

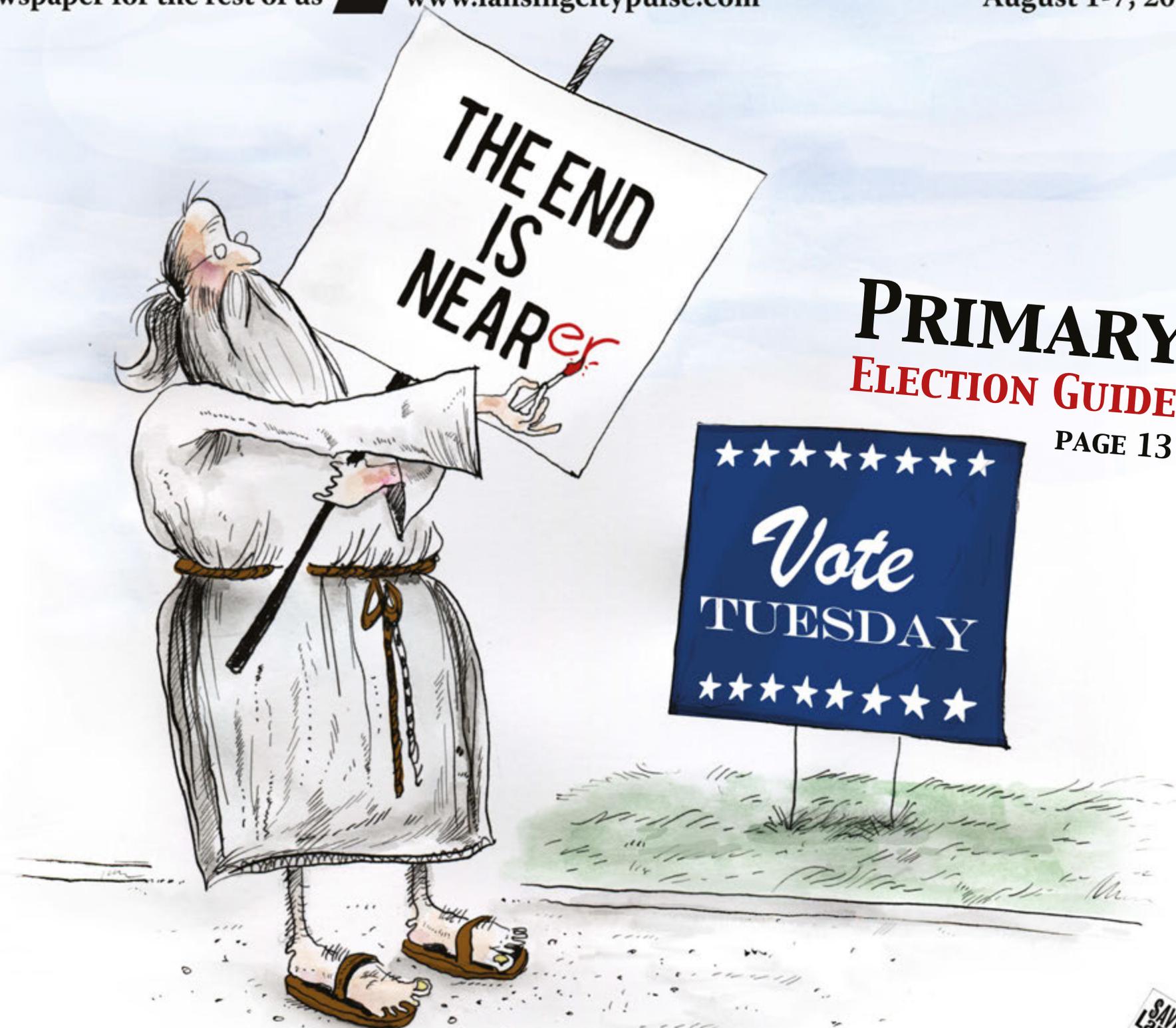
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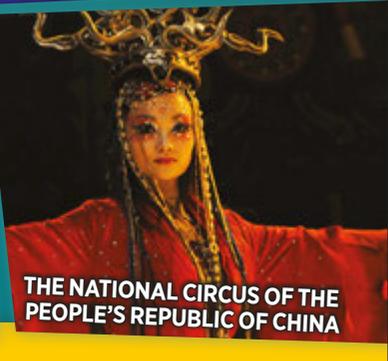
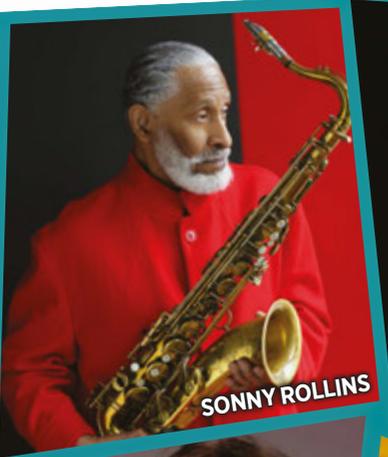
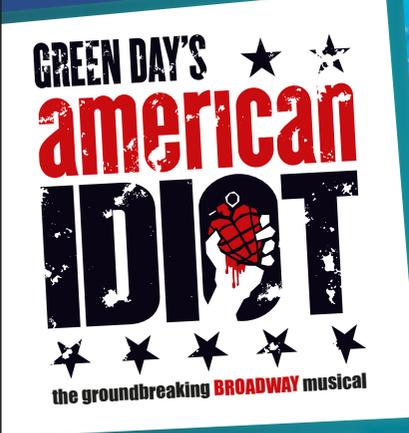
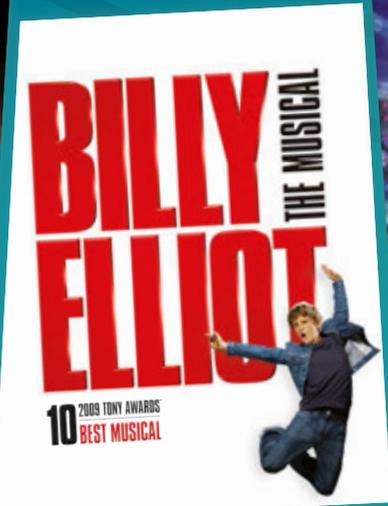
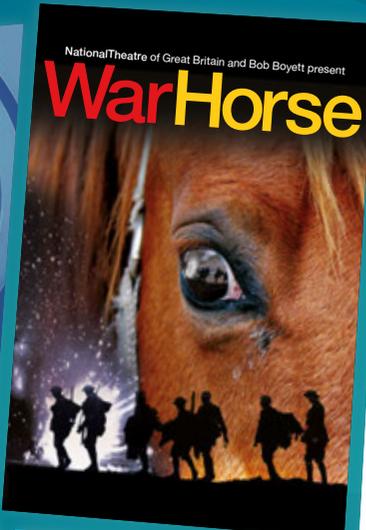


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# Feedback

## The saddening drain com race

The cover story on the race between Pat Lindemann and Mark Grebner on their ruinous race for drain commissioner was highly informative, but it made me sad. I've known Mark for decades and Pat for many years, and I consider both to be friends. As county commissioner, Mark has stood for good and efficient government. He led efforts to rationalize East Lansing city limits to include all of the MSU campus; to strengthen CATA and merge its routes with MSU; and to support the Capital Area District Library. As drain commissioner, Pat has worked hard to promote environmentally sound developments. He's undertaken projects large (such as the lovely Tollgate Wetlands) and small (rain gardens throughout the county).

The City Pulse article explains distinctions between the two so that voters can make a choice. When the primary is over, I hope citizens will remember that each man has made many important contributions to our well-being.

—Rich Wiggins

## No feminist, she

I usually skip over the feedback section of the city pulse (nothing ever worth reading anyway) to check out the American Apparel ads featuring cute models, but that's a topic for another day, and Amy Alkon's columns. The headline for the

week of July 25 by Maureen McCallum charged Amy of being anti-feminist, so I read on looking for proof of such a claim.

To my dismay all Maureen McCallum did was go on a hissy fit about how women are attacked and degraded in the media. She states Amy reinforces negative stereotypes of women without a shred of evidence and instead drops her own negative attitude on an enlightened woman with enough backbone to call out women who need a good dose of reality.

Amy's columns hit home hard because she tells it like it is. Unfortunately the truth hurts feminists like Maureen because all their life they've been spoon fed lies that they are a "victim". Perhaps you should stick nice politically correct advice columnists like Oprah Winfrey or Dr. Phil, but if you really want to learn about real life and real relationships, stick with Amy. I know I will.

—Mike Krukowski  
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Etienne Charles and John Douglas trumpet this weekend's JazzFest



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

The Ingham County Housing Commission, on behalf of the Ingham County Land Bank is accepting proposals for the **Identification and Marking of Hazardous Materials**, including, but not limited to, asbestos, mercury and various containerized material, located at various sites listed in the **Bid Packet# ICLB 12-001**, which can be obtained at the Ingham County Land Bank NSP2 office located at 600 W. Maple Street, Lansing, Michigan 48906 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or at the website: [www.inghamlandbank.org](http://www.inghamlandbank.org), refer to "ICLB 12-001". Proposals will be due at the NSP2 office before 11:00 am on August 15, 2012. The Bid Opening will be August 15, 2012 at 11:01 am. The Ingham County Land Bank is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Women- and Minority-Owned Businesses are encouraged to apply.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING RELATING TO A PROJECT PLAN FOR THE LANSING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

South Street, LLC – Energy Efficiency Equipment Purchase

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lansing will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on August 13, 2012, on a Project Plan prepared by the Lansing Economic Development Corporation for the Project (the "Project"). The Project is to be initially undertaken by South Street, LLC. The proposed new development will encompass 701 South Street in REO Town, City of Lansing Michigan.

The Project will be used for the purchase of energy efficiency equipment.

A description of the proposed Project Plan is available for public inspection at the office of the Lansing Economic Development Corporation, 500 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite 202, Lansing, Michigan. All aspects of the proposed Project Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing, including the proposed loan of a maximum principal amount of \$207,500 by the Lansing Economic Development Corporation to assist in the financing of the Project from funds secured through the U.S. Department of Energy. The Project Plan contains further information about the loan.

The City Council will consider the approval of the Project Plan only after the public hearing has been completed.

The City Council shall provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing with reference to the hearing. The public hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the proposed Project Plan. For more information about this case, phone Lansing Economic Area Partnership Offices Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 517-702-3387.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

## CITY PULSE ON THE AIR

**THIS WEEK** Susan McGillicuddy and Frank Lambert, Republican candidates for 69th House district  
Kyle Melinn, City Pulse political columnist



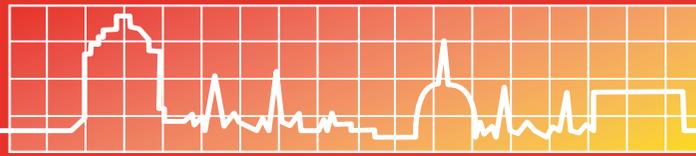
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## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

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## news & opinion

### 'Build on it'

Land Bank finishes rehab of 530 Pacific Ave. as new owners move in

Schinita Greenwood slipped into the kitchen alone to grab some coffee.

"I don't want people to see how much sugar I'm putting in," she said.

The moment was already pretty sweet. Seven months ago, the house at 530 Pacific Ave., on Lansing's near south side, was a dump. Rusted metal cabinets and a leaking drop ceiling dangled around the spot where Greenwood was standing and stirring her java. The rest of the house was in equally bad shape. The front porch was sinking and the basement floor was buckling upwards.

However, the heaps of junk left by the previous owners included a heart-shaped sign: "Whatever lot God gives you in life ... build on it."

In June, the Ingham County Land Bank finished renovating the two-story 1925 house it had purchased in July 2011 for \$6,371 in back taxes owed by the absent owner.

Land Bank Chairman Eric Schertzing and a knot of staffers schmoozed at the house with Greenwood and her family July 13.

Greenwood, 38, bought the house in June. In mid-July, she started moving in with her 16-year-old son, Lynell, her 12-year-old daughter, Alleen, and her 71-year-old mom, Alleen Childress.

Alleen the elder moved to Lansing from Kentucky in 1971. "She was born and raised here," Alleen said of Greenwood. "She's my baby."

Greenwood and the kids lived at Alleen's house in Lansing for the past several years.

Other than hinting at a previous marriage, Greenwood didn't want to talk much about the life she's leaving behind.



New owner Schinita Greenwood took it in good humor when Land Bank President Eric Schertzing reminded her to change the furnace filter.



The kitchen at tax-foreclosed 530 Pacific Ave. was a wreck in November 2011, but coffee heaven for new owner Schinita Greenwood by July 2012, after a renovation by the Ingham County Land Bank.

In February, she started her own business, Open Arms, a companion service for elderly people.

"It's a dream house for a fresh new start," she said. "Me and the house are getting a second chance."

Alleen the elder seemed to float over the hardwood floors.

"The way they gutted it out, it's like they rebuilt the house," she said. "I don't know where I'll put my sewing machine yet. Wherever I put it, that will be my favorite spot."

The Land Bank asked Greenwood if she wanted the battered piano the previous owners left behind, but she politely declined. She doesn't play.

"I want to, but not that one," she said.

The piano went to a day care center, where the kids can batter it to their heart's content.

About 30 people have worked on 530 Pacific since last November, including five roofers, three men working on the exterior shell, a plumber, an electrical contractor, four painters, a carpenter, a cabinet specialist, a sewer specialist and a mysterious figure named "Little Tony."

Land Bank staffer Linda Schonberg said all the bills aren't in yet, but the project cost "a little over" the planned \$50,000 investment.

Schertzing said the sale was "about a wash," but making a profit wasn't the point.

"Whether we break even or overinvested in the property, we're taking what was a slightly blighted property that was hindering the neighborhood," Schertzing said. "The paycheck multiplies out into the entire neighborhood."

Besides, Schertzing argued, decay, rust



Photos by Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

and entropy don't slow down along with the housing market.

"A house needs what a house needs," Schertzing said. "We don't want to sell people a bad bill of goods."

Many Land Bank makeovers include gutting and redoing kitchens and bathrooms, replacing the furnace and windows to make them energy efficient, swapping galvanized plumbing for modern "flex" pipes, replacing the roof and reversing all the bad interior decoration decisions of prior decades, especially the 1970s, to make the house saleable. The house at 530 Pacific needed all that and more.

A dark and musty room at the back of

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Ingham County will receive sealed bids for the construction of Hawk Island Snow Park Grading until August 6, 2012 at 11:00am local time at the Hilliard Building, 121 E. Maple St., Mason, MI 48854, on the second floor in the Ingham County Purchasing Department. At that time and place all bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

#### General Description

This project involves, but is not limited to grading, seeding, pneumatic composting and mulching the Hawk Island Snow Park tubing and boarding hill.

#### Documents

Copies of the bid documents may be obtained from MHC/ReproMAX Capital Imaging, 2521 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912, (517) 482-2292.

#### Questions

Questions concerning the project may be directed to Ingham County and/or Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc., 809 Center Street, Lansing, MI 48906, (517) 485-5500.

#### Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2012 at 10:00am local time at Hawk Island Park, 1601 E. Cavanaugh St., Lansing, MI 48910. The meeting will be at the north end of the parking lot in the Red Tail Pavilion.

#### Bid Bond

Each bid shall be accompanied with a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check payable to Ingham County in an amount no less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

**Notice is hereby given** of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on Wednesday, August 22, 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 The American Board of Emergency Medicine for Site Plan approval to construct a 6,000 square foot office building addition to the existing building at 3000 Coolidge Road. The property is zoned B-5, Community Retail Sales Business 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 Department of Human Resources, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 319-6854. TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777.

Marie McKenna  
City Clerk

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

**PURPOSE:** To provide citizens another opportunity to examine and comment on the City of Lansing's revised Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The Citizen Participation Plan is the written description of the process used to inform the public and encourage input on the City's community development programs. The Citizen Participation Plan outlines the policy and procedures for soliciting feedback from the public on the City's annual Consolidated Strategy and Plan Submission application submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), substantial amendments to that plan and annual performance reports. The current Citizen Participation Plan was last amended in 1995 to extend the number of months in which annual public hearings could be held.

The City of Lansing is proposing to amend its current Citizen Participation Plan to incorporate additional media resources in making information available to the public. Changes are also proposed to reduce the need for processing amendments, to clarify when substantial amendments are required and to improve readability of the Citizen Participation Plan.

A copy of the revised Citizen Participation Plan will be available for public review and comment at the City of Lansing Clerk's Office at City Hall (9th Fl), 124 W. Michigan Ave., at the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development Office, 316 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI, at the Capital Area District Library (Reference Desk, 2nd fl.), 401 S. Capitol Ave, Lansing, MI, and the City of Lansing website at: [www.lansingmi.gov/pnd/development](http://www.lansingmi.gov/pnd/development).

The 30-day comment period for the Citizen Participation Plan is **August 2 -31, 2012**. Interested persons are invited to submit comments to:

Doris M. Witherspoon  
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City of Lansing  
Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development  
316 N. Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48910

Or electronically at [www.dwithers@lansingmi.gov](mailto:www.dwithers@lansingmi.gov)

## Land Bank

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the house, added to the building and used as an office by previous owners, was converted into a laundry room and half bath.

Land Bank construction specialist Bruce Kehren said that was among the "more significant changes" made in the house, along with a whole new front porch and a new basement floor and drainage system.

The house also sports a new deck in back, but that was a free bonus. Dave Vincent, a code compliance officer for the city of Lansing, took on the deck as a statewide training session on how to build and hang a deck properly.

Workshops like Vincent's are meant to fight what Schertzing calls the "Home Depot effect."

"Lumberyards will give you this deck package and tell you 'You can do it in a weekend,'" Schertzing said. "They get a bunch of buddies together, come in with a 12-pack of beer, and the decks are, ah, often a compromise. That shows up as the weather takes its toll."

Back in the dining room, Greenwood quizzed Kehren about the interior walls.

"We spent four hours and broke three drill bits putting up the blinds," she said.

Kehren explained that he put dry wall over old walls of lath (wooden studs) and old-school plaster that's "a close relative to cement."

"Felt like straight cement," Greenwood

said. "I was just curious about what's behind there. I'm not moving out or anything."

The renovation of 530 Pacific was part of a flurry of rehabs at the Land Bank that reached a peak last year, with nearly 40 houses under renovation. As federal stimulus funds are nearly spent, that figure is down to about 12 rehabs this summer, according to Schertzing.

But he added that strong Land Bank sales and low costs will allow more activity than he first expected this fall.

The same morning the group met at 530 Pacific, the Land Bank closed on its 33rd sale of the year, more than all of 2011 and ahead its goal of selling 50 properties in 2012.

As the party broke up, Schertzing, always looking for the teachable moment, reminded Greenwood to close her basement vent windows at night to keep out moisture.

To soften the lecture, he offered a raw confession.

"I have a dryer that partially vents into the basement, because I haven't fixed it," he blurted out rashly, forgetting that a few of his employees, including Schonberg, were in earshot.

"Eric!" Schonberg said in shock.

"I keep a dehumidifier going down there all the time," he added sheepishly.

You read it first in City Pulse.

— Lawrence Cosentino



## PUBLIC NOTICES

**B/13/008 BARE ROOT TREE/NURSERY STOCK FOR 2013** as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing.

The City of Lansing will accept sealed bids at the FINANCE DEPARTMENT, PURCHASING OFFICE, 8TH FLOOR CITY HALL, 124 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48933 until **3:00 PM** local time in effect on **AUGUST 14, 2012** at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

**Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by calling Darleen Burnham, CPPB at (517) 483-4129, email: [dburnham@lansingmi.gov](mailto:dburnham@lansingmi.gov), or for content and purpose of this bid contact Paul Dykema at (517) 483-7674, email: [pydykema@lansingmi.gov](mailto:pydykema@lansingmi.gov), or go to [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)**

The City of Lansing encourages bids from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses.

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-4-2012, 315 E. Jolly Road  
Rezoning from "F" Commercial District to "G-2" Wholesale District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, to consider Z-4-2012. This is a request by Amerco Real Estate Company to rezone the property at 315 E. Jolly Road, legally described as:

COM 696 FT E & 38 FT N OF S 1/4 COR SEC 33, TH N 243.5 FT, E 252.54 FT, S 241.54 FT, W 253.8 FT TO BEG; SEC 33 T4N R2W

from "F" Commercial District to "G-2" Wholesale District. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit the expansion of the adjoining U-Haul business (self-storage, truck/trailer rental) to the north at 5020 S. Cedar Street.

