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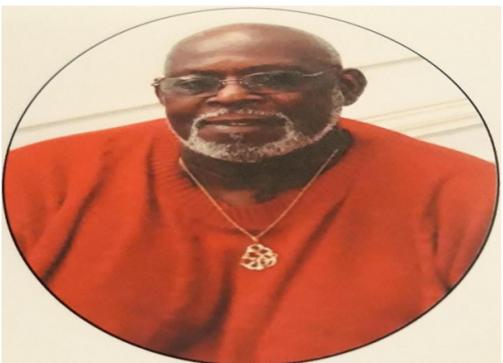
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"Lady Champagne" pictured above, received her Blues Hall of Fame Award June 30, 2019 at The House of Blues Bert's Market Place Club in Detroit, Michigan.

SMOOTH JAZZ SPECIAL EDITION



Doc Powell

Summer Heat Returns for An Evening of Smooth Jazz Community Music Series Celebrates 15 Year Milestone

LANSING, Michigan - An Evening of Smooth Jazz is upon us and it's headed back to mid-Michigan for the 15th consecutive summer. "We're excited for everyone coming" said BMRW Promotions spokesperson Charlie Wilson.

About the upcoming event on July 26th, Wilson says there also a lot to celebrate and certainly a lot to be thankful for. He expects it to be fun and just "downright jazzy". If you attended the first performance of An Evening of Smooth Jazz in 2005 at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing or any others in the series, then you already know about the caliber of incredible talent and the value of having the show like this in the community. BMRW Promotions has hosted GRAMMY award winners and nominees. Acclaimed contemporary jazz groups and some of the best artists on the planet have come to An Evening of Smooth Jazz and many had never performed in the greater Lansing area, like Gerald Albright, Tim Bowman, Bob Baldwin, Norman Brown, Jazz in Pink, Larry Bragg, Nick Colionne, Jackiem Joyner, Eric Darius, Phil Perry, Tom Braxton. Artists like Kimmie Horne, Tim Cunningham, Charles & Gwen Scales with Modern Tribe, Angela Davis, Penny Wells, Al McKenzie, The Miller Group, Straight Ahead, 496 West, Too Smooth 4 Notes and Impulse have all added to the special memories of fans with their talent but and most importantly, these events have excited the audience.

There's a good chance that you already know the theater's acoustics are impressive if you have attended since the event was moved to Holt in 2009 for a larger space. As a whole, really there isn't a bad seat in the house. Here's a glimpse of this year's concert celebration that takes place at 7:30 pm Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Holt High School Margaret Livensparger Theater, 5885 W. Holt Road in Holt MI with Grammy nominated guitarist Doc Powell, The Miller Group from North Carolina, Lansing's 496 West and Detroit vocalist Karla Pace.

Doc Powell performs in mid-Michigan for the first time. His signature guitar sound is sealed

in music history on over 200 songs by some of the biggest artists in every genre of music and has earned him over 12 gold & platinum records. Fifteen years of recording and touring with the Pavarotti of soul Luther Vandross, has kept him at the forefront of contemporary jazz, rhythm & blues and gospel music, contributing to some of the biggest live concert tours and major recording projects by some of contemporary music giants including; Prince, Chaka Kahn, Jennifer Hudson, Mariah Carey, Alicia Keys, John Legend, Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams and Mary, Mary among many others. He has also been heard in television commercials, soap operas like One Life To Live and movie soundtracks such as; Down and Out In Beverly Hills, Turner & Hooch, The Goonies, Hero and The Five Heart Beats. The meeting between Powell and the late Luther Vandross catapulted them into worldwide performances and live recordings of some of Vandross biggest hits such as "Busy Body," "Give Me The Reason," "Forever, For Always, For Love," and the infamous guitar solo on the mega hit "Stop to Love." When Vandross penned "She Loves Me Back" and sang the line, "This man is the Doctor", it became Powell's formal introduction to the music world and the name would stick. The Miller Group returns from North Carolina. These fellas helped to kick off An Evening of Smooth Jazz in 2005 at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing and if there is one thing that fans remember other than the incredible music, it is that these guys love to have fun.

