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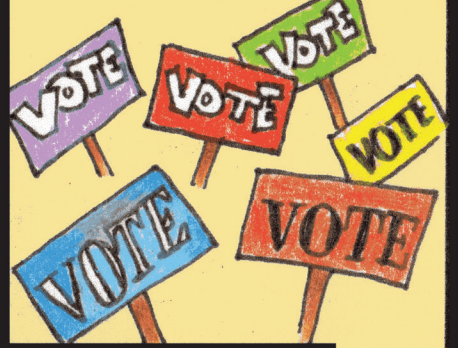
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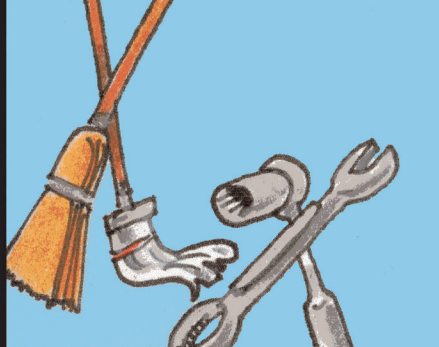
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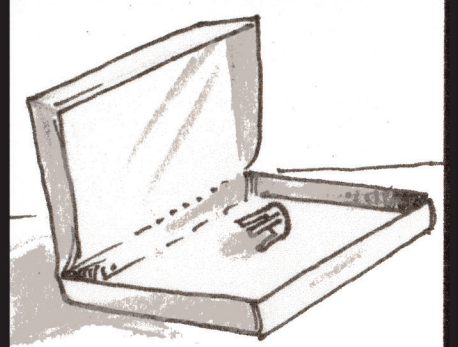
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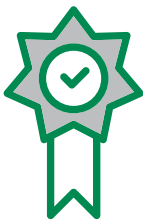
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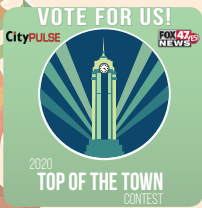
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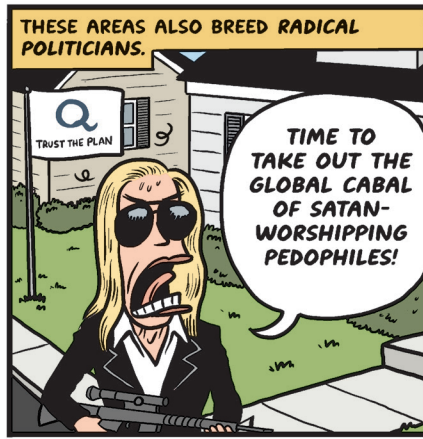
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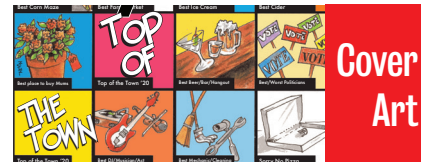
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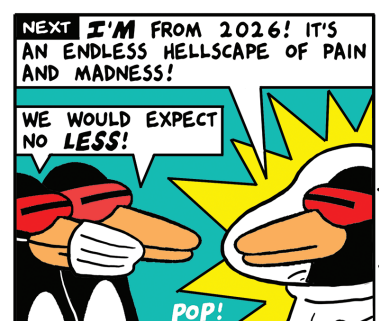
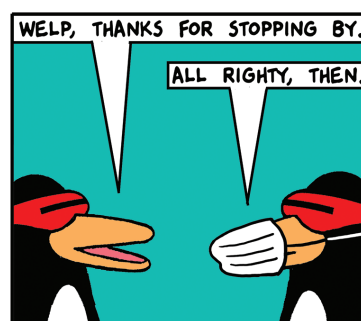
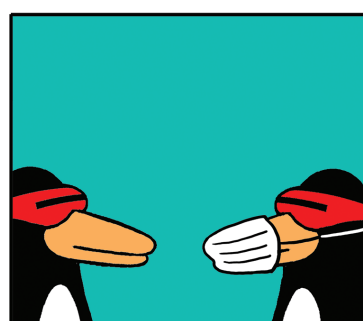
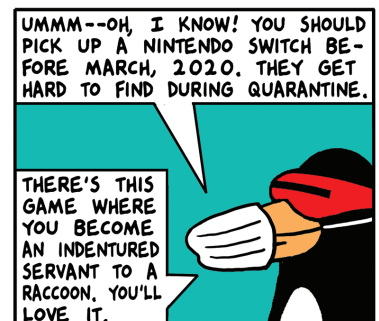
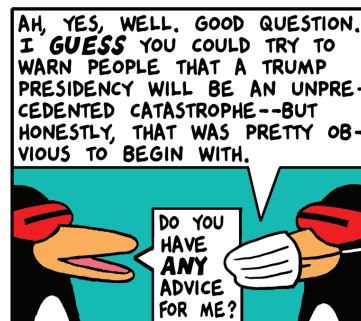
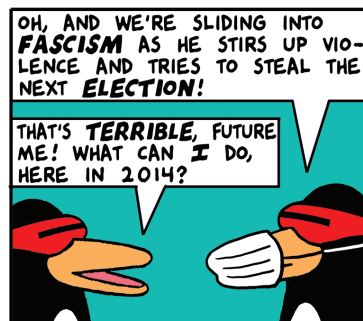
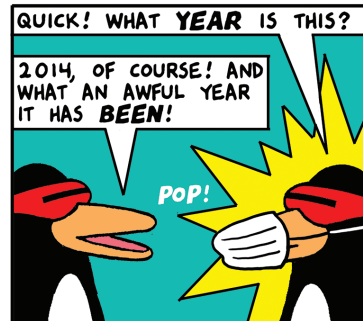
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Opinion

Masks and misdemeanors

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Despite Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Aug. 4 executive directive instructing the Michigan State Police and other state agencies to make mask enforcement a priority, we see little evidence that anyone is actually issuing misdemeanor citations for violations of the governor's executive order that requires employees who serve the public to mask up. On the other hand, we see ample evidence that some food service establishments continue to openly flout the rules, endangering the health of their employees and customers by allowing them to go maskless. The owner of at least one local business — the famed Joe's Gizzard City in Pottersville — has gone so far as to claim that all of his employees suffer from medical conditions that preclude them from wearing masks. If true, one wonders if those individuals should be working in public-facing positions at all, especially in the food service industry, given the known risks associated with prolonged exposure to coworkers and customers who may be infected with the coronavirus. Adding to the confusion over who is enforcing what, the website of Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel continues to suggest that executive order violations should be reported first to local law enforcement. With numerous police agencies across the state refusing to enforce the governor's mask mandate — "we're not the mask police" is a common refrain — we suggest Whitmer and Nessel get on the same page and find a more effective way to get the job done.



Whitmer

The defunding dance

If early conversations taking place at the Lansing City Council are any indication, the movement to literally defund the city's Police Department is quickly losing steam, if it had any to begin with. The Council's new Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, chaired by At-large Councilmember Patricia Spitzley, is now developing preliminary budget policies that the full Council will eventually submit to Mayor Andy Schor as he develops his proposed spending plan for the next fiscal year. Rather than reducing funding, the budget policies under consideration appear to call for increasing the Police Department's budget to pay for a bevy of new social workers, additional training for police officers, and a full-time grant writer.



Spitzley

While we support the idea of reordering the Police Department's staffing and priorities over a reasonable period, we're left to wonder where the money will come from to increase spending for any city department. With the COVID pandemic slamming city revenues, and in the absence of major financial assistance for cities from the federal government, it strikes us as overly optimistic and perhaps even irresponsible to plan for hiring any additional city employees at such a financially precarious time. City leaders also need to consider the impact of their decisions on long-term costs for pensions and retiree health care. Every new city employee adds an incremental burden to the city's unfunded liabilities, which are estimated at more than \$700 million, or about \$6,000 for every Lansing resident.

Given strict statutory limitations on the city's ability to raise new revenues by increasing taxes, our crystal ball suggests that Mayor Schor and the Council are more likely to face painful choices on

how many city employees to eliminate, not how many new ones to add. Of course, it's also possible that the mayor and Council will travel a different road. City Council previously approved a measure that authorizes Schor's administration to fill gaps in the city's operating budget through the bond market by borrowing up to \$20 million against future property tax revenues. We think this is a singularly bad idea because it merely kicks the can down the road instead of making the tough decisions right now to cut spending and balance the city budget. Bonding to pay for routine operating expenses also runs the risk of damaging the city's credit rating, which will make it more expensive to borrow in the future for legitimate capital needs like road repairs and sewer construction.

Overnight parking redux

We were more than surprised to learn through firsthand experience over the holiday weekend that the

Lansing Police Department continues to issue tickets for violating the prohibition against overnight parking on city streets



between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. With City Council on the verge of repealing the ordinance altogether, it strikes us as odd that LPD would make enforcement of the ordinance a priority, especially when a number of city residents presumably had guests in town for the long Labor Day weekend and MSU students who live in the city are settling into their new homes. We'd hate to think the flurry of ticketing was driven by the desire to generate as much revenue as possible before the overnight parking ban is lifted. Perhaps officers' time would be better spent protecting the public health by enforcing mask violations at noncompliant local businesses rather than targeting city residents who park overnight on the street in front of their homes.

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Out of the blue, a flyer makes me out a racist

(The writer, a Lansing resident, was recently portrayed as a racist in a mysterious flyer widely distributed around town. To see the flyer, go to the news section on www.lansingcitypulse.com.)

By **BRYAN MCATTEE**

Picking up your phone at 12:30 p.m. on a Friday to someone telling you that they will come and kill you, and they give you your actual address and name before

you can respond, is not the ideal way to kick off a weekend. Especially after you've just returned to work from your first appointment with

a psychiatrist to manage your depression you've ignored for years, but a pandemic has finally pushed you to speak up. You were almost feeling good. A step in the right direction. Nothing has been going in a way that you had thought by the time you were 30. Your girlfriend has left you, work doesn't pay enough to pay the bills and plan a vacation, you still rent with a roommate. You took a job outside of restaurant work for health care, so all of your friends now work opposite hours as you. Imagine this. You are alone.

