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In the 1980s, we had the TV sitcom "Cheers" and its catchphrase "where everybody knows your name!" In Lansing, we have Piazzano's – **"Where Good Friends Meet!"** Piazzano's has an atmosphere similar to "Cheers," a local bar with great customers, fantastic employees, good friends, and unbelievable food. And of course, they have their own versions of Sam, Norm, Cliff, and Carla! The name Piazzano's came from a competition with customers. Owner Jim Farhat said, "We wanted to keep the Italian theme, so when someone suggested "Paesan", which they said meant friend, comrade or countryman in Italian, it just made sense. I changed the spelling a little to bring pizza into it, and the rest is history."

Piazzano's is located **1825 North Grand River Ave.**, 3.3 miles east of the Capital Region International Airport and just west of Old Town and the Turner Dodge House at Owners of Piazzano's, Jim and Nici Farhat, have been there for almost 23 years — in fact, Nov. 23 will mark their 23rd year. They bought the restaurant from Gino Migaldi in November 1996 when it was known as Gino's.

Over the years, you may have wondered where Piazzano's was. You heard it was on Grand River, but as you drove by, you may have missed the somewhat nondescript white building. But the sign outside Piazzano's on the building told you all you needed to know: it's **"Where Good Friends Meet!"**

Now, you can't miss Piazzano's! It's been going through a major renovation with the addition of a



Before renovations



After renovations

four-seasons room on the west side of the building. According to Jim, this will add another 30 seats, allowing the upstairs to seat 140 people and an additional 72 in the lower level banquet room.

The new renovation, along with the previous bar remodel, visually improves the exterior of the building and increases seating at just the right time. Jim Farhat is quick to thank the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) for its generosity by providing \$20,000 in matching funds for the renovations. As he notes, LEAP and the city of Lansing have been aiding the Lansing business community with programs and funding since 2007. And with this grant, they are now extending out into the Grand River Corridor with the Grand River Corridor Project.

Jim Farhat comes from a family steeped in the food business. His dad, Dale Farhat, owned Leon's Home Made Foods, which was on East Saginaw between Cedar and Larch Street. Leon's was famous for their deli-style salads (most notably its potato salad) and distributed and sold food to grocery stores throughout the state. Dale Farhat was also a consummate restaurateur, owning numerous restaurants over the years, like the Shingle



After renovations

Shack restaurant in DeWitt and Leon's Food Shop in Lansing. He also had a hand in the food service at the Pigeon Inn (now Reno's North), Pro Bowl, the food counter at the Lansing Ski Club, and catered numerous events in the Lansing area.

Jim Farhat worked with and learned from his dad through the years. His dad instilled in him a work ethic and commitment to make only the best products, use the best ingredients, and serve the best food. Dale said, "If you focus on the food and the service, people will come." When Jim first bought the restaurant, the menu consisted primarily of burger and basket type entrees. Over time he focused on upgrading the menu, adding daily specials to the mix. You will often see Jim overseeing the window pass through, to assure every item comes out correct.



OUR PEOPLE

All the regulars will tell you that in addition to the amazing food and friendly atmosphere, it's the staff making Piazzano's what it is today. When Jim bought Piazzano's, they had seven employees, and two are still with them today.

Jim notes that they pride themselves on their amazing staff. "They enjoy working here and it shows," he said. As an example, there are two employees, John DeMarco aka "Johnny D" behind the bar and Penny Reynolds serving the breakfast crowd. DeMarco and Reynolds started with Gino's and are still with Piazzano's giving them 24-plus years of service each. And the list of employees and their years of service include: Brian (22 yrs), Tim (12 yrs), Alyson (9 yrs), Mike L. (8 yrs), Justin (7 yrs), Tami (7 yrs), Karrie (4 yrs), Phil B. (3 yrs), Teri (3 yrs), Deanna (3 yrs), Shay (2 yrs) and our newest additions, Vern, Nick R., Larry, Molly, Nick J., Michael V., Josh, Jeff, Alysia, Phil L., Hannah, Kelvin and Shayna. "We're always looking for new employees – the next generation of amazing people who will continue making Piazzano's the best and, as always, "Where Good Friends Meet!" Jim Farhat added.

Johnny D. will tell you, he's the ringmaster behind the bar at night. He greets every customer walking through the door with "Hi folks" and thanks everyone as they leave. He credits their success to always making customer service the number one priority. It's noteworthy that DeMar-



co is the quintessential bartender – whether you're sitting at the bar having a drink or at the bar eating your meal, be sure to ask Johnny about his last film. Besides working in real estate during the day, he's also an actor and has several films to his credit. Check him out on IMDb.com, search for John DeMarco! It's very interesting to know that at one time he was even being considered for a role on the Sopranos, the HBO hit show. When you meet him, you'll understand why!

Piazzano's hours:

Monday thru Saturday 7 am to 10 pm
Sunday 9 am to 9 pm

Serving Breakfast:

Monday to Friday 7 am to 11 am
Saturday 7 am to 1 pm
Sunday 9 am to 1 pm

Piazzano's has a traditional breakfast menu with a new menu coming soon!

Appetizers range from a variety of homemade items like pizza, Reuben, beef brisket rolls, to baked mushroom caps. Try the sandwiches, like the meatball sub, French dip, or the famous Tongue Slapper! Pizzas are all homemade and delicious, using



the freshest ingredients. Try one of the specialty pizzas, like a spinach artichoke pizza, or a unique Reuben pizza, or stay traditional with a meat lover's! Stop in on Wednesday's and try the turkey dinner special. Come early, as it often sells out.

Some of Piazzano's Daily Specials include:

Monday: \$1 off spaghetti dinners

Tuesday: Rotation of open face shaved prime rib, meatloaf, pot roast, roast pork

Wednesday: Turkey dinners, home-made just the way you get at home on Thanksgiving

Thursday: All you can eat ground beef soft shell tacos

Friday and Saturday: Available after 4 - Prime Rib Dinner - the best in Lansing, hands down, slow cooked over night using only the best quality beef.

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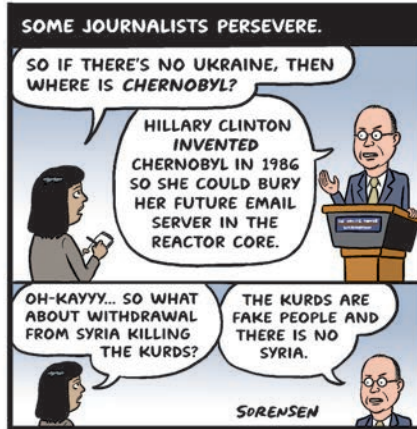
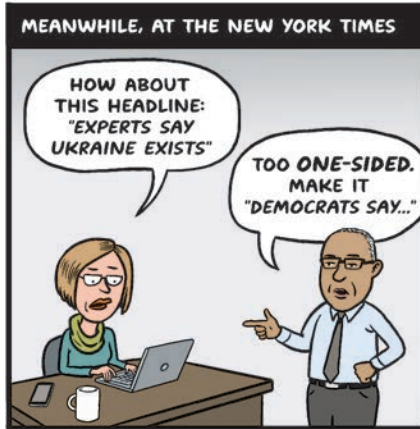
OUR FRIENDS

As you walk in, the front door be sure to say hello to Clarence – a regular who's been hanging out for well over 25 years. Piazzano's has a ton of regular customers. They attribute that to treating everybody like family. So, if you would like to become part of the "family" stop in and check it out. Remember to listen for Johnny D. to send out a friendly greeting. Don't forget Tuesday's DJ Trivia starts at 8 pm. Test your knowledge against the smartest people in town.

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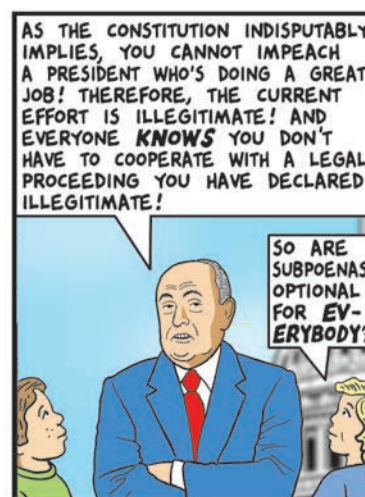
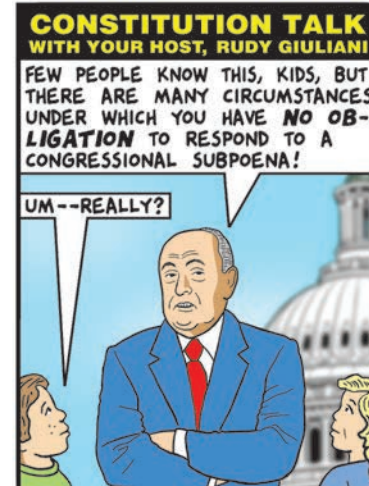
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NEWS & OPINION

At-Large: ABC: Anybody But Carol

Two of the Lansing City Council's at-large seats, which represent all four wards of the city, are up for review by voters in the Nov. 5 General Election.