For more information about this case, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, August 20, 2012, at the City Council Offices, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 1696.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

# Arts & Culture

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## Voodoo, voo-voo: Charles stirs jazz into Afro-Caribbean grooves

Etienne Charles is in serious danger of being institutionalized.

On June 5, U.S. Rep. Howard Berman of California recognized the Trinidad-born trumpeter and Michigan State University professor for his “musical contributions to nationals of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the world,” as part of a resolution marking Caribbean American Heritage Month.

As if the Congressional Record wasn't enough, Charles was singled out by another institution: The New York Times, in a May 31 review of pianist Eric Reed's gig at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola. Times critic Nate Chinen spotlighted Charles' “terse and soulful” solo on Monk's “Rhythm-a-ning.”

On the world stage, Charles trades licks with singer and Voodoo priest Ewol Josué in Jazz-Racine Haiti, a Caribbean quintet that fuses Haitian voodoo rhythms and jazz improvisation.

### Etienne Charles

7:30 p.m. Saturday,  
Aug. 4

Jackson National  
Stage

The group performed June 26 before 80,000 at the wild Festival of Gnawa in Essaouria, Morocco. The English-language Abu Dhabi newspaper The National called it “this year's defining festival moment.”

What's next? Knighthood?

“What I'm doing is nothing new,” Charles said. “But it's a fun journey.”

Charles, 29, will fight institutional rigor mortis by bringing his unique fusion of jazz and Afro-Caribbean roots rhythms to Old Town JazzFest's as Saturday's headliner.

He will be joined by fellow MSU prof Diego Rivera on tenor sax, Reggie Thompson on piano, drummer Mike Piolet from Miami, and bassist Daniel Chmielinski, whom Charles met two weeks ago at a Juilliard jazz camp.

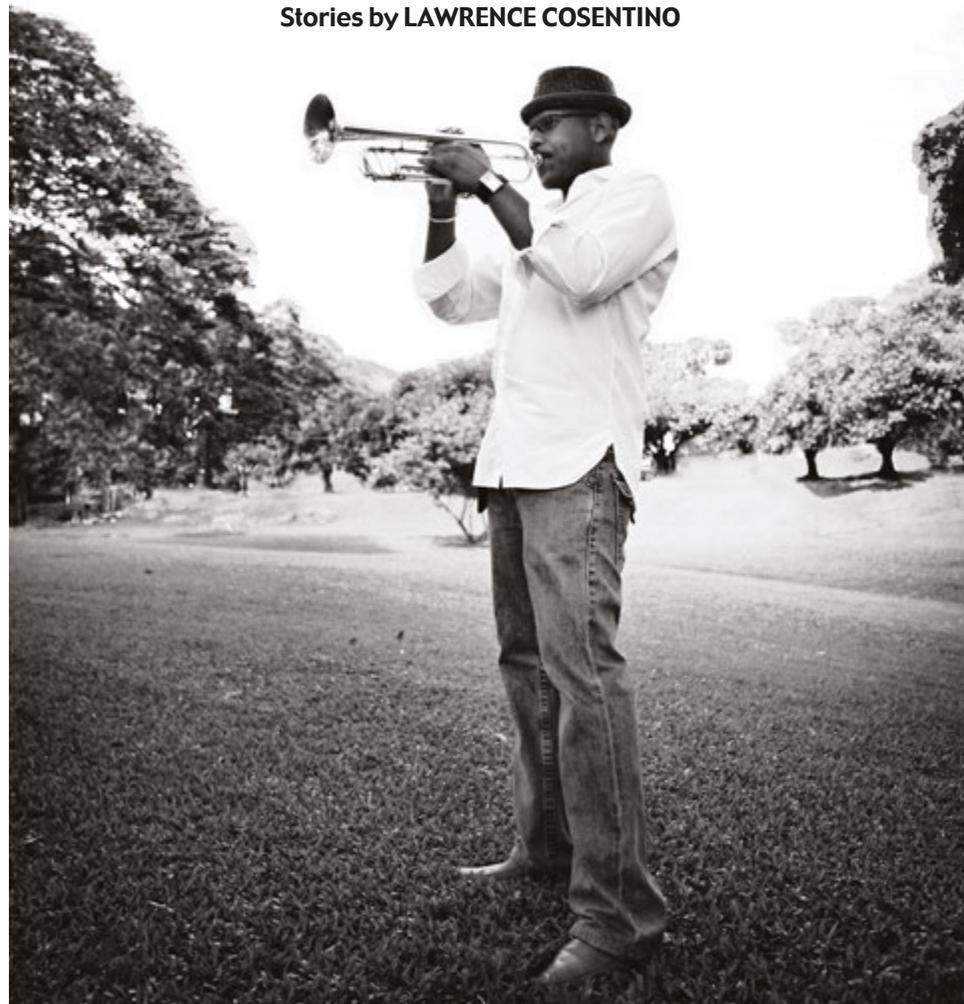
“We will swing on the 4th in Lansing, because that's one of the biggest parts of the jazz tradition,” Charles said. “But another big part, along with swinging and blues, is people enjoying us groove.”

When Charles brings straight-ahead jazz to a family reunion with its ancestral rhythms, including calypso, he also hap-

## Something Old Town, something new

### Etienne Charles and John Douglas trumpet this weekend's JazzFest

Stories by LAWRENCE COSENTINO



Courtesy Photo

“For me, music is always about dancing,” says Trinidad-born trumpeter Etienne Charles. “I grew up around music with dance, and I kind of got away from it.”

pens to make the perfect music for a hot summer night.

“I did a gig in Tobago in April, Jazz on the Beach,” he said. They had this area in front with no seats. It was like a jazz mosh pit. People were just bubbling.”

kind of got away from it.”

Jazz took over his life for a while during studies at Berklee and Florida State. Charles's bebop and post-bop education accelerated when he came to MSU to join jazz studies chief Rodney Whitaker.

“I started playing tempos I never played before,” he said. “I'll never forget the time Rodney counted off ‘The Way You Look Tonight’ on a gig. One, two, a-one-two-onetwoDUDUDUDUDUDUU! I was like, ‘Holy shit — time to adapt.’”

A lot of jazz these days falls in two categories: “yawn” and “desperate.” Saturday night, Charles will play music from “Kaiso,” the latest in a string of CDs that have been praised for their unforced freshness.

“A lot of the musicians don't connect with the fact that this is primarily a folk dance music at the core. Playing these folk rhythms, and sticking to them, for me, has rekindled that fire.”

His own heritage, he feels, made his musical path almost inevitable. “That's kind of what I have to do, in a sense,” he said. “Luckily, I enjoy it.”

Despite his multicultural milieu, you won't get complaints about provincial Midwest culture from Charles. He's finding fruitful musical connections without leaving Michigan. For his next project, Charles is thinking about a “Dearborn-Detroit” CD exploring the links between Middle Eastern music and Motown.

For all his travels, Charles is looking forward to the peculiar charms of Old Town Jazz Fest, from the gargoyles on the buildings to hash at the Golden Harvest Restaurant.

“There's not many towns like that around the country,” he said. “Old Town gives me a taste of somewhere like Charleston, Savannah, a certain part of New Orleans. It gives me that natural feel.”

### John Douglas: Honoring his contract

When the terrible twos are over, Jonathan Douglas has a treat waiting for him.

His father, Detroit jazz trumpeter John Douglas, can't wait to pass on the spirit of

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## JazzFest 2012 Schedule of Events

Friday, Aug. 3 & Saturday, Aug. 4  
Old Town, Lansing  
All concerts are free

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for updates

### MICA Stage (Lot 56)

#### Friday, Aug. 3

4:30 p.m. Jeff Shoup Trio  
6:15 p.m. Ukulele for Kids with Ben Hassenger  
7:30 p.m. Betty Baxter

#### Saturday, Aug. 4

1 p.m. Children's Ballet Theatre  
2 p.m. Happendance's Community Dance Project

3 p.m. Drum Crazy Percussion Ensemble

4 p.m. Recorders for Kids with Doug Berch

5 p.m. Drum Crazy Percussion Ensemble

6 p.m. Clinic w/Ron Holmes of fo/mo/deep

### Jackson National Stage

#### Friday, Aug. 3

4 p.m. Theo Batzer Band  
5 p.m. Layers with Koke McKesson

8 p.m. Sunny Wilkinson Quartet

10:30 p.m. The Macpodz

#### Saturday, Aug. 4

1 p.m. Saginaw Area Youth Jazz Ensemble

2 p.m. Tyler Vander Maas Star Quartet

3 p.m. The Roger Jones Trio

5:30 p.m. R.J. Spangler's Planet D Nonet  
Sun Ra Tribute

7:30 p.m. Etienne Charles

10:30 p.m. fo/mo/deep

### The OtherStage

#### Friday, Aug. 3

7 p.m. Ben Godoshian Trio  
9 p.m. Ben Godoshian Trio

#### Saturday, Aug. 4

2:30 p.m. Members of the Omowali Drummers

4:15, 6:30 and 9:15 p.m. Jazz Doggs

### MessageMakers Stage

#### Friday, Aug. 3

7 p.m. Evidence Jazz Group  
9 p.m. John Douglas

#### Saturday, Aug. 4

4:15 p.m. 496 West  
6:30 p.m. Edye Evans Hyde & The Terry Lower Quintet  
9 p.m. Tim Cunningham

# A picture is worth a hundred bucks

## East Lansing sweetens the pot for photo contest

By TRACY KEY

Between the bustling Michigan State University campus, the yearly round of music and art festivals and the serenity of the surrounding farmland, there is a

### Community Photo Contest

Submit photos online, by mail or deliver by hand on a CD to East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

Get entry and release forms online or at City Hall. Deadline is midnight Friday, Aug. 17.

www.cityofeastlansing.com/photocontest

Contest challenges photographers of all skill levels to capture images that illustrate their favorite aspects about East Lansing.

"We had a lot of positive outcomes from the first two, and a lot of great submis-

sions," said Mikell Frey, communications coordinator for the city of East Lansing, of the previous photo contests held in 2008 and 2009. "And, since we are about to publish an updated community guide and a community calendar, we figured we would pick it back up again."

The rules are simple: All pictures must be taken in East Lansing at some point in the past few years. They must also be high-resolution, full-color images and all photos must be accompanied by an entry form and model release forms for any pictures containing people. Submissions are limited to five photos per person, and they must be received by midnight on August 17.

Photo editing must be kept to a minimum. "We don't want people to go in and do too much digitally to them; just brightness and color adjustments," Frey said. "We don't want something that has been just literally Photoshopped together."

The contest is open to anyone, from casual shutterbugs to enthusiasts to professionals.

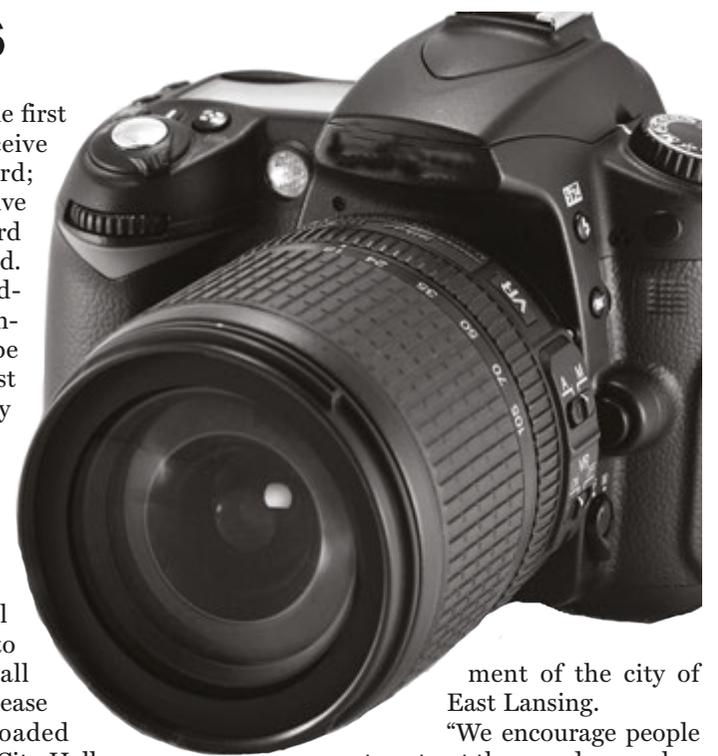
This is the first year that prize money

will be up for grabs. The first place winner will receive a \$100 Meijer gift card; second place will receive a \$50 gift card and third place gets a \$25 gift card. All the winners, including photos that get honorable mention, will be featured in the 2013 East Lansing community guide and calendars.

"It's nice to add a little community flavor to those publications," Frey said.

Photos can be submitted online, by mail or delivered by hand to East Lansing City Hall on a C.D. Entry and release forms can be downloaded online or picked up at City Hall, and must accompany all entries, even ones submitted online.

Photo entries will be reviewed by the staff of the communications depart-



ment of the city of East Lansing.

"We encourage people to get out there and snap photos and submit them," Frey said. "It would be great to get over 100 submissions and have a wide variety to choose from."

## JazzFest

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legends like Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Freddie Hubbard and Clifford Brown.

"I got him a really nice trumpet, man, a custom Martin Committee," Douglas said. (All the above-named greats played the famous brand.)

Only not just yet. "Right now he has a little plastic trumpet he carries around. He gets mad, he'll chuck it."

But Douglas, 42, is thinking of breaking in his son's new Martin this weekend

at Lansing JazzFest. "Put some vibrations in it, change the molecules of the metal, vibrate the frequencies," he said, laughing. "So when I hand it to him, it's already played."

Douglas vibrates along the axis of classic bebop and post-bop standards, but he's also a prolific composer. Friday night, he'll play originals such as "Love Deferred," a soulful ballad he premiered at his first Lansing JazzFest appearance, in 2009. He dryly predicted that another original, "J.D.'s Pursuit," will "honor his contract" (read: burn up the street.)

The gift to his son is Douglas' way of paying it forward. When Douglas was a kid, his parents put an assortment of instruments under the Christmas tree and told each of their eight kids to pick something. Douglas went for the trumpet like a shot.

As a kid, Douglas got records from the downtown Detroit library, played them on his dad's turntable, and taped them on cassette. He decided to be a jazz trumpeter after being blown away by the Count Basie orchestra at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

Douglas was into rap and funk as a teenager. When Detroit piano legend Teddy Harris, Jr. suggested he listen to Miles Davis, he bought one of Davis's later albums, the smooth-ish, commercial "Tutu." That's a bit like getting into Frank Sinatra by starting with his disco period, but Douglas loved it.

"This is the most awesome music I've ever heard," Douglas told Harris. "You're right. Miles Davis is great."

Harris gently steered Douglas to "Kind of Blue," "Birth of the Cool" and the rest of Davis's career.

But Douglas finds it significant that



Courtesy Photo

"They treat the musicians very well, from quality of sound to stage crew to the food," said trumpeter John Douglas of Old Town's JazzFest organizers. "I wish every festival was like that."

electric-funky "Tutu" got him excited.

"Even though I don't play much smooth jazz — or any at all — I respect it," he said. "That's the music that's getting through to people. So when they come to you, you almost have to have a bridge. 'Tutu' was a nice bridge to get them to come over to the history."

His only beef with smooth jazz is its "not connected with its roots."

"If you buy your wife some flowers and put them in a vase — that's smooth jazz," he said. "It's pretty on a birthday or whatever, but it doesn't have the roots, so it doesn't last in your mind."

Douglas has packed his working band with musicians who work well with a trum-

pet, starting with young bassist Ibrahim Jones.

"He's very percussive, lays down the one," Douglas said. "I listen from the bottom up, and I can always hear him." Drummer taJuan "Butter" Hawkins comes from a drum and bugle background. "He's one of the only jazz drummers I know that has a double bass drum and actually uses it," Douglas said.

On guitar, Kris Kurzawa does more than add tone color and harmony. "He's a fine composer-arranger," Douglas said. "He brings a certain sensitivity to the music. He'll stop playing and take a breath when he plays a solo, like a horn player. Not all guitar players do that."

Douglas met his piano man, Michael Malis, when Malis was a freshman at the University of Michigan.

Over the years, Douglas has played thousands of dates, from his own influential group Jazzhead to garden variety agency calls to gigs with Gladys Knight and the Detroit Symphony. He classified the Old Town JazzFest as an "A1" experience.

"They treat the musicians very well, from quality of sound to stage crew to the food," he said. "I wish every festival was like that."

For now, his ongoing investigations of jazz's beginnings in West African and Caribbean rhythms such as calypso have brought him from the roots and herbs. His own heritage, he feels, made his path almost inevitable.

"That's kind of what I have to do, in a sense," he said. "Luckily, I enjoy it."

### John Douglas Quintet

9-10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3  
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# A second stab at the first time

**After a last-minute cancellation last year, Michigan Rock N Brew organizers try again**

By RICH TUPICA

As Ted Wilson sits in his East Michigan Avenue office wrapping up a late-evening meeting about the Michigan Rock 'N Brew Festival he's organizing, the DIY promotional method he's implementing proves its worth, at least in some capacity.

A patron from the Green Door, located next door, ventures over in front of Capital City Creative Productions, the office Wilson shares with the fest's co-founder Greg Day, and other entrepreneurs. The bar goer lights a smoke and stares at a bright orange Rock N Brew poster prominently hanging in the windows of the office; he takes in the laundry list of bands and Michigan brews at the fest. As far as Wilson is concerned, that's another success for this first-year festival.

"One reason a lot of people know what we're doing is that we've been fliering at every event we can possibly be at in Lansing," Wilson said. "We're at Thirsty Thursday events passing out fliers to people. (On) busy bar nights, we're out there working the crowd."

Wilson, who also owns Replay Entertainment Exchange and Michigan

## Michigan Rock N Brew Festival

Noon-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 and Sunday, Aug. 5  
Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing

\$25 day pass; \$45 weekend pass; other ticket packages available

www.michiganrocknbrew.com

Scheduled bands: Toadies, Helmet, Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown, The Hard Lessons, Delilah DeWylde, Dirty Americans, The Muggs, Bear Lake, Juliets, Left Lane Cruiser, UME, Billiards Music, Seven Birds One Stone, Life Size Ghost, Funktion, Macpodz, The Skies Revolt, Jeecy & The Jungle, Six and Sevens, Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle, Stikyfit, Flashing Blue Lights

Shirt Works, said he and his cohorts venture out to places most wouldn't even consider to promote the fest, which is scheduled to feature 26 live bands and 11 beers from seven Michigan-based breweries.

"The Showboat Rock Festival in Chesaning, we were up there," he said. "It seems silly to go north of Owosso to promote it, but we met people there in Chesaning who said, 'Yeah, we already have our tickets, we're going.' Every place we can be and talk to people, we're there. That's the best advertising: You hand the flier to them and say, 'This is who we are; this is what we're doing.' People get it right away."

But will this grassroots approach be enough to draw at least 2,000 people? That's the number of festivalgoers Wilson said the event needs to bring in order to



Courtesy Photo

Toadies scored hits with "Possum Kingdom" and "Away" on the alternative-rock charts in the mid-1990s. The band is one of the scheduled headliners for the Michigan Rock N Brew Festival.

break even.

While this is technically Rock N Brew's inaugural year, this wasn't the CCCP's first stab at setting it up. The first Michigan Rock N Brew was set to happen in Leroy Township (between Williamston and Webberville) in June 2011. But four days before showtime, the plug was suddenly pulled on the concert.

A blog post on rocknbrew.blogspot.com, dated June 21, 2011, cited this as the cause: "Unfortunately, the 1st annual Michigan Rock and Brew festival has been postponed. This is due to the personal politics of the Leroy Township Supervisor and Board Members and their vendetta against the property owner hosting the event."

Fast-forward one year and Michigan Rock N Brew has relocated to Adado Riverfront Park, the same location as Common Ground Music Festival. The fest is slated to feature headliners like '90s alt-rock sensations Toadies and Helmet, along with rising blues guitarist Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown. Other acts include The Hard Lessons, Dirty Americans, Delilah DeWylde and The Muggs — 26 rock bands in all.

"We're pretty sure we're going to succeed just fine," Wilson said. "If we do succeed, in September we'll start working on next year's fest in Lansing and also work on expanding into Grand Rapids next year."

Is the Michigan Rock N Brew a sure thing this year?

"Definitely," said Zak Taylor, the fest's coordinator. "We have all our licensing set up with the city, we have a lot of food and non-food vendors. Everything is on pace and on time. It's all going to go just exactly as planned."