You've been checking your phone all morning hoping there would be a missed call or a text from your ex saying they love you and want to patch things up. So when your jeans vibrate, you feel the hair on your arm rise like a ghost encounter. It's a number you don't recognize, but maybe it's work-related, and your heart sinks as you answer to a voice wanting you dead. Demanding justice for your bigotry that prior to this phone call you didn't know you had. You ask what they are talking about as the lights in your work space seem to flicker as

tunnel vision sets in. You are now a racist.

The man on the phone maybe believes you when you tell him you have no idea about what he is telling you, so he sends you a picture of a flyer with your name, phone number, and home address, "in case you didn't know." Your entire body stops responding properly as you read, "RESTORE WHITE POWER," and you don't need to read any more to understand the beginning of what will be your hell. You are alone.

You think, "Who the fuck did this? Do I tell my family? Does my roommate need to leave now? He has a daughter. Should I call the police, or does that make it worse?" meanwhile your phone is still buzzing as hard as your mind. Some are more threats, but they seem to understand something's wrong by your shaking voice. What's more disturbing are the ones that seem disappointed that these flyers are a hoax.

You pick up every call asking, "Who's calling?" You're getting edgy. A woman who saw the flyer, which was posted around town, explains after a conversation defending yourself that she wants to help debunk these rumors. You don't know if you can believe her, but agree because what else do you have left to lose, right? It works. She makes a video that reaches thousands of people who come to your defense in the Lansing area, and take to the streets tearing down these flyers. The hate calls you receive stop. You gain friendship despite the hatred placed against you. You end up writing this. There is love, and, again, it works. You are not alone.

But, imagine now, if you were not so lucky as to be placed in a city as our own. Imagine waking up on a hopeful Friday to be dead by the evening for no reason other than hate. Now try and remember how minorities may feel this way as reality. Every day. I will never understand, or pretend to. But I will remember this moment to fortify my beliefs that this city will come together to protect its people. Remember, finally, that you are not alone.



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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By KYLE KAMINSKI



Gyms, sports can resume across Michigan

After months of state-mandated closures, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer reeled back some coronavirus safety restrictions last week and announced that gyms could reopen statewide. Organized sports can also resume this month — just as long as people wear face masks. Whitmer’s administration allows but still recommends against contact-heavy sports like football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, hockey, wrestling, field hockey, boxing and martial arts.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association Council still voted to reinstate sports last week. Whitmer’s order allows typical fall sports like volleyball, soccer and swimming to start this week. Meanwhile, Michigan now tracks more than 107,000 COVID-19 cases and 6,500 deaths, including more than 2,800 cases and 62 deaths reported from the Greater Lansing region.

More spending proposed for Lansing Police

Budget priorities en route to Lansing Mayor Andy Schor’s desk could call for more training and more social workers at the Lansing Police Department. And that could spell police investment rather than police divestment as activists continue to push for meaningful police reforms.



The Lansing City Council’s Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion met last week to draft the budget priorities, which are due to Schor next month as he crafts a budget by March. The proposal could also include a grant writer to assist community organizations across the city.

Notably absent? An actual reduction to LPD’s \$46.5 million budget, something that has long been part of a rallying cry repeatedly echoed by Black Lives Matter activists in recent months.

East Lansing cop cleared of excessive force

The Washtenaw County Prosecutor’s Office denied

a warrant request last week from Ingham County to charge East Lansing Police Officer Andrew Stephenson with criminal charges after videos appeared to show him kneeling on a suspect’s neck during an arrest he made last year.

Stephenson, who was accused of excessive force, was also cleared of any alleged wrongdoing in May after a Michigan State Police investigation determined he was entirely justified in using force to apprehend two Black suspects — one on Dec. 29, 2019, and another on Feb. 9, 2020.

McLaren spending extra \$150 million on new hospital

A nearly half-billion-dollar development from McLaren Health Care is set to swell to about \$600 million this year after the health system announced last week it would invest about \$150 million more into its towering complex still being built near Michigan State University just off US-127.



The headliner for the new hospital project will still include a state-of-the-art cancer center, which broke ground this summer. The additional investment will allow for expansion, more spacious rooms for patients and a facility designed specifically to study and treat tumors.

Hundreds of loans delayed for MSU law students

Nearly 400 law students at Michigan State University are still waiting to receive student loans this week as officials grapple with federal fallout stemming from the Larry Nassar investigation.



A merger between MSU and the formerly independent College of Law hit a hiccup with the U.S. Department of Education stemming from Clery Act violations related to Nassar and the subsequent sanctions levied against MSU. As a result, MSU still cannot technically add loan-eligible locations without federal approval, which includes its integration with MSU Law.

Until the federal government rubber stamps the merger, that means students still don’t have access to their loan money. MSU officials said they hope to have the issue resolved this week.



1317 Ballard St., Lansing

This formerly vibrant house of worship tucked into a neighborhood along Ballard Street on Lansing’s north side has certainly seen some more divine days. And based on the dozens of city-issued citations for overgrown weeds in recent years, it’s likely the neighbors agree.

The front door and concrete steps are cracked. A moldy awning hanging overhead is sagging and ripped. Dirt is accumulating on the cross behind it. The windows are boarded shut, except for one peeling open in the back. The lawn is poorly mowed with several overgrown patches.

Inside, “Team Cletus” is painted on doors to the trash covered (but otherwise empty) nave — the only congregation to gather inside since Mt. Zion Baptist Church moved to Dewitt in 2006.

The Rev. W.L. Hunt started the church in 1926, gathering in rented buildings on Grand River Avenue and Cedar Street before purchasing his own space on Case Street in 1929. The Ballard Street church was the first to be constructed specifically for the growing Mt. Zion congregation.

In 2017, the old Ballard Street building was sold to Our Lady of Deliverance Diocese, a Syriac Catholic church affiliated with St. Isaac of Nineveh, which appears to be closed across the street. Calls to that church (and its affiliates listed online in New Jersey) were not returned.

A spokeswoman for Mt. Zion said the building was in terrible condition even before the sale.

“Keep Out” signs (complete with several exclamation marks) are scattered across the property, warning of some type of “contamination.” It’s possible they’re just another classic Catholic scare tactic to keep troublemakers at bay, but here’s hoping they work long enough to return some semblance of the holy spirit back to this church building before it crumbles to hell.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

“Eyesore of the Week” is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eye Candy of the Week and Eye for Design. Have a suggestion? Email eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call it in at 517-999-6715.

BLOCK600: Grocery store and apartments open next month

Sleek Michigan Ave. complex offers upscale apartments with easy access to Meijer

Forty apartments overlooking the Stadium District are available for lease as construction nears completion on a grocery store and the first hotel to come to downtown Lansing in two decades.

The BLOCK600 project, as it's now officially branded, was billed last April as a "gamechanger" for the city by its developer, Pat Gillespie. Now, several months and the throes of a pandemic later, the project is nearing the finish line as contractors work to get things wrapped up before the winter months.

Only time will tell if the development will live up to its lofty expectations, but hopes are high after City Pulse took a tour of the unfinished project last week. A mix of studios and several one- and two-bedroom apartments (about a dozen already leased) are set to open in early October. The grocery store — a Meijer in a sleek, urban market format — is expected to follow soon after.

A Marriott Courtyard hotel attached at the eastern end is slated to open in January or February.

"We're really happy with where we're at," Gillespie said. "To be shut down for eight weeks — because of the pandemic shutdown — put a little hiccup in our schedule, but we've managed to keep things on track. We're excited to get it all open. With the landscaping and the signage, it's all looking better than I thought it would be."

Even the studio units, with just fewer than 500 square feet, offer some surprisingly spacious open floor plans at \$870. Balconies and street views are reserved for larger units. One-bedrooms start at \$1,150. Two-bedroom units are 1,150 square feet and start at \$1,820.

A mirrored room is set to be filled with shared exercise equipment for tenants. Another room is filled with shelves for bike storage — an essential feature for quick downtown trips. A shared patio space will also offer room for residents to gather, socialize and drink on the second floor.

An alleyway built out back will also provide outdoor seating for residents and guests alike. And the most convenient feature? A staircase and elevator that lead directly down to the soon-to-open grocery.



While it's technically a Meijer-branded store, don't expect any traditional big-box vibes. It'll be at least the third iteration of the chain's "urban format" store in Michigan, which feels more like an indoors farmers market with fresh food and a major emphasis on locally sourced items.

Capital City Market will also still carry a traditional lineup of some Meijer-branded items, but it's clearly designed to tailor to hip shoppers more likely to be found at places like Whole Foods.

Murals and historic photos of the city are scattered throughout the store. Bay doors along Michigan Avenue lead to an expansive produce section. A beer and wine section is adorned with signage from local breweries and distilleries. A keycard elevator leads to the apartments. (Meijer and Marriott did not allow photos.)

On the eastern side of the building, crews are also still hammering away at 122 hotel rooms. A parking lot out back will include 64 spaces for tenants and 122 spaces for the hotel. Another 100 spots will be available for grocery shoppers, who can have their

passes validated at check-out. Another 12 metered parking spaces will also open on the southern side of Michigan Avenue.

The Gillespie Group bought out 21 separate parcels over four acres — including an old gas station and the old Brogan's Tire & Auto Service — to make the project possible. Developers also secured more than \$10 million in Brownfield tax-increment financing to bring it all together.

That plan was approved by the Lansing City Council in 2018. And officials at the Lansing Economic Area Partnership said additional steps — like



(Top) The kitchen of a model apartment in Block600. (Below) The living room opens onto a balcony with a western view of downtown.

approval from the state Department of Environmental Quality — have long been approved. Gillespie also said he signed a 20-year lease agreement with Meijer and also solidified a purchase agreement to sell the hotel portion.

Requests for tax incentives are typically a controversial hurdle for devel-

What's in a name? More than luck if you have an Irish surname

Name three justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

No, not Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Wrong court.

If you were paying attention shortly after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's inauguration, you picked up that Justice Bridget McCormack had been elected chief justice ... but maybe you missed that piece of news. Either way, that's my point.



KYLE MELINN

POLITICS

voters for Supreme Court in the past 20 years is Marilyn Kelly. She's a different candidate than Mary Beth Kelly, and neither is on the court.

So, it probably shouldn't come to anyone's surprise that the Republicans found yet ANOTHER Mary Kelly to put on the ballot in 2020.

This Mary Roy Kelly ran for a local judgeship in her home of St. Clair County more than 25 years ago and lost. She worked as a chief assistant prosecutor for many years before being hired to represent children in court.

