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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

HELLO, OFFICERS! I'M HERE TO HELP RESOLVE THE SITUATION WITH THESE LAWLESS RIOTERS!

I WAS SO INSPIRED BY THAT HEROIC YOUNG MAN IN KENOSHA! NOT TO MENTION THAT BRAVE ST. LOUIS GUN COUPLE FROM THE R.N.C. WHO PROBABLY INSPIRED HIM!

I'M A RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST, COMPLETELY UNANSWERABLE TO ANY CHAIN OF COMMAND! I'M HERE TO TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS--JUST LIKE IN THE MOVIES!

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NEVERTHELESS--I'M A WHITE GUY WITH A GUN.

WELL, I THINK WE KNOW ALL WE NEED TO KNOW!

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CAN WE GET YOU SOME WATER? MAYBE A SNACK?

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NEWS & OPINION

New EL mayor shows courage

East Lansing's new mayor, Aaron Stephens, got off to a good start as the city's top dog by showing the kind of courageous leadership we'd love to see in more of our region's elected officials. Rather than simply deferring to the state and local health departments, Mayor Stephens issued an emergency order of his own that requires masks to be worn both indoors and outdoors in the city's downtown business district. A week later, the East Lansing City Council affirmed and extended the mayor's decree. It's a smart move at a time when East Lansing is bracing for the return of at least some MSU students and the likelihood that they will set off a surge in COVID-19 infections. Keep up the good work, Mayor Stephens.



Stephens

What took so long?

We were pleased and frankly a little shocked to see the East Lansing City Council appoint two highly qualified African Americans to fill the vacancies created by the unexpected resignations of former Council members



Watson

Bacon

Mark Meadows and Ruth Baier, both of whom are white. Ron Bacon and Dana Watson become the first Black city residents to serve on the Council in a half century. We have to ask: What took so long? It's not as though there are no Black people in East Lansing. Bacon and Watson are both deeply engaged in their community and bring a fresh perspective to the Council. We look forward to their contributions and hope they will run for full terms at the next city election.

The Good: Schor scores BWL budget help

The City of Lansing's financial struggles will be a bit less taxing thanks to an agreement inked in June between the city and the Lansing Board of Water & Light that increases the utility's return on equity payment to the city for the next two fiscal years. Mayor Schor deserves credit for negotiating the deal, which will enhance the city's bottom line by nearly \$2 million

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in Fiscal Year 2021, which started July 1, and again in Fiscal Year 2022. The extra cash will help cushion the blow of COVID-related financial distress that is expected to wreak havoc on the city budget over the next few years. The agreement includes a provision that will bring the city even more money if the BWL sees unexpected growth in revenues derived from water, steam and energy sales.



The Bad: Racial equity gag order unwise

We were disappointed to learn that Mayor Schor is asking the members of his new Racial Justice and Equity Alliance to sign a confidentiality agreement that would prohibit them from publicly discussing matters under consideration by the group. We understand the argument that secrecy enables more candid conversation, but it's not a good look for city government. Although the alliance is not technically covered by the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, secretly deliberating on some of the most vital and contentious issues facing the community only serves to amplify the mistrust that already permeates the relationship between city government and racial justice advocacy groups. Transparency matters now more than ever. Allowing the public to see and participate in the proceedings builds the trust and buy-in that are essential to healing wounds and moving forward together as a community. We encourage Mayor Schor to abandon the confidentiality agreements.



The Ugly: Overnight parking permits flop

After struggling for months to devise a sensible plan

to regulate overnight parking in Lansing, the City Council created a permit system that would allow city residents to purchase an overnight parking pass. Fewer than six months



after the new permit system was implemented, the city is now considering scrapping it altogether and moving to lift the longstanding prohibition on 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. overnight parking on city streets. We support lifting the parking ban, but we also recognize that it will be more difficult to clean up after a major snow storm due to vehicles left overnight on city streets. To make it work, the city will have to be more forceful in asking residents to remove cars from the street to facilitate overnight plowing and ramp up ticketing and towing of vehicles that interfere with plowing operations. The city's flipping and flopping on this issue highlights yet again the lack of decisive leadership that continues to bedevil the mayor and Council. We also hope the repeal of the parking permit system comes with a refund for those who purchased the soon-to-be-useless permits at \$125 a pop. We suggest a full refund as a goodwill gesture to those citizens who wasted their time doing their part.

Cover Your Damn Nose

OK, people, this isn't hard. When wearing a mask, cover your damn nose. Research indicates that 90 percent of your breathing volume passes through the two nostrils located immediately north of your mouth. Wearing a mask that only covers your piehole is like wearing no mask at all. While we're at it, if you're a fan of masks with outflow vents that make exhaling easier, you're also part of the problem. Such vents are typically unfiltered and allow the pathogens in your breath to escape into the wild, which defeats the major purpose of wearing a mask in the first place. The sooner we all start following the rules, the faster we will get COVID under control and return to some semblance of normalcy.



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Please limit them to 250 words

Blue Brigade working for turnout in 'most important election in my life'

By **JACK G. DEVINE**

(The writer lives in Dimondale.)

Until now the most important election in my life was my first. It was 1968, and I was stationed in Thailand. Of the roughly 3,500 Americans stationed with me, about 800 voted.



Devine

Thousands of lives were at stake, but the carnage continued for seven more years. Now we have lost more than 180,000 lives to a virus because of a failure of leadership at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

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Today our government and our society are under attack from the Chaos Administration. The damage being done is real. Whether it is the absolute fecklessness to stop Russia from paying bounties on the killing of members of the U.S. Armed Forces, or the deployment of a new version of the Gestapo & SS, it will take years to repair and rebuild governance based upon competence and mutual respect. That is why this election is now the most important in my life, and why I am working with, among others, a marvelous group known as the Blue Brigade.

It is a Lansing area group of women who are willing to do the grinding grass roots work of politics. Whether it is getting petitions signed, making campaign calls, raising money, or knocking on doors the Blue Brigade is there to help reasonable and rational people get elected. This year is different for reasons known to us all.

Subsequently, the Blue Brigade will motivate the electorate through a virtual VOTE Michigan Rally on September 12, 2020, that will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Thereafter, the rally will be available for viewing until Nov. 3. For more details visit their website at VoteMichiganRally.com.

The rally will feature Robert Reich, a former labor secretary under President Clinton; U.S. Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow; U.S.

Rep. Elissa Slotkin, State Rep. Sarah Anthony, and many more. There will be a tribute to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and to the first-line workers for keeping us safe during the pandemic. Also participating are Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and friends of Bernie Sanders. Among the many musicians involved are locals Root Doctor and singer Sunny Wilkinson.

We must all be aware that complacency in the face of such dictatorial behavior is surrender. We must not surrender to someone controlled by Putin. Recent reports demonstrate not only how he is Putin's puppy, but also Putin's partner, and practically Putin's agent. What is being discussed during their numerous phone conversations? Responsible presidencies have followed the Presidential Records Act — which mandates the preservation of all presidential records. Where are the summaries of those conversations? What has been promised to Putin?

The Chaos Administration hides its behavior in "secrecy" when taking such actions as when it was extorting Ukraine while Russia was killing Ukrainians. It fires inspectors general without cause. It removes U.S. attorneys when it suits its fancy. And it "classifies" investigations into such demeaning behavior as trying to force the British to move a golf tournament to property owned by the president. The levels of corruption are many and we will be learning about them for years to come.

Each of us has a personal responsibility to stand against such a freak show. It is like a soap opera that has direct effects on our lives. I challenge every fellow citizen/voter to know as much about the workings of our government as they know about their favorite sports team. It will go a long way to getting us on the path of decency.

As a Vietnam veteran, a political scientist and a retired civil servant, I urge all of you not only to watch the VOTE Michigan Rally, but to also get your friends and family to do the same. And, of course, to vote and save our democracy from the fascists, the fools, and the crooks.

LETTERS to the editor

Vote like it counts ... it does

What an opportunity to express yourself through your vote. After all, voting is a right. The time in the voting booth, filling out your ballot at home, dropping it off at a designated drop box, or sending it by mail is minimal compared to what it will mean to our democracy. So, do yourself and your country a favor ... take a moment of your time and vote like it is as important as it really is.

Chris Tarpoff
East Lansing

Working for peace — all year long

Greater Lansing is heading into a month of events that will recognize the annual United Nations International Day of Peace, which is on Sept. 21.

PeaceQuest Greater Lansing 2020 will highlight the efforts of individuals, organizations and governments that take action to end conflict and promote peace — and encourage others to do the same.

This year marks the 72nd anniversary of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, affirming the individual rights of all people. It was adopted on Dec. 10, 1948, by member states of the United Nations, including the United States.

The Greater Lansing United Nations Association (gluna.org), which held International Day of Peace events for decades, was joined in 2014 by several other organizations that also work to promote peace locally and globally. So "PeaceQuest Greater Lansing" was formed and has since grown to be a month of events — all in September — with a focus on peace.

PeaceQuest 2020 is planned by the representatives of the following organizations: Greater Lansing United Nations Association, Peace Education

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Center, Intercultural Association of Michigan, St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services, Presbyterian Church of Okemos and Red Cedar Friends.

Of course, we must all act year-round to build peace in our world — and each one of us has the ability to do that. This month can provide the impetus.

This year's PeaceQuest will feature a number of events. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many of them will be virtual or remote. Among the planned events: The popular Peace Pole Pursuit, a peace-themed outdoor poetry reading, virtual seminars and discussions, virtual sing-alongs, a class on how to make a peace pole, film presentations, and many others.

See the full calendar of events and details at <https://peacequestgreaterlansing.org/>.

After September, greater Lansing must continue individually and organizationally to take actions that build peace in our community and globally.

CALL your representatives — local, state and national — to tell them what you as their constituent want them to support.

DISPLAY signs and/or peace poles that encourage peaceful actions.

JOIN and SUPPORT organizations that are involved in peace efforts.

And, most importantly, VOTE. Vote for people who will support the rights of our citizens, strive for justice and equity, and guide the United States in welcoming refugees who are forced to leave dangerous situations.

