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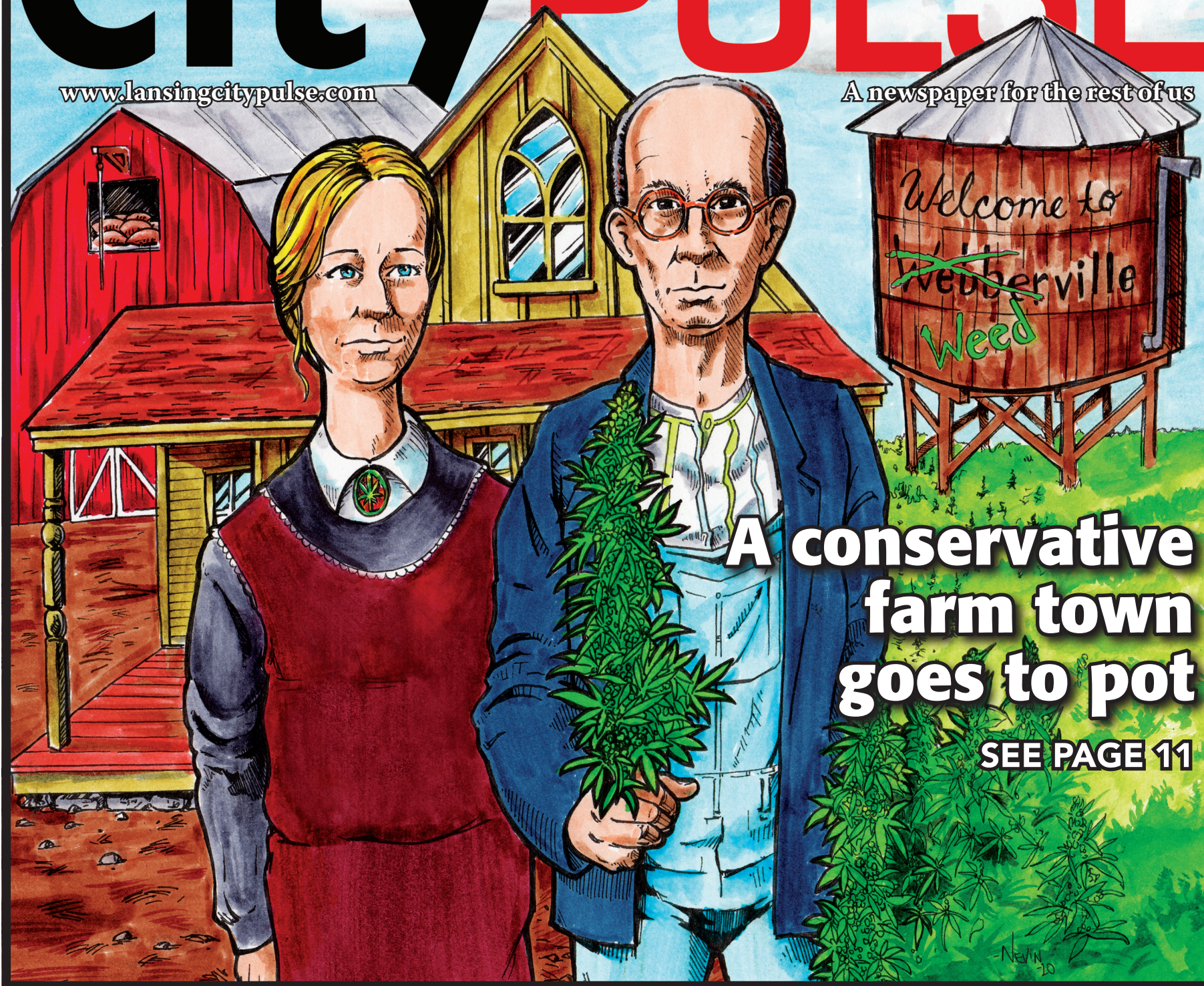
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By Ann Carrns

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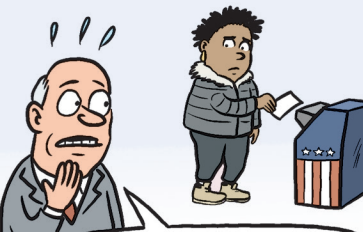
Disappearing Detroit

2013: THE SUPREME COURT GUTS THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, SAYING JIM CROW-ERA VOTER SUPPRESSION DOES NOT EXIST ANYMORE



"OUR COUNTRY HAS CHANGED."

2020: THE GOP PUSHES TO THROW OUT ALL THE BALLOTS CAST IN DETROIT



UH OH! I THINK I SEE SOME "VOTER FRAUD" HAPPENING OVER HERE!

YES, IN OUR "CHANGED" COUNTRY, ONE POLITICAL PARTY IS OPENLY TRYING TO DISENFRANCHISE BLACK VOTERS AFTER AN ELECTION




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IN FACT, THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY... OH, YOU KNOW.

WE NEED TO SEGREGATE VOTES FROM THE "BIG CITIES."



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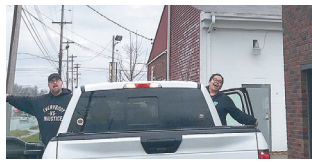
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Out of the basement, into a storefront for 517 Coffee Co.



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Flash in the Pan: Leftover Turkey Dinner Bouillon



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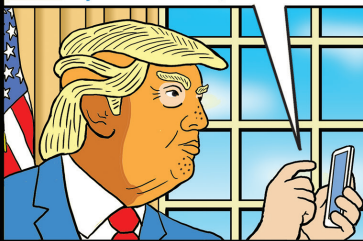
by TOM TOMORROW

LIFE IN THE STUPIDVERSE THIS AMP GOES TO ELEVEN

THE FREE MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS

I WON except for all the Fake Votes! ELECTION WAS RIGGED! I am entitled to remain in office for I am THE TRUMP and you shall KNEEL BEFORE ME!

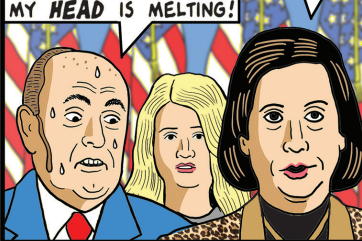
! This claim about election fraud might or might not be true, who can really say? What is truth, even?



THE FINEST LEGAL MINDS

THIS ELECTION WAS STOLEN WITH COMMUNIST SUPERCOMPUTERS SUPPLIED BY GEORGE SOROS AND HUGO CHAVEZ, WHO IS DEAD, JUST LIKE ALL THE DEMOCRAT VOTERS!

ALSO SOMETHING SOMETHING ANTIFA! AND BLACK VOTERS! I'M SO OUTRAGED, MY HEAD IS MELTING!



THE DEEP STATE IN ACTION

THE G.S.A. CANNOT CERTIFY THESE RESULTS DUE TO THE WELL-ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT OF "STALLING WHILE THE LOSER TRIES DESPERATELY TO FLIP THE ELECTION!"

IT IS HOW THINGS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DONE!



YOU CAN GOOGLE IT, THOUGH I WOULD PREFER YOU DID NOT.

DELICATE SNOWFLAKES

REPUBLICAN POLL WATCHERS IN DETROIT WERE DISTRACTED BY A VERY LOUD PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM!

I HEARD THERE WAS A REALLY BIG GUY GLARING AT PEOPLE!

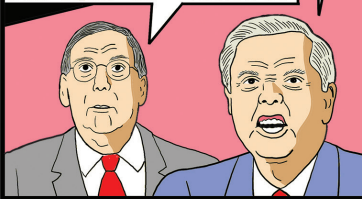
OBVIOUSLY THE ENTIRE ELECTION MUST BE INVALIDATED!



PATRIOTIC PATRIOTS DOING PATRIOTISM

YOU BET I TOLD THE GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE TO THROW AWAY BALLOTS! IT'S WHAT THE FOUNDING FATHERS WOULD HAVE WANTED!

IF DONALD TRUMP REFUSES TO CONCEDE, THEN HE GETS TO KEEP BEING PRESIDENT! HAVE YOU PEOPLE EVEN READ THE CONSTITUTION?

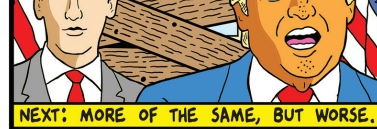


GOING TO THE MATTRESSES

OVERRIDE ALL CABLE AND BROADCAST SIGNALS WITH SOME STUPID BALLET OR SOMETHING! PEOPLE WILL GET BORED AND FORGET THAT I LOST!

EXCELLENT PLAN, SIR! I BELIEVE WE HAVE A COPY OF "SWAN LAKE" ON THE SERVER!

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NEWS & OPINION

Joe Biden: Reward Black voters with a minimum wage raise

By DEDRIA HUMPHRIES BARKER

The next step for President-elect Joe Biden is to adopt the U.S. Postal Service slogan: Neither rain nor sleet nor gloom of night will stop me from richly reward-



Barker

OPINION

ing African American voters, for they flipped Michigan for Biden/Harris.

Obviously, Trump knows this, though comedian Stephen Colbert laid the Biden/Harris victory at the feet of suburban white women. Even my African-centric friend in Detroit scolded our people, saying a 50 percent turnout of the city's 500,000 registered voters was piss-poor.

Still, Detroiters pushed Biden/Harris over the top with a 150,000 vote margin in the state. That didn't happen in 2016, when they stayed home. In his Nov. 7 victor's speech, President-elect Biden told Black voters, "I got your back" because we had his.

Now what does his having Black people's backs look like? For Black voters, "I got your back" means support.

