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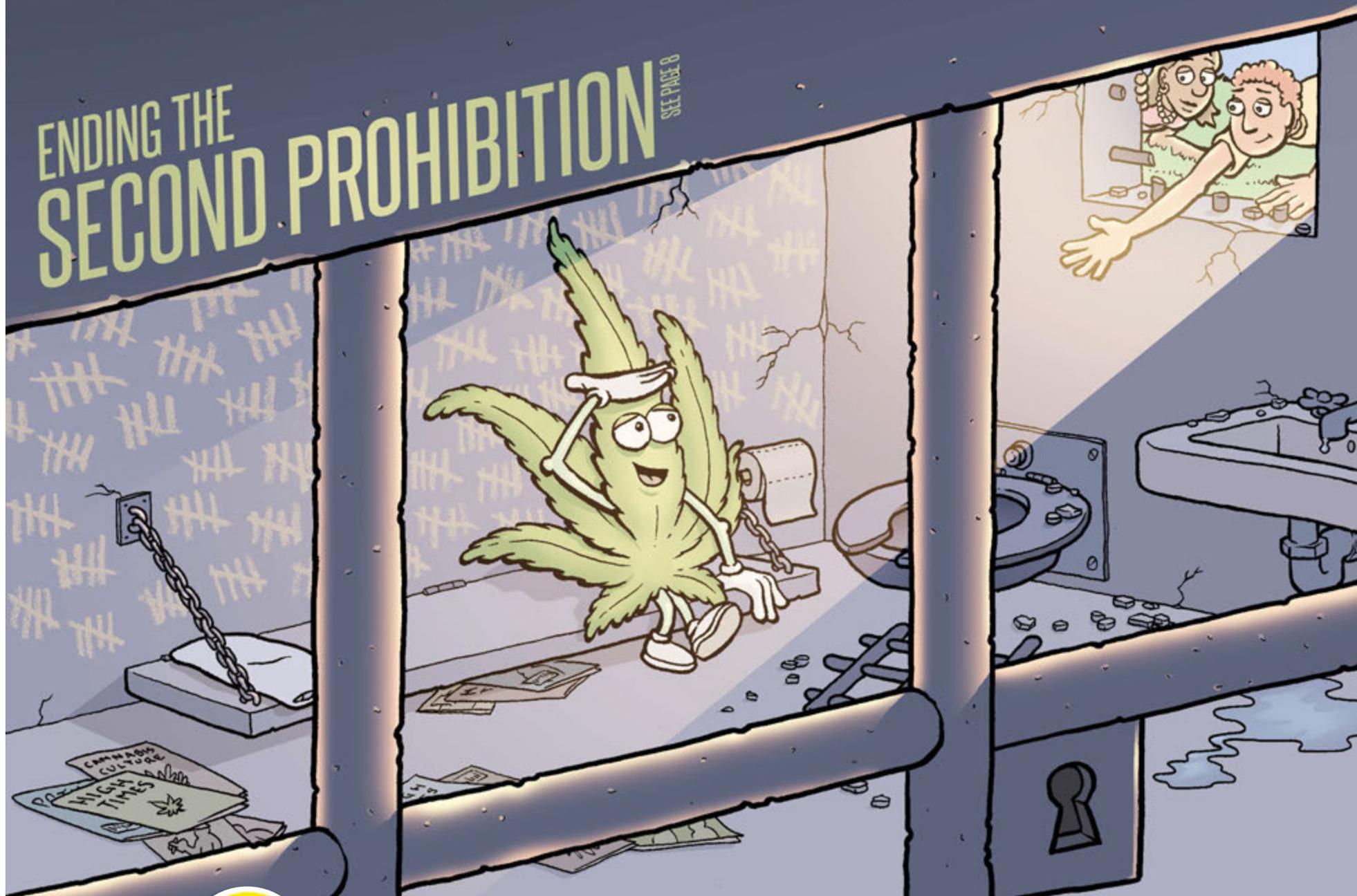
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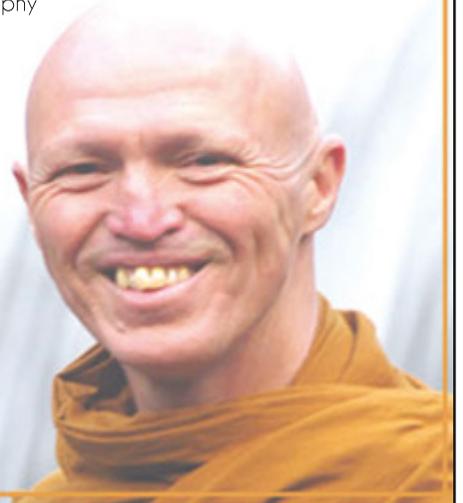
A distinguished Theravada Buddhist Monk in the Thai forest tradition will lead a day of meditation on **Saturday, May 4th at Amitabha Village Retreat Center** near Lansing. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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**About Ajahn Sucitto.** Ajahn was ordained in 1976 and trained in the forests of Thailand. Later he was a founding member of Cittaviveka (Chithurst Buddhist Monastery), the first Ajahn Chah monastery in the west. He has been abbot since 1992. His short biography can be found on Wikipedia at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajahn\\_Sucitto](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajahn_Sucitto).

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— **BiddleCityGuy**  
From [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com)

## Paradise, indeed

Sssssshhh! Don't tell anyone about this place! ("Best place to view wildlife within 10 minutes of downtown: River Trail near Mt. Hope and Aurelius," 4/10/13)

OK, too late. Seriously, it is one of the

most beautiful spots in the city. It's surreal that this little slice of paradise is inside the city limits.

— **Sheila Twain**  
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**MLIVE HUB DROPS MACKINAC CENTER SERVICE, APRIL 17:** The relationship between MLive and the Mackinac Center for Public Policy was short lived and didn't come without strife. An MLive hub dropped a Mackinac Center bill tracking service after two days and plenty of criticism from the left-leaning Progress Michigan.

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by TOM TOMORROW

#### THE WEEK IN #FAIL

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EVERYONE KNOWS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS DON'T APPLY WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH A REALLY BAD GUY!

I LIKE TO THINK OF THEM MORE AS HELPFUL CONSTITUTIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

3) **SENATE #FAIL:** AMENDMENT EXPANDING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR GUN PURCHASES DEFEATED DESPITE 54 VOTES IN FAVOR, THANKS TO HARRY REID'S DECISION NOT TO PURSUE FILIBUSTER REFORM.

I GOTCHER BIPARTISANSHIP RIGHT HERE, LOSER! HEH HEH HEH!

D'OH!

4) **RIGHT WING TALKING POINT #FAIL:** GUN ADVOCATES ACCUSE GABBY GIFFORDS AND FAMILIES OF MURDERED CHILDREN OF "EMOTIONAL BULLYING" AND "INCVILITY."

MY DELICATE SENSIBILITIES ARE SO DREADFULLY OFFENDED!

WON'T SOMEONE PLEASE PULL OUT THE FAINTING COUCH?

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## The mayor on pot

**Mayor Bernero asks city attorney to look into how decriminalizing cannabis in the city would work, says pot enforcement is “not a priority for the Lansing Police Department.”**

Not long after voters in four Michigan cities elected in November to ease restrictions on possessing cannabis, Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero got to thinking.

In Flint and Grand Rapids, voters approved ballot initiatives to decriminalize possession of small amounts of pot. Bernero called Grand Rapids Mayor George Heart-



Bernero

well “on a lark” and left him a voicemail saying, “What is this, you crazy hippies decriminalized there? I didn’t realize Grand Rapids was like that.”

“Of course we did,” Heartwell, who supported the move, said in a return voicemail. To Bernero, the votes signaled that such policy was no longer limited to Ann Arbor, which has stood like a beacon since the early 1970s as a place in Michigan where possession would land you only a modest fine.

“Frankly, my big interest started this year when Grand Rapids and others had decriminalized” cannabis possession, Bernero said in an interview Monday night. “I think it’s

high time we get rational about marijuana.”

Bernero said he’s directed City Attorney Janene McIntyre — in her first month on the job — to study how those new rules comply with state and federal law should Lansing “decide to go that route.”

And as an “informal policy,” Bernero said, “Enforcement against marijuana use is not a priority for the Lansing Police Department.” Part of McIntyre’s task includes how the city would formalize such a policy, as was done last year in Ypsilanti. “In my view, the Police Department has already proven it’s not a priority.”

For illegal drugs, Interim Lansing Police Chief Mike Yankowski said LPD’s “No. 1 priority is: How does our narcotic sales and illegal trafficking affect violent crime?” Those cases are usually limited to crack, cocaine and heroin, he said — “For the most part, marijuana hasn’t been at the top of the list of violent crime.”

He said the department’s focus is not on

possession of small amounts of cannabis, but that LPD would investigate and charge people involved with larger trafficking operations. “Our priority or our focus is not necessarily on a person with a real small amount of marijuana on them.”

Still, it’s not a formal policy within the department, should you get pulled over with a few joints in your car, he said. “It’s still obviously at the discretion of the police officer” depending on the situation, Yankowski said.

On Tuesday, state Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, introduced a bill that would decriminalize possession of an ounce or less of cannabis statewide (see page 8).

“There’s no question that criminalizing is not the right approach. I think it’s education and treatment,” Bernero said. “We made a big mistake including marijuana in the War on Drugs.”

— **Andy Balaskovitz**

## ‘The only solution’

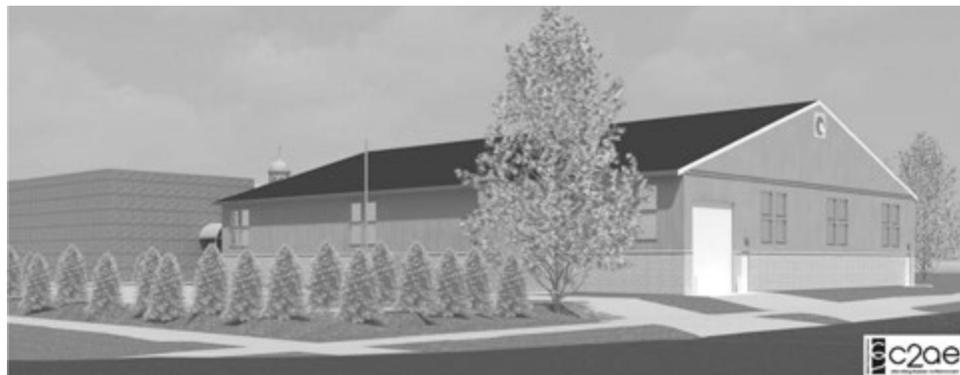
**Updates added to Niowave pole barn solution will be brought to City Council for approval**

The top official for the Lansing Economic Area Partnership said Tuesday afternoon that a solution has been reached for the Niowave pole barn problem. But this is the final offer, so neighbors will have to take it or leave it.

“It would be wrong to characterize it as a deal,” said Bob Trezise, president and CEO of LEAP. “We know several people in the neighborhood are not going to support the solution, but it’s the only solution.”

Along with previously proposed façade changes, Niowave has agreed to paint the roof of its 14,000-square-foot pole barn to reduce glare, which was a chief concern among neighbors. The proposed façade changes and landscaping will be tied to Niowave’s six-year, \$550,000 personal property tax exemption request.

Trezise said none of this information had been shared with the neighborhood as of Tuesday afternoon. The company will not ask the neighbors to sign off on the solution, he said, and instead will ask the City Council to approve the tax abatement with conditions. The additional changes add \$15,000 to the original \$200,000 price tag, but nearly all of that — \$14,000 — would come from the city’s Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund, with Niowave pitching in an additional \$1,000. Niowave would not have to repay the money



Courtesy of C2AE

This rendering, presented to Walnut Neighborhood residents three weeks ago, is the solution for fixing the facade of Niowave’s new 14,000-square-foot research facility. The company would make the changes as a condition of a tax abatement.

from the brownfield fund.

LEAP led the effort to broker a deal between neighbors and Niowave by having local architecture firm C2AE design a rendering of building changes. The Lansing Economic Development Corp. paid C2AE \$2,000 for its work, which included four options. The one pictured here was the “most complete and expensive option,” Trezise has said.

The dispute between Niowave and neighbors has gone on for 10 months. Three weeks ago, residents in the Walnut Neighborhood were presented with proposed façade changes that include painting the sides, lining brick along the lower portion of two sides of the building and adding fake windows, for which Niowave would pay \$100,000. Another \$100,000 worth of landscaping and parking lot changes would be paid for out of the brownfield fund, which is funded by capturing taxes from developers on brownfield sites elsewhere and can be used on other eligible brownfield improvements.

After the proposed changes surfaced, neighbors still had concerns about glare from the roof. At first, Niowave was unwilling to do anything about the roof. Mark Sinila, Niowave’s chief financial officer, said last week that painting or adding shingles to the roof would void a 25-year warranty. But after negotiations with LEAP, Niowave has come around to fixing the roof, despite losing the warranty on the building.

Trezise said the extra \$14,000 from the brownfield fund was needed to convince Niowave to paint the roof and waive the warranty.

Trezise said as part of the “universal agreement” coming to the Council, there will be a condition that says if Niowave doesn’t complete the changes to the pole barn, the landscaping and the parking lot one year after the Council approves the tax abatement, the abatement can be revoked.

Dale Schrader, a Walnut Neighborhood resident who’s been a harsh critic of the pole

barn, still doesn’t think the building will look good with the proposed changes. He’s concerned it might end up looking like a “botched facelift.” He thinks Niowave needs to go above and beyond just painting the metal siding and tacking on fake windows. He believes Niowave has taken advantage of the situation by getting money from the city.

“Niowave still hasn’t really kicked in much of anything for this,” Schrader said. “They’re getting a free façade, basically. They should be thrilled that they bullied the city into paying for landscaping and a parking lot. I’m still not happy with them.”

Mary Elaine Kiener, a Walnut Neighborhood activist, takes a milder approach. “It’s better than what we have now. It’s not as good as we might have hoped for. But it’s as good as we’re going to get.”

