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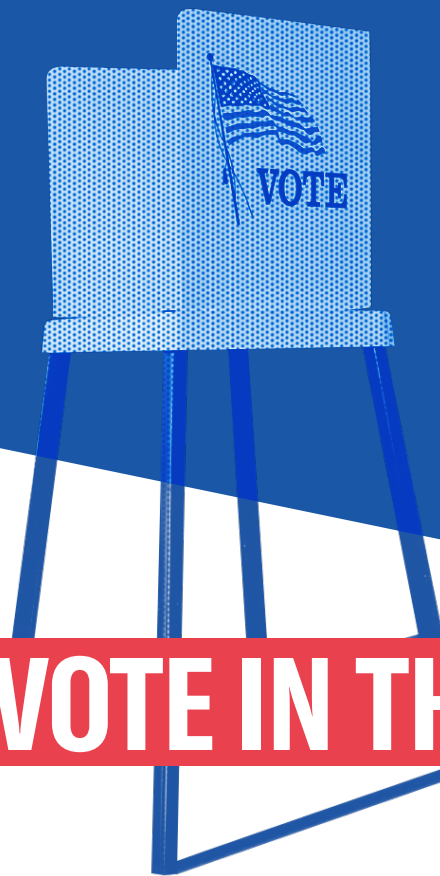
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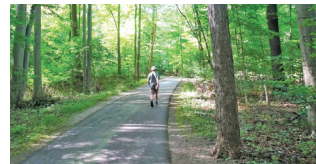
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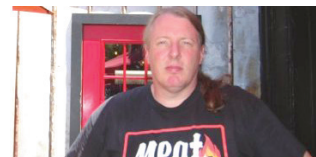
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NEWS & OPINION

Make it emphatic: Vote Democratic

Six days away from the most consequential election of our lifetime. Six days before a national reckoning that will change the course of American history. Six days left to remind everyone you know that their vote matters. For those who may have missed our endorsements, we urge your support on Tuesday, Nov. 3, for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris for president and vice president, and we strongly recommend that you vote for Democrats across the board in partisan races. The surest path to returning our state and nation to some semblance of sane governance is to put Democrats back in charge of the Michigan House, the U.S. Senate and the White House. If you plan to vote by absentee ballot, it's too late to risk sending it through the mail. Drop it off at the City Clerk's office at City Hall or use one of the convenient drop boxes located around the city.

Unmasking Michigan

If you need yet another reason to vote against every Republican on the ticket next Tuesday, consider the refusal of state Republican leaders in the Michigan House and Senate to enact a statewide mask mandate. Even as the coronavirus spirals out of control in rural areas represented by Republicans, one might think that some basic level of human decency would compel party leaders to act quickly and decisively to protect the people they serve. Sadly, all we get is the raw partisanship and science-denying propaganda of a party that has sold its soul to Donald Trump. You can help right the ship by throwing the Republicans overboard next week.

Sticky fingers

For the past 19 years, the City of Lansing has set aside 1.25% of its general fund budget to support nonprofit organizations across the city who work in the trenches to support basic human needs like food, shelter and clothing. It's not an optional allocation — city ordinance requires the funds to be disbursed to "community-supported organizations." Now comes a proposed ordinance revision that would allow city departments and agencies to access these dedicated funds for the first time. In other words, the funds would no longer be restricted to supporting community work by nongovernmental agencies and could be siphoned off for use by city departments. It's a dangerous precedent at a time when the city should be dedicating more resources to community agencies that support basic human needs and who have also been hit hard by the COVID pandemic. The proposed ordinance



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would also modify the process for distributing the funds. We support those administrative changes, but reject the language that would make city departments eligible to receive the funds.

I Can't breathe

A month before George Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police, touching off nationwide protests against police brutality, Lansing resident Anthony Hulon died in the Lansing city jail after detention officers apparently restrained him in a fashion similar to Floyd. According to allegations contained in a lawsuit filed this week by his family, Hulon said "I can't breathe" as officers pinned him to the floor of his jail cell for more than five minutes, then refused to perform CPR

after it was clear he had stopped breathing and had no pulse. The lawsuit claims that the county medical examiner has ruled Hulon's death a homicide due to positional asphyxia and cardiac arrest. The complaint further alleges that the Michigan State Police have recommended to Attorney General Dana Nessel that the detention officers involved in the incident should face criminal charges. If true, these allegations are deeply disturbing and give rise to serious questions not only about the conduct of the city's jail staff and supervisors, but also about who knew what and when, and why the details of this incident were made public by the law firm representing the plaintiffs rather than by city leaders. Statements made by LPD at the time of the incident suggested that Hulon had succumbed to a medical condition and that jail staff had attempted to save his life. If the allegations in the lawsuit are true — that the detention officers actually killed Hulon in the same manner that ended George Floyd's life — these statements may prove to be false, which will raise even more questions about the city's handling of this tragic incident. City Pulse is working diligently to get to the bottom of this case.

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There's still time to vote for Kamala

By **DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER**

It's the week before Election day.

I urge all voters to show gratitude for hardworking Black American women by voting for Kamala Harris.

I am sure some of you in Lansing have not voted yet. I haven't. My absentee

ballot is sitting right there on the mantle. And there were, as of

last Friday, 100,000 voters like me in my native City of Detroit who have not voted and returned their absentee ballot.

Black women were all supposed to have voted already. Vote early, Michelle Obama asked for that more than two months ago. Some people may be mad about my dragging my feet. Especially my buddy Landis Lain, candidate for 30th Circuit Court judge.

Nothing feels more urgent than short time. That's why I'm wearing my Delta Sigma Theta fire-engine red GOTV tee-shirt to Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope's event, Souls to the Polls, scheduled for Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, just three and two days before Election Day.

But about Kamala Harris. Vote for her because Black American women are the great unpraised goddesses of the United States. We are "cornered" into doing the underappreciated and underpaid dirty work of American society, sociologist Paula Rothenberg wrote in her book "Race, Class and Gender in the United States."

Kamala Harris is willing to do the dirty work. She told Donald Trump in a tweet, "I'll see you in court."

Senator Harris is the woman to do it. She is a professional prosecutor. She served as district attorney for San Francisco from 2004 to 2011. And she was elected attorney general of the state of California in 2011. In 2016, she ascended to the U.S. Senate.

Some will say Harris is lacking in other areas. Even my mother, who is an extraordinarily hardworking traditional Black American woman, the widow of a Detroit police commander and mother of 13 children. She did not go as far as Donald Trump, who called Harris a "monster," but my mother told me in confidential tones that Harris only married two years ago. She meant to a man.

For the record Harris married Douglas Emhoff six years ago.

I suppose my mother's comment was a shy way for a Greatest Generation woman to ask, is she a lesbian? The 21st century response is, who cares? Sex with a man is not a qualification for vice president of the United States. Maybe because the founding fathers of the U.S. did not

think a woman would ever be VP.

But we have six days left to make it happen. Six days. God created a whole new world in six days.

Harris is one of us. She reminds me of my sister. The Honorable Paula G. Humphries was elected judge of the 36th District Court in Detroit at age 32 years, and she served for 27 years. My sister and Harris are serious attorneys.

Kamala Harris has the patience required of professional Black women to get ahead. "Mr. Vice President, I'm speaking," she said, her hand signaling him to pause his interruption. "I'm speaking."

East Indian on her mother's side, and Caribbean on her father's side, she and I are different types of Black Americans. My enslaved ancestors picked cotton in Georgia, while hers chopped sugar cane in Jamaica.

That makes us part of the African Diaspora, the spreading of Africans throughout the world via the African slave trade.

This part of history gets an increasing amount of attention thanks to the pioneering efforts of the late Ruth Hamilton, who was a professor of sociology and of urban affairs at Michigan State University and the expert scholar in the field.

Kamala Harris is a fighter. In her book, "The Truths We Hold," she shared how, as the new California attorney general, she faced down big Wall Street bankers who bundled mortgages into commodities to pay for their private jets. About how smart she had to be to get a fair money settlement for Californians who lost their homes in the housing crash of 2008. And how she had to be smart and patient winding through the politics to work with others on legislation to protect home owners in the future, and how they got it passed and signed into law.

There are some legitimate obstacles to not electing Harris vice president. The Republican Party sends campaign literature to my house every day to tell me about it. The weakness is at the top of the Democratic ticket. Joe Biden.

In 1994, he played an important role in the Democrats passing, and Bill Clinton signing, the 'three strikes and you're out' law, with its man-



Barker



datory life sentence for anyone who has been convicted of a felony three times.

Michigan's long-time corrections director, the late Bob Brown, a Black man, said three strikes was bad public policy because the felon comes into the care of the government as an old man, just when his health care gets expensive, and his life is calming down.

But the three strikes law was mostly politics. It sent hundreds of thousands of Black men — each one a mother's son — to prison for nonviolent crimes. Southern white supremacist voters were happy with that law.

There are still six days left for voting. Make this Black woman and millions more, happy. Vote for Kamala Harris for vice president.

(Dedria Humphries Barker is a Lansing resident and the author of "Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, A Colored Man's Widow." Her opinion column appears on the last Wednesday of every month.)

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By KYLE KAMINSKI

Deadly dejavu

The death of Anthony Hulon in the Lansing city jail last April was all but forgotten — until Monday, when the Lansing State Journal broke the story that a wrongful death suit has been filed against the city, Police Chief Darryl Green and four police officers. The suit alleges that Hulon died while struggling against efforts by the officers to constrain him in a jail cell. According to the suit, the Ingham County medical examiner ruled that Hulon's death was a homicide resulting from "positional asphyxia" — as did George Floyd of Minneapolis at the hands of police six weeks later. Like Floyd, Hulon, 54, of Haslett, could be heard saying "I can't breathe" on a video showing his loss of life. As whispers spread of a City Hall coverup, Lansing Mayor Andy Schor offered no comment. The suit said the state Attorney General's Office is considering charges.



Hulon

RIP: East Lansing trail blazer

Martha Bibbs

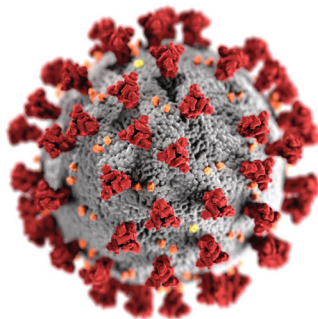
Her husband, James Bibbs, called her "superlady." Indeed, Martha Merle Bibbs, who died last week at the age of 80, left her mark. She was the first Black person named personnel director of the Michigan Civil Service Commission, serving under Gov. James Blanchard. She was the first to chair the board for the former Black Child & Family Institute in Lansing, one of her many initiatives on behalf of women, children and families. A single mother till she married, Bibbs earned a sociology degree from MSU and completed the John F. Kennedy Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard. Services start at 10 a.m. today at Abundant Grace Church, 5750 S. Cedar St., Lansing.



Bibbs

COVID 19 redux

Michigan is still safer than much of the nation, but Gov. Gretchen Whitmer warned again Monday that the state is hardly home free from the surge. "As we're navigating the next steps, if the numbers continue to increase, it's possible we may have to turn the dial back," Whitmer said about possibly reinstating lockdown orders. "We still have to take this virus very seriously." Last week saw over 14,000 new cases — the highest total for a single week since Michigan experienced its first two cases last March. Last week's daily average was 2,014, which is 25% higher than the peak in April. Meanwhile, Republicans in the Capitol authored a plan to give counties more control over fighting the virus. As of Tuesday, Michigan had recorded 164,274 total cases, including 7,239 deaths. That includes 4,538 cases and 65 deaths in Ingham County.



Sheriff candidates lead the way in fundraising

Candidates running for office in Ingham and Clinton counties have spent at least a half-million dollars in this election cycle, according to campaign finance records filed last week. And while only next month's results will show which of the candidates got the biggest bangs for their bucks, early reporting shows which of them have been bankrolling the largest campaigns. Leading the pack was Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, who reported raising \$98,000 to run for reelection next week, followed by Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich, who raised nearly \$95,000. They reversed themselves for biggest spender, with Reich doling out \$70,550 and Wriggelsworth at nearly \$59,000. In third was former state Sen. Rick Jones, who has spent more than \$43,000 trying to unseat Reich. Fourth was former Ingham County Commissioner Carol Koenig, in a tough fight to be elected 30th Circuit judge in Ingham County. Rick Jones racked up the biggest campaign debt: \$132,000 in his effort to win back his old job.



Wriggelsworth



Reich



805 N. Seymour Ave.

This former eyesore from November 2019 is being renovated by its new owner, Diane Sanborn, owner of Cosy Koi Bed & Breakfast just down the street. Sanborn, who paid \$102,000 for it, has already installed new windows. Sanborn said that it was originally side-by-side duplexes. "Sometime between 1950-1970 it was split into four separate units," she said. It is my goal to restore them and bring them back to the stately homes they once were."

"Frustrated neighbors have watched the 1909 edifice slide downhill fast," Lawrence Cosentino wrote last year. "The stately porches, held up by Ionic columns, appear on the verge of collapse, with yellow tape around the east porch. The main floor windows are boarded. Several upstairs windows are gone but not boarded up, leaving the interior vulnerable to the elements."

Previous owner Kevin Schoen, who paid \$20,500 at auction six years ago, put on a new roof and cleared out plaster and debris. He declared the house structurally sound.

Emailed Sanborn: "It is a labor of love that will improve my lovely neighborhood which I have lived in for 30 years!!"

— BERL SCHWARTZ

Football returns to MSU — after a fashion

The Spartans belatedly kicked off their football season Saturday with a home game, with parents and few others except for cardboard cutouts in the stadium and tailgating prohibited throughout campus. The Big Ten Conference reversed itself to allow the truncated nine-game season despite pandemic risks. The home team lost to Rutgers, 38-27.