A group that sprouted from this community music series is 496 West. As a collective, they have garnered a reputation of being one of the best live bands based in mid-Michigan. With soulful vocals, a powerhouse horn section, killer keys, silky strings and indispensable percussions, 496 West offers soul, smooth jazz, R&B, a sprinkling of the blues and of course, gospel jazz styles. 496 West has opened for jazz stalwarts, Grammy winners and Grammy-nominees. They performed at the Summer Solstice Jazz festival a few weeks ago and will make a few stops across Michigan with stops in Monroe, Southfield, Muskegon and Novi this summer.

Vocalist Karla Pace is a polished Native Detroit with a soulful voice. She's had the pleasure of opening for such major acts as, Anita Baker, India.Aire, Richard Street's Temptation, Howie Mandell, LL Cool J, Buster

Rhymes, Alexander O'Neil and Musiq Soulchild just to name a few. Longtime community partners and supporters are associated with this music series. Dean Transportation has been on board before the first note was played. The Michigan Bulletin has covered every event. Budget Printing has supported local ticket sales. A repeat attendee with front row seats purchased the first ticket for the July 26th show 5 years ago -enthusiast James Butler. Many have volunteered for 8-12 years. BMRW Promotions sees music as a vital and powerful language in the community's cultural heritage. The group supports this by providing affordable opportunities for audiences and a platform for artists to preserve the jazz art form. Hosting music events like this one in the schools is also a perfect way to demonstrate jazz as a valid expression for students to create and express themselves in a global environment.

Local students have also shared special experiences through informal interaction with the artists and technical crew. Many have participated in the production and engaged in unique learning of the arts, through first-hand experiences in stage management, sound, lighting or event management. About 28 students participated in a special Math and Music Camp held in Lansing and several individuals and groups have also performed including Dennis Johnson, the Shabazz Choir under the direction of Joshua Hicks before heading to the Cherry Festival in Washington DC, Kaleb Crowell, Kennedy Robinson, Morgan Quinney-Naval, Sophia Simons, Ayendie Pulliam and several MSU Jazz Studies students.

"BMRW Promotions is proud to provide a platform for incredibly talented instrumentalists and soulful vocalists", said Wilson "It's our 15th year for An Evening of Smooth Jazz; it's our 10th year in the beautiful Margaret Livensparger Theater. We have people returning from other parts of the country and a lot of first timers. We've got a lot of music, a lot of celebrating and a lot of memories to make". That all said, tickets are available at www.BMRWpromotions.com, at Budget Printing on Trowbridge Road in East Lansing and by phone at 517-372-7246.

Lansing Public Safety Youth Leadership Academy Recognition Ceremony

The Lansing Public Safety Youth Leadership Academy (LPSYLA) is an enrichment and community revitalization initiative founded in 2016 jointly formed and operated by the Lansing Police Department (LPD), Lansing Fire Department (LFD) and other city departments. This co-ed experience for ages 13-16 is aimed at developing interest and awareness regarding emergency services careers. The academy provides firsthand experience in hopes of providing a new perspective to show our future leaders that there is a lot that goes into



Lt. to Rt. 2019 LPSYLA Participants and Staff. Ceremony Keynote Speaker Exavier Ramsey

protecting a serving the Lansing Community. Highlights: • Since 2016 over 40 youth have attended the program with several returning each year. • Several participants have participated in an annual community service outing were LPD and LFD first responders give gifts to kids during the holidays in Sparrow's pediatric ward. • Participants were involved in Public Safety Forum held by LPD, MSP, and Governor Snider. • In 2018 Peckham added a LPSYLA OJT paid internship opportunity in partnership with Lansing Parks & Recreation. Interns work in conjunction with police and fire staff. This year's LPSYLA program was held on June 21, 2019, 11:00 AM. at Peckham Inc in Lansing, Michigan

News, Views & Commentary

Why Come to the Mackinaw Island Conference? Our 2020 To Do List – The Mackinac Policy Conference

By Dichondra Johnson, Michigan Bulletin Contributor

Detroit Regional Chamber unveiled its 2019 Mackinac Policy Conference (MPC) To-Do List following three days of discussions featuring top state, regional, and national thought leaders. Chamber President and CEO Sandy Baruah discussed the Chambers recommended goals concluding the 39th annual Conference.

