Accusations fly over ballot proposal for Total Sports Park

BALLOT PROPOSAL, From page 1

A social media firestorm erupted soon after the announcement was made, with some calling it a bad deal and others crying corruption.

Supervisor Dan O'Leary says the opposition is coming from four main sources – Trustee Previti, a second private company interested in acquiring the property, Bruce Township politicians, and his other political opponents.

A second potential offer

After the purchase agreement was publically announced in August, a second interested buyer – Bkl&m Properties – submitted a letter of intent to purchase Total Sports for $1 million more than the township's offer, according to O'Leary. The registered agent on file for Bkl&m Properties is Washington Township resident Mike Meier, president of logistics company Venture Global Solutions. Trustee Sam Previti is the Controller at Venture Global.

"I think it was completely inappropriate for a trustee in my township to vote yes on the purchase and then no on the millage when his boss is the ultimate buyer," O'Leary said of Previti. "Was there a relationship between the sudden turn of opinion and this desire to attack-attack-attack the deal after he approved the purchase?"

"Whether there is any corruption or quid-pro-quo is not something I'm alledging," O'Leary said, "but it's certainly a situation which requires really good questions to be asked."

Previti denies any relationship between himself and a second buyer and maintains that he is against the deal based on resident feedback.

"I don't even know what Bkl&m is," Previti said. "They're saying I have ties to this company and that's why I voted no, and that's not the case."

Previti said that it sounded like "overall a pretty good deal" at first when he voted for the Supervisor to work out a deal, but once he saw the details and heard from residents, he decided to vote no on the millage.

"In the end, I had hundreds of people contact me that they were against the deal, that they don't like the idea of a 20-year tax with all the uncertainties," Previti said. "I think it's too big of an undertaking for the amount of people we have."

Tri-Community Parks & Rec

Neighboring communities Romeo and Bruce Township have long had a Parks & Rec partnership with Washington. If approved, this deal would eliminate that relationship.

Previti says that would relinquish too much tax revenue, while O'Leary says there would be no point in keeping that relationship if Washington is the only one spending its own money.

"There's nobody in the world who would say that would be a wise move to spend $11.5 million and say 'Hey, by the way, you get to determine how it's used.'"

How much is it worth?

Then there are those that say it's just a bad deal. Washington Township resident and retired state senator Dave Jaye has been a vocal opponent of the deal, calling it a bailout for Total Sports.

"Absolutely it's a bailout of a money-losing company," Jaye said.

When asked why a majority of Washington trustees want to go through with the deal, Jaye said, "I, for the life of me, can't think of a logical reason or an economic reason or a public administration reason."

Opponents point to a 2019 appraisal of Total Sports Park as evidence that the township is overpaying on the deal.

Jaye cites Total Sports valuation at $5.4 million, adding the appraisal is a current snapshot in time, both details that Supervisor O'Leary disputes.

"Of course the appraisal was low because it was a buyer's appraisal. We hired the company, we sent them the assumptions, because we were in negotiations with Total Soccer." O' Leary said. "The typical appraisal is actually based on a two-year lagging study," adding that the new sewer system set to be completed in the next month has drastically increased the property value.

O'Leary says the land alone in the deal is worth $4 million, which would put the value of the facility at $64 per sq. ft.

"You can't build a building for $64 a square foot... It's about building it versus acquiring this facility and that comparison says we are doing great on value."

He also says that the second buyer's offer for $1 million more justifies the deal and its valuation.

"This was actually the way to have something that we otherwise could not have afforded, and the reason is building costs are out of control right now," O'Leary said.

The "Unicorn" deal

O'Leary says that the township is in "very good discussions" with a tier-1 automotive supplier to sell a portion of the Total Sports property, on which they would build a $100 million facility and bring as many as 1,000 jobs. He claims the company was considering Bruce Township as well but ultimately decided that if they were to build, it would be in Washington.

"When they let Bruce know they weren't going to go there, both the Bruce Township politicians and those involved in the land over there that they were looking at were very unhappy obviously," O'Leary said.

Trustee Previti said it's not worth the investment for a deal that doesn't exist yet. "It's a big investment for 20 years on a hunch that we might get a business," he said.

Corruption accusations

What has gotten under the Supervisor's skin most are the attacks on his reputation.

"It's always about attacking my reputation because my political opponents are involved in this fight, and I'm the guy that was instrumental in starting the federal investigation in Macomb County."

In 2014, O'Leary worked with the FBI to gather evidence of corruption against county officials and businessmen, including former Shelby Township engineer Fazal Khan, who was caught on video handing O'Leary $10,000 cash in exchange for a township contract. In July, Khan was convicted on four counts of bribery and likely faces a decade behind bars.