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Is it a duck?

Michigan's Proposal 1 divides environmentalists

Many Michigan voters — even those inclined to support state parks and protect natural lands — are peering carefully, like a duck hunter through a blind, before pulling the trigger on Proposal 1.

The endorsements on a ballot proposal usually help you get a bead, but this time, they do not quack in unison. The Sierra Club and Michigan's Green Party oppose the proposal, but the Michigan Environmental Council and the national Nature Conservancy endorse it.

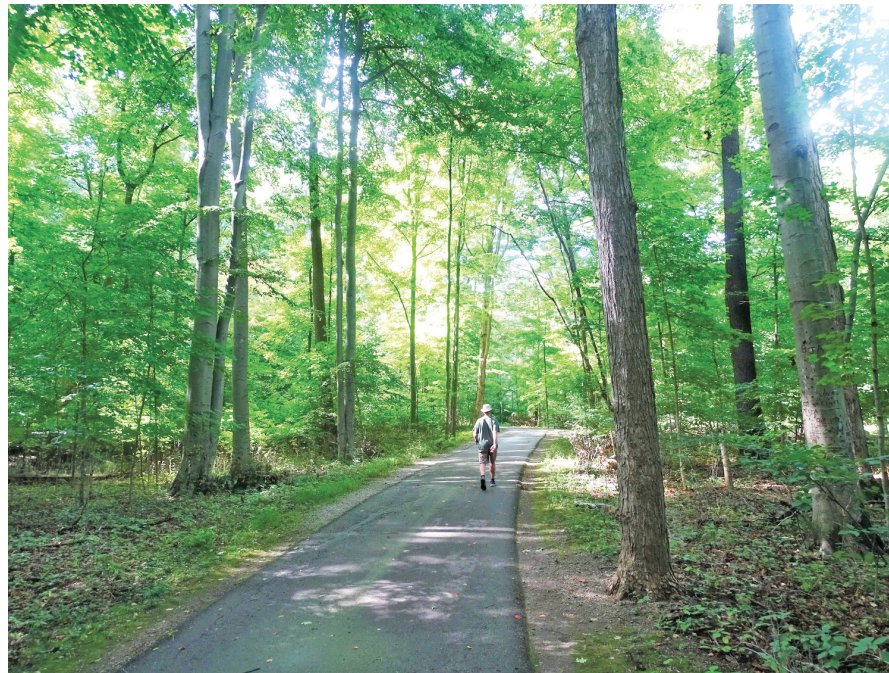
Proposal 1 centers on two crucial, interlocking sources of funding for local and state parks — the Natural Resources Trust Fund and the State Parks Endowment Fund.

As it stands, state law requires at least 25 percent of the Natural Resources Trust Fund to go toward land acquisition and preservation. Proposal 1 would keep that requirement, but also lift a 25 percent spending cap on parks development projects such as bike trails, playgrounds, boat launches, restrooms, accessibility for the disabled and other projects.

Lansing Parks Director Brett Kaschinske said the proposal has the potential to bring more parks funding to Lansing, although the grant application process will still be competitive.

"If this were to pass, Lansing would likely apply for more parks development projects, as that is more of a need at this time, compared to the need for acquisition projects," Kaschinske said. "If the proposal fails, the current allocations would remain in place, and Lansing would apply in the same way that we have in the past."

Even with the 25 percent cap in place, the state trust fund has been a lifeline for cash-strapped municipal parks departments such as Lansing's. Since 1976, the fund has helped to fund over 1,000 public parks in all 83 counties and awarded \$1.2 billion in grants for public lands



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

A \$500,000 grant from the state's Natural Resources Trust spearheaded the development of Lansing's Crego Park, the city's largest park, in 2015. A 2020 ballot proposal would tweak the trust fund's spending formula in favor of more urban-centered projects.

(acquisition and development both).

The 2015 transformation of Lansing's Crego Park from a toxic dump to a secluded fishing and kayaking paradise was made possible primarily by a \$500,000 grant from the trust fund, along with \$250,000 from the city's parks millage fund.

However, playgrounds, trails and fishing docks were not the top priority when the trust fund was established by the state Legislature and Gov. William Milliken in 1976, after a bitter dispute over proposed drilling in the Pigeon River region.

Environmentalists and industry leaders saw a rare win-win in the idea of establishing a trust fund that sets aside some of the proceeds from oil, gas and mineral lease and royalty payments to buy and preserve public lands.

Over the years, the fund's budget priority has tipped gradually in favor of parks over wilderness. In 1994, voters approved a proposal directing \$10 million in annual Trust Fund revenue to a new pot of money, the State Park Endowment Fund, which supports Michigan's 103 state parks. In 2002, voters raised the Natural Resources Trust Fund's cap to \$500 million. When the trust fund reached the cap in 2011, the overflow went to the state parks fund.

But the state park endowment fund, too, has a cap. Proposal 1 would also ensure that when the state park fund reaches its \$800 million limit

— which could take anywhere from several years to a few decades — the overflow would go back to the Natural Resources Trust Fund instead of flowing to the general fund. (The state park endowment fund currently holds about \$300 million.)

Many environmentalists would like to see future proceeds flow back into the Natural Resources Trust Fund when the \$800 million state park fund is reached. Local parks departments are sharpening their grant writing pens at the prospect.

"There could be an increase in funding in the future for Lansing and other cities when the State Park Endowment Fund reaches the \$800 million trigger," Kaschinske said.

Earlier this month, a Sierra Club position paper conceded that conservation organizations "have rallied around Prop 1 for this reason," but added that such support is "short-sighted."

The Sierra Club has a venerable history of championing wilderness, with deep philosophical underpinnings, but the Mark Twain quote on its web site says it all: "Buy land — they ain't making it anymore."

Opponents of Proposal 1 are loath to see the trust fund pushed deeper into the parks development and maintenance business and away from its 1970s roots, as a tool for capturing revenue from a non-renewable source (fossil fuel extraction) to protect pristine land in perpetuity.

"Requiring revenue from a non-renewable source to go to ongoing, increasing funding needs creates financial problems, it doesn't solve them," the Sierra Club's Proposal 1 position paper declares.

Conan Smith, CEO of the Michigan Environmental Council, called it a "principled opposition, but it hasn't evolved with the times." Smith joined a conference call of Prop 1 proponents Monday to talk with reporters and local officials.

The MEC is one of about 80 environmental groups, businesses and governmental units that have endorsed Proposal 1.

Smith said that if Proposal 1 is approved, the trust fund will continue to support both acquisition and development, which go "hand in hand."

"In the past 40 years, we've spent \$900 million on land acquisition and built a bunch of really great things, like linear trails, some of which are reaching the end of their useful life," Smith said. "We need to make sure we have the resources to keep up access to those places." He cited Detroit's transformational downtown river trail and parks, funded largely by the state trust fund, and a 330-acre riverfront land acquisition near Saginaw that will open for hiking, fishing, sledding and other activities in 2021.

"Wayne County accounts for 18 percent of the state's population but has only received 9 percent of investments from the trust fund," Smith said. "People who live in these areas have a harder time getting access to nature. The amendment would open the door to a new set of proposals and projects, and one consequence might be that we're spending less money on protecting wild and natural places."

— LAWRENCE COSENTINO



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Decline of political coverage hurts democracy, fair elections and transparency

By **ERIC FREEDMAN**
Capital News Service

(The writer won a Pulitzer Prize for reporting for The Detroit News and holds the Knight Foundation Endowed Chair in Environmental Journalism at Michigan State University.)



Freedman

My, how things have changed this campaign season.

Not just the candidates, but also how the press is covering the presidential, U.S. Senate and congressional races in Michigan.

We have a crucial Senate race without a debate between Republican John James and Democrat Gary Peters — but with lots and lots of money.

“The race has become the dominant force on Michigan airwaves,” the Michigan Campaign Finance Network reported, outspending even the presidential election’s broadcast advertising.

We have a fast-moving stream of presidential and vice-presidential candidates, their relatives and their surrogates flooding “battleground” Michigan from Grand Rapids to Houghton, from Kalamazoo to suburban Detroit.

I’ve covered state government, politics and policy since the late 1970s, first in Albany, New York, and then in Lansing since 1984. As a reporter, editor and columnist I’ve seen candidates come and go and watched issues erupt, deflate, disappear and sometimes erupt again.

I’ve seen more and more money spent and more and more consultants and handlers hired to sway — and sometimes mislead — public opinion.

And I’ve seen the number of political reporters shrink in Lansing and at news outlets across Michigan.

I’m not alone in worrying about the effects of those troubling trends on democracy, fair elections and transparent governance.

“What bothered me the most is the de-emphasis of the importance of political and election coverage,” says Tim Skubick, the dean of the Capital press corps who began his political journalism career in 1969 as a radio reporter.

He hosts “Off the Record,” the 38-year-old weekly public affairs show on Michigan Public Television, and reports for Detroit’s Channel 2, Lansing’s Channel 6, Detroit’s WWJ radio and the Michigan Information & Research Service, known as MIRS,

newsletter.

“When I started out, being in a state Capitol bureau was really something. It was looked upon with great respect,” Skubick says. “There was a real premium put on coverage by the newspapers, and TV was just getting a foot in the door.”

What happened? Many news bureaus closed as “over time, consultants came in and told management that people don’t care about politics,” Skubick said.

Of course, other factors contribute to the way the press is covering this year’s elections.

For one, the COVID-19 pandemic has sharply limited reporters’ ability to perform their watchdog function, travel with candidates, go out and interview ordinary voters and assess the situation on the ground.

“You need to get out and mix it up with the people,” Skubick says.

Another factor: Even before the pandemic, mainstream news organizations were suffering financially, merging, cutting staff and closing bureaus.

Nonprofit news organizations like Bridge Michigan can fill only some of the information gap. Long-established specialized news services, such as MIRS and Gongwer, are available with respected, nitty-gritty reporting on politics and government — by subscription.

But partisan and biased “news” websites have proliferated, and fake news floods the internet.

Skubick says, “We already have a political knowledge gap in the electorate: the haves and have-nots. My fear is people who want to get the news will get it, but the general public that’s not presupposed (to follow political news) won’t.”

Political scientist Donald Zinman says, “It’s certainly a fact that local news outlets are in decline. Local TV stations are mostly corporate-owned, local newspapers have been financially struggling for years and their ability to do investigative reporting has declined in recent years.”

Zinman, a professor at Grand Valley State University and an expert on politics, the presidency, parties and elections, says consultants have become “more protective” of their candidates.

Many politicians have become wari-er of the press and carefully restrict their availability to news outlets they perceive as friendly. Thus, President Donald Trump’s frequent lengthy appearances on Fox radio and television shows while avoiding other networks.

“When you agree to interviews with unknown or unfriendlier news organizations, it’s more risky. You might get asked a lot of unwelcome questions,” Zinman says.

Technology makes some things easier for political reporting, including 24/7 online access to federal and state campaign finance records and polling details.

“There’s more information that’s out there, and data is easier to obtain,” he says.

At the same time, however, the increasingly fast pace of the news cycle often leads the press “to give a lot of stories short shrift.”

As an example, he cited the recent New York Times investigative reporting

on Trump’s income taxes, saying that after an initial spurt of attention, “the media kind of moved on. That’s not a good thing.”

There’s also a problem with public trust, according to Zinman.

“There is this notion that the only people hostile to the media are on the right, conservatives, Trumpers. That’s not true. Plenty of people on the left have serious criticism of the media” as pro-capitalist and pro-business and for treating Trump like typical candidates when he’s not one.

Finally, he observes, “It’s kind of a dangerous time to be a reporter, with violent threats and scary rhetoric deployed against reporters that could have tragic consequences.”

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING WAS HELD VIA A ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING UNDER THE GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-154 ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Hayes, Clerk Aten, Treasurer Rodgers
Trustees: Broughton, Harris, McKenzie, Bankson
MEMBERS ABSENT: None.
ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gresens, Attorney

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:
Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hayes.
Approved minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2020.
Agenda approved.
Adopted Resolution 20-12: Resolution to Set Public Hearing for Street Light Special Assessment District.
Adopted Resolution 20-13: Resolution to Set Public Hearing for the General Fund and Special Fund Budgets and Authorize Clerk to Publish Notice of Annual Budget Hearing.
Tabled Resolution 20-14: Resolution to Initiate the Special Assessment Process regarding the Montgomery Drain.
Approved used car lot license renewal.
Approved Claims.
Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor
Susan L. Aten, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Hayes, Clerk Aten
Trustees: Broughton, Harris, McKenzie, Bankson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Rodgers (arrived 7:05 p.m., left 7:15 p.m.)
ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gresens, Attorney

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:
Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hayes.
Approved minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2020.
Agenda approved.
Authorized purchase of police equipment.
Authorized Police Chief to sell police vehicle.
Approved budget amendment.
Adopted Resolution 20-11: Resolution to Certify the Millage for the 2020 Tax Rolls.
Approved BWL supplemental water service agreement #14.
Approved used car lot license renewals.
Approved Claims.
Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor
Susan L. Aten, Clerk

CP#20-259

Why the presidential visits to Michigan aren't stopping

It's no secret why presidential candidates show up in certain states. It's high Electoral College states where the race is tightest.

This year, out of the nation's 50 states, the major-party presidential candidates and their running mates will only show up in eight or nine states. This year, Michigan is one of them.

President Donald Trump's Lansing visit was his and Vice President Mike Pence's sixth visit to Michigan since the conventions. Pence will make it seven when he lands in Flint this week.