A survey issued two weeks ago by Kiener asked residents whether they would accept the façade changes or the pole barn “as it stands.” In response: 78 percent of Lansing residents from outside the neighborhood, 67 percent of those living within the neighborhood and 73 percent of homeowners living adjacent to Niowave of those surveyed said they would accept the façade changes over nothing.

Trezise said Niowave hopes to bring the proposal before the City Council at its Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday. Hopefully, Trezise said, the Council would then vote on the exemption at the next regular meeting on May 6.

— **Sam Ingot**

“Eyesore of the Week,” our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing, will return next week. It rotates each week with Eye Candy of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail [eye@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:eye@lansingcitypulse.com) or call Andy Balaskovitz at 999-5064.



Sam Ingot/City Pulse

Lansing Township and Ingham County have opted to not provide funding support to a pathway project along this portion of Waverly Road in Lansing Township, which city officials call a “moral hazard.”

## Money first, safety second

**The Waverly Road Regional Network Connection does not get funding support from Lansing Township and Ingham County; city will press on with alternative plan.**

Lansing officials are “disheartened,” “frustrated” and “disappointed” with Lansing Township and Ingham County for failing to support what they call an exemplary regional transportation project that would resolve serious safety concerns.

It’s been over two years since Mayor Virg Bernero started publicly advocating a pathway along Waverly Road in Lansing Township where there is little more than a goat path along a steep embankment. This is the “sidewalk to nowhere” project — so-called by state Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge — that Bernero’s critics have argued is, while a worthy public safety solution, too expensive.

“The crux of this issue is about saving lives,” Bernero said Monday. “It’s not about politics for me. ... I’m disappointed we have not gotten a solution.” He called it a “moral hazard.”

In a March letter to the city offering grant funding for the project, the Michigan Department of Transportation noted the “safety deficiency” in the area. In considering the pathway on Waverly north to Old Lansing Road and east to Grand River Park, it says: “The safety deficiency that is present in this area creates a high potential for pedestrians to sustain serious injuries by vehicles, due to the lack of an adequate pedestrian facility.”

Within the Waverly project area between 2004 and 2011, there were eight auto accidents involving pedestrians or bicyclists, according to MDOT. Five resulted in severe injuries, the letter says. “We see the proposed project as a comprehensive solution to alleviate/greatly diminish the potential for these types of crashes.”

“Safe pedestrian passage is not a luxury — that’s another thing I resent,” Bernero said. “In today’s day in age, the enlightened view is that complete streets are the way to go.”

The city secured conditional grant funding for a 10-foot-wide pathway that would have gone north of the Waverly Road bridge to Old Lansing Road and west to Grand River Park. The city set an April 9 deadline for securing a local match for the grants from the township and county.

At its April 9 meeting, township trustees approved a resolution, 4-3, pledging \$10,000 to help support the project. However, the city’s latest estimates showed it would cost the township and county \$500,000 for its share, which would have been split. The township reasoned in its resolution that because the size of its budget is 2 percent of the county’s, it would contribute 2 percent of the match, or \$10,000. The county Board of Commissioners has not taken up the issue.

“It’s well short of what they knew would be the required match,” Lansing Chief Financial Officer Chad Gamble said.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Rodgers, Treasurer Leo Rodgers, Clerk Susan Aten and Trustee John Broughton voted in favor of the \$10,000 commitment.

“If we supported something like that, it would have to be proportionate to the overall budget,” Leo Rodgers said.

He said the safety issues there are a “legitimate concern. One of the things that I’m still unsettled on is: How do you balance safety concerns with the road and putting a sidewalk in and encroaching on people’s properties?” he asked, referring to the Waverly Hills neighborhood north of the river.

The project that the city has desired all along is shelved for the time being. “Not dead, but in a coma,” as Gamble put it. Instead, the city will move forward with a plan to narrow Mt. Hope Avenue from Pleasant Grove Road to Moores River Drive to build a 10-foot-wide pathway. That project will connect a planned South Lansing Pathway with a planned pathway in Delhi Township, the River Trail and, in the future, Michigan State University. The

city was forced to amend its grant application for MDOT, removing the portions involving the township and county. The City Council unanimously approved that grant acceptance, worth up to \$720,000 with an anticipated city match of \$150,000, at its meeting Monday night. Instead of an “unbelievable” project, the city will do a “very good” project, Gamble said, which is expected to start this summer.

—Andy Balaskovitz



## Keep it clean

**Sodomy, a clean campaign pledge and negative politics mark uneasy start to 4th Ward City Council race**

Lansing City Councilwoman Jessica Yorke called on her election challengers last weekend to sign a “clean campaign pledge” to keep the race to represent Lansing’s 4th Ward civil.

The call is directed specifically to the campaign of Chong-Anna Canfora, who has declined, calling it a “political stunt.”

Yorke’s request comes after she took exception to some social media posts by local political strategist Joe DiSano, an occasional campaign volunteer for Canfora, and Canfora’s husband, Luke Canfora.

“Stand against Chong-Anna Canfora and you will be humbled old country way,” reads an April 16 Twitter post by DiSano. He’s quoting WWF wrestler The Iron Sheik about sodomizing another wrestler in the ring to, you know, show him who’s boss. (In her campaign literature, Yorke links to the Urban Dictionary definition of “old country way,” backing up the phrase.) With incredible foresight — or as a challenge — DiSano added: “i hope someone screen caps this and passes it around. Bring that shit on.” Which is exactly what happened.

It’s hard to say whether you take a WWF wrestler seriously, but Yorke says it’s setting a bad tone for an election that hasn’t even reached its May 14 candidate filing deadline.

“That’s not how this is supposed to work,” Yorke said in an interview. “The process is not supposed to be dictated by fear. It’s supposed to exchange ideas and have a respectable struggle and look at issues. For me, raising this issue is about voter enfranchisement. If my opponent was willing to sign the pledge, it sends a message to the voters of Lansing they can expect honesty, civility and relevance. People don’t care about all that other stuff.”

Canfora dismissed Yorke’s call as “petty political games.”

“No, I don’t sign pledges issued by politicians,” Canfora said. “Here’s what I will do: I’m committed to running a campaign that’s focused on the issues. I encourage everyone to keep the tone civil and respectful.”

Those issues include “declining home values, keeping children and neighborhoods safe and good jobs. Issues people actually care about and want to talk about.”

She accused Yorke of avoiding talking about her record while on the Council. Yorke is seeking a second term. When asked if she could be more specific, Canfora said: “We’re going to have the opportunity to compare and contrast our records. I don’t necessarily want to get into that now. I will not participate in these games.”

Canfora described DiSano as a volunteer spokesman on “a couple of occasions.” “Any statements made by my husband’s friend were silly and immature, and made by a WWF wrestler,” she said.

As for Yorke’s press release: “The mature thing would have been to contact me first instead of going to the media,” Canfora said.

DiSano named Yorke’s attendance record at Council and committee meetings an issue he believes she’s trying to avoid. In her first year on Council, Yorke missed 38 of her first 75 committee meetings. This paper in 2010 speculated that those absences, along with a vote against tying a downtown development to a project labor agreement, would make her a political target by organized labor. In 2012, Yorke missed seven Committee of the Whole meetings, which was fewer than colleagues Tina Houghton (nine) and Kathie Dunbar (10), according to information provided by City Council staff. Yorke had the most full Council meeting absences in 2012, also with seven, followed by Dunbar (six) and Derrick Quinney (five).

Canfora will likely have strong labor support — her husband works for the AFL-CIO — while Yorke has the backing of Mayor Virg Bernero.

“If you’re presented with a clean campaign pledge by someone like Jessica Yorke, there has to be a pledge to show up to Council meetings on time and in a consistent manner,” DiSano said.

Yorke said in response: “My attendance records for Council meetings is on par with that of my colleagues.”

This is familiar territory for DiSano. Last year, he led a campaign on behalf of Ken Ross against now-Circuit Judge Jim Jamo. In it, Ross accused Jamo of engineering a “secret settlement of a \$5 million lawsuit filed by students physically and sexually abused at school.” The victims sought \$5 million in the case involving sexual abuse during a hazing incident in the Coopersville School District, which Jamo represented as an attorney. The settlement was for \$150,000. The Grand Rapids Press filed suit against the school district after it was denied a Freedom of Information Act request seeking the settlement amount. Jamo defended himself, saying the school district and the plaintiffs asked to keep the settlement sealed due to the sensitive nature of the case.

DiSano also publicly accused the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce of a

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“classic racist campaign” against incumbent Councilman Derrick Quinney in 2011, saying the chamber darkened a photo of Quinney in campaign literature and also engaged in negative tactics. Chamber President and CEO Tim Daman at the time called the tactics “appalling.” DiSano called on Yorko Monday to denounce the chamber for that campaign.

The 4th Ward includes northwest Lansing, downtown west of the Grand River and southwest Lansing through the Moores Park area.

A third candidate in the race, local attorney Bert Carrier, said he has “no problem”



Yorko



Canfora

signing Yorko’s pledge. He said he informed her last year that he’d be running and “I promised I wouldn’t do any negative campaigning. I honestly don’t think this whole entire push on her part is directed at me.”

— **Andy Balaskovitz**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF EAST LANSING

ORDINANCE NO. 1298

AN ORDINANCE TO RENUMBER THE CURRENT SECTION 2-441 AND ADD A NEW SECTION 2-441 TO DIVISION 10 – SENIORS’ COMMISSION - OF ARTICLE IV - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

The current Section 2-441 is renumbered to Section 2-442 and a new Section 2-441 is added to Division 10 of Article V of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of East Lansing to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-441. Membership.**

(a) Appointments will be made to the Seniors’ Commission as provided for in Section 2-241.

(b) The Commission shall consist of nine members, seven of whom shall be residents of the City of East Lansing. The remaining two positions may be held by non-residents of the City if those persons are members in good standing of the East Lansing Prime Time Senior Program and remain members in good standing for the duration of their appointed term on the Seniors’ Commission.

**Sec. 2-442. - Duties.**

It shall be the duty of the Seniors’ Commission to represent the interests of senior citizens and to advise the city council and city manager on all matters of city governance which affect the interest of the senior population. These duties shall include:

- (1) To identify, recommend, and develop supportive services and educational and leisure time programs that may be provided or made available to seniors directly by the city or through third-party providers in order to enhance the quality of life for area seniors.
- (2) To assist and advise the city on the operation and maintenance of senior centers which the city may maintain or which the city may support on a regional basis.
- (3) To recommend to the city manager annual appropriations of city funds for senior programs.
- (4) To advise and assist the city in obtaining gifts, grants, bequests, or endowments for senior citizen programs and activities from third parties and appropriations from other governmental agencies to support senior programs within the city.
- (5) To receive gifts, grants, bequests, and endowments to the city which the donor may restrict to use for senior programs.
- (6) To advise and assist the city in applying for and administering community development block grant appropriations for capital and operating expenditures for senior programs within the city.
- (7) To review and advise the city council on the nature and extent of social services being rendered or available to East Lansing seniors within the region.
- (8) To act as an advocate to city council for the interests of seniors in all matters of local, regional, or state concern.
- (9) To serve as a liaison with the Michigan State Office on Services to the Aging, the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging and the area agencies established pursuant to the Older Michiganians Act, the Tri-County Office on Aging, and other local, county and state governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations whose activities may advance the interest of seniors in the city.

Marie E. McKenna  
City Clerk

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

**Notice is hereby given** of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:30 P.M., in Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing. The hearing will be for the purpose of reviewing the Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District No. 73 in conjunction with the Downtown Management Board.

Notice is further given, that the said Roll is on file in the office of the City Clerk where same may be found for public examination. Any objections to the assessments on said Roll must be presented in writing at the above mentioned meeting. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of Special Assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. A property owner or party-in-interest or his/her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the Special Assessment or may file his/her protest by letter received on or before the date of the hearing, and his/her personal appearance will not be required.

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Marie E. McKenna  
City Clerk

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, **to consider ordering in sidewalks in conjunction with 2013 local street improvement project.**

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing, prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager’s Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Marie E. McKenna  
City Clerk

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### SLU-1-2013, 4415 N. Grand River Special Land Use Permit – Church

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, to consider SLU-1-2013. This is a request by Divine Destiny Outreach Ministries Church to utilize the building at 4415 N. Grand River Avenue for a church. Churches are permitted in the "D-1" Professional Office district, which is the designation of the subject property, if a Special Land Use permit is approved by the Lansing City Council.

For more information about this case, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, May 13, 2013, at the City Clerk’s Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933 1696.

Chris Swope, City Clerk

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

**Notice is hereby given** of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from the Chi Omega Fraternity to replace up to 28 windows on the house at 229 Burcham Drive. The existing windows are a combination of double hung and casement and the applicant would like to replace all the windows with a single-style.

**Call (517) 319-6930**, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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Marie E. McKenna  
City Clerk



Illustration by Pierre Clayton

# THIS WAR ISN'T WORKING

By **WALT SORG**

On April 10, 1933, Michigan became the first state to ratify the constitutional amendment ending Prohibition. It did so in a convention with elected delegates from each of Michigan's 100 state House districts. The ratification passed 99-1.

The 18th Amendment was an experiment that failed. It was an effort to replace the free-market economics of supply and demand through government's power. All it succeeded in doing was promote widespread flaunting of the law by average citizens and create a lucrative marketplace for criminals. It gave us Al Capone, the Purple Gang, Elliot Ness and his Untouchables, the Valentine's Day Massacre and the fictional Nucky Thompson's "Boardwalk Empire."

Eighty years later, the Michigan Legislature is being asked to begin the process anew by taking the first step to repeal the second Prohibition, the ban on marijuana possession and use.

Just as with alcohol, America has a love/hate relationship with marijuana.

The Nixon administration tried to deport John Lennon because of a London cannabis conviction. Lennon later headlined an Ann Arbor fundraiser for imprisoned legal-pot crusader John Sinclair. The Sinclair prison sentence (10 years for possession of two joints) also inspired Ann Arbor's annual Hash Bash.

