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## Icebox: Metro Area Impacted by Historic Cold Temperatures

This week, the metro area braced for the coldest temperatures seen in a generation. Overnight temperatures on Wednesday broke record lows, and with windchill, temperatures were near minus 40.

Utica and Macomb Township declared a snow emergency earlier this week because of the winter storm. Utica Community Schools were cancelled on Wednesday and Thursday because of the cold.

At the state level, Gov. Whitmer declared a State of Emergency to help address the public health and safety concerns related to the sub-zero temperatures.

People are advised to dress properly and avoid going outdoors to reduce the possibility of hypothermia and frostbite. Although infants and the elderly are especially at risk, everyone should take precautions.

If you have to go outside, wear layers, including a hat and a mask or scarf to cover the face and mouth. Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves. Stay dry by removing wet layers because wet clothing chills the body faster.

Be aware of the symptoms of hypothermia and frostbite. Signs of hypothermia include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, or drowsiness. Signs of frostbite include loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers

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**KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS** celebrated their grand opening and ribbon cutting this week in Utica. Community leaders and doughnut aficionados braved the cold winds to welcome the new shop, which is a one-of-a-kind prototype shop, boasting vintage decor and a retro bus parked outside. Located at Hall and Schoenherr, 45301 Schoenherr Rd to be precise, stop in for a coffee or doughnut and check out the only store of its kind in the country.

## Residents Asked to Turn Down Thermostats After Fire in Armada

by ELENA DURNBAUGH

Michiganders are being asked to turn down their thermostats after a fire at a Consumers Energy compressor station broke out Wednesday.

The Ray Compressor Station in Armada Township caught fire Wednesday morning, disrupting gas flow on one of Michigan's coldest days in decades. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

The Armada Township site has three compressor stations. Two were involved in the fire, but crews worked overnight to restore one of the stations. The other is expected to be back in service within a few days.

According to officials, the Armada station accounts for 64 percent of the supply for Consumers Energy. Garrick Rochow, the senior vice president of operations, said that the redundancies built into the system and significant upgrades at the Ray Compressor Station prevented a

loss in service for customers.

To prevent a gas shortage, the company asked people across the state to turn down their thermostats to 65 degrees or lower until Friday at 10 a.m. Industrial and business customers were also asked to temporarily reduce processes.

Thursday morning, Consumers Energy CEO Patti Poppe said the company was "cautiously optimistic" that their public appeal was making a difference.

On Wednesday, the Michigan Public Service Commission Chairman Sally Talberg issued a statement asking Michiganders to cut back their gas usage.

"This unfortunate incident happened at a difficult time for our state, and we ask that everyone do what they can to make sure there is a plentiful supply of natural gas to keep everyone safe and warm during this extreme cold weather," Talberg

said in a press release.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued an emergency alert directly to phones on Wednesday night to ask state residents to lower their thermostats.

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## Utica Police Arrest Suspect In Adopted Dog's Death

The Utica Police Department, Michigan Humane Society, and Crime Stoppers enlisted the community's help this week to find the person responsible for the death of a dog that was killed in the city of Utica in late January.

A dog named Sterling, previously adopted from the Michigan Humane Society, was abused and killed in a Utica park in late January. The Michigan Humane Society and Crime Stoppers were offering a reward for both information leading to an arrest or information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the stabbing, and subsequent death, of the dog. The alleged crime occurred in Utica's Grant Park.

Police announced Wednesday, January 30 that a suspect had been arrested, but have not released any further details as of press time. "More information to come as our police continue to investigate," a statement online read.

Animal cruelty is a felony according to Michigan law (MCL 750.50b) and is punishable by up to five years in prison.

As the investigation is still considered active and ongoing, anyone with tips on the case is encouraged to call the Utica Police Department at 586-731-2345.



**A FIRE BROKE OUT** Wednesday morning at the Ray Compressor Station, leading Consumers Energy to ask the public to lower their gas consumption. Photo courtesy of Macomb County Scanner.