Because of the 1994 Three Strikes law, the jury is out on what Joe Biden means when he tells African American Democrat voters that he has their back.

Also, "I got your back" doesn't look like his campaign rhetoric, said Detroit voter Eddie Williams. "Biden doesn't need to tell me Trump is a liar. I know that."

Biden promises to unite Americans, to be a president of all the people. Right now his priority should be pay back for political support. If the loyal opposition gets angry, mad, disappointed, if they cry, remind them that their feelings are legitimate — but will not determine Black voters' future.

If President Biden needs fortification, District of Columbia officials



will be happy to paint these numbers on Pennsylvania Avenue: 80 million. Among those count 250,000 votes from Detroit, minus a mere 12,000.

And keep doing what worked. Biden/Harris took Trump to the mat and won, with Black voter support. And Stacey Abrams is still out there being the vote wizard of Georgia.

Now, I'm not the official Black spokesperson, but I am a Black woman voter, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, a public service organization of college-educated Black women. Through my writing, I advocate for Black people and our issues.

Those who work for, with or are related to Black Americans are limited in doing good when the wealth of our group pales in comparison to others.

So, here is how Joe Biden can get my back: raise the minimum wage.

The current federal minimum hourly wage is \$7.65, and Michigan's minimum hourly wage is \$9.65. Jobs paying minimum wage are the low-paid dirty work of American society. Jobs that, sociologist Paula Rothenberg writes, Black women are cornered into doing.

An opinion piece in last Sunday's

New York Times Magazine by Jay Caspian Kang was headlined "People of Color' Do Not Belong to the Democratic Party." Arguing that "it is past time to start seeing voters the way they see themselves," he called for "a much-needed clarification between the needs of Black Americans and Latino and Asian immigrants; that would end the confusing and harmful conflation between two groups whose interests and actions are often at odds with one another."

Kang basically said that immigrants see how neglected, abused and taken for granted Black Americans are, and so they vote Republican so they can have a chance to work hard and succeed. Black people don't seem to get that chance.

Cheap labor, writes investment strategist Lyn Alden only benefits corporate profits.

"There is an age-old battle between labor and capital; the working class vs the wealthy. A healthy society finds a balance where both sides are reasonably satisfied, resulting in high productivity and social cohesion.

"As wealth concentrates into the top few percent of the population, it gets stored more and more in financial assets."

Financial assets are not people, unless you are still into slavery.

There is a Mammoth Cave of improvement needed. We got a start on it with the pandemic stimulus package that paid unemployed Americans \$600 a week. That equaled \$15 an hour for a 40-hour week. Let's keep going, and make that law.

For regular people, the basic items of a family of four, including child care, housing, transportation, and education requires \$61,000 a year, the United Way reports. In Michigan, child care averages

\$1,100. A month.

Is it any wonder that kids are home alone, their homework not done, with mom and dad working so much for so little?

Self-describing as "Jill's husband," Biden promised an educator in the White House. He should give Professor Biden parents to work with. A higher minimum wage means parents can buy time with and for their kids. They can help with homework. They can rescue their public schools. Those clerical errors that Trump's lawsuit against Detroit cite testify to gaps in reading and writing skills. A higher minimum way helps to fix that.

Biden promises "science and hope" to control the virus. Black people act on their hope; science needs to be financed. Michigan's COVID vaccination plan shows a half-dozen vacant positions in the state health department's immunization division. Raising the U.S. minimum wage to \$15 an hour means more taxes paid, means Michigan can hire those people.

President-elect Biden needs to do something fitting his nearly 50 years in government; something big. He should making raising the minimum wage a legislative priority.

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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CITY OF EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

CORRECTED NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1487

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 28-52 OF ARTICLE III - OPEN AIR DINING AREAS - OF CHAPTER 28 - PARKS AND RECREATION - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE OPEN AIR DINING AREAS THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 28-52 of Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of East Lansing is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28-52. Open Air Dining Areas, dates and time restrictions.

- (1) Open air dining areas may be operational only from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- (2) Open air dining areas may be designated only from June 1 through August 15.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

CP#20-297

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING
SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COMPLIANCE WITH MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 228, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM PLATFORM.

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.
Minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2020 approved.
Agenda approved.
Public hearing held on Montgomery Drain Special Assessment.
Adopted Resolution 20-20: Resolution to Confirm 2020 Montgomery Drain Special Assessment Roll.
Annual public hearing held on 2021 General Fund and Special Fund Budgets.
2020 Special Fund Budget Amendments approved.
Adopted Resolution 20-17: Amended Resolution to Certify the Millage for the 2020 Tax Rolls.
Adopted Resolution 20-19: To Adopt the 2021 General Fund Budget and to Certify the Millage for the 2020 Tax Rolls.
Approved Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Lansing Charter Township Street Light Special Assessments and Certify the Millage for the 2020 Tax Rolls.
Approved 2021 Special Fund Budgets.
Approved adoption of 2021 Rental Fund Budget.
Adopted Resolution 20-18: Resolution to Certify At Large Drain Millage for the 2020 Tax Rolls.
Adopted Resolution 20-21: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Vacant Lot at 408 N. Catherine.
Claims approved.
Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor
Susan L. Aten, Clerk

CP#20-298

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING
SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COMPLIANCE WITH MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 228, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM PLATFORM.

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 October 27, 2020.
Agenda approved as amended.
Approved West Side Water budget.
Approved budget amendments.
Adopted Resolution 20-22: Non-Discrimination Advisory Committee Appointments.
Approved non-union wages.
Adopted MERS defined benefit plan adoption agreement addendum.
Approved Proximity Collective proposal.
Approved Independent Contractor agreement.
Approved proposal from Lyle D. Hepfer & Company, PC by Kim Ignash.
Approved 2021 meeting dates.
Approved Claims.

Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor
Susan L. Aten, Clerk

CP#20-299

Shinkle decries 'Antifa'-like tactics before canvassers vote

No, President Donald Trump didn't call. No emissary of the president or high-placed Republican operative of any sort called, either.



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

State Canvasser Norm Shinkle talked to a lot of people locked in his home office over the last five days, looking into what his legal options were heading into Monday's Board of State Canvasser meeting. But he was not ordered or pressured by some higher authority to vote either to certify or not certify the 2020 election results, making official Joe Biden's victory over Trump in Michigan, Shinkle said.

That's not to say the Williamston resident didn't have a fair amount of pressure. Like a couple nights ago when 15 to 20 people showed up at his front door for an after-sundown talk about his pending vote. On a separate occasion, it was suggested to him that for the health of himself and his family he should vote to certify the election.

Instead of driving him to vote a certain way, Shinkle abstained from voting on the question of certification during Monday's Board of State Canvassers. The motion passed anyway, 3-0-1. His concern about whether the Wayne County Board of Canvassers actually certified their results will need to wait for another day.

Still, Shinkle said he's "angry" about the attention, telephone calls, messages and personal visits he received about a vote that is fairly perfunctory, as far as he was concerned. Delaying a few extra days to make sure Wayne County's certification is button-tight legal made sense to him.

He doesn't see why this degree of due diligence should necessitate the Michigan State Police conducting regular rounds in his neighborhood — which they did.

"These are people who want to trash the system. This is Maxine Waters/Antifa intimidation. It's harassment until you vote the way they want or you go away," Shinkle said. "Should that be a reason to vote a certain way? To vote for the safety of my family? This kind of stuff has to stop."

Last week, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners initially voted not to certify the results of their election. Later in the meeting, they reversed course and voted to certify. Under Robert's Rules of Order, the board needed to

first consider the vote by which the first vote passed. They didn't do that.

What if that vote didn't count? Should the Wayne County Board return to recertify? Does the Board of State Canvassers need to step in and do it for them? Shinkle wanted honest answers to these questions and his reading of the law gives the State Board of Canvassers until mid-December to make a final decision on certification.

Instead, he said the board wanted to get it over with Monday. So they did. After that, four hours of public comments were allowed and Shinkle said he sat through an "orchestrated trashing" of himself and Republican members of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers.

"I read the law," said Shinkle, a member of the State Bar of Michigan since 1979. "It allows us to delay. I said we should look into it. People think it's treasonous. Treasonous! To gather more information?"

Over the last 40 years, Shinkle has been a township supervisor, county commissioner, state senator, Michigan Republican Party congressional district chairman and a member of the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The public shaming that's taking place at this point in time "is not right."

"Is this how we want our society to operate? It's not respectful," he said.

As he sat buried in his office for the last four to five days, Shinkle said he's seen issues that need to be addressed. What type of access did the non-profit, progressive advocacy group Rock the Vote have in inputting names into the state's official voter list? Should Michigan look into questions about the Dominion software used to count votes?

And why can't votes in precincts where the totals don't match up be recounted? More scrutiny needs to be cast over those precincts, not less, Shinkle said.

"We have to fix the state just like Florida fixed their state after Gore v. Bush in 2000. If Florida can work, Michigan can work."

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By KYLE KAMINSKI



Biden gets Michigan's electoral votes

The Board of State Canvassers voted 3-0, with one abstention — by Norm Shinkle, of Williamston — to certify the results of the General Election this week, formally handing Michigan's 16 electoral votes to President-Elect Joe Biden, who won the state in November by 154,000 votes, or about 2.8 percentage points. Trump supporters and Republican wannabe Senator John James urged the board to delay the certification. The move was a major setback in President Donald Trump's efforts to undermine the election results.



State Christmas tree

The official state Christmas tree at the State Capitol has been a palette for some stunning (and sometimes lazy) designs over its 34-year history. And though we couldn't gather to see it lit up last week during the annual Silver Bells in the City event, this year's tree is one for the books.

