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House of David **Film Wins Major** Award

A piece of local history is now being recognized and awarded all over the world.

House of David: Life Everlasting, a film exploring the origins and history of Benton Harbor's House of David, was named Best American Film at the Cannes World Film Festival last week.

Executive Producer and House of David Museum Founder Chris Siriano, who has devoted much of his life to preserving and showcasing the history of the House of David, said he was shocked to wake up and see the news of the Cannes award.

"It's mind-boggling," Siriano said. "I've been the little guy in my own little museum trying to tell the story for 27 years to each person who walks in. Now, the story is being told to tens of thousands - and more - and that just makes my heart swell."

In his years researching the House of David, Siriano was able to talk to many living members of the group, and acquired more than 10,000 photos from their history in the process.

We narrowed it down to like 800 photos and posters and footage that we share in the film," Siriano said. "It's got to be one of the best documented pieces of history because of the photos.

House of David: Life Everlasting covers every aspect of the organization, from their amusement park and baseball team to the sex scandal involving leader Benjamin Purnell. For the better part of the past two years, Siriano worked with Emmy Award-winning South Haven filmmaker Rob Byrd, of Moondog Productions, on the project.

"He's amazing," said Siriano, of Byrd. "He's such an over-the-top perfectionist. He would not stop editing and perfecting the film. Night after night after night, he'd go sleepless. And not, there you go - these are the results we're seeing at all these film festivals around the planet."

Siriano said they submitted the film to 88 film festivals around the world, and have been awarded Best Documentary, Best Director, Best Producer and Best Editing from several from Chicago to New York to Australia.

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On Tuesday, November 8, Michigan voters will be asked to weigh in on numerous federal, state, and local races. As in many election years, citizens will also be asked to vote on a series of statewide ballot proposals seeking to implement policy changes via constitutional amendment.

While ballot proposals are typically listed last on an already lengthy ballot, they often have the largest impact on policy due to their relative

Proposal 3

permanence. Once an amendment to the Michigan Constitution is approved, any future changes to the language would require a three-fourths majority vote of the legislature. Three-fourths is a difficult threshold to surpass, a fact that should be kept in mind when voting 'yes' on any of the proposals - regardless of issue or intent.

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To help inform voters, I decided to share the exact text of this year's three proposals over the three columns leading up to Election Day - without any commentary other than what was stated above.

The column prior to last week covered Proposal 1 (Term Limits For State Legislators And Financial Disclosure Reports Of State Elected Officials). If you missed that column, or would like to read the House Fiscal Agency's non-partisan analysis of its potential implications, please visit;

https://tinyurl.com/Proposal2022-1.

Last week's column covered Proposal 2 (Promote the Vote). If you missed that column, or would like to read the House Fiscal Agency's non-partisan analysis of its potential implications, please visit:

https://tinyurl.com/Proposal2022-2

This week, I am concluding with the exact text of Proposal 3 (Reproductive Freedom For All). The full text of the section that the proposal would add to Article I of the state constitution is as follows

Proposal 2022-3:

Sec. 28. (1) Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, burdened, nor infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

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(2) The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

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(4) For the purposes of this section:

A state interest is "compelling" only if it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making.

"Fetal viability" means: the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of an attending health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

(5) This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section

Those who wish to read the House Fiscal Agency's non-partisan analysis of Proposal 3 may visit https://tinyurl.com/Proposal2022

Thank you for taking the time to read these proposals in their entirety and for exercising your right to vote this coming Tuesday. I'll be sure to share election results for Southwest Michigan in my write-up for next week.

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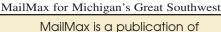


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Names in the Old Ballgame What with the World Series underway, I was thinking I should write something about it You remember the

World Series, right? The Fall Classic? The championship of base-

ball? Remember baseball? - that sport that some people enjoy for a little while between the April NFL draft and the July start of NFL training camps?

Naturally I'd love to be writing about the Chicago Cubs' chances of winning the World Series this year. Naturally, the team is back to its old ways (after winning it all in long-ago 2016) and was eliminated from World Series contention around the NFL draft.

Instead, I'll have to conjure up some other tidbits and factoids around the Grand Old Game.