## Journalists Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to Talk at Macomb College

Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein originally captured international attention for breaking the story of the Watergate

cuss the role of media in democracy in a community presentation.

**Local 4 reporter** Paula Tutman will moderate the discussion with Woodward and Bernstein focused on the role of a free press in democracy.



**BOB WOODWARD**

scandal in The Washington Post in the early 1970s, eventually leading to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. Together and separately, the two have written about national and international affairs for more than 40 years.

**On Wednesday**, February 6, the journalists will visit Macomb Community College to engage with students in a Q&A and dis-



**CARL BERNSTEIN**

The presentation will be held at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (M Building) at Macomb Community College Center Campus, 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township.

## Emergency Alert Sent in Effort to Lower Energy Use

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Seventy-nine companies, including Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, reduced their consumption. State of Michigan-owned facilities also cut back on their usage. After Consumers Energy made their public request Wednesday night, Poppe said the company saw a 10 percent reduction in demand.

**Consumers Energy** apologized for the situation.

“We plan for these extreme



**EMERGENCY ALERT sent out Wednesday evening asking residents to reduce their gas use.**

conditions. We had enough gas,” Poppe said. “We were not prepared for this fire.”

Poppe asked customers to

continue to keep thermostats down until Friday morning to help keep the system stable.

“**If we continue** to work together as Michiganders to protect the safety and welfare of the state,” she said. “We may not know that you took action or did your part, but we will forever be grateful.”

Temperatures in the area are expected to stay below freezing through Friday but are forecasted to be near 50 degrees by Monday.

## Record-Breaking Polar Vortex Plagues Michiganders

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and toes, numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, or firm and waxy skin. With the expected windchill, frostbite can occur in as little as 10 minutes.

**Motorists should** travel prepared with blankets, food, and water in their car. Drivers should not leave their vehicle if they become stranded. Stay with the car and wait for help.

Inside, if people are using a space heater, they should carefully follow all instructions. Never cover a space heater or place it near fire hazards like drapes, furniture, or bedding. If using a non-electric heating device, make sure to use the proper fuel.

**Cold weather** can be deadly for pets. Animals should only be let outside to relieve themselves. Once back inside, remove ice, salt, and caked mud from their

paws and coat immediately.

For those that need somewhere to get warm, Macomb County has a list of warming centers in the area posted online at [hcs.macombgov.org/HCS-WarmingCenters](http://hcs.macombgov.org/HCS-WarmingCenters).

People who need help can also call 211 to find resources. For more cold weather health and safety tips, visit [hcs.macombgov.org/](http://hcs.macombgov.org/).

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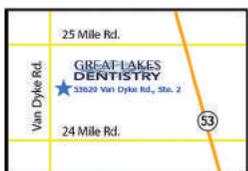
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**UTICA HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY DANCE TEAM** took first place in Jazz & Pom as well as best choreography for Pom last weekend, ending their regional season on a high note. The team will head to Disney in Orlando, Florida for Nationals.

## Winter Hike at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center

Dress warm and bring your hiking poles and binoculars to join the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center on a brisk nature walk to learn about how animals in Michigan survive the frosty weather.

**The nature hike** takes place Saturday, February 16 from 12-3

p.m. Walkers will search for signs and be able to identify scat that cold-tolerant animals leave behind. Inside the center will be winter animal crafts and activities for those who are not so cold tolerate. Warm cider and hot chocolate will be provided (bring your own snacks if desired).

**Burgess-Shadbush** Nature Center is located at 4101 River Bends Drive in Shelby Township. To learn more, visit [Facebook.com/BurgessShadbushNatureCenter](https://www.facebook.com/BurgessShadbushNatureCenter) or call 586-323-2478.

## USPBL Announces Staff Promotions

The United Shore Professional Baseball League announced this week some key promotions and additions to the staff on Monday. The baseball league, entering its fourth season of action at Jimmy John's Field, continues to expand with an eye toward the future.

"We are so excited to be able to continue to provide opportunities for advancement within the USPBL and continue to add new talent to our front office team," said COO Dana Schmitt.

