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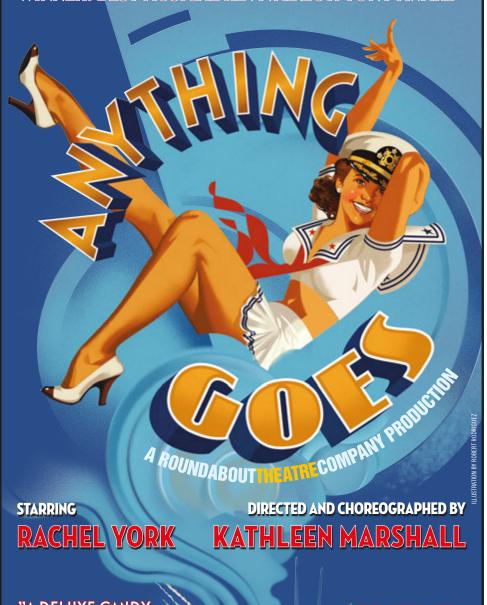
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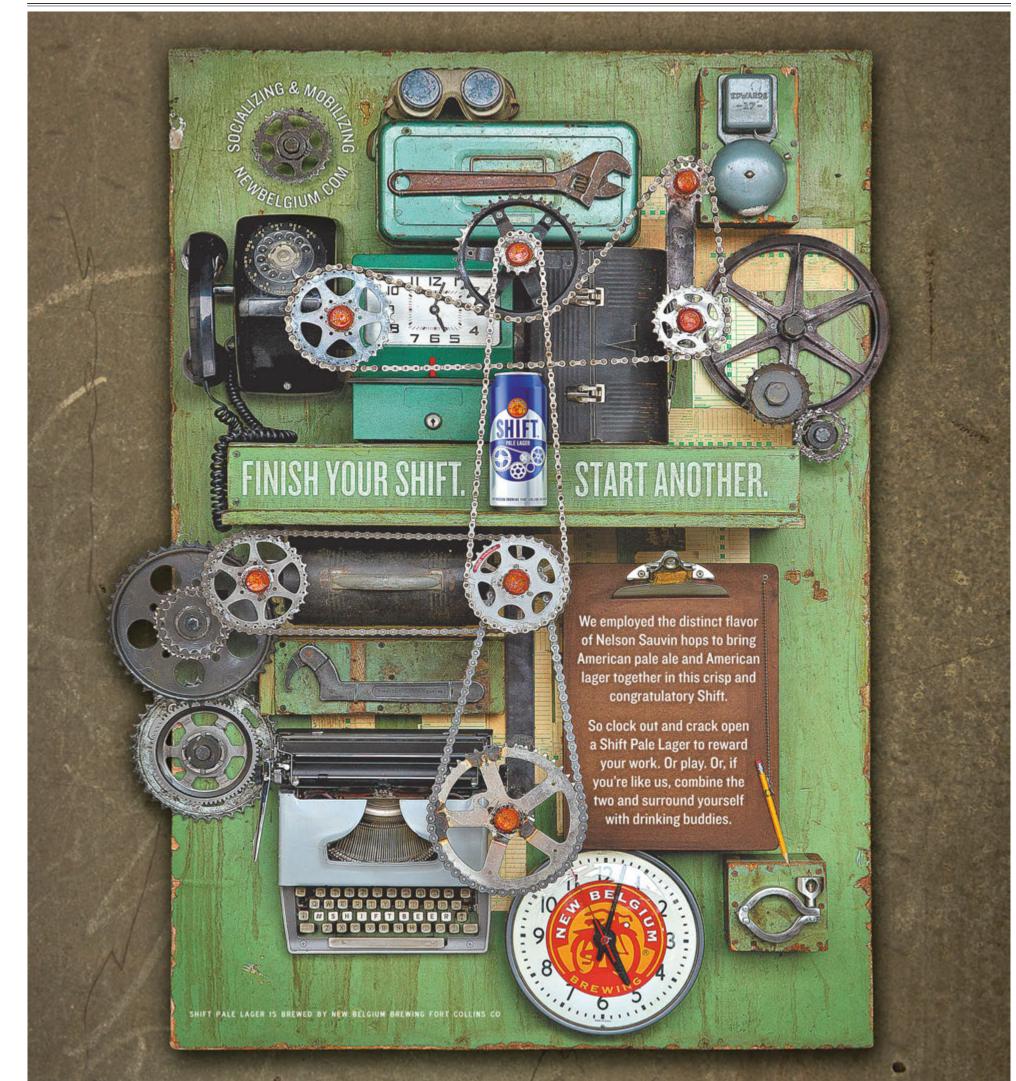


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# **Feedback**

#### **Tea Party proof**

I read with interest Delhi Trustee Derek Bajema's Letter to the Editor in the City Pulse stating "Hall's no tea partier". Up until a week ago Jeff Hall's LinkedIn page stated one of the group/associations he supports or belongs to is the Grassroots Tea Party Organizers. I find it very convenient that this has now been removed. In addition, Jeff Hall has hosted meetings for the Mobile Action Patriot Strikeforce which is part of the Grassroots in Michigan (formerly the Lansing, Mi Tea Party) at his church. Two years ago when Jeff Hall ran for State Representative he had Joan Fabiano, well-known Michigan Tea Partier, helping run his campaign. The same can be said this time in his run for Delhi Township Supervisor. Mr. Hall can deny his Tea Party affiliations all he wants but the evidence can be found if you know where to look. Maybe Trustee Bajema doesn't know his friend as well as he thinks he does. If you support the Tea Party, do you really want to elect a candidate that denies or is ashamed he's one of you? If you don't support the Tea Party movement, do you really want to elect a candidate with Tea Party affiliations? As the current Township Supervisor (yes, Trustee Bajema, I am still Supervisor until November 20th at noon, not "former Supervisor" as you referenced) I urge Delhi

residents to do their research before voting.

Stuart Goodrich Delhi Township Supervisor

#### Disgusted

I thought your article about Gary Glenn was disgusting. It could have happened as you said. But its time to blow off comments about gays or pertaining to gays.

I worked with gays, big-time Lansing people called me "gay" — forget it. I just think all of this article was a ter-

rible smear job. Shame on you. A supporter of gay rights.

Janet Ramont Haslett

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• Snail mail: City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912 Fax: (517) 371-5800

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Who says Ingham County is the only place with an interesting drain commissioner race?



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The Historical Society of Greater Lansing's silent auction will raise funds for a permanent Lansing history museum this weekend

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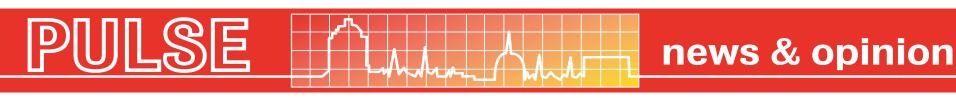
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# Democratic drains

**Critics of the Eaton County drain** commissioner say he's nearly impossible to contact and wanted guns for his office. The incumbent says it's either untrue or taken out of context.

Guns. Partisan politics. Used cars. County drains. Who says Ingham County is the only place with interesting drain commissioner races?

Republicans are attempting to reclaim this countywide seat they held for years. The accusations against Democratic Drain Commissioner Mike Atayan include requesting guns, body armor and claims that he's a no-show at work. Atayan says the GOP is just firing blanks.

Atayan, 50, is seeking a second term in Republican-rampant Eaton County. He took office in 2008 after beating Republican Drain Commissioner Brady Harrington. Atayan has a communications degree from Michigan State University and manages Davis Auto Mart in Charlotte, which is owned by his father. He said he holds certifications from the state in storm water management and soil erosion, as well as training in watershed protection.

Atayan's management of the car dealership and service center is partly why his opponents are riled up. They say because he tries to split his time between managing the dealership and conducting his drain office duties that he is nearly impossible to reach. The drain commissioner position is full time.

"The present drain commissioner won't call anyone back. My mission is going to be to bring some integrity back to the office," said Richard Wagner, Atayan's Republican challenger. "You've got to be there, you can't be running a car dealership. You never see him at the drain office."

Bruce Porter, who came in third out of six candidates in a highly contested Republican primary field, feels the same. He lost to Wagner by less than 300 votes.

The current drain commissioner is somewhat of a derelict," Porter said. "He's a used car salesman. He has no business doing what he's doing."

Wagner, 55, says he's more qualified, with 30 years of aerial survey experience and previous work for drain commissioners. He said he's also done construction projects for the state and Michigan State University.

Atayan counters that he hasn't missed



a day of work in his four years at the drain office. As for splitting his civic duties with the dealership, Atayan said his opponents and a recent story in the State Journal – are somewhat misleading as to how much time he actually spends between the two jobs.

"I don't run the car dealership. I have my same title but I fill in and help where needed. I don't run the day-to-day operations. I fill in the void as needed, which I clearly disclosed prior to my campaign," he said.

Two employees at Davis Auto Mart said Atayan is not in the dealership very often. Atayan said business is down at the dealership because he is not there, but he said he knew that would be the price of public office.

Atayan said he's actively in the field doing inspections on drains and overseeing construction projects on a daily basis - and with a small staff it makes it difficult for him to be in the office.

"I'm a working drain commissioner. I have very competent people ... who do not have to be micromanaged," he said. "We have over 700 drain districts in the drain office exceeding 2,000 miles," before noting his relatively small staff of five.

Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann said he has 25 people on staff.

The allegations don't stop there. A recent story published on the Journal's website quoted Wagner saying that Atayan requested sniper rifles, bulletproof vests and police radios in his annual budget. Even though the county controller told the Journal there was no such request, state Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, who is formerly the Eaton County sheriff, ran with the claims in an interview with City Pulse. Jones is supporting Wagner. Wagner has since said he was mistaken on the sniper rifles.

Atayan said The Journal report didn't point out that the request for radios and handguns was made as part of a grant spending request, not his annual budget. Atayan made a request for just over \$161,000 worth of equipment under a Department of Homeland Security grant in 2009. He never requested bulletproof vests or sniper rifles. He did, however, request three Springfield Armory XD Service Pistols. He said it was for drain office staff safety when they're out

Sam Inglot/City Pulse Eaton County Republicans are trying to reclaim the job of Democratic Drain Commissioner Mike Atayan (left) with claims about

in the field, which can mean walking through miles of backwoods.

'We've been chased by dogs and recently chased by a bull," he said. "We have to look at our own officers' safety."

Other requests included a crew cab truck, a trailer large enough to haul a small backhoe, radios with shoulder speakers, a "full facepiece" respirator, three hazmat suits and six pairs of chest waders. Atayan's grant money request was ultimately denied.

#### A lonely Dem

Eaton County is a stark political contrast to neighboring Ingham County. Ingham is a Democratic stronghold whereas Eaton has a strong history of Republican rule. But some people say that might be changing.

Atayan is the only Democrat to be elected to a countywide position for at least the past 10 years. Wagner said Atayan "slipped in on the 'Obama-wave'" in 2008. Atayan beat former drain commissioner Harrington by 3,555 votes. It was in that same election and the election prior that Democrats won a majority on the board of commissioners.

Wagner said the downward spiraling attitudes toward former President George W. Bush and the roaring support for Barack Obama helped get Atayan into the position along with some controversy surrounding the former drain commissioner.

From 2000 to 2006 the most Democrats that were on the county commission totaled three. In 2006 and 2008, they claimed the majority. But in the 2010 election, they were put back into a small minority by what local Democratic strategist Joe DiSano called a "Republican tsunami."

However, the political shift may be more long term, DiSano says. While "hiccups" in the Romney campaign are bound to affect lower ballot races like county drain commissioner, he added that there are more Democrats moving into Eaton County.

"You're starting to see Democrats from Ingham migrate," he said. "You're seeing more people with master's and postgraduate degrees — and those people tend to vote Democrat."

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Property: 718 W. Saginaw St., Lansing

Owner: Lawrence and Donna Park

Assessed value: \$47,100

Owner says: Could not be reached for comment

A drug house? The hideout for a chainsaw wielding-madman? The future site of a new haunted Halloween attraction? The creepy possibilities are endless and the • mind can't help but wander in a sinister direction when gazing upon this destitute building.

The front of this place is entirely covered with wooden boards - a stark con-• trast to the surrounding houses.

A small advertisement on the door reads, "Henderson Glass Emergency Service," accompanied by a 1-800 phone number. Surely a place with no windows, • actual doors, or anything resembling glass • would be the first place that comes to mind when someone needs to replace a broken window.

Property records show that as of five years ago, Lansing Auto Supply occupied the property with well kempt shrubs and an all-glass façade. Most recently, it served as a medical marijuana dispensary - not the sharpest-looking in town, but at least there was an attempt at upkeep. The same can't be said today, as this giant plywood box sits on a key stretch of the Saginaw corridor.

- Randiah Green

"Eyesore of the Week" is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates each week with Eye Candy of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse. com or call Andy Balaskovitz at 999-5064.

## **Tea Party trail**

Why are Republicans in Delhi Township denying their Tea Party roots?

Despite leaving a trail of Tea Party affiliations in his wake - along with the opinions of other elected officials – Delhi Township supervisor candidate Jeff Hall remains adamant that he is not a tea partier. But why?

Hall says his message and politics are beyond that far-right arm of the GOP.

"I'm not saying we don't support the Tea Party. I don't even know if there is one anymore," Hall said. "It's a matter that we're our own people — it's not a party affiliation for us."

Hall trounced the other Republican supervisor candidate, Stuart Goodrich, in the August primary. Goodrich has been the township supervisor for 10 years and believes Hall would readily bring that brand of GOP politics to the job. Hall is running on a slate with fellow conservatives Derek Bajema, who is defending his township trustee incumbency, and Steve Dougan, an Ingham County commissioner who is running for township treasurer.

Democratic Delhi Township Clerk Evan Hope believes a recent letter to City Pulse from Bajema indicates that they are making an effort to back away from the Tea Party label as the general election moves closer, suggesting the group is trying to tone down the rhetoric. Bajema wrote a letter that said this paper shouldn't be "so quick to label" the Republican as a Tea Party member.

Yet Hall certainly has the paper trail of a Tea Party candidate. In his unsuccessful campaign for state representative in 2010, Hall scored a nine out of 10 on the Mobile Action Patriot Strikeforce candidate questionnaire. Both MAPS and the questionnaire were connected to Grassroots in Michigan, a group started by Tea Party activist Joan Fabiano. MAPS also held a meeting at Hall's church in Holt that same

year. Fabiano assisted in Hall's 2010 campaign and has been active in helping out with Hall's supervisor run, but she wrote in an email that while she may be assisting him, his campaign is not of the Tea Party variety.

Campaign finance reports show that a successful campaign earlier this year against a proposed sludge dryer in the township, which was spearheaded by Hall. received \$500 from Americans for Prosperity of Michigan, the statewide branch of the Koch brothers super PAC that attempts to recruit "taxpayer activists." (Hall himself donated over \$1,000 to the Delhi Neighbors for Common Sense campaign. Fabiano was the campaign treasurer.)

Among the couple hundred "likes" on Hall's Facebook page, there are several Tea Party groups. Until recently, his online LinkedIn profile said "Grassroots Tea Party Organizers" was a group he was associated with.

Hall remains steadfast in his stance that he is not a Tea Party candidate.

Pct. 13 - Cavanaugh Elementary School

As for the Tea Party hosting events at his church, Hall said the group merely rented the space and that the Ingham County Republican Party has done the same thing before.

Hall said the online connection to the Tea Party through LinkedIn was nothing official.

"I wasn't really a member. They linked to me. I probably accepted the link," he said. "I find it interesting that this is the debate. Delhi is a lot more than the Tea Party. I got 70 percent of the vote. That wasn't just the Tea Party vote. I enjoy the support of the Tea Party ... there are Democrats supporting me. There really is no one particular group to pigeonhole us in.'