Thousands of red, green and mostly white bulbs meticulously wrapped around each full-bodied branch send a bright glow across the Capitol Lawn and nearby sidewalks. Unlike in some years past, the attention to detail in carefully wrapping the entire tree in lights is obvious in this design.

The Black Lives Matter mural as a skirt for this year's tree only works to add an aesthetic and timely touch.

This year's Christmas tree is also special for another reason: It's the first time one came from Lansing. State officials reportedly turned down a tree nomination more than a decade ago of a blue spruce that was growing in Annette and Larry Moskosky's Delta Township yard. This year, at 58 feet, it was nominated again. And after 14 years of growth, state officials reconsidered.

The tree was harvested on Oct. 30, placed on the Capitol grounds on Halloween and first lit at the Home Edition of Silver Bells on Friday evening. In addition to being the first tree to come from Lansing, it's the 11th to be sourced from Michigan's Lower Peninsula, state officials said.

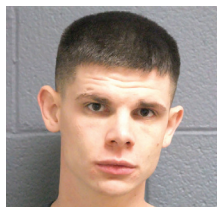
"This year's tree is a perfect shape and size and looks great in its place in front of the Capitol," state Christmas tree crew supervisor Heath Miller said in a statement. "This tree was nominated 14 years ago. Since then it has grown beautifully and will look great lit up for the holidays."

— KYLE KAMINSKI

"Eye Candy of the Week" is our look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eyesore of the Week and Eye for Design. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Berl Schwartz at 999-5061.

Escaped county jail inmate caught

An inmate who dismantled a window and escaped this month from Ingham County's jail is back behind bars after he was spotted shopping in Eaton Rapids and arrested Saturday. Michael David McKerchie, 32, reportedly fled the scene, crashed his truck, stole another vehicle and was later caught by Ingham County sheriff's deputies. McKerchie's capture follows a \$1,000 Crime Stoppers reward for any information leading to his arrest.



McKerchie

from Michigan State University. It's the third retail location to plant roots in Greater Lansing and the 11th to open statewide. It's also the second marijuana retailer, after Pleasantrees, to open in East Lansing.

Three suspended officers identified

The Lansing Police Department released the names of three officers who were placed on paid administrative leave this month after being involved in the violent arrest of an unarmed Black man on Baker Street. They are Alex Rojas, Morgan Schafer and Alec Slobin. The Michigan State Police is investigating the incident for potential charges.



Lansing hires first diversity officer

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor hired its first designated diversity officer last week to help lead efforts to bolster racial justice and social equity. Guadalupe Ayala, 29, has served as an equal employment opportunity specialist for the city since 2015. In her new role, Ayala will collect an annual salary of \$74,000 — up from about \$70,000 — and will help next year to implement a forthcoming Racial Justice and Equity Alliance Community Action Plan.



Tax incentives lure TechSmith to East Lansing

Software developer TechSmith plans to relocate its headquarters from Alaiadon Township to East Lansing — if it gets a tax break. The technology company reportedly plans to invest \$18.3 million in three years to build and furnish a 62,500-square-foot facility as its international headquarters on a five-acre parcel in Spartan Village. Once complete, the move is expected to bring 300 jobs and \$1.6 million in tax revenue a year by 2030. To offset costs, developers are requesting a 10-year personal property tax exemption for computers, equipment, machinery and similar items.



2nd recreational pot shop in East Lansing

Last Thursday marked the grand opening of Skymint's newest medical and recreational marijuana dispensary, at 3315 Coolidge Road — just three miles



COVID-19 cases are flattening, but the holidays are still approaching

Health officials: Still too early to gauge impact of second statewide lockdown

It's still too soon to tell whether another round of statewide emergency orders that took effect last week in Michigan have done anything to curb a growing number of COVID-19 cases.

Ingham County Health Officer Linda Vail remained hopeful this week as caseloads appeared to be flattening across Greater Lansing, but she also recognized that Michiganders will still need to keep up their guard as the winter holiday season — and illicit social gatherings — continue.

"It's too soon to see if this recent flattening is the result of the new order from the governor," Vail told reporters Tuesday. "It is possible that as cases went up, people put their guard back up again."

Last week, epidemic orders from the Michigan Department of Health and

Human Services restricted residential gatherings, closed bars and restaurant dining rooms encouraged employees to continue working from home amid an onslaught of new COVID-19 cases.

Since then, Ingham County tracked another 1,107 coronavirus cases and 11 deaths, adding to a statewide total of more than 320,000 cases and 8,700 virus-related deaths tallied since March.

Ingham County hospitals tracked 128 patients on Tuesday, with 20 in intensive care and 16 on ventilators. On Sunday, at least 41 people checked themselves into the hospital with COVID-19.

The rapid spike in cases reported earlier this month, however, appears to be tapering, Vail said. Still, she was hesitant to declare victory with residual effects from Thanksgiving gatherings (and upcoming Christmas gatherings) yet to be fully realized in Michigan. That could take weeks.

"This virus has been so difficult to track," Vail added. "There have been many, many, many things about this virus that make me stop and go 'hmm,' and I have a degree in microbiology."

Most of the cases reported in Greater Lansing — about 2,400 — have been tied to East Lansing in zip code 48823. South Lansing zip code 48911 has also



Vail

CORONAVIRUS IN MICHIGAN							
BY THE NUMBERS...					WEEK 37		
MICHIGAN							
	11/17/20	11/14/20	WEEKLY CHANGE				
CASES	272,034	320,506	^18%				
DEATHS	8,128	8,688	^7%				
GREATER LANSING			EATON CO.				
	11/17/20	11/24/20	WEEKLY CHANGE		11/17/20	11/24/20	WEEKLY CHANGE
CASES	11,037	12,945	^17%	CASES	2,120	2,608	^23%
DEATHS	133	155	^17%	DEATHS	24	33	^38%
INGHAM CO.			CLINTON CO.				
	11/17/20	11/24/20	WEEKLY CHANGE		11/17/20	11/24/20	WEEKLY CHANGE
CASES	6,899	8,006	^16%	CASES	2,018	2,331	^16%
DEATHS	91	102	^12%	DEATHS	18	20	^11%

tracked 1,051 to 1,060 cases.

In related news...

Vail said a football game between Michigan State University and the University of Michigan could be responsible for a spike in COVID-19 cases reported in the two weeks that followed it. At least 270 cases tied to MSU were reported between Nov. 2 and Nov. 13, which is when Vail said she would've expected to see an uptick — about two weeks after the game on Oct. 31.

Rite Aid expanded no-charge COVID-19 testing across Michigan this week in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The latest expansion means that free testing is now available at Rite Aid's self-swab testing sites to those 13 and older, regardless of whether they're exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. Pre-registration is still required at riteaid.com.

The Michigan Department of Corrections reported a record number of cases this month, logging a staggering

1,137 additional prisoner and staff cases on Nov. 12 alone. That spike reportedly marked an all-time high during the coronavirus pandemic, with nearly 5,000 infections last week.

A new report from Michigan State University shows that even though the majority of Michigan school districts planned to offer full-time in-person instruction in November, far fewer families actually chose this form of instruction. Additionally, districts with high proportions of Black and poor students were much less likely to provide students with daily in-person instruction.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer met with small business owners on Tuesday to discuss the Support Local campaign launched this week by the Michigan Economic Development Corp., as well as the impact that additional federal support would have on their businesses. All told, the MEDC financially supported more than 18,500 businesses since March, helping retain 147,000 jobs.

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Frontline: Lansing family of nursing assistants battles COVID-19

On Monday night, Nicole Fowler's biggest 2020 fears became a reality.

Her 19-year-old daughter tested positive for coronavirus. The daughter, who declined to be interviewed or be identified by name, works at a Lansing area long-term care facility as a certified nursing assistant and medical assistant. Her job duties? Caring for those who are ill and dying with the coronavirus.

"I'm going to be real, I am scared as fuck," Nicole Fowler told City Pulse on Facebook messenger. "I have lung disease. She's a mess. It's a war zone out here."

Working as a certified nursing assistant runs in the family. Fowler, 45, has been one for 26 years. Her son Domanick Donley, 26, has been one for three years. Fowler's other two children work in the automotive industry.

Nicole and her daughter, who has been a nursing aide for a year, share a house on Lansing's southeast side with another of Fowler's sons and her daughter's boyfriend. Just hours after the daughter received her news, the boyfriend was also notified he too had tested positive for coronavirus. It was spreading quickly.

The positive results are just the latest turn for a local family that earlier this year had consolidated under one roof for financial reasons. This has been a year of roller coaster realities — job changes, financial stresses, constant fear of contagion and trauma from watching patients suffer and die from the virus that's running like wildfire through the state, she explained.

For the last several years, Fowler brought home the bread from healthcare work. That often meant driving to various facilities to deliver treatment, including from Lansing to Grand Rapids. It was good money, but when COVID-19 struck the state in March, the rotations began to slow.

Different medical facilities were growing increasingly worried about bringing in patients who had been inside other facilities. Fear of viral spread that had an exceedingly high death rate among older residents and those with underlying medical con-



Nicole Fowler



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

The line for testing Tuesday at Sparrow's site at the old Sears complex on Michigan Avenue. Last weekend, the statewide positivity rate reportedly surpassed 13% in Michigan, with more than 41,000 diagnostic tests reported on Saturday and Sunday. Since Nov. 2, that positivity rate has remained mostly below 10% both in Greater Lansing and across the state of Michigan.

ditions was the primary order of the day.

Frustrated with the lack of work opportunity, Fowler found a position working full time at a local facility. As she was doing her training, coronavirus was detected inside. At first, she shrugged the virus off. But that was until her friend, a 42-year-old nurse, took a riskier job in Detroit.