Joe Biden is showing up somewhere in Michigan on Halloween. At that point, he and Kamala Harris have been in the Great Lakes State eight times. Only Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have seen more visits from the campaigns.

In 2016, Trump and Pence showed up in Michigan 14 times to Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine's nine.

John McCain and Sarah Palin was



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here seven times in 2008 until they gave up and basically handed the state to Barack Obama and Biden, who had shown up five times up to that point.

In 2012, Mitt Romney figured his birth state was an automatic "L" and didn't show up one time. Since the Republican didn't come, neither did Obama after the convention.

An outfit called "Fair Vote" tracks these things to prove a critical point. Presidential elections at this stage of a campaign are all about these "swing states."

If your state isn't competitive, your state is essentially ignored come campaign time. Is Trump going to Alabama or Louisiana? No. He's already got the South locked up.

Is Biden bothering with Illinois or California? No. Those states are considered wins in his column.

It's not a new concept. John F. Kennedy could count electoral votes in 1960, and so could Richard Nixon. Both came to Michigan. Same with Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush in 1992.

Fair vote makes the case that moving toward a system that awards the

presidency to popular vote winners, as opposed to who wins the most Electoral College votes, would be fairer. Michigan's issues certainly seem to rise to the national spotlight a lot.

Would construction of the new Soo Lock be moving if Michigan weren't a critical state for Trump's re-election? Maybe, maybe not.

Would Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump showed up in Flint four years ago to bemoan the water crisis had it been in Idaho or Arkansas? Likely not.

Would Barack Obama have bailed out the auto industry if it were based in red Texas as opposed to Purple Michigan? I guess we'll never know.

Here's some things we do know.

The Boston media market isn't getting anything close to the volume of presidential TV advertising as the Detroit media market, if it's getting any at all.

Our friends in Maryland aren't seeing their mailboxes flooded with presidential fliers. No pollsters are giving the folks in South Dakota a call to see who they're picking for president.

The extra attention to Michigan may be a nuisance, but it's good for

our economy ... which is one of the big reasons our state politicians haven't jumped on the National Popular Vote concept.

Under this plan, participating states with Electoral College votes that, combined, equal the winning number of 270 agree that their electors will cast their votes for whoever wins the national popular vote.

This effort, which includes former Michigan Republican Party Chair Saul Anuzis, is up to 196 Electoral College votes. Not surprisingly, Michigan votes aren't counted among them.

Again, why would they?

Would Trump go out of his way to jab Gov. Gretchen Whitmer if she weren't the leader of a swing state? Would she be on the national Sunday talk shows as often? Would her voice be as relevant in the national conversation?

If the answers ran counter to the obvious, Michigan would have joined something like National Popular Vote long ago.

(Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS is at melinnky@gmail.com.)

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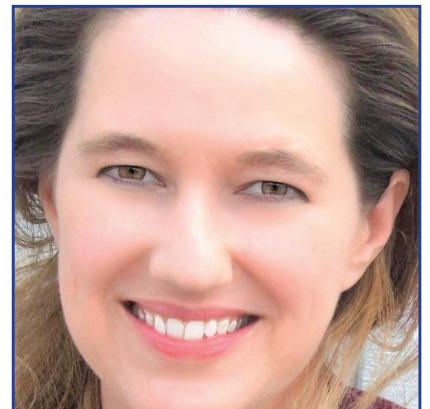
- Carol Koenig

✓ AS AN INNOCENCE PROJECT COMMISSIONER FOR WMU COOLEY LAW SCHOOL, I was there when DNA testing gave freedom to a wrongfully convicted man. And, as a Board member of the 60+ Legal Clinic at WMU Cooley, I am always encouraged by the impact legal advocacy has on the fragile lives of our older citizens.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Hayes, Clerk Aten
Trustees: Broughton, Harris, McKenzie, Bankson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Rodgers
ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gresens, Attorney

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:
Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hayes.
Approved minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 2020.
Agenda approved as amended.
Approved sidewalk waiver, SW-20-07, with conditions.
Approved special use permit, SP-20-08, with conditions.
Removed Resolution 20-14: Resolution to Initiate the Special Assessment Process Regarding the Montgomery Drain from the table.
Adopted Resolution 20-14.
Approved vendor for Gould Park site work.
Approved budget amendments.
Approved Claims.
Executive Session held to discuss pending litigation.
Board returned to regular session.
Approved to proceed with Michigan tax tribunal case.

Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor
Susan L. Aten, Clerk

CP#20-261

**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 882 5906 2610 for the purpose of considering:

To afford an opportunity for all residents and taxpayers of the City of Lansing, City Assessor, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of a Commercial Rehabilitation Act Exemption Certificate (the "Certificate"), pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 210 of 2005, for property located at 329, 331, 333, and 337 South Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan, but more particularly described as follows:

329 South Washington Square
Parcel #: 33-01-01-16-405-121
Legal Description: S 1/3 LOT 8 BLOCK 129 ORIG PLAT

331 South Washington Square
Parcel #: 33-01-01-16-405-131
Legal Description: N 1/3 OF W 100 FT LOT 7 BLOCK 129 ORIG PLAT

333 South Washington Square
Parcel #: 33-01-01-16-405-141
Legal Description: LOT 7 EXC N 22 FT OF W 100 FT BLOCK 129 ORIG PLAT

Approval of this Certificate will allow the owner of the property noted above an exemption of certain property taxes for the improvements to said property. Further information regarding this issue may be obtained from Kris Klein, Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), 1000 S. Washington Ave., Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48910, 517-702-3387.

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Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to fully participate in these meetings should contact the City Council Office at 517-483-4177 (TDD (517) 483-4479) 24 hour notice may be needed for certain accommodations. An attempt will be made to grant all reasonable accommodation requests.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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Thousands crowd airport in Lansing for rain-soaked MAGA rally

Trump bills next week's election as 'matter of economic survival' for Michigan

President Donald J. Trump told thousands of his supporters gathered at an airport rally in Lansing Tuesday that he's expecting a "great red wave" to roll over Michigan next month.

"We're going to win Michigan. We're leading almost everywhere," Trump said to an enthusiastic but entirely rain-soaked crowd outside the Capital Region International Airport. "Now, I've gotta say, I'm working my ass off here. Sleepy Joe? The guy goes to the basement."

Trump climbed off Air Force One into a cheering sea of red hats more than an hour after his scheduled 2 p.m. speech. But even with rain, delays and thousands of ballots already cast in Michigan ahead of next week's election, enthusiasm for the president was on full display.

A crowd had lined up across the parking lot by 10 a.m. A traffic jam was forming an hour later.

Republican congressional candidates Paul Junge and John James used the delays to form last-minute campaign pitches to the crowd. Ted Nugent took the stage to screech out his own rendition of the National Anthem. The crowd repeatedly chanted: "Four more years. Four more years."

"This election is a matter of economic survival for Michigan," Trump said. "This is a crazy race."

During his speech of a little more than an hour, Trump bounced from topic to topic. He attacked Democratic candidate Joe Biden as the nation's "most corrupt politician." He bragged about "big beautiful tariffs" on China. He touted his trade deals and his support for the automotive industry.

As the mostly maskless crowd stood shoulder to shoulder, he also continued to cast doubt on the severity of the coronavirus pandemic. His teenage son Barron was diagnosed but "recovered in 12 minutes," Trump said. And next week, the "fake news" will move on to other stories, he said.

"It's COVID, COVID, COVID," he said. "On Nov. 4, you won't hear any more about it."

"We're going to have the greatest year ever next year," Trump added. "We had the greatest year we've ever had. We had to stop it. We learned about the disease. We saved 2 million lives."

As Trump took the stage, Ingham



Skylar Ashley/City Pulse

Despite a chilly rain, President Donald J. Trump spoke for more than an hour at Capital Region International Airport.

County was recording more than 6,500 coronavirus cases and 65 deaths. In Clinton County, where the airport is located, there are more than 1,000 cases and 16 deaths — including two more reported within the last 24 hours alone, health data showed.

Beforehand, Ingham County Health Officer Linda Vail said the rally and the close proximity of its many guests "goes against all best practices right now." Yet, Trump's campaign pushed on — going on to suggest Biden would be deemed unfit for office within the first 30 days of 2021.

"Do you like Kamala? Do you like her to be your vice president?" Trump said, drawing widespread boos from the crowd after the question about Joseph Biden's Democratic running mate, U.S. Sen. Kamal Harris, of California. "This will not be the first woman president."

Trump, also repeatedly directed his ire at a scaffold of both local and national television and newspaper reporters — or "fake news media," as the president has repeatedly labeled them. Some attendees took the queue

and heckled as they passed by: "CNN sucks," they shouted.

He also criticized Biden's plan to phase out the oil industry and fracking, at one point playing a clip from the last debate spliced with clips of Biden emphasizing cleaner alternatives for energy. He also criticized Biden for supporting "endless war" over his decades spent in Washington.

When it came to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Trump seemed to hold his tongue. After being criticized earlier this month for inciting a "lock her up" chant against Whitmer at a rally in Michigan, Trump simply declared that Whitmer and her executive orders were a "disaster."

"I don't comment on that," Trump said, laughing as the crowd continued to rail against Whitmer, briefly chanting "lock her up."

As the speech continued, Trump also bragged about the size of the crowd and emphasized the "law and order" portions of his campaign platform, including tighter border security, Second Amendment rights and more

criminal penalties for those convicted of assaulting police officers.

At one point, he asked the booing crowd if they wanted more refugees to come to Michigan.

"I thought I knew you pretty well," Trump laughed.

Trump also insisted that four years of Biden in the Oval Office would only lead to higher taxes, war and political corruption. The overarching goal for 2021: A return to "normal life" before the "plague from China" arrived, Trump explained to the crowd.

"The vaccine is just around the corner," Trump continued. "We just want normal life."

Before Trump appeared, the rally kicked off with prayer from Linda Lee Tarver, a member of the National Federation of Republican Women and advisory member of the national Black Voices for Trump coalition. Norm Shinkle, who chairs the 8th Congressional District GOP organization, also led the National Anthem

Rally

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before Nugent took over with the guitar to play it a second time.

“Let’s make Michigan real Michigan again,” Nugent declared, as he called for a moment of silence for the “heart-break and embarrassment of what we let happen to Michigan” — possibly a reference to Whitmer’s shutdown orders in the face of the growing coronavirus pandemic.

Nugent said he should be in a duck blind, but came to Lansing to help Trump secure a win.

Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel, who said she voted for Trump on Tuesday, also took the stage. She predicted that if Biden were elected, he would put Hillary Clinton on the Supreme Court bench as part of packing it to balance Republican justices.

Conservative Amy Coney Barrett was sworn in this week after the U.S. Senate approved her along tight party lines. Trump said he expects her to serve in the position for at least 50 years. McDaniel also said to expect



Photos by Skyler Ashley/City Pulse

Michigan rock legend Ted Nugent entertained the crowd while it waited for Trump.

“dark days” with Biden through higher taxes and bad trade deals.

Trump, for his part, also pledged to keep taxes low for the middle class while bolstering manufacturing opportunities for midwestern states

like Michigan. He also again labeled himself as a political “outsider” — a mentality that many people believe helped him get elected in 2016.

“We are going to keep on fighting and we are going to keep on winning,

winning, winning,” Trump said. “We are one movement, one people, one family and one glorious nation under God and together with the incredible people of Michigan, we have made America powerful again.”

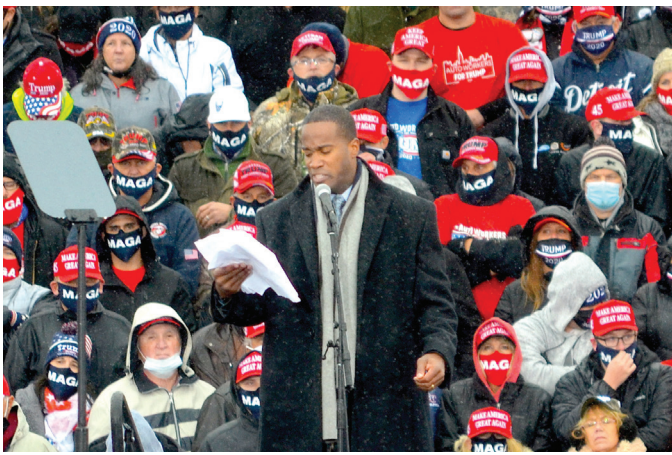
“We have made America strong again. We have made America proud again. We have made America safe again,” Trump said in his final remarks. “And we will make America great again.”

— **KYLE KAMINSKI**

Left: An crowd estimated by journalists at 4,000 to 5,000 people sat through a chilly rain to hear Trump, who arrived more than an hour late for the scheduled 2 p.m. start of his Make American Great Again Victory Rally at Capital Region International Airport one week before Election Day.

Bottom: Attendees, who started arriving Monday night, lining up to enter starting at 11 a.m. Tuesday.





Speakers included U.S. Senate candidate John James (far left); Michigander Ronna Romney McDaniel (bottom left), who chairs the Republican National Committee; and Paul Junge (top right), running for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 8th Congressional District, which includes all of Ingham County.

Bottom right: Sales were brisk for campaign memorabilia.