There was once a time when some Republicans were eager to carry the flag for the Tea Party family. In Delhi Township, it appears one clan of tea partiers are growing up and emancipating themselves from their founders.

- Sam Inglot

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION **GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan

**Notice is hereby given** that the City of Lansing will conduct the General Election in the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. **Polls of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.** 

Partisan Offices: President & Vice President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Representative, Member of State Board of Education, Regent University of Michigan, Trustee Michigan State University, Governor Wayne State University, County Wide Offices (Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner), County Commissioner

Non-Partisan Offices: Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals, Judge of Circuit Court, Judge of Probate Court, Judge of District Court, Trustee of Community College, Board Member of East Lansing Public School District, Board Member of Holt Public School District, Board Member of Waverly Community School District

#### Proposals:

State Proposals

- Proposal 12-1 A Referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 The Emergency Manager Law 0 Proposal 12-2 A Proposal to Amend The State Constitution Regarding Collective
- Bargaining Proposal 12-3 A Proposal to Amend The State Constitution To Establish A Standard 0 For Renewable Energy
- Proposal 12-4 A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Establish The Michigan 0 Quality Home Care Council And Provide Collective Bargaining For In-Home Care Workers
- Proposal 12-5 A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Limit The Enactment 0 Of New Taxes By State Government Proposal 12-6 A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution Regarding Construction
- 0 Of International Bridges And Tunnels
- County Proposals
- Ingham County Health Services Millage Eaton County Transportation Authority (EATRAN) Millage Authorization Question 0 City of Lansing Proposal
- Authorize Sale Of A Portion Of Red Cedar Golf Course 0

#### Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:

#### Lansing Ward 1

- Pct. 1 Otto Middle School Pct. 2 Grand River Head Start
- Pct. 3 Post Oak Elementary School
- Pct. 4 Fairview Elementary School
- Pct. 5 Foster Community Center
- Pct. 6 Riverfront Apartments
- Pct. 7 Bingham Elementary School Pct. 8 – Bethlehem Temple Church
- Pct. 9 Board of Water & Light
- Pct. 10 South Washington Office Cmplx

Lansing Ward 2 Pct. 11 – South Washington Office Cmplx Pct. 12 – Lyons Avenue Elementary School

#### Pct. 14 - Gardner Middle School Pct. 15 - Mt. Hope Elementary School Pct. 16 - Forest View Elementary School Pct. 17 - Kendon Elementary School Pct. 18 – Gardner Middle School Pct. 19 – Henry North Elementary School Pct. 20 - Henry North Elementary School Pct. 21 - Forest View Elementary School Lansing Ward 3 Pct. 22 – Southside Community Center Pct. 23 – Averill Elementary School Pct. 24 - Attwood Elementary School Pct. 25 – Attwood Elementary School Pct. 26 – Southside Community Center Pct. 27 – Pleasant View Magnet School Pct. 28 – Elmhurst Elementary School Pct. 29 - Wainwright Magnet School Pct. 30 – Averill Elementary School Pct. 31 – Lewton Elementary School Lansing Ward 4 Pct. 32 – Elmhurst Elementary School Pct. 33 – Lewton Elementary School Pct. 34 – South Washington Office Cmplx Pct. 35 - Grace Lutheran Church Pct. 36 - Letts Community Center Pct. 37 – Letts Community Center Pct. 38 – Willow Elementary School

- Pct. 39 Emanuel First Lutheran Church
- Pct. 40 Willow Elementary School
- Pct. 41 Cumberland Elementary School Pct. 42 Transitions North
- Pct. 43 St. Stephen Lutheran Church

All polling places are accessible and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille. An accessible voting device is also available

#### Photo Identification Requested but NOT Required to Vote:

Under a Michigan law passed in 1996 and upheld in July by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, check the Secretary of State Voter Information web site at www.michigan.gov/vote.

The Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit, <u>2500 S. Washington Ave</u>, will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to issue and accept absentee ballots to qualified electors. Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 2 p.m. is the deadline to request an absentee ballot be mailed to a voter or have one issued and taken out of the Clerk's Office.

Monday, November 5 at 4 p.m. is the deadline to request an absentee ballot. Ballots requested on Monday, November 5 must be requested and voted in person at the Clerk's Office at 124 W. Michigan Ave, 9th Floor or 2500 S. Washington Ave.

Chris Swope Lansing City Clerk

# Tis the season for voter suppression

No campaign season is truly complete without the biennial "voter suppression/ secure vote" scrum that Democrats and Republicans can't help but roll around, particularly when they smell a close election.

This year's version features Republican Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's unenforceable mandate that election workers ask every voter to fill out a special pre-



ballot question about whether he or she is a U.S. citizen.

The demand is fascinating since Republican Gov. Rick Snyder vetoed a bill this summer that would have made this question a state law. He thought it would

create confusion with absentee voters who may innocently forget to check the box.

Would a mail-in absentee ballot count if a voter didn't complete this question? Would these voters get another shot at it? If not, is that fair? Would their old ballot or a new ballot be sent? Who would go through the effort of sending this out?

So instead, Johnson has issued a decree that all local clerks ask a citizenship ques-

tion to those who show up at the polls. Clerks like Ingham County Clerk Mike Bryanton are telling her to fly a kite. Actually, he's taking it a step further,

locking arms with the ACLU and taking Johnson to federal court. Among other things, the local clerks don't want the extra hassle and paperwork to tackle what they see as a non-problem.

Last month, Johnson tracked down 54 non-U.S. citizens who voted a combined 95 times in recent years. Assuming the number is right, considering the millions of votes cast in that period, the percentage of error is infinitesimal.

Then we get to the ol' voter suppression stuff — a canard, really, considering the equally infinitesimal effect in Michigan, unlike elsewhere, where battles are being fought over what might be true voter suppression efforts in 11 states, including several battleground states in the presidential election. Just Tuesday, a judge in Pennsylvania temporarily enjoined a portion of legislation till after the election that would have required a government-issued ID in order to vote. Opponents said hundreds of thousands of voters would have been disenfranchised.

In Michigan, voter rights groups point to a couple of instances in the primary where a voter was turned away for not answering the U.S. citizen question. But one of the voters was Michigan Campaign Finance Network's Rich Robinson, who raised the objection just to see what would happen. Robinson and the other one or two people were later contacted and told they could come back and vote, which they did.

Is voter fraud a rampant, uncontrollable problem in Michigan in 2012? No.

Did Johnson hatch this citizenship question to "suppress the vote?" I don't believe it.

But a lot of people are convinced that one of those two prior statements is true, and that's the issue. Why wouldn't we? Our American history is rich with stories of blacks being turned away at the polls or dead people voting. Instances of either happening to any substantial degree in 2012, though, are nonexistent, at least in Michigan.

Keeping alive the perception of fraud (if you're a Republican) and suppression (if you're a Democrat) fires up the impressionable to scream, yell and (most important) vote. And it's so easy since the media trip over themselves with the coverage.

I know I do. Voter suppression/fraud stories make good headlines. Consider the following:

On Friday, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, blasted off a fundraising e-mail that contained a Michigan Republican Party plea for volunteer poll challengers on Election Day.

"So instead of trying to win on the merits, Republicans in Michigan are launching a statewide effort to suppress the Democratic vote," wrote Stabenow campaign manager Dan Farough.

MRP officials say it sparked the threatening call their front office received later in the day from someone who claimed they would "take out" anyone standing in the way of their right to vote. The cops were called and the MRP chairman called on Stabenow to condemn the fundraising letter. Again, more hysterical screaming over a paper cut.

Poll challengers from both parties have been hanging out at voting booths since at least the 1950s. You've seen them at the polls before, but they're easily mistaken for a regular poll worker.

They cross names off some ginormous spreadsheet, make idle chitchat, pound coffee, find constellations in the specks on a nearby wall, anything to kill the boredom.

As it's drawn up, the Republican and Democratic poll challengers are there to make sure the other behaves. Really, their main task is helping the 90-year-old precinct worker navigate their own huge spreadsheet.

About as often as someone hitting a \$140 million Powerball jackpot, these poll workers come up big. They blow the whistle on that one jerk who insists on voting without being registered or remind a mistaken poll worker that a special provisional ballot can be offered to a person without photo ID.

And when they do, the parties proclaim the news far and wide. "Widespread voter fraud in Detroit" or "Republicans suppressing the inner city vote" is a convenient excuse when the results are unfavorable.

And people like me can't help but cover it. (Kyle Melinn is the editor of the MIRS Newsletter He's at melinn@lansingcitu-

Newsletter. He's at melinn@lansingcitypulse.com.)

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**



Ingham County is accepting proposals from experienced and qualified general contractors for the **Ingham County Family Center Renovations project**. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to the following:

- <u>Administration Office Building</u>: The Work consists of alterations and renovations to an existing church facility, single story masonry building with a basement and mezzanine, approximately 5,968 square feet. The work includes abatement work, concrete, masonry, miscellaneous steel, carpentry, steel and wood doors, aluminum doors and windows, gypsum board partitions, ceramic tile, carpeting, resilient flooring, acoustical ceiling board, painting, toilet partitions, hydraulic lift, plumbing, HVAC, electrical power and lighting.
- <u>Maintenance Garage</u>: The work consists of demolishing an existing building and constructing a wood frame type building with CMU masonry approximately 960 square feet. The work includes site work, asphalt paving, fencing, concrete, masonry, carpentry, metal roofing, metal siding, steel doors, overhead doors, gypsum board work, painting, plumbing, heating, electrical power and lighting.
- <u>Market/Greenhouse</u>: The work of remodeling an existing building, single story wood frame building, approximately 1,850 square feet and adding a greenhouse that is 288 square feet. The work includes concrete, carpentry, asphalt shingle roofing, wood windows, aluminum doors, steel and wood doors, gypsum board partitions, acoustical ceiling board, painting, greenhouse, plumbing, HVAC, electrical power and lighting.

Copies of the bid documents prepared by the County's Architect, including plans and drawings, may be obtained from **Commercial Blueprint**, **3125 Pine Tree Road**, **Suite B**, **Lansing**, **MI 48911**. Phone: (517) 372-1504. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Oct 9th at 10:00 A.M. at the sanctuary office, Ingham County Family Center, 1601 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing, MI 48910, to register for the meeting call 517-676-7222. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guarantee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. Questions - contact Jim Hudgins at jhudgins@ ingham.org. Proposals will be received no later than 11:00 A.M., on <u>Oct 23rd</u> at which time they will be opened in public and read aloud in the:

Ingham County Purchasing Department Attention: James C. Hudgins, Jr., Director of Purchasing PO Box 319 121 E. Maple St., Room 203 Mason, Michigan 48854 CITY OF LANSING PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

**Notice is hereby given** that the public test of the program which will be used for tabulating the results of the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012 in the City of Lansing will be conducted at the City Clerk's Election Unit located in the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 30</u>, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Chris Swope Lansing City Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

**Notice is hereby given** of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from City Center Project II, LLC. and Cada Investment Group, LLC. for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the properties at 100 and 124-140 West Grand River Avenue to construct two, four story mixed-use buildings. The property is zoned B-3, City Center Commercial District.

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning and Community Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. These matters will be on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting after the public hearing is held, at which time the Commission may vote on them. The Planning Commission's recommendations are then placed on the agenda of the next City Council meeting. The City Council will make the final decision on these applications.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should write or call the Planning Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 319-6930. TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777.

Marie E. McKenna City Clerk

# Are you better off?

Leading up to the Nov. 6 election, City Pulse is taking to the streets to ask residents from all walks of life this inherently loaded — or plainly simple — question: "Are you better off than you were four years ago?"



#### Andy Farmer

Age: 53

Residence: Lansing

Balaskovitz

Occupation: Associate state director for health at AARP Michigan

Compiled by City Pulse interns Andrea

Raby and Helene Dryden. Edited by Andy

"The idea of asking people if they are better off than they were four years ago can't be pinned to anything meaningful about how people should be voting, how they should be learning about issues and policy, and how they should be digging into the complicated solutions that need to match up with the complexity of the

problems we're facing. Their voting should be turned that way, not around some kind of artificial measure about whether things are better for them or not, based on four years, when the reasons we are where we are stems from way, way before four years ago and will continue flowing that way four years after this, too. So, I think that's how I'd answer that question: We've got to stop asking that question."



#### Thrishanna Martin

Age: 20 Residence: East Lansing Occupation: Student/retail worker "Financially, no: far from it. I'm an out-of-state student, so the tuition here has gone up in the last two years, and that made it difficult. I was in high school four years ago, so it was a little bit easier back then. Just living on my own and everything is harder. So I would have to say I was better off four years ago than I am now."



Dave Reinhart Age: 70 Residence: East Lansing Occupation: Retired

"Absolutely, because the auto industry didn't fail, because the banks didn't fail, because Wall Street didn't fail, and because I think jobs are beginning to increase. There's still a lot to do, but unfortunately much of the nation isn't better — like 49 percent of them, which is appalling. It will really only improve when people have some empathy for their fellow human beings and are f what they have for what people don't have. And that

willing to sacrifice some of what they have for what people don't have. And that seems to be harder and harder for people in this country."

#### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Public Notice

The Ingham County Land Bank is accepting proposals for **Comprehensive Residential Energy Audit Services** at various properties owned by Ingham County Land Bank. The Bid Packet is available after October 3, 2012, at the Ingham County Land Bank, 422 Adams, Lansing, Michigan 48906, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or at www.inghamlandbank.org. Proposals will be due at the Land Bank offices on October 12, 2012, at 1:00 pm. The Bid Opening will be October 12, 2012 at 1:00 pm. The Ingham County Land Bank is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Women- and Minority-Owned Businesses are encouraged to apply.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Ingham County Land Bank continues to seek contractors to bid on housing rehabilitation and new construction contracts to be offered during the coming year. Projects involve work in vacant single family homes and new construction projects. Some projects will use Federal funds. Bid opportunities will range from contracts as small as \$500 to \$200,000 or more. Contractors must be licensed, insured and be RRP Certified. Some projects may require additional certification requirements including lead-based paint.

The Contractor Application can be found on line at www.inghamlandbank.org or can be picked up at 422 Adams Street, Lansing or at 600 West Maple Street, Lansing. Section 3 eligible, Minority and Women owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

# Hide and seek

Even the most market crazy economist believes that for markets to work their magic there needs to be accurate information available for consumers. Joseph Stiglitz got his Nobel recognition precisely for his work affirming this bedrock principle of neo-liberal economics. I find it ironic, then,



how much resistance there is from those who tell us that government is the problem when they are asked to provide information to the consuming public.

Item #1: California voters have asked for the right to vote on a ballot proposal to simply

require that food sold in their state that is from genetically modified plants or animals be so labeled. A no-brainer, you might think. Given that we really haven't had time to understand how playing with the genetic make-up might affect our health, our ecology or, goodness, our economic inequality, it might be prudent to require those who believe in GMO's to at least tell us that's what they are selling us. But Monsanto, arguably the biggest winner in a GMO world, is fighting this tooth and nail. They have reportedly already spent \$4.2 million to defeat this proposal. That amount does not include the almost \$3 million they have spent already this year lobbying the U.S. government on this and other issues. Monsanto is joined by other behemoths, including Pepsi, Dupont, Nestle, Coca-Cola, Kellogg's, General Mills, ConAgra and Dow Agrosciences, in funding opposition to this proposal. Surprisingly to some, these firms own brands like Cascadian Farms, Kashi, Odwalla and other once progressive small food firms. Collectively these opponents of transparency and fair markets have expended \$25 million so far this year to defeat this proposal.