Faced with a pair of challengers, both incumbents are running to keep their jobs. Only one of them should be reelected.

Carol Wood, a dominant figure on the Council for two decades, isn't the one we have in mind. While an argument can be made that Wood provides the best problem-solving services to her constituents, her willingness to shake the trees of city government to address the complaints of individual citizens is outweighed by her disappointing failures as a representative of all Lansing residents.

City leaders are called upon to think and act boldly, driven by a clear vision for moving the city forward. All too often, Wood's vision is clouded by personal animosities and her penchant for seeking out and exploiting conflict and division wherever she can find it. She's served alongside four different mayors, from David Hollister to Andy Schor, and she's managed to be a thorn in the side of each of them, a role she seems to relish far more than getting actual results for the city.

Like her compatriot Jody Washington, Wood is more conservative than the voters she represents. In a city that voted overwhelmingly in favor of both medical and recreational marijuana, for example, her strong anti-cannabis animus is reason enough to put her out to pasture. More important, dislodging Wood from her long-time seat at the dais would go a long way toward ending the faction-driven infighting that too often consumes the City Council. Her involuntary retirement would usher in a new era of less contentious city governance. Even though she is almost certain to win a sixth term, we encourage voters to send her a message by considering other candidates.

The other at-large incumbent,

Patricia Spitzley, has earned our support — but with reservations. An attorney and deputy redevelopment manager for the Racer Trust seeking her second term, Spitzley usually winds up voting the right way on issues like marijuana regulation, affordable housing and economic development. Yet we're troubled by her inconsistent approach to public policy and a seeming willingness to trade her principles for the sake of political expediency. For example, she at first supported the successful effort to send the Trump administration a message by declaring Lansing a sanctuary city in a resolution. But when the reviews came in, she joined Wood and Washington to undo it, attracting national notice to Lansing for not sticking to its principles. If she secures another term, we hope to see a more resolute approach that doesn't bend with the political breeze.

Challenging Wood and Spitzley are two capable, qualified women, both of whom have previously made unsuccessful runs for local office. Julee Rodocker, a purchasing agent for Consumers Energy, has run twice before — once in the 2014 school board race and two years ago in the Second Ward council race — losing both times by a wide margin. She seems congenial and thoughtful, mainly focusing her campaign on the city's fiscal health. Disappointingly, her platform is a series of nebulous platitudes rather than substantive suggestions for resolving the city's well-known financial challenges. We're also concerned that her relative inexperience would lead her to fall under the spell of Councilwoman Wood, who uses her long tenure and institutional knowledge like a bludgeon to bring new Council members under her influence and keep her voting bloc intact.



Spitzley

The other challenger, Yanice Jackson-Long, ran unsuccessfully for the Council two years ago. She articulates a clearer vision than Rodocker for where she wants to lead the city, based on a deeper understanding of the issues. As an African-American, she would bring added diversity to a Council that can always use more of it. Although neither challenger has made an especially compelling case for her candidacy, we're inclined to give Jackson-Long the nod.

Her varied work experiences in both the private and public sector give her a more nuanced understanding of the challenges facing city government and a more seasoned foundation for making good policy choices.

Voters are encouraged on Nov. 5 and in absentee voting to reelect Patricia Spitzley and to choose Yanice Jackson-Long to replace Carol Wood.

Third Ward: Adam Hussain

A school teacher in the Waverly district and the son of First Ward Councilwoman Jody Washington, Third Ward Councilmember Adam Hussain is running unopposed for his second term representing the southwest quadrant of the city. To his credit, Hussain has been a vocal



Hussain

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Louis Beck House 515 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing Owner: Lansing Community College

The Louis Beck house, a Michigan Historical Site across from the main campus of Lansing Community College, has recently undergone an extensive exterior renovation, drawing out its natural historic beauty. Architecturally, the house has not changed. However, the exterior appearance has changed dramatically. The exterior is now clad in a historically sensitive fiber-cement siding; a wide band of trim has been installed just below the second-story windows for additional visual interest. The front porch, with its half-circle roofline known as a segmental arch, features new tapered columns. Only the heavy wooden door with 3/4-view diamond-patterned glass remains from before. Below the porch line, the foundation has been clad in stone. The Prairie School, popular when the house was built at the turn of the century, focused on use of natural materials like stone, wood and brick. This style was further characterized by strong horizontal lines, solid construction and craftsmanship, and hipped roofs. The hipped roof of this house, which is sloped on four sides, as well as its asymmetrical façade to accommodate the modest portico on the right also lend itself to Colonial Revival style. It was not uncommon for builders of that time (much like now) to be influenced by more than one style.

— CARRIE SAMPSON

"Eye Candy of the Week" is our look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates each with Eyesore of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Berl Schwartz at 999-5061.

Washington charges misogyny against Punks with Lunch anarchist

Lansing City Councilwoman Jody Washington says she's the victim of misogynistic attacks as she endures a dogfight of a campaign for a third term representing the First Ward.s

The political feud stems from her ongoing difficulties with Punks with

Lunch, a nonviolent anarchist group that feeds the homeless, and its spokesman, Martin Mashon. Washington secured a personal protection order against Mashon from the Ingham County Circuit Court in August after he posted negative comments about her on

Facebook, which included calling her a "bitch."

Washington has now referenced their encounter in a campaign flier: "You know how it goes: When a man is forceful, he's referred to as 'strong' and 'decisive.' When a woman speaks her mind, she's referred to as the 'B-word' or worse."

In fighting to keep her seat, Washington appears to be using Mashon and Punks with Lunch to strengthen both her right and left flanks.

She can attack the fringe group to shore up her moderate credentials by associating Punks with Lunch with the alt-left and Antifa, which have been at the center of street violence in left-wing cities like Portland, Oregon.

And with the charges of misogyny, she can play to liberal identity politics to appeal to progressives.

When reached for comment, Washington referred to City Pulse editor and publisher Berl Schwartz and said: "Berl will twist whatever I say, so I'm not going to engage further. I will let you men decide what is and isn't sexist."

[City Pulse endorsed her opponent, Brandon Betz, in an editorial last week.]

In comments to her fanbase on Facebook, Washington was more digressive:

"I have never gone negative. I have held my head high, and I stand on my



Washington



Mashon

record. I have found no need to try to invalidate the work of others in an attempt to make me look good.

"I make no apologies for not fitting the box that some folks think little ladies should be

in. I am a grown, strong woman and I will continue to fight like a grown woman! If that means being passionate now and again, so be it. I can't believe people are still alright with misogynistic attitudes.

"I have never been a fan of victim shaming, but I will never stand back and be another victim regardless of who tries to shame me."

Mashon told City Pulse that Washington is zeroing in on one stray insult he made in a Facebook post to distract from the poor job she's done addressing the needs of her constituents. She got the personal protection order for "threats on her life" that were really "threats on her reelection."

The Lansing State Journal first reported on the personal protection order earlier this month. It cited the lines from Mashon that Washington used as evidence of the need for a special order protecting her from a constituent:

"Go ahead and defend your friend, she's going to be getting hers. Tell that Jody bitch she's got a lot that's going to be thrown at her plate after the primary.

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CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

To the qualified electors of the City of East Lansing, please take notice that an Election will be held in the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

For the purposes of electing candidates for the following non-partisan offices:

East Lansing City Council Three (3) Seats

Also, to vote on the following local proposal:

In an effort to recoup the purchase price for property that was purchased as the result of tax foreclosure proceedings, is the City Council authorized to sell all or a portion of the 26.83 acres of mostly vacant, unimproved property (unimproved except for two billboards) located at the southwest corner of the West Road and Coleman Road intersection in the northwest tier of the City?