When planning the fest, Taylor said the Lansing-based organizers wanted to keep everything as home-grown as possible.

"It's all locally owned, we're all Lansing residents," Taylor said. "All of our vendors are Lansing vendors and we're highlighting exclusively Michigan microbrews."

Taylor also said they're hoping to reach the 20- to 30-something demographic, a group he said other area music festivals are not targeting.

"We want a fest the younger generation can identify with," Taylor said. "We've got a rich history of festivals here in Lansing, but

I think that we're missing a component for that younger generation.

"We want to reach out to people like us, people that are not submitting to the brain drain and taking their talent and their efforts and going to other places," he added. "We want to bring about that change you've seen in places like Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. That is what really differentiates us, the whole attitude about what we're trying to do and what we're trying to accomplish."

Aside from supporting youthful beer enthusiasts and rock 'n' roll fans, Wilson said the fest is also heavily concentrated on highlighting the Michigan beer industry.

"We are Michigan's first stand-alone music festival to serve nothing but Michigan microbrew beer, which is why it's gotten so much notoriety," Wilson said. "It's a big deal. We're the great beer state and there's no reason for us not to support all of that Michigan-made beer."

"Plus, there's just no excuse to not have it here in the capital city," Wilson added. "In the wheel of all the big cities in Michigan, Lansing is the center spoke. It's so close to a lot of places."

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# The kids are all right

## Riverwalk's 'Baby' teaches without preaching

By MARY C. CUSACK

Attempts to merge life lessons and entertainment typically result in punch-line fodder like ABC Afterschool Specials and Tori Spelling Lifetime movies. That doesn't happen in "Getting Near to Baby," a simple and sincere story about children dealing with death, presented jointly by Riverwalk Theatre and Ele's Place.

The script is a good choice to educate audiences about how children deal with grief. It is touching without being preachy and balances tragedy with appropriate humor.

Well-intentioned Aunt Patty (Teresa Hurd) and Uncle Hob (Michael Stewart) take in nieces Willa Jo (Grace Mary Hinkley) and Little Sister (Olivia Sowa) for the summer following the death of the girls' younger sibling. As much as

### 'Getting Near to Baby'

Riverwalk Theatre  
228 Museum Drive, Lansing  
7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2;  
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 and  
Saturday, Aug. 4; 2 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 5  
\$14 adult; \$12 senior/  
student/military  
(517) 482-5700  
www.riverwalktheatre.com

Patty wants to do the right thing and help their girls work through their grief, she also wants desperately to be invited into a local ladies' society. She uses her position as guardian to the wayward children

to sidle up to the president of the club, Lucy Wainwright (Angela Lett).

While Willa Jo and Little Sister try to bond with the nice but average kids next door, Patty pushes them instead to make nice with Lucy's insufferably snob-

by daughter, Cynthia (Lillian Wilson-Daeschlein). As his wife stumbles between being an empathetic guardian and a wannabe socialite, the infinitely patient Hob plays peacemaker.

When plays feature child actors, reviewers often face the difficult choice of wounding fragile young egos or pulling punches and losing credibility.

This play presents a best-case scenario. Not only are the children in the cast terrific, they easily out-act their adult castmates. Forrest Colson, as 8-year-old neighbor Isaac Fingers, is adorable and energetic. While he sometimes delivers his lines too fast, most of his hilariously innocent but true comments about insincere adult behavior hit their marks.

Ellen Weise plays Liz Fingers, Isaac's sister and the anti-Cynthia. Although Liz thinks Cynthia possesses all of the charm-school skills that she believes will help her become a model, Liz is naturally poised, smart and secure in herself. Weise, too, is self-assured, and plays Liz appropriately as an emerging beauty who still harbors some tomboy tendencies.

Sowa, as Little Sister, has the biggest challenge. She doesn't speak, so she conveys thoughts through a made-up sign language and expresses emotions through facial expressions.

This performance could easily be lost in a larger theater, but Riverwalk is the perfect size for Sowa to connect with the audience. Her thousand-yard stare is heartbreakingly real, as she looks longingly off in the distance, searching the



Photo by Luke Pline of LukeAnthony Photography

Would-be social climber Aunt Patty (Teresa Hurd) tries to enlist the help of niece Willa Jo (Grace Mary Hinkley) in her plans in Riverwalk Theatre's "Getting Near to Baby."

universe for some comfort.

Willa Jo is transitioning from girl to woman, perhaps a bit prematurely because of the responsibility she must assume for Little Sister in the wake of the tragedy. She simply wants a normal childhood, but has suffered the triple whammy of an absentee father, the loss of her sibling, and her mother's withdrawal from life. She brings a suitcase full of resentment with her to Patty and Hob's house, staging a battle of wills with Patty.

It is hard to sympathize with Hurd's Patty. While the young actors around her

are natural, Hurd's performance is stogy. Her Patty is a caricature of an overanxious, overbearing and ambitious suburbanite. Her emotional growth in Act II is portrayed more through the script than through acting. Stewart, as husband Hob, truly is the better half. His Hob is affable and warm, with a sly sense of humor.

"Getting Near to Baby" not only serves the purpose of presenting the mission of Ele's Place in an entertaining manner, it also introduces audiences to some of the Lansing area's next generation of talented actors.

# '39 Steps' lead to laughs

## Over the Ledge presents a Hitchcockian farce

By HOLLY JOHNSON

Combine the suspense of an Alfred Hitchcock thriller with the allure of a 1930s spy story; perform it in the comedic style of Monty Python and you have Over the Ledge Theatre Co.'s "The 39 Steps."

Based on Hitchcock's 1935 film, Patrick Barlow's adaptation follows the manhunt of Hannay (Jason Woodworth) by a mysterious organization known as the 39 Steps. Hannay befriends a thick-accented female spy, takes her home and then finds her murdered. From then on, a whodunit storyline unfolds, filled to the brim with humor, handcuffs and hot and heavy romance.

The play calls for four actors, with three of the four playing multiple parts. The three female roles are played by Kathleen Egan, and Clown 1 and Clown 2 (Josh Martin and Jeff Kennedy) play over 100 quick-change characters, including policemen, villains and several wacky individuals that Hannay meets while on the run.

With such a small cast, director Rick Dethlefsen took the opportunity to add a new dimension to the show. "We went in there with the attitude of 'let's invent this together,'" he said. "Each of us pulled out new ideas."

Dethlefsen said the script's openness allows him to switch things up and differentiate his production from others. "You know there is a chase scene, but how (the production) handles that chase scene is up to them and the perimeters of the theater," he said.

The play is also filled with numerous gag references to Hitchcock thrillers: Just make sure to keep your eyes peeled for the birds — and be wary of vertigo.

### 'The 39 Steps'

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# How 'Spartacus' broke the blacklist

## Kirk Douglas recalls a watershed epic

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

One morning in junior high school, I walked into class and saw a film-noir scene chalked in painful detail on the blackboard. I was stumbling down an alley, bleeding and clutching my stomach, with a huge smile on my face. The caption read:

"I've just been shot by Kirk Douglas ... sigh!"

So I'm not an impartial critic when it comes to "I Am Spartacus," Douglas' new book about the most conflict-ridden, talent-heavy, controversial films to come out of mid-20th-century Hollywood.

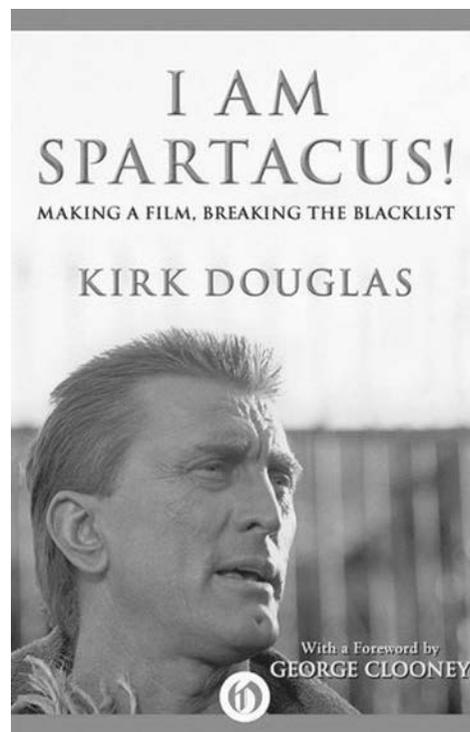
For decades, I've tried to persuade condescending friends that Douglas is much more than a chiseled chin and a vehement voice. In the most transcendent moments of "Spartacus," he gazes abstractedly, even tenderly, beyond his brutal world. He's a poet with biceps, the only actor who could embody both the muscle and metaphor of Spartacus.

At 95, Douglas is still helping me make my case. This taut little book is full of humor, frankness and class.

The subtitle — "Making a Film, Breaking the Blacklist" — refers to producer-star Douglas' decision to give the writer of "Spartacus," Dalton Trumbo, on-screen credit, breaking the insidious Hollywood ban on openly hiring alleged Communist sympathizers.

In 2012, Douglas feels a new urgency to set the record straight about Trumbo and other victims of the McCarthy era. Right-wing revisionists have recast the blacklist as a self-pitying Hollywood melodrama fabricated over martinis at poolside. Douglas counters with first-hand testimony of colleagues who lost jobs and committed suicide over the blacklist. He describes what it was like to live and work on a daily diet of corrosive lies, half-truths and silences.

Like most of the creative team behind



Courtesy Photo

"Spartacus" star Kirk Douglas used his power to get blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo a job on the film — and, unlike other victims of the blacklist, Trumbo was able to use his real name in the credits instead of an alias.

"Spartacus," Trumbo was brilliant and eccentric. He wrote most of the film in his bathtub, sending off the pages by courier, under the name "Sam Jackson." Douglas was in awe of Trumbo's gifts — he bought the writer a parrot to keep him company — but couldn't acknowledge him publicly, or even bring him to the set. The daily subterfuge began to eat at the pit of his stomach.

To his credit, Douglas downplays the heroics of his final decision to break the blacklist. Late in the game, Trumbo threatened to quit the film because two cast members (Charles Laughton and Peter Ustinov) wrote their own scenes without his knowledge. To keep Trumbo on the film, Douglas played the only card in his hand — an onscreen credit.

The offer was desperate, but brave. The country was in lingering thrall to McCarthyism. Universal Studios might pull the plug on "Spartacus" if word got out that a Commie was in the kitchen. Gossip columnists would — and did — urge the public to boycott.

As it turned out, "Spartacus" was a critical success and would remain Universal's biggest moneymaker for a decade. President John F. Kennedy went to see the film and gave it a public thumbs-up. The blacklist was history.

Douglas serves up lots of juicy anecdotes in "I Am Spartacus," many of them directly taken from letters and memos from his archives. There were battles with censors over bare breasts, hacked-off limbs and bisexual flirting in the Roman bath. The book's title, inspired by the movie's most famous scene, has a direct link to East Lansing and Michigan State University. In October 1959, a Universal sound crew recorded that famous cry, "I'm Spartacus," and other mass sounds during halftime at the MSU/Notre Dame game.

More important, Trumbo's script drew vivid parallels between the Roman slave revolt of the first century A.D. and the civil rights struggles of the 1950s. A prominent hero is an Ethiopian slave who turns on his masters. Joseph McCarthy takes a direct hit when Laurence Olivier's proto-Fascist Roman general brandishes a "list of the disloyal." Douglas writes that Spartacus is a figure for the ages, and compares the rebelling Roman slaves to the Occupy movement.

The outsize egos and talents assembled for the film clashed in every possible combination. Early in production, Douglas fired the film's first director, action specialist Anthony Mann, and hired 30-year-old Stanley Kubrick, then at the threshold of his

career as a film visionary. The director did his best to wring the sentiment and kitsch out of the movie and recast the film in his own cerebral terms, but later disowned "Spartacus" and assumed full control of all his work after that.

The uneasy relationship between man of action Douglas and Brooklyn intellectual Kubrick led to some strange blowups that are vividly described in the book. Douglas even dragged Kubrick to his psychiatrist to try to work things out between them. Douglas admits he isn't proud of his anger back then, but the emotions — and the money — riding on "Spartacus" were scaled to the Roman Empire. The war stories are great fun, but "I Am Spartacus" is more than a Hollywood-insider junk read. It will last in your mind, like the movie, because it's about doing the right thing.

Sigh — Kirk Douglas shot me again.

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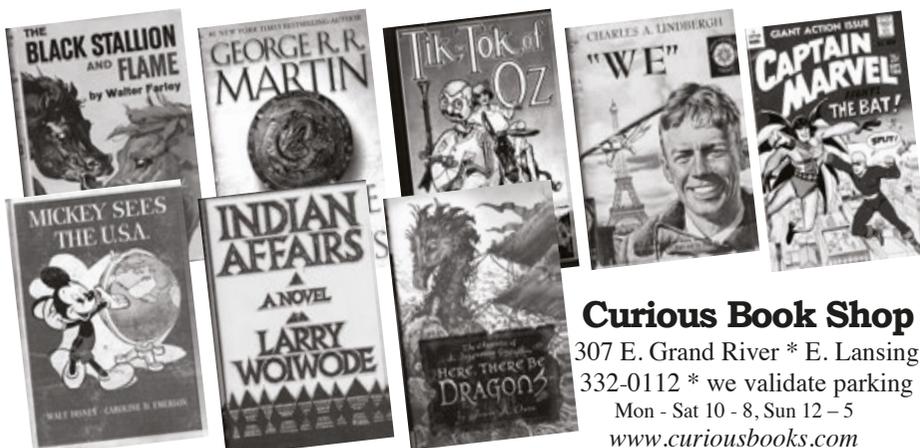
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Diane Cekel displays "Flora and Fauna: A Photo Exhibition." Reception: 2-5 p.m. Aug. 4. Hours: 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. 1133 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 898-4046.

### By the Riverside

Featuring work by Kurt Meister, also known as the JazzMeister. Reception: 1-4 p.m. Aug. 5. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-6 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; special showings by appointment. 1209 Turner St., Old Town, Lansing. (517) 484-6534.

### East Lansing Public Art Gallery

"Shelter," a collection of mixed-media pieces from Kalli Halpern that focus on various aspects of shelter. Reception: 1-2 p.m. Aug. 4. 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.

### Gracie's Place

"Tweeties, Puddy Tats and Puppy Dogs," a show celebrating birds, cats and dogs. Reception: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 4. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; closed Sunday. 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

### Great Lakes Artworks

Featuring Frog Girl Mosaics by Colleen Bess and Guitar Girl miniatures by Wendy Hill. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Aug. 5. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-4293. www.greatlakesart-works.com.

### Greater Lansing Housing Coalition

A semi-annual exhibition with artists Juanita Bald-

win, Kate Cosgrove, Elahe Crockett, Jim Gavril, Jim Gibbs, Mary Gillis and Dave Porter. Reception: 1-4 p.m. Aug. 5. Hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980.



### Ledge Craft Lane

Art quilts by Merry Oswill are on display. Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 120 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9843. www.ledgecraftlane.com

### Mackerel Sky

"Two Views: Journeys in Encaustic" features Barbara Hranilovich and Roberta Kilty. The exhibit shows the ancient technique of utilizing melted beeswax in artworks. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Aug. 5. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. (517) 351-2211. www.mackerel-sky.com.

### MICA Gallery

Festival posters chronicling the histories of JazzFest, Octoberfest, Mosaic and Bluefest are on display. The artwork — along with some original pieces — is for sale in the gallery. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 1210 Turner St., Lansing (517) 371-4600. www.oldtownarts.org.

### Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame: Belen Gallery

"Half the Sky: Women's Rights are Human Rights" features the work of Mt. Pleasant artist Lily Lihting Li Kostrzewa in a show exploring the dynamic between men and women in marriage. Reception:



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The paintings of Taiwan-born Lily Lihting Li Kostrzewa are featured in "Half the Sky: Women's Rights are Human Rights," opening this week at Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. See more of Kostrzewa's work at LilyKostrzewa.com

2-4 p.m. Aug. 5. Hours: Noon-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2-4 p.m. Sunday. 213 W. Main St., Lansing. (517) 484-1880.

### MSU Museum

A collection of Norman Rockwell prints is on display. Rockwell is the famed American illustrator who worked at "Boy's Life" magazine, where he contributed numerous illustrations that helped establish the iconic imagery of the Boy Scouts organization. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. (517) 355-2370. www.museum.msu.edu.

### Okemos Library

Bill Blanchard's photography will be displayed in "American Landscapes from Maine to Hawaii, from Alaska to Florida." Reception: 2-4 p.m. Aug. 5. 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) 349-0250.

### Shiawassee Arts Center

Artists William Blanchard, Rebecca Case, Barbara Holmer and Sue Monroe display work beginning Aug. 14. Reception: 6-8 p.m. Aug. 17. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. (989) 723-8354. www.shiawasseearts.org.

### Ongoing

#### Absolute Gallery

"Pure Art: Art from the Heart," works by Peckham Community Partnership Foundation artists. Hours:

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 307 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-8845.

### Lansing Art Gallery

The work of musician and multimedia artist Brett Whitacre is showcased in painting, sculptures, mosaics and more. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400. www.lansingartgallery.com.

### Lansing Art Gallery's Open Air Gallery

"Art by the River," an outdoor exhibition featuring 10 sculptures created by Michigan artists; through Aug. 30. Located along the Grand River, between Michigan Ave. and Shiawassee St., Lansing. (517) 374-6400. www.lansingartgallery.com.

### Saper Galleries

Pennsylvania artist Allen K. Littlefield's "Face It!" features sculpted faces as the basis for three-dimensional ceramic wall sculptures. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. 433 Albert Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-0815. www.sapergalleries.com.

### (SCENE) MetroSpace

"Look at Me: A Close Look at Contemporary Women," focusing on women's body image and the pressures society places upon women. Hours: 2-5 p.m. Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. www.scene-metro-space.com.



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# CityPULSE

# ENDORSEMENTS

**Herewith, City Pulse offers its views on the best candidates in many of the competitive races in Tuesday's primary election. Most of these are in Democratic races, in light of the non-competitive GOP elections or the views of candidates in those races.**

## Drain Commissioner

Incumbent **Pat Lindemann** is not a perfect public official.

The gregarious incumbent intermingles his personal and professional life more freely than appropriate, as proven by his request that county inmates dump some mulch at his house and "spread it around." His hiring practices and awarding of contracts are suspect. These and other issues brought to our attention deserve continued monitoring by City Pulse and the public, regardless of whether it's an election year.

But, in the end, "Who would do the best job as Ingham County's drain commissioner?" The obvious answer is Lindemann. For as brilliant as he is, challenger **Mark Grebner**, a longtime county commissioner, knows admittedly nothing about the technical aspects of the job. When asked for his plan for the Montgomery Drain, he laughed off not recognizing the name, calling himself just a "civilian." The Montgomery Drain is what needs to be fixed in order to stop the Red Cedar River's pollution — and anyone wanting this job should know at least that much.

Grebner admits bolstering his pension is part of why he wants this job. We think it's too big a part. He says he'd serve no more than four years, which would give him the pension boost he wants. Then Ingham County could start over again finding someone to lead this important office.

Moreover, Grebner has had more than two decades on the Board of Commissioners to raise all the issues he has raised only in this campaign. He and other elected officials have failed the public by their silence if indeed Lindemann runs his office as badly as Grebner says.

Grebner says he would be just a manager if elected and wishes the position were reduced to an administrative appointee. Michigan elects its county drain commissioners — and rightfully so. It's the state's only elected official who can impose a tax without a public vote. Projects from this office must promote the free movement of water without flooding. In this era in which state elected Republican officials are doing all they

can to give business the freedom to further wreck our environment, being able to elect a county drain commissioner is vital to our water. And electing one with Lindemann's vision and experience is, too, despite his imperfections.

## State Representative, 67th District

In the Lansing area, we've been spoiled with open, reachable representation both past and present. **Walt Sorg** would continue in that tradition on the Democratic side. Sorg is a progressive voice with a broad vision of where this state needs to go while being realistic about what can be accomplished if the Democrats remain in the minority.

We're convinced Sorg will go beyond being one of 40-some "no" votes on drastic Republican-pushed "reforms." He's committed to making alliances on the other side of the aisle and pushing for advances in such areas as alternative energy and electric cars. Recognizing the non-competitive nature of the Republican primary in the 67th and 68th, we see no reason to endorse in either.

## State Representative, 68th District

Speaking of open and honest representation, we believe **Andy Schor** is best suited to represent Lansing and Lansing Township.