Item #2: The Citizens United ruling, as



predicted, has unleashed unheard of anonymous contributions to supposedly nonprofit social welfare organizations to foster political advertisements, mostly aimed at discouraging voters from voting for a particular candidate. These new organizations had spent \$71 million as of Aug. 8, \$15 million more than the almost-as-secretive super PACs. These slick ads that are already bombarding us are hiding the donors from the public. A special investigation conducted by Pro Publica and released on Aug. 18 highlights the shenanigans behind this movement. We have no idea who is funding these attack ads, and while spending does not always guarantee victory, it can make a huge difference.

Item #3: A report from the Londonbased Tax Justice Network last month noted that a minimum of \$21 trillion in financial wealth (not yachts, real estate, etc.) is hidden in secret tax havens by the world's wealthiest, of whom US citizens represent about one-third. (Mitt Romney is apparently one of them: The New York Times reports that he uses offshore accounts in the Cayman Islands to avoid taxes.) It is just another example of how the wealthy and powerful want to hide information from us and the taxing authorities where they live and operate.

Item #4: A newly published, detailed study by highly esteemed political scientists has clearly demonstrated that money buys influence and that the growing economic inequality we have seen has parallels in political inequality. In "The Unheavenly Chorus: Unequal Political Voice and the Broken Promise of American Democracy," Kay Lehman Schlozman, Sidney Verba and Henry E. Brady go into often excruciating detail of data to show that by almost every measure, political inequality in the U.S. is significantly higher than in other developed democracies and even in some less developed ones. As inequality grows more power is concentrated in fewer hands, and the likelihood of diminishing both economic and political inequality so that markets might work as economists hope are slim.

I just finished reading a few other books that suggest possible directions for recalibrating our communities. "Feeding People is Easy," by British science writer Colin Tudge, is a delightful read with a poignant message - what he calls "enlightened agriculture." It's the antithesis of the Monsanto/ Coca-Cola/ Nestle/ Pepsi/ Dupont/ Dow approach. You can see it in practice here when you shop at East Lansing Food Co-op, visit the Allen Street Market or other local farmers markets, or dine at restaurants like Fork in the Road that are pleased to tell you where your food comes from. They have nothing to hide. We should do our best to seek them out and support them.

(Consultant Terry Link was the founding director of MSU's Office of Campus Sustainability and recently retired as director of the Greater Lansing Food Bank. He can be reached at link@lansingcitypulse.com.)



fter an hour-long conversation with punk legend Henry Rollins, one thing is clear: The guy is intensely patriotic and socially aware.

For those who've followed his 30-year career, it should come as no surprise. He's passionate and vocal about virtually everything. His fervent personality has become somewhat of a trademark for the brawny, tattooed dude. He's always frank, often angry,

ex-military." (He's not.) "They were

asking me that when I was

really young. They'd say,

'You have a really military

Monday, Oct. 8 **Cooley Temple Conference Center** 217 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing All ages 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 at fusionshows.com

and profoundly opinionated. His demeanor is downright stern. And that hasn't diminished over the last three decades. To the contrary.

"I get angrier as I go," Rollins said from his home in Los Angeles during a recent phone interview. "People ask me all the time if I'm bearing.' I've heard that all my life."

These days, the 51-year-old is channeling his intensity through politics. Rollins rolls into downtown Lansing - anger and all - on Monday as part of a 50-city speaking tour (he's hitting all the U.S. capitals) in the run-up to this year's presidential election. Tea partiers probably aren't safe from his biting message, but he doesn't plan on pontificating about whom you should vote for.

"We're ramping up to an election, but I would never, ever, ever ... tell you who to vote for," he said. "I think that's really damn rude when someone does that. I'm not going to be that guy. I know who I'm voting for, and the direction I lean is probably pretty obvious to anyone who sees me at my show. That's fine, but I'm not crazy with it."

#### REFUSING TO PLAY THE HITS

Growing up in Washington, D.C., where he attended an all-male prep school, Rollins found his way into the early '80s punk scene after becoming disillusioned with popular rock and roll. "When I was 17 I heard punk music a n d I thought, well, finally, someone

> is putting a mouth to my scream," he said. "Before that, I was listening to Ted Nugent and hard

> > graphic design by rachel harper

rock like Van Halen and Led Zeppelin. None of them wrote a lyric saying how pissed off they were. They just wrote about cars, girls and dragons and all that.

"Then I heard The Sex Pistols, The Clash and The Ramones,

which seemed

to me the ultimate outsider

music," he said. "They were singing about schizophrenics and shock treatment, and I thought, yeah, this'll work. To this day, that music works for me quite well."

In 1981, Rollins relocated to California and took over as lead singer for the now legendary hardcore band Black Flag. The California-based band's 1982 video for "TV Party" was one of the first videos aired on MTV, though Rollins admits, "That was when MTV only had like 10 videos."

"I GOT MINE! CAPITALISM"

WAR IN IRAQ

After Black Flag disbanded, he gained



further commercial success with his '90s-rock unit Rollins Band, which scored a "Beavis and Butthead"-approved hit with "Liar" in 1994.

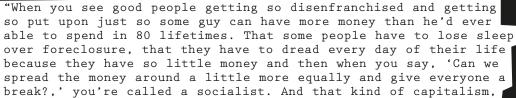
Rollins said he hasn't performed in Lansing since 1999. However, he has old connections to the Touch & Go zine and record label that was started here by area shock-rocker Tesco Vee. He also mentioned that he's a fan of The Fix, an early

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'80s hardcore READ MOF band from

Lansing.

dwellers - 'you get to hate this South Korean guy, you get See Piss off, page 10



such fine people and they don't want much."

that predatory, vulture capitalism, that 'I got mine, you suck' capitalism, that bugs me because some of the people struggling are

"These fake wars - that anyone can try and support the Iraq war, it's just hilarious. It's always the same demographic of people, decade in and decade out, being put in a position where they're being forced to hurl themselves into these gauntlets of extreme brutality. I don't know why it's not more apparent to people. Things like racism, homophobia, misogyny - these are all given to the rabble to keep them distracted from the power at the top. It's fodder for the idiots below. You, me, the people on the ground, the city



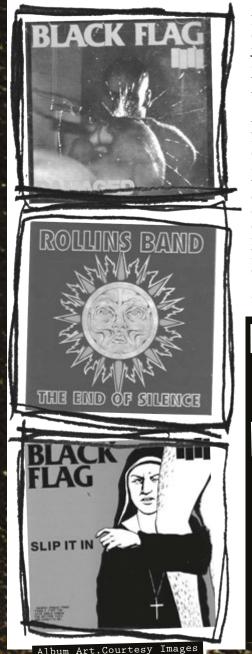
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Rollins said he's managed to hang on to the band's highly valuable 7-inch single over the last 30 years.

Vee, frontman of The Meatmen, remembers Rollins as "an intense but affable guy who was real serious about his craft and was fiercely loyal to the DC scene" when he first met him in Washington before he joined Black Flag. "He did have a sense of humor, which was quite necessary a resting on laurels. To me, it's not only hanging with us wacky Midwestern havseeds," Vee said in an email.

It was after his hardcore days when Rollins started dabbling in spokenword albums that largely chronicled his spoken-word tours. In 2006, Rollins all but announced his retirement from rock music. He felt it had run its course.

"When I was younger, things would occur to me and they would find themselves in a lyrical form in my mind,"



he said. "You know, you think about something and all of a sudden you start do that. I don't have that anymore, and if I can't make new music, the last thing I want to do is go out and play the hits."

Perhaps Mick Jagger enjoys celebrating big anniversaries, but Rollins finds it somewhat despicable to ride it out that hard. "I see ancient people on stage playing 'Satisfaction' for year 48, but for myself, I just can't do it," he said. "If I'm up there singing a 30-year-old song, that's not really artistically risky, is it? It's just artistically corrupt, it's dangerous. That's taking your eyes off the road. It's like you have chosen to put your progress on pause by going back to the university and pretending you're a freshman. The real freshmen look at you and go, 'Dude, you're a little weird around here, please get out of our hot tub. Your wrinkles on your face are freaking us out."

#### UNCOVERED FROM THE CATERWAUL

Rollins now prefers to vent about his life and frustrations in front of audiences on speaking tours while also juggling jobs in Hollywood films, radio, writing and charity events. He said the spokenword shows are surprisingly more nervewracking for him.

"With a band there are people on stage with instruments, so if you screw up a line, no one knows. It's all covered by this caterwaul of noise. But the talking shows are a lot more difficult in that you're out there on your own. You're the only person on stage generating anything. So if you don't talk, nothing happens. The meter of the whole thing is so self-generated, so it's a hell of a lot of concentration. It's the hardest damn thing I've ever tried to do on stage, that's for sure."

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School Temple Conference Center. This pre-presidential election tour is hitting putting beats behind that idea. I no longer 🖡 every capital city in the country. He said he's not trying to push an agenda on anyone, though he's been known for taking jabs at radical conservatives when

handed a microphone. Rollins says he plans to point out some of his ideals on being a good-willed American and his vision of left and right coming together or at least tolerating each other in a more refined manner.

"In my opinion, we are more united than divided as Americans," he said. "There's far more we have in common as far as the dissimilarity. We should not forget that, because it's really easy to forget that in this present day very polarized America, especially in an election cycle."

"We are by and large products and the result of the Civil War and the Constitution," he said. "There's a lot that you can do with those ideas as far as equality and decency, moral uprightness and civic responsibility - I take all that stuff very seriously."

Rollins suggests Americans attempt to keep one foot in both aisles as much as possible, for the obnoxious political bickering just flares the governmental rift and the climate of fear in the country.

"Everything is so extreme, and I don't think there are solutions in the extreme. I'm sick of this division. I'm sick of everything in America becoming politicized," he they're facts, the way politicians are sized said. "There are disagreements and that's good — that's the only way you keep balance. I would hate it if everything was all Republican or if everything was all Democratic."

"I think in the middle are all the best ideas," he added. "You get some of what F the president is from Kenya and that he's you want, and I get some of what I want. We're both a little pissed off, but we got sto Rush Limbaugh and you agree with His "Capitalism" speaking tour stops the bit we didn't get. We'll be OK. That in Lansing Monday at the Cooley Law kind of lowers the temperature, and we've

Hitler convinced so many German people to take out their anger, fear, frustration and

lost that. That's one of the parts I really love about America. And I must say, quite honestly, it pisses me off. The discussion needs to be better than, 'You suck! No, you suck!' I'm 51 and I have no desire to play in the sandbox."

But make no mistake: Rollins refuses to compromise when it comes to basic human rights. This is where his fury surfaces. He began stepping up his involvement in political and social causes in the early '90s.

"To me, it's one of those very quickly dealt-with issues in that, when people ask me, 'So you stand up for gay rights?' I say, 'Well, yeah, because I'm standing up for my own rights.' Under the 14th Amendment, equal protection under the law, heterosexuals and homosexuals are granted the same rights and liberties and freedoms and immunities from persecution and prosecution. That's in the paperwork. So if someone says, 'Well, I'm against same sex marriage' – OK, that's nice, thank goodness there's a constitution that keeps you from really wasting my time."

#### DUMBING DOWN

So what's fueling some of this still prevalent intolerance and ignorance in the United States? From Internet memes posted on Facebook to millionaire talk show hosts preaching opinions as if up has drastically changed over the years — and Rollins thinks it's dumbing down our country.

"I think a lot of people get the news that they want to hear that complements their point of view," he said. "If you think a Muslim-loving socialist, then you listen what we wanted, and we'll get along with 🐒 what he says. If you think the president is

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trepidation on Jewish people. It's a scam. "HATING ON REGULATIONS"

go off on my own, backpacking with a camera bag - I do that for months at a time. I'll just look at the map and I'll pick a direction. I'll start here and I'll arc across the 🗖 world going east, starting in Jordan and ending in China. I'll go across Africa, Southeast Asia, all over the Middle East, all over central Asia. In a lot of those places, there 🏾 are no regulations. Parts of India I've been to may be the most polluted places I've ever seen. You'll literally drive down streets with miles of garbage. And the water will kill you. That's no regulation. So if you have any of your friends that hate regulation, tell them to go to Somalia: That's what no regulation looks like. Basically, it's lawless and in some parts of the world that don't have real authority, you have to be careful. You go to the parts of Uganda in Southern Sudan and there's no nothing out there. And the people you're riding with - one has a .45 and one has a machete that's literally laser sharp. I've lived in those environments for weeks at a time. It's nothing like being around here So if you think the regulations are crimping your libertarian day, you might appreciate them in place of having a dagger at your throat with no one looking out." 100

It's for suckers and so many people get goaded into this. Like



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really good and that he's doing what he can to make America better, then I guess you listen to left-wing radio. If you are a good, upstanding, free-market capitalist, apparently you read The Wall Street Journal."

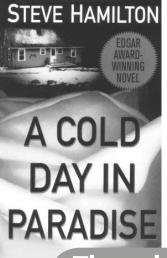
For those looking to get hard facts on politicians, Rollins suggests skipping a lot of the network commentary and says to simply follow the dollar signs. "I read multiple articles by multiple sources trying to connect the dots," he said. "That's a very good way to do things. I watch BBC, Al Jazeera and CNN. They are way more free and more fact-driven, it seems. But I try

to get my information from government websites. I go by the statistics. The way to cut through a lot of that stuff and save a lot of time is to follow the money. Follow greed: It'll clear up a lot of your questions about why this country is in that country or whatever."

So when was it that Rollins turned from a penniless punk into somewhat of an activist and commentator? Just follow the money.

"The answer might not be exactly what you wanted, but it's the truth. When I got more aware of, 'Hey, that guy's hungry, we should help him,' is when I got money," he said. "In the early '90s is when I started making some money to where, 'I got this - rent is covered.' The better off I started doing financially, the more time I was able to delegate. That was the biggest quantum change in how I comport myself."

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Sundance Haunted Hayride. Oct. 5-27, 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$12/person or \$40 for a family of four. 9250 Nixon Road, Grand Ledge. (517) 627-5500. sundanceridingstables.com/halloween.

Bestmaze Corn Maze. Mayan corn maze, laser tag, zombie shoot, Trail of Terror. Through Oct. 28. Maze: Fridays-Sundays. Trail of Terror: Fridays-Saturdays after dark, tickets sell until 10:30 p.m. \$7-\$10, or \$15 for both. 3803 Noble Road, Webberville. (517) 521-2378. bestmaze.com.

The Bone Yard. Freak show, Deadwood Forest and Scarecrow Hollow. Through Oct. 27. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$20. 5010 Green Road, Stockbridge. (517) 937-4606. hauntedhousesinmichigan.net.

Shawhaven Haunted Farms. Wagons of Fear, Dead Maze, Samara's Boarding House, Corn Maze and the Last Ride. Through Oct. 27. 7- 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 each haunted event or \$20 for all three. \$5 corn maze and Last Ride. Group rates available. 1826 Rolfe Road, Mason. (517) 676-1649. shawhavenhauntedfarm.com.

Terror on 27. Insanity haunted house, Entanglement haunted path and Animosity maze. \$7-\$20. Oct. 5-28. 7:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays, 7:30-10 p.m. Sundays. 8691 S. Bagley Road, Ashley. (989) 838-2562. terroron27.com.

Jackson's Underworld. 30,000 sq. ft. haunted house. \$20. Through Oct. 31. 7-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays & Sundays, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays. 1318 Wildwood Avenue, Jackson. (517) 936-5834. ixunderworld.com.

McCurdy's Revenge Haunted Houses. Abandoned campground and haunted house. \$9 each, \$14 for both. Oct. 12-31. 7-11:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. McCurdy Park, Emma Drive, Corunna. (517) 625-7207. mccurdysrevenge.net.

Haunted Cider Mill. Cider mill, corn maze, havride, and haunted house for kids, \$2-\$11, Group rates available. Through Oct. 31. 1-5 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. 4648 Otto Road, Charlotte. (517) 543-1019.

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#### hauntedcidermill.com.