She's never been elected to anything. She's never been a judge. But she has the name Mary Kelly, and suddenly she's the favorite, outside of incumbent Bridget McCormack, who most everybody who follows this stuff presumes will win one of the two open seats.

Outside of McCormack, the Democrats also nominated Elizabeth Welch, an East Grand Rapids attorney, and the Republicans nominated Appellate Judge Brock Swartzle along with Kelly.

The Libertarians nominated Kerry Lee Morgan (again) and Katherine Nepton. The Green Party nominated Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Susan Hubbard.

That's your field.

Party designation isn't included on the ballot for Supreme Court. If you don't know whom your party nominated and you don't know anything about the candidate, you're throwing darts.

That's where these Irish surnames come from. I don't know if it goes back to Attorney General Frank Kelley, but folks with the last names that can be traced to the Emerald Isle tend to be the next deciding factor after incumbency.

Those with Irish surnames have been winning Michigan Court races for decades.

The Michigan Supreme Court has had 133 members. Of those there's been three Kellys, three Cavanaghs/Kavanaghs, a Brennan, five "Mc"s, two Boyles, a Corrigan, an O'Hara and a Flannigan. You get the picture.

This go-around, Welch is of old Anglo-Saxon origins and Swartzle is German. Unfortunately for them, it's too late to add an "O" in front them.

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

OPINION

Nobody knows who sits on the court. The polling bears that out.

Progress Michigan ran a recent poll two weeks ago in which 897 likely voters were asked to pick their preferred Supreme Court candidate. After listing off all seven names on the ballot, a 76% majority didn't know.

When asked to pick their second choice, 86% again offered no name, even though the choices were laid out for them.

Just as only a select few know who serves on the court, only a select few know anything about the candidates running.

Not since former Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer successfully labeled then-Justice Cliff Taylor the "Sleeping Judge" in a slew of effective ads has the biennial race for a couple Supreme Court slots earned any statewide media, paid or earned.

With Trump, Biden, John James, Gary Peters, Elissa Slotkin and their allies gobbling up all of the TV ad time these days, we're not likely see any change in direction.

That's why with limited exceptions — like the "Sleeping Judge" — incumbents win these races. They have the "Justice of the Supreme Court" moniker to go with their name.

Let's look at all of the Election Day winners of the court in the past 20 years who were not officeholders at the time. What do you notice? Megan Cavanagh, Richard Bernstein, Bridget McCormack, Mary Beth Kelly and Diane Hathaway.

That's right. There are only five. Four are women. The one man has one of the most recognizable surnames in Michigan law. Three of the women have Irish last names.

With one exception, the person who has received the highest number of



Gillespie

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opers, but Gillespie pointed to extensive environmental contamination to justify them. Several petroleum tanks needed to be removed. The homes swallowed by the project were also filled with asbestos.

About 15 jobs are expected to be created at the grocery store along with a "fair amount" of staff to operate the hotel and to staff the apartment complex. Gillespie also followed through on a promise to use as much locally sourced labor as possible during the ongoing construction.

All told, the development represents a \$41.5 million "transformative" investment downtown, Gillespie said. The idea: Catapult existing com-



(Top) The view from one of the two two-bedroom apartments, which are the corner units at Michigan Avenue and Larch Street. (Below) The building's sign awaits hanging.

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#20-208

The proposed budget of the Ingham Conservation District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 will be presented to the District Board for final approval at the regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on 9-16-20. The Public is invited to comment on the proposed budget at this time. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the District office located at 1031 W. Dexter Trail, Mason, MI 48854.

#20-209

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#20-209

Food, shuffleboard in City Market building's future

Detroit developer to bring multi-use concept to empty hall

If Mayor Andy Schor and a Detroit developer have their way, the vacant City Market building downtown will soon undergo an offbeat, multi-faceted “activation” nobody saw coming.

“It’s hard to keep a secret,” Schor said.

Tuesday, Schor announced plans to lease the building to the 3-year-old Detroit Rising Development group and turn the cavernous pole barn into a multi-use community hub called the Lansing Shuffleboard & Social Club. The 12-year-old building has been largely empty since 2018, save for the Waterfront Bar & Grill, which fought eviction until last fall.

The \$3.2 million private investment would pack in six or more food vendors, a bar, live entertainment and eight shuffleboard courts.

If the Lansing City Council approves the deal, DRD will likely sign a 10-year lease, with an option to renew, Schor said. The city spokeswoman, Valerie Marchand, said today that the lease agreement will be placed on file for the public later this week.

Parts of the project could be open to the public within a year, but full completion could take up to two years, according to DRD founder and partner Jon Hartzell.

Schor said the proposed project fulfills all of his requirements for the space. “It took a little longer than we hoped to find the right match, but I wanted a project that would activate the space, that it is sustainable and would not need a yearly subsidy from the city,” he said. “This project meets all those conditions.”

The announcement puts an end to months of underwhelming rumors that the city would give up on finding a creative “destination” use for the space and end up leasing it to a brewpub or another redundant tenant.

In 2018, DRD completed the Detroit Shipping Co., a city block packed with food truck-style eateries, bars, sand volleyball courts, an art gallery and private event space built from 23 shipping containers in the heart of the city’s Cass Corridor.

Schor and Hartzell said the Detroit project is an “inspiration” for the Lansing Shuffleboard & Social Club.

For DRD’s first project outside of the Detroit metro area, Hartzell said his team was looking for “urban centers that are emerging with walkability, and we wanted to be part of an active community.”

Earlier this year, Hartzell and other DRD staffers toured Lansing’s downtown, neighborhoods, Old Town and REO Town.

“It fit beautifully for us,” he said. “Finding out how much people cared about the space brought us to a point where we really wanted to do this.”

The City Market building is largely “shuffle ready,” but changes will be made to the shell and patio, Hartzell said. The wall facing the river will open up, with garage-style doors and more windows, to take advantage of sunset river views. A mezzanine will be added to the building. (The shell was designed to have a mezzanine, but it was never put in.)

Hartzell said he was impressed by the downtown activity he observed on his visit to Lansing, from the sandbox and promenades at Rotary Park to the dozens of kayakers and hundreds of River trail strollers.

The Bond Co., a consulting firm based in Ann Arbor, advised DRD that three cities that were “underserved” and ready for such a project: Milwaukee; Edmonton, Canada; and Lansing.

Hartzell said the new facility would follow Detroit Shipping Co.’s model of

hiring a racially diverse staff and offering varied ethnic foods with “approachable prices.”

“It matters to represent, inside your building, everyone outside of you,” he said. “They’ll be actual kitchens, but approachable and accessible, like food trucks.”

Among the Detroit Shipping eateries are Bangkok 96 (“Thai street food”), COOP Caribbean (“chicken Caribbean fusion”) Brew Ho (“tacos and tapas”), a Nepalese dumpling shop, Windsor-based Motor Burger and Minus 320, a coffee and ice cream shop.

Hartzell said the eateries will be “chef driven and owner operated.” Some may be imported from Detroit, but DRD is already talking with local culinary enterprises, including the Allen Street Market’s incubator kitchens, Hartzell said.

The main event, shuffleboard, will be offered in both league and open formats. The 500-year-old sport has long been considered to be a pastime for geezers, owing to its popularity on cruise ships and in retirement homes, but since the 1980s, shuffleboard has spiked in popularity with younger people, especially in bars and pubs, in both full size and tabletop variants.

The shovels first used in shuffleboard (which began as “shovelboard”) are about the only connection between the building’s future and former uses. The “new” City Market opened in 2008, in hopes of saving the nearly century-old market from a long, slow death spiral. The idea was to put up condos where the old market stood, wrapping the new market in a built-in customer base that was expected to grow as downtown development accelerated.

But the timing was not propitious. The surrounding condos took years to complete, in part because of the



Photos by Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor (left) and Jon Hartzell of Detroit Rising Development announced plans Tuesday to turn the former Lansing City Market Building into Lansing Shuffleboard and Social Club, a community hub with six restaurants, a bar, entertainment and, of course, shuffleboard.

Great Recession, while market vendors withered on the vine. The expected boom in pedestrian River Trail traffic and kayak rentals was still a decade away. Meanwhile, the new market was plagued by a myriad of self-inflicted problems, from the building’s invisibility to traffic on Cedar Street to weak promotion, inconsistent management and nuts-and-bolts problems with parking, loading, trash and recycling.

The outlook is different in 2020, despite a new recession brought on by the coronavirus pandemic. Rotary Park, a twinkling urban hangout with riverside benches, tables and a sandbox “beach,” has drawn hundreds of strollers and cyclists to river’s edge, directly in front of the City Market building.

Add a stunning boom in kayaking activity, with a livery and launching site a few yards upstream from the City Market, and the timing for the new project looks perfect to Hartzell.

In a new era of social media-driven promotion, Hartzell added, the visibility problem will not be as much of a factor as it was during the City Market’s death spiral.

“When we have eight to nine vendors, all co-marketing, they send touch points all over,” he said. “And people are already actively seeking the River Walk. This location checks so many boxes for us.”

— LAWRENCE COSENTINO



The Lansing City Market has been empty since October 2019, when the last tenant, Waterfront Bar & Grill, moved out.

Medical exemptions create loopholes for mask compliance

Maskless Gizzard City staff may be case in point

None of the eight employees at Joe's Gizzard City in Potterville wear face masks.

Despite a longstanding state mandate that face coverings be worn in all indoor public spaces, owner Joe Bristol doesn't have a problem with his maskless staff. Neither do the Potterville Police Department, Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich or state Attorney General Dana Nessel.

ANALYSIS

Even the office of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer — the arbiter of executive orders on face masks in Michigan — doesn't have much to say about the scene in Potterville. Nessel deferred comment to Whitmer's office for this story, which didn't return several calls from City Pulse.

Instead of clarity, the silence has only created a case study on how exemptions for those who claim they cannot "medically tolerate" a mask can be stretched without consequence and how those set on not wearing them have found an apparent loophole in the state's rules.

A maskless bartender greeted me last month with a menu at Joe's Gizzard City, which was made famous by Guy Fieri in a 2007 episode of "Diners, Drive-ins Dives." I glanced into the kitchen and saw two more bare faces in the kitchen. Five minutes later, I returned to my car — put off by an apparent lack of adherence to basic sanitary guidelines during a pandemic.

