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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: State Supreme Court rules casino approval will appear on ballot

"Michigan voters will be asked to amend the state Constitution to approve eight new casinos around the state at the Nov. 6 election, the Supreme Court ordered today, rejecting a challenge brought by the owners of existing Detroit and Indian-owned casinos. The court reversed an appeals court decision from last week which rejected the casino ballot proposal because the language of the proposal did not notify voters that it would substantially re-write Michigan gaming law (which was, itself, approved by voters in 1996)."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit News: Supreme Court orders casino proposal put on ballot

[Full story](#)

MLive: Michigan Supreme Court approves casino ballot proposal for November ballot

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Woman steps forward for family and opposes her brother's parole

"Repeat sex offender Paul Jobak is a dangerous guy -- even his own sister will tell you stories. That's why she's siding with the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office and its attempt to have his parole denied.....A Macomb County Circuit Court judge halted Jobak's parole on Tuesday so the Prosecutor's Office can appeal the parole board's decision."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Kilpatrick denied jury records in attempt to have federal charges dropped

"Kwame Kilpatrick has lost another legal battle involving his public corruption case, this one involving an attempt to have the charges dropped by showing that not enough blacks are in the jury pool."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit News: Appeals court affirms decision to deny Kilpatrick access to jury records

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Detroit News: Detroit-area ministers rally for bargaining rights ballot measure

"Local ministers joined labor leaders Friday in supporting the Protect Our Jobs campaign, a proposed ballot issue that would enshrine collective bargaining rights in the Michigan Constitution. On Wednesday, the state Board of Canvassers deadlocked on whether to put the measure before voters Nov. 6. The 2-2 party-line vote essentially kept the proposal off the ballot, at least for now. The matter has been taken to the Michigan Court of Appeals, which is expected to rule Monday whether it should go before voters."

[Full story](#)

Detroit News: Bedbug scare clears Detroit court

"Bedbugs, which experts say have become a major pest in the city, infiltrated a Detroit courtroom Thursday, forcing a judge to evacuate the room after a bailiff spotted the bugs crawling on a man who was accompanying a witness to a hearing."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland Press: Detroit courtroom clears after bedbugs seen crawling on man

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Snyder makes appointments to Wayne County courts

"Gov. Rick Snyder this week announced the appointments of Lisa Marie Neilson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, to the Wayne County Probate Court, and Demetria Brue, of Detroit, to the 36th District Court."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Detroit Legal News article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Judge Marable Students of the Month pilot summer reading program a success

"Flint 68th District Judge Herman Marable, Jr, and his Students of the Month participated in a reading program last Thursday with young children at a local church day camp."

[Full story](#)

MLive: Sheriff, judges mum about discussion on overcrowded Genesee County Jail

"Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell and area judges are staying mum on discussions on how to alleviate the population at the Genesee County Jail, which has been overcrowded for seven consecutive days. Genesee Circuit Chief Judge Richard B. Yuille said during an **emergency motion** hearing Thursday that judges were in discussions with the sheriff to find resolution the over crowding problem, but he could not be reached for comment to elaborate on those discussions."

[Full story](#)

MLive: West Michigan judges react to 21-year prison sentence for Norway mass murderer who killed 77

"The idea that a man who killed 77 people in Norway could potentially get out in 21 years shocks the sense of justice for many Americans, but the minimum sentence does not tell the whole story..... Kent County Circuit Court Chief Judge Donald Johnston said he has had some brief dealings with the legal system in Western Europe and says they have no death penalty and only a very few people spending life in prison..... **Kent County Judge James Robert Redford** said the outcome here would be vastly different."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Inmates released due to jail overcrowding

"On Wednesday, Oakland County Circuit Court Chief Judge Pro Tempore Shalina Kumar ordered sentence reductions for 228 inmates housed at the Oakland County Jail in an effort to alleviate the jail overcrowding state of emergency declared by Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard on Aug. 8."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland Press: 228 Oakland County Jail prisoners to get 'frustrating' early release due to overcrowding

[Full story](#)