Slaughterhouse Adventure & Grand River Corn Maze. Haunted havride, haunted cornfield, 26-acre maze, and family fun barn, \$6-\$30, Cash only, Group rates available. Through Oct. 28, 7-11:15 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. 5781 Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville. (517) 223-9140. slaughterhouseadventure.com. The Terrorfied Forest and Manor. 30-acre abandoned woods and the Hillcrest Sanitarium. Not recommended for 12 and under, \$9-\$25. Group rates available. Through Oct. 31. 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays. 145 Swarthout Road, Pinckney. (734) 878-0018, terrorfied.com.

#### **HAYRIDES, PUMPKIN PATCHES & FAMILY FUN**

Uncle John's Cider Mill. Inflatable corral, corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides and more. Hours vary. Use \$1 tokens for each activity. 8614 North US 127, St. John's. (989) 224-3686. ujcidermill.com. Country Corn Maze. \$6-\$9. Open until Nov. 4. 6-10 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays: 1-10 p.m. Saturdays: 1-8 p.m. Sundays. 450 N. Vernon Road, Corunna. (989) 743-6899. cornmazefun.net.

Andy T's Pumpkin Festival. Hayride, face painter, food, games and more. Oct. 4-7. 3131 South US 27, St. Johns. (989) 224-7674. and yts.com.

Pregitzer Farm. Fresh produce and fall activities. including a pumpkin patch, straw crawl, hayrides, petting farm, and corn maze. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Mondays-Sundays. 6870 Territorial Road, Munith. (517) 769-2768. yourfarmmarket.com.

Peacock Road Tree Farm. Pig races, wagon rides, a pumpkin patch and mazes. \$10. Through Oct. 31. 10 a.m. to dark Saturdays; 12 p.m. to dark Sundays; 3 p.m. to dark Mondays-Fridays. 11854 Peacock Road, Laingsburg. (517) 651-9193. peacockroadtreefarm.com Fall at the Farm. Hayrides, pumpkin patch, games, a petting zoo and more at Northfork Outback. \$8-\$13. Saturday, Oct. 13, 1-5 p.m. Morrice Road, Webberville. (517) 881-9142. northforkoutback.com/fall-farm.

Diana Carpenter and her husband run Peacock Road Tree Farm in Laingsburg for nearly 30 years, hosting a variety of activities children's games that date back to the turn of the last century, stories in a cabin with a character named "Pioneer Jim" and full-throttle barnyard animal competitions.

"We have pig and turkey races at our course, called Pork Chop Downs," Carpenter said. "And we involve the kids in the races by letting them open the gates or run with the pigs."

Peacock Road also has over 50 animals, including reindeer and alpacas. There's also food available, like pulled pork that's smoked on the farm sorry kids, one of the pigs has to come in last.

#### **HALLOWEEN EVENTS**

7th Annual Old Town Oktoberfest. Live polka music, dancing and German-style food and beer. \$20 or \$15 pre-ordered. Oct. 4-5. 6-11 p.m. Friday, 2-11 p.m. Saturday. On Turner Street and Grand River Avenue, Lansing. (517) 485-4283. oldtownoktoberfest.com. 14th Annual Pumpkin Trot 5k and 10k. At Andy T's Farms. Register online or at the race. Races for kids available. \$22 for adults, \$15 for 18 and under. Oct. 7. 1:30 p.m. 3131 South US 27, St. Johns. (989) 224-7674. andyts.com.

The 30th Annual Color Cruise and Island Festival. At Island Park. Demonstrations of old time activities, food, live entertainment and more. Oct. 12-14. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Island Avenue, Lansing. (517) 627-5170. grandledgechamber.com/color\_cruise.php. 39th Annual Fenner Apple Butter Festival. At Fenner Nature Center. Crafts, games and cooking authentic apple butter. Oct. 13-14. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. mynaturecenter.org/applebutterfestival.

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Lighted Pumpkin Trick-or-Treat Trail. Call ahead for reservations. \$1 suggested donation. Oct. 16. 6-8 p.m. Sharp Park, Delta Charter Township. (517) 323-

The Bestmaze Corn Maze in Williamston has laser tag, zombie shoot and a haunted trail with an award-winning, scary prop.

## MAYAN (

Cornfields across the state suffered from the worst drought in 50 years, but curiously, Bestmaze Corn Maze in Williamston enjoyed a surprisingly fertile summer. Could it have anything to do with the giant Mayan corn god that was carved into the action? Owner Mark Benjamin isn't saying, but he will say that the Mayan god — that would be Hun Hun Ahpu — was incorporated to commemorate the 2012 completion of the Mayan calendar and purported end of the world.

Benjamin and 40 other people have been working since last October on both the maze and the Trail of Terror, which features a surprise that was named "prop of the year" at the National Haunters Convention and will be featured in an episode of the Travel Channel reality show "Making Monsters."

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Headless Horseman 5k/10k. Costumed run/walk. \$25, includes a T-shirt. Oct. 27. 7:30 p.m. At Clinton and State Streets in Downtown Howell. howellrecreation. org/HeadlessHorseman5K.

Dead Dash 5k. Obstacle zombie race at the

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## Shining a light on the history of Lansing Local group raising funds for permanent museum that will tell the city's story

#### **By ALLAN I ROSS**

Lansing is the history hub for all things Michigan, from the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, which focuses on the rise of the automobile, to the Michigan Historical Museum, which covers the rise of pretty much everything else in the state. Well, maybe not everything —like, for example, the city of Lansing.

"Lansing suffers from the same thing a lot of capital cities suffer from —it's focused on the state's history and ignores its own," said Jesse Lasorda, one of the trustees of the Greater Lansing Historical Society. "Most folks assume that the local museums have lots of stuff from Lansing, but they don't. They have 83 counties to cover."

Without getting into a philosophical conversation about epistemology and how a flashlight can't illuminate itself, let's just say that the Historical Society thinks Lansing residents have been left in the dark about their history for the last 150 years. You

#### Historical Society of Greater Lansing Silent Auction

Oct. 6, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Old Michigan/Strand Theatre (Atrium Office Building) 215 S. Washington Square \$15 lansinghistory.org last 150 years. You don't have to look hard to find what a 19th century lumberjack from Alpena wore at logging camp, but a Sexton High School band major in the 1960s? Good luck. So the group has devoted

itself to telling those stories (and showing those band uniforms), raising funds for what it hopes will be a permanent Lansing Historical Museum within the next two years. This Saturday, the group holds its second annual silent auction, with all proceeds going toward the proposed museum.

"When people think about Michigan history, they think about cars and they think about Motown," said HSGL President Valerie Marvin. "But they're not thinking about people having lives. What about all those people going to church, going to school, going bowling at Frandor with their friends? What are their stories?"

Marvin says that the Historical Society was founded in the 1940s, but a physical location always somehow eluded the group. She joined about four years ago and was part of the new blood that got serious about establishing a permanent museum. This led to the group's first silent auction last year, which was held at the Comerica Building downtown. Marvin said the group raised over \$10,000, which they've been using to lease space in the Creyts Building, 831 N. Washington Ave.

"We're looking to make progress," she said. "Not just put money in the bank."

Some of the auction's more interesting items include a group trip to the top of the Capitol dome (usually roped off from the



preach the gospel of this museum everywhere

I go. Never before has there been an effort

genealogical aspect of history as opposed

to the artifacts. After all, it is all about the

Magic Johnsons of the world, but the story of

Lansing isn't about the rich and the famous,"

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life like? That is what's important for this

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Lasorda focuses his interest on the

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public) and a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's archives underneath Spartan Stadium. There will also be authentic pieces of history up for sale, including a genuine Main Street sign (taken down when it was renamed Malcolm X Street in 2010) and original photographs of locations around town, including a classic shot of the Mustang Bar in what is now Old Town.

Fittingly, the event will be held in a high profile piece of Lansing history — the former Michigan Theater, which opened in 1921 as the Strand Theater, named after the legendary theater of the same name in New York. Today it's the Atrium Office Building, home to a chiropractic office and a travel agency, among other businesses, but Marvin says it's one of those hidden-in-plain-sight gems that make history so much fun.

"According to the legend, the man who built the Strand, Col. Walter Butterfield, had the likenesses of his daughters added to the building's facade," Marvin said. "I read that one of the granddaughters confirmed it several years ago, but she couldn't say who was who. Most people walk by those likenesses every day and don't even think that those were based on real people, if they even notice them at all."

So, after nearly 80 years, what's it like to be facing the era of a real, honest-to-goodness Lansing history museum?

"It's beyond exciting — that would be the understatement of the year," said Lasorda. "I **Decimal D-day** LSO tackles Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony

#### **By LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

Orchestras love to tie neat little titles around subscription concerts, like "The Power and the Passion" or "From Russia, with Love." They're usually cheesy and easy to ignore, except when they're not there.

The Lansing Symphony's second MasterWorks concert of the season, on Oct. 6, is baldly billed as "Shostakovich Symphony No. 10." The subtext: You can't put a bowtie on this bear.

"It's a special occurrence," symphony maestro Timothy Muffitt said. "It's one of the major events of the season."

The bare title is not just a show of respect for the music's wordless mysteries, but also a signal that Lansing's home team is ready to dive into heavy music a lot of big city orchestras don't tackle.

"We are fortunate to have an extraordinary pool of musical talent in mid-Michigan," Muffitt said. "They can handle anything we put down in front of them."

It's also a nod to a maturing Lansing audience, although it doesn't take a master's degree in music to follow the heart-on-sleeve, hammer-on-anvil-andstirrup music of Shostakovich.

"His musical style is elemental," Muffitt said. "He uses simple ideas, the way Haydn and Beethoven did, and grows bigger and bigger musical forms."

Shostakovich stirs people at a gut level, a knack Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin tried like mad to exploit. And he wasn't the only exploiter. Shostakovich's style is so accessible that his Fifth Symphony was stolen for the 1958 horror film "The Brain Eaters."

"More than most composers of the 20th century, there's an immediate impact, even on someone unfamiliar with his music," Muffitt said.

The Tenth combines a deeply personal voice with epic, even cosmic, scope.

Under Stalin, Shostakovich divided his talents — and maybe his soul — in two. Publicly, he churned out big symphonic music that earned him prizes, made him an international star, put him on the cover of Time magazine, kept the cultural commissars happy and, last but not least, kept him out of the Gulag. (Many of these works were embedded with subversive codes, but that's another story.)

Privately, he poured himself into anguished, confessional masterpieces, often for string quartet, and locked them in his desk drawer.

When Stalin died in 1953, the composer's public and private voices could fuse at last. They had a hell of a story to

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Shostakovich

"He's liberated," Muffitt said. "That's

The Tenth turns on a cyclonic portrait

what I find so fascinating. His musical

of Stalin that will doubtless take up a lot of

rehearsal time, but many listeners will be

absorbed by the slow winds of meditation

one solo wind instrument is carrying the

ball, whether it's the clarinet, the flute, the

pops a four-note, Bach-solid theme that

stands in for the composer himself. The

struggle between freedom and necessity,

between Shostakovich and his exploiters,

is painted so vividly it feels more like a

physical fight than philosophy. Finally,

the Bach-like theme squirts away, like a

salmon through a bear's paw, and darts

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Muffitt finds the Tenth liberating for a

"There are long, long passages where

When Stalin is dispensed with, out

conductor as well.

He'd prefer not to be distracted by endless arguments over what music "means."

"That's dangerous territory, especially with Shostakovich," Muffitt said. "Even his own words didn't line up. He gave us a lot of contradictory information."

Muffitt contrasted the Tenth with Shostakovich's more famous Fifth Symphony, with its gray strata of ambiguity, custom blended to please Stalin and save the artist's life.

"For the conductor, the Fifth Symphony is the greatest enigma," Muffitt said. "How tongue-in-cheek is it? Is it saying, 'OK, you want some happy music, here's some happy music?' There have been barrels of ink spilled on this."

The post-Stalin Tenth, by contrast, is written in a "sparse" language that leaves little room for spin.

The musical intent is very clear," he said. "I find myself questioning less."

That leaves Muffitt and his legions free to bear down on the score. "Our job is to execute what the composer has written and implied, and then it's up to each listener to decide how they're going to react," he said.

The hardest working man in show business, at least in Lansing Saturday, will be principal bassoonist Michael Kroth. He not only has to carry a lot of the Shostakovich, but will be featured soloist in the Mozart bassoon concerto earlier that night.

Kroth is more than up to it. When major orchestras across this country need a substitute, they call the 517 area code.

"Milwaukee Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony – they all call Michael," Muffitt said. "We have many superstars in our orchestra, and it's really great to put them out there."

The evening also includes Felix Mendelssohn's "Fingal's Cave" overture, a brief yet stormy precursor to later romantic tempests of Wagner, Liszt and Berlioz.

"Wagner hated Mendelssohn's music, but this piece he loved," Muffitt said. "When Mendelssohn was on, he was in the zone. This is one of those fully inspired pieces of music from beginning to end. Nothing out of place, no filler, pure inspiration."





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An enormous fireplace with ornate Victorian-style tile dominates the Carr family's living room. Elaborate plasterwork covers the ceiling and arched glass windows adorn the walls. Homeowner Gordon Carr says that when people step into his house, they are instantly struck by the unique design.

"People immediately gravitate toward the living room," Carr said. "There are characteristics (of the room) that date back

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to the 1880s. It's really very special." The Carr house is one of eight locations to be featured in the 17th annual Westside Neighborhood

Home Tour, taking place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Carr's house was built in 1928 for local businessman Alton Hager, who was active in the Lansing community, including serving as president of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce.

"We've lived here for 10 years and haven't done any remodeling or made any additions," he said. "Just a lot of maintenance. Even though we're the fifth owners of the house, it's as it was 80 years ago."

Since 1995, the tour has been held every year except 2011, and gives Lansing residents the opportunity to explore the diverse houses in this historic neighborhood. Ninety percent of the proceeds go to Advent House Ministries, a nonprofit aiding Lansing area homeless, with the rest going back to the Westside Neighborhood Home Association to allow them to continue hosting community events. Susan Cancro, executive director at

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Advent, said her organization was able to raise around \$9,000 through the last tour in 2010.

The houses on the tour were built anywhere from the late 1800s through the 1960s. Ted O'Dell, who describes his home as a "historic preservation" project, hasrestored the house's era-appropriate features. This includes the icy, opaque vitrolite glass along the walls of his grand bathroom.

"The style of the house is colonial revival," he said. "Keeping with the 1920s theme, we took out all of the white tile in the kitchen, down to the linoleum and stained the floor an ebony color. The walls, the countertops, the floors, the cupboard, it's all historically correct."

O'Dell says his house also boasts an interesting history. The original owner was a manager at the Motor Wheel Corp., which was once the largest producer of automobile wheels in the world. The house was sold when he died.

"It was then purchased by Dorothy Payne



in 1958, who was a Lansing community activist," O'Dell says. "She started the Meals on Wheels program in Lansing here in this house. The basement was actually built into a big kitchen."

Most people would fret over opening their

home to a parade of strangers, but O'Dell said he doesn't have any reservations.

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# **Of love** and rams

**/0**U LOVÉ CHARLES ROSELLI, PH.D. 'Barnyard Insights into Sexuality" 4 p.m. Monday Wells Hall room 115B MSU Campus FREE

Charles Roselli, of the Oregon Health & Science University, is the fifth speaker in MSU's semester-long series "Whom You Love: the biology of sexual orientation," which aims to demonstrate that homosexuality is

a natural occurrence in humans. Roselli is a professor in OHSU's Department of Psychology and Pharmacology. His lecture includes content from his studies focusing on

homosexual rams, which prompted a high-profile protest by PETA in 2007.