Today, attitudes are changing but are still contradictory. While we are entertained by the pot-aided "hijinks" of Cheech and Chong, Snoop Dogg and Charlie Sheen, we

also demonize some in the public spotlight for simple possession. Last year MSU basketball star Derrick Nix was arrested for possession. Nix faced the possibility of losing his scholarship.

At the same time, scores of our national leaders have admitted to smoking pot over the years without penalty. The list includes presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton (he didn't inhale); Vice President Al Gore, V.P. candidate Sarah Palin, Secretary of State John Kerry, and a large bipartisan panoply of governors, U.S.

felony.)

"Prohibition didn't work in the '30s, and it isn't working today," said Irwin. "We have had a war against marijuana for decades and it has failed in every way. Just here in Michigan, we spend over \$300 million per year arresting, trying and incarcerating people for marijuana use. Marijuana prohibition has only succeeded in lining the pockets of drug cartels and violent gangs, creating more violence on our streets."

Irwin's co-sponsors include libertarian Republicans, many of whom had championed

increasing over time," EPIC/MRA pollster Bernie Porn said. "However, voters age 18 to 40 oppose it by roughly the same number as the statewide results (51 percent to 43 percent "no")." The strongest support, he said, was among voters 50 to 55 (55 percent to 42 percent) and men 18 to 49 (56 percent to 40 percent).

With the state split on the issue, most Michigan legislators tread lightly on the issue of legalizing recreational use of marijuana.

"A lot of my colleagues will say, not on the record of course, that ultimately we should be talking about legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana," Senate Democratic Leader Gretchen Whitmer, D-East Lansing, said on City Pulse radio.

"They'll have those conversations but they don't want them attributed to them. That's where I think we could end up going, and it would make sense on a lot of different fronts. If people are going to be using it, the state could be regulating and taxing it."

On the record, many lawmakers instead focus on efforts led by former Attorney General Mike Cox and his successor, Bill Schuette, to stamp out medical marijuana despite the 2008 statewide vote to legalize medicinal pot.

The 2008 citizen initiative passed in all 83 Michigan counties with 63 percent of the vote. (The 1932 referendum on repealing alcohol Prohibition also passed in 82 of 93 counties, with Barry county the sole holdout.)

East Lansing Rep. Sam Singh is co-sponsoring bipartisan legislation to

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STATE REP. JEFF IRWIN, D-ANN ARBOR

senators and congressmen.

As a step to deal with a part of the contradiction was taken this week. State Representative Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, introduced legislation to decriminalize possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, making possession a civil misdemeanor on par with jaywalking or littering. The law is modeled after ordinances already enacted by a handful of Michigan cities including Ann Arbor, Traverse City, Ypsilanti, Flint, Grand Rapids and Detroit. (Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero is looking into decriminalizing it here. See Page 5.) Simple possession would be punishable by a \$25 fine for a first offense, and up to \$100 for repeat offenders. (Sale of marijuana and possession of more than an ounce would remain a

repeal of Michigan's mandatory motorcycle helmet law on grounds of personal liberty.

Public opinion is clearly shifting towards legalization. Two recent polls show majority support nationwide. A Pew Research poll three weeks ago found Americans favoring legal pot 52 percent to 45 percent; another poll commissioned by Huffington Post last week found support at 57 percent to 33 percent.

The most recent poll in Michigan was taken a year before the legalization votes in Colorado and Washington. A January 2012 survey by EPIC/MRA found legalization losing 50 percent to 45 percent, including 68 percent opposition among Republicans.

"Opposition has been greater when we tested it in past years, so support is obviously

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regulate medical marijuana, allowing for the establishment of “medical marijuana provisioning centers.” The bill specifically allows local governments to ban provisioning centers within their borders.

The confusion we have right now lies at the feet of the last two Legislatures, which “didn’t do anything” to clarify the language of the 2008 ballot initiative, said Singh.

Whitmer is also highly critical of the state’s last two attorneys general for their efforts to undermine the voter-approved law.

“When the voters passed medical marijuana, I was so excited. It showed that our public is much more progressive than the people in the Legislature,” said Whitmer.

“[Former] Attorney General Mike Cox was not in favor of it, and not particularly helpful in trying to create the state rules on the dispensaries,” Whitmer added. “And that has led to a lot of the consternation and confusion over what the law is and how it is to be applied and enforced. [Current Attorney General] Bill Schuette was opposed to it. He led the opposition to medical marijuana. So it’s not really much of a surprise that he is using his office to keep us from doing what the voters wanted. I would love to see us clean up the law, keep the political ideologues out of it, and give people the opportunity to have medical marijuana when it can be helpful.



Irwin

on medical marijuana. (Unlike other drugs, a doctor’s approval for the use of marijuana is not considered a prescription. Michigan does not tax prescription drugs.) California and Maine legislators are all considering taxes of up to 30 percent on medical marijuana. Colorado already does so to varying degrees based on the county and is considering taxes on recreational marijuana. According to The New York Times, Colorado brought in \$5 million in 2011 from medical marijuana tax revenue.

Several area legislators declined to respond to a survey email from City Pulse asking their views on legalizing and taxing marijuana, and also asked them if they had personally used marijuana. The only Republican to respond was Grand Ledge Sen. Rick Jones. The former Eaton County sheriff and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee opposes legalization. (About trying it, Jones said, “I was not interested as a young person in school because I did not like smoking and it was against the law.”)

“(We should be looking at) how to make it work, how to make it safe, and accessible.”

Like many of their colleagues, Whitmer, Singh and Lansing Rep. Andy Schor think the Legislature should look at adding a state tax

Jones voted against the 2008 ballot proposal, calling it “poorly written” and something that has “allowed recreational use.” He said a federal medical marijuana law is needed.

“Then pharmacies can legally handle it,” he said in an email response. “The current product can be contaminated by mold or bug spray. It needs to be pharmacy grade.”

Reps. Theresa Abed, D-Grand Ledge, Tom Cochran, D-Mason, Bill Rogers, R-Brighton, and Cindy Denby, R-Fowlerville, and Sen. Joe Hune, R-Fowlerville, did not respond to our survey.

## STATE BUDGET IMPACT

Few question that legalizing marijuana would save state and local government money for police, courts and prisons. Former Detroit Police Chief Ike McKinnon is among a growing national group of law enforcement officers calling for legalization.

“Too much law enforcement money and resources are being used on [enforcing marijuana prohibition]. There are better things to spend our money on,” McKinnon told the Metro Times in a 2011 interview.

His views were shared by another former Detroit police chief, Jerry Oliver, who wrote in a 2000 op-ed in the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch that “these billions could be better spent on demand reduction, prevention, treatment, education, community-building and supporting families.”

Coming up with hard figures on cost savings are impossible since, as Ingham

County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth noted, marijuana possession has become a “secondary offense.”

“If we come across it in conjunction with something else, such as a traffic stop, we will charge it. But we don’t go out looking for marijuana,” he said.

Added Ingham Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings: “More often than not it’s involved with other crimes: drunk driver, assaults, things where they are arrested and have marijuana on their person. We don’t see many cases where the only thing involved is possession.”

Taxing legal marijuana would likely be a financial windfall for the state but, again, there is no way to come up hard numbers.

A 2012 Cato Institute study by Jeffrey Miron, director of undergraduate studies at Harvard’s Department of Economics, concluded federal, state and local law enforcement costs would be reduced by \$8.7 billion annually, with an equal amount raised by taxing marijuana sales. With roughly 3 percent of the nation’s population, that would equate to an annual \$546 million fiscal impact on Michigan government budgets (including federal expenditures).

Miron’s report was signed by more than 500 economists, including the late Nobel laureate Milton Friedman, who served as an economist in both the Nixon and Reagan administrations.

Michigan collects more than \$1 billion

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annually in taxes on two other (legal) drugs of choice: alcohol and nicotine (tobacco). That equates to about 2.5 percent of the entire state budget. Budget analysts in Washington state, which legalized marijuana last November, estimate a proposed 25 percent sales tax would generate \$1.9 billion over five years. Washington's population is 7 million; Michigan has 10 million residents.

Legal marijuana could also be a boon for Michigan's agriculture industry. A 2006 study by pro-legalization researcher Jon Gettman stated that marijuana is the top cash crop in 12 states and among the top three crops in 30 states. The study estimated that marijuana production, at a value of \$38.5 billion, exceeded the value of corn (\$23.3 billion) and wheat (\$7.5 billion) combined.

Horticulturalist Allan Pyle, an MSU grad who lives outside Traverse City, sees economic potential for Michigan farmers. Pyle has long lead efforts to legalize growing hemp, a type of marijuana which archaeologists say is one of the earliest cultivated crops.

"Hemp's a high-yielding, multi-use crop: biomass, feedstock for energy production," he noted. It produces a very high quality fiber for cloth and rope. It has a fairly high quality oil

which can be used for food products, especially from strains that have low levels of THC."

Because some strains of hemp contain high levels of THC, the federal government has effectively outlawed hemp cultivation.

With legalized pot, Michigan farmers could do well, said Pyle, noting that Michigan's climate is ideal for growing many strains of marijuana.

"It is not difficult to grow outdoors. It's

have actually been studied. We know that these compounds do affect the immune system. Depending on how they are administered, they have been shown to suppress and enhance various immune responses."

HIV patients, for example, often use marijuana to stimulate their appetite.

"The big question is whether their use is further compromising their immune system," Kaminski said. "That is an area that desperately

one of the great causes of crime in our cities." Senator John McCain called marijuana "a gateway drug" in a separate 2007 New Hampshire campaign appearance.

Both are quoted in a research paper by MSU economics Ph.D. candidate Yu-Wei Chu, published last December. In looking at the impact of medical marijuana laws, Chu concluded the opposite is true:

"I find medical marijuana laws increase marijuana use by 10-20%" he wrote.

"However, there is no evidence that cocaine or heroin use increase after the passage of medical marijuana laws. In fact, the estimates on cocaine and heroin are uniformly negative. From the arrest data, the estimates

indicate a 10-20% decrease in possession arrests for cocaine and heroin combined. From the treatment data, the estimates show a 20% decrease in heroin treatments but no significant effect in cocaine treatments. These results suggest that marijuana is likely to be a substitute to heroin."

Baker, who deals with substance abusers daily, concurs. He said alcohol is a far more serious concern as a gateway drug; regulating marijuana use in a manner similar to alcohol regulation makes far more sense than outright prohibition.

## WILL MICHIGAN FOLLOW?

Michigan is one of 18 states that allows medical uses of marijuana. Only two states — Colorado and Washington — have legalized recreational use of marijuana, and two more — California and Connecticut — have decriminalized simple possession.

Irwin and other supporters of legalization are watching Colorado and Washington closely to see how those states deal with issues arising from legalization, most significantly the clash between state and federal law.

At the federal level, a bipartisan group of congressmen including Michigan Republican Justin Amash is sponsoring legislation to legalize marijuana to the extent that it is legal in a state, effectively handing over marijuana policy to the states.

While it appears medical marijuana laws will be further clarified in Michigan this year, the immediate prospect for full legalization or decriminalization is about zero. Irwin's bill may get a hearing in the state House, but Senate Judiciary Chairman Rick Jones presents an insurmountable roadblock to any action in the Senate.

An effort last year at a citizen petition drive by the organization Committee for a Safer Michigan managed to collect just 50,000 of the 325,000 signatures needed to force a statewide vote. The committee is inactive with proponents recognizing that it will cost \$1 million or more to gather the needed signatures.

Eighty years ago, Michigan took the lead in ending Prohibition. This time it appears the state will be content to watch the rest of the nation evolve while continuing to enforce "The Second Prohibition."

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SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER GRETCHEN WHITMER, D-EAST LANSING

very similar to growing tomatoes, not at all challenging to grow."

## IMPACT ON HEALTH

Does marijuana pose a health hazard to users? The answer is "probably not," but the research is surprisingly lacking.

Norbert Kaminski, director of MSU's Center for Integrative Toxicology, said far more research is needed to reach definitive conclusions, but noted that recreational use of marijuana is safer than smoking cigarettes.

"Typically a recreational user of marijuana is not going to be exposed to the levels of pyrolysis products compared with someone who is a that a one- of two-pack-a-day smoker," he said.

"Whenever you are inhaling burned substances, there's formation of a lot of different toxic compounds. A typical recreational smoker certainly is not going to be exposed to level of these types of products compared to someone smoking a pack or two of cigarettes a day."

Kaminski said there is "sufficient evidence" to suggest there is physical addiction, but withdrawal symptoms are far more similar to withdrawal from nicotine or caffeine than from opiates. Withdrawal symptoms typically are loss of sleep and restlessness.

Far more research is needed, he said, on how marijuana impacts the immune system in both positive and negative ways.

"There are about 60 chemicals in a marijuana plant. Of those 60, only a handful

needs additional research. Because these cannabinoid compounds can suppress the immune system, people may actually greatly benefit from these compounds. Of those 60 cannabinoid compounds, some might have very useful therapeutic applications and would not produce the psychotropic affects that users of marijuana experience."

There are situations when the body's immune system works against recovery and needs to be suppressed, such as in organ transplants where the most significant risk is rejection of the new organ.

Opponents to legalization raise the issue of psychological dependence, or anti-social behavior.

Another concern is detecting marijuana abuse by a driver. The body quickly metabolizes alcohol, so breath and blood tests are effective in determining if a driver is under the influence. With marijuana, a person can test positive weeks after its use, and long after any intoxicating effect has ended. While recent cannabis use can be determined through lab tests, there is no field test similar to breathalyzers used by police officers for drunk driving suspects.

## A GATEWAY DRUG?

Opponents contend that expanded marijuana use will lead to expanded use of hard drugs. Mitt Romney, in a speech to a group of New Hampshire college students, said, "It is the pathway to drug usage by our society, which is a great scourge — which is

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Some of the John Bean Building's working artists: (from left) photographer Liz Silky, writer Ernest Blount, videographer Jay Perkins, photographer Monique Goch, photographer/videographer Luke Pline and painter Brad VanderMoere.

## Open secret

Lansing artist collective elevates its profile with open house

By ALLAN I. ROSS

Career artists, for the most part, tend to be self-contained. To paraphrase Kurt Vonnegut, they instinctively know that opening the window on their creative process could make their work catch cold. But that's the paradox of the profession — although art often comes from a secretive place, it doesn't mean much until the public has its say.