"The Mackinac Policy Conference is Michigan's premier policy event. While we don't make policy, we bring together statewide leadership to have honest and engaging conversations on the critical issues facing our state." Baruah said.

The Chamber hosts the nationally recognized Conference, convening more than 1,700 of Michigan's top leadership. Black attendees represent a growing, but small number of participating leaders. Making it even more important Michigan black professionals—especially those passionate about the impact of policy in Michigan – take part in the ritual of attending MPC consistently each year.

MPC is a critical destination for both burgeoning young and more seasoned professional black professionals. We must continue to invest in our own personal career growth. This not-to-miss event in political leadership is also a key destination for business owners to get coveted face time with key decision makers, all while sharing a casual buggy ride on the no car Island.

From an African-American perspective, our to do list must be to grow our own presence in critical policy discussions that have direct impact on our Michigan communities. We must be and stay in the room to be a voice in Michigan's democracy.



Mackinaw Lansing Reception Attendees Councilman, Peter Spadafore, Dichondra Johnson, and Lansing Mayor Schor.



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Nehemiah 5:7-13, Proverbs 11:25-27, 16:1-3, 1Corinthians 8:9, James 4:17

On earth, to have a job, hold a job, and be promoted throughout life a person must sell his / her willingness to work, skills, abilities, and/or accomplishments. Action in this regard takes many different forms from filling out job applications with many employers to starting entrepreneurial ventures that require the sale of products and services to other people in order to earn income and build wealth from your endeavors. Such abundant blessing and rewards do not come to or remain with the slothful and lazy.

Please forward these bondage-breaking articles to other people who can use helpful insight!

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Some have chosen to provide defective products, shoddy service, and lie about benefits and guarantees in order to make the sale, however you don't have to and should not sell products and services deceitfully. God will give you peace and joy and meet all your need according to His riches in glory when you operate in the utmost integrity. Your use of self-control to always display honest business dealings will show that you are a citizen of Heaven who understands you only reside on earth temporarily in anticipation of moving into the heavenly home the LORD prepared for you once you leave earth.

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And God: As the clouds of volcanic ash and wild fires rise toward the heavens, so rises the incidents of hate crimes, stinking thinking, vile disclosure of past indiscretions, deadly silent churches, and venomous tweets. I KNOW Your Grace is favoring us to awake and seek first Your Realm and Righteousness. Yet the question warrants repeating "How long?"



365 times You command us "FEAR NOT." Surely, this is the simplest of commandments to embrace. Granted, it takes daily repetition so as not to fear; so as to keep my heart open; so as to drain the venom coming from that snake of ol'... That ol' snake that slithers its way into the soul of humanity with venomous thoughts that become the deeds of humanity-at-large; even in the church. O, yes, our silence gives leave for the malicious-evil spreading throughout the world and smothering our Light under a bushel of fear.

I say to you who proclaim "I am the church," what about the blasphemous misuse of Holy Writ by the Trump Administrator and Administration? I ask of you who claim to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, why are you so quiet about loving mercy and doing justice? What shall come of you who are educators, preachers, community leaders, and faith-based Rabbi's, Iman's, and Ministers? In the words of Esther 4:14, paraphrased, "If you stay silent during this time, deliverance...will come from somewhere, but you, my child, and all of your father's family will die [is dying]. And who knows? Perhaps you have been made queen [a leader] for such a time as this."

I submit that Jesus's invitation is to rest in Him WHILE you work, daily recite FEAR NOT, and regularly OPEN YOUR HEART AND DRAIN THE VENOM.

Pray with me: Open my mouth, Lord, to speak Truth to power with Love. O Lamb of God I come where the due drops of mercy shine bright; So as to let my little light overpower the fear of darkness and the violence that fills the vacuum of silence...all while resting in Thee.