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**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on November 9, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 882 5906 2610 for the purpose of considering:

A Lease Agreement of the New Lansing City Market to Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club, LLC, pursuant to the Lease Agreement filed with the City Clerk

Note: Michigan Director of Health and Human Services Robert Gordon's Order of October 9, 2020 regarding Gather Prohibition and Face Covering, as well as states of emergency declared by the Mayor and approved by City Council have led to a closure of City Hall to public at this time due to COVID-19. Public observation and participation may be facilitated electronically in accordance with the Open Meetings Act in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING
RELATING TO A PROJECT PLAN
FOR THE LANSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lansing will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. during the regularly schedule City Council Meeting, via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 882 5906 2610, on November 9, 2020, on a Project Plan prepared by the Lansing Economic Development Corporation for a business finance assistance loan to Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club, LLC (the "Project") for operational licenses necessary to open a proposed food hall concept and event space located on the property commonly known as 325 Riverfront Drive, formerly City Market Drive Lansing, but more particularly described as:

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A description of the proposed Project Plan is available for public inspection at the office of the Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 1000 S. Washington Ave., Suite 201, Lansing, Michigan. All aspects of the proposed Project Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing, including the proposed loan of a maximum principal amount of \$65,000 by the Lansing Economic Development Corporation's Business Finance Assistance Program to assist in the financing of the Project. The Project Plan contains further information about the loan.

The City Council will consider the approval of the Project Plan only after the public hearing has been completed. The City Council shall provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference to the hearing. The public hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the proposed Project Plan.

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Trump rally attracts supporters, detractors of all stripes

Marilyn Baley is part of a unique group of Trump supporters: Gays for Trump.

From Brighton, the woman who identifies as a lesbian, said she voted for 2016 Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton for president.

However, she later changed her stance because of the Democratic Party's "move toward socialism," she said while buying a "Trump 2020" hat at a Trump-themed merchandise stand ran by Sarasota, Florida, man David Dixon before Trump's presidential campaign rally Tuesday in Lansing at the Capital Region International Airport.

"Not all gay people think the same," Baley said. "You don't have to be who everybody thinks you are."

Baley said she has been to another Trump rally in Freeland.

She said she has received "love and support" from others locally in the Republican Party for being gay.

"The one great thing about the president is he's the most pro-gay president in American history," Baley said.

She said this year's Democratic Party presidential Nominee, Joseph Biden, has been "very homophobic in his policies."

Haslett man Jeremy Kassab waited in line with his family for food from the Pizza Parliament food truck located inside the airport grounds.

"This is vindication. This is the truth," said Kassab, who was with his family, which includes his children.

He said he wanted his children to see "history."

"It's something you remember," Kassab said.

Hours after Trump's speech concluded and he left the city, cars were still filing out of the airport parking lot and heading toward the exit.

A small group of anti-Trump protesters were stationed on a small grass island near the airport entrance where they greeted the pro-Trump driv-



Sean Bradley/City Pulse

Lansing resident Geoph Espen (right) films interaction with a small group of Trump supporters who openly mocked them and used words such as "fag" and "gay" as insults toward the counter-protesters.

ers, often with screaming matches occurring between the two sides with vulgarity and insults thrown between the two groups.

Lansing resident Geoph Espen held a purple flag and wore a multi-colored feather boa, along with two face masks.

"People are so radicalized against each other that we've forgotten we're all human," Espen said.

When a person driving by screaming that "all lives matter," Espen shouted back, "Does that include Black lives?"

At one point, a small group of Trump supporters hurled insults at the protesters, openly using words such as "fag" and "gay."

Cheryl Brand, from Lansing, held up a sign that said in part "#TrumpPence-OUTNOW".

"I don't like it when he sets foot in my state or my country," Brand said. "I don't like him breathing my air."

While wearing a mask, she also mentioned the coronavirus pandemic and the economy.

"Getting this pandemic under control is the number one priority," she said. "This asshole didn't do anything to protect the economy."

There were 4,512 COVID-19 cases and 65 deaths as of Monday in Ingham County, said Linda Vail, Ingham County health officer. At the end of August, the county had about 40 deaths since the pandemic began in March, she said.

Brand said America is "on death's door as a country".

"He wants the power forever," Brand said. "He doesn't care about any of us."

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Local clerks remain confident despite misinformation over election security

Spike in absentee ballots expected to lead to delayed — but reliable — vote totals

City, county and township clerks in Greater Lansing are still busy dispelling right-wing myths over the integrity of the election process, now with less than a week to go before Election Day.

But despite ongoing concerns over voter fraud voiced by President Donald Trump and the casting of a record number of absentee ballots across the country, the message from local clerks and other elections officials across Greater Lansing is clear: The integrity of the election remains secure.

“There are and always have been a lot of security protections throughout the whole system,” said Eaton County Clerk Diana Bosworth. “There is obviously going to be a larger turnout, so that might take things longer to process, but I’ve never had doubts about the process. I also haven’t really heard enough to where I’d have any expectations of problems on Election Day.”

Bosworth’s take isn’t uncommon locally. Aside from a few possible processing delays, Lansing Clerk Chris Swope and East Lansing Clerk Jennifer Shuster also don’t expect any hiccups. Neither do Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum or clerks in Mason,

Delhi and Delta townships.

Given a drastic increase in absentee voting this year, residents might be waiting on a concrete set of results until Wednesday morning or afternoon, but they’re expected to be reliable as clerks continue to vouch for enhanced security measures ahead of next week’s election.

“I’m confident that all of our precincts will be safe, secure and professional,” added Delta Township Clerk Mary Clark. “I understand the president has asked people to vote twice, but people need to understand that the system doesn’t really allow for itself to be gamed like that.”

This year, perhaps more than any other, voters have been inundated by efforts to confuse them about the election process, their rights and the issues at stake, state elections officials warned.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer blasted Trump back in July after he repeatedly suggested the election should be delayed amid ongoing sleights on the mail-in voting process. Those Election Day doubts have only led to further unfounded distrust over the election locally, Swope explained.

“Anything people are trying to do to discourage people from voting is a sad reflection on them,” he said this month after the Michigan Republican Party shared a video of an unlocked ballot drop box in Lansing, stirring rumors



Courtesy Brian Jackson

An unidentified Lansing resident takes advantage of drive-thru voting at the South Washington Election Unit, behind the old armory at 2500 S. Washington Ave. Chief Deputy City Clerk Brian Jackson said the voter said he was voting for the first time. Voters can pick up ballots and either deposit them in a drop box or honk and hand their completed ballot to a city employee.

of possibly jeopardized ballots.

All of those ballot drop boxes have since been repaired. Swope said this week that he has no indication that any ballots had been stolen, nor was he aware of any lingering security issues. Likewise, neither have clerks in far less populated areas of Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties.

“There are too many checks and balances in place for things to go wrong, either with absentee or in-person voting,” added Mason Clerk Sarah Jarvis. “I have absolutely no concerns here.”

Still, Attorney General Dana Nessel and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson remain on high alert. Michigan’s official elections website — likely in response to some of the unfounded vitriol coming from the Oval Office in recent weeks — warns voters of continued attempts to “hack their minds with scare tactics” designed to “lessen their faith or confidence in our elections.”

It reads: “These efforts, be they foreign, domestic, partisan or simply malicious, are designed to sow mistrust in our elections process and our antithetical to a healthy democracy. Fighting back is critical to ensuring our elections are a secure and accurate reflection of the will of the people.”

Benson earlier this month issued a directive that bans firearms from

Voter intimidation

Voters who believe they have witnessed voter intimidation at the polls on Election Day may contact the Michigan Attorney General’s Office at (517) 335-7659 or miag@michigan.gov.

Voters who believe they have faced discrimination and have not had their problems resolved after contacting the state Attorney General’s Office have also been encouraged to contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 1-800-482-3604 or at MDCR-INFO@michigan.gov.

within 100 feet of a polling location. The move was expected to generate a legal challenge ahead of the election, but was viewed by many as a necessary response as Trump calls on a literal “army” of poll watchers.

The concept of bystanders from both political parties providing oversight of the voting process is hardly a novel one. Election observers (and challengers) have frequented precincts for decades.

But this year is the first national election in nearly four decades where the Republican National Committee

Lansing sweetens the deal for voters with ‘trunk or treat’ over the weekend

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope is offering a twofer this Halloween weekend for voters and their families.

Swope is billing it as “Souls to the Polls,” featuring a drive-thru “trunk or treat” at the back parking lot of the South Washington Office Complex, 2500 S. Washington Ave. (behind the old Washington Armory).

“Lansing City voters are invited to drive-through to receive candy and fun items from participating partner tents along the path,” Swope’s office announced. “There will also be food trucks and plenty of fun.” Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Lansing voters can register, vote early and drop their ballots as well at:

- South Washington Election Unit, 2500 S. Washington Ave. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except Wednesday, which is 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. over the weekend.
- Afreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, weekdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Election Day.
- 9th floor of City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. thru Election Day.

For Lansing drop box locations and other information, see lansingvotes.com or call (517) 483-4131.

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has been formally allowed to coordinate its own poll watching activities. And that means elections officials are laser focused on the possibility of voter intimidation efforts locally.

The Lansing Police Department vowed last week to keep more cops on the streets on Election Day this year and to be particularly responsive to any suspected efforts to suppress the vote. Swope isn't expecting armed militias at precincts in Lansing, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

"Challengers have only very spe-

cific opportunities for oversight on Election Day," Byrum added. "Poll watchers have to stay back and they may only really do that: watch. Where it crosses the line is when voters feel intimidated, and we will not allow that to happen in Ingham County."

Local clerks wouldn't discuss specific operational plans for law enforcement, but most of them agreed it was best to avoid uniformed officers stationed at every voting precinct. The basic idea is for them to stay close enough for a fast response, but far enough away to avoid intimidation.

"We didn't want to have that type of presence in Delhi Township for exactly that reason, that it could be perceived as intimidating and inadvertently suppress voter turnout for another

reason," added Delhi Township Clerk Evan Hope. "We also don't think it'll be necessary. They'll all be readily available."

Nessel also outlined a plan last week to dispatch Michigan State Police troopers to counties where the threat of unlawful voter intimidation may be the highest. None of the clerks who spoke to City Pulse last week expected the Greater Lansing region to require those added resources.

Still, both the Republican and Democratic parties have legal experts monitoring the election process across Michigan and the country. Nessel's office will also be fielding concerns from any witnesses of any alleged voter intimidation at (517) 335-7659 or at miag@michigan.gov.



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Despite decline in in-person voting, poll workers remain in demand

Mary McGuire wants to help make a difference while working as an election worker for the first time this year.

The Lansing resident signed up to be an election worker for the 2020 general election next Tuesday because other friends of hers around the state have as well.

“There was a call for it, too,” McGuire said. “I’ve never noticed outreach to invite people to be election workers.”

In total, the city is training more than 600 people — including new workers and returning workers — to help clerk Swope’s office process ballots on Election Day.

About half of the workers are working for the first time, according to a news release.

“Especially this election, it just seems there’s so much more energy around it,” McGuire said. “It’s not just Republicans or Democrats. It really is

a lot of people feeling they want to be involved in some small way.”

One day last week, Swope’s office trained up to 51 people at the Lansing Public Media Center on how to use the polling stations and ballot machines. There have been more than 35,122 absentee ballots issued and more than 26,599 have been returned as of Tuesday (Oct. 27), Swope said.

“I think the message has gotten out to a lot more folks to express what they want, and COVID-19 is making people want to do that from the safety of their own home,” Swope said.

For the past five years, Owosso resident Zachary Lemaster has been a polling worker in Lansing.

He said a lot has changed in the past five years in regard to voting.

“There’s a lot less action in the pre-



Skylar Ashley/City Pulse

Lansing Chief Deputy Clerk Brian Jackson instructs poll workers at a training session last week at the South Washington Election Unit.

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LAST-MINUTE VOTER GUIDE

Still haven’t made plans to vote on or before Tuesday, Nov. 3? We’ve got you covered.

Make sure you’re registered to vote.

In Michigan, you can register to vote and cast that ballot up until 8 p.m. on Election Day, which is Tuesday (Nov. 3). Visit michigan.gov/vote to check your registration status online. To register or update your voter registration for the General Election, visit your city or township clerk’s office as soon as possible, but no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can vote in the same visit.

Online registration has closed. In-person registration at your clerk’s office or satellite office involves a five-step verification process. You’ll need to bring proof of residency — like a driver’s license or state ID, utility bills, bank statements or paychecks with your name and current address. To be eligible to vote in this election, you must also be 18 and have been a resident of your local city or township since at least Oct. 4, 2019 — 30 days before Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Note: You cannot register to vote at the polls, but you can register in person at your township or city clerk’s office (with proof of residency) up to and including on Election Day.

Vote early.

All registered voters in Michigan can vote before Election Day using an absentee ballot without any excuse or reason. Those with Michigan IDs can request those ballots online — at michigan.gov/vote — through Friday, Oct. 30. Printed applications, which can be useful for those without Michigan IDs, are also available online and can be signed and returned to your local clerk’s office either in person or via mail, email, fax or drop box.

Several local clerk’s offices have also opened all-in-one voting centers where residents can register to



vote, retrieve an absentee ballot and turn it back in during the same visit. In Lansing, for instance, three offices are available for absent voting opportunities.

- South Washington Elections Unit
2500 S. Washington Ave.
517-483-4485
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except today (Oct. 28), which is 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday
 - Southside Community Center
5825 Wise Road
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday
 - Lansing City Hall
9th Floor, 124 W. Michigan Ave.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday
- Drive-thru voting (at an outdoor tent) is also available at the Washington Avenue location.

Early voting can continue up until 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2. Under a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling, ballots must arrive at local clerks’ offices by 8 p.m. Election Day in order to be counted.

For that reason, most elections officials are recommending absentee ballots be returned at a local drop box or in-person at a clerk’s office or satellite office rather than mailed. Visit michigan.gov/vote to find the nearest absentee ballot drop off location before the election.

Vote on Election Day.

