

# The State News

**Men's soccer head coach  
Joe Baum steps down  
after 32 years.**

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Junior center Joel Nitchman, left, and junior kicker Brett Swenson smile while being surrounded by fans and press after Saturday's game against Wisconsin at Spartan Stadium.

## FOOTBALL

## SWENSON BAILS SPARTANS OUT WITH LAST-MINUTE KICK

By Jacob Carpenter  
THE STATE NEWS

For about two minutes Saturday afternoon in Spartan Stadium, all eyes were on junior kicker Brett Swenson.

There were the eyes of the MSU student section, with their hands in the air, hoping to violently throw them down if Swenson could split the uprights from 44 yards out to give MSU the go-ahead three points with less than 10 seconds left in

the game.

There were the eyes of his confident teammates — senior defensive end Dwayne Holmes, who prayed and invoked the Father, Son and Holy Spirit of football for a successful kick, and junior center Joel Nitchman, who scanned the electric crowd buzzing with nervous excitement, and junior defensive end Trevor Anderson, who thought to himself, "If he doesn't make this kick, I'm going to choke him."

There were the eyes of both head coaches — MSU's Mark Dantonio, the calm, cool and collect-

ed sideline rover who gave Swenson a small smile and words of encouragement, and Wisconsin's Bret Bielema, who called two timeouts to ice the Spartans kicker still hot from a career-long 50-yard boot earlier in the fourth quarter.

With both timeouts in the past and 11 beefy Badgers lined up to block the kick of the smallest player on the field, snapper Alex Shackleton flung the ball back to holder Aaron Bates, who planted the pigskin in the ground.

The Florida native took two

steps, thrust his right foot behind him and swung it forward, powering through the football. Up it went, over the outstretched arms of Wisconsin defenders. All those eyes on Swenson moved to the football, which hurdled through the air.

All eyes except Swenson's. By the time the football was halfway to the field goal posts, he turned his back to the kick and dashed to the sidelines with his arms thrown into the sky. He knew the kick was good. He didn't need to

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# ELECTION DAY VOTER GUIDE

Tuesday, Americans will cast their votes to let their voices be heard. The State News has compiled the following guide to help you at the polls:

## PRESIDENTIAL

**Republican**

John McCain  
Age: 72  
Background: Arizona U.S. representative, 1982-86; Arizona U.S. senator, 1986-present

Vice President: Sarah Palin

Web site: [www.johnmccain.com](http://www.johnmccain.com)

**Democrat**

Barack Obama  
Age: 47  
Background: Illinois U.S. senator, 2005-present; Illinois state senator, 1997-2004

Vice President: Joe Biden

Web site: [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)

**Green**

Cynthia McKinney

Age: 53  
Background: Democratic U.S. representative from Georgia, 1992-2002 and 2004-07

Vice President: Rosa Clemente

Web site: <http://www2.runcynthiarun.org>

**U.S. Taxpayers**

Chuck Baldwin

Age: 56  
Background: Founder of Crossroads Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.; Constitution Party vice presidential candidate, 2004

Vice President: Darrell L. Castle

Web site: [www.baldwin08.com](http://www.baldwin08.com)

**Libertarian**

Bob Barr

Age: 59  
Background: U.S. representative from Georgia, 1994-2002; Board of Directors, National Rifle Association, 1997-present

Vice President: Wayne A. Root

Web site: [www.bobbarr2008.com](http://www.bobbarr2008.com)