"The objective of the no campaign crowd was to get you confused and to have you either vote no or to not show up," O'Leary said. "You can go with a proven winner that has a track record, or you can believe a group or people and a bunch of anonymous Facebook names who are out there spreading lies and misinformation."

For his part, Trustee Previti was at a loss for words as to why O'Leary has focused much of his disappointment in the process on him.

"I have been a target of his since day one," Previti said. "I guess it's just politics."

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Arts & Entertainment

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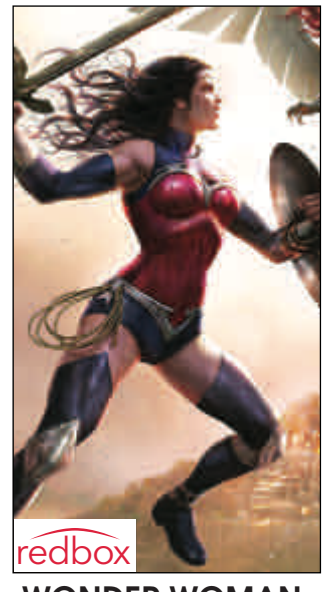

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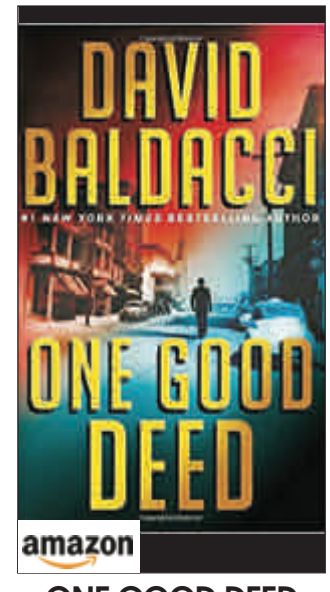

ONE GOOD DEED
David Baldacci

Imani Winds brings imaginative concert to OU

The Grammy-nominated Imani Winds returns to the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series with a concert at Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 3.

They will be joined by Dr. Tian Tian, an associate professor of music at Oakland University, for Francis Poulenc's Sextet for Piano and Winds.

Tian has presented solo concerts across the US, Canada and China. She has also appeared in music festivals such as Piano Texas, the Gilmore Festival, and Summer Courses with Arie Vardi (Germany). An avid chamber musician, she has also performed with the Juilliard Quartet and toured in the US, China, and Korea as a member of the Studzinsky Trio.

"Performing the Poulenc Sextet with the wonderful Imani Quintet is definitely a season highlight for me," Tian said. "The quintet's playing is always full of life and brilliance, which is perfect for the Poulenc, one of the most delightful pieces written for the ensemble. It is such a treat to have world-class artists right here on campus through our partnership with the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. We hope audience will enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music with us."

The program also includes Lalo Schiffrin's jazz-inspired Le Nouvelle Orleans, John Harbison's graceful Quintet for Winds, "Startin' Sumthin', a witty take on ragtime by Imani's hornist, Jeff Scott, and "Tzigane" by Valerie Coleman, Imani's founding flutist.

The concert is presented in partnership with Oakland University's School of Music, Theater and Dance. Tickets are $30 for adults, $25 for seniors, and $10 for students, and are available by phone at 313-335-3350 or online at CMSDetroit.org.

Conductor Dalia Stasevska makes Detroit debut at DSO concert

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) Classical Series continues as conductor Dalia Stasevska makes her Detroit debut and pianist Simon Trpčeski returns to perform at Orchestra Hall.

The program begins with the Detroit premiere of a new work by Julia Wolfe – Fountain of Youth, which the DSO co-commissioned as part of a consortium of orchestras. "My [personal] fountain of youth is music," Wolfe explains, "and in this case I offer the orchestra a sassy, rhythmic, high energy swim."

Trpčeski is featured soloist on Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1, and the program concludes with Sibelius's Symphony No. 1.

The concerts take place Thursday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 8 at 10:45 a.m., and Saturday, November 9 at 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, within Midtown Detroit's Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center.

Watch Live around the world: the Saturday, November 9 concert will be webcast for free at dso.org/live and via Facebook Live, as part of the DSO's groundbreaking Live from Orchestra Hall series. The series is presented by Ford Motor Company Fund and made possible by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

One hour prior to each performance, guests are invited to enjoy an informative onstage Concert Talk about the program. These lectures and discussions will be made available for later viewing on the DSO's YouTube channel.