YES
NO

For complete listing of candidates and proposals, check the Ingham County Clerk's website at cl.ingham.org

Polls at said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

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

LIST OF POLLING LOCATIONS:

- Pct. 1 - Brody Hall, MSU
- Pct. 2 - Martin Luther Chapel, 444 Abbot Road
- Pct. 3 - East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road
- Pct. 4 - Capital City Vineyard Church, 1635 Coolidge Road
- Pct. 5 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road
- Pct. 6 - Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Road
- Pct. 7 - St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3383 Lake Lansing Road
- Pct. 8 - University Reformed Church, 841 Timberlane Street
- Pct. 9 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 10 - Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road
- Pct. 11 - Burcham Hills Retirement Community, 2700 Burcham Drive
- Pct. 12 - Union Bldg., MSU
- Pct. 13 - IM Sports East, MSU
- Pct. 14 - IM Sports East, MSU
- Pct. 15 - IM Sports West, MSU
- Pct. 16 - Wesley Foundation, 1118 S. Harrison Road
- Pct. 17 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Road

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

The East Lansing City Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to register voters, issue and accept absentee ballots for qualified electors.

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

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

The East Lansing City Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office or online at cityofeastlansing.com.

November 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on November 4, 2019 must be requested and voted in person at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, November 5, 2019, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office.

Jennifer Shuster
East Lansing City Clerk

CP#19-304

ABC

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and engaged advocate for his ward, pushing for economic and community development in an area that has, for a variety of reasons, missed out on much of the new investment the city has attracted over the past decade.

As noted in our endorsement last week of Brandon Betz over Jody Washington in the First Ward race, our greatest concern is Hussain's inexplicable inability to disagree with his mother, which makes us question the wisdom of close relatives serving together

on the city's legislative body. Hussain's lack of independence and willingness to dutifully fall in line with Wood and Washington are our biggest disappointments. In his second term on City Council, we encourage him to demonstrate that he can think for himself and stand on his own principles.

That no one was willing to challenge Hussain this year is either a vote of confidence in his first-term performance — or yet another example of the frustrating lack of quality candidates who are willing to run for office in a town that has more than its share of political talent. We'll give Hussain the benefit of the doubt that it's the former rather than the latter, and cautiously give him our support.

Domestic violence complaints plague Grand Ledge mayoral candidate

A candidate for the mayor of Grand Ledge has a long history of run-ins with police, including allegations of domestic violence and assault from at least four different women, entailing two ex-wives, his current girlfriend and his sister.

None of the allegations resulted in arrest or criminal charges. On three occasions, the alleged victim declined to press charges.

The candidate, Grand Ledge Councilman Michael Dean Doty, 45, denied he did anything wrong other than get into heated arguments and use bad judgment in his choice of relationships. Doty notes that after the first divorce, he retained full custody of his two daughters, and after his second divorce, a stepdaughter chose to live in his home rather than with his ex-wife.

Doty was first elected to Grand Ledge City Council in November 2017 as a write-in candidate. There were no candidates listed on the ballot, and he won with just 18 write-in votes after he announced his candidacy on Facebook.

A small businessman, he's the owner of Doty Custom Audio & Video.

He's one of three candidates for Grand Ledge mayor this fall. The other candidates are incumbent Thomas Sowle, who was appointed mayor after Kalmin Smith stepped down in June 2018, and Michael Coll, a former City Councilman who ran against Smith four years ago.

Former State Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, has observed the race closely. He said Sowle and Doty have the most yard signs. He said Doty "comes from a very prominent family in Grand Ledge and a lot of people think he's going to win. It appears to be a close race, although I think the race is



Doty

over because so many voters are voting absentee."

Jones said he has not endorsed anyone.

A man identifying himself as a Grand Ledge resident sent police reports to City Pulse that he said he had obtained through a state Freedom of Information Act request. The man asked not to be identified because he said he feared retaliation.

Doty told City Pulse that the police records were released to the media because of a smear campaign. He alleged they were given to the media by a political insider who wished to derail his campaign.

"I had no reason to think anything would come up because I didn't think I did anything wrong," he said. "I've never been convicted of anything. I've never spent a day in jail. I thought you were innocent until proven guilty or so I thought."

He believed a political enemy is slinging gossip at him to boost the candidacy of Sowle. Efforts to reach Sowle were unsuccessful.

Doty's first pair of police incidents date to November 1997 when he was 23 and he said his marriage was failing and he was melting down in the "worst month of my life."

On Nov. 11, 1997, his first wife said he yelled at their 4-year-old child, and she intervened, according to a Grand Ledge Police report. She accused him of throwing her in a chair and pinning her there. The child told police that her parents had been fighting and her dad pushed her mom. Doty denied to police that he did anything to his wife beyond restraining her arms, and the responding police officer noted she had no signs of visible injuries.

"I really don't want to press charges. I just want this kept on file just in case something was to happen in the future,"

the wife told police. Those sentiments were repeated by his sister on Nov. 20, 1997, after a second incident involving police.

Doty's sister told police that he yelled at her, so she slapped him. She said he then threw

her on the bed, which caused her to slam her head against the wall, she told police. She alleged to police that he said he could kill her with his bare hands.

"She slapped me in the face. I actually pushed her back. End of story," Doty said. "This was a fight with my sister from 22 years ago."

On April 9, 2017, at 4:15 a.m., Doty called police to his mobile home in Grand Oaks Village on North Clinton Street in Grand Ledge to report chaotic behavior by his second ex-wife, with whom he was married from 2007 to 2012. Doty said she came at him with a knife and police reported minor abrasions on his skin and hers. Police confiscated the butcher knife.

He called the police on the ex-wife a second time that morning to have her removed after she later returned and crawled through the window of his trailer.

Police tried to follow up the next day with a search warrant, but the ex-wife refused to press charges, and the warrant was denied. Doty told City Pulse that he soon sought a restraining order against this woman, whom he called "extremely manipulative."

The last alleged victim, his current girlfriend and fiancée, told City Pulse that she gave the police a false story while delusional and under the influence of psychiatric medications.

On Oct. 23, 2017, two weeks before Doty was elected to Grand Ledge City Council, she told Grand Ledge Police Officer Jill Fewer that she and Doty had been at a party in Flint and he drove them home drunk and assaulted her in the car. She said she fled the vehicle and hitchhiked west on I-69 and was picked up by a Good Samaritan who returned her to Grand Ledge.

The police documents included details of her psychiatric stay at Sparrow St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing and her Michigan Department of Health & Human Services records. She accuses the Grand Ledge Police Department of violating federal privacy laws by disclosing her medical information to the public without the proper redactions.

In the interview with City Pulse, she wore a Michael Dean Doty for Grand Ledge Mayor button and supports him. She says none of the Flint drinking and hitchhiking story was true. Doty also denied it ever happened.

— CHRIS GRAY

Correction: The print version of this article incorrectly described Doty's role in one of the incidents.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING 2020 BUDGET HEARING FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL FUND BUDGETS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing for the 2020 General Fund Budget and for any Special Funds will be held in the Township Hall, 3209 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Property Tax Millage Rate of 8.5065 Mills which is proposed to be levied for 2019 General Fund as well as .5 Mills for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks and roads will be the subject of this Budget Hearing and will support the proposed 2020 Budget.

This hearing will afford citizens the right to present oral and written comments and to ask questions on the proposed uses.

A copy of the 2020 proposed budgets will be available to the public for inspection during office hours from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays in the office of the Township Clerk, beginning October 22, 2019

Susan L. Aten, Clerk
Charter Township of Lansing

CP#19-307

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-6-2019, 100 Block of S. Larch Street
Rezoning from "G-1" Business District to "H" Light Industrial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider Z-6-2019. This is a request by Edward C. Carpenter Family Trust to rezone the parcel of land (Parcel No. 33-01-01-16-428-131) located on the east side of the 100 block of S. Larch Street, approximately 120 feet north of the S. Larch/Barnard Street intersection from "G-1" Business District to "H" Light Industrial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to make the zoning of the subject property consistent with the "H" Light Industrial District zoning of the properties to the north that are also owned by the applicant for this request.

For more information, please call Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. 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, November 18, 2019 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/CMMC
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CP#19-302

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF INGHAM NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 19-1230-GM

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Corrections

Because of a reporting error, a story in last week's paper on the Lansing Ignite misidentified the ownership of Cooley Stadium. The city of Lansing is the owner.