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Announcements

Birthdays in July 2019

- rMs. Jackie Wilkerson enjoyed her birthday on July 5th.
- Mr. Ed "Jerome" Jones enjoyed his 57th birthday on July 6th with a "Blow Out Party"!
- Ms. Allique DeMyers celebrated her birthday on July 7th.
- Mr. Chad Foster enjoys his 51st birthday on July 7th.
- Ms. Latesha Clemons, celebrating her 45th birthday on July 8th, with a celebration at Gregory's Soul Food, on July 7th.
- Ms. Nicole Borrego celebrated her 41st birthday on July 8th.
- Mr. Anhrion Frazier enjoyed his 71st birthday on July 9th.
- Mr. Marcus Jefferson celebrated his birthday on July 10th with friends and family.
- Miss. Savannah Flowers born July 11th celebrated her 8th birthday with her Mom, dad, family and friends.
- Ms. Renee Freeman enjoyed her birthday on July 11th.
- Mr. Charles Moore enjoyed his birthday on July 12th.
- Ms. Danie Jackson celebrated her birthday July 12th.
- Ms. Alexis Evans celebrated her 33rd birthday on July 12th, with Tori, Chris, Momma D, Stacey and our loving DJ Becky. Live life to the fullest and sing your heart out, love you all!!!
- Ms. Sharika J. Smith celebrates her 36th birthday July 13th. She says, "Happy Birthday to Me!"
- Mr. Alixandru Garza celebrates his 15th birthday on July 13th. "Happy Birthday, to my baby from your Mommy; I love forever!"
- Mr. Fred Ortiz celebrated his 63rd birthday on July 13th.
- Ms. Bethany (Big Dinner) Davis will celebrate her birthday on July 13th, with family and friends.
- Miss Alexianna – Jaesse Murray celebrates her 9th birthday on the 14th of July.
- Mr. Alexander Murray celebrated his birthday July 14th.
- Ms. Marie Moody: enjoying her 39th birthday on July 14th.
- Mr. Steven Dickens celebrates his birthday on July 16th.
- Ms. Elena C. Barren celebrates her birthday on July 16th.
- Ms. Regina E. Riddle enjoys her birthday on July 16th.
- Ms. Teleah Payne celebrates her birthday on July 17th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Linda Ortiz celebrates her 60th birthday on July 17th.
- Ms. Annie Mae celebrates her 48th birthday on July 17th. She says, "Live laugh love, for living is life, laughing makes life longer and love makes life stronger!!!"
- Ms. Beckie Knapp enjoys her 29th birthday on July 18th.
- Mr. Jacob Payne celebrates his birthday on July 18th.
- Mrs. April Branson celebrates her birthday on July 19th, with her husband Kirk and family.
- Ms. Miranda Ebright celebrates her birthday on July 19th.
- Ms. Nita Byrd enjoys her 45th birthday on July 20th.
- Ms. Marinell Y. White celebrates her birthday on July 20th.
- Mr. Raynard O. Jones celebrates his birthday on July 20th.
- Mr. Nathaniel Porter celebrates his 16th birthday on July 20th, with family and friends. Boys grow up so fast. "Mommy (Kelly) loves you so much! Hugs & kisses to Nate. Judge Clinton Canady III (Joe), born on July 20th, enjoys his 71st birthday with family and friends.
- Ms. Jennifer Cogswell celebrates her 34th birthday on July 21st, with Jeremy (Smiley) Hill who's love, and friendship will always be treasured. "I LOVE YOU!!!"
- Ms. Kris Phillips enjoys her 26 plus birthday on July 21st, with all her friends.
- Ms. Olivia Sheppard enjoys her birthday on July 21st. "Happy Birthday to Me!!!"
- Ms. Jodi Davis celebrates her 33rd birthday on July 21st.
- Miss. Natalia Milan McWright, born to Erica and Ellsworth Carter McWright, celebrates her 8th birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Charlissee Hicks celebrates her 38th birthday on July 22nd, with family and friends.
- Dr. M. Joan Cousin celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Natalie Riddle-Bashford celebrates her birth on July 22nd.
- Ms. Monta Nichols celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Cynthia Yarrell celebrates her birthday on July 22nd.
- Ms. Saundra Dixon celebrates her day of birth on July 22nd.
- Ms. Andrea Quintero, born July 25th celebrates her 34th birthday with family and friends.
- Mrs. Emma J. Jackson celebrates her birthday on July 24th.
- Mr. Jerrell Richards celebrates his 33rd birthday on July 25th.
- Ms. Dede Annis celebrates her birthday on July 25th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Robert Lopez celebrates his birthday on July 25th with family and friends.
- Ms. Krystal Dixon celebrates her birthday on July 25th.
- Mr. Alfred E. Huguely celebrates his birthday on July 26th. GOD BE PRAISED!!!
- Ms. Pamela Martin celebrates her 41st birthday on July 27th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Stephanie J. Parker, E-5, Petty Officer 2nd Class; U.S. Navy celebrates her 55th birthday on July 26th. "We're proud of you!"
- Ms. Grace Majors celebrates her birthday on July 27th.
- Ms. Rhonda Couthen celebrates her birthday on July 27th.
- Ms. Helen Love enjoys her birthday on July 27th.
- Mr. Kol Cee Biggs celebrates his 52nd birthday on July 27th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Mattie Bradley celebrates her birthday on July 28th.
- Ms. Storm and Ms. Stormy Armstrong celebrate their birthday on July 28th.
- Ms. Yvonne Ragland celebrates her birthday on July 30th.
- Mr. Elijah Bermudez celebrates his 14th birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.
- Ms. Roszene DeMyers celebrates her birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.
- Mr. Hugh E. Jones celebrates his birthday on July 31st, with family and friends.

*Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Randy and Stacy Ebright celebrated their wedding anniversary on July 11th. "Fifteen wonderful years together"!
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Where Can I Smoke My Weed?

By Ayanna D. Neal



Ayanna Neal

Recreational use of marijuana was legalized in Michigan after voters approved Proposal 1, creating the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana (MRTMA) on December 6, 2018. So, where can one smoke one's marijuana? You can only smoke marijuana in private. It is illegal, a civil infraction punishable by a \$100 fine, to consume marijuana in public. There isn't much clarity regarding what is considered "in public." Some say, "My front porch is where I like to smoke my marijuana because it's private property." But some people have said they've done this but ended up with law enforcement contact. Yes, your porch is private property but is in public view. Some good advice for such a situation is to consume marijuana *inside* your home or inside some other private property that allows it. A landlord can prohibit marijuana consumption so be sure to read your lease to know whether you can consume marijuana in your home if you're a tenant. And if you're a college student who lives on campus in a dorm or other college housing you should definitely know the college or university's policy because many colleges and universities have drug-free policies which would prohibit you from consuming or possessing marijuana on college property. The same is true regarding your motor vehicle. Consuming marijuana in a vehicle is prohibited by the (MRTMA). But the MRTMA doesn't specify what the penalty is for such a violation. The MRTMA also prohibits consuming marijuana while driving. This is not the same as driving under the influence of marijuana. Driving under the influence of marijuana is a crime with possible fines and incarceration just like operating while intoxicated by the consumption of alcohol (OWI). You shouldn't smoke marijuana during work lunch or any other work breaks. Employers own or own the use of their property and can ban marijuana consumption or possession on their property and in their facilities just like a ban on smoking cigarettes. Most employers have a policy that bans being high while working. Employers can do drug testing even though marijuana is legal. An employer can discipline or even terminate an employee for a positive test. It is always best to check with the employer regarding their policy for controlled substances. Some employers do drug testing prior to hiring an employee. Each employer is different as to whether they'll hire a person with a positive marijuana test. A lot of employers have no tolerance policies for controlled substances and some employers may do work for the federal government, which prohibits consumption and possession of marijuana because both are illegal federally, and the feds are prohibiting from contracting with companies who don't follow federal law. If it's a job you really want to get or want to keep and there is a policy against controlled substance consumption, or you don't know what the policy is it's probably a good idea to go on a timeout from marijuana. Before you light up make sure you're somewhere you can legally fire it up.

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Snoop Dogg Celebrating 25 years of "Doggystyle" at the Aretha!



Snoop Dogg, pictured above celebrated 25th anniversary of his 1993 debut album "Doggystyle" on July 5, 2019 at the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre (formerly know as Chene Park) The Detroit, Michigan stop was part of the Puff Puff Pass" tour that included Warren G, and Bone-Thugs-N-Harmony. Photo by Bill McClain of the Michigan Bulletin

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