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Editor's Note

The Bernie Sanders' win in Michigan with a record turnout is some of the best news for those of us involved in using elections and running for office to advance the Green Party key values and platform.

Bernie won with 595,000 votes with nearly 2.5 million voters voting – 1.3 million in the Republican primary and 1.2 million in the Democratic primary. He also won a surprisingly large amount of young African-American voters. And, he won 88% of the 18-29 year old vote.

Obviously, he is not a Green and has explicitly ruled out running as a Green or as any kind of independent candidate in this election. He will support Hillary Clinton when she gets the nomination.

But he has given expression to a new generation of activists, and like in previous times, they will not be confined to his decisions. They will continue to develop a sharper and sharper critique of modern America and more clearly understand the need for a complete social and political revolution to make America a place of peace and happiness for all its residents.

As Greens we will make every effort to reach these new voters and the old voters who, disgusted by the status quo, have voted for Sanders. We also understand the fascistic character of the Trump campaign which includes assaulting people who disagree with him at his rallies. At the same time, we understand that many attracted to his rallies are also suffering Americans. To the extent that these Trump supporters are motivated by opposition to policies that hurt working people we reach out to them. The Green Party's clear opposition to NAFTA, TPP and other trade pacts, along with opposition to US war abroad, will resonate with them.

Please note the State Membership Meeting in Lapeer March 19.

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Power of the people

Midway through August, community organizer Nayyirah Shariff stood in the basement of a Flint church, surrounded by cardboard boxes filled with 300 water-sampling kits shipped to the city by researchers at Virginia Tech University, and vowed to figure out what was plaguing her city's water supply.

"We're going to get these test kits out to the community, and we're going to find out the truth about what's in our water," said Shariff, punctuating her remark with a high-beam smile.

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The Big Lesson From Flint: Resistance Is NOT Futile

Few topics in recent memory have generated as much attention from the mainstream and alternative media as Flint's water crisis. Not surprisingly, the right wing press has barely covered it at all.

Is there anything about the water crisis that hasn't already been said? I think so.

Our daily selection of the problems and crises intrinsic to late-stage race-based-capitalism is presented by a highly evolved very well oiled media machine. It is designed to chop anything and everything into isolated, bite-sized pieces.

Most of what happens is breathlessly presented as though it is brand spanking new and a thing all by itself. This is not conducive to helping US Americans see and understand patterns and connections.

For example, it may come as a surprise to Rachel Maddow or the New York Times, but in the annals of institutional white racism, the mass poisoning of people of color has happened before.

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Critical Point of Struggle: Water



Flint Families Sue Michigan Governor Over Water Crisis

Seven families who have been affected by the ongoing lead-laced water crisis in Flint, Michigan, filed a class-action lawsuit on Monday against Governor Rick Snyder and more than a dozen other state and city officials. They allege current and former authorities failed to take action and downplayed the levels of water contamination while residents suffered, according to their complaint.

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Flint Water, Money and the Roots of Evil

Just when you think you've heard it all about Governor Snyder's poisoning of Flint, via his emergency mismanagement of its municipal water system, a couple reporters "follow the money" and things get even more interesting. Also criminal.

Gross revealed that the new Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA), whose services were (and maybe still are) intended to supply Flint and its environs with water after it finishes its new pipeline to Lake Huron, got a sweetheart contract from Snyder's Flint emergency manager Kurtz. The EM agreed that the cash-strapped city would buy (and of course, pay for) way more water than it needed from KWA.

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Critical Point of Struggle: Water



By Fred Vitale

Flint water warriors travel to Detroit to support Homrich 9 on trial for stopping trucks turning off water to Detroiters.

Lead in Flint Water, Mold in Detroit Schools

In spite of the growing sense of disbelief and horror surrounding the lead contamination of drinking water in the Michigan city of Flint, at least one thing is clear: that the catastrophic levels of pollution and destruction are a direct result of the extreme policies pursued by the Michigan's right-wing leadership.

A very conservative group has controlled Michigan since the election of Governor Rick Snyder and a Republican majority in its legislature in 2011.

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Michigan Residents Flock to Lansing to Urge Snyder, Lawmakers to Act Now on Straits Pipeline

Former Flint & Detroit Public Schools Emergency Manager Darnell Earley will receive over \$80K in consulting fees

Darnell Earley, the disgraced former Emergency Manager for the city of Flint and, more recently, Detroit Public Schools (DPS), will receive \$82,862.90 through mid-July to work as a consultant for the school district. Earley resigned his position last month because, according to his jaw dropping assessment, he had rectified the school district's financial emergency. (I'm not kidding.)