Reminder: You cannot register to vote at your polling location, but can make a last-minute trip to your local clerk’s office to register and cast your vote until 8 p.m. Election Day. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Those still in line at 8 p.m. will be able to vote.

The Capital Area Transportation Authority is offering free bus rides to those able to produce a voter registration card. Call 517-394-1000 to schedule a ride with CATA.

Poll workers — as well as anyone other than a representative of your union or employer — can help you cast your ballot on Election Day. Voters are typically asked for photo identification. Those without one will need to sign an affidavit in order to cast a ballot.

This year, absentee ballots can also be accepted on Election Day but they cannot be dropped off at a voting precinct. Those who already received an absentee ballot can still vote in person, but they must surrender their ballot at their precincts to have them voided.

If you have an emergency that prevents you from going to the polls, you can request an emergency absentee ballot until 4 p.m. Election Day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible to get to the polls. Visit michigan.gov/votes for details.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope has also made details available at lansingvotes.com.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

Poll workers

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incts themselves,” Lemaster said.

He said more and more young people are participating as election workers; children as young as 16 years old can work for a limited time as an election worker.

“In my own training classes, I’m seeing the people getting younger and younger,” Lemaster said.

He said he trains new election workers on how to use laptops and e-poll books, which contain information such as a voter’s date of birth and address, pieces of information found on their driver’s license already.

Swope addressed several potential issues surrounding safety for election workers such as intimidation and carrying firearms.

“We just need to know it’s occurring and we’ll take steps to mitigate it,” Swope said. “I think it’s hard to define unless you feel it. If they feel intimidation occurring, then that’s when we will take action.”

Open carrying of firearms within 100 feet of polling places is prohibited, according to Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson in a news release.

However, this edict has been met with mixed reception among law enforcement officials around the state and could be challenged in court.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, appearing on Showtime’s “The Circus” recently, said Michigan State Police officers would enforce prevention of voter intimidation if local sheriffs would not, according to The Detroit News.

Swope said anyone who feels like they’re being intimidated at their polling location can contact the clerk’s office or speak to the chairperson of their election precinct.

Poll watching is allowed, however.

Swope said he has told election workers to find an area for members of the public to watch the polling process.

Most election workers will work from 6 a.m. to approximately 10 p.m. on Election Day, Swope said. Polls close at 8 p.m. that day.

They will be paid at least \$12 an hour or up to \$17 for people in the position known as “superchairs” above precinct chairpersons. Superchairs provide assistance to the workers at the city’s four voting precincts, Swope said.

Several precautions are also being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including marking floors to have people stand six feet apart, limiting things such as pens being touched by multiple people, and having voters scan their own driver’s license, he said. Extra disposable masks will also be available, as will hand sanitizer.

Polling stations will be sanitized between voters, Swope said.

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2020: A year and an election like no other in Michigan

By KYLE MELINN

LANSING — What a screwy election cycle this is.

The mechanics, the strategy, the communication tactics, the micro-targeting, the visceral political divide spilling into social media, the new rural v. urban divide.

To hear 2020 is unlike any other election year we've seen in our lifetimes is an understatement. Even, the most basic act of politicking — talking face-to-face to another — is a political issue.

COVID-19 has unwittingly turned names on the ballot into onscreen celebrities. President Donald Trump in plain-spoken rhetoric and incendiary tweets has taken a meat cleaver to the country. Once again, he's mastering the same type of tension and conflict that gave "The Apprentice" a 14-year run on NBC.

In Michigan and across the country, we can't help but watch. Literally.

People are stuck in their homes. The coronavirus wiped out outside-the-home fun. No concerts. No football games. No live stage performances.

Our typical escapism distractions are there to clear our minds from the politicians who are more involved in our daily lives than they've ever been. Our personal lives, our professional lives, entertainment, politics and public policy is being blended through our brains.

A lot of us can't even go to the office anymore to get away from it all.

It's not surprise to hear Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, former SOS Ruth Johnson and Mark Grebner of Practical Political Consultants all project nearly 6 million people — roughly 75% of every Michigander over the age of 18 — will cast a ballot by Nov. 3.

Michigan hasn't seen turnout like that since at least the 1950s if not longer. State elections data doesn't go back further, so we don't know for sure. In 2018, 4.2 million Michiganders voted. In 2008, it was 5 million.

Who are these new 1 million voters? Young people? Otherwise detached moderates? Pollsters would include them in their surveys if they knew who they were. Who knows? It may be why pooling is all over the place.

FOX News' survey of 1,032 last week had Joe Biden up 12 points. The Trafalgar Group, the southern outfit who was one of only two pollsters to show a 2016 Trump victory in Michigan has Trump up 1 point here.

It's clear the interest is there. People

are wearing their allegiances on their sleeves, literally. Hawkers sell Trump hats and banners at every event. Trump "Keep America Great" flags are flying over communities without public water and sidewalks.

In communities where homes are a beanbag toss away, the lawn signs take on a creatively cutting tone — "Bye Don," "Grab Him By The Ballot," and a blond comb-over swoosh reading "NOPE."

Democrats' exhausting get-out-the-vote effort started in last September, literally the day local clerks began accepting no-reason absentee ballots.

The 2016 election is still fresh in the heads of Democrats. They didn't run through tape. As far as they're concerned, that's not happening again.

Jill Alper, who ran Gov. Jennifer Granholm's reelection in 2006, told the Capitol new service MIRS turnout is "skyrocketing" in Detroit, a 245% increase over 2016 ... and that's with Clerk Janice Winfrey needing a settlement with the ACLU to get absentee ballots out.

"Michiganders are tired of the chaos of the Trump presidency and want a president like Joe Biden," she said. "The SCOTUS fight, the potential loss of the (Affordable Care Act) and the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade are persuasion and turnout motivators for potential Biden voters, too.

"The Biden-Harris campaign and the DNC have invested heavily in visits to Michigan and in voter contact. Unlike in 2016, their troops are on fire."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is using any and all opportunities to push the election. The FBI blew the whistle on an attempt on her life. Fourteen people in custody. One of her first lines out of the box? Donald Trump's White House "spent the past seven months denying science, ignoring his own health experts, stoking distrust ... and giving comfort to those who spread fear and hatred and division."

The Biden campaign bus is rumbling around Michigan, even if neither Biden — nor really anyone else but the driver — is on board. Every local Democratic dignitary is showing up wherever it stops, keeping at least six feet apart from one another, of course.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has made driving voter turnout an around-the-clock crusade, going as far as to make how-to-vote instructional videos for released inmates and the homeless. Attorney General Dana



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Nessel did an it's-easy-to-vote-from-home video from in her couch in her pajamas.

Detroit political consultant Steve Hood took a text that former football University of Michigan player Braylon Edwards was urging a Biden vote. Would that get him to the polls?

"If they don't win this year with all of this get-out-the-vote stuff, they should just forget it. They should just live out in Maui or something," said former Michigan Republican Party Chair Susy Avery on "Michigan's Big Show."

Trump isn't going down without a fight. Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin gave him the White House and he's not going to forget it. He's been in Michigan three times in two months. Vice President Mike Pence drops into Flint this week. That will be four times for him.

"Two weeks is an eternity in politics, and I can't imagine the Trump campaign would be spending as much time in Michigan as they have been in the past few weeks if Michigan wasn't in play," Jenell Leonard, owner of Marketing Resource Group, told MIRS. "Nearly every day, there's at least one member of the Trump team in Michigan holding a rally and energizing the base."

That's no exaggeration. Donald Jr. flew into tiny Calumet up in the Upper Peninsula last week. The crowds are there. COVID-19 be damned. Brother Eric was in Lansing last week.

Whitmer told people to stay home from the Lansing rally. It only motived a line stretching from the airport to Grand River Avenue.

What's this mean for the U.S. Senate?

Trump's rise inspired an untraditional campaign by possibly the Republicans' most serious U.S. Senate candidate in 20 years, John James.

The 39-year-old former Apache helicopter pilot and executive at his family's Detroit-based logistics company is a candidate straight out of central casting. He doesn't engage with the public directly. His media interviews are few and far between. But he's been to fundraisers, plenty of them from coast to coast.

His foil is the professorly U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Twp., who is about as hard to publicly hate as he is to publicly love. What do we know about the 61-year-old wonky technocrat?

The former state senator, lottery commissioner and congressman loves to ride his motorcycle. He tried to save Michigan cherries from Turkish imports. He made it easier for a microbrew to get off the ground. Who doesn't love those things?

James has skated through the campaign with a big smile and beautiful family in his paid TV ads. It's almost like you know him. He's everything Republicans want. A tough, educated, successful African American that could squeeze a few more percentage points out of Black voters, the "bed-rock of the Democratic Party."

Based on New York Times polling, it's working, said John Sellek of Harbor Strategies on the "MIRS Monday" podcast.

"Twenty percent undecided with African Americans? That's a big problem for Peters," he said.

Unlike 2018 when he wrapped himself around the Trump brand "2,000%," James is running his own spinoff show. It's a production devoid of issues and heavy on attaching his opponent to polarizing figures like AOC or Chuck Schumer, a sign that his campaign is behind despite big talk to the contrary.

Peters and James are engaged in the state's first \$100 million race with the help of heavy outside spending.



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James is the Republicans' only legitimate shot at a U.S. Senate pick up and Peters is one of the Democrat's only vulnerable incumbents, along with Doug Jones in Alabama.

Sadly, the two couldn't figure out a debate, more proof that too many modern-day campaigns would rather win a ridiculous "debate over debates" than discuss issues in public.

James' major problems come from emerging signs of a Democratic rout.

What's this mean for the U.S. House?

To hear it from Mark Grebner, of Practical Political Consulting, the presidential race is over in Michigan.

The numbers don't work for Trump and that's good news for otherwise vulnerable incumbents like U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly.

The MI-8 freshman has spent \$6.1 million to secure her second term compared to Republican Paul Junge's \$1.3 million. The pragmatic Slotkin is beloved in Rochester Hills, a one-time graveyard for anyone with a "D" after their name.

She turned a careless mistake from Junge during their WDIV debate into a viral social media incident, something the former FOX-47 anchor couldn't afford.

Grebner said he's sensing from his polling and the absentee ballot returns a depressed enthusiasm among Republicans. It may change, but if it doesn't and 2020 is a Democratic landslide moment, three-time MI-7 candidate Gretchen Driskell becomes a possibility.


Neither the former Saline mayor nor U.S. Rep Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, is spending boatloads of money like the classic Walberg-Mark Schauer battles, but depressed Republican turnout in rural Michigan could make the race closer than the 8-percentage point margin in 2018.

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Scary songs to play in the Dark: A mix of obscure Halloween tunes

This time every year, you'll hear "The Monster Mash" and the "Ghost Busters Theme" ad nauseam. While that's not necessarily a bad thing for Halloween devotees, why not dig deeper into the grave of ghostly melodies? City Pulse music writer Rich Tupica has started your petrifying playlist of obscure songs to spin over this shadowy holiday season. All of these songs are on YouTube or streaming, so be sure to listen along while you read.

By RICH TUPICA

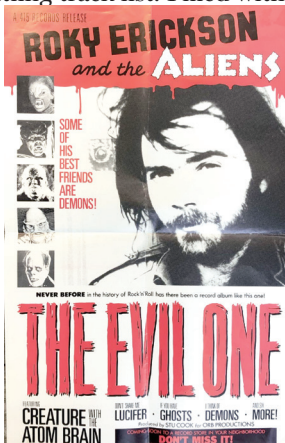
Tony's Monstrosities "Igor's Party" (1960)

This upbeat Halloween dance track tells of a party Igor is attending at a castle with a mummy, headless waiter and other members of the "Monster's Union" in attendance. Far from spine chilling, this is a fun, kitschy late '50s-style rocker.



Roky Erickson & The Aliens "I Walked with a Zombie" (1981)

Years after his commercial peak as a recording artist, psych-rock legend Roky Erickson (of 13th Floor Elevators fame) recorded "The Evil One" LP, a haunting and unsettling track list. Filled with demented songs like "Bloody Hammer," "Night of the Vampire" and "I Think of Demons," this album gave his fans a candid glimpse into the



troubled songwriter's mind. The most lighthearted tune on the record, "I Walked With a Zombie," mostly repeats the song title for its lyrics. Sung over '50s pop chords, it's become one of his classics. Even R.E.M. covered it.

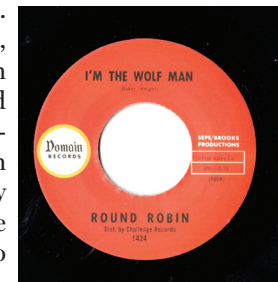
Bob McFadden and Dor "The Mummy" (1959)

Sung in a first-person narrative, this meek Mummy has emerged from his grave and is putzing around town in modern times. The kick is, he's not trying to scare people, he's just politely looking for a friend. A must-have classic novelty 45 rpm that's stacked with humor and sporadic screams.



Round Robin "I'm The Wolf Man" (1965)

"If you see me on the prowl, watch it when you hear me growl... Grrrrrahhh!" shouts Round Robin over a frantic rhythm. In 1963, Round Robin also scored a regional hit with his Chubby Checker-style dance hit, "Do the Slauson"—but today seek he's largely known for this bizarrely sung ode to the Wolf Man.



Throbbing Gristle "Hamburger Lady" (1978)

Not every spooky anthem has to be a literal retelling of classic monster tales. "Hamburger



Lady," by Throbbing Gristle, is so sonically disconcerting it will give the kids nightmares. Play with caution. The song, made up of mutated resonances and reverberating chatter, is included on the industrial magnum opus, "D.O.A.: The Third and Final Report," which Pitchfork called "a nauseating masterpiece, and an essential recording."