Because of a reporting error, a

story last week on the First Ward race for the Lansing City Council misidentified the employer of one of the candidates. Brandon Betz works for the Michigan League for Public Policy.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Monica Mouradian, for the property located at 615 Albert Street, to add a new black metal fence with gate along the property edge and change the wood steps to concrete steps with a metal railing.

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

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

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

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Jeff Billman's Column will return next week



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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, November 13, 2019 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 a site plan application from WREL, LLC for the properties at 3118 and 3126 West Road to allow for the construction of a one story 16,700 square foot office building. The subject properties are located in the RA, Residential Agricultural, and B-5, Community Retail Sales Business, zoning districts.

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

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CITY OF LANSING PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019 ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2019 in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. No reason required.

We must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at www.lansingmi.gov/Clerk or by calling 517-483-4131.

The Lansing City Clerk's Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 9th Floor, will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

The Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit, 2500 S. Washington Ave (rear entrance), will be open:

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- Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3, 2019 from noon to 4 p.m.

to register voters and to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

Monday, November 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Ballots issued on Monday, November 4, 2019 must be requested and voted in person at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit.

Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2019, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit.

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Breakthrough coalition working on expanding term limits

Michigan's legislative leaders are working on a term limits expansion deal for state lawmakers with Voters Not Politicians, the grassroots organization that brought the state the new redistricting commission, and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The conceptual plan, which won't be finalized until December, would be that lawmakers could serve a combined 20 years in both the House and Senate before they would be broomed from office.

The length of the combined years is still flexible and would be based on what future polling looks like. As part of the arrangement, House Speaker Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, would add other ethics reform measure into the mix that Voters Not Politicians members are passionate about.



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Other questions on whether the expansion would include serving or past members also needs to be fleshed out. Legislative leaders are conscious about not wanting the proposal to appear to be self-serving, but they also don't to run into any legal problems of excluding a certain group of people from the expanded restriction.

"The Senate majority leader has a known interest in addressing the issue of term limits and the fact that they have been a failed experiment," said Shirkey spokeswoman Amber McCann. "He and the speaker have found a willing partner in VNP. They have some reforms that they would like to pursue in conjunction with the issue of term limits changes. We have found some common ground and moving forward with that consensus."

Shirkey and Chatfield briefed their respective legislative chambers on the development today.

"I have always prioritized greater government transparency, accountability and efficiency," Chatfield said. "I'm glad to be partnering with

anyone who is willing to come to the table and work together on a real, responsible plan to make state government better for the people of Michigan."

Reached for comment, Michigan Chamber of Commerce President Rich Studley told MIRS that, yes, there have been recent discussion with "traditional and non-traditional partners" as well as legislators about seeing what proposals the Legislature could enact to strengthen state government and transparency.

While there is no "agreement or proposal," just yet, Studley said the chamber is open to discussions. The thinking is if those proposals are enacted, it might give the public more confidence and allow the door to be cracked on reforming term limits — something Studley noted the chamber has been discussing on and off for years.

In 1992, Michigan voters passed a constitutional amendment that limits Michigan residents to being elected to three two-year terms in the state House and two four-year terms in the state Senate.

A change to the Constitution would require a vote of the people. To put a term-limits amendment on the ballot, the Legislature could either pass a joint concurrent resolution with a two-thirds majority or 425,059 valid Michigan voter signatures would need to be collected within a six-month window.

To get the amendment on the Nov. 3, 2020, ballot, the signatures would need to be turned in by July 6 next year.

Today's breakthrough is substantial. Former House Speaker Rick Johnson and former Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville are among the many state leaders who have talked about expanding the six-year limitation in the House and eight-year limitation in the Senate.

The efforts have continuously fallen apart amid poor polling data. Working with Voters Not Politicians, who successfully pushed through a petition drive in 2018 to create a new citizens' redistricting commission, gives legislative leaders a popular ally to help make reforms.

Nancy Wang, executive director of Voters Not Politicians, said earlier this summer that her members were putting together "good government, pro-democracy reforms" for a potential petition drive in 2020 or 2022. Reforming term limits — either extending or eliminating them — was among the ideas on the table.

Fifteen states have legislative term limits and only Arkansas have terms as restrictive as Michigan's. California's term limits were modified in 2012 to a 12-year cumulative total, either or both houses.

(Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS is at melinnky@gmail.com.)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2019 General City Election for registered voters in the City of East Lansing, Ingham and Clinton Counties, has been scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., City Clerk's Office located at 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner that meets the requirements of the law.

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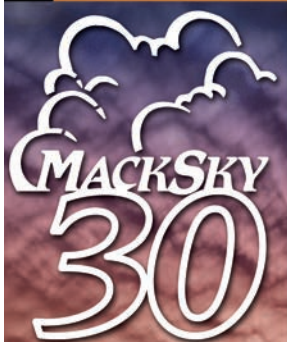
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Favorite Things

Mo-Cuts barber Mo Ogden and a big rest-area map of Michigan



Maps let you know where you've been and where you want to go. I first started getting into maps when I was young. In elementary school, they started teaching me about atlases and it grew from there. I began to see something like "Lansing 10 miles" and would look on a big Michigan map like this how to get there and map out the quickest distance and a few ways on how to get here. I could then see in my mind's eye how to get there.

It is always interesting to me to stop and use a map like this to find different routes and ways that work. I think using this big map you to discover new things you wouldn't know just using the GPS. You can find a hidden lake somewhere and find things that aren't always advertised. A map might be the only hint that something is there.

Things are different now with everyone using GPS. I find it often takes you out of the way of your destination. Sometimes it doesn't work. Sometimes someone calls you right in the middle of navigation and you'll miss a turn.

Maps show you shortcuts and alternate routes to take where a GPS would just take you on the freeway. This way, using a map allows you to

not only get there quicker but see the scenery of the land you're driving through. You'll learn more about the different cities you visit.

Another thing is that some spots to visit are still not on Google. I like to look for the lesser-known golf courses around where I'm at because I like to golf all the time.

I do admit I still do use a GPS when I don't have time to plot out a route, but I often just keep it on its map function and plot my own route.

It's unfortunate that some people don't even know how to read a map the right way now. People don't know how the grid works if a city is at something like A6 where they have to trace the lines to a point on the map instead of looking everywhere for it. You might even have people who can't even tell you what the names of the Great Lakes are because they've never seen them enough on a map.

You don't even need a compass once you understand directions and have a map. Most important, I like to use maps because technology only works when it works.

(This interview was edited and condensed by Dennis Burck. If you have a recommendation for "Favorite Things," please email dennis@lansingcitypulse.com.)

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Catching the melodies

Pianist Keiko Matsui still charges up her fans

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

As the world around her hardens, Keiko Matsui still flows like lava, busting up the crust wherever she goes.

"My melodies keep coming to me," the Tokyo-born smooth jazz pianist said in a phone interview. "I never stop. I really believe this is my mission — to catch the melodies and travel with my music."

Matsui, coming to Wharton Center for Performing Arts Friday, Oct. 25, is a bright spirit, an idealist and a humanitarian with a devoted following around the world. She works in a space all her own, unconcerned with coolness or hipness.

After 27 albums and over 30 years of music making, her energy and sincerity still packs halls and stadiums all over the world.

She sold out the Wharton Center last time she appeared there, in 2008, and her 28th and newest album, "Echo," debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz charts.

Her fans aren't out to catch the latest trend or celebrate the past. They want Keiko Matsui, the way your



Courtesy photo

Keiko Matsui sold out the Wharton Center in 2008 and had her 2019 album, "Echo," debut at No. 1 on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz charts.

phone can only accept one charger.

"I really believe we have a special bond," she said. "Each person has memories associated with a particular song."

The "Echo" album and current U.S. tour is her way of completing the circuit.

"We can put our minds together and experience emotions together with

music," she said. "I wanted to capture all of that, including my gratitude for my fans."

Growing up in Tokyo, Matsui started writing "tiny songs," which she compared to a journal, and composed music for a movie soundtrack while in high school.

She describes her composing process as "receiving melodies."

"I just sit at the piano and wait to hear something coming to me," she said. "That kind of process is very mystical."

She's classically trained, and loves Rachmaninoff and Chopin. She's also a fan of Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder and Chick Corea, but Matsui's compositions come strictly from the Keiko zone.

Many of her motifs are inspired by nature. Matsui's first album, in 1987, was "Drop of Water."