Tidbit: Back when I was a kid, there was a player named Al Ferrara. He was once asked why he wanted to be a baseball player for a living, and he said, "I always wanted to see my picture on a bubble gum card.

Tidbit: I have bubble gum cards from my youth picturing a player named Choo Choo Coleman. Choo Choo apparently liked to have fun with reporters. During a post-game TV interview when he played for the New York Mets, he was asked, "What's your wife's name and what's she like?" Choo Choo replied, "Her name is Mrs. Coleman and she likes *me*, bub.

Tidbit: I used to while away the hours, conversin' with the flowers, talkin' to the rain. But enough of my Scarecrow daydreams - I also used to try and conjure up interesting baseball "team lineups," for example the All-Don Team, consisting entirely of players with the first name "Don." (I recall with that one I expanded the field of permissible spellings so I could include a pretty good hitter named Donn Clendenon.)

To make writing this column easier, I planned to dig out those lists and plop them into this piece. However, my usually foolproof filing system of putting stuff here, there and everywhere failed me - I can't find the lists! Thus, I will now delight and amaze you by conjuring, before your very eyes, some sort of amusing "All-Something" baseball lineup!

Let's see, how about. . .the All-Birds Team, nicknames permissible. (Full disclosure: I'm kinda geeky about nicknames, and become wistful when it's pointed out that nowadays, ballplayers just don't have colorful ones anymore. I was reminded of this literally three days ago, when No. 2 son texted this to me and his four brothers: "Old baseball players had the best nicknames. Pasted below this was a photo from a book he's apparently reading. He circled in orange "Pickles Dillhoefer." Which I would also render "Pickles Dill-HOFer," as in a Nickname Hall of Famer.)

Ok, now for the All-Birds Team: Keith **"Kite"** Thomas. Mark "**The Bird**" Fidrych. Andre "**Hawk**" Dawson.

- Starling Marte. George Crowe.

Coot Veal. (Okay, his name was Orville, but ALL his baseball cards read "Coot." So there.) Jav Bell

Bob Swift

Robin Ventura.

One more you say? Hmmmm, okay, well, what goes with birds? Oooooh, Bees! An All-Insect + Arachnid Team?

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Page 6 November 5, 2022 **Pastor**

Noah Built an Altar

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. Genesis 8:20

Noah built an altar. People familiar with the story of Noah and the flood know Noah built an ark. But Noah also built an altar. For about a year, Noah and his family lived on the ark while it floated on top of the flood waters. Death and destruction swirled around them.

Rosenbaum

What thoughts went through the minds of the eight people on that ark as the rain waters fell and the flood waters went up? Every creature outside of the ark lost its life. Were Noah and his family horrified at the carnage?

When it was time to leave the ark, how did Noah feel? Thankful. Noah built an altar. And then he offered up a great sacrifice to God.

There were only seven of each clean animal saved on the ark, and Noah took one of them, fourteen percent of the living population, and offered it as a whole sacrifice. Every part of that sacrifice was offered to God. Noah didn't save any of it to feed himself or his family, but with gratitude in his heart, he offered it all. It was Noah's way of saying thank you and dedicating his whole self to God in gratitude.

Noah's sacrifice was great, but it wasn't the greatest sacrifice this world has seen. The

flood waters purged a wicked generation, but sin remained. God knew the only solution to that sin was a sacrifice, the sacrifice of Jesus on a wooden cross. God gave all of himself as the sacrifice for sin; he didn't hold anything back. The result? Your sins are forgiven. All of them. They are purged by the blood of Jesus.

God doesn't ask his people to offer animal sacrifices as a show of thanks anymore. Instead, God asks them to show gratitude in the way they live their lives. God's people show gratitude when they follow God's commands and will; it's their way of offering their whole lives in heartfelt thanks for the saving sacrifice of Jesus.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for your great sacrifice for my sin on the cross. Give me a grateful heart that lives for joyful service to you. Amen.

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The reception locally has been equally amazing to Siriano. The film has been screened all over southwest Michgan, and Celebration Cinema told Siriano his film did better than Elvis.