Nearly all of his opponents have a public service track record, but Schor has distinguished himself as an independent voice with above-board character. Whether you agree with him, Schor's positions are well reasoned and defensible.

The seemingly incorruptible Schor works well with labor, business and everybody else, for that matter, without being shamelessly in anyone's back pocket.

That said, we'd like to recognize **Griffin Rivers**. While we've had limited exposure to Rivers in the past, his stature within Lansing's political community and his unique set of experiences is impressive.

## State Representative, 69th District

East Lansing and Meridian Township Democrats are in a no-lose situation with **Sam Singh** and **Susan Schmidt**. However, we are endorsing **Sam Singh** because of his star power potential.

Even as an East Lansing City Council member at 24, Singh was politically mature for his age, resisting the pitfalls that blow up the careers of young rising stars. Singh's yearlong, around-the-world trip speaks to this maturity, his desire for

new ideas and personal growth.

At age 41, Singh has the potential to do great things for the state and possibly the country. He's a great face for the Democratic Party, and we want to encourage his political career.

On the Republican side, Meridian Township Supervisor **Susan McGuillicuddy's** strong environmental record has resulted in smart growth for Meridian Township. These days, the Republican Party is chocked full of Tea Party butt-kissers. McGuillicuddy's moderate streak is a refreshing reminder of what the party of Bill Milliken once looked like.

## County Commissioner

Three incumbent Democratic commissioners are facing primaries because of their stands against organized labor on needed county retirement benefit changes and labor's unreasonable standoff with Lansing Mayor **Virg Bernero** on the county's mowing contract.

In these tight budget times, independent commissioners willing to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money should be rewarded, not tossed aside in favor of tools for one powerful lobby. We urge Democrats to vote for **Carol Koenig** in the 9th District, **Brian McGrain** in the 10th and **Deb Nolan** in the 12th.

In the 4th, we like 24-year-old **Catherine Mooney's** excitement for building bridges in government. However, we support incumbent **Debbie DeLeon**, who has been a passionate voice for labor and minority appointments and has more than 10 years' experience on the board. DeLeon recently had a formal ethics complaint dropped against her for her handling of Road Commission personnel issues, so we'd like her to pursue Mooney's attitude on consensus building. And we hope this isn't Mooney's first run for elected office.

In the open 3rd District, long-time **Virg Bernero** hand **Joe McDonald** has been vital in assisting the mayor keep Lansing on a trajectory of growth and prosperity. We're concerned about the loss to the city if McDonald's time commitments are split. **Sarah Anthony** is a sharp candidate born and raised on Lansing's south side. She's worked with Rep. **Joan Bauer** and is active in a broad swath of community activities. We endorse **Anthony** in this one.

Finally, in the 14th, **Tim Fischer** has a wide range of experiences — from the Michigan Environmental Council to Peace Corps volunteer to being a fifth

generation beekeeper. He's serious about serving the public and representing rural Ingham community. He deserves a vote.

## Ingham County Circuit Judge

Two of the five candidates will advance to the November General election. They should be **Ken Ross** and **Jim Jamo**.

Ross' experience as state insurance commissioner and in the financial sector gives him unique experiences to assist in areas of the law where such exposure is rare. Since Ingham County Circuit Court is typically the first stop for legal action against the state, there's comfort in knowing someone with Ross' high competency level would be adjudicating the matter.

Ross also would be the first openly gay member of the Ingham County bench, a milestone worthy of celebration.

Jamo's resume for this position is remarkable. The practicing attorney for 27 years, with experience throughout the legal system, Jamo's diverse experience, fairness and even temperament makes him a favorite among active and retired judges, making him a defensible pick.

## 54B District Court Judge

We haven't always agreed with retiring Judge **David Jordon**, but he is a good judge of character. He and other retired judges are lining up behind **Andrea Larkin**. We will, too.

We like **Larkin's** staying power for the position. She won't be constitutionally barred from running again after one term due to age. We believe having a woman on the district court bench adds a perspective that has been absent from 54B. This, combined with her experience in civil and criminal matters, makes her a great fit.

## Ballot Proposals

Many ballot proposals will be in front of area voters, but we feel passionate enough to opine on two. The rezoning of 4133 Okemos Road in Meridian Township for physician **Shannon Wiggins**, unfortunately, needs to be voted down. This publication supports medical marijuana, but **Wiggins** is not a good face for the movement, having been punished by the state for overprescribing medication.

We also want to push the pause button on the sale of the former **Waverly Golf Course** property. We support the redevelopment of the site, but would like an idea of what the city has in mind for the land.

## 3 open House seats draws blue interest

If a Blue Moon typically comes once a year, what label can be pinned on this coincidence: All three Ingham County state representatives are term limited out of office in the same year, which happened in 2006, as well? Blue Ingham?

It would be appropriate seeing that all three office holders are Democrats and the Dem primaries in the 67th, 68th and 69th districts are all competitive.

Republicans have a 50/50 shot at claiming the long-sought south Lansing, rural Ingham County seat in the 67th. The numbers are stacked against them in the 69th, but they have a moderate candidate there. The Democratic base in the 68th is 73 percent, making a GOP victory there beyond slim.

But, still, voters are picking their party preference Tuesday. The following is a run-down of all of the candidates:

### 67th District (Democratic)

Tom Cochran, 59, the former Lansing fire chief and a Mason School Board member, is the UAW-backed candidate with 28 years in the Lansing Fire Department. He has extended experience on local public safety and labor boards.

While running as a sensible, cost-cutting moderate, he's been charged by one opponent with trying to have it both ways on the spending and taxing issue in his mailers.

That opponent is Walt Sorg, 61, a former radio show host and long-time state employee, a 46-year mid-Michigan resident and former senior adviser to a House speaker. He has the support of two former Democratic governors, four former Democratic speakers and numerous other local elected officials.

Sorg wants to make expansion of elec-

tric car recharging options easier, but is being hit in an anonymous robocall on claims that the Chevy Volt owner is doing so for self-serving reasons.

Jerry Ketchum, 64, is a three-time elected member of the Delhi Township Board. A retired Department of Transportation employee, Ketchum is backed by the SEIU. He's a pro-gun and pro-life candidate who does not support gay marriage or civil unions.

### 67th District (Republican)

The GOP's 2010 nominee, Jeffrey Oesterle, is back after a six-point loss to Byrum. Oesterle, 61, is a farmer and past president of the Ingham County Farm Bureau. He's been active with the Ingham-Livingston County Fair Service Agency, the MSU Ingham County Extension and the Mason Chamber of Commerce. The pro-life candidate was the Vevay Township supervisor and board member for 20 years.

His opponent is Ashley Kring, 23, a recent Grand Valley State University graduate in finance and economics. She's making her first run for office and has the support of longshot U.S. Senate candidate Randy Hekman.

### 68th District (Democratic)

If Lansing/Lansing Township voters think they've seen these names before, it's because they have. All but two of the candidates in the 68th have appeared on a ballot before.

The exceptions are Anne Clayton and Griffin Rivers, and Rivers has been involved in local politics for years. Rivers, 72, is a former Ingham County Democratic Party chairman, Louisiana prison administrator and lead staffer for a former House Appropriations Committee chairman. He's backed by former Mayor Tony Benavides, former Rep. Michael Murphy and sitting councilmembers Carol Wood and Derrick Quinney.

Clayton, 52, is in her fifth year teaching

biology at Lansing Community College. She's lived in Lansing since 2004 and in the Lansing area since 1994.

Three candidates are officeholders and two of them serve together on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. Dale Copedge, 55, began serving in 2005. He retired this year from the state Department of Environmental Quality after 28 years. He's volunteered for several local charities and served on several nonprofit boards and commissions such as the Lansing Public Service Board and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The SEIU is backing him.

Andy Schor, 37, began serving on the commission in 2003 and is on leave from the Michigan Municipal League. He's staffed for two former state legislators and been endorsed by various unions, Michigan NOW, and nearly the entire Michigan Democratic House caucus. Two former state representatives are backing him as well as a half of the Ingham County Board.

Lansing City Councilwoman A'Lynne Robinson, 43, has twice been elected to represent the 3rd Ward. A former City Council president, Robinson previously worked as a special assistant in the Jackson School District. She served on Ingham County's Equal Opportunity Commission and the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan board.

Former Lansing City Councilman Harold Leeman, 54, is trying to resurrect his political career after three consecutive losses for the Council and the Ingham County Commission. First elected in 1995, the longtime Lansing east sider was first defeated in 2007. In his most recent bid for public office he didn't get past the primary.

The final candidate is Ted O'Dell, 46, a 2009 unsuccessful Lansing School Board candidate who is best known for his work on the Lansing Jobs Coalition, where he led a non-binding petition drive to bring a Native American casino to Lansing. He

served 11 years as a legislative staffer and has local government experience, too.

### 68th District (Republican)

In a rare primary, Timothy Moede, 58, is back after earning 27 percent in 2010. The retired Lansing Fire Department battalion chief worked in disaster relief in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina and in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after major flooding damaged that town. He has U.S. Air Force service on his record. He'll face first-time candidate Michael Wing, an administrator and former compliance officer.

### 69th District (Democratic)

The notably competitive primary between Sam Singh and Susan Schmidt could be the most watched race in the Lansing area. Singh, 41, is a former East Lansing mayor who was first elected to the City Council at age 24. A consultant for Public Policy Associates, he is the former president and CEO of the Michigan Nonprofit Association. He's been endorsed by the UAW, SEIU and numerous other organized labor groups as well as more than 50 current and former elected officials.

Schmidt, 55, is a former East Lansing School Board chairwoman and school board member who served as state Rep. Mark Meadows' chief of staff. She is adjunct faculty at Lansing Community College, specializing in remedial learning. Schmidt taught learning disabled children at Reo Elementary for 11 years before working for Meadows. She's backed by the County Road Association, several public safety organizations and about a dozen current and former elected officials.

### 69th District (Republican)

Who would have guessed three Republicans would run in this 61 percent Democratic district made up of

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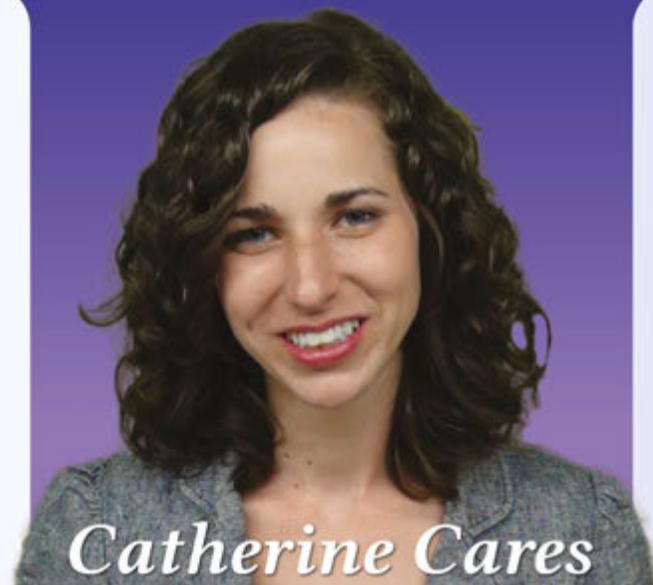
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## House

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East Lansing and Meridian Township? Republican Gov. Rick Snyder won the district narrowly over Virg Bernero two years ago, so anything is possible.

Frank Lambert, 46, is a General Motors line worker and former self-employed contractor who has run for the Legislature the last four campaign cycles. He lost in the 2010 GOP primary in the 69th to current opponent Susan McGillicuddy.

McGillicuddy, 58, the 12-year Meridian Township supervisor, is the architect of the Meridian Green Space Plan, a 745-acre land preservation program. She has years of experience on various planning, economic development and environmental protection boards.

Finally, George Nastas III, 67, of Haslett is a retired author and program analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense. The 35-year district resident won 42 percent of the vote for Ingham County Commission two years ago.

— Kyle Melinn

## Somebody wants to be the GOP U.S. Senate nominee ... right?

Watching the Republicans' U.S. Senate primary race, you gotta wonder if anyone really wants this nomination at all.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, is seeking a third six-year term and could be vulnerable under the right conditions.

But all four Republicans on the Aug. 7 ballot have made such head-scratching decisions, it seems this campaign has been more an exercise in how far the human nose can stretch into the Tea Party's rear end than mounting a credible challenge to Stabenow.

First off, the perceived frontrunner, former nine-term Congressman Pete Hoekstra, 58, was only talked into the race after the party's brass panicked and put the screws to him. At the time, the only person in the ring was Randy Hekman, a far-from-wealthy Christian missionary who last served in elected office 22 years ago.

The 2010 gubernatorial candidate's entrance into the race was a 30-second Super Bowl TV ad featuring a poorly portrayed Chinese woman forcing out a fake accent and ticking off every bad Asian stereotype in the book. Just about everyone was offended.

Outside of one FOX News commentator, next to no one publicly defended the spot, which gained Hoekstra negative national headlines and dried up his fundraising for a solid month.

The fumble gave former State Board of Education Chairman Clark Durant, 63, an opening to cut into Hoekstra's enormous 40-point lead, particularly among independents, who were particularly baffled by the commercial.

Instead, the Cornerstone Schools founder hoarded most of his \$2.2 million haul, stayed next to publicly silent and made few public appearances before taking the airwaves three weeks before the summer election.

At that point, the suit-and-tie, well-

connected socialite adopted a curious "Rebel With a Cause" campaign slogan. The upper crust Durant, who doesn't even own a leather jacket, was stuck in front of a motorcycle he doesn't know how to drive.

Where was this field of candidates since January? Hitting every Tea Party gathering and GOP Lincoln Day dinner they could sniff out. They're the type of events a few dozen true believers attend, but not much media, something Durant and friends needed desperately to boost their painfully low name ID.

Instead, Durant, Hekman, American Family Association President Gary Glenn and, for a time, Roscommon businessman Pete Konetchy carved up the ultra-right Dittoheads like Thanksgiving turkey.

Konetchy's fun ended when a Glenn plant figured out Konetchy didn't have enough signatures and outed him to the secretary of state.

Glenn's campaign climaxed in February after 40 fringe Tea Party groups endorsed him. Its members helped Glenn gather more petition signatures than his colleagues, but they couldn't find him any significant pots of money. The result? An extended stay at single digits in the polls.

Rank-and-file Republicans stayed away from Glenn because his homophobic views and past questionable campaign tactics as the AFA president made him toxic in a general election and everybody knew it.

So, 18 days before the primary, with just \$16,681 in his campaign account, Glenn pulled out and endorsed Durant, accepting the long-needed role of Hoekstra attack dog (His first swipe was questioning Hoekstra's relationship with former Teamsters' head Jimmy Hoffa Jr.).

However, the decision came much too late to get Glenn's name off any ballot, meaning he will still draw a small percentage of votes away from Durant, the person

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# Senate

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he's trying to help.

The race's longest-tenured candidate, Hekman, couldn't catch fire with a match and a gallon of gasoline. A Kent County judge from 1975 to 1990, Hekman is the executive pastor at Crossroads Bible Church. He's run a bone-dry, eyes-glazed-over campaign sprinkled with outdated, religious references. His sermon may have earned him a halleluiah 20 years ago, but pulling "God" into campaigns hasn't been successful since Pat Robertson.

He's raised \$181,462 since hopping into the race 17 months ago. Stabenow's campaign generated more in five days last March.

With everyone else flying under the radar, Hoekstra opted to join them since he was destroying this fringe field, anyway. He picked which joint appearances he wanted to show up at and stayed away from any televised debates.

Finally, he conceded to a WKAR forum for 2 p.m. Thursday. That's a Thursday mid-afternoon in the summer, which is preempting "Wild Kratts," an animated kids show. Maybe the upset 10-year-old who will miss the regular programming will tell Mom there's a debate on. Or maybe he'll turn the channel to the Cartoon Network.

Hoekstra has had a tough job. He's walked this delicate balance of trying to talk common sense to the tin-hatters (like voting down a debt ceiling hike would have imploded the federal government) while saying he's one of them.

He fell off the rope in late May when he pitched creating a federal birther office to validate presidential candidates' citizenship.

Three weeks before the primary, Durant woke up and decided to campaign for the U.S. Senate. The other day, he picked a food fight with Hoekstra over Super PACs or cam-

paigned contributions or something that only real political wonks get excited about.

But those who may have paid attention may have already voted. The first absentee ballots were sent out weeks prior and older voters who tend to use them could have already mailed them back.

That's OK, right? At this pace, the GOP candidates will have Stabenow right where they want her ... six years from now when she's back up re-election.

— Kyle Melinn



## It's hot in Delhi

Raising taxes and fiscal conservatives in little old Delhi Township

Observers say the politics are heating up like never before in Delhi Township, particularly in a competitive Republican primary for township supervisor.

The incumbent, Republican Supervisor Stuart Goodrich, says his Tea Party-favored opponent is "straight out lying" to potential voters, making up scenarios that would tax people based on the amount of hard surface areas on their properties.

Goodrich says his opponent is accusing him of pushing a fictional "rain tax" that Goodrich says isn't being planned. The alleged tax would charge residents based on the size of the hard surface areas of their households, like driveways and roofs.

Goodrich said the tax is being used as negative campaign cannon fodder by his opponent even though the supposed tax doesn't exist and isn't even in the planning stages.

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## Rogers challenged by two in GOP primary

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, is facing more primary opposition in 2012 than in all of his prior congressional runs combined. The six-term congressman's only other primary opponent was a Patrick Flynn, whom Rogers obliterated 85 to 15 percent in '06.

This go around, two Republican types want a piece of Rogers: Brian Hetrick and Vernon Molnar.

Hetrick, 38, of Brighton, is a Lansing Grand River assembly plant employee who had worked at the Saturn plant in Spring Hill, Tenn. A Michigander since 2000, Hetrick says he was moved to run because of Congress' inability to get a handle on the country's exploding debt crisis.

Hetrick received his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Dayton and his master's at Purdue through GM's Technical Education Program.

Molnar, 57 of Holly is of the GOP's Ron Paul wing, saying the federal government's focus should be on domestic issues as opposed to international ones. The architect and designer attended Detroit Public Schools and pursued an engineering degree at Oakland Community College and the Detroit Institute of Technology.

He's volunteered to plant trees in his community and build shelters in the Brazilian Amazon.

Rogers, 49, is the new chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, giving him a substantial voice in Washington on how the country responds to al Qaida, the Taliban in Afganistan and a nuclear Iran. He is a former FBI agent who authored the country's biodefense law that came in response to the Anthrax scare years ago. He co-founded EBI Builders, a family-owned construction business in Brighton.

The Albion College graduate served from 1995-2000 in the state Senate before winning a razor sharp race for Congress in 2000 against then state Sen. Dianne Byrum.

The winner of the primary will face Democrat Lance Enderle in the General Election.

— Kyle Melinn



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# Delhi

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Goodrich, who has served as township supervisor for 10 years, said there was talk of the tax at a group session for board members as part of possible storm water management five to 10 years down the road. The other Republican candidate, Jeff Hall, has run with the notion of the new tax and is using it against Goodrich.

On Hall's campaign website, he said he is combatting the "Good Old Boys' Club" that is running Delhi Township. He said he opposes the tax while Goodrich supports it.

"It's interesting that it's never been on the table," Goodrich said. "They're straight out lying. They are fabricating things, and this is coming from a so-called minister. Delhi has never had politics like this."

Hall is a local pastor and vocal opponent of Goodrich's policies. Goodrich said Hall's campaign is run by the Tea Party; Hall denies he's a Tea Party member, though he identifies with its fiscally conservative views.

The two candidates had a very public battle earlier this year when Hall came out in staunch opposition to a sludge dryer proposal spearheaded by Goodrich that voters rejected in May. Goodrich accuses Hall of "misinforming" the public when it came to the costs of the dryer.

The election for township supervisor is held every four years. Along with appointing commission members and helping to create the township budget, the supervisor has general oversight of township functions and board meetings. The position is part time.

A licensed optician, Goodrich has owned and operated Goodrich Optical since 1968. He's been endorsed by Democratic Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, radio host Tim Barron and U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

"I would like to consider myself a 'thinking Republican,'" Goodrich said. "I vote for something not because it's presented by Republicans or Democrats, but because it's what's best for my township."

Hall is the founder and pastor of the non-denominational Community Faith Church in Holt, which has 75 members. He is the former president of Ingham County Right-to-Life and the founder of Kingdom Come International, a non-profit missionary and humanitarian outreach group.