"Creating art is such a solitary activity," said

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Ben Duke, founder of 4th Culture Studios, a local artist collective inside Lansing's John Bean Building. "But sometimes it's nice to have someone a couple doors down you can have coffee with."

Or wine and appetizers, as the case may be. On Friday night, Duke and his artist associates are holding an open house to welcome the community in to check out their space and their work. Aesthetes, curiosity seekers and artists looking to join 4th Culture's ranks are invited to attend the event.

"It's a collaboration to generate energy and bring attention to the people in the building," Duke said. "In our space alone, there are 13 artists behind one door, and we're a pretty eclectic bunch."

In 2011, Duke rented 6,000 square feet on the third floor of the John Bean Building and invited fellow artists to set up shop inside. (If you're driving south on Cedar Street coming out of downtown

Lansing, you've passed by it — it's the one seemingly wedged halfway under the overpass next to the train tracks. Conveniently, it also has its name on top.) Duke, 37, has been an associate professor of art and art history at Michigan State University since 2006. He created the collective to fill what he saw as a void in the mid-Michigan art scene. His studio is part of what he calls a "thriving fine and commercial art scene" in the building.

"There's the university experience, which is wonderful, but I was looking for that studio energy," Duke said. "I couldn't locate that, so I started this to generate that energy. There were lots of artists around, but no gathering point."

Augusta Morrison, founder and co-chairwoman of the art collective Lansing Art Works, agrees.

"We don't have a physical space, which allows us to be more flexible, but that just means we have to constantly transport gear when we have a performance," she said. "One of our goals is to have a physical space someday, and the John Bean Building seems to be working very well for a lot of local artists."

Besides 4th Culture, the 450,000-square-foot building is home to over 30 other organizations, including an MMA fighting club, a yoga studio and a fashion design company. Monique Goch, owner of Moxy Imagery & Photography, is one of the building's tenants. She's a commercial photographer on the building's second floor and not part of the collective, but her space will be part of Friday's open house.

"A lot of us went through the art programs at MSU and LCC," she said. "And now we've started these local businesses based on the skills we gained. This is exactly how it's supposed to work."

After working for years in the nonprofit and insurance sectors, Goch recently returned to full-time photography. She said, for her, that meant converting something she loved to do into something that could sustain her.

"If you want to live the dream," she said. "There's a price to pay."

## Blue-sky run

Pain, politeness and pride at the 2013 Lansing Marathon

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

The quick hustled past the dead at Mile 9 of the 2013 Lansing Marathon early Sunday morning, as hundreds of runners streamed down the slope of northbound Aurelius Road and rounded the hills of Mt. Hope Cemetery, dotted with headstones and mausoleums, for the return loop downtown.

Past the cemetery, the runners encountered a man in a full-body plush bear suit with a diaper over it. His sign read "Course Liar," and he spouted a stream of lies.

"The finish is just around the corner!" he shouted convincingly. (It was not.) "You're doing great! I love getting

up early and standing in the cold!"

The sarcasm was a brief respite from a morning-long blue-sky run of positivity.

Across from the cemetery, two flag-waving youngsters, Janie and Elliot Hubbard of Battle Creek, scanned for their dad, Shawn, who was running his first half marathon, but the stream of human confetti seemed endless. About 500 marathoners and 2,000 runners in all registered for the event.

"Start looking for a blue shirt and a big beard," their mom, Betsy, encouraged them.

Blue shirts, scarves and hats were everywhere, a tribute to the Boston Marathon a week earlier. At the 8 a.m. start, Mayor Virg Bernero eagerly took up the relay baton of marathon solidarity from battered Boston.

"Congratulations, Lansing," he told the crowd at the starting line. "You look

positively beautiful this morning."

Nearby, red-bearded Mike Vincent of Traverse City waited in the wings to start his first half marathon. "Onward to Valhalla" was scrawled on his number tag.

"They should call it 'The Angriest Marathon in America,'" he cracked, referring to the Boston blowback and Bernero's cable news stint as "America's Angriest Mayor."

"We are not deterred," Bernero continued. "We are not cowed. We will not relent. Thank you, Lansing. You make me and America proud."

A few feet away, Luke Titus of Haslett quietly leaned on a wall, wearing a tie-dye shirt with a peace symbol. "For Boston," he shrugged.

His feet were bare.

"I couldn't imagine doing it any other way," he said. "I have shoes for cold

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Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Betsy Hubbard helps her children, Janie and Elliot, cheer on their dad Shawn at the second annual Lansing Marathon on Sunday.

# Marathon

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weather, but I hate 'em."

Joe Kwan of Singapore drove to Lansing from Boston with his wife, Stella, who ran her second Boston Marathon last week. The two are on a three-week vacation in the United States. Kwan said he heard the two Boston blasts from a few blocks away.

"We thought it was a celebration at first," he said. "Then we saw the ambulances and security and people started running around."

The trip to Lansing was a practical matter for him.

"We were trying to find a marathon I could run, because I did not qualify for Boston," he said.

Alice Blackwood Wyman, a marathon volunteer from DeWitt and a 5K runner, said the Lansing Marathon is ideal for a first-timer. "It's nice to have it near home," she said. "We train regularly on the River Trail. It's like going out and doing another training run."

If you were looking for East Coast intensity, forget it. With apologies to Vincent, Lansing may have ended up with the least angry marathon in the world. Encouragement from strangers and thank-yous from runners were relentless all the way along the route.

At major water stops, boom boxes pumped up the runners with rock anthems like "Feels Like the First Time." Wyman, by contrast, gently tinkled a bell for every passing runner at her post, a sleepy residential patch of the east side at Lathrop Street and Kalamazoo.

"I don't want to wake anybody up," she said, nodding toward the houses behind her.

Two thin, long shadows snaked down the asphalt toward Wyman, followed by the women who produced them. "Great job, keep it up," Wyman said, shaking the bell. In response to Wyman's bell, a woman with a slow sashaying stride, Teri Pulice, identified herself as "The Mighty Caboose." She was among the last to pass.

"I'll beat all the couch potatoes," Pulice said.

Late in the course, after the runners dodged one of many floodings and joined up with the River Trail, a volunteer was getting hoarse from the good cheer.

"One and a half miles to go!" he repeated dozens of times. "You're doing great! Ah-hem, hm, hem."

By Mile 16, some of the smiles had faded. A stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue grew oddly quiet save for the flapping of feet.

"My body!" yelled a man to nobody in particular.

Back at the cemetery stretch, the runners were still rounding the corner, looking splendid under a blue sky and warmed by 20 degrees of exertion, but the chilled spectators began to flag. "My arms are tired," one sign read. One of the runners, a 60ish wise guy in a red bandana, waved his arms like a symphony conductor at the curbside crowd.

"Pick it up a little bit," he urged.

After a long wait, Janie and Elliott Hubbard popped up from the curb when their dad's distinctive beard rounded the corner, followed by the rest of Shawn Hubbard. In seconds, the family completed a flag-waving pit stop worthy of Daytona, with hugs, high-fives, a quick snapshot and a cooling change of shirt.

"See you at the finish," Betsy Hubbard called after him.

## Talking 'the talk'

Lansing workshop aims to take the sting out of the birds and the bees

By DYLAN SOWLE

How many sitcoms have we seen depicting bumbling parents and terrified children sitting down to have the dreaded "talk?" Pop culture really hasn't helped make that inevitable and necessary conversation any easier.

That's where Talk Early, Talk Often comes in. The Michigan-based workshop's mission is to give parents the skills they need to effectively talk to their kids about sexuality and abstinence. Lansing parents will be able to attend a free, two-hour workshop on Saturday at the Letts Community Center for all their sex talk needs. And according to some statistics from host Planned Parenthood, Lansing might need it.

### Talk Early, Talk Often

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Arb, Planned Parenthood's community outreach educator. "And it should be an ongoing conversation, not just a one-time deal."

Lansing's teen pregnancy rate stands at nearly double the state average, with 65 out of 1,000 teens becoming pregnant. In fact, Arb said that Saturday's workshop has been specifically funded through Michigan's Department of Community Health to help reduce the teen pregnancy rate in Lansing. And while those are the long-term objectives of the initiative, the first step is getting parents to talk.

Talk Early, Talk Often helps parents identify opportunities to talk and finding teachable moments in everyday situations. These



Courtesy photo

Charماغne Johnson (right), facilitator for Talk Early Talk Often, engages in a role-play scenario at a recent workshop.

have been the goals of the workshop's organizer, Barb Flis, since Talk Early's beginning in 2005. Flis' workshop focuses on creating a relaxed environment based on parent-to-parent conversation. The meetings start with a quiz, followed by a discussion of the questions and how they relate to talking to kids about sexuality. This transitions into a role play and group discussion, where Flis says that parents can learn the most from each other.

"Parents realize, 'I'm not the only one who struggles with this,'" Flis said. "For many parents, the practice sessions are the very first conversations they have ever had about sex."

Charماغne Johnson, a mother of two and a facilitator since the project's inception, will lead the discussion at Letts Community Center. Johnson says that while she might not be an "expert," she's offering her services because she's been through the same things and wants to help any way she can.

"This is not work for me, it's a mission," Johnson said. "Because we all want the same thing, and that's for our kids to make good decisions."

Positive reviews of the workshop have shown that parents are indeed learning skills from the workshop and putting them to use. Johnson said that is the most important thing parents can do.

"The discussion doesn't stop here," says Johnson. "If the parents aren't talking to their kids, then who is — and what are they saying?"

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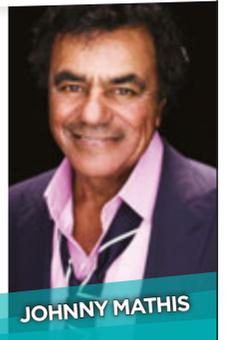
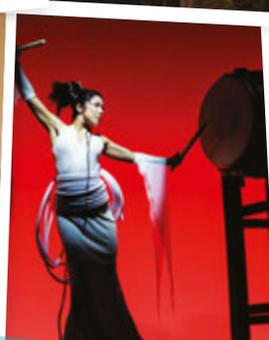
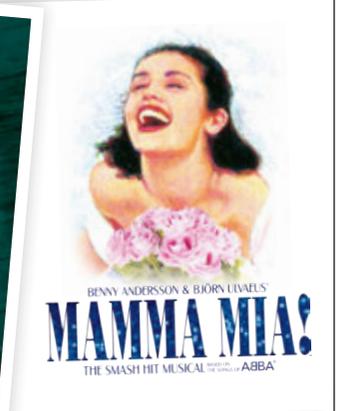
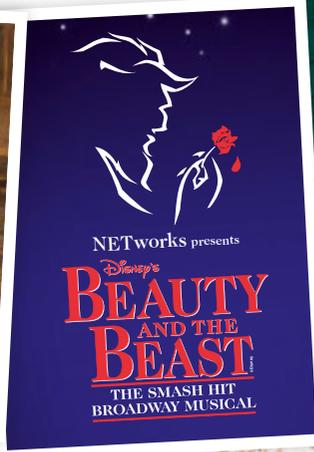
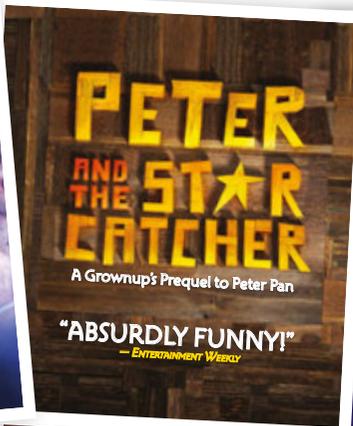
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## Growing the pie

### Big lineup announced for East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

While other jazz festivals shrivel, a three-way alliance among the City of East Lansing, the Wharton Center and the Michigan State University College of Music has led to more depth and breadth than ever for Greater Lansing's early summer jazz fix, June 21-22.

Big names and sleepers, first-time visitors and familiar faces, a singer summit and a guitar summit are all in the mix, with a new second stage to showcase top student bands.

Friday night's headliner, 26-year-old vocalist Cyrille Aimée, is turning critical heads in Europe and the U.S. with her supple vocals tinged with Gypsy exotica. Aimée's June festival gig follows a tradition established in 2009, with bassist/singer Esperanza Spalding, in which an up-and-coming jazz artist follows up a Solstice appearance with a Wharton Center performance the following season. (She returns to Wharton April 24.)

Arlene McDaniel, a jazz piano mainstay and music teacher in the Lansing area for over 30 years, brings a quintet Friday afternoon to kick off the festival at 4:30. Detroit organ legend Bill Heid will follow with an unusual "summit" of three top area guitarists: Detroit veteran Perry Hughes and MSU grads Ralph Tope and Cory Allen. Heid excels in organ-guitar combos, so he'll be in his element, at least as long as he wears shades.

Aimée's 7:30 p.m. headline set Friday will be followed by the Lansing Symphony jazz band and a late-night afterglow at nearby Beggar's Banquet restaurant with familiar MSU-bred bassist Dave Rosin's quartet.

Saturday's slate begins at 4:30 with a vocal jazz summit hosted by MSU jazz studies chief and bassist Rodney Whitaker's trio. It's a stellar lineup of singers, with local veterans Betty Joplin and Betty Baxter, new MSU luminary Mardra Thomas and Toledo-based singer Ramona Collins, an unsung Midwest jazz legend who grew up in Lansing.

After the singers leave the stage, Whitaker will anchor an hour of hard-bop heaven from the city's unofficial house band, the



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Before performing at Wharton next April, singer Cyrille Aimée sings at June's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

MSU Professors of Jazz, with tenor saxophonist Tim Warfield, among the top reedmen in the nation.

Saturday night's next headliner is probably new to most area jazz lovers. Fred Sanders, a popular and accomplished New Orleans pianist, will bring his trio and a guest vocalist, Germaine Bazzle.

Sanders studied under New Orleans legend Alvin Batiste (whom he met while playing at the wedding of longtime Duke Ellington trumpeter Clark Terry). Bazzle, another underappreciated gem, is one of New Orleans' leading singers and jazz educators and a go-to vocalist for pianist Ellis Marsalis and other greats.