#### What general themes will your lecture cover?

Homosexual behavior has been observed in hundreds of animal species. However, exclusive same-sex attraction is commonly thought to be a human trait. I plan to describe how sheep exhibit a diverse sex life and how some rams have an exclusive and lasting preference for other rams, making them a good model to study sexual orientation. Then I'll explain how the brain differs between homosexual and heterosexual rams and what we've learned about the role that sex hormones play in wiring their brain before birth. We study rams because the information we obtain can provide important insights into the connections between brain physiology and sexual partner preferences. This is basic research, meaning that the goal is to gain knowledge and not be used for treatments.

#### Could you briefly explain the testosterone/estrogen link in the developmental stage to homosexuality?

Many of testosterone's actions in the brain are produced only after it is converted to estrogen by the enzyme aromatase. This seems paradoxical: a "male" hormone that works by being changed to a "female" hormone. The sex distinction is meaningless to the brain these are just molecules that have distinct biological actions. The intriguing link to sexual preferences is that the region of the brain that controls this behavior is enriched with aromatase in rams. However, we don't understand yet how this all fits together.

What was it like being on the business end of a PETA backlash? Did everything settle down eventually? My run-in

with PETA was very stressful and disruptive. Because their

Roselli campaign was based on false

information and distortions, it became clear to me that PETA will stop at nothing in order to fulfill their mission to end all animal experimentation. I was fortunate that my university supported me and we were able to push back to correct PETA's false and offensive claims. There were several news outlets here in the U.S. and abroad that

did their own independent reporting and provided factual information about my research. The siege, which included letters, emails and even personal threats, lasted about nine months, but it's been several years since I've had any more problems. I was actually quite surprised by the way the research was portrayed by PETA - we discovered that there are anatomical brain differences related to sex partner preferences. This should have promoted tolerance and understanding, not hate and anger.

#### Why did you focus on sheep?

Sheep make good test subjects because they exhibit naturally occurring variations in sexual preference and are surprisingly true to most of the important aspects of human sexual orientation.

#### What inspired you to follow this line of research?

As a young faculty member, I was invited

to join a collaboration with my colleague Dr. Stormshak at Oregon State University and agricultural scientists in Idaho to study these unique rams. As a neuroendocrinologist, I was familiar with the groundbreaking work of Dr. LeVay, which showed that brains of gay and straight men were different. So, given the opportunity to work with these animals, my first question was whether their brains differed and, if so, how. True to scientific inquiry, one question led to another and the journey continues.

What do you think the "Whom You Love" series could do for the social perception of homosexuality?

I sincerely hope that by highlighting scientific facts about sexual orientation, this lecture series will help promote tolerance and understanding for all sexual minorities.

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#### **By RANDIAH GREEN**

Even though audiences already knew what happened at the end of 1997's blockbuster

**Preview** 

"Titanic," they still flooded theaters in record numbers to watch the fate of the doomed

passengers and crew. In the case of "The Diviners," opening this weekend at Riverwalk Theatre, an iceberg of an elegy at the top of the show gives the ending away, but director Jane Falion says the mystery and excitement of the story lies in how exactly things happen.

"Diviners" takes place in the 1930s in Zion, a ficticious Indiana town where water is scarce and gloom is rampant. The play focuses on two characters: **Riverwalk Theatre** Buddy Layman, who was mentally disabled after 8 p.m. Fridays and an accident that nearly Saturdays, 2 p.m. drowned him (and killed \$12 adults/\$10 seniors, students his mother), and C.C. Showers, a preacher who has lost his faith. Buddy is

or military228 Museum Drive. terrified of water, but his (517) 482-5700 accident imbued him with riverwalktheatre.com the eerie ability to find water. When C.C. comes

to town hoping to find something that will restore his faith, he befriends Buddy and the two forge an unusual bond.

"In tough times, people pull together," Falion said. "The town of Zion has some really interesting characters, who all end up, at one time or another, leaning on each other."



Photo couresty of Luke Anthony Photography The cast of "The Diviners," from left: Mycah Artis, Joe Quick and Joe Baumann.





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## **Big bang theory** 'boom' takes audiences to the end of the world

#### By PAUL WOZNIAK

Be careful responding to classified ads offering "intensely significant coupling." That's one of the hard lessons learned

in "boom," a penetratingly Review intimate comedy about cosmic events. But even with playwright Peter Sinn Nachtrieb's dark and offbeat dialogue and Tony Caselli's lightning-paced direction, this semi-sci fi satire lacks the appropriate chemistry for truly explosive laughs.

"boom" starts with a bang as Jo (Alissa Nordmoe), a 22-year-old journalism student responding the aforementioned ad, strips down for some purported sex. But Jules (Aral Gribble), a marine biology grad student, has longer-term plans in mind. According to Jules' fishy observations, the imminent apocalypse means that Jo, Jules and his fully stocked lab/bomb shelter are humanity's last hope for survival. Meanwhile, an unseen omnipotent figure Barbara (Sarab Kamoo) pulls levers, plays timpani and explains her own significance.

The play's premise and confined setting could have made "boom" a claustrophobic thriller. Instead, the contrast of Jules' sweetly naïve nerdiness and Jo's frantic nihilism combined with constant slapstick -make "boom" ripe for hilarity. Both Gribble and Nordmoe banter with metronomic timing, nailing their blocking with laser precision. Still, that ripeness isn't plucked until the second half when comic beats feel more natural, spontaneous and emotionally

#### "boom"

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connected. Highlights include Gribble's hyper-energetic "Lady Scoffington" impersonation and Nordmoe's deadpan reply to Jules regarding the nature of her parent's death.

Barbara, meanwhile, functions in her own world, as Kamoo masterfully delivers absurdly dry quips that tangentially jump off the frenzied action below -

and successfully connect her character with the audience.

All three actors benefit from Janine Woods Thoma's stunning scenic design, complete with a functioning fish tank along with various analog dials to render a functional looking set. Alex Gay's sound design and Daniel C. Walker's lighting design also accentuate the stage ambiance with shadows and loud rumbles.

The sweet spots for "boom" are somewhere between "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" and an episode of "The Twilight Zone," providing a funny - and, at times, raunchy - romp through the end of the world.



#### **New Exhibits**

East Lansing Public Art Gallery "Close to Home," featuring watercolor artist Anita Brett. Reception: 1-2 p.m. Oct. 7. Hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, noon-8 p.m. Sunday. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 894-2166.

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Featuring Danielle Crane with Saw Creepy Confections. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Oct. 7. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-4293. greatlakesartworks.com.

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five large-scale murals of Troll's fossil-inspired artwork. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, (517) 355-2370. museum.msu.edu.

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Okemos Library Lansing artists Carol and Lou Guskey are featured in "Hide and Seek." Reception: 2-4 p.m. Oct. 7. Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 1-7 p.m. Sunday. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021. cadl.org.

#### Shiawassee Arts Center

Watercolor and acrylic artist K.W. Bell and mixed media artist Jessica Kovan. Also, the Paradigm Art Quilters, a group of 20 quilt artists. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 206 Curwood Castle Dr., Owosso. (989) 723-8354. shiawasseearts.org.

#### Ongoing

**Creole Gallery** Featuring "The Vagina Show." Reception: Noon-5

## Gallery 1212 FINE ART STUDIOS

Join us at Gallery 1212 in Old Town, Lansing for our 1st Sunday Gallery Walk to be held **October 7, 2012** from 12-5 p.m.

We will be presenting the oil paintings by the 2012 Arts Council of Greater Lansing grant recipient Sue Preiss. The exhibit "Art Around the Town" will be featured in the gallery until the end of December and was created to celebrate the beauty of our area.

Also being shown for the month of October is a "Journey to Abstraction" presented by the Mid-Michigan Art Guild.



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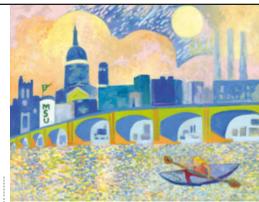
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#### **Saper Galleries**

The Hebron Glass Collection showcases 51 hand-blown glass vases, made in Heborn, the largest city in the West Bank. Reception: 1-4 p.m. Oct. 7. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Sat-urday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. 433 Albert Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-0815. sapergalleries.com.

(SCENE) Metrospace The "Lake-Effect: Ruraliy + Ecology of the Great Lakes" exhibition is a series of projects investigating the history, culture and life of the Great Lakes. Hours: Thursday 2-5 p.m., Friday & Saturday 2-6 p.m., Sunday Noon-4 p.m. 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. scenemetrospace.com.

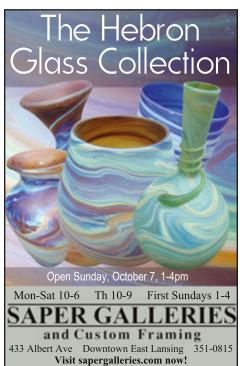


We will be offering refreshments and live music will be provided by the Biddle City Band along with Cindy McElroy. 1212 Turner St. Old Town Lansing



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"Calligraffiti" by Haslett artist K.W. Bell, is a combination of graffiti or writing integrated with a subject, usually figures or faces.



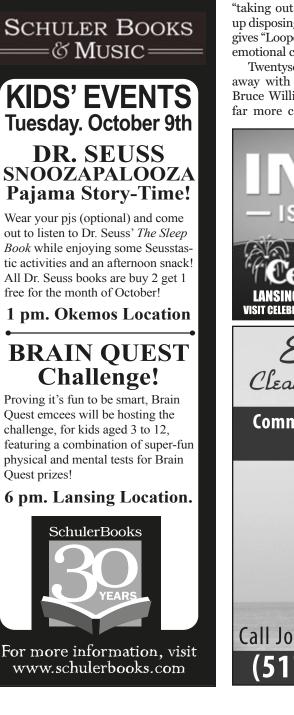


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# Twisty Willis/Gordon-Levitt actioiner throws audiences for a sci-fi loop

Many science-fiction movies try to dazzle us with the high-tech sights of tomorrow. That's not the case with writer-director Rian Johnson's "Looper." Although it's set in the 2040s, the world it shows us isn't radically different from 2012. Phones seem to have gotten smaller and motorcycles have been engineered to fly, but otherwise things haven't changed much. Oh, wait there's one more exception: Every so often an unlucky soul is sent back in time from the 2070s to be killed by a hit-man (a "looper," as they are known), because dumping bodies in the



late 21st century is apparently much more troublesome than it used to be.

Joe (Joseph Gordon-Levitt, whose familiar face has been disturbingly modified by heavy makeup) is a looper, and a pretty successful one. Unfortunately, no matter how good they are at their jobs, loopers don't have much in the way of job security. At some point, the bosses of the future may decide to "close the loop" by sending the looper's future self to the 2040s, where his vounger self will be forced to perform a kind of delayed-reaction suicide. After loopers have finished their task of, as Joe says, "taking out the future's garbage," they end up disposing of themselves as well. This idea gives "Looper" a genuinely eerie tone and an emotional charge you don't expect.

Twentysomething Joe is assigned to do away with fiftysomething Joe, played by Bruce Willis, a chore that turns out to be far more complicated than it should be.





Courtesy Photo Joseph Gordon-Levitt previously collaborated with writer/ director Rian Johnson on 2005's neonoir indie "Brick."

Although the younger Joe has conditioned himself to turn off his emotions, the prospect of essentially engraving his own tombstone — knowing exactly how, where and when his life will end — is understandably disconcerting. Older Joe has a murderous mission of his own that's even more troubling.

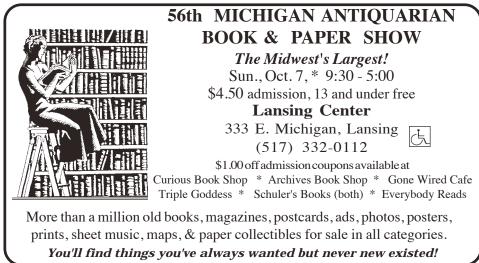
Johnson, who has made it big with the TV series "Breaking Bad," has always been a risk-taking filmmaker. His last movie, "The Brothers Bloom," was a giddy comedy with a touch of darkness around the edges; in "Looper," Johnson has inverted that formula, giving us a generally ominous story with occasional bursts of wackiness. Most of them come from a deliciously deadpan Jeff



Daniels as Joe's boss, a tired businessman who approaches scheduling executions and managing his staff of hired killers as if he was getting ready for another tedious quarterly report.

What registers most strongly in "Looper," however, is the chillingly high emotional stakes. Both Joes have the power to rewrite fate, and Johnson doesn't take that lightly. When the younger Joe encounters Sarah (Emily Blunt), a tough-talking farmer with a severely bruised heart, "Looper" makes the leap from semi-gimmicky science fiction to truly wrenching drama. Sarah's son Cid (Pierce Gagnon, in a stunner of a performance) turns out to be a pivotal player in the dangerous game in which the two Joes are immersed. Nathan Johnson's propulsive score, with its 1980ish churning synthesizers and tingling keyboards, effectively amps up the suspense and draws out a bit of extra tenderness from the quieter, thoughtfully played scenes between Sarah and the younger Joe.

While "Looper" is not short on action and violence, Johnson doesn't short-change the movie's boldly drawn characters in favor of glitzy visual effects or futuristic razzle-dazzle. He's infused the fantasy with authentic blood, sweat and tears, and the result is a movie that, like Joe, hits its targets.





# **SAVAGE LOVE**



I appeared at a "Savage Love Live" event at Radford University in Radford, Va. Questions are submitted on index cards at SLL events, which allows questioners to remain anonymous and forces them to be

DAN SAVAGE

succinct. The crowd at Radford was large and inquisitive. The students submitted more questions than I could possibly hope to answer in two hours-and Radford students also managed to stump me. Twice. I promised the crowd that I would get answers for the two stumpers and answer as many of their other questions as I could in this week's column. And here we go...

Q: When I sneeze, I ejaculate. Is this normal?

A: Yes, totally. Nothing to worry about. This happens to all guys. That's why they make men's underwear out of cotton, dude.

**Q:** Why do all the beautiful girls only go for guys who are assholes?

A: Why do all the guys only go for the beautiful girls who only go for assholes? P.S. You might want to skip the next question.

**Q:** I really like this guy and I know he likes me, but he is so unapproachable! He always seems to be pissed off about something. How can I get his attention without practically throwing myself at him?

A: Someone who knows you're interested in him and who's genuinely interested in you but who affects an unapproachable, pissed-off demeanor is a game-playing douchebag, and game-playing douchebags are lousy boyfriend material. Surely there are some attractive guys on your campus — guys you like, guys who like you-who aren't grumpy, game-playing assholes. You know, nice guys. Maybe you could date one of them?

Q: Is it normal for girls to orgasm from dry humping alone?

A: Many girls learn to masturbate by grinding their crotches/clits against something-a pillow, typically – and dry humping is a pretty effective way to re-create that particular sensation, i.e., it provides her with the intense, direct clitoral stimulation she needs to get off.

Q: Can you get AIDS or an STI from a dead body? Just wondering.

A: This is one of the two questions that stumped me. I promised to get an answer, and here it is: "As long as this isn't a thinly veiled necrophilia question, the answer is no," says Caitlin Doughty, a mortician, founder of the Order of the Good Death, and the star of the popular, hilarious and informative "Ask a Mortician" YouTube video series. "When the AIDS epidemic first hit in the '80s, there were terrible stories about funeral homes that would charge more for bodies with HIV/ AIDS or flat out tell the family the body was a threat and needed to be cremated immediately. Thankfully, that's now considered wildly unethical and incorrect. Unless you're an embalmer or coroner and dealing closely with all manner

of fresh corpse fluids, there should be almost zero risk to you."

**Q:** Is it OK to want to be single for 15 more vears?

A: More and more people are delaying marriage or remaining single - you might want to read Hanna Rosin's "The End of Men" and Eric Klinenberg's "Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal of Living Alone" so yeah, it's OK. It's generally OK to make your own choices and live your own life.