He wants to cut township costs and opposes raising or implementing new taxes.

"What needs to be changed is the current focal point of the township," Hall said. "The board just keeps looking for more projects to spend money on."

Democrats Tim Currin and C.J. Davis are also vying for a shot at the position in November.

A rookie politician, Currin has been with the Ingham County Sheriff's Department



Hall



Goodrich



Currin



Davis

for nearly 25 years. A sergeant with the department, he supervises the jail night shift. He said he has been the president of the correctional division with Fraternal Order of Police and has been with the organization for 16 years.

Currin calls himself a "fiscally responsible moderate." He is against raising or implementing new taxes and would likely eliminate the full-time township manager position, he said, making the supervisor position full time instead. Although running as a Democrat, Currin said he is unwilling to consider raising taxes and has not actively sought endorsements. He also is opposed to the supposed "rain tax."

"I want a balanced budget without raising taxes," Currin said. "I believe we can cut some spending without cutting programs, I want to encourage smart growth with no new taxes."

Challenging Currin for the Democratic spot is C.J. Davis, who decided to run, he said, after being approached by Delhi-area Democrats. Also a political neophyte, Davis has been the general manager at Dusty's Cellar restaurant in Okemos for four years. He has a degree in communications from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill. He said he has received endorsements from the Delhi Democrats and the UAW.

Davis said his communication and budgeting skills in the restaurant industry easily translate to public service.

Along with holding banks accountable for the condition of foreclosed properties, Davis said he is supportive of wise township spending, comparing upkeep and investment to homeownership.

"You need to build roads and sewers," he said. "To say you want to do nothing is not smart, just so you can say you won't raise people's taxes. At times we need to invest in our infrastructure. It's like owning a house. It works on the township level as well as with homeownership."

— Sam Inglot

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## Selling land and maintaining services

A look at ballot proposals from across the county

They don't have the amount of public attention as a public safety millage approved in November, but city of Lansing voters face a half-dozen ballot questions on Tuesday, including selling off parkland and lowering the minimum requirement of City Council meetings.

Across the county, voters in Meridian Township will weigh in on senior citizen and recreation funding, while Lansing Township residents are being asked to renew about 75 percent of the township's public safety budget starting in 2014.

Here's a look around the area:

This will be the first election in which the Bernero administration seeks voter permission to sell off more than 120 acres of city-owned green space in Lansing Township after a series of City Council roadblocks: The Council rejected the plan's being on last year's primary and general election ballots. "We simply can't afford to maintain all the land we currently own," Bernero told the City Council in late November. "In these tough economic times, we have to put limited resources into critical public services."

The proposal to sell off the former Waverly Golf Course and Michigan Avenue Park on the west side is unlike the Red Cedar Golf Course proposal that passed in November because there isn't a specific redevelopment plan. It's also nearly 10 times as much land as will be sold at Red Cedar. The administration closed both golf courses five years ago for budgetary reasons. The City Charter requires voter approval to allow the city to sell

off dedicated parkland.

Also on the ballot, City Clerk Chris Swope is backing an amendment to the City Charter that would reduce the minimum number of yearly City Council meetings from 50 to 26. While Council regulars have campaigned at Council meetings against the proposal because they want more face time with their Council members (and they say Council barely gets its work done as it is), Swope said the proposal is about making the legislative process more flexible and bringing Lansing on track with every other municipality in the state.

"I haven't found another city that has anywhere near the number of meetings we have," Swope said. He added that with the 50-meeting requirement, the Council is sometimes forced to call meetings at the end of the year regardless if it's necessary. And when holidays fall on Mondays, the Council meets on Thursday that week, followed by another meeting two business days later.

Swope said there's still a provision in the City Charter to call special meetings when necessary, such as budget time, and that the proposal is to set a minimum — not a maximum.

The final Lansing-only ballot proposal is permission to sell 1.4 acres in Oak Park on Lansing's east side. The city wants to sell the parcel, which includes a former maintenance garage, to Neogen Corp. to accommodate the company's expansion.

Meridian Township voters are faced with three ballot proposals Tuesday. One is on rezoning 4133 Okemos Road from residential to professional

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## The students' court

Who will fill Judge Jordon's seat in East Lansing?

Some typical issues the judges of the 54B District Court face include: small amounts of pot, drunk and disorderly, minors in possession of alcohol and piles of parking tickets.

Four candidates are running to replace Judge David Jordon, who is retiring after 24 years. The candidates for the six-year post are Thomas Clement, Andrea Larkin, Frank McAlpine and state Rep. Mark Meadows. The race is nonpartisan.

Clement, 35, is a 2002 graduate of the Michigan State University Law School. He is a former Eaton County assistant prosecuting attorney and went into private practice six years ago. He is an adjunct professor at Cooley Law School, where he teaches classes on criminal law and evidence. He said his biggest advantage over the other candidates is his daily courtroom experience and knowledge of court proceedings from both the attorney and prosecutor perspectives.

"I've been practicing law my entire career. I know from every angle what it takes to efficiently run a court and treat everyone fairly," he said.

Larkin would be the first female judge elected to the 54B District Court. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1983, Larkin moved to the west side of the state where she was an assistant city attorney in Grandville, where she said she handled cases very similar to what she'd be tackling in East Lansing. In 1988, she moved back to East Lansing and practiced commercial litigation with Dickinson Wright PLLC for over 10 years, at which time she decided to raise a family while keeping an active

law license.

Larkin, a Lansing native, is endorsed by four former East Lansing mayors and has touted the endorsement of the departing Judge Jordon as one of her biggest advantages.

Larkin, 54, and Clement are vying for the spot long term. They both said they would like to serve 20-plus years on the bench if possible.

Of the four candidates, McAlpine, 62, has the longest running legal career with 35 years of general practice experience under his belt. He has a private practice in East Lansing. He received his law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. In 2002, he ran an unsuccessful campaign against Republican Congressman Mike Rogers.

One of the biggest problems for the court, McAlpine said, is the "alcohol culture" of the student population. He said he would work with the community to create alternative activities for students other than drinking.

Meadows is in his third and final term as the representative for the 69th House district, which includes East Lansing, Okemos, Haslett and Williamston. Meadows has a deep history with East Lansing, serving stints as a member of the City Council and mayor before heading into state politics. At the state level, he chaired the House Judiciary Committee and served as an assistant attorney general for 27 years.

Meadows, 65, would be limited to one term on the bench: Judges are not allowed to run for the seat after hitting 70 years old.

— Sam Ingot



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## Narrowing the Circuit field

Two of five candidates for an open 30th Circuit Court judgeship will advance to the November election

The speed and the cost of going to court, explaining the process to voters and generally “doing more with less” are concerns of all five judicial candidates looking to fill a vacant seat on Ingham County’s 30th Circuit Court.

The race filled up when Judge Paula Manderfield announced her retirement after 12 years on the bench. The Circuit Court hears felony criminal cases, civil cases involving more than \$25,000 and family matters. Ingham County’s Circuit Court is unique in that general trial judges preside over the state Court of Claims, which hears complaints brought against the state.

The candidates are local attorneys Jim Jamo and Charles Ford, Ingham County assistant prosecutor Ayanna Jones, former state insurance commissioner Steve Ross and state Assistant Attorney General Wanda Stokes. The top two vote getters Tuesday face each other in November in the nonpartisan race.

Ford, 57, originally filed this year to run as a Democrat in the packed 68th House District primary. He switched branches of government upon learning of Manderfield’s decision to retire. Ford is a Lansing School Board member who has run for mayor of Lansing and served on the City Council — all nonpartisan races and offices. He also ran unsuccessfully for the 68th House seat in 2006, but did so as an independent. Ford said his political resume shows that he’s “never really run as a partisan person” and that he won’t bring a certain party affiliation if elected to the bench.

Ford has practiced law for 23 years in a variety of areas, including criminal defense, civil litigation and real estate. He’s a Sexton High School graduate and has been recognized for his sports career there. Ford has degrees in business administration and labor relations and earned a law degree from Cooley Law School in 1988. He’s received the endorsement of Mayor Virg Bernero.

This is Jamo’s second run for a vacant Circuit Court seat. Jamo, who lost a 2010 primary to Billie Jo O’Berry and Judge Clinton Canady III for former Judge James Gidding’s seat, is a partner in the local firm Grua, Jamo & Young. Most of his 28 years practicing have been focused on civil litigation.

Jamo, 54, has extensive backing by active and retired local judges, including Circuit judges Rosemarie Aquilina, Laura Baird, William Collette, Joyce Draganchuk and Manderfield, as well as Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth and the Greater Lansing Labor Council.

Jones, 37, has spent eight years as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunning III. She’s a Sexton High School graduate and earned degrees from the University of Michigan



Ford



Jamo



Jones



Ross

and Cooley Law School. Jones has also spent time as a substitute teacher in the Lansing School District, an assistant librarian at the Capital Area District Library and as an attorney in civil litigation. This is her first time seeking an elected office.

Ross, 45, is the assistant general counsel for the financial services firm Citizens Republic Bancorp. He formerly served as the state’s insurance and banking commissioner, where he specialized in consumer protection cases. He was also hired as an assistant attorney general by Attorney General Frank Kelly and served as vice president for the Michigan Credit Union League.

Ross, an openly gay candidate, was the only one in the field to receive a “positive” rating from the Lansing Association for Human Rights (Jones, Jamo and Ford all received “mixed” ratings; Stokes did not return a questionnaire) and is endorsed by the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, a nationwide political action committee. Ross has also racked up union endorsements by the UAW Region 1-C, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Nurses Association and the Lansing firefighters union.

Stokes has worked at the state Attorney General’s Office since being appointed by then-Attorney General Jennifer Granholm in 1999 and is the first African American chief of staff in the AG’s office. She is a former adjunct professor at Cooley Law School and earned degrees from Michigan State University and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Stokes has 20 years’ worth of criminal and civil litigation experience in Ingham County.

— Andy Balaskovitz



Stokes

## Proposals

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office. In March 2011, the township Board of Trustees approved the rezoning, but a nearby attorney circulated enough petitions to put the question before township voters. A yes-vote will uphold the board’s decision; a no-vote overturns it.

The property owner, local physician Shannon Wiggins, was interested in expanding her practice there. Wiggins formerly offered medical marijuana certifications at her East Michigan Avenue office, and concerns grew that she would do the same in Okemos. Wiggins has recently received a fine and probation for complaints by the state Attorney General’s Office for overprescribing pharmaceuticals.

However, Meridian Township Clerk Mary Helmbrecht and a township zoning official say there’s a for sale sign in front of the building, which used to be a Kinder Care Learning Center, and it is unclear whether Wiggins still plans to open an office there.

A second Meridian Township proposal is for renewing funds for the “preservation, maintenance and resurfacing” of roads — at .25 mills — for the

next 10 years, starting in 2014. It would generate an estimated \$390,000 in its first year if approved.

Meridian Township voters will also weigh in on increasing its millage for senior citizen, recreation and human resources programs. The township is asking to increase the millage rate from .1 mills to .15 mills for 10 years, which would generate about \$233,000 in the first year. Helmbrecht said the money is used for funding a parks and recreation employee, activities for seniors at Chippewa Middle School and helping low-income township residents pay bills.

Countywide proposals would increase the millage rate for transportation services for the elderly and handicapped by .12 mills for an additional \$784,000 a year for four years; renewing the current millage rate for 911 dispatch services until 2015; and renewing the millage rate for juvenile services until 2016.

Lansing Township is asking voters to renew the millage rate for police, fire and general operating purposes for 10 years, starting in 2014. Township Supervisor John Daher said the millage represents about 75 percent of those departments’ operating budgets.

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# Dems dominate Commission primaries

**In redrawn county Commission districts, young and old Democrats looking to fill vacancies, unseat incumbents in primary**

The latest Census figures mean the Ingham County Board of Commissioners will look different next year with redrawn district boundaries and two fewer members, from 16 to 14.

While some districts now include voters in more than one jurisdiction, City Clerk Chris Swope said the redrawn boundaries are unlikely to influence the political make-up of the board.

“The county Board of Commissioners has been for a long time very heavily controlled by Democrats,” Swope, a former Democratic commissioner, said. “I don’t see that changing.”

Media reports from last May show that Republicans are upset over at least one district — the 7th, in south Lansing — being reconfigured to support Democrats. Former chairwoman of the Ingham County Republican Party, Linda Lee Tarver, told WILX-TV at the time that she considers it “gerimandering.”

On Tuesday, seven of 14 districts feature competitive primaries — six Democratic and one Republican. Compare that to 2010, when only one Democrat faced a competitive primary. Here are the candidates:

## 3rd District: South Lansing

This race took an interesting turn Sunday night after tips that Democratic candidate Joe McDonald, outreach coordinator for Mayor Virg Bernero, was apparently telling senior residents on the south side that his opponent, 28-year-old Sarah Anthony, had dropped out of the race and they might as well vote for him.

Anthony, director of finance for the Michigan College Access Network, said it’s untrue that she had quit the race. Anthony also said she had heard from an “elderly woman in the Old Everett” area that McDonald had confronted her about telling people in the area to vote for Anthony.

McDonald denied the allegation in an

email Monday: “This is patently untrue and strains credulity. My opponent has been actively campaigning throughout this election cycle as have I. I’m pleased that voters are overwhelmingly supporting my positive campaign.”

McDonald, who is 46 and has been at Bernero’s side as an aide and chief of staff while the mayor was a state senator and representative, respectively, is in his first run for elected office. He says public safety is his top priority if elected in November.

Anthony was formerly a legislative assistant to state Rep. Joan Bauer, D-Lansing, and graduated from Everett High School. She wasn’t initially interested in running because she thought she’d have to run against Commissioner Dale Copedge with the way new district boundaries were drawn. When that wasn’t the case (Copedge is running for Bauer’s seat) — and after encouragement from neighbors and the African American faith-based community — Anthony jumped in the race.

Tuesday’s winner will face Republican Leslie Little in November’s election.

## 4th District: North Lansing and downtown

Democrat Catherine Mooney, 24, the youngest candidate for commissioner this year, is looking to unseat Debbie DeLeon, who was elected 12 years ago.

Mooney is the office manager at the Center for New Enterprise Opportunity, a Lansing startup business incubator launched recently by a group of young entrepreneurs. She has also worked for the Ingham County/Michigan State University Adolescent Diversion Project helping juvenile delinquents and for state Rep. Joan Bauer. She says her ability to get people to work together and avoiding the “ego of politics” sets her apart from her opponent. Her priorities include focusing “a little more heavily” on collaborations with the city; holding absentee landlords more accountable; and regional plans for public safety.

DeLeon, 58, chairs the board’s County Services Committee. She recently had a formal ethics complaint filed against her dis-

missed for an allegedly improper role in Road Commission personnel issues.

DeLeon is a retired state employee serving her sixth term on the Board of Commissioners, two of which as chairwoman. She cites her role in the board’s holding contractors accountable for following prevailing wage policies and in initiating hiring local-first policies as distinguishing qualities from her opponent. She also founded a local Youth County Commission.

The winner goes on to face Republican Vickie Nicklas in the general.

## 6th District: Holt, south Lansing

The only Republican primary takes place here between Randy Maiville and Renee Sumerix. The two are running to replace four-term commissioner Steve Dougan, who is running for Delhi Township treasurer because he thinks the Commission’s new district boundaries are unfair.

Maiville, 48, is an engineer who served from 2003 to 2011 as Onondaga Township supervisor. He says his awareness of county issues — as supervisor and a township trustee — distinguishes him from Sumerix. Maiville’s main priority if elected in November is restoring funding for the Sheriff’s Department and to “facilitate the rebuilding process” of the Road Commission. Maiville did not support out-county millages in 2010 for road patrols and said he would wait for property taxes to rebound as a source for new funding rather than taxing voters.

Sumerix, 43, is an operation management consultant and a housekeeper. She also serves on the executive committee of the Ingham County Republican Party. She took third in the 2010, three-way 15th District primary to Commissioner Vince Dragonetti and Barry Damon.

Sumerix describes herself as fiscally conservative but “more independent” when it comes to balancing “big business versus big government.” If elected in November, she hopes to serve on the county Economic Development Board to help “make the entire area more open for business.”

The winner will go on to face former Board of Road Commissioners Chairman Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri in the general.

## 9th District: East Lansing, Meridian Township

Word is labor groups put up three candidates to challenge incumbents who they say have been less than friendly with votes on dissolving the Ingham County Road Commission and not reacting stronger to the city’s not rehiring seasonal workers for mowing.

The first is in the 9th District, where city of Lansing forester Irene Cahill takes on incumbent Carol Koenig.

Cahill, 56, ran for the Livingston County Commission when she lived there in 2002.



Anthony

McDonald



DeLeon

Mooney



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Koenig, 48, is an attorney serving her second term on the board. She points to the opening of a regional 911 center, the board's aiding in educational opportunities for at-risk youth and its surface water monitoring programs as success. She said the board could improve its operations by "being more open, inclusive and cohesive and less swayed by special interests."

The winner will face Republican Derek Drushel in the general election.

## 10th District: East side and southeast Lansing

Tim Russ is unapologetic about bleeding organized labor. The 39-year-old Sexton High School teacher is in his first race for elected office, but has been involved with union activism and politics "for many years."

He said he was asked by friends in the labor movement to challenge incumbent Brian McGrain, who is part of the Democratic caucus that supposedly voted unfavorably on union interests. However, Russ said, "That's not an issue for my campaign." He vows to

make sure the organized labor voice is "not ignored" if elected in November. "I don't think it's towing the line, it's being consistent with my longstanding character."

He believes the board should give preference to local contractors on county projects, "even if it means a small increase in cost."

McGrain, 35, is in his second term. He serves on a variety of committees and commissions and on the board of the Ingham County Land Bank. He works full time as the associate director and chief operating officer of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan, a nonprofit focused on neighborhood revitalization.

He called the claims about not supporting labor "incredibly false. I've always been a friend of labor. I think it's crazy what they did." He said the county is facing diminishing tax revenue, which makes things "very tense" at the bargaining table.

## 12th District: Southern Meridian Township

Which leads us to the third district in which organized labor recruited candidates to unseat an incumbent. Here, it's 81-year-old James Ramey, a retired GM employee who is running "primarily" because he was asked to by the local UAW

political action committee. This is Ramey's first time seeking an elected position. He pointed to the Road Commission and seasonal workers issues as his main motivations for running.

Nolan, 63, is serving her fourth term on the board. She serves on the Finance Committee and also chairs the Human Services Committee. She called organized labor's efforts a "misunderstanding" and when asked if she'd have handled the process any differently, she replied: "Absolutely not."

The winner goes on to face Republican Alan Wolfe.

## 14th District: Cities of Mason and Leslie and Onondaga and Vevay townships

Tim Fischer, 36, is the deputy policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council and a fifth-generation beekeeper in Mason seeking his first elected office. Fischer says he's worked on budgets "in a variety of positions" and is "intimately familiar" with how public policy is presented and passed. He has worked with commissioners in the past primarily on transportation issues.



Nolan



Fischer

The area, represented by Republican Don Vickers, is politically independent, Fischer said. "I don't think it's so much a Republican or Democrat thing but a Lansing and the rest of the county thing," he added, saying he wants to bring a new voice for rural issues to the board, particularly out-county road patrols.

Fischer is being challenged by Kelli Green. She could not be reached for comment for this story. The winner of Tuesday's primary goes on to face Vickers, who is seeking a second consecutive term and third overall.

*(Editor's note: Photos for two candidates could not be obtained.)*

— Andy Balaskovitz

## Dems, Repubs seek Meridian Township clerk post

### Two Democrats and Two Republicans will square off to fill a position long held by conservatives

There hasn't been a Democratic clerk in Meridian Township for over 30 years.

The township clerk is responsible for administering elections and handling requests for township records and is also a voting member of the Township Board of Trustees. Republican Mary Helmbrecht has served in the position since 1997.

Two Republicans seek to continue the trend of conservative clerks owning the position: Greg Hammond and Jim Hershiser.

Hammond retired from the Meridian Fire Department in 2010 after 26 years of service. He is an adjunct faculty member at Lansing Community College, where he teaches in the Emergency Medical Services program. He has the endorsement of Helmbrecht.

Because of his tenure with the Fire Department, Hammond said he has a "street level understanding" of the functions of the township and is a self-proclaimed "problem solver."

Hershiser has served on the Meridian Township Zoning Board of Appeals for 16 years and was chairman for nine of them. He has also chaired the Ingham County Drain Office Board of Determination, on which he has served for 12 years. He has owned and operated several small businesses in Ingham County. He says he has the endorsement of the Ingham County Republican Party.