This list of actions continues as well. Do all that you can do!

LYNN BARTLEY
(The writer is the president of the Greater Lansing United Nations Association.)

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By BERL SCHWARTZ



Photo by Nicole Rico

The brave or the foolish: MSU students return

As classes resume at Michigan State University, downtown East Lansing offered a modified summer look. The vast majority of the student body opted to stay put rather than live on or off campus for their virtual fall semester. East Lansing Mayor Aaron Stephens (back to the camera) attempts to convince coeds walking on Albert Avenue Saturday night to don masks, a requirement mandated by the City Council in downtown's core. (For more on this story, see P. 8.)



Randy Talifarro 2012-2018 Michael Tobin Acting: 2018, 2019, 2020 David Purchase Acting: 2018-2019 Mike Mackey 2019-2020 2020-

Musical chairs at Lansing Fire Department

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor brought back a former Fire Department chief, Greg Martin, while he searches – again – for a permanent replacement. Schor hired Floridian Mike Mackey just last year to replace Randy Talifarro, who quit in 2018 and a year later blasted the mayor for alleged racism. Mackey announced his decision soon after seven current and former city employees jointly sued the mayor, the city and the firefighters' union, claiming they were victims of racial bias. Mackey said his return to family in Florida is just coincidence, even though most of the plaintiffs, including Talifarro, are or were working for the Fire Department and another firefighter, Michael Lynn, has a separate suit against the city.

Lansing schools delay opening

More than 10,000 children have an extra week's vaca-



tion after the Lansing School District postponed opening day to Tuesday, Sept. 8. They were set to return virtually, but an employee tested positive who had been in a number of buildings setting up learning labs. While students were to remain at home, plans for faculty to offer instruction from school buildings were postponed to allow for yet another deep cleaning. Superintendent Sam Sinicropi said the delay might have happened anyway because of a shortage of laptops and other digital equipment that the district is supplying students.

Last excuse for not exercising nearing end

Look for Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to allow gyms in Mid-Michigan soon to reopen soon, along with movie theaters, bowling alleys and related venues, subject to mask wearing and social distancing. The governor allowed them to reopen in other regions in June but, based on COVID-19 cases, has kept them off limits in central and south Michigan.



In other pandemic-related news:

— Sparrow Health System reportedly is not going to follow new federal guidelines that recommend not testing those who remain asymptomatic after being exposed to the virus.

— Whitmer attacked a U.S. Justice Department demand for information on COVID-related incidents at nursing homes. She labeled it "political" because the only states singled out are all run by Democratic governors. The governor said Michigan will comply.

— Another milestone: Michigan will reduce reporting COVID-19 cases and fatalities to six days a week from seven, starting Sunday. "At this time, reporting on Sunday rather than Monday is not critical to our understanding of the virus," said Robert Gordon, director of the state Health and Human Resources Department. "This change will allow staff who have not had a real day off since February to get some relief and allow the department to prioritize more valuable data reporting, including school outbreak information."

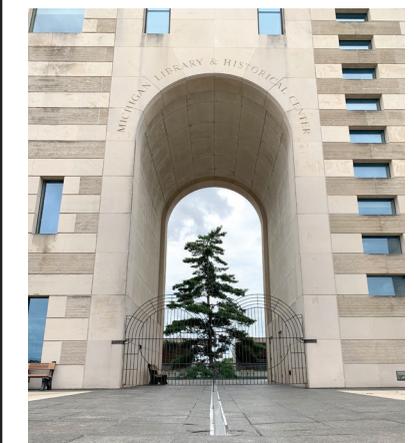


Last month's Eye for Design was identified correctly by Anson Grimes as the Michigan Library and Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St. (picture below) in downtown Lansing. The gates, which were the detail featured, rest beneath the recognizable arch, and can best be seen from the opposite side of the building along Allegan Street.

This month's Eye for Design can also be found in downtown Lansing. The stained-glass window, which is likely original to the late 19th-century structure, is set into the Ionia sandstone exterior wall. On a recent day, the awning-style window was open. Its tilt design protects the interior from rain.

If you know where this Eye for Design can be found, email carrie-sampson@micourthistory.org and you could win an Eye for Design mug.

— CARRIE SAMPSON



"Eye for Design" is our look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates each with Eye candy of the Week and Eyesore of the Week.

MSU students off to quiet start amid pandemic

East Lansing mayor 'cautiously optimistic' after low-key Welcome Weekend

East Lansing Mayor Aaron Stephens has never seen such a quiet Welcome Weekend at Michigan State University. And he knows that things can get rowdy. It was only three years ago that he was a student there himself, running for election in a shared apartment on Kedzie Street.

By chance, he returned to his old digs on Saturday night, this time as a 24-year-old mayor helping guide a city of nearly 50,000 residents (and thousands more college students) through a global health crisis. Music blared from the backyard, echoing down the otherwise silent street.

"Let's just hope it's another house," Stephens said before he pulled off a rubber glove, shuffled a box of disposable face masks beneath his arm and squinted concerningly into his cellphone.



Photo by Nicole Rico

Stephens

I invited myself to tag along with Stephens as he patrolled East Lansing Saturday night to ensure that MSU students who still live near campus were off to a safe and socially distant semester. His main purpose: Pass out face masks and remind residents about a new mayoral order that they be worn while both indoors and outdoors across



Photo by Nicole Rico

East Lansing Mayor Aaron Stephens hands out disposable face masks to party goers in downtown East Lansing on Saturday night of Welcome Weekend.

much of the downtown business district.

Stephens pointed out his old bedroom windows as he approached his old house. A swarm of green and white

shirts was flowing down the dimly lit sidewalk. The music was growing louder.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING East Lansing Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held to consider a site plan and special use permit application from 3225 West Road, LLC to build two new buildings; a four-story, 107-room hotel, and a 4,015 sq. ft. medical marijuana provisioning center. The property is zoned RA, Residential Agricultural District.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider a lot split application from 3225 West Road, LLC, for the property located at 3225 West Road to create two parcels from the existing 4.50-acre property which is located in the RA, Residential Agricultural District.
3. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1477, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Use District Map of Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the Code of the City of East Lansing to rezone the property at 3225 West Road from RA, Residential Agricultural District, to B-4, Restricted Office Business District.
4. A public hearing will be held to consider an application to modify a site plan and special use permit from Gateway of East Lansing, LLC for the property at 300 West Grand River Avenue to convert retail space on the first floor to six dwelling units. The property is zoned B-2, Retail Sales Business District.

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. These matters will be on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting after the public hearing is held, at which time the Commission may vote on them. The Planning Commission's recommendations are then placed on the agenda of the next City Council meeting. The City Council will make the final decision on these applications.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should write or call the Planning Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 319-6930. TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777.

Note: This hearing is currently scheduled to occur as a regular public hearing at the meeting. If, at the time of this hearing meetings are still not permitted under an Executive Order of the Governor and an Executive Order permitting meetings electronically allows for an electronic meeting, this hearing will occur electronically and a notice of the means of participation in that hearing will be published in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and any relevant Executive Orders.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

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Beverly Nettles



former Ingham County Circuit Court Judge and Lansing 54-A District Court Judge invites you to attend the Virtual Hearing in the Matter of her Petition for Reinstatement to practice law in Michigan.

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

You are welcome to attend this hearing to hear why I desire to reinstate my license to practice law so that I can once be a public servant, not in an elective position, but to assist those disproportionately affected by Covid-19, be a civil rights advocate, defense attorney and discuss systemic racism.

The hearing in this matter will be live-streamed on YouTube on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m., before the Livingston County Hearing Panel #1 of the Attorney Discipline Board.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_oGjtuWkm3sfxLwVIYJaw/videos

Or go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in Michigan Attorney Discipline Board Channel One.

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“Well, this doesn’t look all too great,” Stephens said, reaching back for his cellphone.

The Kedzie Street home, in addition to its nostalgic charm for Stephens, was host to one of the more conspicuous parties on Saturday. Most of the other festivities were strikingly calm compared to prior years on campus, but a few had teetered on the cusp of complete chaos.

And in a city that’s already been ordered by the Ingham County Health Department to strictly limit outdoor gatherings to only 25 people, Stephens viewed it as his civil responsibility to head out back, reminisce on good times, count heads and hand out as many face masks as possible.

But even the mayor can’t stop some parties. Stephens walked away minutes later, defeated.

“People are generally responsible, but there needs to be education, guidance and more personal responsibility,” Stephens explained. “It’s hard, but safe decisions have to be made. It just takes one big house party to really kick off the spread and set us all back in East Lansing.”

Fewer than 3,000 students are expected to live on campus this semester as MSU shifts to an almost entirely virtual curriculum. It’s unclear how

many students are living off campus in East Lansing.

Most of the parties Stephens and I visited were casual affairs, and a major departure from usual Welcome Weekend sidewalk crowds. Several 20-somethings played beer pong in a front yard. A dozen people gathered on a front porch to pass around a blunt. Another group dragged a couch on the front yard to play videogames. Most took Stephens’ advice to keep things calm.

“Thanks for not having a giant party,” Stephens called over to a small gathering as we walked.

But for those who balked? Stephens has Police Chief Steve Gonzales on speed dial. As he strolled neighborhoods, he was also shooting off text messages with addresses of homes with the largest crowds and the loudest music — indications of a COVID-19 outbreak in progress.

Gonzales rolled up Kedzie Street in an unmarked SUV to assure Stephens he would send more patrols. All told, East Lansing cops responded to 77 noise complaints over the weekend. Most of them were fairly small and only a few received citations for violating crowd control restrictions.

Gonzales didn’t have an exact count on the number of citations issued this week, but was comfortable Monday labeling the weekend as “significantly less busy than in years past.”