Taylor Bisnack, Dillon DuBois, Sean Flowerday, Gabriela Kirkland, Nathan Liska, Derek Nichols, Katie Page and Mike Zielinski all earned promotions, while Nicole Pazzi joins the USPBL staff for 2019.

**Bisnack surpassed** his goals in 2018 and earned a promotion to Senior Sales Account Representative. He will continue to invite fans out to the ballpark for games, summer picnics, company picnics, birthday parties and season tickets.

DuBois was named Director of Ballpark Operations after serving as the Assistant Director of Ballpark Operations over the last two seasons. He will oversee all

operations for Jimmy John's Field, including grounds crew, warehouse, and gameday operations staff.

After spending the last two seasons as the league's Controller, Flowerday was elevated to Vice President of Finance and Accounting for the league. He oversees all business administration for the USPBL and Jimmy John's Field.

**Kirkland spent** the last two seasons as a seasonal staff employee at Jimmy John's Field and will now serve as the Assistant Director of Food and Beverage. She will assist with all food and beverage orders, oversee payroll and seasonal staff.

Liska joined the USPBL in March 2017 and he spent last season as the Assistant Director of Food and Beverage and Executive Chef. He was promoted to Director of Food and Beverage in January and will oversee all food and beverage operations at the ballpark.

**Nichols earned** a promotion to Business Development Representative for Group Events after a tremendous 2018 season for the USPBL. He was part of a

record-setting season for the league last year and will continue to help execute a tremendous gameday experience for all group events at the ballpark.

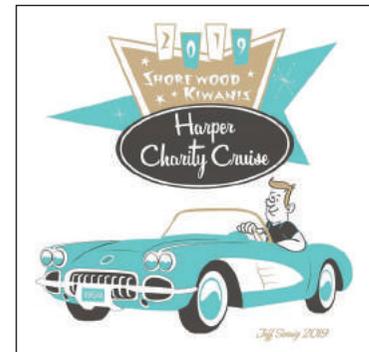
Page joined the USPBL in February 2018 and was elevated to Director of Marketing after spending the first season as the Graphics Designer. She will assist with the day-to-day operations of marketing and supervise a seasonal staff Graphics Designer, while assisting with the Marketing Intern Program.

**Zielinski has** led baseball operations over the last two seasons and earned a promotion to Director of Baseball Administration after his exceptional service. He will continue to assist with all baseball management for the league office.

Pazzi joined the USPBL as the Director of Premium Sales and Services after serving as an Account Executive over the last 16 years for TheHomeMag (2017-19) and Digital First Media (2003-17). She was able to secure record numbers of sales at both organizations and establish a very strong customer service reputation.

**USPBL begins its next season on May 10. For tickets and the full schedule of games, visit [uspbl.com/](http://uspbl.com/).**

## Winning Logo Chosen for 2019 Shorewood Kiwanis Harper Charity Cruise



Macomb Community College student Jeff Sornig designed the winning logo for the 2019 Shorewood Kiwanis Harper Charity Cruise. Sornig's logo was chosen from approximately 60

entries in a contest involving four classes from the college's media and communication arts program. The logo will adorn the t-shirts that will be sold during the charity cruise to raise funds for six local charities.

**The Shorewood Kiwanis Harper Charity Cruise** is traditionally held the fourth Wednesday of August along Harper Avenue in St. Clair Shores. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of the cruise t-shirts will benefit Lake House, CARE of Southeast Michigan, Lakeshore Family YMCA, Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, Macomb Chamber Music Society and the St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee.



Pictured left to right: Mark O'Brien, chairman, Roy O'Brien Ford; Dr. Carl Papa DDS, past president, Shorewood Kiwanis; Jeff Sornig, first-place logo contest winner; Robert Feldmaier, temporary dean, Engineering and Advanced Technology, Macomb Community College.

## National Geographic Live! View From Above at Lorenzo

Sometimes, all you need is a new point of view.

**On Sunday, February 10,** Astronaut Terry Virts will discuss his time on board the International Space Station at the Lorenzo Cultural Center for National Geographic Live.