Like Hammond, Hershiser also has his priorities set on maintaining quality fire and police services. He and Hammond favor scaling back on legal costs and attorney fees. However, Hershiser would also "trim a small percent" of the township's largest expenditures — employee wages, retirement costs and benefits — to help balance the budget.

Democrats Phil Deschaine and Brett Dreyfus are also campaigning for the clerk spot. Both publicly tout themselves as "environmentalists."

Deschaine is running as a slate with incumbent township Treasurer Julie Brixie and Milton Scales, who is running for a township board position.

Deschaine is the sales executive at PTD Technologies, an information technology provider for businesses, government organizations and nonprofits. He said his 25 years of experience will help "streamline" services. He has a history of volunteerism in the community, helped raise \$20,000 to relocate the Haslett Library and has been an Eagle Scout mentor.

A supporter of the Capstone II apartment project, Deschaine said he believes in a balanced approach to government oversight over private development and calls himself fiscally conservative. He said he wants to combat the "anti-development" perception of the township, which he believes has kept businesses like Meijer from expanding into the area.

Dreyfus calls himself a "progressive" and is outspoken about his pro-environmental positions — he also campaigned

door-to-door on a Segway. He's in his first term as a township board member and was an extremely outspoken opponent of the Capstone II project. He said residents were misled by the developers of the project.

He has served on the Meridian Township Economic Development Corp., the township Cable Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Dreyfus also has a background in technology as the owner of Internet Video Corp., which creates Internet video packages for businesses.

Meridian Township also features a competitive primary for the Board of Trustees, with six Democrats competing for four spots to move on to the general. The race to fill the township Supervisor position, being vacated by Susan McGillicuddy, will be competitive in November between Democrat Elizabeth LeGoff and

Republican Andy Such.

— Sam Inglot



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# Love me tinder & mommy disappear

**Q:** I met a woman, and we hit it off like wildfire. It seemed everything she said and did was perfect. In six months, we were engaged. She and her four kids moved in with me and my two kids. Shortly afterward, it turned sour. We parent quite differently. Her kids are bad-mannered, curse at her, respect no property or space, and constantly get kicked out of school. When I tried to correct them and improve their behavior, her ex-husband got a restraining order on my fiancée to keep their children away from me. She and the kids moved out, but we kept dating. I soon became aware that she was also dating an old boyfriend. She said she was scared and wanted a backup plan in case we didn't work. I got sick of this and ended it. She claimed she wanted to be with me, yet she now seems very happy with the old boyfriend. How does a person move on so fast? How do I get past feeling totally dumped?

—Heavy Heart

**A:** As a parent, you're supposed to be in the business of buzz-kill, not only setting boundaries for your kids but modeling the mature, adult thing to do. For example: "Come on, kids — I found this hot stranger we can live with!"

There are people who can act this impulsively; they're called "single, childless adults." Six months into a relationship, you're in a sex fog, meaning the windows of your judgment are steamed over, meaning it's the perfect time to commit to nothing more long-lasting than a week's vacation. You defend your impulsivity by saying you two "hit it off like wildfire," which, if you think about it, is like saying "like one of the most dangerous and destructive natural disasters." (Not exactly the best basis for forming the new Brady Bunch.)

This woman didn't change; you just saw more of her as time went by. As I've

written before, people don't break up because somebody's got a great laugh or they're awesome in bed — the stuff that's apparent at the start. That's why, before you commit to somebody, you need to put in time and effort to dig up all the unpalatable things — like mouthy delinquent children and an ex with an itchy court-filing finger — and see if you can deal. Doing this takes wanting to see what a person's all about, as opposed to wanting to believe you've found true love and tightening your blindfold. When you're honest about who a woman is, you can predict what she'll do instead of learning it through hindsight — a term which pretty much spells out the problem. To put it delicately, you should re-read the directions on your contact lenses, because you've probably been putting them in the wrong area.

**Q:** After mutually ending a 20-year marriage that was more friendship than passion/romance, I met a man I love. We're considering buying a home together. The complication is my 16-year-old daughter, who's downright frosty toward my boyfriend. It's hard to be spending weekdays with my daughter and weekends with him, like I'm living in two camps. She's got two years of high school left, and it'd be okay with me if she wanted to live with her dad (if he were okay with that). Should I ask her if she would consider that? I'm afraid she'll feel really rejected.

—Divided

**A:** You're essentially suggesting doing what some people do with their pets. The dog growls at the new boyfriend, so she gets "rehomed": "She's really not working for us anymore. Here's her dish and her iPhone."

Sorry, but "I'm just not that into you" isn't something a mother gets to say to her daughter. Divorce is damaging enough to a kid. Sometimes it's the best-case scenario — like if there's constant high conflict. But it's extremely indulgent of parents to break up a family simply because their

romance waned and the sex got kinda yawny. This is of no interest to a kid — nor should it be. And what are you thinking now, what's a little more psychological damage on top of what you've inflicted? "Honey, I know you wanted a car for your 17th birthday, but I thought I'd give you abandonment issues instead."

You've got just two years until your "complication" leaves for college. You can either build a working time machine and go back and use birth control or act like a mom and treat your daughter like a priority instead of excess baggage keeping you from the life you want with your boyfriend: "Wherever do we put her? I guess we could store her at her father's for the next couple years..."

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## Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Mangificent"—you'll find some bin games here.  
Matt Jones

### Across

- 1 Food brand with a pawprint logo  
5 Network that tried a "Charlie's Angels" reboot  
8 Ticket leftover  
12 \_\_\_ Martin (sports car)  
13 Kilmer of "The Saint"  
14 Complain about the littlest things  
15 Bruce Wayne's status during speed dating sessions?  
17 House Majority Leader, 1995-2003  
18 San Luis \_\_\_  
19 Marinade alternative  
21 Sea, to Debussy  
22 Cowboy philosophers?  
26 Austere  
29 It's shared between "mi" and "su"  
30 Mauna \_\_\_ (Hawaiian volcano)  
31 Org. headed by Benjamin Jealous  
33 The drink of the gods  
36 With 39-across, Peter Pumpkin Eater's wife's refusal?  
39 See 36-across  
40 Big Chevys  
41 "\_\_\_ NBC" (1990s show with a theme by John Tesh)  
42 Its second letter stands for "coast"  
43 Native Nebraskan  
45 Jason of "The Muppets"  
49 Scrub down a Beatle?  
53 Real Madrid shout  
54 Attacked in droves  
55 One of Natalie's "Black

- Swan" co-stars  
58 John who's big on farms  
60 Malady brought on by incorrectly plugging in appliances?  
62 Author Turov  
63 Jr.'s junior  
64 Site of an 1814 treaty  
65 Skate mogul Hawk  
66 "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!" network  
67 Toy manufactured by Duncan

### Down

- 1 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"  
2 It may be formal  
3 Growth on a rock  
4 Sound at the barber-shop  
5 The A of BA  
6 Part of a Mr. Clean costume  
7 First movie to feature

- Silent Bob  
8 Gesture that goes with "meh"  
9 Wherever, colloquially  
10 Article written by Voltaire  
11 Richard of 1990s talk shows  
12 Drop \_\_\_ on (shock)  
14 Point out danger  
16 Neither here \_\_\_ there  
20 House who won Cycle 2 of "America's Next Top Model"  
23 "\_\_\_ homo" ("Behold the man," in Latin)  
24 The last palindromic one was 2002  
25 Second-largest island in the Med.  
27 The A of A.D.  
28 Actress Beckinsale  
32 Sop up  
34 Traits for blowhards  
35 Scoop holder  
36 Leaning typeface:

- abbr.  
37 Texas city on the Brazos  
38 "Seriously?!?"  
39 "Please, \_\_\_ of you..."  
41 Like some candles or nozzles  
44 Clip for men  
46 Birdbrained, as it were  
47 Cause of some weather conditions  
48 Furthest down, priority-wise  
50 Malt liquor size  
51 Drive the getaway car, say  
52 Have power over  
56 Pop in rock  
57 NYC neighborhood one letter off from another NYC neighborhood  
58 It ends when you "fall back": abbr.  
59 Prefix for tourism  
61 "To hear," to Hernando

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# OUT on the TOWN

## CALL FOR ENTRIES For a juried exhibition:

**"THE VAGINA SHOW" AT THE CREOLE GALLERY**  
The exhibit opens Sept. 9 and runs through Oct. 28. This exhibit is designed to highlight the personal, political, social, medical, and legislative landscapes in and around the VAGINA. This call for entries is open to all 2-D media. The deadline for submissions is Midnight on Saturday, August 18. Artists will be notified by Aug. 24 on which pieces are accepted and drop off times. For submission guidelines please contact the Creole Gallery at (517) 862-1553 or creolegallery@gmail.com

## Wednesday, August 1

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Meditation.** For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 351-5866.  
**Community Yoga.** Power yoga class. 6 p.m. FREE. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.  
**Weed Warrior.** Learn how to control common invasive plants around Fenner and in your own yard. 5-6 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. fofnc.org.  
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## AUG. 1

### Folk from near and far

(SCENE) MetroSpace hosts a concert featuring Adrian Krygowski, with special guests Harris Face and The Bard Owls. Krygowski is a touring Americana musician based out in Washington, and for the past year has toured in 38 states and three countries. Krygowski is regularly involved in the East Coast music scene and has shared the stage with Dr. Dog's Scott McMicken, Johnny Corndawg, Derek Hoke and E-S Guthrie of The New Familiars. Also from Washington, Harris Face is a folk-rock-blues artist that has drawn comparisons to Bruce Springsteen, Counting Crows and William Elliott Whitmore. Locals can appreciate East Lansing's The Bard Owls, a folk band playing old-time originals and classical pieces on request. Doors at 7:30 p.m. \$5. (SCENE) MetroSpace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. [www.scenemetrospace.com](http://www.scenemetrospace.com).



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### Fur-ee

Monday marked the beginning of the Capital Area Humane Society's "Free Love Adoption Specials." The event, which continues through Friday, helps felines find homes by waiving the adoption fee on all adult cats and kittens. Although the fee will be dropped, donations will be accepted. The promotion is in conjunction with "Peace Love Adopt," a summer campaign by CAHS that finds homes for 1,000 animals and works to raise awareness for the CAHS. Adoption hours are noon-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. FREE. CAHS Shelter, 7095 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing. The CAHS Spay & Neuter Clinic, 5919 South Cedar St., Lansing. For more information on the "Peace Love Adopt" campaign and to see all of the animals available for adoption, visit [www.adoptlansing.org](http://www.adoptlansing.org).

## AUG. 4

### Listen at the ledges

Writing at the Ledges, a local group of poets, novelists and short story writers, hosts "Readings in the Garden," behind Sweet Linda's Café in Grand Ledge. Local poets and storytellers will read original, family-friendly works on the garden's stage directly overlooking the ledges. Authors include Phil Kline, Jan McCaffrey, Randy D. Pearson, Rosalie Sanara Petrouske, Colleen Nye Shunk, Karen Marie Duquette, Ashton Rapp and children's author Judith Wade. Writing at the Ledges has been meeting in Grand Ledge since 2005 and welcomes local writers of all ages to attend their monthly meetings. Readings from 2-4 p.m. FREE. Garden behind Sweet Linda's Cafe, 214 South Bridge St., Grand Ledge. [www.writingattheledges.com](http://www.writingattheledges.com)



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### A roast filled with festivities

A weekend of family fun kicks off Friday at the St. Casmir Corn Roast. On Friday, guests can enjoy hamburgers, kielbasa, sauerkraut, St. Casimir's corn on the cob and entertainment later in the night by DJ Ronnie Knapp and Frog and The Beeftones. Saturday morning provides a chance to participate in the "Come to the River 5K run/walk" at 8 a.m. followed by a pancake breakfast. For those interested in giving blood, The Knights of Columbus hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, with an additional pasta dinner. Sunday concludes the festivities with a pulled pork barbecue. Each day will have raffles, as well as games and activities for children. FREE. 4:30-11 p.m. Friday; 2-11 p.m. Saturday; 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday. St. Casmir Catholic Parish, 815 Sparrow Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-1346. [www.stcas.org](http://www.stcas.org).

## AUG. 3-5

# TURNIT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA

## ALTERNATIVE TENTACLES' SLIM CESSNA AT MAC'S

Genuine alt-country and psychobilly fans may want to check out Slim Cessna's Auto Club when it stops at Mac's Bar Thursday. The Denver-based band has been churning out goth-country-punk-gospel since the early '90s, even releasing six acclaimed LPs on Jello Biafra's Alternative Tentacles imprint; its latest album on the label was 2011's "Untitled." The band's sound goes from high lonesome to high-energy, but always keeps a deranged American-roots edge. Cessna has toured North America repeatedly, played with the Melvins and Biafra at Alternative Tentacles' 25th Anniversary and shared the stage with the late Johnny Cash, Primus and Violent Femmes, to name a few. Opening the Mac's show is Filthy Still, a Providence, R.I.-based country-punk band that records for Farmageddon Records.

**Thursday, Aug. 2 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over. \$10 advance, \$12 door, 9 p.m.**

## DEACONEARL HAS GOT THE (DELTA) BLUES

Each Thursday, Lansing-based blues guitarist/vocalist Deacon Earl plays a set of raw blues at the Harrison Roadhouse in East Lansing. His roots-inspired sound mirrors his heroes Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and Lightnin' Hopkins. The 29-year-old guitar slinger plays electric and acoustic guitars, bass, banjo, lap steel, harmonica, keys and the ukulele. He also mixes in country and reggae during his performances. Earl, who is also known by the aliases Ervin Boyd and Swervin' Ervin, plays



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## Dark Psychosis at Mac's Bar

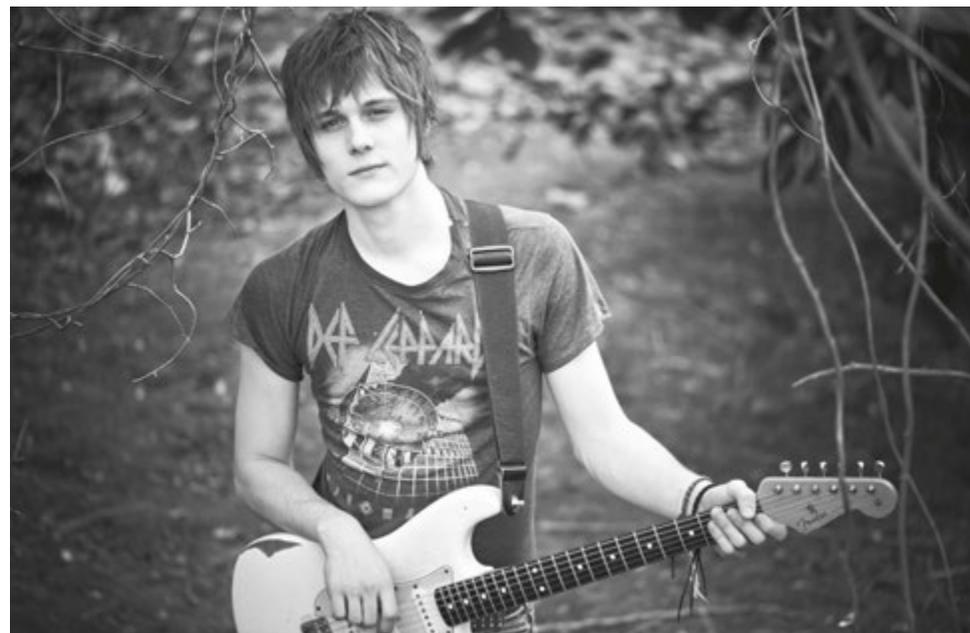
a mixture of originals and covers. He is the son of a preacher and was raised on gospel music, which eventually led him to the blues — specifically Delta blues. Aside from the live tunes, there's also half-off nachos and \$3 Coronas and Margaritas.

**Thursday, Aug. 2 @ Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave., East Lansing, all ages, free admission, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

## DARK PSYCHOSIS RELEASES 'LORD TO NONE'

Since 1999 Dark Psychosis has been belting out raw and harsh black-thrash metal. The Lansing-based band, led by local tattoo artist Sean "Xaphan" Peters, releases "Lord to None" Friday at Mac's Bar. Aside from his prominence in the local metal scene, Peters also operates Eclectic Art Tattoo Gallery (615 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing). Peters has been in a number of area bands, such as Summon, Masochist and Wastelander. The last Dark Psychosis album, "Obsessed By Shadows," was released in 2004. As for the new album, Peters is self-releasing it on his Beyond Dead Pro label. Dark Psychosis also includes bassist Scott "Panthatva" Lehman and drummer Justin "Bellithiest" Henry. Opening up the show is a roster of metalheads, including Wulfhook, Coffin Witch and Halstatt. For more information, visit darkpsychosis.com.

**Friday, Aug. 3 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over, \$7, 9:30 p.m.**



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## 'FUTURE GUITAR GOD' TYLER BRYANT HITS MORIARTY'S

While Tyler Bryant may have been born in 1991, he's got an old soul when it comes to shredding his Fender guitar. His band, the Nashville-based Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown, has been getting much international buzz over the past three years. On Sunday he plays a free, intimate show at Moriarty's Pub. Tyler has toured with or opened shows for the likes of Jeff Beck, Aerosmith, Joe Bonamassa, B.B. King, Pat Benatar, Heart, Styx, REO Speedwagon and Vince Gill.

A couple of years ago Gill said this about Tyler, "To be 18 and play like this kid is the rarest of the rare; hands down, a future guitar god." The Texas-native is featured in "Rock Prophecies," a 2009 PBS documentary that (in part) tells of the young bluesman's passion for blues and rock guitar. His high-energy technique and style echoes legends like Stevie Ray Vaughn, Jimi Hendrix and Jeff Beck. Bryant's band also includes guitarist Graham Whitford (son of Brad Whitford of Aerosmith), drummer Caleb Crosby, and bassist Noah Denney. Opening the Moriarty's show

## Tyler Bryant at Moriarty's

is From Big Sur, a Dansville-based band with a '60s-rock sound.

**Sunday, Aug. 5 @ Moriarty's Pub, 802 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, 21 and over, FREE, 8:30 p.m.**

## PUMP HOUSE HOSTS AMY SPEACE

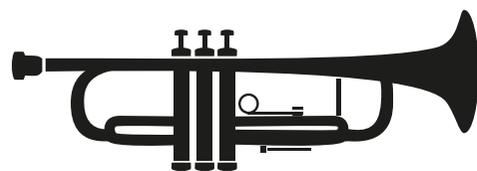
Americana songwriter Amy Speace has been compared to Joan Baez and has drawn support from the likes of Judy Collins, Nanci Griffith and Guy Clark. On Sunday she performs at the Pump House. In 2006 Collins signed Speace to her Wildflower Records label, which resulted in the acclaimed "Songs for Bright Street" CD. In 2009 the Baltimore native moved to Nashville and recorded her latest release, "Land Like a Bird." Speace is also known for her work in the holly jolly group, Decembersongs.

**Sunday, Aug. 5 @ Pump House, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing, all ages, \$15 suggested donation, 7 p.m.**

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### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

621 The Spot, 621 E. Michigan Ave.		DJ Radd1, 10 p.m.	Various DJs, 10 p.m.	Various DJs, 10 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.			Basement Dawgs, 9 p.m.	Basement Dawgs, 9 p.m.
Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 N. East St.		Ward Anderson, 8 p.m.	Ward Anderson, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.	Ward Anderson, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Cloud Magic, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.		Tryst Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.	Smoking Jackets, Midnight	Avon Bomb, Midnight
The Firm, 227 S. Washington Square		DnW Sound DJs, 9 p.m.	Various DJs, 9 p.m.	DJ Donnie D, 9 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.	Driver & Rider Show, 7 p.m.	Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Mike Eyia, 8 p.m.	G-5 8 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9:30 p.m.	Second Nature, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	Still Rain, 9:30 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.	Otherwise, 7 p.m.	Marble Garden, 9 p.m.		Life Size Ghost, 9 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	The Pomegranates, 7 p.m.	Slim Cessna's Auto Club, 8 p.m.		Agent Orange, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic Night, 10 p.m.	Lincoln County Process, 10 p.m.	Zydecrunch, 10 p.m.	Zydecrunch, 10 p.m.
Rick's American Cafe, 224 Abbott Road	DJ Dan, 10:30 p.m.	ICE DJ's, 10:30 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.
Ulicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.	The Bear Band, 9 p.m.	The Bear Band, 9 p.m.
Uli's Haus of Rock, 419 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.		Oedipus & Dead Superstar, 9 p.m.	Spence & Coldville, 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.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	Bullwhip, 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.