“Of course I feel like a narc,” Stephens

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Photo by Nicole Rico

Stephens also checked in on several crowded and noisy house parties on Saturday to remind students about social distancing and the 25-person limit on outdoor gatherings.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING East Lansing City Council

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

A public hearing will be held to consider a site plan and special use permit application from Neumann/Smith Architecture for the property at the northwest corner of Abbot Road and Albert Avenue (City Parking Lot #4) to construct a seven-story office building, including a MSFCU Branch Credit Union, community space, general office space, leasable tenant spaces, related support and service spaces, and related sitework. The subject property is zoned B-3, City Center Commercial District.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing, prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager’s Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-377.

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Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

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RFP/21/009 Covid-19 Economic Recovery Resource Developer as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept proposals electronically @ the MITN site (www.mitn.info) or 124 W. Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48933 until **2:00 PM** local time in effect on **September 15, 2020**. Complete Specifications and forms required to submit proposals are available by contacting Stephanie Robinson @ 517-483-4128 or stephanie.robinson@lansingmi.gov. #20-201

B/21/011 VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES FOR FY21 as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept sealed bids electronically on line at www.mitn.info or at the City Of Lansing Purchasing Office, at 124 W. Michigan Ave 8TH Fl, Lansing, MI 48933 until **2:00 PM** local time in effect on **September 15, 2020** at which time bids will be opened. Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by contacting **Stephanie Robinson at (517) 483-4128, or stephanie.robinson@lansingmi.gov or go to www.mitn.info**. The City of Lansing encourages bids from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses. #20-202

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS
(In accordance with P.A. 40, of 1956, as amended)

Notice is Hereby Given that a Day of Review will be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please take notice that the meeting will be conducted following the guidelines of Michigan Governor’s Executive Order 154, and all other Executive Orders that may be applicable at the time of the meeting. Due to the requirements in the Executive Orders, the meeting will not be held in person, but instead will be held by remote electronic access. For those seeking to participate through online video conferencing, participants can access the electronic meeting through the following Zoom link:

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In lieu of using the remote electronic access, any interested person may also participate in the meeting by calling the Drain Office at (517) 676-8395 on **September 8, 2020**, at any time from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At that date and Zoom location, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands within Ingham County comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and will determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drain Commissioner will also review the apportionment of benefits for assessment purposes. The Drains are located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description of the lands proposed to be added or deleted, in whole or in part, include the following:

DRAIN NO.	DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION NUMBERS
B 01-00	BANK INTERCOUNTY DRAIN	LANSING TOWNSHIP	7, 18, 19
B 18-00	BRIGGS EXTENSION INTERCOUNTY DRAIN	LANSING TOWNSHIP	7, 18, 19

Maps of the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions may be found on the Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s website (dr.ingham.org).

The Ingham County Drain Commissioner will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the Drainage Districts available to review. Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If Drain assessments are to be collected in installments, they may be paid in full with any interest to date at any time to avoid further interest charges. The entities to be assessed at large are the municipalities listed above, as well as Ingham County for benefit to county roads, and the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for those Drainage Districts that include state highways. The lands to be assessed are those generally described as being within the Sections set forth above.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395, or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision to add or delete property to or from a Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision, and persons aggrieved by the decision with regard to the apportionment of benefits for assessment purposes may appeal to the Ingham County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the Day of Review.

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

#20-197



Photo by Nicole Rico

East Lansing Mayor Aaron Stephens hands out disposable face masks to students at Michigan State University in downtown East Lansing on Saturday night of Welcome Weekend.

Welcome

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said as we walked. “It’s not like I want to be here doing this. It’s just too important right now to stress the importance of staying safe and reinforcing good behaviors. None of us know what this could look like in a few weeks or a few months.”

Stephens was elected to his first City Council term as a junior at MSU in 2017 and was elected by the Council as mayor pro tem in November. He was thrust into the city’s top job this summer following the resignation of Mayor Ruth Beier.

Among Stephens’ first mayoral moves was a mandatory mask policy in the city’s Downtown Development District,

Officials — at least for now — are more focused on education. Gonzales said the only documented violations have all been handled with verbal warnings.

And since Stephens made the rules, he feels an obligation to help ensure they’re followed. His nightly buzzkill patrols also included free disposable face masks for anyone who wanted one.

Most passersby happily accepted them and carried on, either because they were unaware of the mayoral mask mandate or simply because they forgot to bring a face covering with them. A group of motorcyclists briefly pushed back about “constitutional rights” that supposedly allowed them to skirt the pandemic-related safety restrictions, but Stephens wasn’t there to pick a fight.

“It’s actually for your safety as well as mine,” Stephens tried to explain as he was dismissed.

One student (who readily identified himself as a Trump supporter) attempted to explain to Stephens how the coronavirus was a “hoax” and that health department statistics were greatly exaggerated. Stephens entertained the conversation, but only by first having him wear a mask.

Another student ignored Stephens’ outstretched box of masks, shot him a skeptical glance and leaned (not-so-quietly) over to his friend as they passed. “Who’s that douchebag?” he asked.

“Well, maybe that part is true,” Stephens laughed. “But I’m just trying to save lives out here.”

which mirrored on-campus policies at MSU’s campus this fall. Unless dining, medical-ly exempt, or under the age of 5, those without a mask could face a \$25 fine.

No tickets have been issued.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

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Nevaeh L. Bungart
Albert Bungart

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
including: Elisha Hlaski and Albert
Bungart, whose address(es) are
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9/2/2020
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CP#20-205

Slotkin opponent's family business paid workers \$100K over racial slurs

The old family maintenance business of 8th Congressional candidate Paul Junge paid out \$100,000 to three former workers who claimed they were insulted with numerous racial slurs at the workplace and were fired when they complained about it, according to court records.

The revelation comes as Junge has made one of his calling cards during the campaign how his family business created “hundreds of jobs.”

Junge was the business development and division manager at All Star Maintenance in San Diego, Calif., his father's business from 1995-2000, and is not mentioned directly in the suit involving three former employees, Warren McCowan, Johnny Luna and Steve Guerrero.

The suit in U.S. District Court in New Mexico was concluded in 2002 after Junge had left the business to pursue a career in TV journalism. However, back in 1998, All Star Maintenance was hired to paint residences at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

McCowan, Luna and Guerrero, all of Hispanic heritage but who lived in New Mexico, claimed they were fired for complaining about the discrimination they endured while working in the hostile environment.

They claimed they were “repeatedly” referred to by one All Star Maintenance carpenter as “sp*cs,” “stupid fucking Mexicans,” “burrito eating mother fuckers,” and “south-of-the-border friends.” Another All Star employee on the job site referred to an African American colleague as a “stupid (n-word).” Others testified that they, too, heard the offensive language.

Although the All Star employee handbook from 1996 calls for a racial harassment-free workplace, the field manager conceded in court that he didn't do enough to spot the offensive comments. Instead, when McCowan, Luna and Guerrero complained, he fired them, according to court records. As a result, the court in 2002 ordered that all three be paid \$15,000 for enduring the hostile work environment and \$20,000 each for being fired for complaining. All Star later paid out another \$100,000 later to cover the former employees' attorney



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fees.

Republicans could question the relevance of the charge seeing Junge's debatable connection to an event that happened 22 years ago. They could note that, for example, that incumbent U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, worked for the CIA when it was allegedly waterboarding detainees.

“Paul had no knowledge of this incident, or even the court case until a reporter brought it to his attention,” a Junge campaign spokesperson said. “Paul opposes racial discrimination of any kind, and believes we must come together as a nation to confront not only bigotry and hate, but also the violent riots that have perverted the cause of equality.”

However, it's Junge who brought up his family company's prolific job-creating record into the debate. In fact, Junge's first TV advertisement leads with this.

“I'm Paul Junge. I served as a prosecutor and helped build my family's business, creating jobs” are the first words Junge says in the ad.

Democrats could argue that if the Republican nominee wants to own All Star's record, he's got to take the bad with the good.

The court case had yet to make the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's research book on Junge that MIRS found online online. A DCCC spokesperson declined comment on the settlement.

Speaking of the TV ads, Junge made a \$100,000 buy this week to air his positive, get-to-know-you, 30-second spot in the Detroit and Lansing broadcast and cable markets.

His press release includes this jab at the first-term incumbent: “These are challenging times, and unlike Elissa Slotkin's partisan liberal record of voting with Nancy Pelosi 96% of the time, I will put politics aside and put America first.”

By comparison, Slotkin, has \$3.2 million in ad time reserved up for the remainder of the election, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network. She announced her second General Election ad over the weekend, which focused on her efforts to produce personal protection medical equipment in Michigan.

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

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, via ZOOM Conferencing, Meeting ID 840 5989 1689 for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by by amending Section 890.01, to reform guidelines for poverty exemptions for real property and to remove true cash value of a principal residence as a criteria for eligibility, consistent with state law.

Governor Whitmer declared a statewide State of Emergency due to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders and this State's health care system and other critical infrastructure, it is crucial that all Michiganders take steps to-limit in-person contact, particularly in the context of large groups. Therefore, the public hearing will be conducted via audio/video conference.

The public hearing will be electronically in accordance with the Open Meetings Act in an effort to protect the health and safety of the public. A Michigan Executive Order provides temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings. Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may do so by logging into or calling into the meetings using the website or phone number and Meeting ID provided on the August 31, 2020 meeting agenda. (Note: this option requires downloading Zoom software. If you have not already installed the software, this may take a few minutes)

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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Brace yourself: The students aren't coming

By SKYLER ASHLEY and COLE TUNNINGLEY

EAST LANSING — In the midst of a skeletal Welcome Week following Michigan State University's decision to keep classes entirely online, downtown East Lansing businesses are staring down the prospect of shopping doldrums that extend far beyond the summer months. Factor in a canceled football season and suddenly business owners are looking at a year in which they will have to hustle harder than ever.

"As a business that caters almost exclusively to the university — I sell green and white stuff and I sell college textbooks — I go where the university goes. If the university's not open, I'm not open," said Greg Ballein, manager and co-owner of Student Book Store.

Student Book Store is one of many shops located smack dab on Grand River Avenue, the main shopping strip of East Lansing. Ballein's store not only normally attracts thousands of students in need of textbooks, but it also entices passersby with its Spartan-flavored merchandise. Ballein says he can't overemphasize how important it is for him to capitalize on the open-

ing rush of a new semester.