"I love the moon and I love the sea shore," she said. She lives in South Bay, near Los Angeles. "Just looking at the ocean and listening to the waves heals me a lot."

But almost anything can inspire her. One day, while looking at a doll, she found herself imagining the very first doll a human being ever created. The result was "Doll," a minor-key, low-rolling stampede with a primal lode.

"Was the doll an animal, a deity, a baby?" Matsui asked the audience at the 1999 Newport Jazz Festival. "We make strange things which look unnecessary, but we need them, and music is much like that."

Another tune, "Kappa," is a melan-

choly jig (if there can be such a thing) inspired by a forest elf of Japan. "When Kappa died, the forest died," Matsui explained. The tune ends in a florid, prog-rock-style climax.

For "Echo," Matsui went all the way back to her "Drop of Water" source and invited a group of musicians who played on her first and second albums and have remained her friends ever since.

The album is a who's who of the smooth jazz scene, with Marcus Miller on saxophone, Vinny Colaiuta on drums, Robben Ford and Paul Jackson, Jr. on guitar and a couple of new friends, saxophonist Kirk Whalum and bassist Kyle Eastwood (Clint Eastwood's son).

"I wanted to do it as organically as possible, like in the beginning of my career," Matsui said. When the band assembled at United Record Studio in Hollywood, it felt like a warm reunion.

"We did it old school, we just got together. It was like a miracle, really hand made, and it captured everyone's soul and heart."

Also on the CD, and coming with Matsui to the Wharton Center, is Matsui's globe-spanning core band and "family on the road" comprising Cuban drummer Jimmy Branly, bassist Rico Belled, from Holland and J.P. Mourão, from Brazil, on guitar.

Over time, Matsui's approach to composition hasn't changed, but she feels as if she's been "receiving some new dimensions" lately.

"I'm growing. It's not only creating music," she said. "It's like asking myself: How do I want to live?"

WFMK ghost story writer on Michigan's paranormal haunts

By DENNIS BURCK

WFMK-East Lansing DJ John Robinson wears many hats. However, a job researching and writing about Michigan's urban legends and paranormal phenomena is certainly his most interesting job title. The author, musician, DJ and actor has documented over 250 of Michigan's urban legends and ghost stories.

His flagship "Haunted Michigan" column is updated almost daily with tales of mystery and macabre in the mitten. Some of his stories are set

in the usual suspects of paranormal activity, including graveyards, ghost towns and decrepit buildings. Others are more devious. He's told the stories of the end of the line at Seven Gables Road where shadows stalk onlookers, the Mackinac Island Skull Cave burial site filled with bones and the Ada witch that roams Findlay Cemetery.

What experience did you have which led you to become a paranormal writer?

It's a long story. Back in the late 1800s, there was this little girl named

Mary McNaughton who lived in Jackson. She passed away when she was about 7 or 8 years old. Her mother doesn't believe she is truly dead, but they end up burying her anyway. The mom finally convinced a caretaker that they had to dig her up because she wasn't dead. A few days later, they dig her up, open the coffin and find scratch marks on the wood. Indeed, they had buried her alive.

Ever since then, when the years go by, the rumors grew. People say, "If you go out there where she's buried, you

can hear her scratching." Of course, kids went out there boozed up and vandalized it. This is a very old part of the cemetery. All of the graves were encased in the woods.

I went out there with a couple of people in the newer part of the cemetery on the west side of the woods. We go out there in October with the wind blowing and I hear a scratching sound. I said, "Where the heck is this coming from?" I start shining the flashlight

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all around, finally pinpointed to a blank slab of concrete on the ground. I thought maybe there was a leaf blowing across it because it was windy out. I'm shining the flashlight and can still hear the scratching. I thought maybe there was some sort of bug crawling across it making noise, one of those hard-shelled beetles or something. I get a little closer and there are no bugs. I thought this was ridiculous. I was still hearing this scratching here. I get down on my hands and knees with my face inches away from the noise. Nothing was causing the scratching outside, but I still heard it coming

from this concrete slab.

I never figured it out until a couple of months later. I started talking to the caretaker out there and he's telling us the story about little Mary. He said it got so bad with the vandalism, they had to close off the old cemetery. What they did was dug up little Mary's body, but left the marker.

They moved her to an unmarked grave in the new cemetery where we were, where I was when I heard the scratch. I didn't know it at the time and it made me wonder.

How do you reconcile the afterlife and paranormal activity you study?

The older you get and the more you read, the more open your mind gets to it. I do consider myself a skeptic on some levels, but I'm learning more and more and finding people with experi-



Courtesy photo

John Robinson's latest book, "Paranormal Michigan 2," can be found on Amazon.

ences. I've never used ghost hunting equipment so many people use. If something is going to happen to me, it has to be for real.

What was a real moment for you?

I spend the night at a funeral home at one time, sleeping in the bedroom where they kept the bodies for viewing. It was dark and I'm lying on my left side trying to sleep when I feel these cold fingertips walking down my side. So I went back a week later on another Saturday night. Again, I hadn't fallen

asleep, but was ready to drift off in the twilight zone. My arm was pulled out of bed. So I yelled at it to leave me alone. I wasn't scared, I was just mad. It stopped. I go back another Saturday, a glutton for punishment. I was lying there in bed at 3 a.m. with a computer on at the foot of my bed. Then I heard the sound of a little girl giggling. I didn't think anything of it. I thought it might be something coming from the computer. I mentioned it to the owner and she said she hears the little girl giggles too.

Your column is updated almost daily with a new Michigan ghost story. How do you find your stories?

I just do research, and I try to find different sources so it's not just one person making up something. With more than one source, there may be some sort of basis for it. When it comes to these stories, you figure most of these urban legends have to have some factual element to them to begin with.

There are a lot of things I find as actual B.S., but it is part of our urban legends and part of what makes living in Michigan fun.

(Visit John Robinson's column at <https://99wfmk.com/tags/haunted/>)

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HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

New student housing catalyzes Michigan Avenue development

By CHRIS GRAY

Everywhere you look near Michigan State University, developers seem to be doubling down on luxury housing geared toward college students.

East Lansing just dusted off the new 12-story Landmark apartment building above a small Target store and new parking garage this August with 273 units geared both toward students and recent college graduates. Down the street, the 10-story The Hub opened to students this school year with 347 units and a rooftop pool, and developers told city officials they plan to build another.

New apartments line Hagadorn Road in Meridian Township, and Skyvue Apartments opened two years ago to the west on Michigan Avenue, just inside the city of Lansing.

Across the road lies the most ambitious project yet: the Red Cedar golf course development, where another 1,100 student beds are planned, along with a host of other amenities and environmental clean-up of the polluted Montgomery Drain into the Red Cedar River.

The question it all poses is, how long can this building boom last? And what's to happen to other student housing complexes on the north edge of the city? Is East Lansing headed for a bust?

TREZISE: FUTURE > PAST

Bob Trezise, president and CEO of the Lansing

Economic Area Partnership, or LEAP, says no. “There probably is a student housing bubble but I think it’s a much more nuanced issue than that.”

Trezise has a vision of rejuvenation built along a corridor from MSU to the state Capitol, with two bustling downtowns at each end for Lansing and East Lansing. “I like the future. I don’t like the past.”

As Chicago and coastal cities grow too expensive, Trezise says he sees more college graduates sticking around East Lansing and Lansing, especially the northeast quadrant of the city. Ever the booster for his lifelong hometown, he sees the greater Lansing area moving only in one direction, both fig-

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Dennis Burck/City Pulse

The atrium to the Landmark apartments.



Dennis Burck/City Pulse

The Landmark on Grand River apartments tower over downtown East Lansing.

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ratively and literally — up.

He said the closer housing is built near campus and downtown East Lansing, the more lucrative is and the higher the rent. Apartments built farther away from campus — especially to the north, like Chandler Crossing in Bath Township — will have to reinvent themselves but will still provide a critical need and help keep housing costs down while providing a decent rate of return for apartment managers and landlords.

“Some of it was built wrong. It’s too far away. It’s not walkable. It’s not dense,” Trezise said. “It needs to be squeezed close to Michigan State University to be fully integrated into the campus itself.”

“It’s a lovely housing area for non-students. We need a lot of housing for young professionals. I think they’ll be fine. I think they’ll be less and less marketed as student housing.”

The increased density will be a win for the core cities, a win for the region and a win for the environment, reducing urban sprawl and lowering the area’s carbon footprint.