Nicole's friend worked day in and day out in the COVID-19 wards, frantically fighting to save the lives of her patients ailing with the virus. That was in March. By the end of April, the woman — a mother of teenagers and an avid fitness fanatic — had tested positive for COVID-19 and died.

Before she died, the woman shared with Fowler "graphic and horrifying" pictures from inside.

"It scared me. A lot," Fowler added. "But I was like, if this can happen to her — to someone with no underlying health conditions and who was super healthy — I realized this is going to be bad."

Donley, Fowler's son, was more nonchalant. He said he was working at a different facility as the contagion was slowly spreading across the state when his supervisor approached.

"She pulled me aside and said she would want me to be on her COVID-19 unit when it did reach the facility," he said, noting he was concerned about community spread. "I wouldn't want to be working on the unit and then coming home. I looked

at possibly staying somewhere else."

In March, as the state gradually went into lockdown, Fowler struggled to find steady work because of the state restrictions. Her children were also hit by the economic depression. Fowler's financial resources continued to be stretched as she supported four households.

"I made the mistake of thinking, 'I have a good job. This is OK,'" Fowler said. But it wasn't.

Fowler struggled to make house payments as well as property tax payments, loan payments and rental support for her kids. She finally had to tell them all that she couldn't afford to return home. She later filed for bankruptcy. In the meantime, Fowler has been working extraordinary hours. Shifts as long as 16 hours aren't uncommon.

Each week also brings a required COVID-19 nasal swab. Until recently, that meant that after most tests, her nose bled profusely. And within two days, her sinuses became infected.



Donley

That can lead to COVID-like symptoms, which resulted in a trip to Sparrow for yet another COVID-19 test.

That changed this week. Employees now have access to a rapid test, which requires a less invasive nasal swab. All employees are tested twice weekly. Results arrive in 15 minutes.

The recurring sinus infections and the fear of the virus aren't the only issues that the virus has brought to Fowler's health. After dealing with night terrors, she finally broke down and got a primary care physician. On Monday, she was diagnosed with probable PTSD related to COVID — which has demonstrated itself with anxiety and depression, two things unfamiliar to Fowler.

Certified nursing assistants do the grunt work, particularly in long-term care facilities, Fowler said. They're the people who assist patients in self care. Still, both Fowler and her son said the "healthcare heroes" sentiment that swept through the state didn't really translate to respect for the work they do.

Fowler attempted to soft pedal the disrespect and lack of appreciation CNAs experience in the general public, but Donley cut her off: "They say, 'Oh, you're an asswiper.'" She concurred.

"They don't get what we do. They don't under it," Fowler said. "We come in there and help people get dressed, brush their teeth, shower. We change bedpans. It's hard work."

She recounted trying to cash in on a discount for healthcare workers at a local discount variety store earlier this year. The business — like others — required workers to show their work badges. Fowler flashed her badge, which clearly identifies her as a fully certified nursing assistant.

"The woman said, 'She doesn't deserve it. She's not a nurse, she's just a CNA,'" she recalled. Fowler chastised the employee, explaining how much work she actually does, paid for her items — with the discount — and retreated to her car. "I cried a little. I was so angry and frustrated."

— TODD HEYWOOD

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Clockwise from left: Harvested marijuana buds hang to dry at a C3 facility in Webberville. Within six months of opening, C3 Industries' products became one of the top five indoor flower brands in Oregon.

Staff tend to pot plants inside C3 Industries' expanding growing facilities in rural Ingham County. The company launched in 2018 in Oregon and has since expanded to three states — including to a 36,000-square-foot indoor cultivation facility in Webberville.



The village of Webberville in rural Ingham County is home to fewer than 1,300 residents. By next year, the number of marijuana plants growing in its business park will outnumber them 8:1.

This winter, C3 Industries plans to expand its 36,000-square-foot indoor cultivation facility to more than 120,000 square feet, making Webberville home to more than 10,000 plants by 2021.



Recreational marijuana market finds unlikely home in Webberville

National company expands its foothold on adult-use cannabis in rural Ingham County

By **KYLE KAMINSKI**

The rural, conservative village of Webberville has never made much of a name for itself.

Fields abound, tractors pulling farm equipment often roll through the one-stop-light town. Besides the grainery, few down-

town businesses remain: One restaurant, Dollar General, the party store, a pharmacy, a pizza shop that doesn't keep regular hours. Just as many storefronts are vacant.

It's 1,300 residents flock to a small carnival outside the volunteer fire station every year for ox burgers. The annual tractor pull and homecoming parade at the only high school — which routinely churns out graduating classes of fewer than 50 students — is known to stop traffic.

Lansing mainly knows Webberville for

its McDonald's and gas station pitstop en route to Detroit.

Much of the local workforce, village residents explained, are on the farms. But even that outdoor tradition hasn't found itself immune to the coronavirus pandemic in Michigan. One study showed statewide agricultural sales dropped \$2 million since COVID-19 arrived in March.

Webberville, in turn, is increasingly fo-

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A stacked deck?

Questions arise over possible special treatment for marijuana license

State licensing records show that American Securities Integrated in Webberville was licensed as a transporter for Michigan's cannabis market earlier this year. Those records also listed Webberville Mayor Brad Hitchcock's daughter, Lynsey Hitchcock, as the registered owner.

U.S. Department of Transportation records also listed the mayor's home on Gramer Road — which is also adjacent to the Hitchcock family trucking business — as the registered address for the company, its two vehicles and four drivers. It's unclear if the companies are directly related.

Village officials told City Pulse earlier this year that a moratorium on marijuana-related businesses in the village had prevented applicants (aside from Primitiv and C3 Industries) from seeking licensure for marijuana-related business ventures within the village or its business park.

Records also show that the Village Council voted in January to briefly lift that moratorium and approve American Securities Integrated for licensure. The mayor abstained from the vote, presumably to avoid the appearance of conflicting interests. The rest of the Council approved it.

The Council voted to reinstate that marijuana moratorium at its next meeting in February, which again prevents additional applications from being accepted for marijuana businesses.

Neither Brad and Lynsey Hitchcock nor any Village Council member returned calls for this story. Former Councilman James Greene, who voted to license Lynsey Hitchcock's business earlier this year, became combative with a City Pulse reporter when questioned about his vote.

"Maybe I did something wrong. Maybe I didn't understand what I was doing. Was I supposed to deny the application because it came from the mayor's daughter?" Greene asked City Pulse. "I tried to make a positive impact on the village. The more I talk to you, the more frustrated I get."

Officials at C3 Industries also confirmed that American Securities Integrated had "briefly" helped distribute products for the company, though they maintain that business relationship has ended. It's unclear if the company also worked with cultivators at Primitiv; calls there weren't returned.

Added one local businessman: "If you're not part of the Good Ol' Boy network, you're not getting anywhere. That's what's different about Webberville. If you're not in that club, just leave town."

— KYLE KAMINSKI

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cused on a new type of agriculture within its secluded business park off I-96: weed. And many residents are hopeful it could help keep the town alive.

"This town is conservative in the nature of how it thinks, but when it comes to bringing in industry and jobs and revenue, that's something we'd never look down upon," said Josh Rockey, who owns Z-Solutions, a computer and chairs Webberville's Downtown Development Authority.

Farming has long driven the economy in Webberville, 20 miles east of downtown Lansing. And while fewer than 1,300 people live there, more than 10,000 legally grown pot plants will be sprouting up just outside of the village limits next year, when C3 Industries plans to double its staff and triple the size of its massive growing facilities just off I-96.

The expansion is quickly cementing the rural Ingham County village as a powerplayer in a lucrative new industry. Adult-use pot sales in Michigan are expected to top \$3 billion annually.

"It's driving more business to the village, plain and simple," said former Village Councilman James Greene. "There's also no signage on the buildings. You really can't even tell what's going on back there. That's a big part of it. Overall, I think it's a great industry to have here."

C3 Industries brands its products under the names Cloud Cover Cannabis and Galactic Meds and launched in Portland, Oregon, in 2018 — since expanding to three other states and centering its Michigan operations in Ann Arbor. It also operates five High Profile provisioning centers statewide, with locations in other major Michigan cities like Grand Rapids and Detroit.

The sleepy town of Webberville, however, is home to C3's ever-growing "cultivation campus," explained co-founder Vishal Rungta. It'll expand from 35,000 to 125,000 square feet next year as it looks to grow its local workforce from 52 to more than 120 employees by the end of 2021.

"For us, Webberville is a site that makes sense. The village has been incredibly supportive and great to work with all around, and it's very centrally located for statewide operations," Rungta added. "Frankly, Webberville

was ahead of the game and that has benefited the community."

After recreational pot was legalized in 2018, the village of Webberville became a noteworthy outlier in becoming one of the first (and only) rural municipalities in Mid-Michigan to embrace the industry. And its location along one of the busier shipping arteries in Michigan just made sense. Because of its proximity to Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Grand Rapids and Southeast Michigan, Rungta explained.

Last year, the Webberville Village Council passed an ordinance that allows for an unlimited number of growers, processors, testing facilities and transporters — just no retail pot shops.

The decision largely mirrored public sentiment at the time. County data shows that voters in Leroy Township (most of whom are also Trump-supporting Republicans) were split on whether to legalize recreational marijuana at all, passing the proposal 849 to 749.

Similarly situated municipalities near Greater Lansing like Dansville, Mason and Williamston snubbed the industry altogether. Webberville appears to be the only town along M-36 between East Lansing and Walled Lake to have allowed for the licensed market.

So, why is Webberville different? Many local residents said they were skeptical at first because Webberville has a friendly country reputation to maintain, they explained. But the prospect of more job opportunities and higher tax revenues for a struggling town can be enticing.