Q: Should I not have sex with my best friend's babydaddy even though he was my boyfriend before he was hers and we were about to get back together before I found out my best friend was pregnant?

A: Yes, you should not.

**Q:** Why can some girls only orgasm on top? A: Because the angle of penetration provides them with the direct, intense clitoral stimula-

tion they need to get off. Q: Do you have any advice for non-openlygay people at a school where gays are almost nonexistent?

A: Recognize that you're part of the problem. The non-openly-gay people at your school - you and the other closeted gays - create a negative nonexistence feedback loop. You don't come out because no one's out, and no one comes out because you're not out. My advice: If you're in a position to come out, come out. If you're not in a position to come out, make plans to get to a place where you can come out. And in the meantime, refrain from whining about a problem that your choices and/or limitations contribute to creating.

**Q:** Can you come out your butt?

A: Um, sure, but only if someone else came in it first - and no one should be coming in your butt without a condom on his dick.

**Q:** How do you tell someone that they are bad at sex?

A: You don't. You tell someone that there are particular ways you like to be touched/kissed/ fucked/bound/whatever and you encourage someone to touch/kiss/fuck/whip/bind you in those particular ways. Hopefully this will lead to someone getting better at sex over a few months. If someone doesn't get better at sex in that time frame, well, then someone either is incapable of getting better at sex or doesn't care that you're unhappy with the sex, and it's time to dump someone.

Q: Can you get a yeast infection from licking a veast infection?

A: Another stumper, another guest expert: "Wet folds are a great place for yeast to grow," says Dr. Anna Kaminski, associate medical director for Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, "especially if other things are a little out of balance. For example, a woman might be more prone to yeast infections due to other things in the vagina - spermicide, blood, antibiotic-induced changes in vaginal pH balance, or hormonal changes. But mouths are really good at keeping yeast in check. So it would be unusual for a person to get a yeast infection orally - unless you suffer from something that predisposes you to oral yeast infections, e.g., you are on antibiotics, you are immunocompromised, you have bad oral hygiene."

**Q:** If a guy asks a girl if she wants to have anal sex, is he curious about gay sex?

A: No.

Q: Why do straight guys like doggie-style so much?

A: Because they're gay.

Q: What does it mean when you're a girl and the guy you're hooking up with keeps introducing you to his best girl friends?

A: It means you're hooking up with a gay. **Q:** Why do guys think threesomes are so amazing?

A: Because they are - especially the gay ones.

Q: I'm a guy who does not find guys physically attractive. Even so, I like to give and receive blowjobs with men. Does this mean anything about my sexual orientation?

A: Yes.

Q: I've always considered myself a lesbian, but a few weeks ago, I got really drunk and slept with one of my male best friends. Am I not a lesbian?

A: Female sexuality is a lot more fluid, as

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they say, and many lesbian-identified women have slept with men. Your sexuality identity - the label you choose to apply to yourself should communicate the essential truth about your sexual interests and partner preferences. So you're free to identify as a lesbian even if you slip and fall on the occasional dick.

**Q:** Who is your dream guy?

A: Janice from the Muppets with a dick.

Okay, Radford, that was fun, but we're out of room. Thanks for the invite and the great event!

Find the Savage Lovecast (my weekly podcast) every Tuesday at thestranger.com/savage.

#### Jonesin' Crossword

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# **OUT on the** TOWN

#### Wednesday, October 3 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866. Community Yoga. Power yoga class. 6 p.m. FREE. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**Liberal Theology.** Discussion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. pilgrimucc.com.

**Basic CERT Course**. Prepare for disasters & emergencies. Registration required. 6-10 p.m. FREE. Delhi Fire Department, 2027 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 483-6645.

Drawing Class. All levels welcome, with Dennis O'Meara. 1-3:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. T'ai Chi Ch'uan & Qigong. Taught by Bruce Ching. 5:30-6:45 p.m. \$60. ACC Natural Healing & Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (517) 708-8510. massageandwellnesslansing.com, meetup.com/ lansingbodymindspirit.

After-School Youth Gardening Programming. Ages 11-17, activities on gardening, nutrition & community service. 3:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community

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# OCT. 5&6

## Put your best polka face on ...

The 7th annual Old Town Oktoberfest will feature authentic German food, live polka music and 12 oz. souvenir mugs filled with German-style beer. Featured bands include Hy-Notes, The Polish Muslims and The Kielbasa Kings. On Saturday, there will be a tent with children's activities, authentic crafts and a musical instrument petting zoo hosted by Elderly Instruments. The fundraising festival will help the Old Town Commercial Association continue its revitalization efforts. 6-11 p.m. Friday, 2-11 p.m. Saturday. \$15 advance, \$20 door, FREE children under 12. All ages until 7 p.m., 21 and up after that. Corner of Turner Street and Grand River Avenue, Old Town, Lansing. oldtownoktoberfest.com.



Joe Ross and John Sarver will open their homes for the tour.

## ... visit some cool houses ...

On Saturday, the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, in association with Michigan Energy Options, will host a Solar Home Tour. Attendees will learn how to spend less on home energy while touring the homes of local home energy efficiency educators, who will discuss federal tax credits, utility programs and other issues involved in purchasing a solar system. One of the homes on the tour has a roofintegrated solar electric system that is providing 20 percent of the electricity for the home. At 11 a.m., visitors are invited to Michigan Energy Options for a tour and discussion. All attendees get free solar or wind T-shirts. 9 a.m. FREE. 509 N. Harrison, East Lansing, 2218 Burcham Drive, East Lansing and 405 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 281-3069. glrea.org.

# **OCT.** 7

## ... hear some cool cats ...

When Napoleon came to Moscow in 1812, the locals burned the city and skedaddled. He wasn't invited back. When jazz guitarist Randy Napoleon comes to Lansing, people flock in his direction — proof positive that subtle swing, crystalline chords and mercurial melodies will get you more fans than megalomaniacal strutting. New Yorker Napoleon (Randy) has packed Lansing's Creole Gallery twice in the past decade. This Sunday he comes to The Avenue (formerly Gone Wired Café) in a classic trio format, with two international jazz stars who just happen to belong to Michigan: bassist supreme and MSU Jazz Studies chief Rodney Whitaker and powerhouse drummer Sean Dobbins. 7 p.m. \$20 general public, \$15 JAMM members, \$10 students. The Avenue, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 853-0550.





**OCT.** 7

## ... and book it

We may be in the Tablet Age, but old-school book collectors will find their oasis this Sunday at the 56th annual Michigan Antiquarian Book & Paper Show. Ray Walsh is the proprietor of East Lansing's Curious Book Shop and Archives Book Shop, and the founder and organizer of the show. He says that books range in price from a few dollars to five figures, and part of the adventure is running across books that you didn't know existed. There will be about 65 dealers at about 100 tables offering everything from postcards to Hemingway first editions. "Collectors will find (the book show) provides a life beyond eBay," Walsh said. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. \$4.50, kids under 13 free. (517) 332-0112. curiousbooks.com/mabps.html.

**OCT.** 6

## TURNIT DOWN A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE BY RICH TUPICA

#### TAPROOT RETURNS TO LOFT

Taproot, a four-piece hard-rock band that formed in 1997 in Ann Arbor, performs Wednesday at The Loft along with co-headliners Nonpoint. Taproot started to gain national attention as the nü-metal phase was sputtering out, even scoring a national hit with "Poem" in 2002. After bouncing around a few labels, Taproot signed with Victory Records in 2010. In April the band released "The Episodes," a concept album that delves a little further into progressive rock territory. Meanwhile, Nonpoint is a Florida-based on the Razor & Tie Records roster and has a new LP hitting the shelves in the fall. Opening show at The Loft is Lansing-metal vets Know Lyfe and Black Oxygen.

Wednesday, Oct. 3 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, all ages, \$15 advance, \$17 at door, 7 p.m..

#### TIM AND ERIC AWESOME SHOW Star at mac's

David Liebe Hart is known for his bizarre humor, which he introduced to the world via Los Angeles public access television and earned him a regular slot on the cult Adult Swim hit show "Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!" His "Long Ass Tour" stops at Mac's Bar on Monday, which is also the official Henry Rollins after party, hosted by Fusion Shows. Hart performs puppetry and sings songs severely off-key. His positive, stream-of-consciousness songs focus on the topics most important to him: beautiful women, famous actors and his sincere belief in



David Liebe Hart at Mac's Bar.

UFOs. Opening the show is Teenage Slumber Party, a Grand Ledge-based primitive-punk duo. The first 100 people with Rollins wristbands get in free.

Monday, Oct. 8 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 East Michigan Ave., Lansing, all ages, 10 p.m., \$7 advance, \$8 day of show.

#### HIPPIE, HIPPIE SHAKE

If your favorite scent is patchouli and your Jerry Garcia shrine remains intact, Mac's Mitten Jam may be your new favorite local festival. The two-day concert launched last year and is meant to showcase the Midwest's best jam, funk, rock and electro outfits. There are also some hippieish objectives like promoting "freedom, comfort and individuality." The long roster is stacked with bands from across the region. Friday's bill includes Billiards Music (Lansing), Wumble (Kalamazoo) and Indigo Sun (Chicago). Saturday's line-up includes Stikyfut (Detroit), Glostik Willy (Muncie) and That Freak Quincy



Stikyfut at Mac's Mitten Jam.

(Kalamazoo). There will also be food vendors, live art and hooping. The MC for the weekend is Ben Keeler of Lansing's own Ben Keeler and the 500 Club. For ticket information visit macsmittenjam.com.

Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 East Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over. Day passes: \$6 advance, \$10 at the door. Twoday passes \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

#### PUMP HOUSE HOSTS DOUBLE BILL

Paste Magazine named the Crane Wives, known for their three-part harmonies and organic sound, a Top 5 Michigan Band. The group plays the Pump House stage Sunday at 7 p.m. Opening the show is Claude Bourbon, a French born finger-picking guitarist who fuses classical and jazz with Eastern, Spanish and Latin elements. At 6:30 p.m., there is a Pump House potluck for an additional \$10.

Sunday, Oct. 7 @ Pump House, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing, all ages, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$15 for both performances, \$25 for performances and potluck.

#### DAGWOOD'S OPEN MIC NIGHT

This long-running weekly event is hosted by local singer/songwriter Jen Sygit and open to seasoned musicians as well as rookies. Depending on the night, you could hear folk, blues, bluegrass, swing, jazz or folk rock. The event runs from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., with artists signing up for three songs, or about 15 minutes. People are required to bring their own instruments, but a four-channel sound system, two microphones and one acoustic guitar are supplied.

Tuesday, Oct. 9 @ Dagwood's Tavern & Grill, 2803 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, 21 and over, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.



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The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.		Tryst Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.	Summer of Sol, 9:30 p.m.	Summer of Sol, 9:30 p.m.			
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The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.	Taproot & Nonpoint, 7 p.m.	Lindsey Stirling, 7 p.m.	Trapped Under Ice, 6 p.m.	Evolve, 9 p.m.			
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Life Size Ghost, 9 p.m.	P.H.I.L.T.H.Y., 9 p.m.	Mitten Jam II, 8 p.m.	Mitten Jam II, 8 p.m.			
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic Night, 9:30 p.m.	Lincoln County Process, 10 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9:30 p.m.	Frog & th-e Beeftones, 9:30 p.m.			
Rookies, 16460 S. US 27	Sammy Gold, 7-10 p.m.	Water Pong DJ, 9 p.m.	Karaoke dance party with DJ Klimaxx, 9 p.m.	Live Bands with DJs & DJ Klimaxx, 9 p.m.			
Rum Runners, 601 East Michigan Ave.	Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 9 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.			
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 10 p.m.	Full House, 9 p.m.	Full House, 9 p.m.			
Uli's Haus of Rock, 419 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.			Various artists, 7 p.m.	DeverauX, 9 p.m.			
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive		Mike Eyia Quartet, 7 p.m.	Joe Wright, 7 p.m.				
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	D.J., 9 p.m.	D.J., 9 p.m.	D.J., 9 p.m.	Northern Drive 9 p.m.			

Sunday Open Jam with Bad Gravy, 9:30 p.m., Green Door; 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., 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. House music, 9 p.m., The Firm Bar. 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.

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GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Lansing Area Post-Polio Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-1039. Writing a Business Plan. Learn the fundamentals. 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. FREE. Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, 309 N. Washington Square, St. 115, Lansing. (517) 483-1921. Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Hwy., 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.

Understanding Medicare & Medicaid. Speaker Stacey Humphrey. Door prizes. 6 p.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840. cadl.org.

Allen Street Farmers Market. Fresh food & more. 2:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 485-4279.

**Mid-Day Mosaic.** Tour of Central United Methodist Church. 12:15-12:45 p.m. FREE. Lansing Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-9477.

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Meet neighbors and get some exercise. Walks are 30-45 minutes. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 580-8560.

Grande Paraders Square Dance Club. Round dancing, 7 p.m. & modern-style square dancing, 7:30 p.m. 7 p.m. \$4 member, \$5 guest. Holt 9th Grade Campus, 5780 Holt Road, Holt. (517) 694-0087. Candlelight Vigil. Honor victims & survivors of domestic violence. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame, 213 W. Main St., Lansing. (517) 372-5976 ext. 11. East Lansing Film Society Film Series. Watch and discuss Oscar winner "A Separation." 7:30 p.m., \$8, \$6 seniors, \$5 students. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

#### MUSIC

Jazz Wednesdays. Featuring new jazz artists each week. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracie's Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100

Marshall Music Open Jam. Join other local musicians. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic. com.

**Together, Let's Jam!** For teenagers & adults of all music abilities. 7:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841-B, Timberlane St., East Lansing. cms.music.msu.edu.

#### LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Baby Time.** Books & songs for 2 years & younger, with a parent/caregiver. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 x3.

Talk & signing with John Smolens. Author of "Quarantine." 7 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music Okemos, 1982 Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 349-8840. schulerbooks.com.

Family Storytime. Up to age 5. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

**Movers & Readers Playtime.** Ages 1-3. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. cadl.org.

#### Thursday, October 4 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Yoga 2XL.** Learn to move with confidence. 7:15-8:15 p.m. \$8 suggested donation. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

QiGong & Tai Chi classes. Light exercises for those who have physical limitations, senior citizens or just need to unwind. 8 a.m. Up to \$8. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260. Water media. All levels welcome, with Donna Randall. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. After-School Youth Gardening Programming. Kids time: activities on gardening, healty recipies & games. 4-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Chi Flow Yoga for Longevity. Taught by Julie Huldin. 5:30-6:45 p.m. \$10 drop-in, \$80 all 10. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (517) 708-8510. meetup.com/ lansingbodymindspirit, massageandwellnesslansing.com. Art Class for Preschoolers. Easels provided. 10-11:30 a.m. \$1, FREE adults. Delta Township

Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555. **Transportation Toastmasters Meeting.** Develop speaking and leadership skills. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Van Wagoner Building, 425 W. Ottawa St.,

Lansing. transportationtm.org. **Garden Planting.** Garlic workshop. Samples included. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 374-5700.

**Codependents Anonymous.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 672-4072.

#### EVENTS

**Euchre.** No partner needed. 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.

Bananagrams Night. Play the timed word game. 7 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music Lansing, 2820 Towne Centre Blvd. Lansing. (517) 316-7495. schulerbooks.com.

**Spanish Conversation Group.** Both English and Spanish will be spoken. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Meet neighbors and exercise. Walks are 30-45 minutes. 7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 580-8560.

East Lansing Film Society Film Series. 7:30 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 3.) **PLAYdate Thursday.** 2-for-1 admission all day. 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. \$8 two children. Play, 4972 Northwind Drive, East Lansing. (517) 708-8746. playeastlansing.com.