Landmark felt like the perfect fit for McKain Williams, a senior neuroscience major at MSU, after a year spent in a slummy rental house about three-fourths of a mile from campus. “I wanted somewhere to live that had new appliances and wouldn’t leak and was furnished at a high level,” said Williams, who splits a \$2,400 three-bedroom apartment with two roommates. “The management actually does things here.”

Steve Willobee, a spokesman for Harbor Bay, the Illinois developer of the Landmark, says they not only erected the building at the center of East Lansing, they have remained to take care of the property. “We manage the asset ourselves.”

Despite complaints from local businesses about the construction, Willobee said the 12-story development was completed in under two years. A city parking lot was replaced with a 600-space city parking garage, and the 91-unit Newman Lofts luxury apartments for active adults and older opened Oct. 1 at the rear of the block along Albert Avenue.

“A lot of people are moving back to their alma mater and living downtown,” Willobee said. “There’s a lot of love for Michigan State University.”

ENROLLMENT SLACKENS

Student enrollment at Michigan State University hit a record high in 2018-2019, growing along with the University of Michigan, even as almost all of the smaller, regional public colleges like Central Michigan University and Saginaw State University have been dropping — Saginaw by 10 percent since 2008 and CMU by 20 percent in that time.

The number of Michigan high school graduates has been dropping



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The Hub on Campus is a national chain of apartment buildings geared for student housing.

and they’re about to take a big plunge. Michigan had 104,000 Michigan high school graduates in 2018. By 2032, that number will drop to 84,000, according to Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Other universities, such as Northern Michigan University and Lake Superior State University, are working to reverse their decline with trendy new offerings, such as a medicinal plant chemistry program to help the state’s budding marijuana industry become more professional and science-based.

MSU has mostly counteracted declining Michigan graduates with an increase in out-of-state and international students, especially from China.

A candidate for East Lansing City Council, John Revitte, is more pessimistic than civic boosters like Trezise — or Mayor Mark Meadows, who led the way for more vertical downtown development in East Lansing. Revitte, a retired labor relations professor, says President Trump’s trade war and hostility toward foreigners, especially China and the Middle East, will make recruitment of international students harder to achieve in years to come.

He said the university’s handling of the Larry Nassar sexual assault scandal is also tarnishing the university’s image and driving students away.

“Lower rents are a great thing for the students, don’t get me wrong,” Revitte said. “I don’t know anybody who thinks their will be this big growth in international students.”

Revitte called for a moratorium on new high-rise apartments in East Lansing until the city government can study comparable cities and East Lansing’s housing market to know they want get a glut. He prefers a planned thoughtful approach to the more laissez-faire market environment favored by developers.

One big benefit Revitte sees as a Bailey Neighborhood homeowner and East Lansing townie is the reduced



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The north side of Landmark apartments.

pressure to convert older single-family houses into subdivided rentals for students. “There’s a tipping point when a neighborhood becomes so dominated by rentals that things change. Landlords don’t keep up the properties.”

University officials have been circumspect and equivocating in their assessment of the situation. At a Board of Trustees meeting earlier this month, officials reported that as of Sept. 23, MSU welcomed 8,570 new undergraduates — a figure it touted as the largest number of new undergraduates ever.

But overall numbers of students for both graduates and undergraduates dipped 1.1 percent, as more undergraduates dropped out or transferred than came in and the total number of students dropped from 50,351 in 2018-2019 to 49,809 for 2019-2020.

Undergraduates fell from 39,423 to 39,176 and graduate students fell from 10,928 to 10,633.

UNIVERSITY DISPUTES NEED

In 2016, even before student enrollment crested above 50,000, the disgraced former MSU President Lou Anna Simon told local officials that there was no more need for off-campus housing. A university official did not provide updated information when requested.

Of course, Simon had a dog in the hunt. Off-campus housing competes directly with pricey on-campus housing. In 2018-2019 school year, the average student spent more than \$10,000 to live on-campus. That includes about \$5,900 for food as well as \$4,200 for a room, but students can easily save \$2,000 or more living off-campus for nine months if they prepare some of their own meals.

The university is phasing out its aging Spartan Village apartments and

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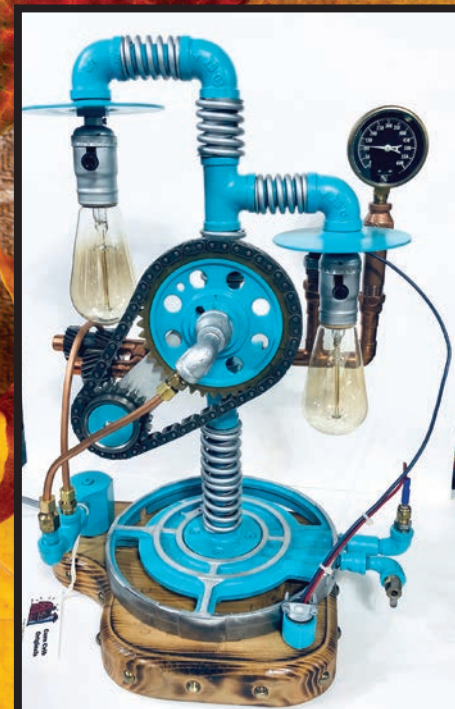
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Located north of campus, Chandler Crossings is still developing its latest set of apartment buildings to suit student housing needs.

Housing

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offering the new \$157 million 1855 Place apartment-style housing on the western side of campus, with studio, two-bedroom and four-bedroom apartments ranging from \$785 to \$995 per room, not including a meal plan, which is optional for this style of housing.

According to U.S. News and World Report, 39% of MSU undergraduate students live on campus and 61% off-campus. Freshmen and most sophomores are required to live on campus and are guaranteed a spot. The university offers co-ed and women-only dorms, apartments cooperative housing and special housing for disabled students.

Off-campus apartments in East Lansing can range from just \$295 a month at The Pines Apartments in the 1800 block of Abbott Road about a mile and a half north of campus to a 10-bedroom house for \$8,400 in the Bailey neighborhood near campus, according to rental listing site Trulia.

Rental prices do tend to climb closer to campus. The furnished Campus Gate Apartments across Grand River Avenue from the Broad Museum go for \$2,600 to \$3,600 a month for four-to-five bedroom units. Almost three miles north of campus in land East Lansing annexed from Bath Township, a two-to-four bedroom unit in The Landings at Chandler Crossing can be snatched for \$454 to \$639 a month.

A good sign that more development is a good bet: the average rental price in East Lansing is almost \$1,300 a

month — lower than the national average, but about a third higher than the state average of \$1,000 a month, according to the latest monthly Michigan Rent Report compiled by Rent Cafe based on surveys of large apartment complexes. The average rent in East Lansing also fell about 1 percent from 2018 to 2019.

Only four Michigan cities, including Allendale and Ann Arbor have higher average rents than East Lansing, and it costs about twice as much to rent a place in East Lansing than in Flint or Muskegon. Rents in Lansing average \$880 a month.

MAYOR WANTS STUDY

Meadows has been largely supportive of the new development and the promise it holds to bring down rent prices for students, young professionals and young families as the old law of supply and demand holds true.

"I would like to know where people are coming from," said Meadows, who has called for a housing analysis of East Lansing's recent developments. "There's been a lot of housing built close to campus."

Red Cedar Project Manager Christopher Stralkowski said student housing is seen as recession-proof: In hard times, people are more likely to head to the university for more education than enter the workforce.

"We're not competing with Chandler Crossing. We're not three miles away from campus. We're next to campus," he said. "They were the newest 20 years ago. Students tend to like the new product."

Continental Ferguson's Red Cedar development, with 1,100 beds, plans to be ready for the 2021-2022 school year.



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Medieval Manuscripts and Early Printed Books in MSU's Special Collections

ON EXHIBIT NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 31
Special Collections Gallery, MSU Main Library

This exhibit examines MSU's growing collection of medieval manuscripts and early printed books in a variety of genres, both sacred and secular, including medicine, poetry, cookery, religious devotion, music, history, and astronomy. Materials are interpreted through markings their producers and owners left behind, and there is a special focus on the "afterlife" of manuscripts that could be repurposed in bindings or divided for use and study by collectors and libraries. Additionally, visitors will be able to hear recordings by College of Music students of vocal music from two manuscript fragments.

Exhibit curated by Tad Boehmer,
Curator and Cataloger of Rare Books, MSU Libraries.