"The consequences to downtown are going to be devastating. There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. It's going to be overwhelming for



Ballein



Strange Matter Coffee closed its downtown Lansing location on Washington Square (right) last week, but the local chain is still offering curbside sales and deliveries from its cafe on East Michigan Avenue (left).

some businesses, and they're just not going to make it," he said. "The lack of people downtown is devastating and beyond noticeable."

Officials at Michigan State University said they only expect 2,800 students to live on campus, down from about 14,500 students in a typical year. But City Manager George Lahanas and Mayor Aaron Stephens have both claimed they've seen an increased

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At least 70 businesses gone or paused

By KYLE KAMINSKI and SHAUNA STOCKEN

Not all businesses have managed to keep their doors open as the coronavirus continues its spread across Greater Lansing. Decreased foot traffic at many downtown Lansing and East Lansing businesses — and the sales volumes to go with it — have plummeted in recent months.

comprehensive tabs.

"Downtown Lansing is a great place for a business, just not so much during the pandemic. It's the reason a lot of places still haven't reopened yet downtown," said Cara Nader, owner of Strange Matter Coffee.

Strange Matter Coffee straddles the line between open and closed after it switched to curbside sales and delivery at its Michigan Avenue location and closed its downtown location on Washington Square, altogether.

With many usual downtown employees still working from home and no clear return-to-work date in site, Nader said closing one location helped cut necessary costs after a 68% decrease in downtown foot traffic compared to this time last year. The East Michigan Avenue location is still tracking a 35% decrease over that same timeframe, but it's enough to keep the doors open.



Nader

"I've had to rethink my entire

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Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

Empty shopping malls already struggling to retain customers in the Amazon age have piled on to an ever-growing list of at least 70 local businesses that have either permanently or temporarily closed since March in Lansing, East Lansing, Okemos and other places in Ingham and Eaton counties. (For a complete list of closed businesses, see P. 20.)

And those are just the ones we could find. It doesn't appear anyone keeps

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demand at apartment complexes and rental homes across the city after MSU officials started discouraging students from living on campus. Neither the city of MSU officials could offer any statistical evidence of the increased off-campus housing demand, but the speculation provides some hope for businesses concerned about decreasing sales. Stephens also said the city plans to reopen an outdoor dining district downtown before the winter.

In order to deal with a closed storefront from March to June, Ballein said Student Book Store had to pump up sales through its website and increased communication with its clientele through social media and email marketing. Student Book Store also received emergency funding through the Paycheck Protection Program and the Michigan Work Share program.

But increased e-commerce and loans aren't enough to replace Student Book Store's usual business model. "Things fell apart for us downtown. It did not



Skyler Ashley/City Pulse

Customers at Student Book Store make purchases through sheets of protective plastic.

go well for us this summer, with the outbreak we had here locally," Ballein said.

Some were more fortunate in their ability to adapt to online sales. Action Board Sports, a skateboard and longboard shop located downtown on Grand River Avenue, has yet to re-open its open storefront and has handled all

of its sales digitally since the pandemic took hold. Owner Jim MacGregor said the pandemic has caused massive supply-chain interruption, and the resulting lack of stock to line his shelves is keeping him from re-opening his doors.

"When the coronavirus hit and everybody was stuck at home, we saw unprecedented demand in April, May

and June and suppliers could not keep up. When July hit, everything coming from other countries was stuck. It's an industry-wide problem we've never seen before."

Still, MacGregor is bracing for the sting of not having a ready-made customer base of students and newcomers to East Lansing, who come check out his shop while they hang out and peruse downtown.

"When the students get here in late-August, we stay busy with in-store sales until mid-October — depending on the weather," MacGregor said. "We move to online through the winter, and when spring hits we see another big influx of in-store sales. This year is going to be quite a bit different."

MacGregor said he is concerned for the businesses that can't cater to an online sales model, worrying they will not make it without the usual foot traffic. "Essentially, all small retail in East Lansing is going to be affected very badly. It will be a different atmosphere going forward."

Another factor taken for granted is the staff and faculty of MSU, who, like the students, won't be coming back to

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East Lansing in their usual numbers. "Faculty and staff are constantly downtown during the day, taking lunch, going downtown to grab things. Their dismissal is not a good situation for anybody in East Lansing," Ballein said.

The lack of sports is an entirely different problem. The MSU basketball team is a perennial contender for a deep NCAA Tournament run, while the football team is oft-poised for a stab at the College Football Playoff National Championship. That kind of sports success generates the hype that attracts thousands to East Lansing, which in turn puts money in the cash registers of local businesses. Sparty's absence leaves behind a punishing financial void.

"When you have a winning program like that, it makes people want to affiliate themselves with not only Michigan State but East Lansing and come down here and patronize," Ballein said.

It's not just shops like Ballein's that will be hit hard. Without game day, East Lansing restaurants owners must also prepare for decreased foot traffic and shrunken revenue.

Sultan's Mediterranean recently opened a new location in East Lansing. Owner Bassam Mahmoud has had his restaurant open for 25 years and decided to relocate in July. The new location has only been open for a few weeks.

"I was trying to downsize my business," he said. "The rent was too high, and then COVID-19 happened in March, so I decided to find another place so I could pay less rent."

Mahmoud is excited for the new location because it offers him more

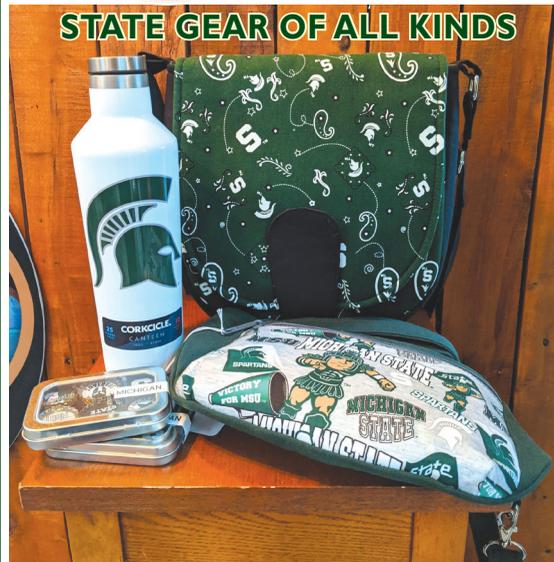
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exposure. “We’re across from MSU on Grand River Avenue now,” Mahmoud said. “My old location was kind of hidden away from the main traffic, but the new one is much more visible.”

With less students, staff and faculty coming to MSU, Mahmoud is concerned. “I used to cater for meetings for different departments. This will definitely affect my business.”

Rob Wasserman, owner of SNAP Pizza, a newly opened pizza restaurant in East Lansing, understands that businesses everywhere are suffering. “I think we’re taking it day-by-day like everyone else around here in



Skyler Ashley/City Pulse

The businesses of East Lansing face a precarious situation as Michigan State University moves all classes online and postpones major sporting events.

town. Running an operation or a business is not an easy thing to do in this environment,” he said. “First come,

first served. I’m focused on the well-being of my customers and staff.”

Being a new business in East Lansing hasn’t been easy for SNAP, but Wasserman said his landlord has been understanding about how difficult it is to survive during the coronavirus outbreak. “We’re one of the new kids on the block. But we’ve been very lucky that they worked with us to make sure we could sustain ourselves,” Wasserman said. “We’re in here for the long haul. As long as everyone’s working together, it’ll be fine.”

The COVID-19 outbreak has affected other SNAP locations across the

country, Wasserman said. “Business has been terrible,” he laughed. “We’re doing 40 to 50 percent of what we thought we’d be doing. It’s frustrating. But you can take a little grain of salt with that. We’re all in the same boat. We don’t see things lightening up until spring.”

Wasserman has seen businesses around East Lansing close. Espresso Royale, a popular East Lansing café for several decades, closed its doors permanently in June. But he acknowledges that cities across the country are in the same situation. “We all just have to work together on the business side,” Wasserman said. “Both landlords and retailers. Some people are getting greedy and think we should do business as normal. But if we’re all understanding, things should be fine.”

Wasserman is cautiously optimistic. “Those that can be business savvy and sustain ourselves during this time period will reap the benefits of that to a certain degree. That’s the most important thing. Obviously, treading water is all you can do at this moment.”

Michael Krueger, owner of Crunchy’s Bar, laughed when asked if he was dreading the upcoming fall semester at MSU. “Looking forward to it and dreading it,” he said. “It stinks not to have fall sports and those things, but I’m also looking forward to an influx of people coming into town.”

Krueger said his main objective is to keep his customers safe. He said that many students live off-campus anyway, so his main customer base probably won’t be present.

“Unfortunately, we’re still stuck at 50 percent capacity, so we can’t make any real money. The people who regularly frequent Crunchy’s just won’t be in town,” Krueger said. “Without trivia night, karaoke night or Crunchy’s comedy night, there simply won’t be as many crowds gathering at the bar.”

Krueger said that irresponsible students could hurt the East Lansing economy. “The East Lansing economy looks bleak right now,” Krueger said. “Lots of students aren’t wearing masks, and it makes people not want to come here.”

While 2020 continues to prove tough, Ballein offered advice for those who want to help mediate the hardship on small businesses.

“Try to keep your business local and remember that masks are required. So wear your mask, come patronize East Lansing and keep the businesses alive that you love and appreciate. That’s what I’ve been doing.”

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business plan constantly since mid-March,” Nader explained. “It’s constant re-evaluation and throwing things at a wall to see what sticks. In a way, it was like we were back to starting a new business every day. Except if it didn’t work, we weren’t paying rent.”

The Eastside coffee shop hasn’t been open as normal since March. Instead, Nader launched curbside orders and a pick-up and delivery system for bottled beverages. Online and inperson orders are accepted on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays and head out on Thursdays and Fridays.