Virts installed the cupola module on the space station, which grants those on board a 360-degree view of space.

**Later, when he** became the commander of the ISS, he made good use of the vantage point and took more photographs than any previous astronaut. Many of his

images were used in the National Geographic book "View From Above," and the IMAX film "A Beautiful Planet." According to Virts, though, photos can't capture the perfect shade of blue in a sunrise seen from outer space.

The event runs from 3-6 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$15 for students. Learn more about the program or buy tickets online at [macombcenter.com](http://macombcenter.com) or by calling the box office at 586-286-2222.

**The Lorenzo Cultural Center is part of the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts and is at 44575 Garfield Rd in Clinton Township.**

## Macomb Rallies for Sallie

A GoFundMe donation page has been set up for Sallie Hudspeth, a native Macomb resident in critical need of a heart transplant.

**According to** her daughter Chelsea, Sallie was recently transported to Vanderbilt hospital in Nashville, Tennessee to undergo tests to see if she can even be a candidate for a heart transplant after she was turned down by U of M because she was too critical.

"Myself, my dad and my brothers all live here in Michigan and we are struggling to get back and forth from Michigan to Vanderbilt hospital to be with her," Chelsea

said in a post online. "We are all having to take turns flying down here to Nashville."

**To donate,** visit [gofundme.com/help-sallie-get-a-heart-transplant/](http://gofundme.com/help-sallie-get-a-heart-transplant/).

The family is also hosting a dinner fundraiser on Sunday, February 17 at the Mirage Banquet Hall, located at 16980 18 Mile Rd in Clinton Township. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased in advance or at the door (cash only). Advanced tickets can be purchased through Venmo using the address "rallyforsallie." Find the event on Facebook by searching "Rally for Sallie."

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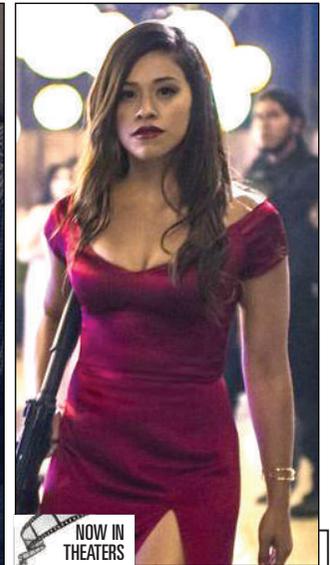
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## ON STAGE

IF/THEN  
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Stagecrafters, Royal Oak

ADAM SANDLER  
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## “If/Then” Offers a Unique but Uneven Journey

### PLAY REVIEW

by SUZANNE ANGELO (member, American Theatre Critics Association) and GREG ANGELO (Member Emeritus, San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle)

“If/Then” is a modern urban musical, along the lines of “Rent”, about the consequences of the choices we make in life. A most unusual opportunity is given to a thirty-something woman named Elizabeth: To explore the divergent roads leading from a seemingly inconsequential choice she makes one day. One choice leads her down the path of “Liz”; the other, down the path of “Beth”. The two paths lead her to either pursue a career, or love; to either have children, or an abortion; to either get married, or stay single. In the end, the result is what amounts to an unintended tradeoff - one life for another. Despite the serious theme, the show is at turns funny, raunchy, sarcastic and hip, much like the lead lady.

The part of Elizabeth/Liz/Beth was written especially for Tony-award winning Broadway superstar Idina Menzel (of “Rent” and “Wicked” fame). She carried the show to popular success, but criti-

cal reviews were mixed, although “If/Then” garnered a couple of Tony nods (no wins) for its Broadway debut in 2014.