Annual Dialog and Friendship Dinner. Speakers. Registration required. 6:30-9 p.m. \$20. Kellogg Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. (734) 252-9476.

MSU Libraries Film Series. Featuring "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?" 7 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, 100 Main Library, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

#### MUSIC

Lindsey Stirling. 7 p.m. \$15. The Loft, At Harem Urban Lounge 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. P.H.I.L.T.H.Y. 9 p.m. \$5. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. macsbar.com.

#### THEATRER

Capitol Steps. Live performance. 7:30 p.m. \$18-\$33. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000.

"Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." Musical following Andrew Jackson's life. 8 p.m. \$17 adults, \$12 students & seniors. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016. "boom." A grad student lures a journalism student to his research lab for a "causal encounter." 8 p.m. \$20. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469. williamstontheatre.org.

#### LITERATURE AND POETRY

Storytime With Ms. Deb. Three books & a craft. 10 a.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble Lansing, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437. Roxane Gay Reading. Book-signing to follow. 7-8 p.m. FREE. MSU Erickson Hall, 620 Farm Lane, East Lansing.

Friends Book Group. Discussion. Noon. FREE. CADL Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org.

#### Friday, October 5 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Gateway to Infinity. Take a virtual tour of the universe. 8 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4676. pa.msu.edu/abrams. Cork and Canvas. Instructional art class. Provided canvas, paint and instruction. 6-8:30 p.m. \$25. Gallery 1212, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

**Oil Painting.** For all levels with Patricia Singer. 10 a.m.-Noon, \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing.

Children's Book Publishing Workshop. Covers budgets to bookstores. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$10. Perspective 2, 319 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (231) 933-4954.

Alcoholics Anonymous. With ASL interpretation. 8 p.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.

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

"Migration Without Boundaries." Speaker Dr. Rhacel Salazar Parreñas. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. MSU International Center, 169 International Ctr., East Lansing. migrationconferencemsu.wordpress.com. Charcoal Drawing. Paper & charcoal provided. Grades 3 & up. 3 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. cadl.org.

#### EVENTS

**One By One.** Silent auction benefitting Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project. 7 p.m. \$50, \$125. Dublin Square Irish Pub, 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 575-6623. nyakaschool.org.

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Meet neighbors and exercise. Walks are 30-45 minutes. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 580-8560.

Nite Ride Around Town. 8-10 mile bike ride around Lansing, stop halfway for food and drinks. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Beaumont Tower, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 347-1689.

Fall Storytime. Stories, rhymes & crafts. Ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Federated Polish Home Pulaski Days.** Home made polish food & Dick Hedrick band. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. FREE. Polish Federated Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing. (517) 374-0419.

Meet Sandy Baker. Party & free drawing to win a

piece of jewelry. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Katalyst Gallery, 1214 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 708-8916.

East Lansing Film Society Film Series. 7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 3.)

**Plaidurday.** Celebration of plaid. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Capitol Building, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. plaidurday.com.

Art Reception. Featuring artists K.W. Bell and Jessica Kovan, and artist group Paradigm Art Quilters. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Shiawassee Arts Center, 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. (989) 723-8354.

#### MUSIC

**Grand River Radio Diner Concert.** Featuring Wumble & Pleasant Drive. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 483-1710. lcc.edu/radio.

**Trapper Under Ice.** Live music. 6 p.m. \$10. The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Ten Pound Fiddle Concert. Featuring Lou & Peter Berryman. 7 p.m. \$15 public, \$12 Fiddle members, \$5 students. Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 337-7744. Ana Sia. Electronic music. 8 p.m. \$10-\$12. Six Lounge, 400 Albert St., East Lansing. (248) 946-1474. anasiamusic.com.

MSU-China VII Faculty Concert. 8 p.m. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID & under 18. Music Building Auditorium, North Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-3345. MSU Jazz Octet I, II, III, IV. 7:30 p.m. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID & under 18. Demonstration Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

#### THEATER

**"Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson."** 8 p.m. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 4.)

"Slasher." Comedy about the making of a horror movie. 8 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 students, seniors, LCC alumni. LCC Black Box Theatre, Room 168 Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-0945. "The Diviners." Two outcasts find a common bond & help each other. 8 p.m. \$12, \$10 seniors, students & military. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com. "boom." 8 p.m. \$25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Oct. 4.)

#### LITERATURE AND POETRY

Music & Movement Storytime. Dance and sing to music, learn to play with instruments. 1 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

#### Saturday, October 6 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi in the Park. Meditation at 8:15 a.m. followed by Tai Chi at 9 a.m. 8:15 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

Beginner Tai Chi. Build strength & reduce stress. 8-9 a.m. \$8. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

Gateway to Infinity. 8 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 5.) Home Buyer Education. Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Center for Financial Health, 230 N. Washington Sqr., Lansing. (517) 708-2550. centerforfinancialhealth.org.

**U.S. Citizenship Class.** Learn the steps to apply for U.S. citizenship & get ready for the interview. 10 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol

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Overeaters Anonymous. 9:30 a.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Herb Demonstration. Instructor Cassey Mieslik. Pre-payment is required. 11-12:30 p.m. \$10. Smith Floral and Greenhouses, 1124 E Mt. Hope, Lansing (517) 484-5327.

Staying Connected with Facebook. Create a Facebook account and set up your profile. 10 a.m.-Noon. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4393. iteclansing.org. "Migration Without Boundaries." Plenary session. 12:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. MSU International Center, 169 International Ctr., East Lansing, migrationconferencemsu.wordpress.com

#### **EVENTS**

Autumn Pie Fest Fundraiser. Pie-contest & pie sale, music & more. 5-8 p.m. \$10 adults, FREE kids 12 and under. 1873 N. Every Road, Mason. (517) 887-6116.

Christmas in October. Activities throughout day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 655-3592. christmasinoctobermi.com.

Occupy Lansing. General assembly meetings. 1 p.m. FREE. Reutter Park, Corner of Kalamazoo & Townsend St., Lansing.

Lansing Gluten Free Fair. Samples, door prizes & presentations. 10 a.m. \$2, \$5 per family. South Church of the Nazarene, 401 W. Holmes Road, Lansing. (517) 349-0294.

Beer & Wine Tasting. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Vine and Brew, 2311 Jolly Road, Okemos.

Doing Good with Donuts. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Cobblestone Event Center, 205 Mason St., Mason. (517) 214 8824.

Urbandale Farm Stand, Purchase fresh, local produce, tour the farm, or volunteer. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. 700 block of S. Hayford Ave. Lansing. (517) 999-3916.

Lansing Heart Walk. Fundraiser. 9 a.m. FREE. MSU Stadium Towers, MSU Stadium, Corner of Cedar and Shaw, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (616) 285-1888. lansingheartwalk.org.

Touch-a-Truck. Featuring a collection of big rigs. Variety of activities. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$4 adult, \$2 kids, \$10 family (5 people). Hawk Island County Park, E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. (517) 244-7186. Native Plant Sale. Locally grown plants. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

Mom Sale & Craft Vendor Show. A variety

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#### of items at both. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE. Williamston Discovery Elementary, 350 Highland St., Williamston.

Michigan Archaeology Day. Various activities for all ages. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-3559.

#### Lansing Historical Society Silent Auction.

Hors d'oeuvres, tour of old theater & auction. 4-7 p.m. \$15. Atrium Office Center, 215 S. Washington Sq., Lansing. (517) 282-0671. lansinghistory.org. Michigan Pride Flannel Fest. 21+ only. Live music, drinks, contests &raffles. 8 p.m. \$10. The Party Barn, Clinton St. near Spiral Dance Bar, Lansing. michiganpride.org.

'Remember When...' Water Wonderland chorus. 12:30 p.m. \$7.50 adults, \$5 seniors & students, \$20 family ticket, FREE children under 4. Kinawa Middle School, 1900 Kinawa Drive, Okemos.

Federated Polish Home Pulaski Days. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Polish Federated Home, 1030 W. Mt. Hope, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 5.)

Mason Home Tour. Eight homes located or near Mason. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10. Mason Historical Museum, 200 E. Oak St., Mason. (517) 676-1207.

East Lansing Film Society Film Series. 7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 3.)

Pumpkin Festival. Kids day, activities, corn maze & more. Noon. FREE. Andy T's Farm, 3131 S. Old

US-27, St., Johns. (989) 224-7674. Recycling event. Recycle a variety of unwanted items. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord Smith Court, East Lansing. meridian. mi.us.

#### MUSIC

Avon Bomb. Live music. 10 p.m. FREE. Dublin Square Irish Pub, 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2222. dublinsquare.net.

Shostakovich Symphony No. 10. 8 p.m. \$15-50. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 487-5001.

MSU-China VII Student Concert. 8 p.m. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID & under 18. Music Building Auditorium, N. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-3345.

#### THEATER

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Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 5.) "Slasher." 8 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, Room 168 Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 5.)

"boom." 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$22 & \$25. Williamston

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square. For solving tips, visit

Answers on page 29

www.SundayCrosswords.com

Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Oct. 4.)

#### LITERATURE AND POETRY

Book Signing with J. Gabriel Gates. Author of "Blood Zero Sky." 1 p.m. FREE. Barnes & Noble Lansing, 5132 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. (517) 327-0437 bn com

Star Wars Reads Day. Crafts, dress us like your favorite character. 2 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble Lansing, 5132 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. (517) 327-0437. bn.com.

#### Sunday, October 7 **CLASSES AND SEMINARS**

GriefShare Seminar. A DVD series, with small support group discussion. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 490-3218.

Gateway to Infinity. 4 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 5.)

The Family Show. "Sky Tellers," for children preschool through grade 2 & their families. 2:30 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672.

Election Issus Workshop. 'Deficits and Taxation in the Age of Free Trade," speaker Jessica Kelton. 2-3:30 p.m. FREE. Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath. (517) 669-6017. bathtownship.us. Overeaters Anonymous. 2-3:15 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Conference room F, 2nd floor, Lansing. (517) 332-0755.

Codependents Anonymous. Meets on the third floor. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300. cadl.org

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

#### **EVENTS**

Capital Area Singles Dance. With door prizes. 6:30-10:30 p.m. \$8. Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River, Ave., Lansing. (517) 819-0405. Doing Good with Donuts. Noon. FREE. Cobblestone Event Center, 205 Mason St., Mason. (517) 214-8824.

East Lansing Farmer's Market. Fresh produce & more. 10 a.m.-2p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct., East Lansing.

Old Town Farmers Market. Featuring produce & artisan vendors. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Ave. and Turner Street, Lansing. (517) 485-4283.

Autumn Fest. Cider & donuts, live music & children's activities. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket. Harvest for Habitat. Gourmet dining, silent auction. 5:30 p.m. \$100, \$1,000 corporate table sponsorship. Marriott East Lansing, 300 Mac Ave., East Lansing. (517) 374-1313 x13. habitatlansing.org. Westside Neighborhood Home Tour. Tickets 12:45 p.m. 1-5 p.m. \$15. Old Fire Station #7, Corner of Jenison & W. Saginaw, Lansing. (517) 485-4722. East Lansing Film Society Film Series. 7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 3,)

Perennial Exchange. Plant swap. 1:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. The Garden Project Foster Park Resource Center, 2401 Marcus St., Lansing.

Pumpkin Trot. Races for all ages & abilities. Noon, \$22 adults, \$15 high school & younger students, \$7 1K run, \$7 Pumpkin Dash. Andy T's Farm, 3131 S. Old US-27 St., Johns. (989) 224-7674. andyts.com.

Dinosaur Dash. 5K run/walk, museum mile, mini dash & diaper dash. 9:30 a.m. \$25 5K, \$12 museum mile, mini dash & diaper dash. MSU Museum, MSU Campus, East Lansing. museum.msu.edu. Church of Comedy Adult Comedy Show. 6 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing.

#### MUSIC

Music on the Patio. Featuring Brad Maitland & Dan Wixon. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 267-3800. Randy Napoleon Trio. 7 p.m. \$20 adult, \$10 students. Gone Wired Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 332-5523.

#### THEATER

"Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." 2 p.m. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing, (Please see details Oct. 4.)

"The Diviners." 2 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 5.) "boom." 2 p.m. \$22. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Oct. 4.)

#### Monday, October 8 **CLASSES AND SEMINARS**

Potter-Walsh Neighborhood Meeting. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Faith Fellowship Baptist Church, 1001 Dakin St., Lansing.

English Country Dancing. No partner necessary. Room C20. 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE MSU students, \$5, \$2 students. MSU Snyder Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. people.alblon.edu/ram/lecd/.

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

Intro to Computers & the Internet. Novices welcome. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Based on income. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392. everydaydigital.org.

Intro to Microsoft Office. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Based on income. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392. everydaydigital.org.

Basic CERT Course. 6-10 p.m. Delhi Fire Department, 2027 Aurelius Road, Holt. (Please see details Oct. 3.)

Lansing Clippers' Meeting. Presentation on Felted Hats.6:30 p.m. FREE. UAW Local 652, 426 Clare St., Lansing. (517) 699-8062

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

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

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

Social Bridge & Euchre. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. bridge, 6-9 p.m. euchre \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Henry Rollins. Singer-songwriter, activist, and comedian. 7 p.m. \$25 advance, \$30 day of. Cooley Temple Conference Center, 217 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing, fusionshows.com.

Colonial Village Walking Group. Meet neighbors and exercise. Walks are 30-45 minutes. 10 a.m. FREE, Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd.,

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## SALON 1131 & GIBBY'S GRINDERS



Roberto Cantu and Lindsay Jones, owner of the new Salon 1131 in Old Town.



#### By ALLAN I. ROSS

The owners of Old Town's newest business have picked a heck of a weekend to launch their grand opening. As Oktoberfest patrons slur their way through German folk songs backed up by the oompah-pah band down the street, Lindsay Jones and her partner, Roberto Cantu, are throwing a decidedly lower key event at the brand new **Salon 1131**.

"We're going to be offering hors d'oeuvres, glasses of wine and giving away free salon services," Jones said. She calls it a grand opening; we call it counterprogramming.

The salon is located, appropriately, at 1131 N. Washington Ave. in the Walker Building. Jones said Salon 1131 features six stations, four of which have full-time stylists behind them. So with two other salons nearby — the **Head Room Salon** across the street and **Bella Rio Salon** around the corner — is there room for a third?

"We're not trying to duplicate anyone else's style," Jones said. "We provide services that no one else in Old Town, or even in Lansing, are doing." Those services include waxing and full hair and nail care, including pedicures.

Jones attended Excel Academies of Cosmetology near Frandor and brings 10 years of experience with her, while Cantu went to the Sassoon Academy in California and has 13 years of experience. Salon 1131 technically opened three weeks ago — the grand opening event this weekend goes from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Our goal is to give the business an urban feel," Jones said. "We want to be trendier, give an up-and-coming feel to the salon and stay up-todate with education. Basically, it's going to be a completely different vibe."

#### New sub shop opens

Although the original **Gibson's Bookstore** in East Lansing closed three years ago, the downtown Lansing location near Lansing Community College is continuing to expand its scope. When it opened in 1959, Gibson's was just a bookstore. A café was added in 1995, and this week the newest addition opened: **Gibby's Grinders**.

"It's all about variety," said owner Matt Buche. "If you have more choices, it makes it easier to make everyone happy."

Matt's daughter, Danielle Buche, runs Gibby's, and she says that the business's growth has been organic, coinciding naturally with the demand.

"When the LCC cafeteria closed earlier this year, our café started getting swamped," she says. "This space (adjacent to the bookstore) had been empty for 15 years, so we moved in. It all happened pretty quickly."

Gibby's features 6-inch, 12-inch and 24-inch subs on either white or wheat bread, as well as pizza by the slice, garlic bread and a choice of three soups: broccoli cheese, cream of potato and chili. Buche says all soups and breads are made in-house daily, with pre-made salads joining the lineup soon.