“This gave us a way to allow people to stay home,” Nader said. “I think we’ll keep it around forever. I had wanted to get this going, but the pandemic just pushed me to get the paperwork together and get it done. The inside of the store looks more like a bottling facility nowadays.”

Meanwhile, the downtown location will stay closed until either a COVID-19 vaccine is discovered or until a more profitable use can be found for the space. Michigan recently tracked its 100,000th COVID-19 case. Times are tough, but Nader is always coming up with new ideas.

“At the end of the day, it’s just not sustainable in Downtown Lansing for us at the moment,” Nader said in a press

release sent out last week. “This isn’t the fault of anyone other than a virus, but a sensible national mask policy and testing strategy would have gone a long way.”

Other businesses threw in the towel long before Strange Matter’s downtown location. Many have either closed permanently or still haven’t reopened as the pandemic continues. Only time will tell how the economic landscape will be changed as a fear of the coronavirus remains.

Some — like the Center for Social Dance in Okemos — couldn’t wait out months of state-mandated closures that prevented their business from opening as usual. Others just couldn’t stay in the black with stable overhead costs and decreased customer demand.

Officials at the Meridian Mall also cited decreased foot traffic in recent months. Its hallways are eerily empty. And it was enough to push Melinde Beaubien, owner of Sera Bella Salon, to join forces with Urban Roots Salon, an already established brick-and-mortar shop in East Lansing.

Anna Chang, owner of Urban Roots Salon in East Lansing, used half her federal relief to cover outstanding rent and utility bills from when her business was forced closed and has managed to stay open with relatively light overhead costs in a small shopping plaza on Grand River Avenue.

Meanwhile, the Meridian Mall is providing flexibility with lease terms and offering rent deferrals as struggling businesses continue to vacate the anti-



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

A wing of the Meridian Mall.

quated space and (perhaps overly optimistic) plans are still continuing for the holiday season, including photos with Santa Claus.

Among COVID-19’s latest victims

include 26 shops at Eastwood Town Center and the Lansing and Meridian malls, as well as long-time Lansing and East Lansing staples like Frandor Deli, The Brunch House, Espresso Royale, Mijo’s Diner, Taps 25 and Good Slice Pizza Co.

Many others are temporarily closed and haven’t set a date to reopen. It’s unclear if some will.

“With the vast majority of entertainment remaining open in the state still, consumers are traveling for their shopping needs outside the area,” added Jordan Munsters, president of High Caliber Karting & Entertainment,

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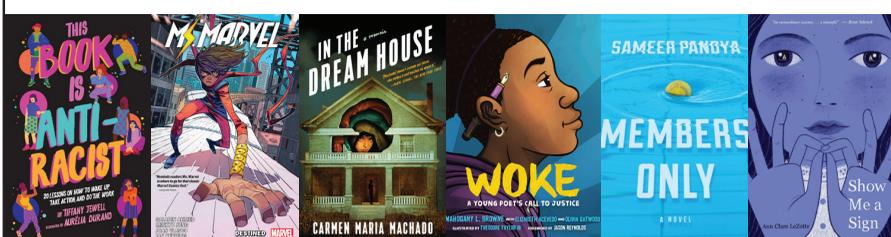


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which was forced under state order to stay closed this week. “This will have long-term implications to the entire mall and its tenants, unfortunately.”

The federal Paycheck Protection Program kept thousands of businesses afloat with hundreds of billions of dollars in loans and grants. It’s what kept half of Beaubien’s former employees at the mall in a job, she explained.

But most of that assistance has ended and hinges on more support from federal lawmakers, who continue to be stalemated over an extension.

According to reports in The New York Times, consumer spending rose only modestly in July after two months of resurgence and remained below pre-pandemic levels. Economists also warn that without the \$600 a week in extra unemployment benefits that ran out July 25, spending is reportedly likely to slow further this fall.

The New York Times also reported that roughly 20% of businesses that were open in January are still at least temporarily closed and that 21% of remaining small businesses surveyed nationally would close sometime over the next six months if economic conditions don’t improve.

Michelle Rahl, vice president at the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, said that every business



Rahl

will continue to make “tough decisions” and weigh the viability of staying open versus shutting down as the colder weather leads to its usual, natural sort of economic stagnation.

“Every business that shuts its doors throughout our community is a tremendous loss and damages our regional fabric and economic base,” Rahl told City Pulse. “We will continue to provide as much support as we can while also advocating for the region’s businesses.”

Cathleen Edgerly, executive director of Downtown Lansing Inc. said her organization — and the “Lift Up Local” campaign — will continue to show support for local businesses and raise awareness for how residents can still safely and comfortably continue to spend money locally.



Edgerly

“These times are incredibly challenging, and the small businesses downtown continue to face the challenges with courage and heart, working to be creative while safely serving their customers,” Edgerly said. “Our businesses can’t do it alone. We all need to lift each other up and show support for the businesses who make our city a special place for us to call home.”

Lansing area closed business list

As of Tuesday, bars and restaurants that generate more than 70% of their annual revenue from alcohol must keep their dining rooms closed across most of Michigan. Movie theaters, fitness centers, ice rinks, bowling alleys and other entertainment-related facilities are still closed, though Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is expected to announce their reopening after Labor Day.

Here’s an incomplete listing of other businesses in Greater Lansing that have either closed permanently or temporarily as a result of or during the coronavirus pandemic since mid-March. City Pulse worked to make this list comprehensive, but some businesses may not be listed.

Those listed as “at least temporarily closed” were not physically open for business this week. The rest have permanently closed up operations after COVID-19 was detected in Michigan.

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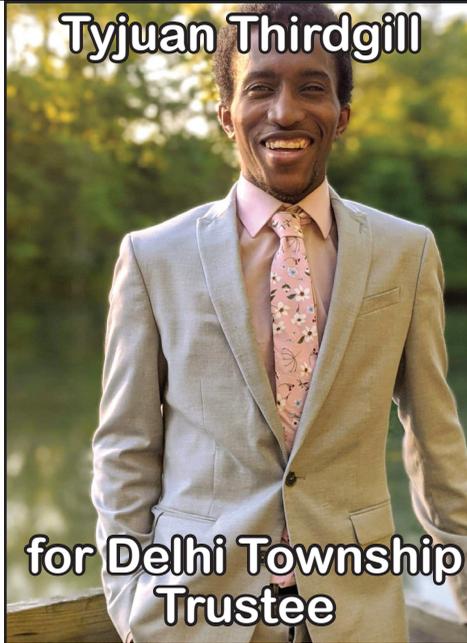
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A permanent vacation

Lansing couple converts school bus for nationwide road trip

By SKYLER ASHLEY

“This is our next step. We’ve been in Michigan our whole lives. While this country is so vast and beautiful, we’d be doing ourselves a great disservice if we just sat here and saw none of it.”

Even though many of us couldn’t imagine spending our daily lives on the road, for young Lansing couple Jordan Lane, 26, and Hayden Malcolm, 24, it’s a dream come true. With some handy carpentry and mechanical skills and a healthy dose of wanderlust, the pair has converted a school bus into their home and headquarters for a permanent road trip that launches next week.

Malcolm and Lane met three years ago through social media. When Malcolm would post videos of herself skateboarding and dancing with her dog, Lane would respond by direct messaging her with original poems. She was attracted by his unique prose and long hair and invited him over on a day she felt alone and sad. The connection was instant, and the two hit it off.

“We are one of those classic, new-age kindlings from the social media age,” Lane laughed.

“I liked everything about him,” Malcolm said. “I think we fell in love the day we met.”

Traveling with a devil-may-care attitude has been in the couple’s DNA from the very beginning.

“The first year we met, I owned a small Jeep. We decided to go on a trip to Florida for 10 days and rather than staying in hotels, we just slept in the back of the Jeep. We ended up saving ourselves thousands of dollars,” Malcolm said.

Malcolm said her role in the couple’s latest and greatest journey is ultimately the result of her finally deciding to live in the moment and do precisely what she wants to do with her life. She’s earned a business administration degree from Lansing Community College, which she said appeased her family, and now the trip will reward the side of her that is a much freer spirit than a button-downed



Hayden Malcolm (left) and Jordan

college student working part-time serving drinks.

“We’re finishing up a few last little things and off we go,” Malcolm said.

Lane has never been comfortable with the average, straight lifestyle. “I believe I’ve always needed some sort of escape or outlet from the mundane, the boring — going to college and getting the 9 to 5 job at a desk. I honestly floundered a little bit from 21 to 25 after dropping out of college and working bar gigs. Finding my way into the world of construction is what set me off,” Lane said.

Lane found his endgame in life through woodworking and carpentry. “Ever since I started swinging a hammer, I found what I was passionate about,” he said. Knowing he can’t stay on the road literally forever, Lane hopes to eventually combine his woodworking skills with his love of music and become a custom-guitar maker.

The pair agreed the most important lesson of their fateful Jeep trip down south was that nationwide traveling becomes much more feasible if you cut out the daunting cost of lodging. The perfect live-in vehicle came along when they came across a 20-foot short-length school bus on Facebook Marketplace in Detroit. It ran them \$3,000.

They’ve since converted it into a California-style bungalow on wheels. With its cozy blanketed and cushioned accommodations, Malcolm and Lane will hardly be roughing it. They modified the bus to include laminated vinyl plank floors and insulation, and Lane used his carpentry skills to build custom wooden counters, shelves and benches. The bus also has solar panels to store electricity and rack storage space to stash supplies,



Courtesy

The exterior of Malcolm and Lane’s modified school bus. The couple plan to use the bus as a mobile home on a cross country road trip.

food and clothing. Renovations, equipment and mechanical improvements to the bus ran Lane and Malcolm another \$3,000.

“It’s got a turbo diesel engine; it’s tough as rocks and it’s pretty freakin’ radical,” Lane said.

“It’s helpful that Jordan’s dad knows a lot about cars. We feed him a meal and he helps us out for the day,” Malcolm said.

Lane and Malcolm, along with their two dogs and cat, plan to first visit locations in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula that they’ve never explored. That will keep them occupied until Halloween. “There are actual mountains up there, I had no idea,” Malcolm said.