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CURTAIN CALL

'Something's Afoot' does low comedy at a high level

By MARY CUSACK

Not all scripts age gracefully. Like most Neil Simon plays, they can become painfully dated. The musical comedy "Something's Afoot" could also fall into that category, but if produced with a wink and a nod, the work can become a fun bit of camp. Thankfully, Starlight Dinner Theater's production hits the mark.

"Something's Afoot" is a spoof on classic whodunits, and goes so far to credit its influences in the penultimate number "I Owe It All," namechecking Agatha Christie, Charlie Chan, Erle Stanley Gardner and others. In the classic set-up, a group of strangers are invited to the isolated country manor of a wealthy unseen host. The cast of characters are reminiscent of the personas from the boardgame "Clue," each with a secret connection to their host.

After being welcomed by the requisite manor staff, the group is soon

cut off from the outside world by a requisite storm. Soon the requisite stranger arrives. Chaos and hijinks ensue, and soon bodies are piling up at a pace that rivals a Shakespearean tragedy. All the while, the requisite amateur detective, Ms. Tweed (Jane Shipley Zussman) tries to suss out the villain.

The cast is solid, and each seems to relish in the quirkiness of their respective roles. Zussman is perfectly cast as Ms. Tweed, a role that she obviously relishes. Carin McEvoy is the secretive, haughty Lady Grace, who has the opportunity to display her feminine wiles as she slinks through the seductive tune "The Man with the Ginger Moustache."

Ben Holzhausen is hilarious as Nigel Rancour, the black sheep nephew of host Lord Rancour. Nigel believes himself to be the only heir to the Rancour fortune, and schemes to protect his status. Holzhausen's over-the-top performance is a hoot, as he chews scenery, skidding across the stage in gleeful villainy accessorized with a stylish ascot, cigarette holder and hilariously askew wig.

The manor itself is as much a star of the show as any cast member. Jim Lorenz's tastefully appointed set is chock full of surprises, courtesy of



Ron Jones

Left to right: Carin McEvoy, Jane Shipley-Zussman, Colleen Runyan Bethea, Kelly Sandula-Gruner.



Ron Jones

The cast for "Something's Afoot" resembles characters from a popular mystery boardgame, which is just one of the cultural references that pepper this play.

Bob Gehrls' special effects work. The set is deceptively simple, and audiences will delight as the set reveals its secrets.

"Something's Afoot" is not a risky or groundbreaking piece of theater, but

Starlight Dinner Theatre's production is a fine example of a quality community theater production. It's a fun little confection for this season of tricks and treats.

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José Antônio Brandão uproots the 'Mémoires of Michilimackinac'

By BILL CASTANIER

For those interested in the history of Fort Michilimackinac, a new study published by MSU Press provides new insight into French-Indian relations by bridging the gap between what we know of French colonialism and the dominant narratives told by British historians.

In 1991, a research project guided by the Mackinac State Historic Parks sought to locate, copy, translate and publish all available French language documents in order to better understand and interpret French-Indian relationships. The microfilm collection, one of the largest in the United States, now exists for the public at Western Michigan University Archives.

The third, but certainly not final, published edition from the project was a primary source for José Antônio Brandão, a professor and researcher at Western Michigan University. His new book, "Mémoires of Michilimackinac and the Pays d'en Haut," has provided a badly needed, corrected, edited and annotated version of documents written by French researchers and historians such as Pierre Margry, Francois Begon de La Picardiere and Antoine Laumet dit de Lamothe Cadillac, the founder of Detroit.

Mackinac State Historic Parks' project was actualized by historians looking to learn more about the relationship between the French and Indians in "New France," dating back to the French's first visits and then presence at the Straits of Mackinac in 1671 until the British conquest in 1761.

It has proved a daunting project notwithstanding the documents were written in 17th and 18th century French. Early work by the late Joseph L. Peyser and later work by Keith Widder, curator of history at the Mackinac State Historic Parks, paid great dividends that resulted in three books co-published by Michigan State University Press.

While researching the documents, Brandão soon discovered existing English translations were questionably translated, altered, abridged or interpreted from the original French documents, resulting in spurious information.

Brandão found the translations of a 19th century researcher, Margry, especially egregious.

The new translations Brandão writes in his book, have a "specific focus on Michilimackinac, the pays d'en haut, its people and their place in French impe-



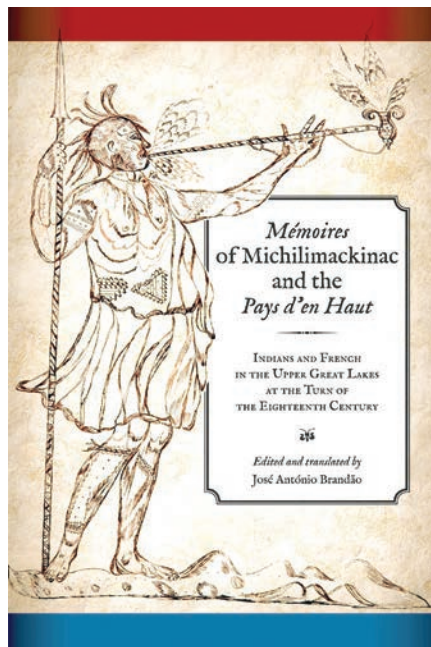
José Antônio Brandão claims his latest book on French colonization in North America before 1761 is a more accurate translation of the first-person observations written by European historians.

rial plans." Pay d'en haut translates as "upper country."

The French were no different from the British, who later sought to maximize profits from the fur trade and forge alliances. However, the new translations show they went about it differently than the Redcoats.

"The new translations are one of the few places we hear Indian voices, their reaction to policy and what the French hope to accomplish," Brandão said. "The French were not shy about giving credit to their Native allies. Their importance in French schemes comes through in collections."

The author-historian described the Franco-Indian relationship as "symbiotic," largely due to interracial marriages. "Inter-marriage," he said was encouraged, but "the Indian had to become a Catholic."



The new translations also provide a first-person, original look at the natural environment of the Great Lakes region, and the Indians or "sauvages," as the French called them.

Describing the area, Cadillac wrote in one missive back home, "Moreover these are the finest lands one can ever see. They are broken up by an infinitude of very beautiful and large rivers that replenish all the lakes I have mentioned. They are covered in fine hardwood forests, such as elm, walnut chestnut, oak cherry and hazel."

Based on Brandão's translation, Cadillac said "all the sauvages are very skilled and expert in healing all kinds of sore and wounds ... and that is by the virtue of (medicinal) herbs, of which they have a marvelous knowledge."

Some segments of Cadillac's translated documents on waging war and tor-

ture of enemy captives by Indians are especially brutal and graphic. However, it is unlikely that Cadillac observed the torture directly and was repeating descriptions by other observers.

Brandão's book includes the original French with English translation side by side. Still waiting for translation are more than 470 reels of microfilm and dozens more volumes in microfiche.

"There is an incredible cache of French records, despite a lot being lost during the French Revolution," the author said. He added it is his goal to clean up previous translations "which may have had an agenda or to make them more palliative, literary or pleasant."

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Wednesday, October 23

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Beginning American Style Waltz - Group Dance Class. 7:15-8:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Beginning Salsa Group Dance Class - 7:15-8:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

East Lansing Talks About: Trauma and PTSD - 6 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Innovate State, with Mike Miller - 6-7:30 p.m. Gaynor Entrepreneurship Lab, 651 N. Shaw Ln, East Lansing. broad.msu.edu

Leather Wrap Bracelet - 1-3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

Living a Good Life On Your Own - Workshop Series. 4-5:30 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

Moroccan Cooking - 6-7:30 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

MSU Libraries' Zotero Workshop - 1:30-3:30 p.m. MSU Libraries, 366 West Circle Dr., East Lansing. 517-420-8593.

Raise Them Up: Parenting Empowerment Class - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. 517-627-7014.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Adventure Club Storytimes - 4-5 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. grandledge.lib.mi.us.

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6) - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CADL Webberville, 115 N. Main St., Webberville. cadl.org.

Meet Author Tobin Buhk (Adults) - Author of "Pardonable". 7-8 p.m. CADL Leslie, 201 Pennsylvania St., Leslie.

EVENTS

CCBS Workday - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Capital City Bird Sanctuary, 6001 Delta River Dr., Lansing, Okemos. michiganadubon.org.