Merv Griffin "House of Horrors" (1962)

There are too many spooky instrumentals to list here, but this one (led by soon-to-be legendary TV host Merv Griffin) packs in some top-notch shrieks, howls, cries and strange yelps. Aside from the occasional dialog ("I Won't hurt you very much"), this single ends with a Dracula-like voice saying, "Horrible, wasn't it? Muhahahahaha!" This Halloween, turn it up and scare your neighbors.



John Zacherle "Dinner with Drac" (1958)

Another novelty track, this tells of a "dinner for three by Dracula's house by the sea." Of course, the singer, Zacherle, eventually realizes, "the main course is me!" Of course, this singer was also known for hosting horror films throughout the '50s and '60s in Philly and New York. He passed away on Oct. 27, 2016 at age 98. This year, spin his music and dig into his rich, creepy history.



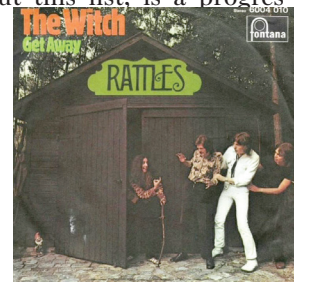
The Hollywood Flames "Frankenstein's Den" (1958)

Another one from 1958, this doo-wop is dedicated to the big green guy. More specifically, this vocal group sings of Frankenstein's lair, that's "40 floors beneath the ground." This soulful groove, which invites you to "pull up a tombstone and sit down," may sound unthreatening, but beware: it's serving "strychnine and soda pop."



The Rattles "The Witch" (1970)

Closing out this list, is a progressive-rock work of genius that might just be the earliest sign of black metal. Add up all of its elements: Over the top instrumentation, panicky strings and hysterical vocals and you've got a Devil's Night classic. Led by the captivating vocals of Edna Bejarano, an Israeli singer, this would be the only hit by The Rattles. It shockingly sold over 1 million copies. Guess there's always been a market for dark, disturbing music.





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From California with love: Stiizy offers wide variety in Lansing

West Coast pot brand rolls out premium pod for vape aficionados

By KYLE KAMINSKI

Stiizy is a California-based cannabis brand that launched in 2017 and has since expanded to Washington and Nevada. It crept its way into Michigan's marijuana market back in August. They're probably best known for their sleek vaporizers and wide variety of concentrate pods.

It's also one of the trendier brands on the local medical markets, frequently appearing in flashy Facebook ads and in the hands of "influencers" on TikTok. The battery is \$20 at Gage, which is also relatively new to the medical marijuana scene in Lansing. Pods are available for \$45 each.

I've been on the hunt for a new vape pen for a few weeks and might've just found my new favorite with the Stiizy. I tried two varieties of cartridges and both of them were some of the smoothest draws I've had from a handheld vaporizer. It's slim, discrete for on-the-go tokes and can easily last throughout



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the day on a full battery. Perhaps the best part? The cartridge variety.

Stiizy — Premium Jack (Sativa)

Price — \$45/gram

THC content — 89.52%

Premium Jack is Stiizy's spin on the famed Jack Herrer strain, known for its uplifting and clear-headed sort of high. And this lively sativa lives up to the name. It's musky and earthy, yet still carries that biting sort of citrus note that always clears my sinuses. I haven't exactly figured out which terpene is responsible for that subdued ammonia feel, but this pod was filled with it.

That's not criticism either. In a weird way, I've learned to appreciate that bitter sort of herbiness.

With a THC content of nearly 90%, it's also no surprise that only a few tokes will do it with this stuff. Between a few puffs and a mug of coffee, my mind was far too alert for my own comfort on an early Saturday morning. I always wel-



come an energetic strain, if only for the enhanced sense of creativity, but this particular variety almost gave me the jitters. As advertised, Premium Jack is a clear-headed and chatty high, but do tread lightly or at least give yourself something to do.

Stiizy — Biscotti (Indica)

Price — \$45/gram

THC content — 82.49%

Biscotti is probably named for the obvious: It has that same sort of buttery mouthfeel as biscotti. Think cookies with a thick layer of frosting. This strain was sweet, nutty and almost creamy. It also had a much richer taste than the Premium Jack, making it my favorite of last week's haul.

Biscotti is a hybrid strain of Gelato No. 25 and South Florida OG, both

indica-dominant hybrids, but it's not exactly a couch locker. It delivers a powerful body high, making it great for unwinding on the front porch after a long day at work, but don't expect to fall right asleep after the session.

This is exactly the sort of slap-happy weed that's perfect for an unproductive evening at home. I took advantage of the occasion by carefully chopping up a four-pound-lb bag of produce, oversalting a pot of soup to the point of disaster, ordering carryout and going straight to bed.

I usually turn toward indica or indica-dominant hybrids after 5 p.m. for the relaxing effects, but this blend isn't exactly the best bowl for a bedtime knockout. Still, it's mind numbing enough to the point where it's probably best reserved for when you have nothing productive to get done.

Kyle Kaminski is a City Pulse staff writer and cannabis enthusiast who has been smoking marijuana just about every day for the last decade. Every week, Kaminski samples some of the best cannabis products available in Greater Lansing, gets real high and writes about them.



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Art supply/hobby shop plants new roots in Old Town

By SKYLER ASHLEY

Another business is expanding from the REO Town Marketplace to a new, standalone location in Lansing's Old Town neighborhood. This time around, it's Odd Nodd Art Supply — a locally owned hobby shop that sells fine art supplies.

"We had an opportunity for an amazing space and we decided to take it. It's quite the step up from our previous space," Owner Casey Sorrow



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said. "It's a beautiful spot."

Odd Nodd, which derives its quirky name from the nicknames of the Otto C. Eckert Power Station smokestacks, Wynken, Blynken and Nod, first opened in REO Town in 2019. Sorrow

opened the shop as a much needed refuge for local artists to get trade goods and fill the void left behind by the shuttering of Lansing's lone art supply store in 2014. Sorrow, who has worked in the art supply business for several decades, said Odd Nodd got off to a good start before the pandemic and attracted many regular customers who simply didn't have anywhere else in town to purchase niche, high-end art supplies.

"We put Odd Nodd together with the idea that we would offer Lansing something you can't find in the area — professional and unique imported art supplies and brands that are hard to find," he said.

Sorrow is feeling very lucky to be able to expand his business during a time that has thrown many into financial turmoil. He said Odd Nodd was able to persevere in spite of the coronavirus pandemic thanks to support from its dedicated clientele and a strong pivot to digital sales and curbside pickup. Odd Nodd also received a grant from the Small Business Association of Michigan.

"We made it through being shu down for almost five months. We're extremely lucky to have a dedicated base of customers and supporters," Sorrow said. "Having our entire inventory available for online ordering and curbside pickup opened up a lot of opportunities. We actually saw a lot of orders from across the entire country by people who were supporting small businesses."



Courtesy

Odd Nodd Art Supply owner Casey Sorrow with his son in front of his new location at 317 Cesar E. Chavez Ave.

Sorrow said he is very excited to join the Old Town community. His shop will be yet another colorful spot in a shopping district that is already highly saturated with art and culture. The expansion to the shop will see Odd Nodd carry more gifts and supplies catered toward children. After the Halloween soft opening, the shop is expected to be fully up and running by mid-November.

"Our space will be much more open and readily accessible. Being part of a historic arts district is huge for us," Sorrow said.

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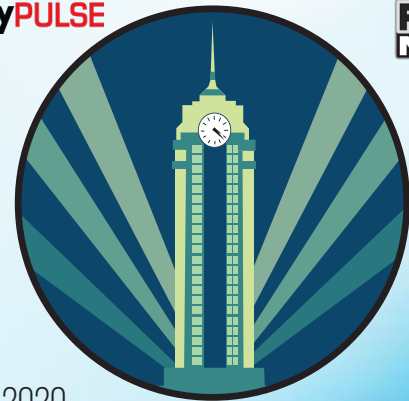
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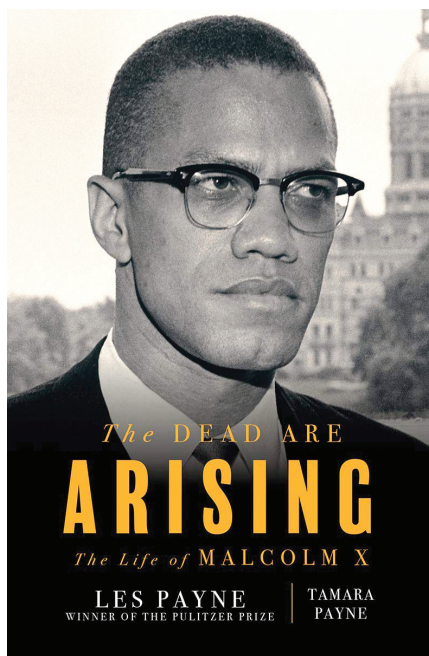
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Father and daughter combo examine Malcolm X's time in Michigan

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Les Payne and his daughter, Tamara, undertook writing a biography of civil rights leader Malcolm X knowing the daunting task ahead of them. Their book, "The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X," was recently named a finalist for the National Book Award and enters a hagiography of literature that is usually reserved for sainthood.

It has been more than 55 years since Malcolm X was assassinated, and memories of him are clouding over fast, but fortunately Les Payne, a Pulitzer Prize winner, began interviewing relatives and individuals close to Malcolm X in 1992 and compiled more than 1,000 hours of interviews



that help define and round out the life of Malcolm X.

Unfortunately, like fellow Malcolm X biographer Manning Marable and Malcolm X himself, Payne did not live to see his book published.

Manning's book, "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention," which won a Pulitzer Prize, and "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," as told to Alex Haley, agree about the central facts of Malcolm X's life and death, but disagree about some more nuanced details like his early days in Lansing, Mason and Boston.

The Paynes' book draws on first-person interviews and primary source material and paints a different picture of those days. For example, in his autobiography Malcolm X is thought to have exaggerated his early criminal activities, while Manning showed a more benign Malcolm X who committed petty crimes. The Paynes' book

details a more larcenous Malcolm Little who stole from his brother and mother, pilfered marijuana to sell on the street and, while living with his half-sister in Boston, actively engaged in criminal acts.

In the Paynes' book there is also a much deeper account of the time Malcolm X spent in Mason and its positive and negative effect on his life. There is much more detail about the negative impact his racist teachers played in his life and more clarity about his relationships with fellow students — especially the young women who were drawn to his magnetism. The Paynes recreate those interactions from numerous letters that were sent between Malcolm Little and his friends.

There is also a recounting of the friendship between Rollin Dart, who would go on to become a principal in Dart National Bank in Mason. In the book, the Paynes write: "Ever eager to please, the state-ward teenager felt accepted by his classmates and quite happy as the center of attention. Overall, Malcolm X was just plain 'special' to the white kids who sought his friendship."

Rollin Dart said about Malcolm X, "He had a special way of throwing his head back and breaking out with that broad grin. He had a didactic way about him but only in the kindest, caring way. My mom liked him and he was able to have dinner with us several times."

The Paynes, however, make it clear that Mason was no "Mayberry" for Malcolm X and the N-word flew fast and furiously among his white foster family and teachers.

From his letters to his fellow students and to his half-sister Ella, we

also see he was quite fluid and adept in his writing skills — a far cry from the illiterate youth he sometimes portrayed himself as.

While in Mason, Malcolm was seen by his peers as an accomplished athlete and a boxer, while his Lansing friends tell a different story.

In compiling the biography, Payne interviewed family members Philbert and Wilfred Little, Malcolm's friends Rollin Dart and John Davis Jr., a Lansing friend and fellow scofflaw, along with dozens of others who knew him.

The long-boiling controversy over the death of Malcolm X's father Earl Little is once again reconsidered but the Paynes lean toward an accidental death, rather than one orchestrated by the Black Legion — a racist xenophobic organization, which prospered in Michigan during the '30s.

The Paynes also brings up the painful institutionalization and death of Malcolm's mother, and posit that Malcolm X's lifestyle may have contributed to her institutionalization.

The Paynes also do a credible job of detailing the adult life of Malcolm X in a logical and more chronological way, and also offer new details on his death and the bizarre meeting between Malcolm X and the Klan.

The new book is an important addition to the oeuvre on a man who has not received the recognition he deserves in his hometown of Lansing, according to Ann Allegra — a Lansing resident quietly pushing for some type of significant recognition for the man who is revered across the world.

In Lansing, there is a street name after him but none of the homes he lived in are still standing. There is a small plaque outside of Cooley Gardens, and Lansing Community College commissioned an oil painting of Malcolm X. At Michigan State University's Erickson Kiva, there is a plaque recognizing his speech there in 1963 and where his daughter, Ilyasah Shabazz, also spoke in 2017.

Another good source for material of Malcolm X's time in Michigan is "Malcolm X's Michigan Worldview," edited by Rita Kiki Edozie and Curtis Stokes, which was compiled in part as an answer to the hyperbole in Marable's book.

Allegra says she hopes the community — post-COVID — will take up the effort to recognize Malcolm X and his family in a major way.

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Virtual Author Talk With Alena Dillon
November 10 • 7pm

Debut author Alena Dillon drops in for a virtual chat to discuss Mercy House, now in development as a CBS All Access television series, which Amy Schumer called "A life-altering debut featuring fierce, funny, and irreverent women who battle the most powerful institution in the world. This is the book we've all been waiting for." You must register free via Eventbrite to receive the zoom link the day of the event: mercyhouse.eventbrite.com

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Favorite Things Edward Emmerich and his original Sega Genesis

When Edward Emmerich isn't suspended from Greater Lansing's tallest buildings doing high-rise window washing jobs, he's playing blistering guitar solos with his rock bands Dead Hour Noise and Anvil Crawler. But when it's time to chill out, Emmerich likes to play some old school Sega Genesis games. Emmerich shared with City Pulse how he repaired his original unit and why it's his favorite thing.