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And while COVID-19 takes its toll on businesses across the nation, the legal marijuana industry in Michigan is still booming. State records show that recreational weed sales climbed more than eightfold since December and have rested at more than \$10 million weekly in recent months.

“Initially, there was a big backlash and fears of crime and decreasing property values. We haven’t seen any of that in Webberville. It’s been nothing but positive news,” Rocky added.

Beyond C3 Industries, at least two other marijuana-related businesses are also budding next door. Primitiv, the other Webberville cannabis powerplayer founded by NFL teammates Calvin Johnson and Rob Sims, is still advertising job opportunities online. The mayor’s daughter, Lynsey Hitchcock, also launched a marijuana transportation company on the same block. See related story on the previous page.)

“The village of Webberville had this really nice industrial space, and I think they just saw an opportunity for a venture like this to be successful in their town,” added Robin Schneider, executive director of the Michigan Cannabis Industry Association. “I think people realized and understood this could be safe, secure and also an opportunity for job creation and tax revenue.”

Some residents were indifferent to the expansion plans in the business park. Part of the industry’s local success has also been about keeping things quiet, tucked well away from local schools and neighborhoods. The overarching thought: Out of sight, out of mind.

“I haven’t noticed anything beneficial, but I’m pleased there hasn’t been a noticeable difference in the town,” added Webberville Community Schools Superintendent Brian Friddle. “I think the big reason for that is because we don’t have a dispensary here. That’s not really the reputation we want to have. There’s no controversy with this all being back there in the industrial park.”

Neither Mayor Brad Hitchcock nor any Village Council members returned calls. Most customers at Webberville Party Store didn’t want their names to be published.

“I like the idea of a booming industry, even if I’m not big on marijuana itself. I don’t smoke. I’ve never

smoked, but if people still want to buy that stuff, we might as well keep making it here in our town,” one Webbervillian said. “I’d rather have those jobs stay here.”

Another resident added: “It’s here. So what? I don’t think there’s much we can do about it.”

“It’s putting people to work. It provides income and it’s actually helping some people with pain and other medical things,” added resident Ed Powell. “I think it fits right into the market here in Webberville. We’re an agricultural community, so it just makes sense: Another thing to grow.”

Though uncommon, Webberville isn’t the only rural village in Michigan to embrace marijuana. The conservative town of Kalkaska near Traverse City is reportedly expected to be home to a distributor, 14 licensed marijuana growers and five adult-use dispensaries by early next year. The town has also welcomed microbusinesses where house-grown pot can be smoked on-site.

Village President Harley Wales told the Northern Express newspaper that even the more stalwart conservative residents are growing increasingly open-minded about the industry. Moreover, everyone seemed to understand that the small village needed an economic stimulus.

“Our last industry was the oil industry. Before that, it was the lumbering industry back at the turn of the century, and so these people are starved for what’s next,” Wales told Northern Express.

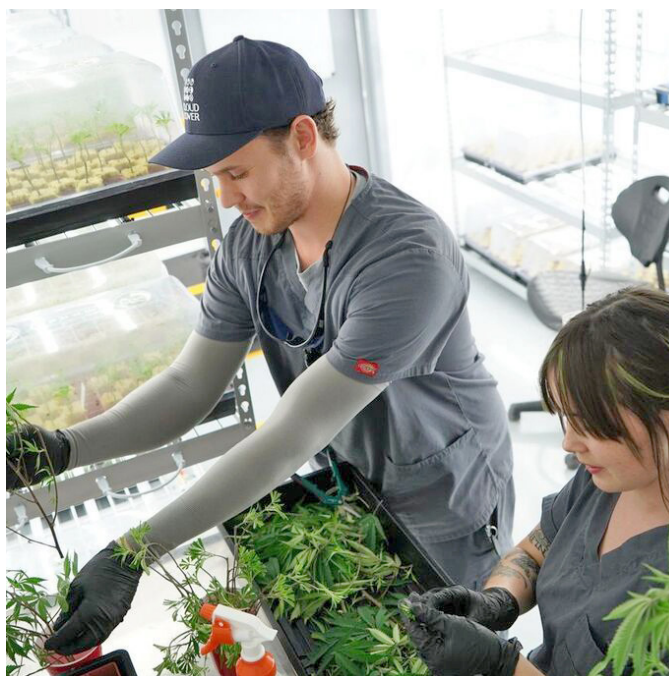
Meanwhile, the economy in Webberville is beginning to see the first dividends of its own progressive investment. Village officials couldn’t provide estimates for tax revenues, but at least two C3 employees (and their families) have moved to town. Another 28 live in Greater Lansing and are becoming regular customers at nearby gas stations, restaurants and other businesses.

C3 Industries also hires a local landscaping company for maintenance and snow removal and also briefly used Lynsey Hitchcock’s shipping firm to transport products, company officials said.

“I’m happy about it being there,” added Stephany Bohlmann, a teacher at Webberville High School. “I have not heard anything negative about it, which is an improvement. I’m happy to see another business in Webberville that should last. I see this being good for our village because it should bring more people here, which should help with keeping the restaurants going as well.”



C3 Industries expanded Cloud Cover Cannabis into Michigan last August. Products are available at several shops statewide, including Bazonzoes, Jars and Gage in Greater Lansing.



Part of C3 Industries’ success in rural Webberville has been about keeping its operations low key. Its facilities tucked off the highway are mostly indistinguishable from other manufacturers.



C3 Industries operates five High Profile cannabis dispensaries in Michigan and plans to open an additional three by early 2021. Longer-term plans include opening 12 more shops by early 2022.

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Recreating the music venue experience with social media

By SKYLER ASHLEY

Every week, musicians have had the foundation of their professional and social lives ripped out from under them by the pandemic. In an effort

Check out Best Friends Club at Facebook.com/Groups/BFCGTG

to help out independent artists and their fans, DIY musicians Tommy McCord, Raymond Strife, Jim Graz and Tim Hoh have created a Facebook group to act as a virtual venue. It's called Best Friends Club: A No Show Space, and it holds weekly livestream concerts where viewers can enjoy live music and chat with each other. Kind of like the good old, pre-pandemic days. Get it?

"The idea came about this spring when everybody started livestreaming all sorts of things. It was utter chaos. We wanted to put everything into an organized space on the web for people to tune into at a specific time," McCord said.

McCord said the mission is to help

simulate the basic idea of a concert hall in a virtual setting, using the most basic resources available. Shows hosted by Best Friends Club can be as simple as a cell phone recording of a solo artist with an acoustic guitar, or an entire band being fed through an elaborate live recording feed. Anybody can join the Facebook group and show schedules are announced ahead of time, so members can easily tune-in together.

McCord said enough people have become familiar with livestreaming since the format's springtime explosion that online shows hosted by Best Friends Club are able to go off without a hitch.

"Sometimes the stream is a person on a couch with a guitar, other times it's people using multi-track audio with a full band. The beauty is that it can be both," McCord. "I like that you don't have to be a tech genius to go live and have anybody in the world watch it."

With no real end to the moratorium on live music in sight, Best Friends



Club has larger ambitions expand to its own website and no longer rely on the social media giant Facebook. The goal is to roll it out by early 2021. "We have a developer on our team working to create our own livestreaming service independent of Facebook, Instagram or any of those things," McCord said. "I'm an independent musician, so I would like to work separately from this big evil corporation." The coronavirus pandemic has

thrown the live music industry into a very dire situation, and McCord said he is grateful that 2020 was not a year in which his income would rely on touring.

"Live music has been the center of my entire social since I was a young teenager. It's been a struggle," McCord said. "It's stressful and anxiety-inducing in many ways. But what's made it kind of OK is people doing things like livestream shows."

Coffee business founded in a basement opens its first shop

By SKYLER ASHLEY

517 Coffee Co., a local coffee roaster that cut its teeth as a popular farmers market vendor, is on the cusp of finally opening its very own brick-and-mortar space. James Defrees, who co-owns the company with his wife, Amanda, and two of their close friends, said it's

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been quite the journey. "I began my quest to learn as much as possible about the coffee industry by roasting coffee at home on my stovetop. I wanted to keep learning the process, but it was the people behind the coffee that got me the most interested," James Defrees said.

Defrees has always been fascinated by coffee's status as a coveted morning tradition. Millions of people that would otherwise have nothing in common still share a vital mutual connection — they



James and Amanda Defrees at the site of 517 Coffee Co.'s first retail space.

all have to that cup of Joe to prepare them for the day. James wanted to create a company that could become an integral part of this culture, but he also wanted to provide employment oppor-

tunities for Lansing's youth.

"My goal was to own a business that could eventually become a vehicle for employment opportunities. That desire merged with my coffee roasting hobby, and I bought a small coffee roaster and put it in the basement of my house," Defrees said.

Defrees purchased his first coffee roaster in 2014 and by the time summer rolled around, he was selling 517 Coffee at several farmers markets. Eventually, 517 Coffee Co. found a home in Hannah's Coney Island in East Lansing and Defrees further expanded the brand by selling coffee online. The next big step came when Defrees and his wife got their current business partners, Jamie and Rebecca LaDronka, to come aboard. The group sought investments and eventually purchased a commercial coffee roaster. 517 Coffee Co. then moved on from Hannah's Coney Island and spent the next four years housed in the John Bean Building on

Cedar Street.

Now, 517 Coffee Co. will have its own retail space at Bake N' Cakes' former South Lansing location. "We contacted the owner of Bake N' Cakes, and here we are. It came together in less than a month. The owner, Jeff Johnson, was very accommodating," Defrees said.