**Tuesday** Tommy Foster & Guitar Bob, 9 p.m., The Exchange; Neon Tuesday, 9 p.m., Mac's Bar. Jazz Tuesday Open Jam, 9 p.m., Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave.

# Out on the town

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issues in aging with a physical disability. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-1039.

**Bats of the World.** Learn how bats use sound waves to navigate and different ecosystems from around the world. 10 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.  
**Miracles.** Discussion on various miracles in the Bible, their purpose and likelihood. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

## EVENTS

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1120 W. Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954.

**Kids Time: Ages 5-11.** Help eastside youth to grow food, develop leadership and life skills. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**Practice Your English.** Speaking and listening to English in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Allen Street Farmers Market.** Fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, crafts, activities and more. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 485-4279.

**Colonial Village Neighborhood Meeting.** The Association meets on the third Wednesday. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**Knit-Wits.** Bring a project of your own or join us in one of our community projects. 3:30 p.m. FREE. Dewitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156. www.dewittlibrary.org.

**Animal Magic with Marc Rosenthal.** Family fun. 1 p.m. FREE. Dewitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156. www.dewittlibrary.org.

**Science Theatre.** See baffling experiments before your eyes. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. www.dtdl.org.

**Baby Time.** For children under 2 with a parent or caregiver. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

**Tween Games & Crafts.** Ages 9-12. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. www.dtdl.org.

## MUSIC

**Jazz Wednesdays.** Featuring the Jeff Shoup Trio. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracies Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

**Concert in the Park.** Summer music series, with exciting new performers, lawn seating. 7 p.m. FREE. St. Johns City Park, located off Morton and Park Streets, St. Johns. (989) 224-8944.

**Concerts in the Park.** Live music. 7 p.m. FREE. Frances Park, 2600 Moores River Drive, Lansing. (810) 347-4820. Lansing. (517) 484-6795. www.macsbars.com.

**Sammy Gold (SaGoBa).** 1980s pop-rock. 7-11 p.m. FREE. Rookies Restaurant, 1640 S. US 27, Lansing. (517) 487-8686. www.reverbnation.com/sammygold.

**Together, Let's Jam.** Teenagers and adults of all levels can participate in various music activities. 7:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841 Timberlane St., East Lansing. (517) 355-7661.

**Pomegranates.** With Kitten. 7 p.m. \$10 advance. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. www.macsbars.com.

## THEATER

**"Othello."** Shakespeare's story of Othello the moor, the jealous Iago and Desdemona, the woman caught between them. 7 p.m. 15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. www.lcc.edu/cma/events.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

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

**Lansing Area Science Fiction Association Meeting.** New location. Informal dinner and conversation every week. 7 p.m. FREE. Buddies Grill, 2040 Aurelius Road, #13, Holt. (517) 402-4481.

## Thursday, August 2

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Water Media Class.** Must register and pay in advance. \$50 for 4 weeks. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

**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.

**Eating Disorders Anonymous Meeting.** A group of people recovering from eating disorders who talk about recovery. 7-7:45 p.m. FREE. CADL Mason Library, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. (517) 899-3515.

**QiGong & Tai Chi.** 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.

**Lansing Area South Codependent Anonymous Meeting.** A fellowship with the common purpose to develop healthy relationships. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 672-4072.

**Human Resources Management Workshop.** Learn the latest on regulations and the practices regarding employees. 10 a.m.-Noon. Register online. MICA Gallery, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 372-4636. www.lansingarts.org.

## EVENTS

**Youth Service Corps.** East side youth grow food and develop leadership skills. Ages 11-17. 10-11 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community Garden House, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**Karaoke.** Every Thursday night with Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar and Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

**Euchre.** No partner needed. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

**Mid-day Movies.** Watch recent releases on the big screen. 2 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

**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.

**South Lansing Farmers Market.** Locally produced food, youth activities and educational opportunities. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**Lowe's South Side Cruise-In.** Open to classic cars and trucks, hot rods and classic motorcycles. 6-11 p.m. FREE. Lowe's, S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 699-2940.

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Walks are 30-45 minutes. 7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**Teen Wii Gaming.** For teens 6th-12th grade. 1 p.m. FREE. Dewitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156. www.dewittlibrary.org.

**Moonlight Film Festival.** Outdoor movies on the big screen. Featuring "ET: The Extra-Terrestrial." 9 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct., East Lansing. www.cityofeastlansing.com.

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

**Kid Zone.** Ages 5-8. Enjoy crafts, games, stories and snacks. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. www.dtdl.org.

**Lunchbox Storytime.** Bring a bag lunch and blanket for stories read by our teen volunteers. Noon. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

**Evening Storytime.** Bring the whole family for stories, songs, crafts. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. www.dtdl.org.

**Practice Dance Party.** Call and register ahead of time. 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$12. Michigan Athletic Club, 900 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. (517) 364-8800.

**Pizza Taste Off & Games.** For teens 6-12th grade. 1 p.m. FREE. Dewitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. 517-669-3156. www.dewittlibrary.org.

## MUSIC

**Sound & Sights.** Performances take place outdoors at multiple spots throughout downtown Chelsea. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Downtown Chelsea, Chelsea Manchester Road & Middle Street, Chelsea. www.chelseafestivals.com/soundsights.

**The Williamston Summer Concert Series.** Music every Thursday through August 30. 7 p.m. FREE. McCormick Park, located at N. Putnam and High Streets, Williamston. (517) 655-4973.

**Concerts at the Shell.** Featuring a different music act each week. 7-9 p.m. FREE. McCormick Park, located at N. Putnam and High Streets, Williamston. (517) 655-4973.

**Deacon Earl, Live on the Patio.** Live blues. 8-11 p.m. FREE. Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave. East Lansing. (517) 337-0200.

**Music in the Garden.** With The Lash. 7 p.m. FREE. Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-2135.

## THEATER

**"The 39 Steps."** Four actors play over 150 characters in this adventure inspired by the Alfred Hitchcock film of the same name. 8 p.m. \$10, seniors \$8, students \$6. Ledges Playhouse, Fitzgerald Park, off Jefferson St. Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579.

**"Othello."** 7 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. (Please see details Aug. 1)

**"Red, White and Tuna."** Aral Gribble and Wayne David Parker portray an entire population of the town in this quick-change comedy. 8 p.m. \$20. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-SHOW. www.williamstontheatre.com.

**"Getting Near to Baby."** After her baby sister has died, young Willa Jo is shipped off to an aunt who can't show love or please a child. 7 p.m. \$10, \$8 seniors and students. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Storytime With Ms. Deb.** Three books will be read on a new topic each week. 10 a.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. (517) 327-0437. www.bn.com.

**Morning Storytime.** All ages welcome for stories, songs, rhymes. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014.

**Writers Roundtable.** Get feedback about your writing and connect with other writers. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

## Friday, August 3

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Oil Painting Class.** Must register and pay in advance. \$50 for 4 weeks. 10 a.m.-Noon. Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

## EVENTS

**Green Drinks Lansing.** Learn about emissions reduction efforts in greater Lansing. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Tavern on the Square, 206 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 487-9539. www.facebook.

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## ERASER-FREE SUDOKU

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To avoid erasing, pencil in your possible answers in the scratchpad space beneath the short line in each vacant square. For solving tips, visit [www.SundayCrosswords.com](http://www.SundayCrosswords.com)

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## Meditation

Quan Am Buddhist Temple  
 Every Thursday 7-8:30 p.m.  
 1840 N. College Rd., Mason, MI 48854  
 Everyone welcome - For information:  
 Call: (517) 347-1655 or (517) 853-1675  
[quanamtemple.org](http://quanamtemple.org)

## Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

August 1-7

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): The astrological omens suggest that you now have a lot in common with the legendary Most Interesting Man in the World — adventurous, unpredictable, interesting, lucky, one-of-a-kind. To create your horoscope, I have therefore borrowed a few selected details from his ad campaign's descriptions of him. Here we go: In the coming weeks, you will be the life of parties you don't even attend. Astronauts will be able to see your charisma from outer space. Up to one-third of your body weight will be gravitas. Your cell phone will always have good reception, even in a subway 100 feet underground. Panhandlers will give you money. You could challenge your reflection to a staring contest — and win. You'll be able to keep one eye on the past while looking into the future. When you sneeze, God will say "God bless you."

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Psychologist Bruno Bettelheim said the dreams we have at night are "the result of inner pressures which have found no relief, of problems which beset a person to which he knows no solution and to which the dream finds none." That sounds bleak, doesn't it? If it's true, why even bother to remember our dreams? Well, because we are often not consciously aware of the feelings they reveal to us. By portraying our buried psychic material in story form, dreams give us insight into what we've been missing. So even though they may not provide a solution, they educate us. Take heed, Taurus! Your upcoming dreams will provide useful information you can use to fix one of your longstanding dilemmas.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): When French composer Georges Auric scored the soundtrack for Jean Cocteau's movie *Blood of a Poet*, he produced "love music for love scenes, game music for game scenes, and funeral music for funeral scenes." But Cocteau himself had a different idea about how to use Auric's work. For the love scenes he decided to use the funeral music, for the game scenes the love music, and for the funeral scenes the game music. In accordance with the current astrological omens, Gemini, I recommend that you experiment with that style of mixing and matching. Have fun! (Source: *A Ned Rorem Reader*; by Ned Rorem.)

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): "Piglet was so excited at the idea of being useful that he forgot to be frightened any more," wrote A.A. Milne in his kids' story *Winnie-the-Pooh*. That's my prescription for how to evade the worrisome fantasies that are nipping at you, Cancerian. If no one has invited you to do some engaging and important labor of love, invite yourself. You need to be needed — even more than usual. P.S. Here's what Rumi advises: "Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder."

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You've been making pretty good progress in the School of Life. By my estimates, you're now the equivalent of a sophomore. You've mastered enough lessons so that you can no longer be considered a freshman, and yet you've got a lot more to learn. Are you familiar with the etymology of the word "sophomore"? It comes from two Greek words meaning "wise" and "fool." That'll be a healthy way to think about yourself in the coming weeks. Be smart enough to know what you don't know. Cultivate the voracious curiosity necessary to lead you to the next rich teachings.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A few years ago, a Malaysian man named Lim Boon Hwa arranged to have himself "cooked." For 30 minutes, he sat on a board covering a pan full of simmering dumplings and corn. The fact that no harm came to him was proof, he said, that Taoist devotees like him are protected by their religion's deities. I advise you not to try a stunt like that, Virgo — including metaphorical versions. This is no time to stew in your own juices. Or boil in your tormented fantasies. Or broil in your nagging doubts. Or

be grilled in your self-accusations. You need to be free from the parts of your mind that try to cook you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): On a spring day in 1973, an engineer named Martin Cooper debuted the world's first cell phone. He placed a call as he walked along a New York City street. The phone weighed two and half pounds and resembled a brick. Later he joked that no one would be able to talk very long on his invention, since it took a lot of strength to hold it against one's ear. Think of how far that amazing device has come since then, Libra. Now imagine some important aspect of your own life that is in a rather primitive state at this moment but could one day be as natural and fully developed as cell phones have become. Are you willing to work hard to make that happen? Now's a good time to intensify your commitment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In the coming week, you will lose some clout and self-command if you're too hungry for power. Likewise, if you act too brazenly intelligent, you may alienate potential helpers who are not as mentally well-endowed as you. One other warning, Scorpio: Don't be so fiercely reasonable that you miss the emotional richness that's available. In saying these things, I don't mean to sound as if I'm advising you to dumb yourself down and downplay your strengths. Not at all. Rather, I'm trying to let you know that the best way to get what you really need is to tailor your self-expression to the unique circumstances you find yourself in.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): For a while, French writer Honoré de Balzac (1799-1850) was very poor. He lived in a place that had no heat and almost no furniture. To enhance his environment, he resorted to the use of fantasy. On one of his bare walls, he wrote the words, "rosewood paneling with ornamental cabinet." On another, he wrote "Gobelin tapestry with Venetian mirror." Over the empty fireplace he declared, "Picture by Raphael." That's the level of imaginative power I encourage you to summon in the coming weeks, Sagittarius. So much of what you'll need will come from that simple magic.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's an excellent time to overthrow false gods and topple small-minded authorities and expose fraudulent claims. Anyone and anything in your environment that do not fully deserve the power they claim should get the brunt of your exuberant skepticism. When you're done cleaning up those messes, turn your attention to your own inner realms. There might be some good work to be done there. Can you think of any hypocrisy that needs fixing? Any excessive self-importance that could use some tamping down? Any pretending that would benefit from a counter dose of authenticity?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In old China, people used to cool themselves by sipping hot drinks. After taking a bath, they buffed the excess water from their skin by using a wet towel. When greeting a friend, they shook their own hand instead of the friend's. To erect a new house, they built the roof first. You're currently in a phase of your astrological cycle when this kind of behavior makes sense. In fact, I suspect you're most likely to have a successful week if you're ready to reverse your usual way of doing things on a regular basis.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): I'm really tired of you not getting all of the appreciation and acknowledgment and rewards you deserve. Is there even a small possibility that you might be harboring some resistance to that good stuff? Could you be giving off a vibe that subtly influences people to withhold the full blessings they might otherwise confer upon you? According to my analysis of the astrological omens, the coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to work on correcting this problem. Do everything you can to make it easy for people to offer you their love and gifts.

Go to [RealAstrology.com](http://RealAstrology.com) to check out Rob Breznsny's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. The audio horoscopes are also available by phone at 1-877-873-4888 or 1-900-950-7700.

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[www.greendoorlive.com](http://www.greendoorlive.com).

**DJClarinet.** Live clarinet with recorded backgrounds. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath. (517) 896-9059. [bathdaysfestival.com](http://bathdaysfestival.com).

**36th annual Corn Roast.** Hamburgers, Polish kielbasa, sauerkraut, corn on the cob and more. 4:30-11 p.m. FREE. St. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-7880.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** Open meeting for family and friends with American Sign Language interpretation. 8 p.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.

**Storytime.** Stories, rhymes and a craft for ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

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

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Walks are 30-45 minutes. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**Kids Time: Ages 5-11.** Help eastside youth to grow food, develop leadership and life skills. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**Friday Noon Stroll.** Bring friends, dogs, children or stories. Noon. FREE. Hunter Park, 400 S. Holmes St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468.

**Drop in Craft Project.** Each week will feature a different craft. 1-5 p.m. FREE. Dewitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156.

**Rummage Sale.** The Meridian Senior Center's 4th annual fundraiser rummage sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

**Howl at the Moon.** A guided walk through moonlit woods bring your dog. 9 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866.

**Teen Program: CSI.** Ages 13-18. Learn about forensics with the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum. 2-3:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

**MUSIC**  
**Satin Sounds Jazz Quintet.** Betty Baxter provides vocals with Jeff Kressler on piano. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Avenue and Turner Street, Lansing. (517) 481-5209. [satinounds.com](http://satinounds.com).

**The Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Circuit Tree. 7-9 p.m. FREE. East Plaza, Corner of Charles Street & Albery Avenue, East Lansing. [www.cityofeastlansing.com](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com).

**Avon Bomb.** Live music. 9:30 p.m. FREE. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376.

### THEATER

**"Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen."** Journey to the high seas and the world of pirates. 7 p.m. \$5 for group tickets. All-of-us Express, 3222 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 394-4118.

**"The 39 Steps."** 8 p.m. \$10, seniors \$8, students \$6. (Please see details August 2)

**"Othello."** 8 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. (Please see details August 1)

**"Red, White and Tuna."** 8 p.m. \$25, \$10 students. (Please see details August 2)

**"Getting Near to Baby."** 8 p.m. \$14, \$12 seniors & students. (Please see details August 2)

**"The Wizard of Oz."** Tickets for the musical fantasy can be reserved at [midmichfamilytheatre@gmail.com](mailto:midmichfamilytheatre@gmail.com) or phone. 7 p.m. \$7, \$5 pre-schoolers. Mid Michigan Family Theatre, 440 Frandor Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-2145. [www.mmft.net](http://www.mmft.net).

### LITERATURE AND POETRY

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

**Summer Reading Finale.** Event is open to all who have participated in DeWitt Library's 2012 Summer Reading. 1-3 p.m. FREE. Dewitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156.

## Saturday, August 4

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

**Tai Chi in the Park.** Meditation at 8:45 a.m., followed by Tai Chi. 9:30 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Contact Bob Teachout (517) 272-9379.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 9:30 a.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-6003.

**Parenting Group.** Lecture and group discussion each week. 10-11 a.m. Call to Register. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

**Girl Scouts Storytelling.** She shares tips on how to be a good storyteller. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$6, \$4 seniors, \$2 kids. Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-3559.

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## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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### Saving Your Memories in a Digital World.

Learn to upload, save, manage and share photos. 1-3 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392.

### EVENTS

**Salsa Dancing.** DJ Adrian "Ace" Lopez hosts Lansing's longest standing weekly salsa event. Singles welcome. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$5. Gregory's Bar & Grille, 2510 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 323-7122.

**River 5k Run/Walk.** With Kid's Challenge Run. There will also be a pancake breakfast after. 9 a.m. \$25. St. Casimir Parish Grounds, 815 Sparrow Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-1346.

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

**Readings in the Garden.** Local authors read from selected work in the garden. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Sweet Linda's Cafe, 214 South Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 316-6888.

**A Taste of LCOGIC.** Enjoy samples from some of Lansing and surrounding area;s restaurants. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE. Lansing Church of God in Christ, 5304 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 712-9022.

**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.

**Anam Cara Services Grand Opening.** Spiritual consultations, classes and healing sessions specializing in shamanic techniques. 2 p.m. FREE. 2001 Stirling Ave., Lansing. (517) 803-7478.

**Rummage Sale.** The Meridian Senior Center's 4th annual fundraiser rummage sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

**Occupy Lansing Pot Luck Picnic.** Music, food and fun. Bring a dish to pass and a food donation for Open Door Ministries. Noon, FREE. Reutter Park, Corner of Kalamazoo & Townsend Streets, Lansing. www.occupylansing.net.

**36th Annual Corn Roast.** Hamburgers, Polish kielbasa, sauerkraut, corn on the cob and more. 2-11 p.m. FREE. St. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-7880.

### MUSIC

**Michigan Rock N Brew.** Featuring Michigan music and microbrews. Noon. \$30 day pass, \$50 weekend. Adado Riverfront Park, 531 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. www.michiganrocknbrew.com.

**The Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Stella. 7-9 p.m. FREE. East Plaza, Corner of Charles Street & Alberty Avenue, East Lansing. www.cityofeastlansing.com.

**Live Music at Altu's.** Featuring a different music act each Saturday. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine, 1312 Michigan Ave., East Lansing. (517) 333-6295. www.eatataltus.com.

**Avon Bomb.** Live music. 9 p.m. FREE. The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 319-4500. www.lansingexchange.com.

### THEATER

**"Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen."** 2 p.m. \$5 for group tickets. (Please see details August 3)

**"The 39 Steps."** 8 p.m. \$10, seniors \$8, students \$6. (Please see details August 2)

**"Othello."** 2 & 8 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. (Please see details Aug. 1)

**"Red, White and Tuna."** 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$22 matinee, \$25. (Please see details Aug. 2)

**"Getting Near to Baby."** 8 p.m. \$14, \$12 seniors & students. (Please see details Aug. 2)

**"The Wizard of Oz."** Tickets for the musical fantasy can be reserved at midmichfamilytheatre@gmail.com or phone. 3 p.m. \$7, \$5 pre-schoolers. Mid Michigan Family Theatre, 440 Frandor Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-2145. www.mmft.net.

## Sunday, August 5

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

#### Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous.

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

**The Family Show.** "Space Chase," for children from preschool through grade 3 and their families. 2:30 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 400 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 355-4672.

**Relics of the Big Bang.** Emphasizes research currently underway at CERN. 4 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 400 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 355-4676.

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

### EVENTS

**Salsa Dancing.** DJ Mojito spins salsa, merengue & Bachata. 7 p.m.-Midnight. \$5 21, \$7 under 21.

Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge, 6810 S. Cedar St., Lansing. **Alcoholics Anonymous.** Closed meeting for those who desire to stop drinking, with American Sign Language interpretation. 9 a.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.

**Capital Area Singles Dance.** Meet new friends with door prizes. 6-10 p.m. \$8. Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 819-0405.