Grand Rapids' 11-member salsa and Latin jazz machine Grupo Aye will close out the festivities Saturday night. The straight-no-chaser Detroit Tenors, an itinerant saxophone 'rasslers of the old school, will play Saturday's afterglow.

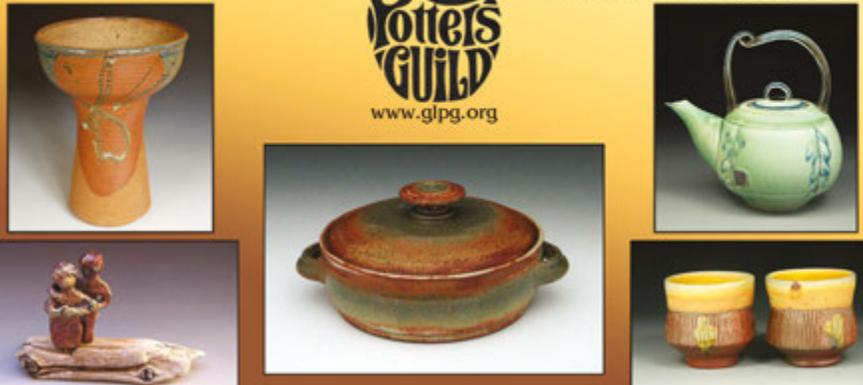
Dead air is forbidden, by virtue of palate-clearing interludes from the Community School of Music Jazz Orchestra (Friday) and the Paul Bratcher Quintet (Saturday).

For the first time, the Summer Solstice festival will open a second stage Saturday, with the aim of showcasing student groups to a real live jazz crowd. Among the showcase-ees will be the Saginaw Youth Jazz Ensemble, the Ann Arbor Pioneer and the East Lansing High School jazz band.

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## CURTAIN CALL

# Nice 'Girl'

## MSU closes theater season with iconic musical

By **DANA CASADEI**

The musical that introduced Barbra Streisand to Broadway still has much of the same charm that enchanted audiences in 1964. "Funny Girl," with music by Jules Styne, lyrics by Bob Merrill, and book by Isobel Lennart, traces legendary show-girl Fanny Brice's path to stardom, from a Brooklyn vaudeville act to headliner of the Ziegfeld Follies — and her roller coaster relationship with husband Nick Arnstein (Will Slinger-Grant).

Zachera Wollenberg gives a heck of a performance. She plays Fanny with an aw-shucks charm and shows off her comedic chops, especially in "You Are Woman, I Am Man." While "People" and "Don't Rain On My Parade" — two of the shows most iconic songs — are a little disappointing, Wollenberg's last three songs make up for it, particularly the beautiful "Who Are You Now?"

Lansing theater vet Ken Beachler, who plays Florenz

Photo by Steven Maale

Zachera Wollenberg (left) as Fanny Brice and Ken Beachler as Ziegfeld Follies founder Florenz Ziegfeld in the MSU Theatre Department's production of "Funny Girl."



Ziegfeld, doesn't get much stage time, but his booming voice and charisma make him unforgettable. Zev Steinberg's Eddie Ryan and Jacqueline Wheeler's Mrs. Brice work extremely well together, especially during "Who Taught Her Everything?" one of the evening's standouts. Furthermore, both actors are just plain fun to watch, each having pipes to back up their comedic roles.

Scenic designer Renee Suprenant guides the audience easily from Mrs. Brice's saloon to rehearsals and the stage door. A large moveable piece, with a door on one half and red curtain on the other, was often put at a diagonal across the stage, with viewable action happening behind and in front of it. All that had to be added were a few key pieces and viewers were transported where they needed to go. Costume designer Lane Fragomeli, meanwhile, stayed true to the era, and had clothes that helped in Fanny's transformation from duckling to swan.

However, Slinger-Grant didn't make Arnstein as charming as his character needed to be. Additionally, the live music overpowered the singing at times, there seemed to be some microphone issues and a few of the group numbers fell a little flat.

### "Funny Girl"

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The documentary "Bill W.," produced and directed by Kevin Hanlon (left) and Dan Carracino, comes to Celebration! Cinema Thursday for a one-night showing. The film is told through reenactments and original recordings of Wilson played over recently found photos.

## Anonymous

### Documentary about AA founder gets local special engagement

By **ALLAN I. ROSS**

How do you make a documentary film about a person who spent his life diligently avoiding the camera, denying even Time magazine so much as a shot of the back of his head? Filmmakers Kevin Hanlon and Dan Carracino of Page 124 Productions set the bar pretty high for themselves by choosing to tell the life story of Bill Wilson, founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, for their debut endeavor, "Bill W."

**"Bill W."**  
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Hanlon, in a phone interview from his New York office. "But he left behind a very rich audio archive of his speeches at public gatherings. We made a conscious decision to just let Wilson tell the story himself — we let him be his own narrator."

In "Bill W.," the filmmakers then play audio recordings of Wilson over recently discovered photos.

"We got very lucky on some of those pictures," Hanlon said. "I went to Vermont, to the town where Bill went to high school, and found the son of a woman who had been one of Bill's classmates in 1912. I asked what I thought was a foolish question, if he had any photos, but he took down a photo album, and there were pictures of Bill as a junior in high school. We had a lot of these wonderful finds."

Taylor Swan, who is on the board of the National Council on Alcoholism, was instrumental in bringing the film to Lansing. He saw the film advertised for a theater in the metro Detroit area, but it was gone before he could catch it. He did an Internet search and contacted Hanlon and Carracino, who allowed him to do a screening of it at Celebration! Cinema.

"I've seen it three times, but I'm really looking forward to seeing it in the company of others," Swan said. "It's going to be a very moving experience for everyone in that theater. I wept when I saw it — I had no idea (Wilson) sacrificed so much."

Swan, who's been sober for 12 years, said he thinks this film will speak to more than just those in recovery.

"I think this will appeal to anyone who had an interest in social history," he said. "Until this man came along, people were dying horrible deaths. From the time man crushed grapes until 1939, this was our fate. A lot of people got their fathers, husbands, children back because of Bill. He saved a lot of our lives."

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# Pedaling Detroit

Author takes a unique look at the beleaguered metropolist

By **BILL CASTANIER**

When he was researching his book, "Detroit City Is the Place to Be: The Afterlife of an American Metropolis," Rolling Stone contributing editor Mark Binelli wanted to see a different side of Detroit than the one portrayed in popular media — a side even some of us "locals" have only seen by expressway on our way to see the Tigers, the Lions or a show at the Fox Theatre. To accomplish this, he spent a year in the city, exploring the streets by bicycle.

His unusual approach seems to have worked; Binelli's book will be recognized this Saturday at the Night for Notables at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. "Detroit City" was named as one of 20 Michigan

## The Night for Notables

with keynote speaker Michael Moore  
5:30 p.m. April 27  
\$50 general admission/\$150 for pre-reception  
(517) 373-1300  
michigan.gov/  
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Notable Books, and at the event, Binelli will join 17 of the other authors. Local honorees include East Lansing author Laurie Kay Sommers, who will be honored for her book, "Fishtown: Leland, Michigan's Historic Fishery," and J. Alan Holman, Michigan State University professor of geology and zoology, who will be recognized posthumously for his book "The Amphibians and Reptiles of Michigan: A Quaternary and Recent Faunal Adventure." His son, Ray Holman, will accept the award. The keynote speaker will be filmmaker and author Michael Moore, whose memoir, "Here Comes Trouble," was one of last year's Notable Books.

Binelli's book surpasses in clarity and fairness the plethora of the other cottage-industry books written on Detroit this past year. Binelli, 42, isn't exactly a cheerleader for Detroit, but he avoids the literary "ruins porn" evident in those other books and documentaries.



Courtesy Photo

Rolling Stone contributing editor Mark Binelli spent a year exploring Detroit by bicycle. The book that he wrote on his experiences, "Detroit City is the Place to Be," was chosen as one of 20 Michigan Notable Books this year. Binelli will be honored Saturday at the Night for Notables event in Lansing.

"Like Detroiters, I'm sick of the images and even offended," he said in a recent phone interview. That's one reason he opted to rent an apartment near Detroit's famed Eastern Market in 2009 to research his book. He said outside reporters would typically fly in, spend a few days writing a story about dystopian Detroit and leave.

"It was journalistic malpractice," Binelli said. "I told myself, I can't become a cliché. I wanted to have more sensitivity and bring more history to the table."

Binelli said that even the venerable Time magazine, which bought a home in Detroit and set up a team of "MTV-style" writers in 2009-'10 to cover Detroit, couldn't pull it off.

"Ultimately, they were writing articles for Time, so a profile of Dave Bing would run 800 words," he said.

Binelli said that Detroit has become "the all-purpose metaphor for a dying city." Early in his book, he writes, "It might very well turn out to be the story of the last century, the death rattle of the twentieth century definition of the American Dream."

He said he patterned his writing after two authors he greatly admires: the late New Yorker writer Joseph Mitchell and Ian Fraser, author of the book "Great

Plains." He said both writers "create an illusion (in their writing) that they are just going out for a walk."

He said it was important to him to tell the story of "the 700,000 people who live in the city," which is why he set out on his bike. He wrote about what he ran into, such as a group of kids wading through a river of shoes laid out by noted Detroit experimental artist Tyree Guyton, whose urban artwork was once ordered to be bulldozed by then-Mayor Coleman Young. When Binelli asked the kids what they were doing, they told him they were after free shoes — but added that it's hard to find a matched pair that fits.

The author provides a beautifully condensed and integrated history of Detroit scattered among the pages of "Detroit City." He reminds us of many of Detroit's "firsts": the first wave of owner-occupied single family homes in the country; the first shopping center in the country; and, perhaps, the first major city to go belly up.

Binelli doesn't find alligators in the

sewers, but he does find irony in the things around him, like the return of beavers to Detroit, once the epicenter of fur trapping in the 18th century. Or in the Latin motto on the city flag: "We hope for better days; it shall rise from the ashes" And certainly there are ashes all around him, in the form of 90,000 abandoned buildings.

Binelli recently wrote an op-ed piece for The New York Times in which he pilloried the proposed takeover of Belle Isle by a group of wealthy libertarians who wanted to turn it into an Ayn Randian free-trade zone. He said the he is "really sick of the relentless, one-note success stories coming out of Detroit."

He also said he rails against the moral way in which the city is described, which he says is as a "sinner that needs to suffer." In his book, Binelli writes, "People also love stories about Detroit because there's something inherently pleasing about having one's plot expectations so consistently fulfilled."

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

Listings deadline is 5 p.m. the THURSDAY BEFORE publication. Paid classes will be listed in print at the cost of one enrollment (maximum \$20). Please submit them to the events calendar at [www.lansingcitypulse.com](http://www.lansingcitypulse.com). If you need help, please call Dana at (517) 999-5069. Email information to [calendar@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:calendar@lansingcitypulse.com).

## Volunteer for Spring Clean-Up Event in Downtown Lansing

The Beautification Committee of Downtown Lansing Inc. is looking for volunteers for the 6th annual Capital City Clean Sweep on May 2. The event will take place 1 to 3 p.m. in downtown Lansing, with check-in at City Hall Plaza. Pre-registration is required for all volunteers. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Jenn Wood, revitalization coordinator, at [jenn@downtownlansing.org](mailto:jenn@downtownlansing.org) or call (517) 487-3322.

## Wednesday, April 24

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Drop-in Figure Drawing.** Easels & drawing boards provided. Bring other supplies. 7:30-10 p.m. \$5, \$3 students. Kresge Art Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 337-1170.

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes & activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

**Babytime.** Beginning story time for babies under 2. 10:30-11 a.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Meditation.** For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.

**Writing Your Life.** Write a memoir. To register, email [kathleendeeganveith@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleendeeganveith@yahoo.com). 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$80 for 8 weeks. Kellogg Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing.

**Earth Day: The Green Dragon.** 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

**Prayer & Meditation.** Improve practice & experience. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

**Community Reinvestment Fund Information Session.** Local nonprofits invited. 11am-Noon. Briggs Public Library, 108 E. Railroad St., St Johns. (517) 292-3078.

**Community Reinvestment Fund Information Session.** Local nonprofits invited. 3-4 p.m. Eaton Conservation District, 551 Courthouse Drive, Charlotte. (517) 292-3078.

**Intro to DSLR Cameras.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. SmarterPics, 708 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 897-4172. [smarterpics.com](http://smarterpics.com).

**Five Steps for Maximizing Social Security.**

## THU. APRIL 25 >> 'CHASING ICE' SCREENING AND Q&A

If you're a skeptic about climate change and the nature of academic research, then you might be interested in a screening of the documentary "Chasing Ice" Thursday. Environmental photographer James Balog, who directed the film, was also a skeptic — until doing an assignment in the Arctic for National Geographic in 2005. The film shows videos that compress years into seconds and captures mountains of ice in motion as they disappear, all done through his Extreme Ice Survey. Balog will be doing a Q&A after the screening, 7 p.m. FREE. 119B MSU Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. [chasingice.com](http://chasingice.com).



## THU. APRIL 25 >> WKAR'S COMMUNITY CINEMA EVENT

On Thursday, WKAR is screening a segment of the documentary "Wonder Women! The Untold Story of America's Superheroines" at Michigan State University. The film takes an inside look at the evolution of Wonder Woman, goes behind the scenes with TV stars Lynda Carter and Lindsay Wagner, and introduces a group of fictional and real-life superheroines who advocate for positive role models for girls. The event also includes a panel discussion led by MSU American Studies professor Gary Hoppenstand and Jess Knott, a member of the Lansing Derby Vixens. They will discuss the issues presented in the film, which include society's representations of powerful women. Registration required. 7 p.m. FREE. Room 145, MSU Communication Arts & Science, 404 Wilson Road, MSU campus, East Lansing. [WKAR.org](http://WKAR.org).