Defrees hopes the new space will be open by mid to late-December. The shop will carry baked goods from Bake N' Cakes and offer the same home-roasted caffeine concoctions that made 517 Coffee Co. a hit on the farmers market circuit. Pandemic-centric rules such as masks, social distancing and limited capacity will apply.

"We care about where our coffee is sourced and the lives of the people that grow and process it. We treat the coffee with that in mind when we roast it. I think that's what sets us apart from the other coffee experiences out there," Defrees said.

Favorite Things

Timothy David and his Ghostbusters proton pack

Timothy David works in the online world as an SEO analyst and performs in a nerdy punk band called Bathroom of the Future. He has a lot of hobbies focused on geek culture, but it's his grandfather who was the ultimate nerdy craftsman. David's favorite thing is the custom built Ghostbusters proton pack his late grandfather made for him.

I chose the Ghostbusters proton pack that my grandfather built me a very long time ago. When I was a little kid, my parents exposed me to the Ghostbusters cartoon and movie, which was still kind of a relevant thing at the time. I was a baby of the late-'80s. They wanted to encourage me to not be afraid of ghosts, or be afraid of anything under my bed. It worked, I never had nighttime fears, but it gave me the side effect of being a huge nerd about Ghostbusters.

At some point in the late-'90s, there was a lot of people on the Internet that were coming up with plans and diagrams on how to build your own proton pack, so you could go around looking like a Ghostbuster on Halloween. I was absolutely down, but I was only 12 or 13 at the time when these were coming out. Somehow, my grandfather, who would build me toys out of wood and metal, caught wind of this. He told me he would build one for me, so I could wear one for Halloween. He finished it sometime in 2002; I was already in high school at that point. I've pretty much worn it every year for Halloween ever since. I was really close to my grandfather and it's one of the few things I still have that relates



to him in some way. It's not in great shape anymore, it's 18 years old and its mostly just wood and computer parts from a garage. I'm constantly gluing stuff back onto it. It lit up at one point — a lot of it was found parts that were in the shape of the stuff on the Ghostbusters' backpacks. He was an expert woodworker; if he couldn't find a part he would just cut a piece of wood in the shape he needed it to be.

It's been through a lot with me. Even though these days most of my Halloween adventures are spent helping my dad pass out candy at his house, it's still nice for people to see it and say, "Hey I just started showing my kids these movies!"

I like to think that wherever he might be, my grandfather is still really excited that I'm still wearing this thing and people still know what it is and are happy to see it.

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



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Dank West Coast strains plant new roots off I-96 in Webber-

Cloud Cover Cannabis rolls out potent proprietary blends in Michigan

By **KYLE KAMINSKI**

C3 Industries is based in Ann Arbor and its retail brand, Cloud Cover Cannabis, is building a growing cultivation “campus” in a secluded industrial park off I-96 in Webberville. Medical and recreational products are available at several High Profile provisioning centers in Michigan, as well as at several pot shops in Lansing like Bazonzoes, Gage Cannabis and Jars Cannabis.

For this review, I went straight to the source and picked up some samples in Ann Arbor — though the staff confirmed that these potent strains were harvested right here in Webberville.

Cloud Cover — Queso Perro (Sativa Hybrid)

Price — \$17/g
THC content — 20.25%

This proprietary strain is a sativa-leaning hybrid that was first bred in 2015 by the Cloud Cover team at its cultivation facility in Portland. And might just be the stinkiest strain on the market today. My car still smells dank,



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simply from popping the lid on this prerolled joint last weekend.

Combining Stardawg with the '90s classic UK Cheese, the canna-wizards at Cloud Cover sell this crowd favorite for its soothing and relaxing effects, specifically curated for the end-of-day wind-down. “Skunky cheese with notes of coffee,” as advertised, is a perfectly fitting description.

UK Cheese is known for its musty cheese smell, and it carries over with precision into Queso Perro which, yes, translates to Dog Cheese — a nod to Stardawg, its sativa-dominant mother. Don't be deterred by the name, however. This rich, spicy and earthy blend carries distinct notes of pine, grapefruit and garlic that tingles the senses with a full-bodied and smooth smoke sesh.

No overwhelming sense of energy from this hybrid, but just the right amount of uplifting euphoria to bliss-



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

A variety of C3 Industries product.

fully enjoy what might've been the last streak of warmer weather on Saturday afternoon.

Cloud Cover — Pownap (Indica)

Price — \$17/g
THC content — 19.64%

I bought a prerolled joint of Pownap simply to see if the strain lives up to its name. A cross between indica-dominant Blue Power and sativa-hybrid White Nightmare, the end result is a creamy and gassy kush that (obviously) leans more to the sleepy end of the stoner spectrum.

The fruity sweetness and stress-relieving effects of Blue Power merge beautifully with the mild earthiness and relaxing body high of White Nightmare. Any anxiety vanishes after just a few tokes.

Surprisingly, I wasn't immediately knocked out cold after this indica-heavy joint. Instead, I found myself caught up in another all-day Netflix binge that was only interrupted by a

pizza delivery.
Cloud Cover — 99 Problems (Sativa)
Price — \$14.58/g
THC content — 18.47%

Like other Cloud Cover strains, this potent sativa gets its name from its genetics as an offspring of White 99 and Stardawg — two sativa-leaning hybrids best known for their uplifting effects that help vanquish stress, anxiety, fatigue and that increasingly common feeling of quarantine blues.

Experience is strongly advised for this invigorating blend; I'd imagine paranoia and anxiety could actually be a side effect for the novice stoner. For me, it was the perfect way to get myself up early on a Sunday morning and complete a lengthy to-do list of house chores before breakfast.

This floral blend has a bright and sweet citrusy smell and an earthy taste with just the right amount of spice. “A hint of gas can,” as advertised, is another fitting description for this strain. That subtle, pine-like flavor is the perfect combination to help dull down the tangier lemon notes.

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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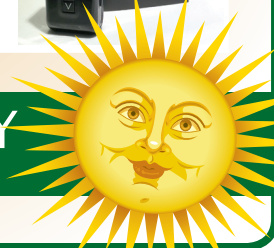
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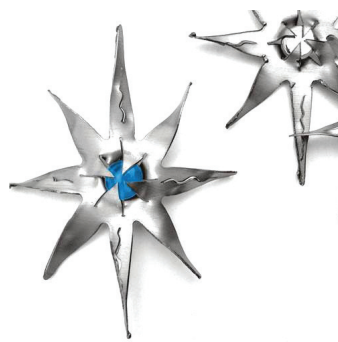
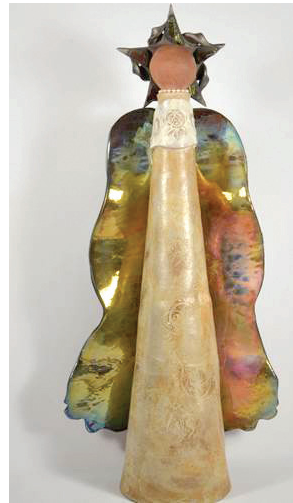
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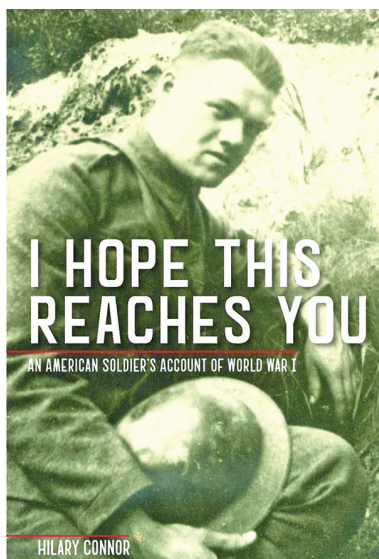
Byron Field's life in the Western Front trenches of World War I

By **BILL CASTANIER**

When Elizabeth Field Connor discovered her grandfather's army footlocker from World War I while digging through her father's musty basement, she had no idea the treasures and mysteries it would unleash. It wasn't long before the old metal box took Elizabeth and her husband, Hilary Connor, on an adventure.

The trunk, belonging to Byron Field, was a treasure chest of WWI ephemera. It contained dozens of war letters written from a woman who was unknown to the rest of his family; a yellowed-diary; hundreds of postcards from European cities and hundreds of letters Field had sent from the battlefield to his parents and his college sweetheart.

Elizabeth Field Connor's grandfather was a saver and a collector. She had never known her grandfather well, and last tried to connect with him in a letter she sent on the last Christmas before his death. She inquired how he was and what he would like for Christmas. She received no answer and he died seven weeks later. The letter was among the items contained in the trunk. She believes the trunk is his "belated



answer."

Hilary Connor, an investigative prosecutor and mystery writer, decided to research the life of his wife's grandfather and see if a book was a possibility.

The contents of the army-green trunk brought her grandfather's story to life. In May 1917, the 19-year-old Field took a train from Jackson to Detroit to enlist in the Army as a member of the 168th Ambulance Co. in the 42nd Infantry

Division. Known as the Rainbow Division, it saw intense action in the WWI trenches.

Field, at the time of his enlistment, had just finished his freshman year at Albion, where he was studying to be a Methodist missionary. He attended Albion with his girlfriend, Estelle Corzine, whom he would write more than 180 letters to during WWI.

The research resulted in Hilary Connor's new book, "I Hope This Reaches You." It provides historical details about what caused the United States' entrance into the war — including information about the sinking of the RMS Lusitania and the infamous Zimmerman memo. The book also details Field's boot camp experience at Camp Grayling, and his agonizing and terrifying ocean crossing to France, which took him through the heart of the German submarine hunting grounds.

The book explains that after landing in Saint-Nazaire, the command would be put in a hurry up and wait mode as Field and his company slowly made their way to the Western Front.