**Natural Law**

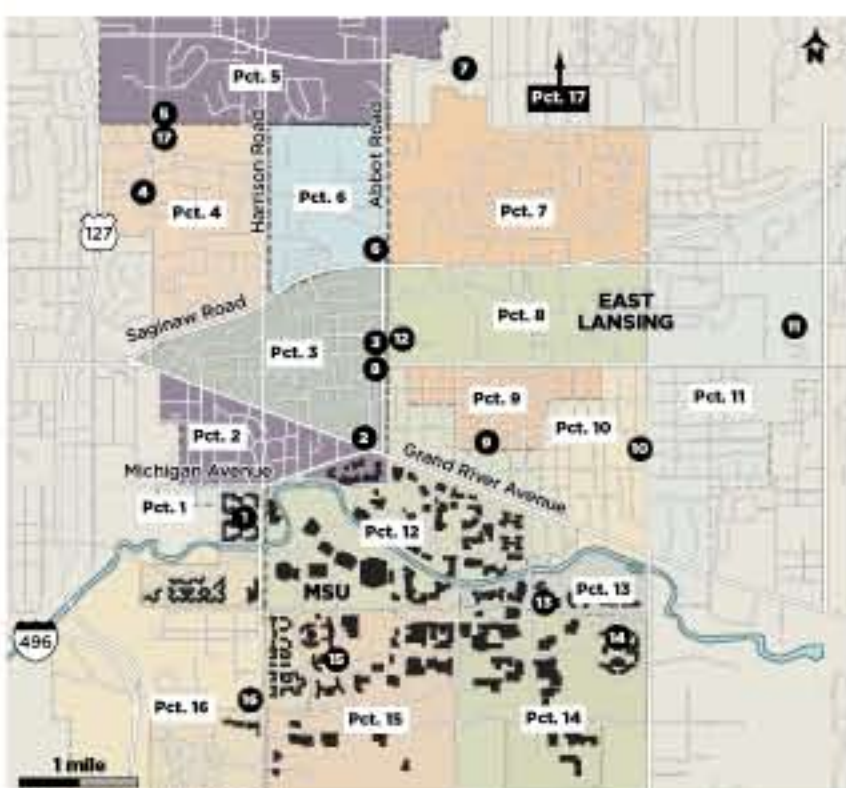
Ralph Nader

Age: 74  
Background: Consumer advocate, lawyer and author; ran for presidency in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004

Vice President: Matt Gonzalez

Web site: [www.votenader.org](http://www.votenader.org)

## LOCAL



SOURCE: EAST LANSING CITY CLERK

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| 1 Brody Hall, MSU                                  | 7 St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3383 Lake Lansing Road        | 12 All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road    |
| 2 Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave.          | 8 Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road                 | 13 Owen Graduate Hall, MSU                        |
| 3 Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road          | 9 Bailey Community Center, 300 Bailey St.                 | 14 West Akers Hall, MSU                           |
| 4 Capital City Vineyard Church, 1635 Coolidge Road | 10 Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road           | 15 E. Wilson Hall, MSU                            |
| 5 Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road   | 11 Burcham Hills Retirement Community, 2700 Burcham Drive | 16 Wesley Foundation, 1118 S. Harrison Road       |
| 6 Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road |   | 17 Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road |

**East Lansing proposals****City Center II**

The city of East Lansing has two proposals on the general election ballot this year. They regard the sale of a city-owned parking garage and land, both beneath the East Lansing Marriott at University Place, 300 M.A.C. Ave. If city-owned land has a market value of \$4 per East Lansing resident, or almost \$200,000, the city needs registered voters to approve the ability to sell it by more than 60 percent. The land in question is currently pegged at a market value of slightly more than \$1 million.

**CATA millage**

Capital Area Transportation Authority, or CATA, is asking for a millage increase this election of .787 mills per year on property owners during a five-year period. According to CATA, if the millage is approved, it will bring in \$4.75 million in 2008. If it does not, in addition to cutting jobs, the company will have to cut service on Saturday and Sunday and after 6 p.m. on weekdays. However, campus routes would remain unchanged.

**Statewide proposals****Proposal 1**

Proposal 1 would legalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes in Michigan. Only adult patients with doctor approval would be allowed to grow up to 12 plants for personal use, and to possess up to 2.5 ounces. The marijuana would have to be kept in a locked area. Proponents of this proposal say it would help those suffering from diseases such as Crohn's disease, and opponents say the proposal could possibly lead to more recreational drug use.

**Proposal 2**

Proposal 2 would allow the donation of leftover embryos from in vitro fertilization by Michigan families to be used in human embryonic stem cell research. The research is allowed in Michigan, but researchers cannot get the cells from inside the state, because it currently is a felony. Proponents believe passing this proposal could help lead to cures for diseases such as cancer and diabetes, and opponents say this proposal is ethically wrong and is taking a human's life.

## STATE

**U.S. Senator****Republican**

Jack Hoogendyk  
Age: 53  
Background: Three-term state representative for Kalamazoo.

Executive director of Kalamazoo Pregnancy Care Center since 1996. Chairman of SHALOM, a nonprofit adult foster care agency. Served on Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners from 2000 until 2002. Vice chairman of state House Government Operations committee.

Web site: [www.jackformichigan.org](http://www.jackformichigan.org)

**Democratic**

Carl Levin  
Age: 74  
Background: Incumbent. First elected to U.S. Senate in 1978.

Detroit City Council member from 1969 until 1978, serving as president from 1974 until 1977. Chairman of U.S. Senate Armed Services committee and Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Member of five U.S. Senate committees.

Web site: [www.carllewin.com](http://www.carllewin.com)

**U.S. Representative, 8th District****Republican**

Mike Rogers  
Age: 45  
Background: Incumbent. Four-term U.S. representative.

Michigan state senator from 1994 until 2000, serving as Senate majority floor leader from 1999 until 2000. Member of five U.S. Senate committees.

Web site: [www.rogers4congress.com](http://www.rogers4congress.com)

**Democratic**

Robert D. Alexander  
Age: 64  
Background: Ran for same seat in 2004. Vice

chairman of 8th Congressional District Democratic Party from 2003 until 2004 and Ingham County Democratic Party from 1991 until 1992. Campaign manager for four presidential primaries two gubernatorial and three congressional campaigns.

Web site: [www.alexanderforcongress.com](http://www.alexanderforcongress.com)