Bristol later told me that all of his employees are medically exempt from wearing face masks. Was it a strange

(if not laughably unrealistic) excuse from another rural business dodging the rules? Or was it just an unlikely coincidence that's entirely justifiable at face value in Michigan?

As law enforcement and public health offi-



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Joe Bristol, the owner of Joe's Gizzard City in Potterville, claims all eight of his employees are medically exempt from wearing face coverings.

cialists later explained, it doesn't much matter. Those set on skipping face masks in Michigan, with or without a valid medical exemption, are apparently free to do so without any consequences — just as long as they stick to their story.

Under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order, masks are required to be worn while outside the home in "any indoor public space" — including (but not limited to) restaurants that remain open for dine-in service. Exceptions include children under 5 and those who "cannot medically tolerate a face covering" or while eating or drinking while seated at a food service business.

Enforcement of that order is handled by a variety of state and local agencies, but it falls exclusively to local health departments when it comes to mask compliance at restaurants. A spokeswoman for the Barry-Eaton District Health Department said reports of maskless employees are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. But medical exemptions can be bulletproof.

While a health department recommends employers receive written documentation from their employees' medical providers to indicate whether they're exempt from wearing a mask, there's no actual verification mechanism to ensure that verification process has been properly followed.

"It's pretty well established that

employers can require some type of medical documentation," a Barry-Eaton District Health Department spokeswoman said. "Right now, we're just advising employers that have medically exempt employees to make sure that's all properly documented."

Bristol said he is hesitant to pry into the medical records of his staff. He hasn't asked for documentation, partially because he doesn't want to invade their privacy and partially because he already knows about the longtime medical complications on his staff.

"They all have various forms of health issues that prevent them from wearing them," Bristol explained. "Some people aren't familiar with medical exemptions for things like COPD and asthma. We are complying with all aspects of the governor's orders, even with the exemptions."

And according to officials at the Health Department, that's just fine. The overarching direction handed down from the state: accept all verbal notifications of medical exemptions at face value.

"That's kind of tricky," Bristol added. "You can ask for information but it's not like you can force them to hand over medical records. It's dicey territory, and comparing the potential damages of a privacy or ADA issue, I'd rather just take the word of my staff. It's not like I don't believe them."

Both the Eaton County Sheriff's Office and the Potterville Police Department have also been told to accept notifications of medical exemptions without asking questions. Reported violations are rare, especially in Potterville, but they would simply walk away if notified of an exemption.

"You really can't get into the medical stuff," Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich added. "If they say it's a medical condition, then so be it. We go about doing our other business. If it's a medical issue, then there's nothing we can do. That being said, I think everybody, for the most part, has handled this pretty well."

Nessel's office deferred all comment on the apparent loophole to Whitmer's office. Whitmer hasn't responded to calls or emails from City Pulse over the last two weeks. The takeaway: Medical exemptions are entirely based on the honors system, and they can probably be abused.

Bristol said his restaurant is complying with other areas of the executive orders, including creating a COVID-19 emergency plan, placing signage about required masks on the entrances and mandating customers wear masks when they're not seated at their tables or the bar.

Employees at Joe's Gizzard City are also trained to identify COVID-19 symptoms and are temperature checked before each shift. If they aren't feeling well, they are told to stay home that day. Menus are also available online to avoid contact, and tables have been socially distanced.

Masks are also offered to both customers and staff, and the building is routinely sanitized. Hand sanitizer is also readily available at the entrances and at other places across the restaurant. Curbside service is also an option for those who still do not want to go inside the building to eat.

Masks help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, he recognized, but it's not the end of the world.

"Given the data within our county, as of yesterday, it's like a 0.08% threat of death. There are many other things out there that will kill you faster than this virus," Bristol added. "I'm not diminishing the threat, because there is a real threat out there, especially for symptomatic people with other health issues, but the data is what it is. It's a low death threat in Michigan."

— KYLE KAMINSKI

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 20-880-GA

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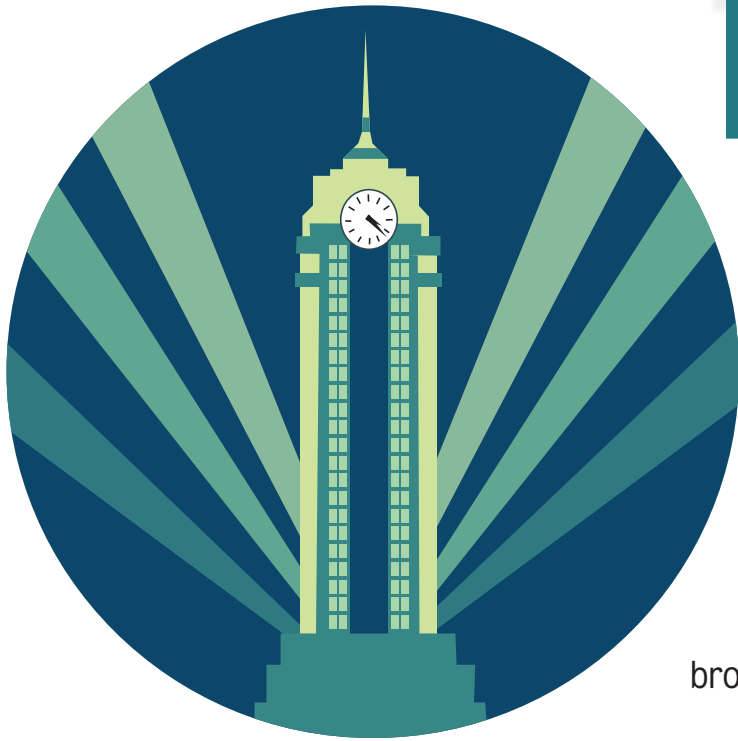
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Top of the Town took 5... months



Yes, just as Top of The Town 2020 was ready for its close-up, an unwanted guest on the set, known as the coronavirus, shut down production in March after we had completed the initial nominating round. But after some time to get things back in running order, Top of The Town 2020 is back in action.

So, what's up with the new contest? How will we avoid screwing up the votes and announcing the wrong winner à la Steve Harvey at the Oscars? Here's how it works: All votes that were cast during the original first round will be applied to the totals from this re-launched first round. If a contestant received 4,000 votes during the original contest, and then 1,000 votes during the re-launch, their total amount of votes received will be 5,000.

You might remember the original first round had a category where we asked you to pick your favorite Democrat candidate for president. The winner was Bernie Sanders, with Joe Biden finishing second.

We've added a handful of new categories

that commemorate the changes the world has had to rapidly adapt to. These include: **Best Curbside Pickup, Best Socially Distanced Setup and Best Online Ordering.** So, if you were impressed by how a business changed its usual operations, be sure to cast your vote and let the rest of Lansing know. Other new categories include **Best Cider, Best Corn Maze and Best Place to Buy Chrysanthemums.**

That's not all that's new! Determining the best pizza in Lansing will be an entirely new contest of its own. It launches next week, so start thinking of your favorite local place to dine on pie.

You'll find all of the information you need to vote in the handy-dandy infographic on page 14. If you'd prefer to use snail mail, which we won't shame you for, send your list of votes to Suzi at City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 48912. And hey, while you're voting, why not sign up for the City Pulse daily enewsletter? It's an easy way to stay connected with us through these hectic times.

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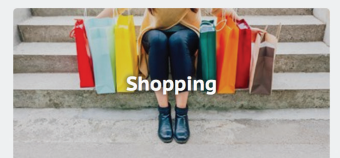
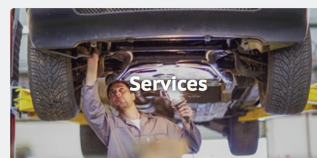
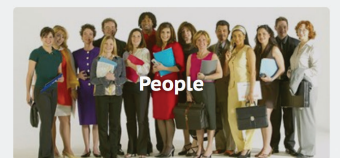
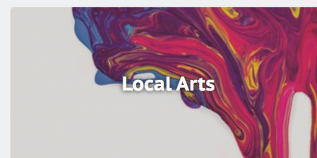
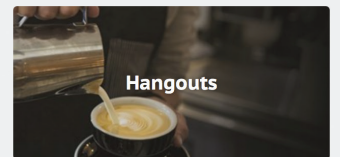
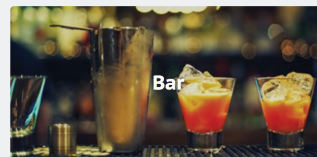
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Where's the pizza?!



We've decided that the battle of the best pizza in Lansing deserves a contest of its own! Be on the lookout for next week's issue. It will have all the meaty and cheesy details on how to vote for your favorite local pizza pie.



2019 Top 3 Best Pizzas:
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An apple (cider) a day



We're finally getting around to honoring the best apple cider! It's a classic mid-Michigan delicacy, so it just made sense to add it to Top of the Town.

Best Dining Categories

- Bagels
- Bakery
- BBQ
- Breakfast
- Brunch
- Burger
- Chinese
- Cider**
- Coney Dog
- Dessert
- Deli
- Diner
- Donuts
- Family Friendly Restaurant
- Fried Chicken

- Fast Food
- Fish Fry
- Food Truck
- French Fries
- Greek Restaurant
- Hibachi
- Ice Cream Shop
- Indian Restaurant
- Irish Restaurant
- Italian Restaurant
- Kids Eat Free Restaurant
- Late Night Food
- Mediterranean Restaurant
- Mexican Restaurant (non chain)

- Mexican Restaurant (chain)
- Nachos
- New Restaurant
- Olive Burger
- Pancakes
- Pizza
- Prime Rib
- Ranch Dressing
- Ramen
- Restaurant Beer List
- Restaurant for Seniors
- Restaurant Wine List
- Reuben
- Salad (formerly salad/salad bar)

- Sub Sandwich
- Seafood
- Signature Dish
- Sliders
- Soup
- Steak
- Sushi
- Tacos
- Thai
- Upscale Dining
- Vegetarian/Vegan/
Gluten Free Restaurant
- Wings
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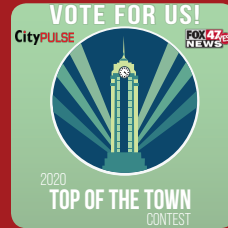
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Hang out outside

We've all spent a lot of time cooped up indoors this year. It's obviously a necessary sacrifice due to the pandemic, but that doesn't mean we can't commemorate our favorite places to hangout. We've also added a new category: Best Corn Maze. It's just in time for Halloween, which is right around the corner! Last year's champion was Hawk Island Park. Hawk Island Park is currently open, so you can still go on a walk through its winding woodland trails and enjoy the breeze on the boardwalk. It's still just as beautiful as ever.