The more gruesome details of war are told in Field's 238-page diary, which recalls German shelling and deadly gas attacks. Hilary Connor said Field's letters to Corzine and his family avoided details of the danger faced by the ambulance corps.

"He intentionally left out any worrisome details," he said.

The work of putting the life of Field in context with WWI and its lingering impact on American society was the perfect task for Hilary Connor. Not only has he written his own mystery series, but he also served as an investigative prosecutor in Philadelphia, where he covered major cases — including the Philadelphia Archdiocese pedophilia investigation. In addition, he was a

police officer in Newark for five years.

"In a biography of this type, you have to make assumptions based on evidence," Hilary Connor said. "It's important not to jump to conclusions that lack evidence. The task was similar to what I did for a living as a prosecutor — piecing things together from bits and pieces and then making reasonable inferences."

In addition to Field's WWI experiences, Hilary Connor also tracked his post-war education and his professional career, which was exemplary until he fell into protracted alcoholism. The condition dogged him his entire life, resulting in many short-lived jobs — including a stint as a personnel director at Oldsmobile in Lansing.

Hilary Connor surmises that Field's social problems were due to his experiences during WWI.

"Field came back from the war changed. There was a hard edge to him," he said.

That edge may have partially led to the breakup between Corzine and Field.

In addition to being a war biography, the book is also a love story between Corzine and Field. In the epilogue, Hilary Connor details that in 1969, Corzine contacted Field's son to arrange the delivery of Field's letters to his family. More than 50 years later, the letters exchanged between the young sweethearts were reunited and stored in a trunk that would hold their secrets for another 50 years, until its faithful discovery by Elizabeth Field Connor.

In an emotional moment, Elizabeth Field Connor and Hilary Connor visit Corzine's daughter, Martha, and learn that Corzine sent all of Field's items to his son but withheld a silver-etched locket containing Field's photograph. Corzine's daughter relays how often she saw her mother wearing it — fleeting moments of love reunited.

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"UR Here"--as if it isn't obvious.
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Across

- 11 of 100 still being finalized in D.C.
- 4 Company with "counting sheep" ads
- 9 Beginning (of the hour)
- 12 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author Jean
- 14 It may have a big impact
- 15 "___ Been Thinking About You" (1991 Londonbeat song)
- 16 Greetings from trained bears?
- 18 Shirt marker
- 19 "Can you wait just a freaking minute?!"
- 20 It had a baby face in "Teletubbies"
- 21 Escapees from Pandora's box
- 22 "George of the Jungle" creature
- 23 "___ and Juice"
- 25 California ballplayer
- 27 Burn a little
- 29 Modern, to Merkel
- 31 Annoying
- 34 Deployed with alacrity?
- 37 "The Princess and the Frog" princess
- 40 Heavy metal singer Ronnie James ___
- 41 Pronounce
- 42 Way to keep your spiky sea creatures fastened?
- 45 City that shares Seattle's airport
- 46 "The King and I" actor Brynner
- 47 Chaka who sang "I Feel for You"
- 51 Discharges
- 53 Back-to-school mo.
- 55 Fertility clinic supply

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- 56 Disinfectant sheet
- 58 Burj Khalifa's loc.
- 60 Alloy containing tin
- 62 Bug that might bug you in the kitchen
- 63 Tool to help build a city?
- 65 Descend diagonally
- 66 Battleship blasts
- 67 "The Flintstones" pet
- 68 What Portland went back to recently
- 69 Printer's excess
- 70 Animal in "Jack and the Beanstalk"
- 7 Polish site
- 8 "___ longa, vita brevis"
- 9 Golf ball brand
- 10 Like the head of a tennis racket
- 11 Lite-Brite bulbs, really
- 13 "Hamilton" creator ___Manuel Miranda
- 14 Asking for a tiny bit of fish, maybe?
- 17 December cartonful
- 21 Siberia's neighbor on a Risk board
- 24 Lists of basics
- 26 Shrivel
- 28 Hurry back, perhaps
- 30 Cohesiveness
- 32 "Born," in some notices
- 33 E. Berlin was its capital
- 35 "Army of Darkness" director Sam
- 36 Donut, mathematically
- 37 Boy king of Egypt
- 38 Levin who wrote "Rosemary's Baby"
- 39 Be resigned to one's fate
- 43 Quick learner
- 44 Hebrew alphabet starters
- 48 It'll pick up the faintest of noises
- 49 Oat-based skin product brand
- 50 Like some margins
- 52 Weasel cousin
- 54 Shepherd's pie bit
- 56 Paper nest builder
- 57 Calligrapher's supply
- 59 Icicle lights locale
- 61 2000s Iraq war subject, briefly
- 63 Charging port, maybe
- 64 "Mmmhmm" motion55 Rum ___ Tigger ("Cats" cat)

Down

- 1 People get steamed there
- 2 One side of "the pond"
- 3 Arizona alternative
- 4 Fix a button
- 5 HHH, in Greek
- 6 Accelerate

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Answers Page 21

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Answers on page 21

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

Nov. 25-Dec 1, 2020

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "A little too much is just enough for me," joked poet and filmmaker Jean Cocteau. I suspect that when he said that, he was in a phase similar to the one you're in now. I bet he was experiencing a flood of creative ideas, pleasurable self-expressions, and loving breakthroughs. He was probably right to risk going a bit too far, because he was learning so much from surpassing his previous limitations and exploring the frontiers outside his comfort zone. Now here's your homework, Aries: Identify two actions you could take that fit the profile I've described here.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Biologists believe that no tree can grow more than 436 feet tall. As much as an individual redwood or spruce or mountain ash might like to sprout so high that it doesn't have to compete with other trees for sunlight, gravity is simply too strong for it to pump enough water up from the ground to its highest branches. Keep that in mind as a useful metaphor during the next ten months, Taurus. Your assignment is to grow bigger and taller and stronger than you ever have before—and know when you have reached a healthy level of being bigger and stronger and taller.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I haven't felt the savory jolt of bacon in my mouth since I was 15, when I forever stopped eating pigs. I still remember that flavor with great fondness, however. I've always said I'd love to find a loophole that would allow me to enjoy it again. And then today I found out about a kind of seaweed that researchers at Oregon State University say tastes like bacon and is healthier than kale. It's a new strain of a red marine algae called dulse. If I can track it down online, I'll have it for breakfast soon. I bring this to your attention, Gemini, because I suspect that you, too, are primed to discover a fine new substitute—something to replace a pleasure or resource that is gone or taboo or impossible. What could it be?

CANCER (June 21-July 22): By age 49, Cancerian author Norman Cousins had been struck with two debilitating diseases. His physicians gave him a one in 500 chance of recovery. He embarked on a series of unconventional attempts to cure himself, including "laugh therapy" and positive self-talk, among others. They worked. He lived lustily for another 26 years, and wrote several books about health and healing. So perhaps we should pay attention to his belief that "each patient carries his own doctor inside him"—that at least some of our power to cure ourselves resides in inner sources that are not understood or accredited by traditional medicine. This would be a valuable hypothesis for you to consider and test in the coming weeks, Cancerian. (Caveat: But don't stop drawing on traditional medicine that has been helping you.)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In accordance with astrological rhythms, I'm giving you permission to be extra regal and majestic in the coming weeks. You have a poetic license to be a supremely royal version of yourself, even to the point of wearing a jeweled crown and purple silk robe. Would you prefer a gold scepter with pearls or a silver scepter with rubies? Please keep in mind, though, that all of us non-Leos are hoping you will be a noble and benevolent sovereign who provides enlightened leadership and bestows generous blessings. That kind of behavior will earn you the right to enjoy more of these lofty interludes in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In the coming weeks, I will refer to you as The Rememberer. Your task will be to deepen and refine your relationship with the old days and old ways—both your own past and the pasts of people you care about most. I hope you will take advantage of the cosmic rhythms to reinvigorate your love for the important stories that have defined you and yours. I trust you will devote treasured time to reviewing in detail the various historical threads that give such rich meaning to your web of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Those who build walls are their own prisoners," wrote Libran author Ursula K. Le Guin. She continued, "I'm going to fulfill my proper function in the social organism. I'm going to unbuild walls." I hope that sounds appealing to you, Libra. Unbuilding walls is my first choice for your prime assignment in the coming weeks. I'd love to see you create extra spaciousness and forge fertile connections. I'll be ecstatic if you foster a rich interplay of diverse influences. If you're feeling super-plucky, you might even help unbuild walls that your allies have used to half-trap themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "If you can't help me grow, there's no point with you being in my life." Singer and actress Jill Scott said that. In my view, Scorpios may be the only sign of the zodiac that can assert such a sentiment with total sincerity and authority. For many of the other tribes, it might seem harsh or unenforceable, but for you it's exactly right—a robust and courageous truth. In addition to its general rightness, it's also an especially apt principle for you to wield right now. The coming weeks will be a potent time to catalyze deep learning and interesting transformations in concert with your hearty allies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "You live best as an appreciator of horizons, whether you reach them or not." Those words from poet David Whyte would be a perfect motto for you to write out on a piece of paper and tape to your bathroom mirror or your nightstand for the next 30 years. Of all the tribes in the zodiac, you Sagittarians are most likely to thrive by regularly focusing on the big picture. Your ability to achieve small day-by-day successes depends on how well you keep the long-range view in mind. How have you been doing lately with that assignment? In the coming weeks, I suspect you could benefit from hiking to the top of a mountain—or the metaphorical equivalent—so you can enjoy seeing as far as you can see.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sensible Capricorn author E. M. Forster (1879-1970) said, "Passion does not blind. No. Passion is sanity." That's the opposite of what many poets and novelists have asserted down through the ages, which is that passion isn't truly passion unless it renders you half-crazy, driven by obsession, and subject to delusion and irrationality. But in offering you counsel in this horoscope, I'm aligning myself with Forster's view. For you in the coming weeks, Capricorn, passion will help you see clearly and keep you mentally healthy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Alpine swifts are small birds that breed in Europe during the summer and then migrate long distance to Africa for the winter. Ornithologists were shocked when they discovered that at least some of these creatures fly for more than 200 days without ever once landing on the ground. They're not always flapping their wings—sometimes they glide—but they manage to do all their eating and drinking and sleeping and mating in mid-air. Metaphorically speaking, I think it's important for you to *not* act like the alpine swifts in the coming months, dear Aquarius. Please plan to come all the way down to earth on a regular basis.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There's substantial evidence that when people talk to themselves out loud in the midst of doing a task, they improve their chances of succeeding at the task. Have you ever heard athletes giving themselves verbal encouragement during their games and matches? They're using a trick to heighten their performance. In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to experiment with this strategy in the coming weeks. Increase your brainpower by regularly offering yourself encouraging, supportive instructions. It's fine if you just sort of whisper them, but I'd love it if now and then you also belted them.