**East Lansing Farmers Market.** Fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, crafts, activities and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct., East Lansing.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** Featuring both produce and artisan vendors selling produce, herbs, baked goods, hand dyed fibers and more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Avenue and Turner Street, Lansing. (517) 485-4283.

**Stewardship Work Days.** Families with children and community members can volunteer for a couple hours helping keep Fenner beautiful. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. fofnc.org.

**Lansing City Market Presents: Summer Sundays.** All businesses will be open. Noon-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460.

**36th annual Corn Roast.** Hamburgers, Polish kielbasa, sauerkraut, corn on the cob and more. 12:30-3 p.m. FREE. St. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-7880 .

### MUSIC

**Music on the Patio.** Featuring Brad Maitland and Dan Wixon every Sunday. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr., Lansing. (517) 267-3800.

**Planes Mistaken For Stars.** Post-Hardcore music. 6 p.m. \$8 advance. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795.

**Agent Orange.** Punk rock. 8 p.m. \$8 advance. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. www.macsbar.com.

**Michigan Rock N Brew.** Featuring Michigan music and microbrews. Noon. \$30 day pass, \$50 weekend. Adado Riverfront Park, 531 N. Grand Ave., Lansing.

### THEATER

**"The 39 Steps."** 2 p.m. \$10, seniors \$8, students

\$6. (Please see details August 2)

**"Othello."** 2 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. (Please see details August 1)

**"Red, White and Tuna."** 2 p.m. \$22, \$10 students. (Please see details August 2)

**"Getting Near to Baby."** 2 p.m. \$14, \$12 seniors & students. (Please see details August 2)

**"The Wizard of Oz."** 3 p.m. \$7, \$5 pre-schoolers. (Please see details August 3)

## Monday, August 6

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Divorced, Separated, Widowed Conversation Group.** For those who have gone through loss of a spouse due to death or divorce and are ready to move on with their lives. 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272. www.stdavidslansing.org.

**GriefShare Seminar.** A DVD series, with small support group discussion. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 490-3218.

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

**Euchre.** Come play Euchre and meet new people. No partner needed. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

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

**Monday Morning Movie.** Get your film fix at the library. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext.4.

**Westside Farmers Market.** Get fresh produce and more. 4-7 p.m. FREE. 743 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. www.nwlansing.org/wfm.html.

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Walks are 30-45 minutes. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**Kids Time: Ages 5-11.** Help eastside youth to grow food, develop leadership and life skills. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**End of Summer Reading Party.** Celebrate reading success with a camping inspired party. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

### MUSIC

**Open-Mic Mondays.** Sign up to play solo, duo, with your band. Spoken-Word acts welcome. Drink specials. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan Brewing Company, 402 Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

**CMS Choir Auditions.** Prospective singers looking to join a CMS choir should audition. 4-7 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841-B Timberlane St., East Lansing. (517) 355-7661.

### THEATER

**Audition for "The Elves and the Shoemaker."** From the Brothers Grimm. 6:30-8 p.m. Production fees if cast in show. Mid Michigan Family Theatre, 440 Frandor Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-2145.

## Tuesday, August 7

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Water Media Class.** Must register and pay in advance. \$50 for 4 weeks. 6-8:30 p.m. Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

**Schizophrenics Anonymous.** A self-help support group for those affected by the disorder. 10 a.m. Room 215-F, Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 485-3775.

**Yoga 40.** For those in their 40s, 50s, 60s and beyond. 7:15 p.m. Suggested \$7. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Anyone wanting to lose weight is welcome. 7 p.m. FREE to visit.. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. Contact Judy at (517) 543-0786.

**Schizophrenics Anonymous Self-help Support Group.** For persons with schizophrenia and related disorders. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-3775.

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

**Intro to Computers.** Professionals from Career Quest teach the basics. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 492-5500.

**On the Way To Wellness.** Barb Geske provides nutrition and wellness coaching in a positive, informative format. 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. \$10. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 349-9536.

**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.org.

**Summer Tutoring.** For students, grades K-6. An informal group tutoring from high school and college volunteers. 10:30 a.m.-Noon. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**QiGong & Tai Chi classes.** Light exercises for those who have physical limitations, senior citizens or anyone who just needs to unwind. 8 a.m. Up to \$8. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**Tech Shorts: Learning Express.** Learning Express: how to sign up, and how it can help you with test prep. 1:30-2 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. www.dtdl.org.

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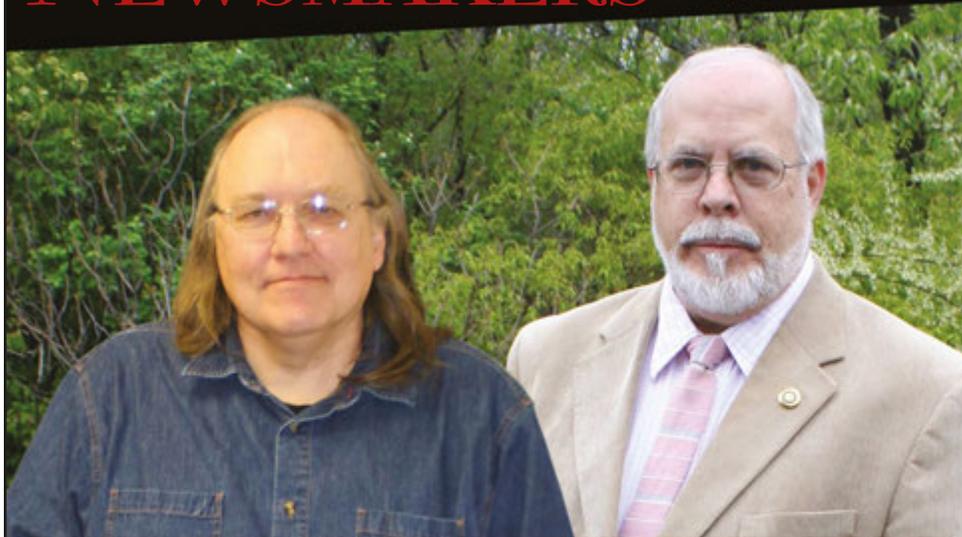
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The interior of Penn Station East Coast Subs in Frandor.



By ALLAN I. ROSS

Since Jared Fogle introduced the world to the **Subway** diet 12 years ago, the fast-food industry has been scrambling to duplicate the quick-and-healthy model without losing its core indulgers. Recently, an interesting hybrid — **Penn Station East Coast Subs** — emerged, combining the nutritious build-your-own sandwich styling of Subway with the guilty pleasures you can get from a sizzling deep fryer. And one has just pulled into Lansing, north of Frandor, at 3020 E. Saginaw St.

This will be the first of eight projected Michigan Penn Station stores (four of which will be in the Lansing area) owned by Cheryl, Mark, Jeff and Chris Kellogg. Husband-and-wife team Cheryl and Mark are based in DeWitt, where Cheryl previously worked for **Sweetie-licous Bakery and Café**. (Mark is a CPA and lawyer, while Jeff, a major league umpire, and Chris, an Arizona physician, are Mark's brothers). The Kelloggs are also looking

to Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor as sites for future Michigan locations.

Penn Station is a Cincinnati-based franchise that started in 1985. The menu features more than a dozen types of hot and cold submarine sandwiches, hand-cut fries, fresh-squeezed lemonade and in-house baked chocolate chunk cookies. Apparently the Philadelphia Cheesesteak is the menu item to beat. Oh, and did I mention that Penn Station opens today?

**Another Culver's coming**

Meanwhile, another Midwest-based food chain is expanding its mid-Michigan base. **Eastwood Towne Center** is adding a **Culver's** into its mix. After finding success on the east side (across from **Meridian Mall**) and the west (in the retail district near I-69/Saginaw Street intersection), the nationally franchised casual dining restaurant will establish a central location beside the newly re-energized Lake Lansing Road shopping center. Culver's is known for its decadent ButterBurger and revolving list of frozen custard Flavors of the Day; if you've never had it, frozen custard is the richer, silkier big brother to soft-serve ice cream, and the Culver's brand is a definite must-try. Culver's has been

based in Wisconsin since it opened in 1985, and the Eastwood location will be opening later this year near the back of the sprawling complex.

**Downtown getting Amigos**

Popular local Mexican restaurant chain **Los Tres Amigos** is set to open its new downtown Lansing location — the company's 10th store — any day now. Owner Arnulfo Ramirez is setting up at 107 E. Allegan St., in the slot previously inhabited by The Boardroom, Downtown Doghouse and Skyline Chili over the last 10 years. Los Tres Amigos does have a few features none of the other businesses that failed in that spot had — strong local name recognition, genuinely good food (and seriously, the chips and salsa alone are reason enough to go) — and limited competition. As of right now, **Jalapenos** is the only other south-of-the-border food station downtown, and it closes by 3 p.m. I'm told not only does the new Los Tres intend to have dinner hours, but it is expecting to have a liquor license as well. An exact date is still not set for the opening, but don't be surprised when you start seeing salsa stains on your downtown coworkers' ties later this month.

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## EVENTS

**Youth Service Corps.** East side youth grow food and develop leadership skills. Ages 11-17. 10-11 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community Garden House, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**Compassionate Friends.** For grieving parents who have lost a child of any age. 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. Salvation Army Community Center, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 351-6480.

**Mid-day Movies.** Watch recent releases on the big screen. 2 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363. www.cadl.org.

**Game On.** Play a variety of board and video games. 3-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 x3.

**Morning Storytime.** All ages welcome for stories, songs, rhymes and fun. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014.

**Storytime.** Stories, rhymes, songs and 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.

**Tuesdays at the Park.** Join for stories, songs, and more. Bring a blanket and picnic lunch. 1 p.m. FREE. Dewitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156. www.facebook.com.

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Walks are 30-45 minutes. 7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**DTDL Crafters.** Conversation, knitting and other handcrafting projects. Bring own supplies. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

## MUSIC

**Jazz Tuesdays.** Hosted by the Jeff Shoup Quartet. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 487-4464.

**Eastwood Summer Music Series.** Outdoor family-friendly concert. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Eastwood Towne Center, 3000 Preyde Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-9209.

**Earth Crisis.** Hardcore, for fans of Shai Hulud, Gorilla Biscuits. 5:30 p.m. \$12. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795.

## Wednesday, August 8

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

**Community Yoga.** Power yoga class. 6 p.m. FREE. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**Healthcare Reform and You.** Find out how the Affordable Care Act affects you along with more information. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

## EVENTS

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1120 W. Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954.

**Kids Time: Ages 5-11.** Help eastside youth to grow food, develop leadership and life skills. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**Practice Your English.** Speaking and listening to English in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere. 7-8 p.m.

FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Allen Street Farmers Market.** Fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, crafts, activities and more. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 485-4279. www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

**Colonial Village Walking Group.** Walks are 30-45 minutes. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**Teen Night at Spiral.** With DJ Alabama from 97.5. Ages 14-18 can dance in a safe and fun environment. 7 p.m.-Midnight, \$10. Spiral Dance Bar, 1247 Center St. Lansing. (517) 371-3221. clubspiral@aol.com.

## MUSIC

**Jazz Wednesdays.** Featuring the Jeff Shoup Trio. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracies Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

**Concert in the Park.** Summer music series, with exciting new performers, lawn seating. 7 p.m. FREE. St. Johns City Park, located off Morton and Park streets, St. Johns. (989) 224-8944.

**Sammy Gold (SaGoBa).** 1980s Pop-Rock, live music. 7-11 p.m. FREE. Rookies Restaurant, 1640 S. US 27, Lansing. (517) 487-8686. www.

reverbNation.com/sammygold.

**Bomb the Music Industry.** With Decade, Inflatable Best Friend and Take a Hint. 5 p.m. \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. www.macsbars.com.

## THEATER

**The C/d Community Dance Project.** An annual dance collaboration between Happendance and LCC. 8 p.m. FREE. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. www.lcc.edu/cma/events.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

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

**Lansing Area Science Fiction Association Meeting.** New location. Informal dinner and conversation every week. 7 p.m. FREE. Buddies Grill, 2040 Aurelius Road, #13, Holt. (517) 402-4481.

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Put a chill in the summer nights with the 2010 Von Kesselstatt "RK," the 2008 Studier Deidesheimer Herrgotacker Riesling "Dry" and the Dr. Loosen Riesling Sekt.

## Cool wines for a sizzling summer

If you're looking for refreshment, you should brush up on your German



By MICHAEL BRENTON

As the heat of summer continues for a few more weeks there is no better time to get acquainted — or re-acquainted — with the refreshing wines of Germany, one of the world's coolest growing regions. The wines typically are vibrant, fruity and refreshing, and often present with bracing acidity. Some of the same grape varieties that thrive in Germany also thrive in Michigan's cooler grape growing climate, particularly varieties Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Pinot Gris.

But it is Riesling that really puts Germany on the map in this country. The best German wine grapes are grown on steeply banked, mineral-laden vineyards in river valley regions such as Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Rheingau, Pfalz, and Rheinhessen. German law establishes quality designations for German wines. The highest quality (and the one to look for on shelves) is Qualitätswein Mit Prädikat, or QmP. Quality wines may be distributed that do not contain the QmP designation, but certainly maintaining that designation sets a minimum bar for quality.

German wines do not seem to fly off the shelves in American wine stores, which is a shame because the wines tend to be high-quality, versatile, food-friendly and crowd-pleasing. Perhaps one reason they

are ignored by some buyers is that German labels can be confusing. The wine label typically indicates whether it is a QmP wine and specifies the grape variety — e.g., Riesling. It also contains significant information describing the place the grapes were grown, and the style of the wine as a measure of the sweetness of the grape at harvest. This usually, but not always, translates into the sweetness of the finished wine.

For table wine, the key words to look for are Kabinett, Spätlese and Auslese. Kabinett wines are the least sweet and typically would appeal to dry white wine drinkers. Spätlese refers to grapes that are picked later and riper. Because they have reached higher sugar levels, these wines may be richer and usually are sweeter. Auslese grapes are picked very late and ripe and almost always are finished as a very sweet wine that most people would view as a dessert wine. Spätlese and Auslese wines can be great companions for spicy Thai food. If seeking a dessert wine is your objective, look for the labels Beerenauslese and Eiswein.

As a consumer, it is frequently helpful to benefit from the palate of an acknowledged expert. Here in Michigan, Paul Mann is one of the most renowned importers of

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# foodfinder

Food Finder listings are rotated each week based on space. If you have an update for the listings, please e-mail [food@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:food@lansingcitypulse.com).

## CASUAL DINING

**ALTU'S** — Traditional Ethiopian food, including spicy shredded beef with jalapenos and ginger served with Ethiopian bread, yellow cabbage and a house salad. 1312 Michigan Ave., East Lansing. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday. (517) 333-6295. [www.EatAtAltus.com](http://www.EatAtAltus.com), OM, TO, P \$

## BENSON'S VINAIGRETTES

— Benson's makes all of its cuisine from scratch and rotates the menu daily. 940 Elmwood St., Lansing. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday. (517) 703-9616. OM, TO, D (for orders more than \$20), P, \$\$.

## BEST STEAK HOUSE

— Low-cost dining for meat lovers, serving steaks and sandwiches, including a modified

Philly cheesesteak. 3020 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. (517) 337-2210. TO, RES, OM \$\$.

## BLUE GILL GRILL

— This eclectic restaurant features a variety of fresh fish, including grouper, salmon and bluegill, made with a secret family recipe. 1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday;

12 p.m.-2 a.m. Sunday. (517) 339-4900. [www.bluegillgrill.com](http://www.bluegillgrill.com). FB, TO, RES (eight or more), OM, WiFi, \$\$

## BRUNCH HOUSE

— Owner Leo Farhat has peppered his traditional breakfast menu with dishes rooted in his Lebanese heritage. 1040 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (517) 484-1567 TO, WiFi, \$

Average price per person, not including drinks:

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**FB** Full Bar **WB** Wine & Beer **TO** Take Out **OM** Online Menu  
**RES** Reservations **P** Patio **WiFi** Wireless Internet **D** Delivery

## Uncorked

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German wines. His wines, typically designated as “a Paul Mann selection,” can be found in the finest wine shops in Michigan. The Paul Mann sticker on a bottle serves as assurance that several due diligence measures already have been surpassed before the wine has reached the shelf.

A recent tasting of Mann's wines during a Greater Lansing Vintners Club event put that theory to the test. All quoted prices represent recent prices at Goodrich's on Trowbridge.

Dr. Loosen Riesling Sekt (\$14.69) was a refreshing, lightly sweet bubbly. The 2008 J.L. Wolf Gewürztraminer from the Pfalz (\$12.99) had a bone-dry presentation with lots of flowers in the nose; this one probably is only for acknowledged Gewürztraminer fans and may have narrower appeal than the rest of the wines that were tasted. The 2008 Studier Deidesheimer Herrgotacker Riesling “Dry” from the Pfalz (\$18.99) had very nice fruit, spiciness on the finish and a bit of petrol in the nose. The 2010 Von Kesselstatt “RK” Riesling from the Mosel (\$11.99) was a bit more delicate on the palate, but had just the right balance of sweetness and acid and represents a great buy. I would lean towards paying the extra dollar to choose the 2009 Selbach Bernkasteler Kurfuerstlay Riesling Kabinett from the Mosel (\$12.89), which presented with stone fruit in the nose and full, soft fruit on the palate. It might even go down too easily.

Stepping it up a notch, a 2007 Willi

Haag Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett from the Mosel (\$21.69) provided an unusual, earthy bouquet and flavor profile, accompanied by a full-bodied, viscous presentation and broad flavors of pear and peach. A 2009 Dr. Thanisch Bernkasteler Badstube Riesling Kabinett from the Mosel (\$21.99) was fruity and sweet with mineral on the nose and petrol on the palate. It is distinctly different from most Michigan Rieslings many readers may have enjoyed.

One fact experienced tasters probably have discovered over time is that quality does not always follow price point. In this case, however, the \$31.99 price point for 2009 Schloss Marienlay Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr Riesling Spatlese from the Mosel became self-explanatory. Good wine is all about balance and this wine showed very sweet fruit, a broad and viscous palate, and a sweeter presentation balanced by acid and minerality — an excellent wine.

Unlike most white wines, Rieslings tend to be relatively age-worthy because of the high acids that balance the sweetness. Thus, it can be fun and educational to purchase Rieslings and intentionally set a few aside to monitor their maturation over a period of time. It would also be fun and educational to enjoy a tasting in which German Rieslings are compared and contrasted with, for example, a west coast Riesling and dry or semi-dry Michigan Riesling. Here's a toast to the warm summer sun: Prost!

*In Vino Veritas*

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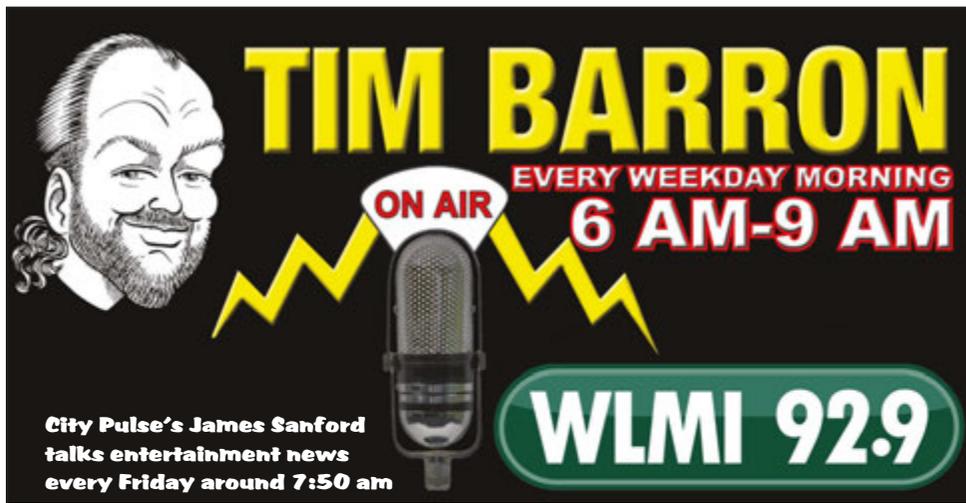
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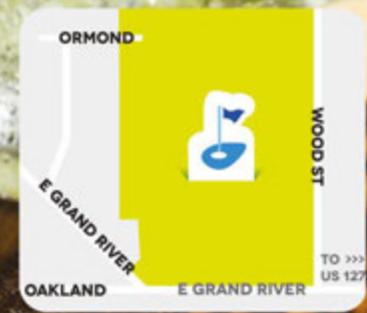
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