**2019 Top 3
Places to Sled:
Hawk Island Park
Deadman's Winter
Sports Complex
Frandon - Ranney
Park**

Best Hangouts Categories

- Biggby
- Bowling Alley
- Coffee Shop (non-Biggby)
- Corn Maze**
- Comedy Night
- Dog Park
- Escape Room Venue

- Golf Course
- Hangout for Seniors
- Hangout for Students
- Hangout Solo
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- Experimental Musical Act
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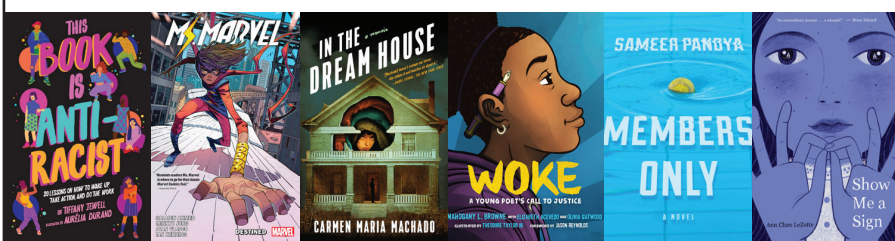
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Schor or Bernero? Who should be Lansing's next mayor.

Best People Categories

- Advocate/Activist
- Food Delivery Person
- Radio DJ
- Bartender
- Hair Stylist
- Realtor
- Brewer
- High School Coach
- Restaurant
- Budtender
- High School Teacher
- Waitstaff Person
- CATA Bus Driver
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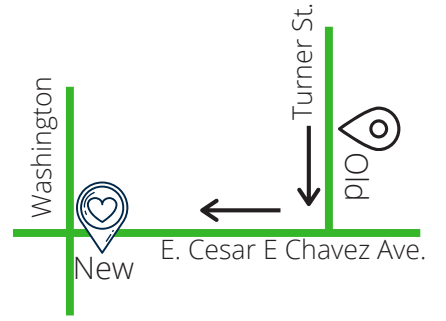
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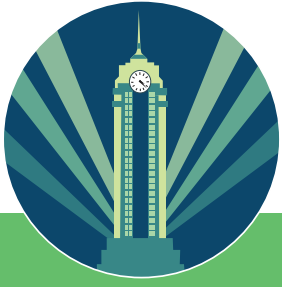
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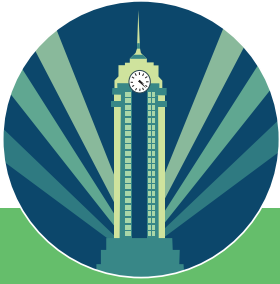
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2019 Best Farmers Market:
 Meridian Farmers Market
 Allen Farmers Market
 Holt Farmers Market

Best Shopping Categories

Antique Shop
 Art Gallery
 Asian Market
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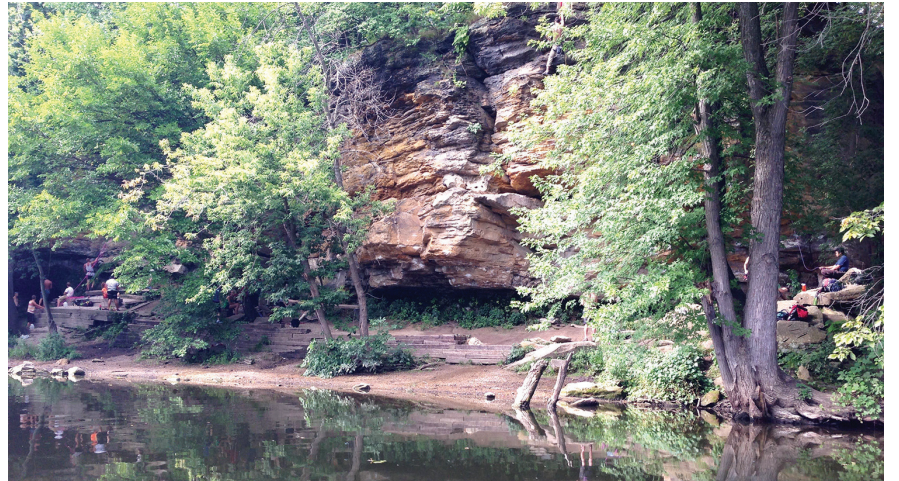


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The "kitchen sink" category

Ah yes, Best Whatever — AKA the categories that just didn't fit anywhere else. Here you'll find a smorgasbord of random stuff like Best Outdoor Adventure. Last year, Lansing voted Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge (or the Ledges) as the Best Place to Go Adventuring. If you haven't been there yet, set aside a day and go visit it. Seriously, it's one of Greater Lansing's most beautiful hidden gems.



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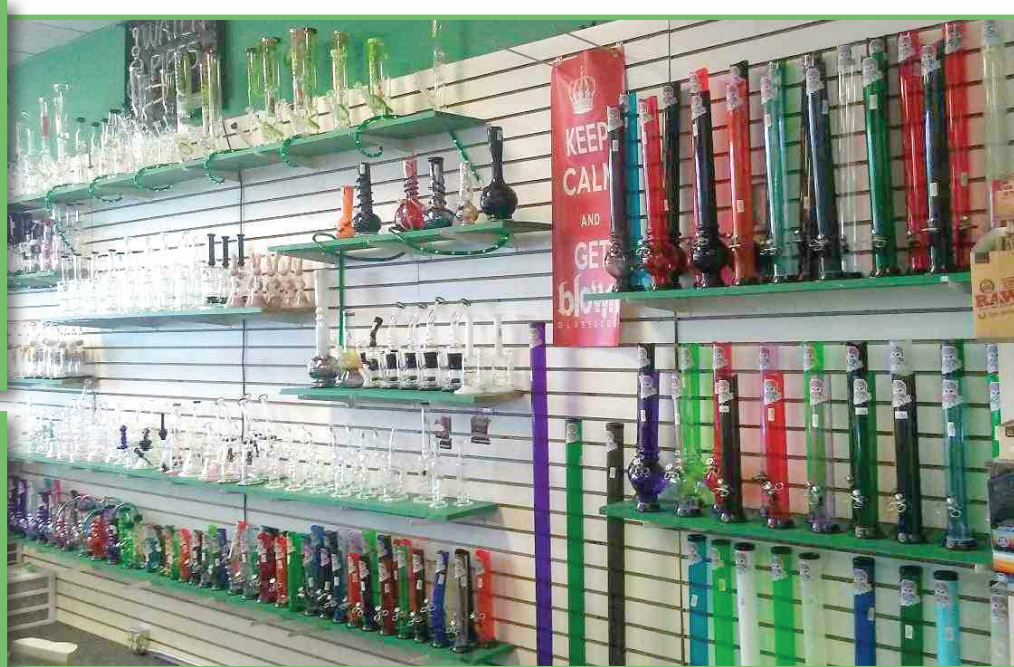
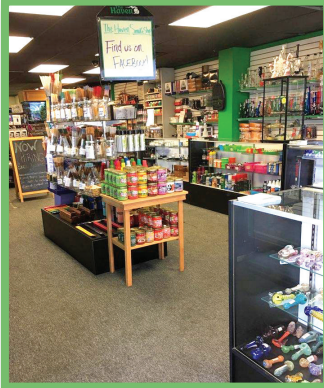
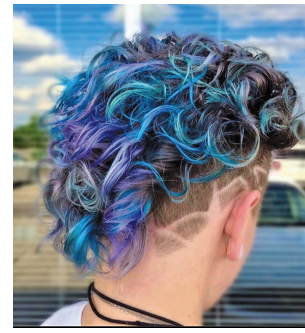


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Ten Pound Fiddle launches virtual concert archive

By SKYLER ASHLEY

In lieu of a traditional concert season — all previously announced shows have been pushed back to 2021 — Ten

To check out the digital concert series visit tenpoundfiddle.org

Pound Fiddle is using its website to host a digital season of live recordings captured at concerts from the past decade.

Longtime Fiddle booking mastermind Sally Potter Each said the concerts have been handpicked for their quality, so folk music fans will have access to recordings straight from the sound board, mastered and edited by Matt Watroba, that represent the best of the best Ten Pound Fiddle concerts. The web page dedicated to the recordings also provides links for people to donate directly — Ten Pound Fiddle does not collect a percentage — to the featured performing artists. The first concerts featured by the digital season are performances in 2010 and 2013 by The Steel Wheels.

“We have most of the Ten Pound



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Virginia folk band The Steel Wheels is the first artist to be featured by Ten Pound Fiddle's digital concert archive.

coronavirus pandemic.

“In Germany, people are coming to concert halls and standing 6 feet apart. They are incredibly careful. They’re inching their way back to what we used to do. We aren’t even close,” Potter said.

With the downtime, Potter said Ten Pound Fiddle will instead focus on three projects: building an archive of Fiddle-related literature, interviewing important figures that helped build Ten Pound Fiddle and, eventually, publishing a magazine that commemorates its upcoming 50th anniversary. Potter said a lot of the materials are being preserved by Michigan State University’s Special Collections.

With musicians across the board facing tough times, Ten Pound Fiddle managed to provide some pay to the artists who had scheduled appearances in Lansing postponed. Checks totaling over \$4,000 were mailed out back in March, when the pandemic began. The payments were possible, Potter said, because the majority of ticketholders generously chose not to request refunds.

Fiddle shows recorded. This was all done with permission of the artists. All we’ve ever done with them is save them,” Potter said. “We have a stack of CD’s from the last 10 or 15 years. I went through and picked a wide variety of fabulous shows.”

Like all arts institutions, Ten Pound Fiddle suffered a massive blow from the coronavirus. Potter said it was a tough process to postpone shows and say goodbye to an entire season of concerts, community sings and Fiddle

Scout meetings.

“We are calling this year a sabbatical. The live music industry is wondering when the crowds can come back. Booking agents aren’t sure when they can spend their time to book events. It’s tragic,” Potter said.