Throughout the 2019-2020 season, the DSO will celebrate Orchestra Hall's 100th anniversary with special programming and events.

Learn more about the centennial at dso.org/centennial/.

Macomb Center presents Once: The Musical

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts will present "Once: The Musical" on Saturday, November 9 from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Based on the 2007 Academy Award-winning film, Once tells the tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. As the chemistry between them grows, his music soars to powerful new heights, but their unlikely connection turns out to be deeper and more complex than your everyday romance.

Featuring music played onstage by the ensemble, this story grabs you from the first note and never lets go.

For tickets and more information, visit Macombcenter.com/.

Macomb Foundation's Comedy & Cocktails raises $80,000 for arts and culture programming

Macomb Community College Foundation's sixth annual Comedy & Cocktails, held Friday, October 18, raised more than $80,000 to support the college's arts and cultural programming – a 60% increase over the previous year.

This was the highest ever attendance for the fundraiser, with 350 guests, as well as the most this event has raised since its inception in 2014.

"It's this type of outpouring of community support that makes it possible for us to continue to provide enriching arts and cultural programs that both educate and entertain audiences of all ages," said James O. Sawyer IV, Ed.D., president, Macomb Community College. "We are thankful for our donors' generosity and engagement, ensuring meaningful arts and cultural experiences are available to our community."

Presented by First State Bank, Comedy & Cocktails featured a cocktail reception and silent auction followed by a seated dinner in the Lorenzo Cultural Center. A highlight of the evening was the performance of Scared Scriptless in the Macomb Center for Performing Arts, starring Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood from the comedy show Whose Line is it Anyway. Often referred to as a comedic high-wire act, the duo created humorous ad lib original scenes and songs solely based on audience suggestions.

Guests at Macomb Community College Foundation's sixth annual Comedy & Cocktails bid on donated items during the silent auction.

Macomb Community College provides a variety of cultural enrichment opportunities to more than 100,000 individuals annually with programming that supplements educational objectives.

The Macomb Community College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that manages contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations for the educational purposes and objectives of the college.

A Christmas Carol at Meadow Brook Theatre

One of southeast Michigan's favorite holiday traditions returns for the 38th year when Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and a handful of ghosts raise your spirits in A Christmas Carol at Meadow Brook Theatre this November and December.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, original adaptation and staging by Charles Nolte, runs at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester from November 8 through December 22.

"We love A Christmas Carol," says Cheryl Marshall, MBT managing director. "It's the perfect way to ring in the holidays. We have patrons who wouldn't consider it Christmas if they didn't come see this. It really puts everyone in the holiday spirit."

MBT favorite Thomas D. Mahard returns as Ebenezer Scrooge this year, and two local children are excited to share the role of Tiny Tim. Chris Bertini from St. Clair Shores and Seth Silver from Oakland Township each have several turns as the boy who helps Scrooge find his Christmas spirit. The cast also includes Mark Rademacher (Ghost of Jacob Marley and the Spirit of Christmas Present), Sara Catheryn Wolf (Spirit of Christmas Past), Stephen Blackwell (Spirit of Christmas Future), and Peter C. Prouty and Kristina Riegle as Bob and Martha Cratchit.

"I love having all these kids around," says Travis Walter, MBT's artistic director. "They're so excited to be acting on a large stage with actors who are working professionals. It gives them a real taste of what it might be like if they choose to act later in life."

(Left to right) Seth Silver, Thomas D. Mahard and Chris Bertini in A Christmas Carol at MBT.

The Meadow Brook Theatre adaptation was written and originally staged by Charles Nolte. MBT Associate Director Terry W. Carpenter directs this season's production, with original choreography by Jan Puffer. Scenic design is by Peter Hicks, costume design by Mary Pettinato, lighting design by Reid G. Johnson, and sound design by Mike Duncan.

Tickets range from $24 to $48 and are available by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at 248-377-3300 or going online at Ticketmaster.com/.

Meadow Brook Theatre is located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Meadow Brook Theatre is a nonprofit, cultural institution proudly serving southeast Michigan for 54 years. For additional information, visit Mbtheatre.com/.