"It's staggering to me to think about the success," said Siriano. "I was just happy to have the movie out there. I didn't anticipate any of this.

Siriano said he has been contacted by Discovery, History Channel and Netflix. Like A Shot Entertainment from London will be traveling to film a series on the House of David next month.

"The results have been mind-blowing, humbling and shocking all in one," Siriano said. "It's a beautiful thing'

The next episode for the 10-part series Siriano and Byrd are working on is all about the House of David baseball team, which Siriano said has already been getting attention from newspapers all over the world.

"They were such a unique part of early baseball history," Siriano said. "They were the only white team that consistently was a part of the Negro Leagues. ... We're really going to uncover and share some crazy history that we've just learned over the last year in doing this movie."

Part three will focus on personal interviews Siriano has done with former House of David members over the last 25 years.

"That's a very emotional one for me because they're gone now," Siriano said. "They were like my grandmas and grandpas for years.'

To purchase or watch House of David: Life Everlasting, visit HODfilm.com.

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MOODY Continued from page 7 **Berrien Hills Project Gets**

Green Light from SJ Township A once-popular country club and golf course

will become a multi-use residential, commercial and recreational development. The St. Joseph Charter Township Board of

Trustees unanimously approved a plan this week for Southwest Michigan Coastal Ventures to develop the former Berrien Hills Golf Club property along the east bank of the St. Joseph River, south of Napier Avenue.

The 100-acre property will feature 22 single-family estate lots, 127 townhouse units, 40 row houses, 90 apartments, 20 senior cottage units and a 40-unit extended stay hotel, according to the approved plan. Additional features include a brewpub, restaurant, event venue, rain gardens, outdoor recreation areas, trails and a lake. Developers have said many amenities, including busi-



public use. 'This property has been a vital and integral part of St. Joseph Township since 1923 when Berrien Hills Golf Club Opened," said Mark Miller, attorney for Southwest Michigan Coastal Ventures, during an Oct. 18 planning commission meeting. "It's been closed now for about three

years, so it's kind of like a hundred-acre hole in the community.' Since the closure of Berrien Hills Golf Club. the property has become something of a nature preserve. There is a bald eagle's nest on the property, and the former cart paths are a popular place for some in the community to go for a walk and enjoy the riverside. Coastal Ventures Development Director Michael Wood said during the Oct. 18 meeting, developers plan to honor the natural beauty of the property by leaving about 50 percent of the land as open space.

"This development is essentially naturebased," Wood said. "We've done everything we can to honor the site. It's obviously a wet site, so we have 60 acres of flood plain we have to fill. But, we've created this lake ... we've taken the wetlands that were there and we've used the drain site and we're connecting them to the rain gardens.'

The trustees also took turns offering their thoughts on the development.

'This property and this development is ... positioned to give a sense of connection between this river-divided community," said trustee Tom Milnikel, who also was liaison to the planning commission meeting on the development. "I very much appreciate the care taken and planning for a balance between structure and open space, and this plan provides for an intentional stewardship for the property's natural features and settings. "I think this plan offers an amazing potential for a win-win to this township and the greater Twin Cities community."



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Trustee Melissa Hahn suggested the developers use local hires and apprenticeship programs to be used for contracting work, which developers agreed would not be a problem. **Next Steps**

After the approval, Wood said it will still be a while before any construction gets started, but now they can move ahead with designing the structures, continuing environmental testing, obtaining permits from the state and Army Corps of Engineers.

"We've been working full time," Wood said. "[But] we wouldn't necessarily go to the expense and work of doing architecture if we weren't approved. Now that it's approved, we can start designing town homes, apartment buildings, senior villas in detail. And now, once we have all those in detail, we have to go back and get each one of those communities approved again in front of the planning commission.... Everything will be done exactly how we described it, but we haven't done it in detail yet."

Wood said one of the top priorities is to tear down the former clubhouse of Berrien Hills Golf Club.

"Demolition is pretty high on the list, but have some stuff we need to take care of before we can do that," he said. "These things take time, but you'll see more action there in the next six months than you've seen in the last three years." To see the full development proposal, visit the St. Joseph Township website.