A recent project of mine has been getting my old Sega Genesis working again. There's a lot of digital emulators that have come out in the past 10 years or so. But they don't quite reproduce the sound the same way as the original Genesis hardware.



One of the reasons I wanted to fix it was the nostalgia of playing for hours with my brother. It was also a gateway to many things I am passionate about — music, art and sports. When I was young it really opened the door for me, so it was cool to get it working again.

A lot of classic Genesis games have been re-released and touched up. But the games that weren't wildly successful often don't get remastered. The only real way to play them is with cartridges on an actual old school console. My particular Genesis system is kind of weird, it's still connected to a Sega CD, which I highly doubt even works. The CDs I used to have did not survive the past 20 years, so I haven't really messed with it.

There's been so many advances in technology since the Genesis first came out, I had to purchase an adapter that converts the original analog signal into HDMI. The games look and sound great on a modern TV. My favorite games are the Sonic series; those games' soundtracks are so sweet. That was a big introduction to music for me, beyond when you're 10 years old and you just listen to what your parents

listen to. I wasn't going to record stores; I didn't know what cool people were listening to.

I also love the Jurassic Park: Lost World Sega Genesis game. It was one of the last games that came out on the console, so it was ahead of its time in a lot of ways. It's a really cool co-op, top-down shooter. It has more complex missions than your typical side scrolling video game. The other big ones for me were RBI Baseball '94 and Bill Walsh College Football.

I never owned a Nintendo system until the Gamecube. I had friends who owned the Super Nintendo and the N64, but I never bought into the fan wars between the consoles. I thought both systems were awesome and had their own sweet games. Genesis is just what I had. I guess I prefer it just because I know it better.

Interview edited and condensed by Skyler Ashley. If you have a suggestion for Favorite Things, please email Skyler@Lansingcitypulse.com

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Rhymes at the Zoo"--a group effort for Take Your Kids to Work Day.
by Matt Jones

Across
1 Sound of a punch [E] (I created this puzzle for Take Your Kids To Work Day in collaboration with my then-nine-year-old twins. Clues followed by an [S] were written by Sid, and clues followed by an [E] were written by Ella.)

- 5 Green paper that you pay with [E]
- 9 They make up stairs [E]
- 14 Make goo-goo eyes at
- 15 Tennis's Arthur ___ Stadium
- 16 Like some dirt bike tracks [S]
- 17 Fearsome cat that spends moolah on Lamborghinis and mansions? [S]
- 19 Former "Come on down!" announcer Johnny
- 20 "I ___ open this jar. Can you help, Daddy?" [E]
- 21 Monkey that eats curtains? [E]
- 23 "Gimme ___! ... What's that spell?" Ella! [E]

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- 61 Wants really badly [S]
- 63 Go off-script (sorry, Ella, it doesn't mean "get more pounds")
- 64 Slow animal that grows wings and gets in your clothes? [E]
- 66 She was a princess "long ago" [E]
- 67 "The coolest kid in the universe" [E]
- 68 Lake that sounds scary [E]
- 69 Me: "How about the clue 'Used needles, Ella?' Ella: "No, new needles. You have to use them because it affects the fabric more than you expect."
- 70 Martens and McStuffs, for instance [S]
- 71 Air France fliers, once
- Down**
- 1 Type of wild "kitty-kitty" :) [E]
- 2 Type of lizard in "Sing" [E]
- 3 Horse's mesh protection against pests, maybe
- 4 Sinn ___ (Irish political movement)
- 5 Spike thrown in the road to stop robbers [S]
- 6 "___ was saying ..." [E]
- 7 Like show horses' feet
- 8 "___ Danger" (Nickelodeon show) [E]
- 9 Quaint stores (you'd think, based on how they're spelled)
- 10 Piece that goes on the floor [S]
- 11 Queen in Arendelle [E]
- 12 Water drop sound [E]
- 13 "Auld Lang ___"
- 18 Something said in an "argument party" [S]
- 22 Teacher's helper [E]
- 25 Region with Legoland, informally [S]
- 29 Dislikes [S]
- 31 Poker money
- 32 "Call Me Maybe" singer Carly ___ Jepsen [E]
- 33 "I Like ___" ('50s political slogan)
- 34 "Hallow" ending
- 35 Someone who might cook meatballs for you [S]
- 36 Animal that's cute, fuzzy, lazy and gray [E]
- 37 ___ for "Ricky Bubwick" (apparently a name that Sid just made up)
- 38 Everyone [S]
- 39 Toilet paper layer
- 43 Turns evil or moldy [E]
- 44 Remote control car part [S]
- 45 Tag situations? [S]
- 46 Looks rudely
- 49 Enjoys, as food [S]
- 50 "Understood" [S]
- 51 Marks that are lines [S]
- 53 Popular [E]
- 56 Parents "who do puzzled goodness" [S]
- 57 Brickell whose band is the New Bohemians
- 58 "There ought to be ___"
- 59 It may be parallel [E]
- 60 Olympic hurdler/bobsledder Jones
- 62 Drinks that are alcoholic [S]
- 65 "Waterfalls" trio

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Answers Page 41

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TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, column, and outlined 3-by-3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once. No guessing is required. The solution is unique.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezshy

Oct. 28 - Nov. 3, 2020

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Reed Galen is an American political consultant who has worked long and hard for conservative causes. But in next week's election, he opposes conservative Donald Trump, whom he regards as an authoritarian tyrant. He writes, "Democracy is on the ballot. It's a binary choice between good/bad, honorable/dishonorable, healthy/sick, forward/backward. There has been nothing like this in our lifetimes." If you've read my words for a while, you know I'm a connoisseur of ambiguity and uncertainty. I try to see all sides of every story. But now I'm departing from my tradition: I agree with Reed Galen's assessment. The American electorate really does face a binary choice between good and bad. I also suspect, Aries, that you may be dealing with a binary choice in your personal life. Don't underestimate how important it is that you side with the forces of good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taurus politician Dan Coats has belonged to the conservative Republican Party all his adult life. He served in the US Congress for 24 years, and later as President Donald Trump's Director of National Intelligence. Since leaving that office, Coats has criticized his ex-boss. He has said, "Trump doesn't know the difference between the truth and a lie." In accordance with astrological omens, I urge you to be fiercely non-Trump-like in the coming weeks. It's crucial to the welfare of you and yours that you tell the whole truth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Many stories that were popular long ago are still studied today. One example is the ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, originally told during the first century BC. Another is Homer's epic tale the "Odyssey", which harkens back to the sixth century BC. I have no problem with learning from old tales like these. It's important to know how people of previous eras experienced life. But for you in the coming months, I think it will be crucial to find and tell new stories—tales that illuminate the unique circumstances that you are living through right now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I'm surprised when I hear that fans of Donald Trump enjoy my horoscopes. My political views, which are deeply aligned with my spiritual philosophy, have always been very progressive. And I've never hidden that fact. How can someone who appreciates my ideas also like Trump, a vile bully who has unleashed enormous cruelty and chaos? If you yourself are a Trump fan, I understand that after reading the preceding words, you may never read my words again. But I need to follow my own astrological advice for us Cancerians, which is: Be bold and clear in expressing your devotion to the ideals you hold precious. For me that means supporting Joe Biden, an imperfect candidate who will nevertheless be a far more compassionate and intelligent and fair-minded leader than Trump.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Dionysus was the ancient Greek god of drunkenness and ecstasy and madness. His followers were inclined to immerse themselves in those states. Yet as historian Robert Parker points out, Dionysus himself "was seldom drunk, seldom mad." His relationship with his consort Ariadne was "dignified and restrained," and "smiling tranquility" was his common mood. I recommend that in the coming weeks you act more like Dionysus than his followers—no matter how unruly the world around you may become. The rest of us need you to be a bastion of calmness and strength.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Virgo military expert Jim Mattis enlisted in the US Marine Corps when he was 19 years old. Forty-three years later, having been a Marine all his adult life and a general for six years, he retired. Later, he served under President Donald Trump as the US Secretary of Defense. After leaving that position, Mattis testified that Trump was "dangerous" and "unfit," adding that Trump "has no moral compass." Be inspired by Mattis, Virgo. Do your part to resist the harmful and unethical actions of powerful people who affect you. Be extra strong and clear in standing

up for integrity.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Feeling too much is a hell of a lot better than feeling nothing," declares Libran author Nora Roberts. I trust you will see the wisdom of that perspective in the coming weeks. On the downside, there might be some prickly, disorienting feelings arriving along with the rich flood of splendor. But I'm convinced that most of the surge will be interesting, invigorating, and restorative—although it may take a while for the full effects to ripen. And even the prickly, disorienting stuff may ultimately turn out to be unexpectedly nurturing for your soul.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scorpio politician Joe Biden wasn't my first choice for President of the United States. During the selection process, I championed his opponents Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. But now I support Biden wholeheartedly. He has several policies I don't agree with, but on the other hand I know it's critical that we Americans ensure he replaces the appalling, corrupt, incompetent Trump. In the coming days, I advise you Scorpios to also consider the value of wise and pragmatic compromise in your own sphere. Don't allow a longing for impossible perfection to derail your commitment to doing what's right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The United States has suffered terribly from COVID-19. Of all the world's countries, it has had more cases and more deaths. Why? One major reason is President Donald Trump. He has consistently downplayed the seriousness of the disease, has advocated many unscientific cures, and has been lax and erratic in supporting the therapeutic measures that virtually all epidemiological experts have recommended. It's no exaggeration to assert that Americans will reduce their coronavirus misery by electing Joe Biden as president. In this spirit, and in accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to meditate on how you could reduce any and all of your own personal suffering. The time is right. Be ingenious! Be proactive!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "By my love and hope I beseech you," pleaded philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. "Do not cast away the hero in your soul! Hold holy your highest hope!" That's always good advice, but it's extra crucial for you now. You will generate good fortune for yourself by being in close connection with the part of you that is bravest and wisest. The people whose lives you touch will have a special need for you to express the vitalizing power of intelligent hopefulness. More than maybe ever before, you will be inspired to cultivate your heroic qualities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I've been writing my horoscope column for a long time, and it has evolved dramatically. One aspect that hasn't changed is that every four years, I've endorsed a candidate for the president of my home country, the United States. Another unchanging aspect is that I regularly reveal my progressive views about political matters. Some people who have only recently discovered my writing express dismay about this. "I don't want politics with my horoscopes!" they complain. But the fact is, politics have permeated my horoscopes since the beginning. Now I urge you to do what I just did, Aquarius, but in your own sphere: if there are people who are not clear about who you really are, educate them.

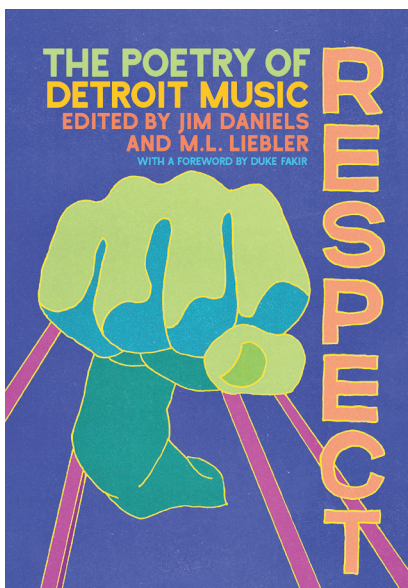
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "The worse the state of the world grows, the more intensely I try for inner perfection and power," wrote Piscean author Anais Nin during World War II. "I fight for a small world of humanity and tenderness." I encourage you to adopt that perspective for the rest of 2020. It's an excellent time to respond boldly to the outer chaos by building up your inner beauty. I also suggest this addition to Nin's formula: Call on your resourceful compassion to bolster the resilience of your closest allies.

TURN IT DOWN!

“Loud dispatches from Lansing’s music scene”

BY RICH TUPICA

DETROIT MUSIC LYRICALLY HONORED IN
‘RESPECT: THE POETRY OF DETROIT MUSIC’



Detroit music lyrically honored in ‘Respect: The Poetry of Detroit Music’



Eminem fills six pages of “Respect” with words dedicated to his home city. (courtesy photo)



Poet, activist and educator Nikki Giovanni honors Aretha Franklin in this Detroit-centered poetry collection. (courtesy photo)

New collection features Eminem, Jack White, Nikki Giovanni & more

Detroit’s musical landscape is not only stacked with iconic names, it’s also littered with pioneers of many genres. Motown revolutionized soul music, The Stooges birthed punk and The Belleville Three’s contributions to electronic music will never fade.

While countless books and stories have been written about Detroit’s music and its endless list of musicians, never has a book approached the subject so adoringly as “Respect: The Poetry of Detroit Music.” Published earlier this year via Michigan State University Press, this collection of poems and lyrics from 140 contributors fills 362 pages and showcases not only why people love this music, but also the global impact the scene continues to have.

This varied anthology comprises works from Eminem, June Jordan, Fred “Sonic” Smith of the MC5, Rita Dove, Fats Domino, Jack White, Robbie Robertson (of The Band), Paul Simon, Philip Levine, Sasha Frere-Jones, Patricia Smith,

Billy Bragg, Andrei Codrescu, Toi Derricotte, and Cornelius Eady—to only name a few.

“Each stanza’s beats, rhythms, and grooves evoke the sounds of the city’s clubs, streets, and scenes with passion and pleasure,” said former CREEM Magazine writer Roberta Cruger. “The inspiring selection of voices reveals the mystery of The D’s musical spirit.”