There’s a nice musical score by Tom Kitt, with a couple of memorable numbers (“Here I Go”, “A Map of New York”). The book and lyrics

her friend Kate, Christopher Smith as Lucas and Jason Bowen, especially good as Josh. They all have excellent, strong voices and engaging characters. Yeager doesn’t give her two roles enough texture to really show the effect their different choices have had on them. You

multi-level platforms, or even staggering small groups of actors at different places from front to back, could give the scenes more depth and allow everyone to be seen. Transitions between Liz and Beth could be stronger, with use of different lighting, wardrobe or music cues. The too-static set design by Nick Yocum could use more variety, and relevance to the New York City locale, by making more effective scene changes and maybe use projections of cityscapes, etc. Choreography by Terri Manning was suitable but could be more energetic in places. The orchestra, conducted by Matt Kush, was pitch-perfect and unobtrusive.

The message of “If/Then” is that our choices do have consequences, and change us as people as we move through life. The show would be so much better if the script and staging could allow us to see more of the effects that Elizabeth’s choices have had on the personalities and behavior of her alter-egos, Beth and Liz. When they both behave pretty much the same, the message doesn’t quite come across.

“If/Then” is playing now through February 17. Tickets range from \$23-27 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak. For tickets or more information, call 248 541-6430 or visit [stagecrafters.org/](http://stagecrafters.org/).



“IF/THEN” PRESENTED BY STAGECRAFTERS at the Baldwin Theater in Royal Oak. Photos courtesy of Stagecrafters.

by Brian Yorkey offer a unique premise and an inspirational story, with universal appeal that many people can identify with. The subject can be profound at times, but unfortunately, it can be confusing to keep track of who we are watching onstage, “Liz” or “Beth”. There’s a deeply ironic twist at the end that could lend a satisfying richness to the story, but it gets lost in the shuffle.

The four leads are Lynette Yeager as Elizabeth, Kaela Green as

don’t always know if it’s Liz or Beth who’s pacing the stage, or belting that song. Some of the ensemble performers appear to be a bit stiff in their movement and delivery.

It’s obvious the cast and crew devoted much time and love to the show. While the overall effect is rather good, it’s possible Stagecrafters may have bitten off more than they can chew. Staging and blocking by director Rodel Salazar (“Sister Act”) creates a crowded stage at times. Use of

# Aquarius, Ask For Help When You Need It

## YOUR FEBRUARY HOROSCOPE

by  
PAULA LYNDE

### ♈ AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18):

February may bring big questions to answer and big challenges to tackle, Aquarius, but you can do just about anything you set your mind to. In fact, you may be surprised by your own strength and courage under pressure. Still, even though you are a powerhouse, do not hesitate to reach out for help if you need it. You will likely build stronger relationships with friends and other loved ones by showing them that you trust them and rely on them.

♋ **PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20):** It is likely that some issues that you thought were resolved will come back to haunt you this month, Pisces. However, once you face them with renewed clarity, once vanquished, these problems will probably go away for good. If you are in a committed relationship, you may find that some of these issues are shared by your partner. So, work on resolving them together – you are much stronger as a team. Singles will find better luck with dating toward the end of the month.

♈ **MARIES (March 21-April 19):** Get ready for incredible productivity throughout February, Aries. You will fly through projects at home and at work, and your creativity is at an all-time high. Just make sure to take time out for some rest and relaxation to avoid burning yourself out. You may also feel a strong desire to reconnect with old friends around the 15th. And following through with this impulse will likely result in at least one meaningful experience. Singles may even find a surprising love connection with an unlikely candidate.

♉ **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will feel a strong desire to explore your past this month, Taurus. So, it is likely that you will find yourself pulling out old photo albums and yearbooks. You may also go through clothing items that you have tucked away, potentially rediscovering a favorite item. Taking this time to connect with your past self is likely to yield positive results. It will give you a better understanding of how you became the person

you are today so that you can move forward and become the person you will be tomorrow.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** There is a good chance that you are focused on relationships this month, Gemini. Singles are reevaluating what they truly want in potential romantic partners. And those in committed relationships may find a desire to build stronger connections with their significant others. Also, your sense of humor is very much on point throughout February, and this is a very good thing. It will make you a charming companion when things go well or give you the ability to laugh things off if your plans fall through.