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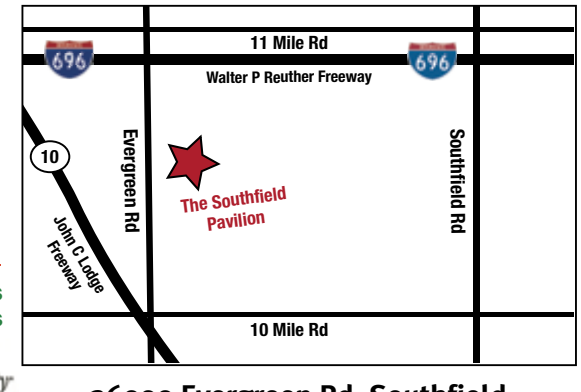

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Macomb Genealogy group meetings

The Macomb County Genealogy Group will meet on Friday, November 8 at 1 p.m. in the Mount Clemens Library auditorium located at 150 Cass Avenue. Dan Heaton will present "Forts and Fields, A History of Michigan's Military Past."

On Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in the Local History and Genealogy Room at the Mount Clemens Library, there will be a "Let's Talk...Genealogy" meeting. The subject for discussion will be "Back to Basics: Death's Documents". Hosts will review the various documents used to record a death and the gems of information included. These programs are free.

For more information, call the library at 586-469-6200 or go to Mcggletstalkgenealogy.blogspot.com/.

Last chance to visit Washington Historial Museum this year

There's still time to visit the historical museum this year.

The Greater Washington Area Historical Museum will be open two more Sundays this year, on November 10 and 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 58230 Van Dyke north of 26 Mile Road.

There are galleries of vintage photos and clothing, antique furniture, a military history room, a Scouting room, and much more. There is also a gift shop with books on local historical subjects, including an Arcadia history book on Washington Township and a 2020 calendar with vintage photos from the 1920s-1930s for sale.

The museum will be closed in December and January.

For more information, call the museum at 586-786-5304 or go to Washhistsoc.org/.

Shelby Music Society November meeting

Do you know a young musician who is looking to perform for an eager audience? The Shelby Music Society has just the occasion for them.

The next meeting of the Shelby Music Society will be on November 9, starting at 6 p.m. at the new Shelby Community Center, 14975 21 Mile Road, just west of Hayes.

The evening will feature talented youth 18 years and under. This is the music society's annual Youth Night to encourage young musicians and singers.

Join for an evening of good entertainment. Refreshments will be available.

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ADOPT A PET

The Humane Society of Macomb works to prevent cruelty to animals, and place adoptable pets into good, permanent homes with responsible owners and promote spaying and neutering to prevent overpopulation. The Humane Society of Macomb has many cats, dogs, puppies and kittens waiting for a new home. They are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. for adoptions. Give them a call at 586-731-9210, and visit them at 11350 22 Mile Road in Utica.

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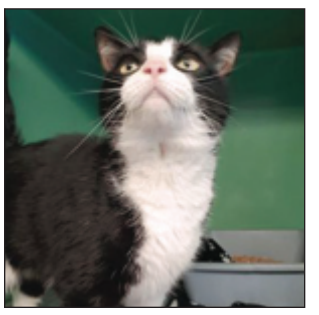

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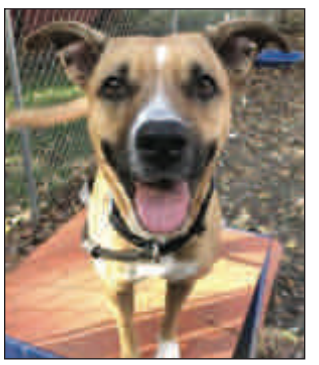

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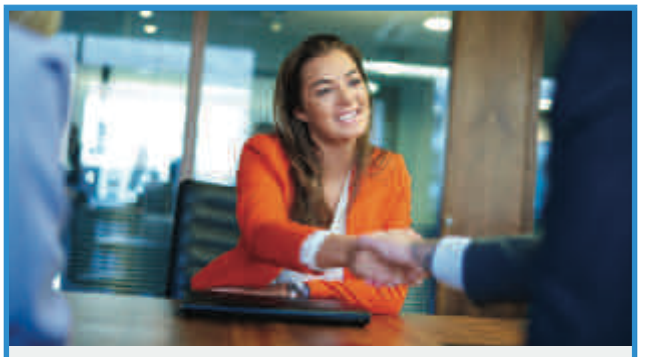

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Scorpio, as you meet your goals your ambition will be appreciated