While Nikki Giovanni contributed the beautifully honest “Poem for Aretha,” Brian Gilmore kicks off “living for the city,” his ode to Steve Wonder, with a nod to his Lansing connection.

at the lansing school for the blind

the boarded up buildings do the talking

people here living just enough like a boy

named steveland from saginaw who arrived

here half famous. mouth organ to his fingertips...

— Brian Gilmore

But it’s not all about our state’s big names. This hefty paperback touches on all of it: jazz, blues, doo-wop, rap, classic rock, and everything in between. Edited and compiled over the course of two years by Jim Daniels and M. L. Liebler, the pages are filled with gushing and honest thoughts on the Motor City from Grammy winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, and poet laureates.

Steve Wynn, guitarist for The Dream Syndicate, called it “an incredible book. Comprehensive. Panoramic. And makes a case for Detroit being the greatest music city in the United States.”

Meanwhile, musician Stewart Francke’s inputs the lyrics to his Motown-infused track, “Motor City Serenade.” You can read the words in this book, but listening to the track, you’ll hear a heartfelt ballad backed by the Funk Brothers (the Motown house band). No matter how you digest it, his words conjure up a profound image of cruising the

city.

**Well the riverside is alive tonight,
a sliver of light keeps the buildings bright.**

**Cars rumble down Woodward,
on to Circus Park**

Mitch Ryder on the radio after dark.

— Stewart Francke

As for the editors of “Respect,” Daniels (a Detroit native) is the author of six fiction collections, 17 poetry collections and four produced screenplays, and he’s edited five anthologies, including “Challenges to the Dream: The Best of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Writing Awards.”

Liebler, who the Metro Times called “the poobah of Detroit poetry,” is the author of 15 books and has been on faculty in the English department at Wayne State University for 40 years. He is an internationally known and widely published poet and arts organizer, but also is known for his literary arts activism.

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- Allen Farmers Market** - 2:30-7 p.m. 2100 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.
- Family History Workshop:** Naturalization Records - 7-8:30 p.m. facebook.com/MichiganHistoryCenter
- Making Strides Walk of Lansing** - Join us this month celebrating survivors and fighting back against breast cancer! makingstrideswalk.org.
- Open Call:** Virtual Community Sculpture - 7-8 p.m. broadmuseum.msu.edu/artlab
- Special Collections Look Club:** Our theme this week is Space! 2-2:30 p.m. bookings.lib.msu.edu.
- Virtual Volunteer Information Fair** - The Davies Project seeks individuals to drive a child and family members to medical

appointments. 10-11 a.m. Zoom link will be sent upon RSVP. thedaviesproject.org.
Wednesday Workdays at CCBS - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Capital City Bird Sanctuary. michiganaudubon.org.

Thursday, October 29

Dimondale Farmers' Market - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N Bridge St, Dimondale. 517-646-0230. villageofdimondale.org.
Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing
Studio (in)Process at Home 9-10 p.m. MSU Broad Art Lab, 565 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. broad.msu.edu

Friday, October 30

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Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 7:30-8:30 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Saturday, October 31

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 7:30-8:30 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing
Trunk or Treat at the Forty and Eight - Free Trunk or Treat party in the parking lot. Open to all families in the Greater Lansing area. 1-3 p.m. 2949 S. Waverly Highway, Lansing.

Sunday, November 1

Free Comedy Open Mic Night - Sign up is at 5:45 with host Ashley Stommen! 6-8 p.m. Ellison Brewery + Spirits, 4903 Dawn Ave, East Lansing.
Industry Night - Part of the restaurant/bar industry? Stop by Ellison Brewery on Sunday's from 12pm-9pm and cash in on your hard work! 4903 Dawn Ave, East Lansing.

Monday, November 2

Jazz Vocal Workshop Session 3 - Lenora Helm-Hammonds "The Vocal Approach to the Human Ear". 7 p.m. Michigan State University, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Refuge Recovery Lansing (Virtual) - 6-7 p.m. facebook.com/refugerecoverylansing

Tuesday, November 3

People's Law School - 7-8 p.m. Virtual - Zoom. 616-238-7249. sinasdramis.com for link.

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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

A meaty inquiry into the survival of a local barbecue joint

By **BRYAN McATTEE**

It's 11:30 a.m. The dining room is dimly lit, metal music plays quietly, the televisions are screening sports and Meat Southern BBQ seems ready to live up to its reputation. But there's one exception — there

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are no diners. I strolled through the gates and to a seat at the bar without

the normal crowding at the door. Instead, three sit together discussing who should go home first.

It feels eerie. The energy of a restaurant booming with business, laughter and comfort is hiding somewhere. It's almost seen in the soft smoke that has ignored the walls and hangs in the light for a moment, which reminds me that brisket is gently rotating in the smokehouse and patiently growing tender. But for who? Most of the tables have gone away in order to create distance for the people who don't seem to be coming.

I catch myself thinking, "Meat is next on the chopping block for another small business going down. Owner Sean Johnson has been telling me how well they have been doing throughout the pandemic. But he's fed me a lie. Pack up and find a new story."

Suddenly, a man walks in like a masked grand marshal of a parade to pick up an order. Behind him come two men, a couple and then a party of four. The seats are filled and the phones begin ringing in the time it takes for me to get my laptop back out of my bag.

The energy of a local restaurant making it happen comes out of hiding. The customers seem to be eager to follow any rules, as long as they can taste, drink and feel the once overlooked beauty of sitting with friends in a dining establishment. But that can't be enough with limited seating in an already small place, right? I'm wrong again. Takeout orders are coming out of the kitchen and lining the hostess stand — now a table — because, "there's just not enough room in our window," Meat cook Mike Thomas tells me.

But how? Meat has survived as a business through the pandemic because of community. A bond between customers and a mom-and-pop joint,



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Sean Johnson, owner of Meat Southern BBQ.

and also between employees and their employer.

"It was hard to decide what to do at first. We didn't want to lay people off, but we wanted our employees safe because we're a family here," Johnson explained. "Also, as a business owner, you have to do what your budget will allow. We felt stuck in a pretty tough position. So, my general manager Tate and I decided to leave it up to our staff to decide if they would like to work or not. If they decided not to, we would hire them back when we were able to have a full staff. Their jobs are secure."

Most of the employees opted for the layoff. However, four cooks and three servers decided they wanted to work.

"Sean has been more than kind to me. He's 'dad,' you know? He's saved my ass when I've really needed him. It's

not like he isn't working too," Thomas said. "I don't mind the 14-hour days when I see him already in the smokehouse when I walk in. He's tired. We're all tired, but that's what you do for the people you care about and want to see succeed. You succeed with them. Plus, people got to eat, so I'll cook. I ain't scared."

Trying to find the strategy of how Meat did not go out of business has been tough. I leave the restaurant more confused as I sift through the line of people waiting to grab to-go orders, or a seat at one of the few tables remaining. There has to be a secret I'm not being told.

"We didn't have to take PPP when they offered it in April because business kept coming. Way more than I thought. We weren't making money," Johnson said. "But, with the support from our customers, staff and vendors I've been friends with since we first

opened we were able to tread water. People willing to pull this restaurant through the storm kept my wife, Lynnette, and I open."

Perhaps that is the secret. And maybe this story finds its pulse in the fact that it isn't really a story. It's more a reminder that local businesses are surviving in Lansing and we are keeping them alive. Whether it be through working, spending or maintaining — what is here is being protected. Johnson knows that Meat will survive in the coming months because of the loyalty the community has shown for his business.

"Keep doing what you're doing, Lansing. Lynnette, my staff and I can't thank you all enough," he said.

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The Four seasons of garlic

By ARI LeVAUX

Thick socks. Steaming soup. A warm spot by the heater. A crop of garlic in the ground. These are the stuff of wintertime cozy feelings. Like having meat in the freezer, or jars of peaches in the pantry. Garlic in the ground equals food security, long before it pokes above the ground.

It's fulfilling to kick back and simply know that you have done the work. Now it's your garlic's turn. In the ground, it's biding its time patiently. In the kitchen, it's warming you every day.

As you lounge about in socially distant isolation upon the sofa, you look up from the seed catalog mid-perusal and attempt to ponder life from the



perspective of your garlic cloves, planted back in the fall before the ground froze. Activated by the moist soil, they began sending out roots from the cells around the scab at the bottom of each clove. Come spring, a green shoot will emerge from each tip. Before you know it your neighbors will feel inadequate because your garlic is knee-high by the fourth of May, by which time their radishes have barely sprouted.

A deep feeling of superiority takes energy to maintain, also known as calories, so you repair to the kitchen to put some of last year's garlic to work. You decide upon a plate of spaghetti, a timeless meal that displays the full range of garlic. I often add garlic at multiple junctures during the cooking. Raw garlic adds a bright spice, while cooked garlic adds a pungent sweetness.

Planting garlic in the fall is part of the larger project of putting the garden to bed, and one of many winterization chores to complete before the cold blows in for the duration of winter. Your first time, it may feel unusual to be digging and planting in the dirt while the autumn leaves are blowing around. It's oddly optimistic to be planting, even as the grey cold builds. Like making babies during wartime.

Garlic growing is a four-season practice. During the late summer months



after the garlic harvest when there isn't even a crop in the ground, the garlic grower nonetheless is at work. I tarped my garlic patch in August. By November the soil turned over like soft butter. In Spring you're weeding, and then watering, and in summer your harvesting and tarping. In the fall you're planting and tucking them in, and in winter you're just waiting, and eating.

In addition to keeping me in close contact with the earth, planting garlic has also forged an unlikely reunion with my high-school algebra. Remember how we always used to complain that we were never going to use our algebra? Well, I went ahead and proved us wrong. I didn't set out to derive an equation out of thin air. I was just trying to figure out how much garlic to plant.

My equation can do that for you, too, provided you have a sense of your daily garlic consumption, and you have chosen the garlic you wish to plant. Ideally you have the garlic in front of you, and can palpate the bulbs of a few heads and calculate a quick average number

of cloves per bulb. Most quality varieties have between four and 8 cloves per bulb. Any more than that and the cloves are too tiny.

$$X = Y / (Z - 1).$$

That's it. That's my equation. And if that's not algebra I don't know what is. Don't ask me how I figured it out. My work was scribbled on a note pad outside of a second-hand store in Silverton, Colorado. But it works, damn it!

We solve it for X, the number of bulbs you should buy, where Y is the number of bulbs you wish to eat per year, and Z equals the average number of cloves per bulb.

I grow Romanian Red, which averages about five large cloves per bulb, so $Z = 5$. I go through a bulb a day, so $Y = 365$. Solving for X we get 91.25 bulbs of garlic, which I'll break down into 456 cloves that I'll plant, each one of which will grow into a bulb. I will eat about 365 of those, which leaves me 91 bulbs to plant next year.

The ideal window for planting is between Halloween and Thanksgiving. Too early and the cloves will start to grow too much, and risk being frozen out by winter. Too late and the ground will be frozen and you won't get anything in.

Plant your cloves about six inches apart in soft, fluffy soil. The scab side, from which the roots will sprout, goes down, with an inch of dirt remaining between the upper tip of the garlic clove and the surface of the earth.

After it's all planted and raked in, mulch the garlic with small deciduous leaves or straw (not hay, which has seeds). This layer will help insulate the dormant garlic through the winter, and

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regulate its temperature and moisture level when spring finally arrives. Leaves are probably superior because they will decompose, increasing the microbial activity on the soil surface, which improves fertility. But broad leaves like maple can form a mat that can be difficult for the young garlic sprouts to penetrate in spring, so you will need to pull them off in March so the garlic can make it up.

After planting, give it a good soak — or simply plant it before a soaking rain. The moisture will activate the cloves to start sending out roots, in preparation for the spring growth spurt.

But they don't need to do much. The primary job of those cloves is to wait out the winter, hibernating, so they can go ballistic in spring. Not long after, you will be using your homegrown garlic in dishes like this.

Pasta with Garlic

Truly, every single pasta dish in the world could be called pasta with garlic, because garlicking the pasta should

be the first move in pretty much any proper pasta dish. For any Italian-style noodles you may want to toss in grated Parmesan cheese with the garlic.

- 1 pound pasta
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed or similarly macerated

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Optional: grated hard cheese like Parmesan

Boil the pasta and drain. Rinse the pasta briefly with hot water in the colander, so as to remove excess starch without cooling down the noodles.

Toss the hot noodles with garlic and olive oil and, if using, the grated cheese. Proceed with whatever sauce you had planned. Perhaps a marinara that began with garlic in oil with oregano. Whatever the final destination, you'll be glad the noodles have garlic on them.

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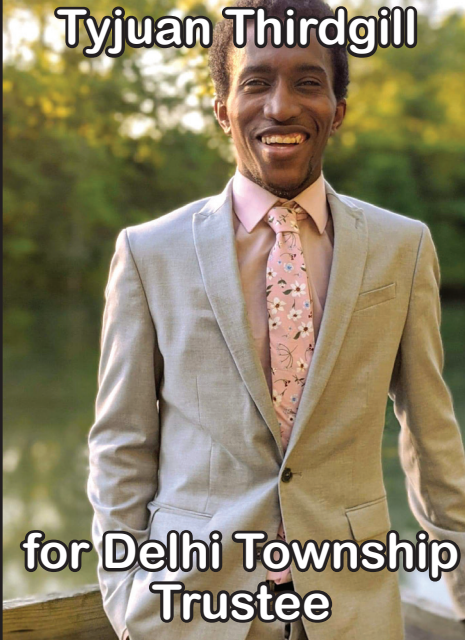
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