♋ **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get ready to shine bright like a diamond this month, Cancer. You will likely experience a large confidence boost that will make your personality sparkle. And because you are a Cancer and naturally a good friend, you will probably use your new zing to help and inspire others. In addition, singles will find luck on the dating front throughout February. Or, if you are in a committed relationship, your energy and enthusiasm will remind your partner of why they fell in love with you in the first place.

♌ **LEO (July 23-Aug 22):** Your business sense is keen this month, Leo. So, now is the time to start a business on eBay or Etsy or start dabbling in the stock market. Or, if you have no interest in entrepreneurial enterprises or stock trading, you will likely find new success with your regular job or with balancing the household budget. Also, for better or for worse, this shrewdness will carry over into your romantic relationships. While this may help you achieve clarity to resolve existing issues, try to avoid over-analyzing your partner.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22):** It will be easy for you to achieve success in just about anything this month, Virgo, which should not surprise you. After all, you are driven, ambitious, and level-headed. Of course, you also have strong tendencies toward modesty, so too much success can be overwhelming. So, just take everything in stride, Virgo. Keep reaching for the stars and enjoy your success as it comes. Also, if you are single, keep in mind that your ability to achieve success likely applies to dating too.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22):

Now is a good time to reorganize your life, Libra – and possibly your relationships. It may be the case that you only have positive relationships in your life (with friends, coworkers, family members, your partner, etc.) However, if any of your relationships seem toxic or one-sided, make February the month when you re-establish boundaries or potentially severe ties. Then, declutter your home, clean your desk, get important documents in order, and get ready for an amazing 2019.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21):

Your desire to explore is strong this month, Scorpio. So, if it is possible, take some time to travel, even if you only make time for a weekend trip. After all, with an adventurous spirit, you typically do not have to go too far to discover new things. Also, while you normally have a critical eye, you are more critical of others than ever this month. And while this may enable you to avoid toxic people, be careful. Avoid judging too quickly or too harshly and you may make an unexpected friend.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21):

It is likely that you are experiencing more anger than usual right now, Sagittarius. And if you are like many Sagittarians, that's A LOT of anger. Why are people so good at rubbing you the wrong way? Unfortunately, it is not possible to completely rid the world of irritants and irritating people. However, there are positive ways to channel and diminish your anger. Read a book, take a walk, hug a loved one, or take a kickboxing class. And avoid saying or doing anything that you may regret later.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19):

It is all about balance this month, Capricorn. So, if you go shopping for clothes, find some older items to donate. Or, if you have a new project in mind, finish existing projects before starting a new enterprise. In addition, with relationships, remember that communication goes both ways. Listen at least as much as you speak and try to look at any situation through the eyes of the other person. If you are single, look for a potential connection toward mid-month with someone who will appreciate your balanced life.



**Artwork On Display at Shelby Senior Center**  
SHELBY ARTIST BEA ALLEBONE currently has 24 paintings on display at the Shelby Senior Center. The paintings will remain on display throughout the month of February. Allebone is secretary of the Shelby Township Fine Art Society, who host a variety of meetings, shows, and exhibits throughout the year.

## ReVoiced at the Macomb Center

The entertainment group ReVoiced is coming to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, February 14 from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Since 2012, ReVoiced has captivated audience by bringing together their distinct personalities to revoice familiar classics. Its members have performed on Broadway and on shows like

“American Idol” and “The Sing-Off.” The group aims to provide a vocal experience that will uplift, inspire, and leave audiences wanting more.

Student tickets cost \$25, and general admission starts at \$35. Visit [macombcenter.com](http://macombcenter.com) to buy tickets, or call the box office at 586-286-2222.