Potter cited European countries such as Germany as being closer to the overall normalcy necessary for the return of live music and concert halls, and expressed frustration with the federal government’s slow response to the

Gothic thrift shop relocates to Old Town

By SKYLER ASHLEY

Thrift Witch, a REO Town Marketplace thrift store that made a name for itself thanks to its year-round Halloween theme, has reopened at a new address in Old Town. Its soft opening saw a crowd of people shopping for spooky vintage goods, ranging anywhere from custom jewelry to Ouija boards.

“We had a great time. It feels like we’re onto something. We’re already low on product,” owner Tiesha King said. “The east side of Lansing came out strong. I had friends come in and a barrage of people I didn’t even know.”

When her marketplace lease was up and she was faced with the precipice of closing her shop for good, King said a push from Ted Stewart, owner of neighboring Old Town thrift shop



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Metro Retro, inspired her to set up shop in a new neighborhood.

“We took a huge leap of faith. It was a hard sell for me. Ted, who I call the godfather of Lansing thrift, pushed me to switch in the first place. He said, ‘Girl, no. Come down here to Old Town. This is where you belong.’ He even found the space for me.”

King said Colleen Kelly, owner of The Avenue Café, and Dawne Botke-Coe, owner of Triple Goddess Bookstore, also pushed her to make the move to Old Town.

King said the larger space will allow to her greatly expand the Thrift Witch operation. She said the small booth in the REO Town Marketplace did not provide the room necessary to stock all of the products she acquires from different vendors. “I had to start turning people down because I just ran out of space. I’ve got people down in Indiana, Ohio and Detroit that want to be vendors with me,” King said.

King will also use the new shop to further expand her other business, The Dark Art of Michigan. The Dark Art of Michigan is a series of performanc-

es that feature live music, painting, burlesque and pop-up marketplaces. The new Thrift Witch will provide a sort of de facto headquarters to sell more products from recurring Dark Art vendors.



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Thrift Witch owner Tiesha King at her shop's new location in Old Town.

Black and blue football memories of the old school Detroit Lions

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Detroit's Richard Bak has written nearly 30 books, many of them about Detroit sports legends, including Joe Louis, Turkey Stearns, Ty Cobb and Sparky Anderson. But he may have saved the best for his newest book, "When Lions Were King," which chronicles the Detroit Lions' gridiron dominance back in the '50s.

The Lions posted a regular season record of 68-48-4 during the '50s, which included some abysmal seasons in the later half of the decade. But it was their postseason record that soared — from 1951 through 1957 the team won four divisional titles.

Bak chronicles the team's incredible

run of postseason victories, which including three National Football League Championships against the Cleveland Browns, another football superpower at the time.

Bak brings the Lions to life through the eyes of players like Bobby Layne, Doak Walker, Joe Schmidt and my favorite, at least for having a cool name, Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy.

Early in his book, Bak puts the Lions' '50s superpower team in perspective. He writes: "Sixty-plus seasons have come and gone since the Lions last reigned as champions, one of the longest ongoing title droughts in all of professional sports."

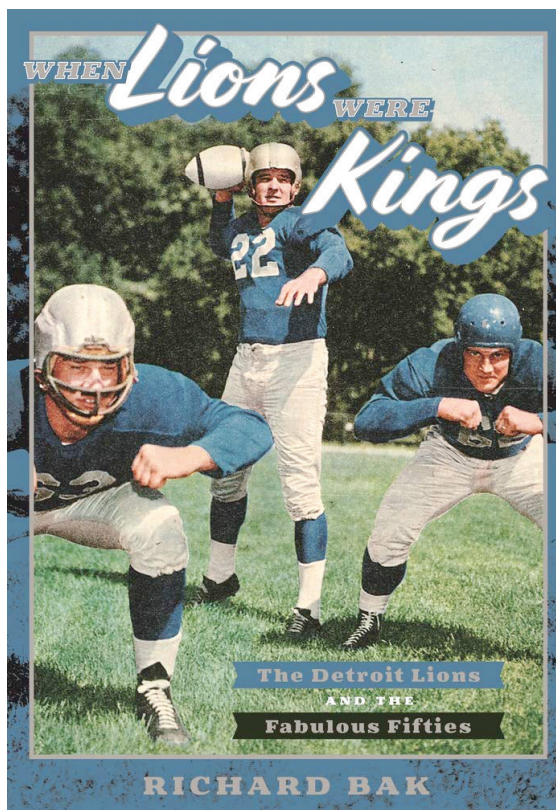
The book comes to life when Bak delves into the superstars, especially Layne and Walker, and the Lions' one-of-a-kind coach, Bobby Parker.

"Despite their record, the '50s Lions never get much respect. A lot of surviving players told me that," Bak said.

According to Bak, part of that is due to Lions' winning ways coming before the intersection of TV and sports.

For his book, Bak interviewed 20 former players, fans and wives. By the time he began the book, Bak said a lot of players had already died.

"Fortunately there was a tremendous lot of contemporaneous reporting — especially from the three Detroit Newspapers at the time. There also were Sports Illustrated and Sport magazine."



"To be successful in the era of before television, teams had to fill the seats," Bak added. And the Lions did just that. At the home field of Briggs Stadium, the team seemed unbeatable.

Bak said he uses his writing to bring sports experience to life. "I want readers to smell the wet wool, cigar smoke, hot dogs on the grill and the crackling of thousands of transistor radios."

Like most Lions fans, Walker and Layne were his favorite players. "Overall, Doak Walker is my favorite. Doak and Bobby were best friends until they died," Bak said.

He writes: "After a decade in the NFL, Layne, the Lion's quarterback, was an authentic folk hero." His off-

field antics added to his reputation. Layne was charismatic and handsome, but it was well recognized that he drank and smoked heavily.

Sports fans in the '50s liked to say Layne would start a game drunk and by the third quarter, when he was sobering up, he would be ready for another one of his remarkable come-from-behind victories.

Bak disagrees with that shibboleth. "In my books, I dispel commonly held beliefs and that is one of the myths," he said.

That's not to say that Bobby Layne didn't tip a few at the Stadium Bar, or at the more infamous Lindell A.C. In his book Bak, writes: "Some have claimed the Lindell A. C. of the '50s was the first sports bar in the country."

Most players were rough and tumble in that era and there were numerous bar fights. Bak writes about when a number of players visited the White Spot, "an all-night burger joint in Ann Arbor," where they got into a fight with some high school football players. Everyone was arrested. They pled guilty, received fines and were released.

There were moments where Layne's "after dark sight-seeing" might have cost the Lions a game or two. Bak writes of such an incident during a 1953 trip to the West Coast. He writes: "As Lion's president Edward Anderson later described it, 'Layne was out half the night ... it showed in his play, and we lost to the Rams.'"

Walker was almost a direct contrast to his best friend, Lane. Walker was no-nonsense and one of the last dual threats as a running back and kicker before retiring in 1955.

Bak writes, after Walker thanked his coaches, teammates and other officials after his last game, he said, "Most of all, I want to thank the people out there the people in the bleachers. They have been wonderful."

The book, totaling 376 pages, is illustrated with beautiful color and nostalgic black and white photos. Even non-football fans will revel in the writing, which captures an era when both football and the city of Detroit were on the rise.

Bak didn't duck any of the tough topics like extreme violence, the sexual peccadilloes of the players or the "Jim Crow" attitude of the professional sports teams. As a point, Bak said, "The Lions' championship teams did not have one black player suit up."

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Serene vibes transform East Lansing pot shop into a wooded oasis

Medical marijuana dispensary ramping up for recreational sales by October



Lansterdam in Review: Pleasantrees

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By Kyle Kaminski

You wouldn't know Pleasantrees is a pot shop from a distance. It's hard to tell from inside too.

Tucked into its own woodland hideaway near Costco on Merritt Road, the newly renovated building is often confused for a day spa or some type of nature center, staff said. In a former life, it was a dental office. Since July, it has been a sales floor for one of the widest — and dankest — selections of medical-grade cannabis available on the Greater Lansing market.

Staff expect recreational sales to kick off before the end of October, but until then you have to be a card-carrying patient to gain full access to this stoner paradise. They let me take a tour.

Finely manicured shrubs and leafy plants surround this tranquil space, with an attached rock garden and plenty of outdoor seating, presumably to relax after you've dropped \$500 on weed. Security that greeted me immediately upon arrival told me a family of deer has been known to graze out back. And unlike many shops that switched to curbside sales, Pleasantrees is still open for in-person shopping with limited capacity, beefed-up social distancing measures, face masks and barriers. One could be forgiven for thinking they've teleported to north-

ern Michigan.

Skymint stores in Lansing also reopened for in-person shopping experiences late last week.

This is Pleasantrees' only dispensary for now, but expansion plans are in the works — perhaps for a second location in Greater Lansing, I'm told. And they're all designed with one goal in mind: make customers feel welcome. Staff "guides" are there to help every step of the way.

A translucent wall separates the goods from one of the most gorgeous waiting rooms I've seen. And inside is a professional and aesthetically pleasing bookstore of a weed shop. Glass countertops fit for precious gems display several varieties of flower — all grown at Pleasantrees' cultivation and processing powerhouse in Harrison County off the shores of Lake St. Claire.

Top sellers: Fatso #2 and Garlic Sherbert. Staff recommendation: Jet Fuel OG.

Behind the bud are shelves and shelves of edible and topical THC and CBD products: tinctures, cookies, brownies, peanut butter, hard candies, gummy bears, lotions, even a CBD

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Pleasantrees storefront on Merritt Road in East Lansing, near Costco.

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suppository.

The store also sells books, vaporizers, glass bidders and bongs and pipes. Staff are also quick to point out a \$6,000 limited edition Nike shoe suspended midair in a futuristic floating display.

It's not for sale. Don't try to touch it.

The team at Pleasantrees are also about more than stunning aesthetics. In a partnership with scientists at Sfumato Fragrances, they've made terpenes an essential part of the cannabis experience. Each product has its own distinct terpene profile for a custom tailored sort of high.

Shoppers still hesitant to go out amid the pandemic can also be comforted by physical barriers at each checkout point and service area, markers to ensure social distancing and strategically placed sanitation stations. Only 10 shoppers can come in at a time and masks are mandatory.