After their Michigan bucket list has been checked off, their vision is out west. “We want to see the Badlands, the Rockies, Utah and Idaho. I have a thirst for snowboarding resorts. We’re going west and see what that has to offer, maybe see the Pacific Northwest as well,” Lane said.

Lane will have his carpentry equipment in tow, just in case the opportunity arises for a weeklong gig to get



Courtesy

Malcolm and Lane’s dogs Pluto and Luna relax inside of the bus.

together some extra dough to help further the expedition.

“It’s a way to pad out our pockets as we go along,” Lane said.

In preparing for the life-changing journey, Malcolm said she realized it was never going to be the ideal time to leave, and that to achieve her dream she needed to just, well, do it.

“Life kept happening. I learned there was never going to be a ‘right time’ to go,” she said. “Now that we’re almost done, my family has given me little present for the bus and they’re more accepting.”

“I’ve gotten positive support from my family, but they all know I was destined to something crazy anyway. I’m just happy to do it with Hayden,” Lane said. “Life is too short to live somebody else’s.”

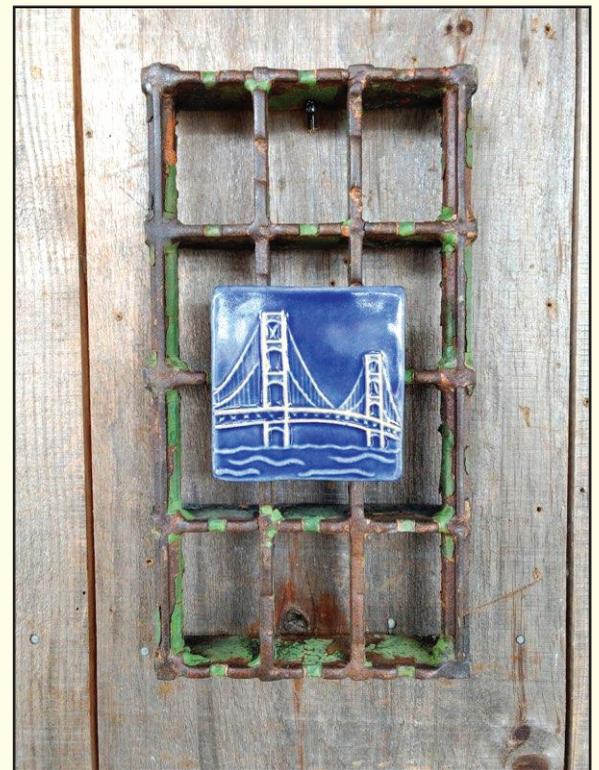


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Favorite Things

Aaron Bales and his wife's biking jersey

My current favorite thing is my late wife Liz's Epic Mountain Bike jersey. She was born into a biking family and grew up doing rides like the multi-day Shoreline and DALMAC tours and Ride the Rockies. I married into that nonsense, and pretty soon she had me riding obscenely long distances as preparation for being able to ride even more obscenely long distances. Unbeknownst to us at the time, she was actually pregnant with our oldest son during my first DALMAC. I suppose he has biking in his blood.



Bales



Road riding was fun but even better was rediscovering her passion for trails. She enjoyed mountain biking in high school, and in the past several years she really got back into it. Mountain biking was exercise; stress relief; a way to connect with new people; a hobby to explore with her kids; a shared activity with family; a way to positively impact her community and a reason to travel to some very cool places. Copper Harbor, British Columbia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Vermont and Quebec were some of the places we rode. We had many other places to explore but cancer does not care about your plans.

The jersey itself is nice. It has good, breathable material and sharp colors with tasteful graphics. Epic, a biking organization, is even better. It organizes rides and events all over the area, and supports the efforts of folks such as the Mid-Michigan Mountain Bike Association to build and maintain local trails. Liz appreciated what it did and how inclusive it was to a range of experience and skill levels.

It was fun to go to the events — she never called them races — and see friendly faces. At Epic's local rides there would always be fast riders leading and other riders making sure everyone got in safely. She always felt welcomed.

I feel like a bit of a pretender when I wear the jersey now. She was the one that showed me the basics; the planner of what trails to explore and the strong woman who completed events like Ore to Shore and the Iceman Cometh Challenge. I wear it to honor and celebrate her, and as a reminder to keep providing fun opportunities for our family. She loved helping her children grow as riders and helping to expand the local trails. I plan to continue that.

As a teacher, musician and triathlete I have lots of things — instruments, race shirts and medals, books — but Liz's jersey stands out as my favorite thing, both for the person it reminds me of and the values it represents.

(This interview was edited and condensed by Cole Tunningley. If you have a recommendation for "Favorite Things," please email skyler@lansingcitypulse.com.)

Liquid THC, Lansing's dankest PB&J and Donald J. Trump

Republican National Convention requires medical-grade sedation

By KYLE KAMINSKI

Jars is among the newest pot shops to open in Lansing as the industry blossoms across the region. Until recently, the dispensary was only licensed to sell medical-grade marijuana to card-carrying patients, but as of Sept. 11, a variety of recreational products will be on shelves at Jars' store locations in Lansing, Flint, Owosso and Detroit for anyone over the age of 21. And those products were the only thing that got me through the Republican National Convention.

Choice Labs — Tincture

Price — \$30

THC content — 450 mg

A few weeks ago, I reviewed a lemon-flavored tincture from HomeGrown that I mixed into a bottle of Sprite. Here's a word of advice: Don't mix it. Just drop them directly under the tongue.

Tinctures are alcohol-based cannabis extracts that can be a powerful, smoke-



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less alternative for those who prefer edibles, but also want to avoid the few hundred calories packed in a brownie. When taken under the tongue, the effects also kick in much more rapidly.

You can also mix tinctures with food or drinks for a more traditional edible effect, but in my case, the third night of the RNC was starting in about 30 minutes and I didn't have time to kill. If I was going to survive another night, I had to get real high, real quickly. Each liquid-filled dropper contained about 15 mg of THC. I squirted out eight of them for a total of 120 mg at 8:30 p.m.

These drops, which were essential-



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ly just cannabis-infused coconut oil, were relatively flavorless and sort of just blended with the saliva in my mouth and disappeared. That means it can be easy to take too much; I probably could've been fine with half the dosage. My couch cushions sucked me in by 9 p.m. and I spent the next couple hours getting locked into a state of tunnel vision with Karen Pence and several Republican lawmakers. Luckily, I forgot most of it.

Stoners are quick to warn newbies: Only start with half when you're trying out new edibles. Normally, I'd say take the risk and eat the whole thing. But with tinctures, I have to agree. Start slow.

Oasis Extracts — Peanut Butter

Price — \$15

THC content — 100 mg

The following night was the final evening of the Republican National Convention. I figured I'd put my own cannabis-themed spin on Trump's "Land of Greatness" theme by finishing off the tincture and making one of the hugest (and dankest) peanut butter and jelly sandwiches ever.



Oasis packs a surprisingly large amount of peanut butter into their 100 mg jars — definitely enough for five sandwiches. I made three and gave one each to some friends about 90 minutes before Trump took the stage. Perfect timing: We were all baked in time for his shitty speech.

I haven't dabbled much in edible ingredients as much as I've tried a variety of pre-baked brownies, rice crispy treats, hard candies and fruit-flavored

gummies. The effects are largely similar: An overarching body high with the welcomed ability to totally zone out for hours. But these raw ingredients also give the ability to get creative with your own recipes. Sometimes, pre-packed edibles can also be dried out or have an overly herby aftertaste. Using peanut butter or cannabutter directly gives the home chef an opportunity to craft their own cannabis creations. Next time, I'll try some chocolate-covered peanut butter balls. The possibilities are endless.

Lansterdam in Review is a new column written by Kyle Kaminski, a City Pulse staff writer and cannabis enthusiast who has been smoking marijuana just about every day for the last decade. Kaminski samples some of the best bud in Greater Lansing, gets real high and writes about it.



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Capital Area District Libraries wants its readers to get woke

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Author Ezra Jack Keats once wrote, “If we could see each other exactly as the other is, this would be a different world.” That statement appears in his

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controversial 1962 book, “The Snowy Day,” which featured an image of an African American boy mesmerized

by a snowstorm on its cover. Today, his writing might be described as “woke.”

“Woke,” “stay woke,” and many more configurations of the phrase, have been flying across social media, political speeches and at demonstrations with



the intent of promoting social justice and social awareness.

The first popular use of the phrase might have been in Abraham Lincoln’s 1860 political campaign. Over time, the phrase has been used by luminaries such as Marcus Garvey, blues singer Lead Belly and by the Black Lives Matter Movement, which popularized the phrase beginning in 2014.

The phrase has now been adopted to describe woke books. Librarians are popularizing the Read Woke movement across the United States.

The movement can be traced to Cicely Lewis, an African American teacher and media specialist from Norcross, Georgia, who, after seeing Essence Magazine’s “Woke Woman” edition, along with watching her students cry when they learned of the repeal of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, decided to promote reading books representing social justice issues.

Lewis says on her website woke books must challenge a social norm; give the voice to the voiceless; provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised; seek to challenge the status quo and have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group.

Lansing’s Capital Area District Libraries is sponsoring a Read Woke promotion to encourage the community to read books that consider social

awareness and social justice.

Jolee Hamlin, senior associate director of public services at CADL, has worked with 15 other staff members of the CADL staff to develop 16 extensive lists of woke books for community reading at all levels and interests.

Library patrons can sign up to read books and win prizes for their participation including stickers, T-shirts and other goodies. For example, readers who complete three books qualify for a prize. The more they read, the more prizes they can win. Readers can also read books not on the lists.

The categories of books are extensive and have been curated by CADL librarians to include African American, Native American, Asian American, Arab American, Jewish and Hispanic women authors, and address issues such as immigration, poverty, homelessness and LGBTQ rights.

Reviewing the lists indicates a preference for contemporary works, which makes the project more approachable for young readers. It’s not heavily weighted with authors like James Baldwin, although “If Beale Street Could Talk” is on the reading list.