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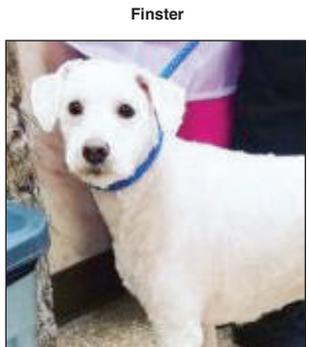
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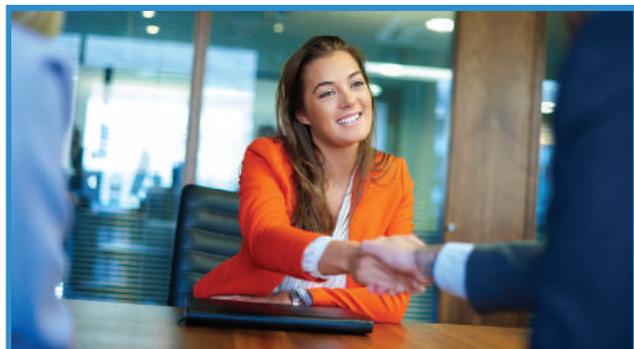
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# The People of Michigan Deserve Fair Representation

## PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by  
NATHAN INKS

It has been more than 50 years since the Supreme Court established that the “one person, one vote” doctrine applies to legislative redistricting. While the Court has reaffirmed the doctrine in striking down maps based on racial gerrymandering or failing to apportion based on population, the issue of partisan gerrymandering has proven to be more complicated—with the Court thus far being unable to establish a workable standard for measuring partisan gerrymandering.

The issue of partisan gerrymandering has been a source of controversy in Michigan. Republicans, who controlled the legislature in 2011 when the boundaries for Congress and the state legislature were redrawn, drew criticism for drawing the district boundaries in a way that gave them an unfair advantage. Given the districts drawn and release of emails in which Republican staffers openly talked about drawing the districts to be advantageous to Republican incumbents, there is little doubt that Michigan’s current legislative boundaries constitute a partisan gerrymander.

But are they unconstitutional?

That is the ultimate question at the heart of federal litigation brought by the League of Women Voters and eleven Democratic voters against Michigan’s Secretary of State. Having won the 2018 election, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson became the new defendant in the case once she took office, and she wasted no time in announcing her intention to reach a settlement with the plaintiffs.

A settlement that would require redrawing state Senate districts would have necessitated a special election, as those seats would otherwise have been up until 2022; however, the ultimate proposed settlement was limited to redrawing only 11 state House districts. Under the proposed settlement, the maps would be redrawn by the Republican-controlled Legislature but would require the court’s approval. The proposed settlement is pending approval by a three-judge panel in federal court.

Republicans have criticized the proposed settlement, alleging

that Benson is biased and characterizing the settlement as “the greatest partisan power grab in Michigan history.” Attorneys for Republican lawmakers who had intervened in the suit alleged they were left out of settlement negotiations; however, court filings from the plaintiffs alleged that the Republicans were invited to participate in the settlement negotiations but declined to do so.

Given the Supreme Court’s inability to establish a workable standard for partisan gerrymandering, there is legitimate uncertainty as to whether Michigan’s current maps are unconstitutional. However, regardless of what the ultimate outcome of the lawsuit could be, the proposed settlement is the best outcome for Michigan residents. Continuing the litigation would be costly, and the issue of partisan gerrymandering by the Legislature is unlikely to arise again, considering voters in 2018 opted to establish an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, which will draw the maps after the 2020 census. Furthermore, the proposed settlement is incredibly narrowly tailored; despite eight Congressional districts, 10 state Senate districts, and 15 state House districts being challenged, only 11 state House districts will need to be redrawn.

Decades of litigation in federal courts has clearly established that both parties gerrymander for partisan gain; the problem is unique to neither Michigan nor the GOP. Whether partisan gerrymandering runs afoul of the Constitution remains to be decided, but Michigan’s districts drawn in 2011 certainly run afoul of fairness and respect for the voters. Republicans in the Legislature rigged the maps for partisan gain and got caught; it would be neither fair nor reasonable to let them retain the benefits of their actions until 2023.

If approved by the court, both Republicans and Democrats should accept the settlement as a fair resolution and move on from the issue—instead turning the focus to ensuring that the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is able to function in the best way possible after the census so that voters can be represented under a fair apportionment plan.

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