Curbside shopping is also available; orders can be placed online at enjoypleasantrees.com.

I'm not one to rave about interior design; I'd rather just go in and buy some pot. But with a place this stunning, I couldn't wait until they opened their doors for recreational sales to check it out. They're open every day from noon to 8 p.m. See it for yourself. Tell them I sent you and maybe they'll give you a free joint. (OK probably not, but I guess you can give it a



(Above) A selection of buds available for sale at Pleasantrees.

(Right) Pleasantrees has an inviting setup indoors, and Magic Johnson's MSU jersey doesn't clash with the green theme.



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shot anyway.)

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Join Up!" -- Two and two are indeed four. [#215, Aug. 2005]

By Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Starts the golf game
- 8 Steel worker of sorts
- 15 All pointy and line-y
- 16 Season division
- 17 Yell directed at a much-hated portal?
- 18 Speedo bunch?
- 19 Org.
- 20 "Classic Concentration" puzzle type
- 22 Word before Moines or Plaines
- 23 Target of crunches
- 25 "Charlotte's Web" author White and namesakes
- 26 In ___ (actually)
- 27 Voicemail message opener, if you know someone well

- 30 Georgia airport code
- 31 One-named comedian and host of "Celebrity Fit Club"
- 32 "What'll break if I break up with you" response, for a thuggish couple?
- 37 Where letters are sent to the mil.
- 38 Futuristic van Damme flick of 1994
- 39 Sweet suffix
- 40 Vegetarian's "Duh!" response to why they hate their formerly vegan pal?
- 43 Brit or kiddie follower
- 44 Actress Jillian
- 45 Illegal lighting
- 46 Early gay rights advocate André
- 48 Campus comedy with a cameo by George Clinton
- 49 Wind dir.
- 50 Mass ___ (Boston)

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 - 51 Play cowritten by Mark Twain and Bret Harte
 - 53 Prepare the day before
 - 57 Drink Mencken called "The only American invention as perfect as the sonnet"
 - 60 Library's attempt at copying milk ads?
 - 62 Like leftovers
 - 63 Ripken's team
 - 64 He's a little froggy
 - 65 Keep in check
- Down**
- 1 Fanfare noise
 - 2 Deputy played by Michael Weston in the "Dukes of Hazzard" movie
 - 3 They're stroked but not seen
 - 4 Sarkisian, for Cher, once
 - 5 Gathering dust
 - 6 County gatherings
 - 7 Like some refills
 - 8 Lincoln or Grant, e.g.
 - 9 Not-quite-ready-to-fold remark
 - 10 Tayback who played Mel on "Alice"
 - 11 Lang. that doesn't really contain that many words for "snow"
 - 12 Forest floor growth
 - 13 Blurry area, maybe
 - 14 Witherspoon who played an angel in "Little Nicky"
 - 21 Confidential phrase
 - 24 Outdo in
 - 26 Pt. of ESL
 - 27 "If ___ be so bold ..."
 - 28 Shat this clue has
 - 29 Took on, as a burden
 - 30 Redundant-sounding cash dispenser
 - 31 Dominant figures
 - 33 " ___ of Me" (1993 PJ Harvey album)
 - 34 Auction grouping
 - 35 Capital home to a Viking Ship Museum
 - 36 Ultra-bright
 - 41 Go quickly
 - 42 Muscle that makes things stand upright
 - 46 Entire range
 - 47 Trump's ex
 - 48 Dashboard
 - 49 Annoy your bedmate, in a way
 - 52 Composer Stravinsky
 - 54 Part of a reversal, maybe
 - 55 Actor Ed in a famous "Tonight Show" tomahawk-throwing stunt
 - 56 Pigsty
 - 58 Phone line invasion
 - 59 Lance of the O.J. trial
 - 61 Leave change on the table

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TO PLAY

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

September 9-15, 2020

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "It's not that some people have willpower and some don't," observes author James S. Gordon. "Rather, it's that some people are ready to change and others are not." Lucky for you, Aries! Your willpower is even more potent than usual right now, and your willingness to change is growing stronger. And so very soon now, I expect you will reach the threshold that enables you to act crisply and forcefully. You will become so convinced that it's wise to instigate transformation that you will just naturally instigate transformation. Adjust, adapt, improvise, improve!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Psychologist Mihály Csikszentmihályi is an expert on the mental state known as being in the flow. He defines it as what happens when you're completely absorbed in what you are doing: "immersed in a feeling of energized focus," with "full involvement and enjoyment in the process of the activity." According to my reading of the astrological omens, you are extra likely to enjoy such graceful interludes in the coming weeks. But I hope you will be discerning about how you use them. I mean, you could get into a flow playing video games or doing sudoku puzzles. But God and Life and I would prefer it if you'll devote those times to working on a sublime labor of love or a highly worthy quest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): According to researcher Rosalind Cartwright, "Memory is never a precise duplicate of the original. It is a continuing act of creation." Neurologist Oliver Sacks agrees, telling us, "Memories are not fixed or frozen, but are transformed, disassembled, reassembled, and recategorized with every act of recollection." Reams of additional evidence also suggest that our experience of the past is always being transformed. In accordance with astrological potentials, I invite you to take advantage of this truth. Re-imagine your life story so it has more positive spins. Re-envision the plot threads so that redemption and rebirth are major features. Engage in a playful reworking of your memories so that the epic myth of your destiny serves your future happiness and success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): All of us are susceptible to fooling ourselves and lying to ourselves. And all of us are susceptible to the cowardice that such self-sabotage generates. But the good news is that you Cancerians will have an expansive capacity to dissolve and rise above self-deception in the coming weeks—and will therefore be able to call on a great deal of courage. As Cancerian author and Buddhist teacher Pema Chödrön says, "The essence of bravery is being without self-deception."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you like, I will give you the waning crescent moon and the dawn breeze. Do you want them? How about sudden bursts of joy for no apparent reasons and a warm greeting from a person you thought had a problem with you? Would you be interested in having those experiences? And what about an unexpected insight into how to improve your financial situation and a message from the future about how to acquire more stability and security? Are those blessings you might enjoy? Everything I just named will be possible in the coming weeks—especially if you formulate a desire to receive them and ask life to provide them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Virgo poet Mary Oliver was renowned for giving herself permission. Permission to do what? To become a different person from the self she had been. To shed her familiar beliefs and adopt new ones. To treat every experience as an opportunity to experiment. To be at peace with uncertainty. I think you'll be wise to give yourself all those permissions in the coming weeks—as well as others that would enhance your freedom to be and do whatever you want to be and do. Here's another favorite Mary Oliver permission that I hope you'll offer yourself: "And I say to my heart: rave on."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "The more unintelligent people are, the less mysterious existence seems

to them," wrote philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer. I agree with that idea, as well as the converse: The more intelligent people are, the more mysterious existence seems to them. Since I expect you to be at the peak of your soulful intelligence in the coming weeks, I am quite sure that life will be exquisitely mysterious to you. It's true that some of its enigmatic qualities may be murky and frustrating, but I suspect that many of them will be magical and delightful. If you ever wanted your life to resemble a poetic art film, you're going to get your wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Comedian and actor Aubrey Plaza bragged about the deal she made. "I sold my soul to the devil," she said. "I'd like to thank the devil." Plaza is quite popular and successful, so who knows? Maybe the Prince of Darkness did indeed give her a boost. But I really hope you don't regard her as a role model in the coming weeks—not even in jest. What worked for Plaza won't work for you. Diabolical influences that may seem tempting will not, in the long run, serve your interests—and may even sabotage them. Besides, more benevolent forces will be available to you, and at a better price.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Many of you Sagittarians specialize in generous breakthroughs and invigorating leaps of truth. Often, you make them look easy and natural—so much so that people may not realize how talented you are in generating them. I hope you adjust for that by giving yourself the proper acknowledgment and credit. If this phenomenon shows up in the coming weeks—and I suspect it might—please take strenuous measures to ensure that you register the fullness of your own accomplishments. To do so will be crucial in enabling those accomplishments to ripen to their highest potential.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel wrote, "When you die and go to heaven, your maker is not going to ask, 'why didn't you discover the cure for such and such?' why didn't you become the Messiah?" The only question we will be asked in that precious moment is "why didn't you become you?" I hope that serves as a stimulating challenge for you, Capricorn. The fact is that you are in an extended phase when it's easier than usual to summon the audacity and ingenuity necessary to become more fully yourself than you have ever been before.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Years ago, comedian Lenny Bruce observed, "Every day people are straying away from the church and going back to God." His statement is even truer today than it was then. Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan think tank, has gathered the concrete evidence. Church attendance was way down even before the pandemic struck. Now it's even lower. What does this have to do with you? In my astrological opinion, the coming months will be prime time for you to build your intimate and unique relationship with God rather than with institutions that have formulaic notions about who and what God is. A similar principle will be active in other ways, as well. You'll thrive by drawing energy from actual sources and firsthand experiences rather than from systems and ideologies that supposedly represent those sources and experiences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Psychologist Carl Jung wrote, "The function of dreams is to restore our psychological balance by producing dream material that re-establishes the total psychic equilibrium." According to my reading of the astrological omens, you especially need this kind of action right now. To expedite your healing process, meditate on what aspects of your life might have become too extreme or one-sided. Where could you apply compensatory energy to establish better equipoise? What top-heavy or lopsided or wobbly situations could benefit from bold, imaginative strokes of counterbalance?

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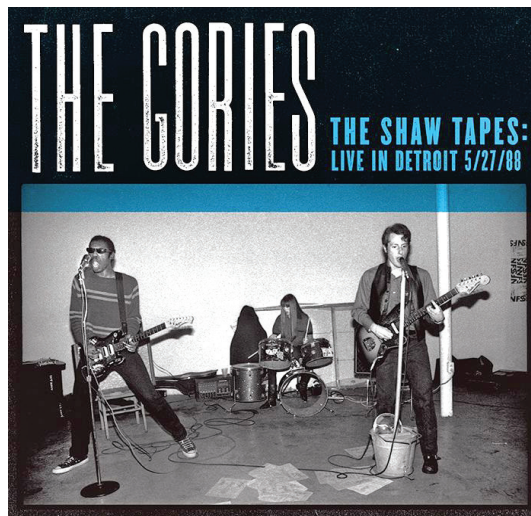
TURN IT DOWN!