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TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

THE BOB SEGER YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW



The Bob Seger System circa 1969.



Bob Seger & the Last Heard during the mid-'60s.



2018's "Heavy Music: The Complete Cameo Recordings 1966-1967" LP.

A look at the Michigan legend's earliest, out-of-print recordings

Depending on which Michigander you talk to, Bob Seger is either Michigan-rock royalty or a dad-rock dud. His long string of mainstream hits throughout the 1970s and '80s made the Ann Arbor native an international star. Just last year, the bearded troubadour played his farewell tour in sold-out venues across the country. His setlist was, not surprisingly, stacked with his radio standards like "Main Street," "Turn the Page," "We've Got Tonight" and "Hollywood Nights," among other chart toppers.

Sure, those tunes have become Michigan anthems for some. Seger's lyrics often paint a familiar picture for locals. In his signature song, "Night Moves," he croons: "Out past the cornfields where the woods got heavy / Out in the back seat of my '60 Chevy." It doesn't get much more Michigan than that. But, obviously, that song, and his others, touched a nerve far beyond the backwoods of our home state. To date, Segar, 75, has sold over 75 million records across the globe.

But for those who grew up on the singer/songwriter during the 1960s, they likely recall a much different Seger. Starting in the early-'60s, a mop-topped Seger played venues and teen clubs across the state. At the same time, he recorded piles of locally-produced garage rock 45s—none of which sound like his now-

classic hits. Of course, back then, he was fresh out of high school and still finding his sound. But for those who prefer a punk edge, and are quick to dismiss Seger as a generic FM radio rocker, I'd suggest they dig a little deeper into his discography. (Full disclosure: I appreciate all eras of Seger's career to varying degrees).

Pre-stardom Seger starts in the early '60s, with his earliest bands: The Decibels and The Town Criers. These pre-Beatles groups offered up a more late-'50s style rock 'n roll and are beyond obscure. The 1961 acetate of soulful pop tune "The Lonely One," by The Decibels is the ultimate find for Seger fans. It's streamed nowhere and few copies exist. While it's a bit rudimentary, the single features a 16-year old Seger on lead vocals and, shockingly, his trademark husky voice was already showing through.

After spending the first half of the '60s gigging around the state, he ultimately formed Bob Seger & the Last Heard and also met up with his manager, Punch Andrews—whom he still works with to this day. Together, the two produced a stack of singles for Hideout (a Detroit imprint) and Cameo-Parkway Records (a notable Philly-based label).

By 1966, after countless shows and some local radio exposure, he was a full-on local star after

his "East Side Story" hit No. 1 in Detroit. The fuzzy-n-frantic track also scored Seger his first television performance on "Swingin' Time," a local "American Bandstand"-style program that spotlighted bands of the era. The remarkable black-and-white footage is streamed on YouTube and worth a watch. It's far from his later-era polished hits, but it's some of his best work and is a visual document of the soon-to-be star.

Beyond that, "Persecution Smith" (another 1966 single) is another landmark Michigan-made track. As Seger frantically stabs away a flurry of piercing guitar notes, over it, he also belts out a Dylanesque howl. Its poignant and primal.

Soon after its release, Seger was sharing stages with fellow locals like The Stooges, Alice Cooper and The MC5. Today, that seems like an odd pairing, but back then, Seger's raucous originals fit in just fine on a stage of heavy rockers—his 1967 single "Heavy Music" is proof of that. From there, he also released a series of (now out-of-print) albums that are also essential. From that pre-fame era, only his 1972 LP "Smokin' O.P.'s" album is in print. For years, Seger has refused to re-issue this stockpile of music—often stating that the production level and his voice is not up to snuff. It's bizarre that a musician of his caliber

has so much out-of-print music.

Still, if you search YouTube, you can find all of these albums streamed in full. They're all worth a listen and show the progression of his songwriting ability. Similar to how Elvis Presley's early Sun Records-era singles sound nothing like the King's take of "Kentucky Rain," these early Seger gems show the genesis of Michigan legend: "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man" (1969), "Noah" (1969), "Mongrel" (1970), "Brand New Morning" (1971). From start to finish on this batch of records, you'll hear him evolve from a blistering progressive-rock unit into what became the more refined and dynamic Silver Bullet Band.

Luckily, after years of being shelved, his earliest singles were officially released in 2018 on the "Heavy Music: The Complete Cameo Recordings 1966-1967" LP. I'm sure Seger wasn't pleased about this (as the Cameo release didn't require his permission), but his true fans rejoiced. A proper document of his other out-of-print albums may never happen, so in the meantime, seek out the scuffed up old LPs and enjoy.



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Friday, November 27

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Homemade Bouillon

By ARI LEVAUX

Leftovers season stretches from Thanksgiving until early January. This year, I'm anticipating more leftovers than usual, as the average dinner party will be smaller, but the average turkey will not. Expect a lot of leftovers. For the first couple of leftover meals, you think, it just doesn't get any better than this.

But after a few meals of thawed and reheated turkey, the magic can start to fade. That's when I'll make a batch of leftover turkey dinner bouillon.

Bouillon, whether made from bones, mushrooms, vegetables, or leftover turkey dinner, is basically stock that has been condensed down to a thick, potent state. You may have first encountered bouillon in cube form, although the best retail product currently available is the Better than Bouillon paste, which comes in jars. When I make bouillon at home, Better than Bouillon is the standard to which I aspire.

I use a pasta boiler to make bouillon; in the same manner I use a pasta boiler to make bone stock. I put the bones, meat and veggies in the pasta basket, where they cook and release their goodness into the thickening flavor paste.

And when it's all done and cleaned up, Turkey Dinner Bouillon takes up a lot less freezer space than a bird. And you can use it in many more ways. I add it to instant ramen, or to a pan of mushrooms in butter, or to sautéed garlic to make a sauce for broccoli. Used properly, this (or any homemade bouillon) will add a rich background flavor without stealing the show. And will make people wonder why, exactly, your food tastes so good.

Better than Better than Bouillon

You can make this from a bonafide leftover turkey dinner, or you can make it from scratch. Made with fresh ingredients, it has a certain crisp replicability. Made with leftovers, it has a wild, unique authenticity.

The following ingredients are for making a batch from scratch. Consider this a frame of reference for getting a general idea of the proportions. And I'll follow that with guidance on using actual leftovers to make a Leftover Turkey Dinner Bouillon.



Leftover Turkey Dinner Bouillon From Scratch

A baked chicken, or part of one, including the meat and all the bones, crushed or broken open

Optional: some other meat with a bone, like a pork chop, or a couple of ribs

2 cups coarsely chopped carrots
1 onion, cut into quarters, peels OK
5 sticks of celery, chopped coarsely
5 medium potatoes, cut into quarters
4 large cloves of garlic, whole
4 cups sourdough breadcrumbs

1 pound (or more) fresh cranberries
2 lemons or oranges, cut in half
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped fresh sage, thyme, and rosemary

3 tablespoons olive oil
3 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper to taste

Procedure

Roast the carrots, onions, celery, garlic and potatoes in the butter and oil for 1 hour at 350, covered.

Then, add your ingredients to the upper part of a pasta boiler, to about an inch below the top of the outer — lower — pot. Cook it on an extra-low simmer, a quiet state of steeping that I've heard chefs refer to as the lazy bubble.

Keep it covered, with the lid slightly askew to let out the steam, and let it continue to bubble lazily until the water drops below the bottom level of the pasta boiler, which can take 12-18 hours. Along the way, mash meat, bones, gristle and veggies in pasta basket into a mushy pulp. It will smell increasingly irresistible. Season with salt and pepper. Ladle out some soup to enjoy, garnished with fresh herbs.

As necessary, cool and refrigerate the operation overnight, so as not to risk burning your house down by cooking it



Bouillon from scratch

slowly all night long.

Once the bouillon level drops below the bottom of the pasta basket, remove it. Watch the bouillon level like a hawk. Don't let it drop below an inch of depth.

Making bouillon from real leftovers

Use any meat, including the bone. When possible, crush the bones to let out the marrow. Use every other part of the animal too, including muscle, fat, gristle, gizzards and skin.

Add any stuffing, gravy or pan drippings you can. But skip those green beans, and all greenery for that matter. No broccoli, Brussels sprouts, zucchini, cabbage or even kale. Celery and herbs are the only green things permitted in

Leftover Turkey Dinner Bouillon. But once the bouillon is done, by all means use it to cook the greens.

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