## SAT. APRIL 27 >> BACK PORCH PARTY

With it finally feeling like spring is here, that means summer hopefully isn't too far ahead. This Saturday is a fundraiser for the Village Summit to support its summer lunch program, youth gardens and nutrition education. The event will take place in the back porch room at Leroy's Bar and Grill with light refreshments, cash bar, cards, pool and darts. 6-9 p.m. Suggested donations; \$15 for Friends of Village Summit, \$50 supporters, \$100 hosts. Leroy's Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. [villagesummit.org](http://villagesummit.org).

## SUN. APRIL 28 >> 11TH ANNUAL KOMEN MID-MICHIGAN RACE FOR THE CURE



This Sunday is the 11th Annual Komen Mid-Michigan Race for the Cure 5K. The race begins at 2 p.m. and is part of the Playmakers race series. Race grounds open at 11 a.m. and the afternoon will also include a survivor stroll, entertainment and kids races and activities. Participants can register in person at Playmakers Thursday through Saturday or on race day from 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. 2 p.m. Lansing Capitol Building, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 886-4901. [komenmidmichigan.org](http://komenmidmichigan.org).

## TUE. APRIL 30 >> INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

This Tuesday, the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan will host an open jazz jam as part of International Jazz Day, with the rhythm section led by JAMM's Mike Eyia. International Jazz Day was designated, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to honor jazz around the world. There will be food, drinks and JAMM memberships available for purchase. 7-10 p.m. FREE. The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

## TUE. APRIL 30 >> KVITKO'S RECITAL

After dozens of dates around the Midwest, the run-up to Lansing pianist and recording engineer Sergei Kvitko's Carnegie Hall debut May 23 includes a bravura recital at MSU's Cook Recital Hall. Kvitko goes in for turbulent and romantic piano music, including Mussorgsky's grandly weird "Pictures at an Exhibition," Enrique Granados' rarely heard "Escenas Románticas," and a juiced-up Bach prelude. Kvitko will be joined by guest artists Lucas Segovia and Kara Zimmerman of Chicago's Joffrey Ballet. 7:30 p.m. \$8-\$10. Cook Recital Hall, Music Building, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 432-8344. [music.msu.edu](http://music.msu.edu).



# TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



FRI. APR. 26TH

## SETH & MAY PLAY THE FIDDLE

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove Street East Lansing, all ages. 8 p.m. show. Tickets are \$15 public, \$12 Fiddle members, \$5 students.**

Married couple Samuel Seth Bernard and May Erlewine are a respected duo in the growing Michigan folk community. Friday, the pair will perform songs off their latest album, "New Flower," along with some other fan favorites, at their 5th annual Ten Pound Fiddle concert. Prior to meeting, they both had a strong background in songwriting and performing, between the two they've released over 15 albums. They also had a shared love of folk, blues and rock, including mutual influences like Neil Young, Patti Griffin and Woody Guthrie. The pair met in 2003 at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival, and by early 2006 they had released their first collaborative LP through Earthwork Collective imprint, simply called "Seth Bernard and Daisy May."

### UNSIGNED TALENT AT (SCENE)



FRI. APR. 26TH

**(SCENE) MetroSpace, 110 Charles Street, East Lansing, all ages, \$10, 7 p.m.**

Naked Music Productions will stage a performance Friday at (SCENE) MetroSpace to honor local unsigned artists. Performers include Jay B (Paul Grettenberger), Super Jones, Keel, Eddie J Don't Play and Eff the Piano Man. Eddie J Don't play (real name E.J. Horn) is a Lansing rapper whose influences range from Drake and Ne-Yo to T.I. and Nas. Horn has performed at many local venues, but has also gigged in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. (SCENE) MetroSpace is an alternative art and performance space located in downtown East Lansing, founded in 2004 as a response to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's "Cool Cities" initiative. It hosts a diverse schedule of art exhibits, music, theatrical productions, film screenings, dance, poetry and other forms of expression.

### JUVENILE AT FAHRENHEIT



SAT. APR. 27TH

**Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge, 6810 S. Cedar St., Lansing, 21+, \$20, \$30 VIP, 10 p.m.**

New Orleans-based rapper Juvenile, best known for the 1999 hit song, "Back that Thang Up," that launched Lil Wayne's career, performs Saturday at Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge. Juvenile (born Terius Gray) is a former member of the Hot Boys and the Cash Money Records roster. He also scored hits with 1998's "Ha" and 2003's "Juve the Great" album, which spawned the No. 1 hit "Slow Motion." Last year he released "Rejuvenation," his 10th studio album. The Fahrenheit concert doubles as a release show for the new issue of Hood Illustrated, a Lansing-based hip-hop magazine. Also performing are Money Boy Inc., Armond the Giant, and Stashouse. Lansing rapper SINcere will also release and perform his new single, "Every Day Is December 31st."

### GRAHAM/BONNETTE AT MAC'S



SAT. APR. 27TH

**Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, all ages, \$12, \$10 adv., 8 p.m.**

Mac's Bar takes it down a notch Saturday when Ian Graham (of Cheap Girls) and Sean Bonnette (from Andrew Jackson Jihad) play solo sets. Opening the show are Ben Hassenberger (of Frank and Earnest) and Stephen Wisniewski (of Empty Orchestra). Graham, who's fronted Cheap Girls since 2007 has been on a seemingly nonstop string of tours since the band's debut release, "Find Me a Drink Home" in 2008. In between tours to Europe and across the U.S., Cheap Girls has released a couple more LPs, including 2012's "Giant Orange" on Rise Records. Locals fans who want to hear stripped down versions of Graham's tunes may want to stop out to the Mac's show. This solo show is a part of a tour Graham and Bonnette are partnering on across the States.

### ADLER & HEARNE AT PUMP HOUSE



SUN. APR. 28TH

**Pump House, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing, all ages, \$15 donation, 7 p.m.**

Since the early '80s, Lynn Adler and Lindy Hearne have collaborated on mellow, rootsy tunes. The Texas-based duo play the Pump House Sunday. The pair's lyric book is filled with broad themes and include images of water, bridges, love and life. The two originally met while on solo journeys in Nashville, but later met up in Texas. Adler's voice is angelic in tone, while Hearne has an aged voice akin to the late John Stewart of The Kingston Trio. Fans of folk, singer-songwriter, and light country music may want to check out this show. The Pump House is a neighborhood-run listening room located in the Bailey Neighborhood in East Lansing. It is a converted water-pumping house built by the WPA in the 1930s.

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## LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.</b>	Paul Ojibway, 8pm	Peter Nelson Jazz Quartet, 9 p.m.	DJ Duke & DJ Jessi Kay, 9 p.m.	Brought Up, 8 p.m.
<b>Bar 30, 2324 Showtime Drive</b>	D.J. Skitzo, 10 p.m.	D.J. John Beltran, 10 p.m.	D.J. John Beltran, 10 p.m.	D.J. Skitzo, 10 p.m.
<b>Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.</b>		Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.	Haphazard, 9 p.m.	Haphazard, 9 p.m.
<b>Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 N. East St.</b>	Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.	Andrew Norelli, 8 p.m.	Andrew Norelli, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.	Andrew Norelli, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
<b>Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.</b>	DL Rossi, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 10 p.m.
<b>The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.</b>		Wine Night, 8:30 p.m.	Summer of Sol, 9:30 p.m.	Charger, 9:30 p.m.
<b>The Firm, 229 S. Washington Square</b>		DnW Sound DJs, 9 p.m.	Various DJs, 9 p.m.	
<b>Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.</b>		Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Karaoke with Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	The Mike Eylar Quartet, 8 p.m.
<b>Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.</b>	D.J. Sammy, 9:30 p.m.	Lincoln County Process, 9:30 p.m.	Global Village, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
<b>The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.</b>		The Prince & Michael Experience, 9 p.m.	A Night Under Covers, 6 p.m.	Farewellpalooza 2013, 9 p.m.
<b>Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.</b>	New Politics, 7 p.m.		Elliot Street Lunatic, 7:30 p.m.	Sean Bonnette, 8 p.m.
<b>Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.</b>	Open Mic Night, 10 p.m.		Zydecronch, 9:30 p.m.	Zydecronch, 9:30 p.m.
<b>Rookies, 16460 S. US 27</b>	Sea Cruisers, 7-10 p.m.	Water Pong DJ, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Dance Party, 9 p.m.	Live Bands, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Rum Runners, 601 East Michigan Ave.</b>	Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 9 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.
<b>Uli's Haus of Rock, 4519 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.</b>		Various artists, 7 p.m.	Various artists, 7 p.m.	Various artists, 7 p.m.
<b>Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.</b>		Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.	All Times Blues Band, 8:30 p.m.	All Times Blues Band, 8:30 p.m.
<b>Waterfront Bar &amp; Grill, 325 City Market Drive</b>	Suzi & The Love Brothers, 6 p.m.	Craig Hendershott, 6 p.m.	Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	
<b>Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert</b>	D.J., 9 p.m.	D.J., 9 p.m.	D.J., 9 p.m.	D.J., 9 p.m.

**Sunday** Karaoke, 9 p.m. Drag Queens Gone Wild, 11 p.m., Spiral Dance Bar; DJ Mike, 9:30 p.m., LeRoy's Bar & Grill; Open Mic, 5 p.m., Open Blues Jam, 7-11 p.m. Uli's Haus of Rock.  
**Monday** Steppin' In It, 9:30 p.m., Green Door: Easy Babies funk trio, 10 p.m., The Exchange. Open-Mic Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Michigan Brewing Company-Lansing, Monday Friday, 9 p.m., The Firm.  
**Tuesday** Tommy Foster & Guitar Bob, 9 p.m., The Exchange; Neon Tuesday, 9 p.m., Mac's Bar. Jazz Tuesday Open Jam, 9 p.m., Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave.

# Out on the town

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Seminar. 7 p.m. FREE. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 339-7662.  
**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954.

## EVENTS

**Hills Cheese Celebration.** Cheese tasting, prizes & music. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive,, Lansing. (517) 483-7460.  
**Practice Your English.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. East

Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.  
**South Lansing Business Association Meeting.** Lunch & speaker. 11:30 a.m. \$10. Chisholm Hills, 2395 Washington Road, Lansing. slba.biz.  
**Grande Paraders Square Dance Club.** Round dancing, 7 p.m. Modern-style square dancing, 7:30 p.m. \$4 members, \$5 guests. Holt 9th Grade Campus, 5780 Holt Road, Holt. (517) 694-0087.  
**Immigration Reform & Its Impact on Our Community.** Discussion. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 323-4734 ext. 1202.  
**Public Tours.** 3:30 p.m. FREE. Friedland Industries, 405 E. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 482-3000.  
**Downtown Community Visioning Session.** .

6:30-8 p.m. La Fille Gallery, 336 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-3357.

## MUSIC

**Ukulele Basics Workshop.** Facilitator Chris Zatzke. Instruments provided. All ages welcome. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic.com.  
**Sam Winternheimer Quartet.** 7-10 p.m. Midtown Beer Company, 402 Washington Square, Lansing.

## THEATER

**"Funny Girl."** Story of Ziegfeld Follies star, Fanny Brice. 7:30 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors, \$15 students. Pasant Theatre, Bogue St. and Wilson Road, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. theatre.msu.edu.

## Thursday, April 25

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Coupon Swap.** Meet coupon enthusiasts & more. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.  
**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes & activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363. cadl.org.  
**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Weigh-in, 6 p.m. Meeting, 6:30 p.m. FREE to visit. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080. stdavidslansing.org.  
**Water media.** All levels welcome, with Donna Randall. Pre-registration required. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.  
**Staying Connected with Facebook.** How to connect with friends & family. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392.  
**Community Reinvestment Fund Information Session.** Local nonprofits invited. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 292-3078.  
**H.E.R.O. Classes.** Patio design basics. Instructor John P. Kenney. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980.  
**Codependents Anonymous.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 672-4072.

## EVENTS

**Spanish Conversation Group.** Both English & Spanish will be spoken. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.  
**New in Documentary: "Beauty is Embarrassing."** 7 p.m. \$3-\$6, FREE student members. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing.  
**Greater Lansing Foodbank's 7th Annual**

**Empty Plate Dinner.** Strolling dinner. 5:30 p.m. \$125. Kellogg Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. (517) 853-7800.  
**Euchre.** 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.  
**Karaoke.** With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.  
**Earth Day Event.** "The Science of Climate Change," Peter Sinclair. Refreshments. 7 p.m. FREE. First Presbyterian Church Lansing, 510 W. Ottawa, Lansing. (517) 487-6467.  
**Williamston Chamber Networking Lunch.** Presenter Bill Conklin. RSVP. 11:30 a.m. \$12 Chamber members & seniors, \$15 non-members. Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church St., Williamston. (517) 655-1549.  
**Shred-Fest.** Noon-6 p.m. Friedland Industries, 405 E. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 482-3000.  
**26th Annual Crystal Awards.** Honor East Lansing's unsung heroes. 5 p.m. FREE. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.  
**MSU Community Club Golf League Spring Coffee.** Returning league players & new players welcome. 9:30 a.m. 500 Wildwood, East Lansing.

## MUSIC

**Dan McLaughlin.** 7-10 p.m. Walnut Hills Country Club, 2874 Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-8647. walnuthillsgolf.com.  
**Wind Symphony.** 7:30 p.m. \$10, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID and those under 18. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

## THEATER

**"Boogie Stomp! The Movie."** 3:15 p.m. \$10, \$8 seniors. Studio C! Meridian Mall, 1999 Central Park Drive, Okemos. (517) 393-7469. studiotheatre.com.  
**"Funny Girl."** Includes post-show discussion. 7:30 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors, \$15 students. Pasant Theatre, Bogue St. and Wilson Road, East Lansing. (Please see details April 24.)