BY RICH TUPICA

TURN IT DOWN: A LOOK AT THE GORIES



The Gories pose for an early promo photo.



In 2013, a 1988 Gories show was issued by Third Man Records.



In 2015, the band released a new single, also on Third Man.

Detroit's most primitive punk band

A little blues, a little punk, a little Mod and a little sloppy. Combine all of those elements and you have the primitive sounds of The Gories. Formed back in 1986, they were outsiders from the jump. All in their early 20s at the time, the Detroiters were still new to their instruments — but their brilliance shined through in their primal passion for music.

From its earliest days, the group was destined to baffle audiences and turn heads at both tiny clubs and big garage-rock festivals. Comprising Mick Collins and Dan Kroha on guitar/vocals and Peggy O'Neill behind the stripped-down drum kit, The Gories created a nascent sound that ultimately inspired mainstream blues-punk bands like The White Stripes and The Black Keys.

"We all met because we were mods. We all had suits. I just stuck with the one suit all the time," Collins recalled. "I got a suit jacket I liked and there was a dry cleaner nearby that didn't mind taking care of it. We'd go out and play a show Friday night and I'd show up Monday morning at the dry clean-

ers with the thing covered in sweat and the guy would take care of it. I just kept wearing it and it became kind of a trademark."

When the band hit the stage in the mid-'80s, it was fittingly alongside a Michigan rock icon: Rob Tyner of the MC5.

"Our first show was at St. Andrew's Church down on the campus of Wayne State," Collins said. "I have no idea how the show went, but the act immediately before us was Rob Tyner. This was, again, a kind of community concert series. Basically, you come in and sign up, and he went on before us, that's all. It wasn't like he opened for us. He was just there, he got to the sign-up sheet before we did."

From then on, Collins said the band had its ups and downs — and plenty of personality conflicts. Of course, the group also simultaneously released a pile of acclaimed LPs and singles, as well.

"We didn't get along, that's why we broke up when we did," Collins recalled. "We actually broke up four times total. During the six-year run of the band, we broke up three

times. They were serious, full-on breakups. We broke up in March of 1990 after we'd cut a bunch of singles for all these people. We did a Sub Pop single, and an Estrus single. We cut all of those singles and we broke up. About six months later, the labels started calling and saying, 'Where is our record?' We were like, 'Oh, yeah. We forgot about that. Didn't you hear that we broke up?' Then we had to go back in and mix them. I think we mixed all four of those singles in an hour and a half."

"We stopped liking each other," he added. "That was all. Like every other band, you stop liking each other. The European tour was in '92, after that we broke up for the final time."

In 2009, the band surprisingly reunited and has toured the world periodically. Aside from their work in The Gories, two of the members also went on to form other legendary Detroit bands. Collins fronts his long-time band, The Dirtbombs, while Kroha co-founded his long-time outfit, The Demolition Doll Rods. Looking back, Collins is baf-

fled that the band ever made it out of the garage.

"We figured we'd have a 45 record before the whole thing was over and that would have been our musical legacy," he said. "I don't know how it kept going from there."

CITY PULSE MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ:

Detroit Rock edition

1. The White Stripes featured this drummer
2. Scott Morgan fronted this '60s band
3. Detroit area native Deniz Tek fronted founded this band
4. "Danger! High Voltage" is a single by this Detroit band
5. This Raconteurs member is also known for his solo single, "Tiny Spark"

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Wednesday, September 9

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

Abolition in Michigan - The Michigan Underground Railroad Heritage Gathering. 2:30-4 p.m. facebook.com/MichiganHistoryCenter

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

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

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting - webinar. Info at canr.msu.edu/East Lansing.

MParks Foundation Virtual 5k - September 1-30. For info/sign up, mparks.org/events

PeaceQuest Greater Lansing 2020 - For Sept. events: peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

Special Collections Look Club: Comic Art-2 2:45 p.m. Online, MSU Libraries, East Lansing. bookings.lib.msu.edu.

Virtual Diabetes Prevention Program Information Session - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. ready-setprevent.org.

Thursday, September 10

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

Break-it Make-it Tech Tear Down (Registration REQ.) - What make a cell phone run, an alarm clock tic and a computer, umm-- compute? 6-7 p.m. gladl.org

Curious GLADL - Virtual Science & STEAM - Join us via Zoom! 3 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library. gladl.org

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

Lansing Pagans Night Out - 5-8:30 p.m. facebook.com/weaversatc

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

South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m.

Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W Barnes Ave, Lansing. 517-374-5700.

Studio (in)Process at Home - 9-10 p.m. MSU Broad. broadmuseum.msu.edu

Friday, September 11

Community Open Call: Women of Color Writing Workshop: The mysticism of writing 10 a.m.-12 p.m. broadmuseum.msu.edu for info.

Kombucha 101 Zoom Class - 6-7:30 p.m. appleblossomkombucha.com

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

Saturday, September 12

Embroidery Workshop: Join the MSU Broad Art Lab and Solstice Handmade for an online workshop. 2-5 p.m. broadmuseum.msu.edu

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

VOTE Michigan Virtual Rally - 6-8 p.m. For info votemichiganrally.com.

Sunday, September 13

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

Grandparent's Free Day at the Zoo - 9

a.m.-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

Virtual Lansing Kidney Walk 2020 - 12:00 p.m. 12-1 p.m. nkfm.org.

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

African American History and the Underground Railroad - 3:30-5 p.m. facebook.com/MichiganHistoryCenter

MITTEN MUSIC QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Meg White
2. The Rationals
3. Radio Birdman
4. Electric Six
5. Brendan Benson

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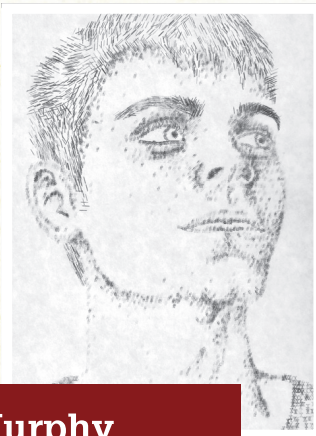
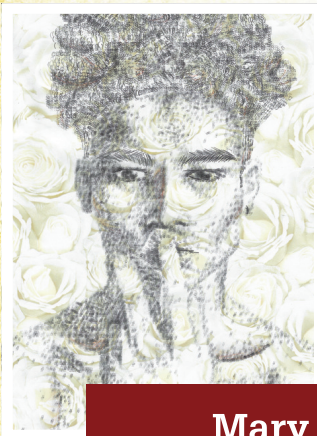
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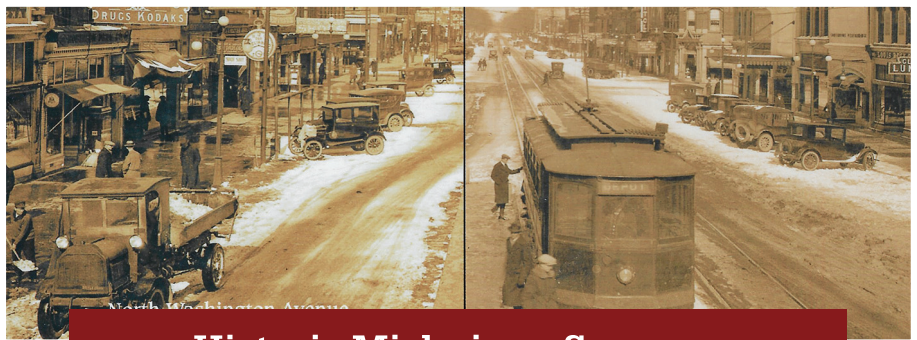


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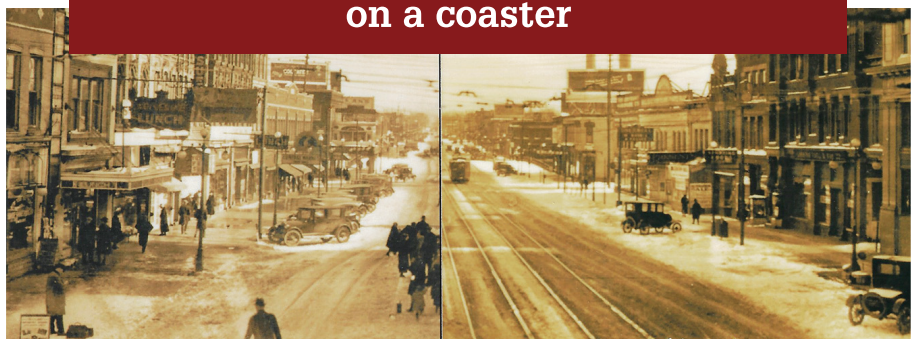
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Mitchell's offers a bowl of comfort: Lobster bisque

By SKYLER ASHLEY

Dreary, rainy overcast weather makes me desire comforting food such as soup. Or as George Costanza would put it, rainy weather makes me focus so I can shift into "soup mode." Luckily, I don't have to deal with a "soup Nazi" who will force me out the door should I commit the slightest faux pas ("The Soup Nazi" episode of "Seinfeld" aired in 1995. I just have to open up the Uber Eats app and cry over how expensive third party delivery is.

The ocean supplies the ingredients of all of my favorite soups, so I decided to try something from Mitchell's Fish Market. I ordered a bowl of lobster bisque, a classic recipe that is one of the best seafood soups a person can possibly enjoy.

The first thing I noticed was the



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pleasant aroma. The soup was nice and warm, and the steam carried the inviting smell of a delicious cooked lobster. I don't usually pay too much attention to how food smells, but this made me feel like a Looney Tunes character lusting over a cartoonish oversized ham. The bisque at Mitchell's is thick, creamy and has a wonderfully savory taste. It wasn't too salty, and it certainly didn't taste too fishy, as if it were catfish or tilapia in disguise. I can't say I've sampled enough lobster bisque to be some sort of final authority on the dish, but this



Skylar Ashley/City Pulse

Mitchell's Fish Market's lobster bisque.

is definitely up there with the best soup I've ever had.

My only complaint is that size of a bowl seemed rather stingy. It seems like the bowl size at Mitchell's would merely be a cup elsewhere. Then again,

Mitchell's isn't shy about advertising itself as being super duper gourmet, so I somewhat expected a thinner quantity to go along with the higher price. Regardless, I felt satisfied.

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