“We tried to respect as many people’s voices as possible and there are a surprisingly a large number of new authors,” Hamlin said. “There has been a publishing boom toward youth

addressing issues like LGBTQ rights. Along with growth in books featuring Hispanic, Indian and Asian American writers.”

Patrons interested in participating in the Read Woke book promotion must register online at CADL.org/woke. After reviewing the reading lists, patrons can reserve the books online and pick them up at CADL’s 14 branch libraries using the successful Grab and Go program. In addition, many of the books are available for download. Registration is underway for the reading challenge, which runs from Sept. 15 until Halloween.

Books on the lists include fiction and nonfiction entries. They include Michele Obama’s “Becoming” and Octavia Butler’s “Parable of the Sower,” as well as Michigan author Bonnie Jo Campbell’s “American Salvage” and Natasha Trethewey’s “Memorial Drive.”

Other authors include: Toni Morrison, Angie Thomas, Maya Angelou, Margaret Atwood, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Alice Walker, Viet Thanh Nguyen, David Treuer, Bryan Stevenson and Michelle Anderson. The lists are also broken down for teens and young children.

The lists got me thinking about books from the ’60s that considered social justice issues.

Most will remember “Black Like Me” and “To Kill a Mockingbird,” both by white writers. There were books like Betty Frieden’s “The Feminine Mystique,” and a plethora of books on the Native American athlete Jim Thorpe. And then there was Malcolm X’s groundbreaking autobiography, co-authored by Alex Haley, who would go on to write “Roots.” Maya Angelou’s “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” also debuted in 1969.

A variety of books covered issues from race to mental illness and slavery. Detroit’s Donald Goines wrote hard-boiled detective novels like none we had ever seen, and the numerous books published by Detroit’s Broadside Press began to fill in a missing niche. Ken Kesey’s “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” delved into mental illness. “The Confessions of Nat Turner,” by William Styron, considered a slave revolt, and Hubert Selby Jr.’s “Last Exit to Brooklyn,” delved into topics like being transgender. Adding exclamation points were Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Why We Can’t Wait” and LeRoi Jones’ “Blues People.”

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Mental Blocks" -- The answers will fall in line. [#177, Nov. 2004]

By Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Like blue material
- 5 More up to the task
- 10 Curtain holder
- 13 Cookie with a Thin Crisps variety
- 14 Really bad invitation turnout
- 15 "H to the ___ ..." (Jay-Z lyric)
- 16 Farm structure
- 17 Destines to destruction
- 18 Deride loudly
- 19 Set of which all seven elements are fittingly hidden in the grid
- 22 Org. taken over by Mahmoud Abbas in November 2004
- 23 Those, in Toledo
- 24 Campus activist gp. of the 1960s
- 27 Problem for a valet
- 31 Popular place to hang out
- 33 Base x height / 2, for a triangle
- 34 Bread served with vindaloo
- 36 He said "Say hello to my little friend!"
- 37 Heavy president and family
- 39 Court figure
- 41 Drill bit, usually
- 42 Mean
- 44 Big galoot
- 46 Namer of Einstein as Person of the Century
- 47 She played Ferris Bueller's girlfriend
- 49 One who gives up too easily
- 51 It may be hard to follow
- 52 Own (up)
- 54 Get to the poi?

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- 55 What you should hear in the background as you're solving/playing
- 60 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 63 Kirsten of "Wimbledon"
- 64 Word after guard or third
- 65 Gore, as distinguished from his father
- 66 Clear a videotape
- 67 Mixture
- 68 Rule opposed by Gandhi
- 69 German dissents
- 70 Word repeated in an NPR game show title
- 6 Betty of cartoons
- 7 King of Katzenstein, in a Dr. Seuss story
- 8 Fit together
- 9 Fix a botched job at Baskin-Robbins, e.g.
- 10 Wu-Tang member aka Bobby Digital
- 11 ___fest (Osbourne-hosted tour)
- 12 Egg carton amt.
- 15 1040 org.
- 20 Under the weather
- 21 Abbr. on a cornerstone
- 24 Pep rally intangible
- 25 "She ___ Wrong"
- 26 Closet organizer, maybe
- 27 Daughter of Muhammad
- 28 Pertaining to a radioactive element
- 29 ___ the altar
- 30 Roofing goo
- 32 Lawyer/novelist who wrote "Presumed Innocent"
- 35 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
- 38 Screw-up
- 40 Web page for newbies
- 43 The ___ Dolls (cabaret/punk band)
- 45 Former MTV personality Daisy
- 48 Guarantee
- 50 "Who's ready?" response
- 53 Cedars-___ (L.A. hospital)
- 55 ___ Nabisco (bygone corporation)
- 56 Part of AMA
- 57 Room in a Spanish house
- 58 4, on some clocks
- 59 Form a scab
- 60 Belly laugh sound
- 61 Pie ___ mode
- 62 Monogram of Peter Parker's publisher boss, in "Spider-Man"

Down

- 1 Dominic Monaghan TV show
- 2 Buffalo's lake
- 3 Whipping reminder
- 4 They may show actors' or doctors' names
- 5 Et cetera

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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

September 2-8, 2020

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "A new idea is rarely born like Venus attended by graces. More commonly it's modeled of baling wire and acne. More commonly it wheezes and tips over." Those words were written by Aries author Marge Piercy, who has been a fount of good new ideas in the course of her career. I regard her as an expert in generating wheezy, fragile breakthroughs and ultimately turning them into shiny, solid beacons of revelation. Your assignment in the coming weeks, Aries, is to do as Piercy has done so well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "Every day I discover even more beautiful things," said painter Claude Monet. "It is intoxicating me, and I want to paint it all. My head is bursting." That might seem like an extreme state to many of us. But Monet was a specialist in the art of seeing. He trained himself to be alert for exquisite sights. So his receptivity to the constant flow of loveliness came naturally to him. I bring this to your attention, Taurus, because I think that in the coming weeks, you could rise closer to a Monet-like level of sensitivity to beauty. Would that be interesting to you? If so, unleash yourself! Make it a priority to look for charm, elegance, grace, delight, and dazzlement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Author Renata Adler describes a time in her life when she began to notice blue triangles on her feet. She was wracked with fear that they were a symptom of leukemia. But after a period of intense anxiety, she realized one fine day that they had a different cause. She writes: "Whenever I, walking barefoot, put out the garbage on the landing, I held the apartment door open, bending over from the rear. The door would cross a bit over the tops of my feet"—leaving triangular bruises. Upon realizing this very good news, she says, "I took a celebrational nap." From what I can tell, Gemini, you're due for a series of celebrational naps—both because of worries that turn out to be unfounded and because you need a concentrated period of recharging your energy reserves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "I like people who refuse to speak until they are ready to speak," proclaimed Cancerian author Lillian Hellman. I feel the same way. So often people have nothing interesting or important to say, but say it anyway. I've done that myself! The uninteresting and unimportant words I have uttered are too numerous to count. The good news for me and all of my fellow Cancerians is that in the coming weeks we are far more likely than usual to not speak until we are ready to speak. According to my analysis of the astrological potentials, we are poised to express ourselves with clarity, authenticity, and maximum impact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Of all the mournful impacts the pandemic has had, one of the most devastating is that it has diminished our opportunities to touch and be touched by other humans. Many of us are starved of the routine, regular contact we had previously taken for granted. I look forward to the time when we can again feel uninhibited about shaking hands, hugging, and patting friends on the arm or shoulder. In the meantime, how can you cope? This issue is extra crucial for you Leos to meditate on right now. Can you massage yourself? Seek extra tactile contact with animals? Hug trees? Figure out how to physically connect with people while wearing hazmat suits, gloves, masks, and face shields? What else?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "Like any art, the creation of self is both natural and seemingly impossible," says singer-songwriter Holly Near. "It requires training as well as magic." How are you doing on that score, Virgo? Now is a favorable time to intensify your long-term art project of creating the healthiest, smartest version of yourself. I think it will feel quite natural and not-at-all impossible. In the coming weeks, you'll have a finely tuned intuitive sense of how to proceed with flair. Start by imagining the Most Beautiful You.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): I propose we resurrect the old English word "museful." First used in the 17th century but then forgotten, it meant "deeply thoughtful; pensive." In our newly coined use, it refers to a condition wherein a person is abundantly inspired by the presence of the muse. I further suggest that we invoke this term to apply to you Libras in the coming weeks. You potentially have a high likelihood of intense communion with your muses. There's also a good chance you'll engage with a new muse or two. What will you do with all of this illumination and stimulation?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Each of us has a "soul's code": a metaphorical blueprint of the beautiful person we could become by fulfilling our destiny. If our soul's code remains largely dormant, it will agitate and disorient us. If, on the other hand, we perfectly actualize our soul's code, we will feel at home in the world; all our experiences will feel meaningful. The practical fact is that most of us have made some progress in manifesting our soul's code, but still have a way to go before we fully actualize it. Here's the good news: You Scorpios are in a phase of your cycle when you could make dramatic advances in this glorious work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "Life is the only game in which the object of the game is to learn the rules," observes Sagittarian author Ashleigh Brilliant. According to my research, you have made excellent progress in this quest during the last few weeks—and will continue your good work in the next six weeks. Give yourself an award! Buy yourself a trophy! You have discovered at least two rules that were previously unknown to you, and you have also ripened your understanding of another rule that had previously been barely comprehensible. Be alert for more breakthroughs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "If you're not lost, you're not much of an explorer," said rambunctious activist and author John Perry Barlow. Adding to his formulation, I'll say that if you want to be a successful explorer, it's crucial to get lost on some occasions. And according to my analysis, now is just such a time for you Capricorns. The new territory you have been brave enough to reconnoiter should be richly unfamiliar. The possibilities you have been daring enough to consider should be provocatively unpredictable. Keep going, my dear! That's the best way to become un-lost.