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Writers Roundtable.** Get feedback. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

## Friday, April 26

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Breaking the Rules of Art-Making.** Ages 13-18. 3:45-4:45 p.m. FREE. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643.  
**Russel B. Nye Annual Lecture.** Speaker Alexander Nemerov. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing.  
**Oil Painting.** For all levels, with Patricia Singer. Pre-registration required. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$50 for 4

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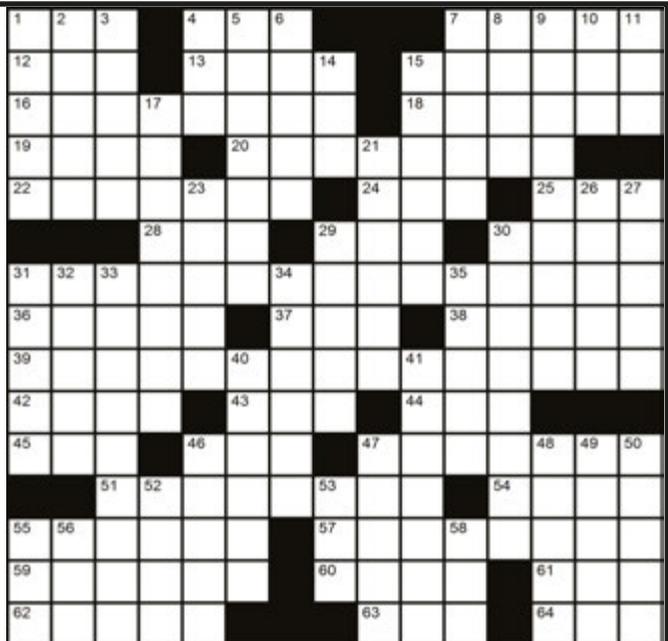
## Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Xzibit A"--24, meet 26.  
 Matt Jones

### Across

- 1 "The Simpsons" small businessman
- 4 "No Scrubs" group
- 7 Midori liqueur flavor
- 12 Tampa Bay player, for short
- 13 Vexing
- 15 Candle type
- 16 Place to find zebras in New York
- 18 Former PLO leader
- 19 Wine prefix
- 20 Get out of control
- 22 20,000 pounds
- 24 Bad variety of cholesterol
- 25 "Breathe Me" singer



- 28 Wright-Patterson, e.g.
- 29 "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" role
- 30 Store runners, for short
- 31 What one undecillion contains
- 36 Last word in a 1978 #1 song title
- 37 Hot time in Paris?
- 38 Accident-
- 39 85003, 85004 and 85007, for example
- 42 Kitchen items
- 43 Porker's pad
- 44 Start for nob or goblin
- 45 Deflating beach ball sound
- 46 Leader once known as "The Four Greats"
- 47 City in the Allegheny Mountains

- 51 Making attempts at
- 54 Pants, as it were
- 55 Grandma, in Granada
- 57 Bond villain played by Christopher Walken
- 59 Miss Montana?
- 60 Native Canadian
- 61 "Was \_\_\_ das?"
- 62 Ire
- 63 Comcast, e.g.
- 64 47-down successor

### Down

- 1 Head of a monastery
- 2 Blender setting
- 3 Home to the Huskies
- 4 "The Audience Is Listening" system
- 5 George who played

- 6 Get to the other side
- 7 Fable ending
- 8 State, to the French
- 9 Optimist's worldview
- 10 Eggs
- 11 Paycheck line
- 14 Bashful companion
- 15 Notorious Exxon tanker
- 17 They confirm you signed
- 21 Kovalev of hockey
- 23 More \_\_\_ than not
- 26 "Fame" actress Cara
- 27 Stubborn critters
- 29 Like, totally unfocused
- 30 1983 song where the title character gets thanked a lot
- 31 Baseball card brand
- 32 Hostess selection, once
- 33 "Ow, a bee!"
- 34 Poet Anne
- 35 Center of Florida?
- 40 Washington dropped from "Grey's Anatomy"
- 41 Purple perennials
- 46 Silvery balloon material
- 47 Pitfall platform
- 48 Senator Hatch
- 49 Bump in the night
- 50 Mom's sisters
- 52 Philosopher Descartes
- 53 Yukon XL manufacturer
- 55 "Now I see!"
- 56 Outlaw
- 58 "Houses of the Holy" band, to some fans

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### TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, column, and outlined 3-by-3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once. No guessing is required. The solution is unique.

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weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** A closed women's meeting. 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. (517) 882-9733.

## EVENTS

**Walk for Wolves.** Walk, photos, raffles & more. 9 a.m.-Noon. FREE. Capitol Building, Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 373-2353.

**Viva Las Vegas.** Fundraiser. Dinner & music. 7 p.m. \$30, \$60 per couple. Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church St., Williamston. (517) 490-6243.

**Home Run For Hope: 10th Annual Capital Area Baseball Tournament.** 5 p.m. \$5, FREE children 12 & under. Cooley Law School Stadium, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-7400.

**Grace UMC Annual Pancake Supper.** Proceeds help Habitat for Humanity. 4:30-7 p.m. \$6, \$3 children under 10, \$15 family of 4. Grace UMC, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing.

**Danzon & Musical Dialogues.** Lecture Robin Moore, 5 p.m. Reception, 6:30 p.m. FREE. Cook Recital Hall, Music Building, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. LatinAmerica.msu.edu.

**"Switch."** Documentary. Room 122B. 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. FREE. Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

**MOMS Club of Lansing Open House.** Support group stay-at-home parents & children. Activities. 11 a.m.-Noon. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 393-5450.

**Singles Wild West Costume Party.** 8 p.m.-Midnight. \$12. Hawk Hollow Golf Course, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. (517) 281-6272.

## MUSIC

**Capital City Ringers Spring Concert.** "Records in Motion." 7 p.m. FREE. Delta Presbyterian Church, 6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 321-3221.

**LGC Jazz Band.** 7:30 p.m. FREE. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1488. lcc.edu/showinfo.

**Grand River Radio Diner.** David Meeder & Eric Fulton. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 483-1710.

**Collage 3: Spirituals, Songs & Dances.** Meridian Community Band & Earl Nelson Singers. 7:30 p.m. \$5, FREE students 18 & under. Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Road, Haslett. (517) 349-8548.

## THEATER

**"A Walk in the Woods" & "Aesop? Who's Aesop?"** 7 p.m. \$7 adults & students, \$5 preschool. Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 884-6686.

**"The Beatles Slept Here."** Children's comedy. 7 p.m. \$7, \$5 child. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

**"Funny Girl."** 8 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors, \$15 students. Pasant Theatre, Bogue St. and Wilson Road, East Lansing. (Please see details April 24.)

**"Sweeney Todd."** Stephen Sondheim musical. 7

p.m. \$5, \$3 students. Everett High School, 3900 Stabler St., Lansing. (517) 755-1080.

**"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."** Musical story of the Biblical Joseph. 7:30 p.m. \$10, \$5 students & seniors. Okemos High School, 2500 Jolly Road, Okemos.

## Saturday, April 27

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**LinkedIn 101.** 1-3 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392.

**Naruto Tournament.** Ages 8-18. Call to register. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

**Home Buyer Education Workshop.** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Center for Financial Health, 230 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 708-2550.

**Intermediate Workshop.** The next step in developing mastery. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$75. SmarterPics, 708 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 897-4172. smarterpics.com.

**World Tai Chi Day.** Four area instructors. No experience necessary. 10 a.m.-Noon. FREE. Patriarche Park, corner of E. Saginaw Street and Alton Road, East Lansing.

**Identifying & Breaking Down the Barriers of Ex-Offenders.** Forum. 9 a.m.-Noon. Mount Hope Presbyterian Church, 301 W. Jolly Road, Lansing.

**Spring Design Program.** Includes garden marketplace & lunch. 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. \$89. MSU Horticulture Gardens, MSU Campus, East Lansing. hort.msu.edu/sd-register.

**Spring Open House.** Prizes & more. Smith Floral & Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mt. Hope, Lansing. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (517) 484-5327. smithfloral.com.

## EVENTS

**Family Movie Matinee.** 1-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

**Inside Garage Sale.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

**Pancake Breakfast.** 8-10:30 a.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-7030. uumc-msu.org.

**Taste of East Lansing.** Food, silent auction & more. 4-7 p.m. \$2. 300 block Albert St., East Lansing. wealllivehere.org/tasteofeastlansing.

**"Switch."** Documentary. Room 122B. 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. FREE. Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

**Les Danseurs Ballroom Dance Club.** Waltz lesson, 7 p.m. Dancing, 8 p.m. Bring appetizer. \$30 per couple. Grand Ledge Country Club, 5811 E. St.. Joseph Hwy., Grand Ledge. (517) 484-3130.

**Fitness, Health & Beauty Expo.** Shoot archery, rifle or pistol. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. \$20. Demmer Center, 4830 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 884-0550.

**Clean Commute 5K.** One-mile excursion, 8:45 a.m. 5K, 9:15 a.m. Clean Air Fair, 8:30-11 a.m. \$20 by April 26, \$25 day of. Hawk Island County Park, E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. (517) 676-2233.

## MUSIC

**Latin is America Concert.** Various artists. 8 p.m. \$10, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID & those

under 18. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. latinisamerica.msu.edu.

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## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Poetry Reading.** Poet Matthew Thorburn. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

**Meet Author Shaka Senghor.** Panel discussion follows. 2-4 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 282-3961.

## Sunday, April 28

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Juggling.** Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St. Lansing. (517) 485-9190.

**Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation & Silent Prayer.** One of Mata Yoganandaji's "Inspiring Talks." 7 p.m. FREE. Self Realization Meditation Healing

Centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201. **Laughter Exercise.** 11 a.m. \$7. Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center, 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 974-5191.

**Atheists & Humanists Dinner Meeting.** Speaker Walt Sorg. Banquet room. 5 p.m. FREE. Great Wall Buffet Restaurant, 4832 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. (517) 914-2278.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 2-3:15 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Conference room F, 2nd floor, Lansing. (517) 332-0755.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** With ASL interpretation. 9 a.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.

**Codependents Anonymous.** Meets on the third floor. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 672-4072.

## EVENTS

**Capital Area Singles Dance.** 6-10 p.m. \$8. Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 819-0405.

**Student Performance Series.** Noon-2 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

**Sunday Wildflower Walks.** With a naturalist. 3 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866.

**Fitness, Health & Beauty Expo.** Shoot archery, rifle or pistol. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. \$20. Demmer Center, 4830 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 884-0550.

**Old Town Poetry Series.** "My Secret Lansing" contest winners. 2 p.m. \$5, \$3 students suggested donations. Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner St., Lansing.

## MUSIC

**Piano Monster Concert.** 3 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors,

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## Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

April 24-30

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): How we react to the sound of the wind gives clues to our temperament, said philosopher Theodor W. Adorno. The unhappy person thinks of "the fragility of his house and suffers from shallow sleep and violent dreams." But for the happy person, the wind sings "the song of protectedness: its furious howling concedes that it has power over him no longer." I bring this up to illustrate a point about your life. There will be a strong and vivid influence coming your way that is like the wind as described by Adorno. It's neither bad nor good in itself, but may seem like one or the other depending on the state of mind you choose to cultivate.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): In 1921, Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev — born under the sign of the Bull — premiered his opera *The Love for Three Oranges* in the United States. Here's how *The New York Times* felt about it: "There are a few, but only a very few, passages that bear recognizable kinship with what has hitherto been considered music." It's possible, Taurus, that you will get a similar reaction when you debut your new approach or endeavor. And that may disturb you. But I think it would be a good omen — a sign that you're taking a brave risk as you try something innovative and unfamiliar.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): I'm passionate about doing whatever I can to make the world a better place. How boring and sad it would be if I only thought of satisfying my personal needs. But I also remember what Aldous Huxley said: "There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self." Even if you have mad skills at healing and fixing everyone whose life you touch, Gemini, Huxley's reminder is good for you to honor right now. The place that's in most pressing need of transmutation — and where you're most likely to be successful — is within you. Now here's the trick ending: To the degree that you regenerate yourself, you will improve everyone around you. Your inner work will be contagious.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Thomas Jefferson almost pulled off a miracle in 1784. America was a young country. There were only 13 states and a few unorganized territories. As a representative to the Continental Congress, Jefferson proposed an ordinance that would have prohibited slavery in those territories, including what would later become Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama. By just one vote, alas, the provision failed to pass. Can you imagine what the United States would have been like if slavery had been partly extinguished decades before the Civil War? The moral of the story, Cancerian, is that at certain pregnant moments, small shifts can have big consequences. The astrological omens suggest your life will be proof of that in the coming weeks.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): I believe you will crawl or scramble or glide to the top of *some* mountain in the next four weeks. What mountain do you want it to be? A crumbly molehill? A pile of cheap but useful gravel? A lofty peak where you can see for miles and miles? I urge you to decide soon on which of the possibilities you will choose. Then affirm your intention to call on all your resources, allies, and powers to help you make the ascent. This is a chance for serious expansion, Leo. Unleash your soulful ambitions.

**VRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Have you ever seen a moonbow? It's like a rainbow but is created by the reflected light of the moon instead of the sun. For this phenomenon to occur, the sky must be dark. The moon has to be full and setting in the west, near the horizon, and rain must be falling. So it's a rare event. All the conditions have to be just right. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, it's more likely than usual that you'll spot one of these exceptional beauties in the coming days. Your affinity for curious wonders and mysterious marvels of all kinds will be at a peak. I suspect you

will have a knack for being exactly where you need to be in order to experience them.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lonesome George was about a hundred years old when he died last year. He was the last remaining member of a giant tortoise species that had lived on Ecuador's Pinta Island for thousands of years. But scientists say his kind is not necessarily extinct forever. They believe that by cross-breeding tortoises of other related species, they could recreate a 100-percent-pure version of Lonesome George's species. I suspect, Libra, that you may be able to pull off a metaphorically comparable resurrection — especially if you initiate the effort in the coming weeks.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let's imagine ourselves near the snowy summit of Washington's Mount Rainier. We're in an unusual kind of cave. Volcanic steam rises from cracks in the rocky floor. Above us is a roof made of ice. As we stand between the heat and the chill, we find the temperature quite cozy. The extremes collaborate to produce a happy medium. Can you accomplish something in your life that's similar to what's going on in this cave? Metaphorically, I mean? I think you can.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "We cannot accept the world as it is," remarked Belgian author Hugo Claus. "Each day we should wake up foaming at the mouth from the injustice of things." I don't subscribe to the idea that each day should begin like this. On some mornings we should rise and greet the world singing songs of praise for the great fortune of being alive. But I do think Claus's approach is precisely right on certain occasions — like now, for you Sagittarians. The time is ripe to tap into your reservoir of righteous anger. Fight to right the wrongs that disturb you the most.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "Your story begins the moment Eros enters you," says Anne Carson in her book *Eros the Bittersweet*. "That incursion is the biggest risk of your life. How you handle it is an index of the quality, wisdom and decorum of the things inside of you. As you handle it you come into contact with what is inside of you, in a sudden and startling way. You perceive what you are, what you lack, what you could be." I want to extend Carson's dramatic hypothesis. I'd like to propose that eros enters you again and again in the course of your life, and your story resets each time. How will you handle it when it makes its next incursion? Get ready, because here it comes.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "I prefer by far warmth and softness to mere brilliancy and coldness," wrote Anais Nin in one of her early diaries. "Some people remind me of sharp dazzling diamonds. Valuable but lifeless and loveless. Others, of the simplest field flowers, with hearts full of dew and with all the tints of celestial beauty reflected in their modest petals." I suspect that even if you normally love cold brilliancy, Aquarius, you will need an abundance of warmth and softness in the coming days. To attract the best possible embodiments of this influence, get clear about your favorite forms of it. Be picky! Don't accept sloppy sentimentality.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Ludwig Wittgenstein was a genius. His last book, which influenced many different fields of thought, is regarded as one of the most important philosophy tomes of the 20th century. And yet he was a big fan of foolishness. "If people did not sometimes do silly things," he observed, "nothing intelligent would ever get done." Another time he said, "Never stay up on the barren heights of cleverness, but come down into the green valleys of silliness." Here's one more of his opinions: "Don't be afraid of talking nonsense! But you must pay attention to your nonsense." I hope that's enough evidence to support my advice, Pisces, which is: Now is a good time for you to get both smarter and wiser. And a good way to do that is to play and play and play some more.

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## Monday, April 29

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Kundalini Yoga.** No experience needed. Taught by Emily Emersen. 5:30 p.m. \$12 per class, \$60 for 6 weeks. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia St., Lansing.

**Babytime.** Beginning story time for babies under 2. 10:30-11 a.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Learn to Meditate.** Taught by Bob Teachout. Enter at rear of building. 8:15-9 p.m. Donations. C. Weaver Physical Therapy Exercise Studio, 1720 Abbey Road, East Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

**Metaphysical Mondays.** Discussion. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 347-2112.

**Divorced, Separated, Widowed Conversation Group.** 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (989) 587-4609.

**Chronic Pain Support Group.** For those experiencing any level of chronic physical pain. 4-5:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

### EVENTS

**Homeschool Connect.** All ages. Activities for homeschooling families. 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. [dtdl.org](http://dtdl.org).

**Social Bridge.** No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

**Mac's Monday Comedy Night.** Hosted by Mark Roebuck & Dan Currie. 9:30 p.m. FREE. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795.

**"Vegucated" Screening.** Vegan food samples. RSVP. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos.

### MUSIC

**Open Mic Blues Mondays.** Blues, rock & spoken word. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

**Capital City Ringers Spring Concert.** "Records in Motion." 7 p.m. FREE. Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Road, Okemos. (517) 321-3221.

### LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Fanged Fiction Book Group Meeting.** "The Watcher," Charles MacLean. 7 p.m. Schuler Books & Music Lansing, 2820 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495. [schulerbooks.com](http://schulerbooks.com).

## Tuesday, April 30

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## HOPCAT / ZOOBIE'S / TRAVELERS PUB



Allan Ross/City Pulse

City officials joined BarFly Ventures management in a ceremonial groundbreaking for HopCat, a bar/restaurant opening this August in East Lansing. The bar will feature 100 tap beers.



By ALLAN I. ROSS

On Monday, **HopCat-East Lansing** held a ceremonial groundbreaking — and fittingly, it was a hop bine planting. (Hops are the aromatic plants used to flavor some beers.) The restaurant/brewpub opens this August on the ground floor of the mixed-use development, **The Residences**.

Sam Short is the director of new projects for BarFly Ventures, the management team that owns HopCat, along with four Grand Rapids establishments. Short said that HopCat — which will be approximately 8,400 square feet, including its second floor mezzanine level — was originally going to move into the **St. Anne Loft** mixed-use building next door, but he said The Residences was “a better location and a better space.”

Incidentally, Short is also part of the consulting group Triterra, which is revitalizing the Old Town bar **Zoobie's Tavern**, which closed four years ago. He said the space needs “a fair bit of work” but is on track to open at the end of May.

“We’re keeping the original

bar and building the rest of the interior back up,” he said. “It had nearly a century of use, with new stuff built over old stuff instead of remodeling, so we’re taking the time to do this right. We want to get these beautiful old buildings cleaned up and opened again. We’re passionate about Old Town.”

Triterra also owns the **Old Town Temple**, but Short said there are no immediate plans for that building.

Meanwhile he said BarFly is still looking at locations for the proposed **Lansing Brewing Co.** that was also supposed to open in August, but so far hasn’t been able to secure a space.

#### Travelers Pub

And speaking of beer, the newly renamed **Travelers Pub** in Bath (formerly the Double Header) is being converted into a brewpub. If the name rings a bell, that’s because it’s a spinoff of sorts of the Travelers Club International Restaurant and Tuba Museum, which closed last year in Okemos.

Former Travelers Club general manager Stan Letts leads the management team that is launching the new enterprise. He said the fledgling brewery will make its own beers — under brewmaster William White, who owned Travelers Club — but will keep popular

domestics on tap as well.

The beer menu will include its Park Lake Pilsner, Mudbagger Brown and Rose Lake Red. Letts will also start playing with the menu at the adjacent **Jo’s Diner**, which shares a roof with the pub.

“I’m going for the farm-to-table concept, and I’m going to start introducing some of the items that used to be on the Travelers Club menu,” Letts said. “Stir-fries, gyros — the more popular dishes. Eventually, if things go well, I hope to buy the building.”

Letts managed Travelers Club from the mid-’90s to 2002, but he says he always worked for White in some capacity, including at **White Bros. Music** in Okemos.

“He taught me everything I know about this industry,” he said.

According to a press release, Travelers Pub will be the first brewpub in Clinton County.

“We want to keep the regular customers happy with what they are used to,” said Letts, “and gradually introduce some new beers and bar snacks as we slowly transition to the new brewpub concept.”

#### Travelers Pub

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11 a.m.-2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday;  
Sunday noon to 10 p.m.  
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travelerspub.com

## Out on the town

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**Tai Chi & Qigong.** Taught by Bruce Ching. Drop-ins welcome. 5:45-7 p.m. \$12 per class, \$60 for 6 weeks. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia St., Lansing.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** 7 p.m. FREE to visit. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. (517) 543-0786.

**Intro to Computers.** 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

**Speakeasies Toastmasters.** 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 887-1440.

**Water media.** All levels welcome, with Donna Randall. Pre-registration required. 6-8:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

**Saving Your Memories in a Digital World.** 6-8 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392.

**Gardeners Roundtable: Companion Planting.** Discussion. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**Budding Naturalists.** Animals on the move. 11 a.m.-Noon. \$5 first child, \$3 each additional child. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. (517) 322-0030. woldumar.org.

**The Basics - Class 3 - Composition.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. SmarterPics, 708 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 897-4172. smarterpics.com.

**Diabetes & Kidney Advocacy Day.** Speaker’s Library. 11:30 a.m. Lansing Capitol Building, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (800) 482-1455. nkfm.org.

**Codependents Anonymous.** 5:45-6:45 p.m. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900.

#### EVENTS

**Teen Job Workshop.** Ages 15-18. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtld.org.

**Tea & Talk.** Salon Style discussions. 8 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 347-2112.

**Transitions.** Multi-art collaboration. 7 p.m. FREE. MSU Residential College in the Arts & Humanities, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

#### MUSIC

**Jazz Tuesdays.** Hosted by the Jeff Shoup Quartet & will feature regular guest artists from the MSU Jazz Studies Department. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Stober’s Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

**Experimental Music Ensemble.** 7:30 p.m. FREE. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1488.

#### LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Tuesday Morning Book Club.** “Montana 1948,” Larry Watson. 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtld.org.

### Wednesday, May 1

#### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes & activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

**Babytime.** Beginning story time for babies under 2. 10:30-11 a.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Meditation.** For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.

**Writing Your Life.** Write a memoir. To register, email kathleendeeganveith@yahoo.com. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$80 for 8 weeks. Kellogg Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing.

**May Day: Labor Movement Discussion.** 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

**Beginning Genealogy Series.** Presented by Kris Rzepczynski. 6-7 p.m. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954.

#### EVENTS

**Practice Your English.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Lansing Liederkrantz Club Luncheon.** Mini bazaar & bake sale. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$8. 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing.

**“Chops” Screening.** 7:30 p.m. \$10, \$5 students. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

**Grande Paraders Square Dance Club.** Round dancing, 7 p.m. Modern-style square dancing, 7:30 p.m. \$4 members, \$5 guests. Holt 9th Grade Campus, 5780 Holt Road, Holt. (517) 694-0087.

**Poetry Slam.** NALS of Lansing hosts. Theme: “Realizing the dream; equality for all.” 6 p.m. FREE. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 648-1214.

#### MUSIC

**Marshall Music Open Jam.** All ages & levels welcome. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700.

**Sam Winternheimer Quartet.** 7-10 p.m. Midtown Beer Company, 402 Washington Square, Lansing.






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Village Summit founder Marcus Brown stands beside one of his nonprofit's five community gardens. The goal of the gardens is to increase "food justice" in the area, making healthy food available to urban areas that don't typically see much fresh produce.

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## Justice league

Local groups make fresh produce available for urban areas

By LAURA JOHNSON

A hand-painted sign, marking one of Village Summit's five community



gardens, reads: "This is made to feed everybody." It's a powerful statement in the middle of a food desert.

Village Summit, a community center and garden project in Fabulous Acres, just south of Lansing's REO Town district, is in a neighborhood with little access to healthy food. People with limited mobility, low income or without transportation often rely on convenience stores for their

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# Organic

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dietary needs.

“You can’t get a balanced diet from lottery tickets, beer and cigarettes,” said Marcus Brown, founder of Village Summit. “And you can’t get a balanced diet when you don’t have fresh produce.”

Brown and his wife, Chitra Pulliam, founded Village Summit four years ago, using their retirement savings to purchase the abandoned house next door to their home, 119 E. Barnes St. Prompted by the escalating violence, nutritional problems and uneven educational playing field they saw in their neighborhood, they made it their goal to create a “safe house” and resource center. They provided a small computer lab and, later, a lunch program. They taught kids to play chess and gave away coats, toys and books. Eventually, their mission expanded to include gardens when Brown noticed an empty lot down the street.

“In our neighborhood, (empty lots) become magnets for people’s old furniture, TV sets and tires,” he explained. So they bought some fruit trees — apple, cherry and pear — and they started a garden. Brown planted corn, tomatoes, hot peppers and spices. Others joined in.

“Not only do gardens feed people, but they also create an opportunity for people to work together,” Brown said. “It feeds minds, it feeds the body, it does a lot of positive things in the area.”

Alex Bryan, program manager of the Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project, agrees.

“Gardens are about growing food and cultivating community at the same time,” he said. “It’s about a common space that encourages neighborhood revitalization and social justice.”

The GLFB’s Garden Project just entered its 30th growing season, with nearly 100 community gardens in the network, including Village Summit. Bryan estimates about 7,000 people were served last year — and demand is growing fast. Just a few years ago, there were only 25 gardens in the area.

“We look at it as our way of providing people with knowledge, resources and skills to empower themselves by growing their own food,” Bryan said. “Everyone’s food needs can’t be met by growing a community garden, but we can definitely take a piece out of the picture.”

Like Village Summit’s mission, the central belief of the Garden Project is “food justice” — that everyone should have the right to eat, grow and buy fresh, healthy food that’s good for the environment, regardless of race, income, mobility or location.

“There are definitely areas in Lansing where access to food is very difficult,” Bryan said. “If you don’t have a car, it’s not easy to get food, and so community gardens are

one approach to solving that issue.”

Many gardeners served by the Garden Project and its partners are low income. They range from students to families, from single parents to refugee and immigrant communities. Some of the gardens are in schools, some at churches or food pantry sites. Many are more traditional community gardens, started through a demand in the neighborhood and located in open, public locations. There are plots available, and gardeners sign up for their own.

“They get a plot for the year, they grow food and do as they please,” Bryan said. “Some give to friends, some donate back, some use it for their families, some can and preserve it.”

While it’s ultimately up to individual gardeners, the majority of the gardens believe strongly in organic practices, and the Garden Project provides the encouragement and resources to do so. There are also communal models, like Village Summit,

where everyone works in a garden together and takes a share. Some have group workdays, like Learning Leaves Community Gardens on Lansing’s Eastside. Still more models are emerging, like GLFB’s Lansing Roots and the upcoming Allen Market Place, shifting the scale to markets and helping people connect their food products to local food systems.

REO Town’s Just B Yoga blends gardening with its community-driven yoga practice, in line with its mission of social justice and empowerment. And for beginning gardeners who might be more comfortable starting with just a plant or two, there are programs like Allen Neighborhood Center’s Garden-in-a-Box, in which neighbors with low income, low mobility or who are new to gardening can receive a free 2-foot-by-2-foot box, planted with vegetables.

“Growing my own veggies is a feeling of ownership and achievement,” said Anji Reynolds, ANC’s gardening educator.

“Teaching people gardening skills so they can be self-sufficient and expand what they do is important. Maybe this year it’s a box, and next year it grows.”

Whatever the reason — activism, connection, cost savings, nutrition, environmentalism or the simple pleasures of growing and eating good food — gardens are growing together with communities in Lansing. Spring might actually show up this year, and it’s almost planting time — time to get those hands dirty.

*If you’re interested in starting or joining a community garden, call the GLFB Garden Project at (517) 853-7800 or go to greater-lansingfoodbank.org/the-garden-project.*

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