But the small shop's most interesting feature is the wall of Gibsons. They've got Mel, Tyrese and Kirk already.

"If someone's name is Gibson or has the nickname Gibby, they're going up," Buche said.

#### Best getting better

**The Best Steakhouse**, 3020 E. Kalamazoo St. on the corner of Clippert Street, is under construction.

There is a recorded message at their store number saying it will reopen this fall. We'll keep you informed.

#### Salon 1131

1131 N. Washington Ave., Lansing 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. (517) 367-2060

#### **Gibby's Grinders**

320 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat. (517) 484-6988

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JAMM Meeting. Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Open jam, 8 p.m. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Gone Wired Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 242-1126. gonewiredlansing.com.

Abraham Verghese. Renowned physician, author & professor. 7:30 p.m. \$20, FREE MSU students/ staff with ID. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com. Talk & Signing Cory Doctorow. New York Times bestselling science fiction author. Reserve tickets. 6 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music Lansing, 2820 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495. Monday Morning Movie. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

#### MUSIC

**Open Mic Mondays.** Sign up to play. Spoken word acts welcome. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. MBC Lansing, 402 S. Washington Sq., Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

Bluegrass Country Picking Jam. Bring acoustic instrument. 7:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. VFW Club Post 6132, 3104 W. St. Joseph St., Lansing. (517) 337-1517.

#### Tuesday, October 9 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Yoga 40. All ages welcome. 7:15 p.m. Suggested \$7. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

Intro to Computers. With professional instructors. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 492-5500.

**On the Way To Wellness**. Nutrition & wellness coaching. 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. \$10. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 349-9536.

QiGong & Tai Chi classes. Light exercises for those with physical limitations, senior citizens or just need to unwind. 8 a.m. Up to \$8. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260. Computer Class. Learn excel. 7 p.m. FREE. Community of Christ, 1514 W. Miller Road, Lansing. (517) 882-3122.

**Speakeasies Toastmasters.** Become a better speaker. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Bldg. 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 1926. toastmastersclubs.or

Water media. All levels welcome, with Donna Randall. 6-8:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. Cavanaugh Park Neighborhood Association. Meet in library. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Cavanaugh

Elementary, 300 W. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. (989) 621-9212.

Advanced Urban Gardener Series. With Denae Friedheim. 6-8 p.m. \$15 per session, \$40 four. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

After-School Youth Gardening Programming. Ages 5-10, activities on gardening, nutrition & community service. 4-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Intro to Computers & the Internet. Novices welcome. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Based on income. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392. everydaydigital.org.
People's Law School. Elder law, estate planning&the probate process, Amy Tripp. 7-9 p.m.
\$25 for 7 weeks. Cooley Law School Auditorium, 217 South Capital Ave., Lansing. michiganjustice.org.
Isha Kriya. Guided meditation. 7-8 p.m. FREE.
Heartdance Studio, 1806 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. innerengineering.com.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 505-0068

Schizophrenics Anonymous. 10 a.m. Room 215-F, Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 485-3775.

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

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

Saving Your Memories in a Digital World. How to upload, save and manage photos online and on the computer. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4393. How to Series. How to install a replacement window. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, 600 W. Maple, Lansing. (517) 372-5980.

#### **EVENTS**

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Meet neighbors and exercise. Walks are 30-45 minutes. 7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 580-8560.

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Fall Storytime. Features stories, rhymes & a craft for ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 a.m. & 6:30-7:15 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

BrainQuest Challenge. Kids, 3-12, physical & mental tests. 6 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music Lansing, 2820 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495. schulerbooks.com.

**Dr. Seuss Snoozapalooza.** Sleepy story time & pajama party. 1 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music Okemos, 1982 Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 349-8840. schulerbooks.com.

#### 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.

#### Wednesday, October 10 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866. Community Yoga. Power yoga class. 6 p.m. FREE. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

Liberal Theology. Discussion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. Digital Music Marketing. How to promote music in the digital age. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic.com.

**Basic CERT Course.** 6-10 p.m. FREE. Delhi Fire Department, 2027 Aurelius Road, Holt. (Please see details Oct. 3.)

Drawing Class. All levels welcome, with Dennis



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O'Meara. 1-3:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. Old Everett Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Ingham Regional Medical Education Center, Near corner of Washington and Greenlawn Avenues, Lansing. Moores Park Neighborhood Meeting. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Shabazz Academy, 1028 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing. (517) 374-7525. mooresparkneighborhood.org After-School Youth Gardening Programming.

3:30-5:30 p.m. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 3.) T'ai Chi Ch'uan & Qigong. 5:30-6:45 p.m. ACC

Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 3.) Swing Guitar Christmas. Guitar instruction by

Ray Kamalay. Course Number- 43335. 6-7:30 p.m. \$139. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 483-1860.

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

#### EVENTS

"Top Gun." Reception, 6:30 p.m. Screening, 7:30 p.m. Q&A with screenwriter Jack Epps. 6:30 pm, FREE. Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-5633.

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

Mid-Day Mosaic: Life kind money. Discuss financial planning. 12:15-12:45 p.m. FREE. Lansing Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-9477.

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Allen Street Farmers Market. Fresh food & more. 2:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 485-4279.

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Her Majesty's Opera Company in Kansas City. Speaker Harlan Jennings. MSU College of Music. 7 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, 100 Main Library, MSU Campus, East Lansing. Grande Paraders Square Dance Club. Round dancing, 7 p.m. & modern-style square dancing, 7:30 p.m. 7 p.m. \$4 member, \$5 guest. Holt 9th Grade Campus, 5780 Holt Road, Holt. (517) 694-0087. League of Women Voters Candidate Forum. 6:30-8:45 p.m. FREE. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

#### MUSIC

Jazz Wednesdays. Featuring new jazz artists each week. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracies Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100 The Plurals. Featuring Decades & Honah Lee. 8 p.m. \$7. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. macsbar.com.

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### Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezsny

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "In a full heart there is room for everything," said poet Antonio Porchia, "and in an empty heart there is room for nothing." That's an important idea for you to meditate on right now, Aries. The universe is conspiring for you to be visited by a tide of revelations about intimacy. And yet you won't be available to get the full benefit of that tide unless your heart is as full as possible. Wouldn't you love to be taught more about love and togetherness and collaboration?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): As I turn inward and call forth psychic impressions of what's ahead for you, I'm seeing mythic symbols like whoopie cushions, rubber chickens, and pools of fake plastic vomit. I'm seeing popcorn shells that are stuck in your teeth and a dog that's eating your homework and an alarm clock that doesn't go off when it's supposed to. But as I push further into the not-too-distant future, exploring the deeper archetypal levels. I'm also tuning into a vision of fireflies in an underground cavern. They're lighting your way and leading you to a stash of treasure in a dusty corner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." That's the opening sentence of Charles Dickens' bestselling novel A Tale of Two Cities. The author was describing the period of the French Revolution in the late 18th century, but he could just as well have been talking about our time — or any other time, for that matter. Of course many modern cynics reject the idea that our era is the best of times. They obsess on the idea that ours is the worst of all the worst times that have ever been. When your worried mind is in control of you, you may even think that thought yourself, Gemini. But in accordance with the current astrological omens, I challenge you to be a fiery rebel: Come up with at least five reasons why this is the best of times for you personally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life," said Pablo Picasso. That's certainly true for me. I can purify my system either by creating art myself or being in the presence of great art. How about you, Cancerian? What kinds of experiences cleanse you of the congested emotions that just naturally build up in all of us? What influences can you draw on to purge the repetitive thoughts that sometimes torment you? How do you go about making your imagination as fresh and free as a warm breeze on a sunny day? I urge you to make a study of all the things that work for you, and then use them to the max in the coming week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "Our culture peculiarly honors the act of blaming, which it takes as the sign of virtue and intellect." So said literary critic Lionel Trilling. Now I'm passing his idea on to you, Leo, just in time for the No-Blaming Season. Would you like to conjure up a surge of good karma for yourself? Then for the next ten days or so, refrain from the urge to find fault. And do your best to politely neutralize that reflex in other people who are sharing your space, even if they love to hate the same political party or idiot fringe that you do. P.S.: For extra credit, engage in speech and activity that are antidotes to the blaming epidemic. (Hint: praise, exaltation, thanks.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): One of the reasons platinum is regarded as a precious metal is that it is so infrequently found in the Earth's crust. A second reason is that there are difficulties in extracting it from the other metals it's embedded in. You typically need ten tons of ore to obtain one ounce of platinum. That's a good metaphor for the work you have ahead of you, Virgo. The valuable resource you're dreaming of is definitely worth your hard work, persistence, and attention to detail. But to procure it, you'll probably need the equivalent of several tons of those fine qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): While doing research

in South America four decades ago, anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss found an indigenous tribe whose people claimed they could see the planet Venus in the daytime. This seemed impossible to him. But he later consulted astronomers who told him that in fact Venus does emit enough light to be visible by day to a highly trained human eye. My prediction for you, Libra, is that in the coming months you will make a metaphorically equivalent leap: You will become aware of and develop a relationship with some major presence that has been virtually undetectable. And I bet the first glimpse will come this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Whether or not anyone has ever called you an "old soul" before, that term will suit you well in the coming months. A whole lot of wisdom will be ripening in you all at once. Past events that never quite made sense before will more clearly reveal the role they have played in your life's master plan. Relatively unimportant desires you've harbored for a long time will fade away, while others that have been in the background — and more crucial to your ultimate happiness - will rise to prominence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In most of my horoscopes I tell you what you can do to make yourself feel good. I advise you on how can act with the highest integrity and get in touch with what you need to learn about. Now and then, though, I like to focus on how you can help other people feel good. I direct your attention to how you can inspire them to align with their highest integrity and get in touch with what they need to learn about. This is one of those times, Sagittarius. I'm hoping you have your own ideas about how to perform these services. Here are a few of my suggestions: Listen with compassionate receptivity to the people you care for. Describe to them what they're like when they are at their best. Give them gifts they can use to activate their dormant potential.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you've ever watched tennis matches, you know that some players grunt when they smack the ball. Does that help them summon greater power? Maybe. But the more important issue is that it can mask the sound of the ball striking the racket, thereby making it harder for their opponents to guess the force and spin of the ball that will be headed toward them. The coming week would be an excellent time for you to hunt down a competitive advantage that's comparable to this in your own field of endeavor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Many people seem to believe that all of America's Christians are and have always been fundamentalists. But the truth is that at most 35 percent of the total are fundies, and their movement has only gotten cultural traction in the last 30 years. So then why do their bizarre interpretations of the nature of reality get so much play? One reason is that they shout so loud and act so mean. Your upcoming assignment, Aquarius, is to do what you can to shift the focus from small-minded bullies to big-hearted visionaries, whether that applies to the Christians in your sphere or any other influences. It's time to shrink any tendency you might have to get involved with energy vampires. Instead, give your full attention and lend your vigorous clout to life-affirming intelligence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): [WARNING: The following horoscope contains more than the usual dose of poetry.] Mirthful agitation! Surprising deliverance! I predict you will expose the effects of the smoke and mirrors, then find your way out of the labyrinth. Lucid irrationality! Deathless visions! I predict you will discover a secret you'd been hiding from yourself, then escape a dilemma you no longer need to struggle with. Mysterious blessings arriving from the frontiers! Refreshed fertility roused by a reborn dream! I predict you will begin to prepare a new power spot for your future use.

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## **Bringing home the gold** Annual festival featured bumper crop of Michigan wines

#### **By MICHAEL BRENTON**

Tasting dozens of wines from Old Mission Peninsula and Leelanau Peninsula at the annual Traverse City Art and Wine Festival this summer, it was evident that the wines of the region continue to reach new heights. Over 5,000 attendees seemed to agree, as the event showcased wines from 27 area wineries, plus cuisine from area purveyors. These impressions were firmly supported by the judging at the 2012 wine and spirits competition conducted at East Lansing's Kellogg Center on Aug. 7, followed by the annual gold medal reception at Kellogg Center.

This year, a record 448 Michigan wines were entered into the competition, an increase of over 20 percent from 2011. The wines were rated by judges from across the country, including master sommeliers, winemakers, restaurateurs, distributors, critics and buyers. Michigan has 94 wineries, with 52 of them entering wines in the competition. Gold medals were awarded to 62 wines, and double gold medals were awarded to just four. three of which hailed from Leelanau Peninsula or Old Mission Peninsula (the fourth came from Fenn Valley Vineyards near Saugatuck). Six "best of class" winners were selected, along with a judges' merit award. As a testament to the quality of wines grown in the nurturing region of Grand Traverse Bay, four of the six "best of class" winners were from Leelanau Peninsula wineries: Chateau Fontaine's 2011 Pinot Blanc, Shady Lane Cellars' 2010 Blue Franc, L. Mawby's Blanc de Blancs Sparkler and Chateau de Leelanau's Cherry Wine. The best of class semi-dry white wine was a 2011 Vignoles Reserve from Fenn Valley and the best of class dessert wine was a 2011 Late Harvest Vignoles from Kalamazoo's Lawton Ridge Winery. The judges' merit award went to the L. Mawby Blanc de Noir Sparkler.

Michigan is making high quality wines to satisfy every palette, including dry white, semi-dry white, rosé, sparkling, dry red, semi-dry red, fruit wines, dessert wines and spirits. Whether you're a savvy wine consumer purchasing wines at a local retailer or just charting a weekend winery tour, checking out the medal winners will help narrow your focus to wines which have been rigorously peer reviewed and are of indisputably high quality.

The vast majority of wines entered into the competition were from the 2010 and 2011 vintages, but what's in store for 2012? The heat wave in March followed by the severe cold snap may have been devastating for Michigan's cherry and apple industries, but most vineyards

had good fruit crops, which benefitted tremendously from the hot, dry summer and the long growing season. Michigan winemakers are very excited about the promise of the 2012 vintage. There is no diminishing the importance of a skilled winemaker, but 90 percent of the journey to a good bottle of wine takes place in the vinevard. Lee Lutes, winemaker at Black Star Farms which produces wines on both Grand Traverse Bay peninsulas - reports that the incredible summer has pushed harvest well ahead of schedule. Lutes predicts lush, ripe fruit characteristics in the white varieties and full, rich dark fruit components for the reds.

Coen Stassen, winemaker at Old Mission Peninsula's Brys Estate, reports that harvest is in full swing, with Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminer already picked. Stassen reports that thanks to the dry summer, there was little to no mildew and rot in the vineyards, conditions which can present a vineyard management challenge in high humidity, rainy summer seasons. Stassen expects the whites to be big and bold with lower natural acidity. Some growers may pick whites a bit earlier than usual in order to keep the sugars and acids in better balance and the alcohol in check. Stassen also expects reds to be bigger than normal, with soft tannins and great color. It seems like 2012 is shaping up with the potential to be an historically great vintage. For more information about wine competition winners and wine events, visit michiganwines.com.

#### Drink for a cause

If you're looking for a superb mid-Michigan wine-tasting opportunity, consider attending the 9th Annual Lansing Area Wine Opener sponsored to benefit cystic fibrosis research. The event is at Eagle Eye Golf Club on Oct. 11, with a VIP reception from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. (\$100 if purchased in advance) and the general wine opener from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (\$60). Eight local restaurants and caterers will provide cuisine. This will not be an ordinary wine-tasting fundraiser -30 different wines will be featured at six tables, including wines from Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, France, Spain and Chile. All will be current release wines available at retail, and potential candidates for your next shopping list. Hope to see you there. For more information, visit the cystic fibrosis website at detroit.cff.org/lansingwine.

#### In Vino Veritas

(Michael Brenton is president of the Greater Lansing Vintners Club. His column appears monthly.)

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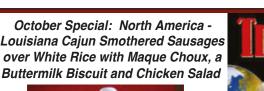
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