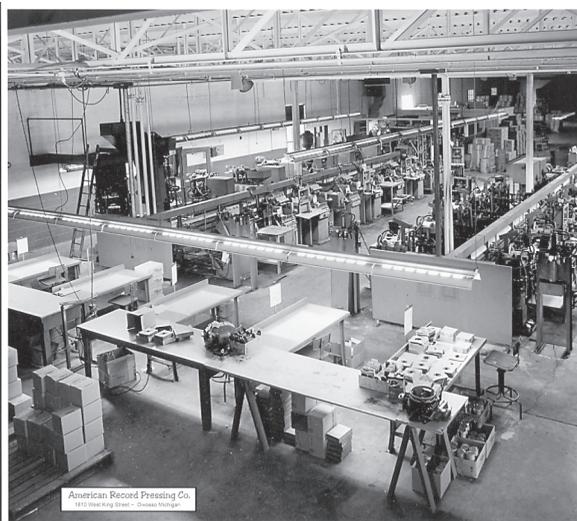
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "Dreams really tell you about yourself more than anything else in this world could ever tell you," said psychic Sylvia Browne. She was referring to the mysterious stories that unfold in our minds as we sleep. I agree with her assessment of dreams' power to show us who we really are all the way down to the core of our souls. What Browne didn't mention, however, is that it takes knowledge and training to become proficient in deciphering dreams' revelations. Their mode of communication is unique—and unlike every other source of teaching. I bring this up, Aquarius, because the coming months will be a favorable time for you to become more skilled in understanding your dreams.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In June 1876, warriors from three Indian tribes defeated U.S. troops led by General George Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn in Montana. It was an iconic victory in what was ultimately a losing battle to prevent conquest by the ever-expanding American empire. One of the tribes that fought that day was the Northern Cheyenne. Out of fear of punishment by the U.S. government, its leaders waited 130 years to tell its side of the story about what happened. New evidence emerged then, such as the fact that the only woman warrior in the fight, Buffalo Calf Road Woman, killed Custer himself. I offer this tale as an inspiration for you Pisceans to tell your story about events that you've kept silent about for too long.

TURN IT DOWN!

BY RICH TUPICA

TURN IT DOWN!: OWOSSO'S MOTOWN CONNECTION



These two photos show American Record Pressing Company's second, and final, location at W. King St in Owosso. (courtesy photo)

The misprinted "Beattles" on 1963's "Please Please Me" 45. This was the band's first American single and was cut in Owosso at ARP.

American Record Pressing Co. remembered

While Detroit will always be the epicenter of Michigan music history, there are plenty of smaller towns and cities with amazing old stories of their own. One of those notable tales happened at the long-demolished American Record Pressing Co., which operated from 1951 to 1972. Located in the heart of Shiawassee County in Owosso, the 60,000-square-foot vinyl-record plant manufactured a long discography of now-iconic albums for prominent record labels across the country—including a groundbreaking single from the Fab Four.

"Vee-Jay Records sent the Beatles master tape to Owosso for pressing, it was their first American release — 'Please Please Me,'" Phil Hathaway, a local record collector and music historian, told me in 2016. "They sent the tape here in the winter of 1963. That record became collectable because of the misspelling; it was misprinted with: 'The Beattles.'"

Hathaway also offered up a tip on how to easily identify a record manufactured a 1810 W. King Street in Owosso. They all bare the same identifier.

"When you look at the dead wax in a record, the very end of the record

near the center hole, there is an italicized 'ARP' etched right into the record," he said. "That's how you know it was made in Owosso."

Outside of its Beatles connection, American Record Pressing (ARP) also cut records by It was also known for pressing up "The Letter," by The Box Tops, "The Twist," by Chubby Checker, and Gene Chandler's "Duke of Earl," to only name a few.

Even though there was a Detroit-based vinyl plant, starting in 1959, Motown Records' own Berry Gordy and Smokey Robinson would often drive to the plant themselves to pick up their earliest records. Even after the legendary label garnered international acclaim, they stuck with the plant until the imprint relocated to Los Angeles in the early 1970s. Gordy established a close friendship with ARP owner Norman Dufour, a French Canadian who'd relocated to Corunna to open the plant. During that time, Motown sent records by all of its stars to the Owosso plant, such as The Miracles, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Martha & the Vandellas and Marvin Gaye, among many others.

Legend has it the early Motown group Nick & The Jaguars even

named one of their instrumentals ("Ich-i-bon #1") after Itchi-Bon Doughnut Shop, an Owosso hangout Gordy frequented.

When the Owosso plant first opened in 1951, it was located on M-21, at 1011 East Main, now near the O'Reilly Auto Parts store. This was pre-rock'n'roll, the era when heavy 78 platters were the main format. With the birth of rock and soul a few years later, 7-inch 45s took over the music industry — a then emerging industry that Owosso left its imprint on, thanks to ARP. While the plant would dabble in pressing 12-inch LPs, its big money maker was always the two-song 45 single.

It was that onset of rock and pop music, and the birth of Motown, that sparked the move to its larger location on West King Street. The records were continuously pressed and then swiftly shipped out via nearby airports to an assortment of noteworthy labels across the country.

"It was not a small plant," Hathaway said. "They had 33 record presses there. They started out in 1951 with three presses. It was quite a growth. It was not a small operation."

After a suspicious morning fire on Oct. 28, 1972, the ARP building

was a total loss. Firefighters fought the blaze, which was out of control on arrival, for three hours. The plant never reopened, but the music it pressed lives on.

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MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ:

1. On January 12, 1959, Motown Records was originally founded under this name.
2. Following the Detroit Riots in 1967, Motown relocated to this city.
3. He founded Motown Records
4. Motown's first Detroit headquarters is famously nicknamed this.
5. This team of studio musicians played on most Motown records from 1959-1972

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OUT ON THE TOWN

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Wednesday, September 2

2020 East Lansing Kiwanis "Virtual BBQ" - 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. For info and tickets: elkiwanis.org.

Allen Farmers Market - 2:30-7 p.m. Allen Farmers Market 2020, 2100 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Applying for Student Loans Online workshop will cover the basics of student loans. 3-4 p.m. msu.edu for Zoom link.

Building Early Emotional Skills for Parents Webinar Series - Parenting stress? Learn how to help your young child manage their strong emotions! 8-9:30 p.m. msu.edu

Farmers' Market Wednesdays - 3 p.m. Meridian Township Farmers' Market, 5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos.

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series - 7:30-9 p.m. events.msu.edu for link.

MParks Foundation Virtual 5k - September 1-30. For information and to sign up, mparks.org/events
PeaceQuest Greater Lansing 2020 - For September events, go to peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Tamla Records
2. Los Angeles
3. Berry Gordy
4. Hitsville U.S.A.
5. The Funk Brothers

Purple Martin Talk & Walk - 6:30-8 p.m. Ingham Conservation District, 1031 W. Dexter Trail, Mason.

The Underground Railroad in Cass County - The Michigan Underground Railroad Heritage Gathering is a month-long virtual conference! 2:30-4 p.m. facebook.com/MichiganHistoryCenter

Thursday, September 3

Bath Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13751 Main St., Bath. shopbfm.org.

Dimondale Farmers' Market - 3-7 p.m. Village Square, 136 N Bridge St, Dimondale. 517-646-0230. villageofdimondale.org.

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South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W Barnes Ave, Lansing. 517-374-5700.

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Saturday, September 5

A Festival of Oddities - 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Courthouse Square Museum, 100 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte.

Meridian Township Farmers' Market - 8 a.m. Meridian Township Farmers' Market, 5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos.

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

Season Extension Techniques for the Small Scale and Home Gardener - This workshop will give you practical designs and tips to extend your gardening season. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Hunter Park GardenHouse, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

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East Lansing Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 300 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Monday, September 7

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Tuesday, September 8

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DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Okemos eatery delivers fresh twist on Mediterranean cuisine

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

Opening up your first restaurant is a daunting prospect. Rae Suboh, owner of Bread Bites in Okemos, unfortunately opened up his first eatery right before the COVID-19 outbreak began.

“I got the idea about a year and half ago,” said Suboh. “We started the process of opening up the restaurant in 2019.” Suboh had a few setbacks along the way. For example, he learned he and his wife, Rodina Kasti, who co-manages the restaurant, were expecting a child. And then there was a death in the family. He finally decided to open in December without any advertising. In order to find his groove, Suboh held a soft-opening of the restaurant and let customers find it naturally. He wanted to test his worth and see if he could survive



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“We got about maybe 20 people on our first day,” said Suboh. “Then, the first week of January, we suddenly got a flood of people coming in.”

Suboh said that word-of-mouth led to the influx of customers. News about his restaurant spread on the social networking app, Next Door.

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Bread Bites

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Up until the COVID-19 outbreak hit, Bread Bites was incredibly busy. "It was like going 100 miles per hour and then hitting the break and stopping," said Suboh. "We went from seeing about 100 people a day to seeing 15."

Suboh said that business has recovered a little bit. Since rules about lockdown have changed, Bread Bites has seen an uptick in business.

"We take pride in our food," said

Suboh. "We love what we do." He said that he understands that East Lansing has a variety of Mediterranean restaurants in Greater Lansing. To set himself apart from the pack, he decided to make everything in-house. The food comes fresh. When you order a meal at Bread Bites, the food goes straight in the oven.

Suboh recommends Bread Bite's chicken shawarma sandwich.

"We didn't want to outsource our desserts, our bites, our sandwiches, everything on the menu," said Suboh, "You can make it at home, but can you make it at a restaurant to serve the people? We listen to our customers, and see what we can do."



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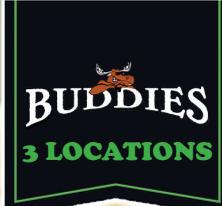


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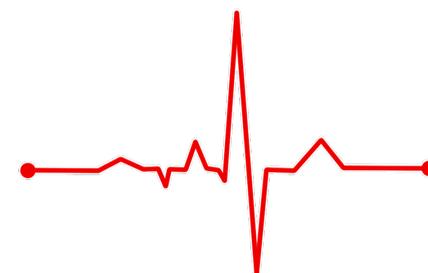
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