YOUR NOVEMBER HOROSCOPE

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SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): Financial success may be on your mind, this month, Scorpio, but love is in the air. While you are chasing the bottom line, Cupid has you in his sights. Single Scorpios are likely to stumble across a very special someone while pursuing monetary opportunities. On the other hand, those in committed relationships will likely find that their partners appreciate their ambition – that sparkle in your eye, that extra spring in your step. Then, as a bonus, there is an excellent chance that you will meet your financial goals as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Ambition at work may yield positive results this month, Sagittarius. And, if you are currently in the market for a job, an excellent opportunity will likely turn up around the 24th. Unfortunately, your love life may turn a little sour around the same time. But this will likely be the result as a minor misunderstanding – Things will look brighter before the December holidays hit. In addition, there is a great possibility that you will have a wonderful opportunity to help a family member in need.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): Single Capricorns will have plenty of opportunities for casual romantic connections this month, while married Caps and those in long-term relationships are likely focused on social obligations. Your friends are even more important than usual right now. It is likely that health and fitness goals are on your mind, and you can expect positive progress well before it is time to make New Year's resolutions.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): It is likely that your own family is currently faring well, and you may feel the urge to share your good fortune by helping another family. And even though you will expect nothing in return, your good deed will come back to you before the end of the month. Your finances are looking up, and, if you are single, romantic opportunities are available. Aquarians in established relationships will likely bask in the glow of the upcoming holidays with their partners by their sides.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): Even if you work for someone else, Pisces, you are currently feeling like your own boss. You have a lot of ambitions and goals, and you have the motivation to make your dreams come true. Just make sure that you follow through with your ambitions and avoid backing out at the last minute – You can do it. This also applies to single Pisces who have their eyes on that special someone. Now is the time to make your move, tell that person how you feel, and make the holidays even brighter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): November is an excellent month for your career, Aries. In fact, you may even expect a raise or even a promotion. In general, financial prospects are looking up, especially toward mid-month. Yet, even though you may be busy with your current success, don't forget to take time out for your family members and romantic partner. Otherwise, you may experience some friction with personal relationships around the 22nd.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is all about the people in your life this month, Taurus. For example, financial success may be right around the corner, but only if you are willing to collaborate with colleagues. It is likely that you will make several new social connections by the end of November. And, if you are single, one of these connections may take a romantic turn. Married bulls and those in committed relationships can keep the flames of passion alive by performing little gestures that show how much you care.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are incredibly popular this month, Gemini, so expect a full social calendar. And, if you are single, you may find that you have several romantic prospects – which may lead to confusion. After all, who do you choose? Your best bet is to not overthink the situation. Go with your gut and with the person with whom you share a natural connection. Going over to the other side of the fence, Geminis in established relationships may experience uncharacteristic jealousy from their parents on or around the 16th.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for big changes at work this month, Cancer – and they will likely be positive. You may get a raise, a promotion, or at least an office with a better window. You can also expect harmony on the home front, and you might be inspired to do something creative with your partner and your children (if you have them). Try a painting class at your local community center, a language class, or attend an upcoming cultural festival. These types of activities will make you feel more connected to your loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22): This is the month to tackle that home improvement project that you have been putting off because you are likely feeling inspired right now, and you have the energy to spare. This is also the case with your social life, and your natural wit and charm will attract new friends around mid-month. If you are single, at least one of these new friends may want to be more than friends, but you should proceed with caution. Avoid getting into a relationship that you will regret later just to have a date for holiday parties.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22): You may feel a little more aggressive than usual this month, Virgo, and it is certainly okay to assert yourself in most situations. However, you may benefit from backing down during an exchange that will likely occur mid-month. Single Virgos might find love matches while participating in their favorite hobbies. For example, that attractive person at the gym might finally get up the nerve to talk to you. If you are in a committed relationship, get ready to rekindle the flame on or around the 24th.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): This month, Libra, you will have the strong urge to be a "helper" (the kind of helper that Mr. Rogers told everyone to look for). And you should act on this impulse. Friends and family members will find inspiration in your good deeds and doing a favor for a coworker may result in a very positive outcome before the month is over. If you are in a committed relationship, your partner will appreciate your humanitarianism. And, if you are single, you may attract a fellow do-gooder.

Michigan among the worst states for sleep

Getting a good night's sleep is important for every aspect of your life, but some people have an easier time resting than others. A recent study with the CDC and Census data shows Michigan residents struggle to get 7 hours of sleep per night.

For those residing in the Rust Belt and the Upper Midwest region of Michigan, grabbing a good night's sleep might be difficult since around half of Detroit residents slept less than seven hours.

Nearly 40% of Michigan residents get less than seven hours of sleep per night, making it one of the worst rested states (35th).

A key factor is income, and 38% of Detroit residents live in poverty – the only city with a higher percentage is Flint at 41%.

Other key factors for sleep include population density, health insurance and peace of mind, as well as physical and mental health.

To produce these findings, analysts used data from the CDC's 500 Cities Project and the U.S. Census Bureau.

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