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Dave Says Remember. evervone makes mistakes Dear Dave,

I am on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and I

am about four months away from being debt-free. My younger brother is a good person, but he is very careless with his finances. He is always asking to borrow money from me. I don't want to be mean or damage our relationship, but what is the best way to respond to a sibling who continually asks for money?

James

Dear James,

Ron

Honesty is always a good thing. If I were in your shoes, I'd just tell him the truth. Sit down with him, and have a friendly-but real-conversation where you let him know you're working hard to get out of debt and don't have any cash to spare. Explain that you've decided being in debt is dumb, you want a better life and that you don't plan to borrow or loan money anymore.

You've got to look at the big picture in situations like this. You're not helping someone if you participate in their misbehavior with them. Sometimes, especially when it comes to family, you have to love someone enough to tell them the truth. And in some cases, that can mean saying no and telling them to grow up and get their act together.

You're not responsible for your brother's reaction to all this, James, but you can

control your words and use them in a caring manner. Do this with a kind spirit, and remember we all make mistakes. He may take it well, or not so well. But you're not really helping someone who's immature or irresponsible with money when you give them cash. At that point, you're an enabler. It's like giving a drunk a drink.

God bless you, James! Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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LEGALS

Synopsis of Lake Charter Township Board Meeting September 27, 2022 Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Present: Carson, Payne, Clark, Essig, Mensinger and Wilk. Interviews of prospective candidates that applied for the position of Trustee for Lake Charter Township: Stephen Bauer - Absent Amanda Drew - Present James Gast - Present Don Hill Jr. - Present Jordan Klint Present Stanley Markavitch - Absent Christina Martin - Present William Shuler, Jr. - Present Jamie Smith - Present Meeting adjourned 7:49 p.m. Board Meeting October 6, 2022 Meeting called to order 3:00 p.m. Present: Carson, Payne, Clark, Mensinger and Wilk. Motion to approve Federal Appraisal to conduct an independent appraisal of the Cook Nuclear Power Plant to move forward to Phase II of this tax appeal. Five ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:16 p.m. Board Meeting October 18, 2022 Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Present: Carson, Payne, Clark, Mensinger, Essig, Drew and Wilk. While Amanda Drew, Trustee Appointee, was seated at the board table, she was not voting on the agenda items, since she was on the agenda to be ap-

pointed to the vacant Trustee position, as item #7. Motion to add one item to the Agenda. Six ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve September 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Six ayes, motion carried Motion to approve Special Meeting minutes of September 27, 2022. Six ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve Special Meeting minutes of October 6, 2022. Six ayes, motion carried. Motion toapproved September bills totaling \$542,455.24.

Six ayes, motion carried. Motion to table the adoption of the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map located at 11467 Red Arrow Highway, being permanent parcel number 11-11-0136-0007-04-9 from R-AG Residential AG and C-1 Commercial to R-3 Residential Mobile Home Park to receive further information. Six ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve renewal of existing health insurance for Priority Health, for November 1, 2022 through November1, 2023. Further, increase the amount each employee would pay for the cost of health insurance. Single from \$20.00 bi-weekly to \$40.00 bi-weekly. Double \$50.00 to \$70.00 bi-weekly and Family from \$65.00 bi-weekly to \$85.00 bi-weekly. Lastly, the HSA would continue to be funded \$2,000.00 for Single and \$4,000.00 for Double. Six ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve

renewal of Liability Insurance with EMC Insurance for \$60.959.00 for November 1. 2022 - November 1, 2023. Six ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve purchase of six (6) generator batteries

and one control panel for the Park generator from MacAllister for \$9,281.24 Six ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve 2023 Public Notice of Township meetings. Six ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve the appointment of Amanda

Drew to the Lake Charter Township Trustee board position. Six ayes, motion carried. ANNOUNCE-MENTS The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan. Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan. Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for November

10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan. Baroda-Lake Township Police Board meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Lake Charter Township

Hall Offices will be closed November 11, 2022 in Observance of Veteran's Day. Lake Charter Township Hall Offices will be closed November 24 and 25. 2022 in Observance of Thanksgiving. The meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m. Lake Charter Township website: www.lake-township.org A complete set of minutes may be obtained from the Lake

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