By any objective standard, Darnell Earley has been part of the problems faced by Flint and Detroit schools, not part of the solution. There is a direct line between his exclusive focus on cost cutting and the poisoning of Flint's drinking water with the powerful, odorless, tasteless, invisible neurotoxin lead.

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Sickouts, Debt and Underfunding Prevalent at Detroit Public Schools

LSA junior Maura Drabik was walking through Festifall during her sophomore year when she came across a table advertising the Detroit Partnership Program. Drabik stopped — she had taught a religious education class in high school and knew she wanted to work with children in some way.

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Lansing must give Detroit Public Schools \$715 Million Bailout, EM Says

The rest of the state must bail out Detroit Public Schools, the district's new leader says.

"There is no alternative but to pass this legislation," said retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes, whom Snyder selected to lead the financially strapped district beginning last week.

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Researchers Find Detroit Public Schools have Struggled from the Beginning

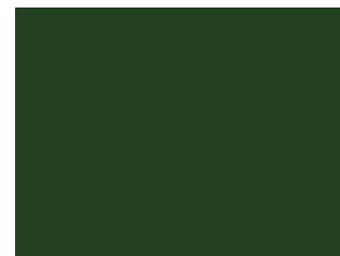
Recently I was led through an abandoned building in Detroit.

"The first time we came in here in 2013 it was still relatively intact. The power was off, but pretty much everything else was in decent shape. It wasn't in great shape, but just a matter of months and this place was completely destroyed," one of my guides told me.

So, who walked away from a perfectly good building, failed to secure it well enough to keep metal thieves out?

The Detroit Public School District.

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Green Party Urges Voters to Demand Instant Runoff Voting, Cites Widespread Public Discontent with Two-Party Choice in 2016

Green Party leaders said that 2016 is proving to be a watershed year in the public's discontent with a two-party choice on Election Day and urged voters and legislators to support democratic reforms that enable elections in the U.S. to welcome and accommodate alternative-party and independent candidates.

Greens encouraged legislators to enact Instant Run-off Voting (IRV), also called Ranked-Choice Voting, in all at-large elections including presidential, congressional, and gubernatorial.

"It's possible that 2016 will mark the end of two-party politics -- or at least a huge crack in the perception that a field limited to two parties is acceptable. Those worried about the spoiler factor because of third-...

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Congress Must Kill President Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Deal

Green Party leaders and candidates called on Congress to vote down the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which poses a grave threat to democratically enacted environmental, labor, public-health, and other legal protections.

The trade deal was formally signed by the U.S. and eleven other countries on Feb. 3 but must be ratified by the signatory nations domestically within the next two years to take effect. In the U.S., the TPP must be confirmed by Congress.

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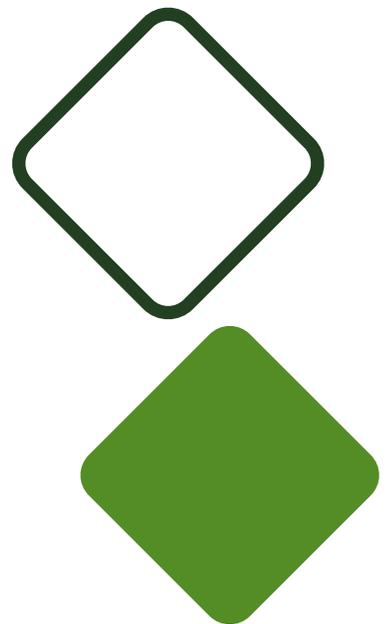
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Statement by European and U.S. Young Greens on President Obama's Transatlantic Trade Deal

The 12th round of negotiations of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) has concluded in Brussels and unfortunately, they remain to be more of the same thing, deals for business at the cost of citizens. We, the Federation of Young European Greens and the Young Greens of the US, demand an immediate halt to the negotiations.

"TTIP, like the Trans Pacific Partnership, is another attack on democracy, environmental protection, and working conditions by global corporate elites

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Building in
Election Time

March 18
7pm- 9pm
Detroit

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(Cass and Forest)*

GPMI Updates: *Events*

2016
Nominating
Convention

July 30 - 31
Lansing

*Stay tuned for
more Information*

"Green Thumb"
State Membership
Meeting

March 19
9am-10pm
Lapeer

*Lapeer Center Bldg.
425 County Center St.*

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Go to gp.org to see who is running for office in 2016. Also, check out the new national logo and t-shirts in the store.

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◀ Topics to be discussed include electing GPMI officers for a year, approving the 2016 election platform and discussing issues on the ballot. There will also be a discussion on the GP presidential candidates and the upcoming national Convention in Houston, August 4-7.