Flying Bats (Age 6 & up) - Make your own flying bat. 1:30-2:30 p.m. CADL Webberville, 115 N. Main St., Webberville.

Greg White @ Senior Discovery Group - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-367-2468.

Halloween Magic with Jason Hudy (All ages) - 6-7 p.m. CADL Williamston, 3845 Vanneter Rd. #1, Williamston.

Halloween Party (All ages) - Come in costume! Registration required; call 517-676-9088 or go to cadl.org/events 6:30-7:30 p.m. CADL Mason, 145 W. Ash St., Mason.

Lansing Area Mindfulness Community - 7-9 p.m. Chua Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S MLK Blvd., Lansing. 517-420-5820. lamc.info.

Main St. Trick-or-Treat - 5-7 p.m. Businesses located between Hamlin St. and State St., Eaton Rapids.

Tiny Tots Tumbling Tour - 10-11 a.m. World Tour Cheer and Tumble, 1860 1/2 W Grand River, Okemos.

ARTS

An Evening in the Floating World - 7-8:30 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

MUSIC

Ralph Votapek, Piano - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

Thursday, October 24

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Awaken Your Creativity - Course based on the book "It's Never Too Late to Begin Again." 1:30-2:30 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.



Boo at the Zoo

It's around this time of year that animals living at Potter Park Zoo begin to really question their half-human, half-Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle guests.

Boo at the Zoo

Sat., Oct. 26 - Sun., Oct. 27
Noon to 5 p.m. each day
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This weekend is the final run of Potter Park's annual Boo at the Zoo. Ghouls and goblins, big and small, are encouraged to come dressed in costume while they tour a straw maze, candy stations and activities provided by community partners.

Those looking for additional spookiness can buy a set of activity tickets for \$5. A full set includes four tickets

which will grant participants access to the Boo Tunnel, hayride, cider and donuts, a black-light room, obstacle course and witch hat toss.

No trip to the zoo is complete without stopping to chat with one of the park's Animal Ambassadors. The animal experts will have pop-up presentations scattered throughout the park where guests can learn about the featured animals and their natural behaviors.

Ingham County Residents can enter the park for \$6, and local seniors and children under 12 years old must pay \$5. Tickets for non-resident adults are \$12. Those will Potter Park Zoo Deluxe and Premium receive free admission.

Beginning East Coast Swing Group Dance Class - 7:15-8:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Beginning East Coast Swing Group Dance Class - 7:15-8:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Beginning Texas Two Step Group Dance Class - 8:15-9:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Clean Eating Lunch: African. Eat while you watch how to prepare. 12:15-12:45 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Conversational Spanish (Adults) - 10:30-11:30 a.m. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos. cadl.org.

Grateful Living - Explore all the benefits of gratitude. 1-2 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

MSU Libraries' Introduction to Soldering - 3-5 p.m. MSU Libraries, 366 West Circle Dr., East Lansing. 517-420-8593.

Rising From a Storm to a Life with Purpose - 6-7 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Strength & Balance (Adults) - A weekly series. 2:30-3:30 p.m. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos.

Survive & Thrive: Cooking for Breast Cancer Survivors. 6-7 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. myalive.com.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

"A Jewish Journey in the White House and Beyond" - Sarah Hurwitz will discuss her book: "Here All Along: Finding Meaning, 7-9

p.m. Kellogg Center, 219 S. Harrison Rd, East Lansing. 517-432-3493. events.msu.edu.

MSU Libraries' Therapy Dog Thursdays - T 3-4:30 p.m. MSU Libraries, 366 West Circle Dr., East Lansing. 517-420-8593.

EVENTS

Asbury UMC's Annual Fall Rummage and Bake Sale Thurs. 9-4 and 5-7, Fri. 9-1 (\$3/bag). 2200 Lake Lansing Rd., across from Eastwood Town Centre.

Bath Township Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13751 Main Street, Bath. bathtownship.us.

Country Line Dancing & Lessons at VFW Post #7309 - 7-9 p.m. 1243 Hull Rd., Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

Diabetes Support Group - 6:30-8 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Escape Room (Adults) - Registration required at 517-485-5185. 4-5 p.m. CADL Foster, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing.

The Forever Chemicals Screening & Panel Discussion - 7-8:30 p.m. WKAR Studios - MSU Communication Arts and Sciences Building, 404 Wilson Rd, East Lansing.

Halloween Glass Costume Paint Party - Paint the perfect Halloween costume! 6-9 p.m. Henry's Place, 4926 Marsh Rd., Okemos.

Halloween Magic with Jason Hudy (All ages) - 6:30-7:30 p.m. CADL South Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. cadl.org

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"This Grid Is Haunted"--is that a ghost? by Matt Jones

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- 14 One who writes "Happy Birthday"
- 15 "Rendezvous With ____" (Arthur C. Clarke novel)
- 16 Ink with obvious spelling errors?
- 18 Cable sports award
- 19 Historic stretch
- 20 Inexpensive beer, for short
- 21 Andorra la ____ (capital city)
- 22 Move furtively
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- 25 The study of eggs from certain parrot relatives?
- 29 Follow to the letter
- 30 Green, frowning symbol of poison prevention
- 31 "About the author" info
- 32 Unidentified slime threatening animals in captivity?
- 35 'Aaron Burr; ____' ("Hamilton" song)
- 38 Put away
- 39 Vibrant glow
- 40 Brass band sound inspired by a marsupial?
- 45 Post production?
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- 53 Altogether unlike the Addams Family?
- 57 Stable locks?
- 58 Cheese with an edible rind
- 59 "The Magic Flute," e.g.
- 60 Opposite of WSW
- 61 Passed easily
- 62 Supreme Court justice since 2010

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- 1 Rapper ____ Dogg
- 2 Ilhan of the "Squad"
- 3 Moreno of "One Day at a Time"
- 4 Kitchen pest
- 5 Commotion
- 6 "Buon ____!"

- 7 "Foucault's Pendulum" author Umberto
- 8 Agent
- 9 ____ Peacock (Clue suspect)
- 10 Fake wood in a fireplace
- 11 Hire on
- 12 Quetzalcoatl worshiper
- 15 Nike competitor
- 17 "In memoriam" writeup, briefly
- 21 Market price
- 22 Word before line or box
- 23 Largest living lizards, to pet lovers
- 24 R&B quartet ____ II Men
- 25 Core with kernels
- 26 Kimono band
- 27 Satya Nadella, for one
- 28 Guerrero gold
- 32 Restaurant guide publisher
- 33 Roller derby track shape
- 34 Above, to a bard
- 35 "How's it goin'?"
- 36 Glass with a narrative
- 37 "Yay, team!"
- 38 "Gesundheit" elicitor
- 39 "Inside ____ Schumer"
- 40 Tool's Maynard James ____
- 41 "Garfield" girlfriend
- 42 Gave the boot
- 43 Bi-, quadrupled
- 44 Words often before "I get it ..."
- 45 Felonious deed
- 49 "The Man Who Fell To Earth" director Nicolas
- 50 Gumbo vegetable
- 51 Ink cartridge color
- 53 Bucks' gp.
- 54 Dungeons & Dragons humanoid
- 55 Overtime situation
- 56 ____ -Locka (suburb of Miami)

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezсны

October 23-29, 2019

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Singapore has one of the world's lowest fertility rate. A few years ago, this state of affairs prompted the government to urge Singaporeans to have sex on an annual holiday known as National Day. A new rap song was released in the hope of pumping up everyone's libidos and instigating a baby boom. It included the lyrics, "Let's make fireworks ignite / Let's make Singapore's birthrate spike." I have a different reason for encouraging you to seek abundant high-quality sex, Aries. According to my analysis, tender orgasmic experiences will profoundly enhance your emotional intelligence in the coming weeks—and make you an excellent decision-maker just in time for your big decisions. (P.S. You don't necessarily need a partner.)

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): In the 1530s, explorer Jacques Cartier led expeditions from France to the New World. As Europeans often did back then, he and his team were rude and brutish to the indigenous folks who lived there, stealing their land, kidnapping some of them, and slaughtering herds of great auks in a bird sanctuary. Yet there was one winter when Cartier's marauders got crucial help from their victims, who gave them vitamin C-rich pine needle tea that cured their scurvy. I suspect you Tauruses will embark on quests and journeys in the coming months, and I'm hoping your behavior will be different from Cartier's. When you arrive in unfamiliar places, be humble, curious, and respectful. Be hesitant to impose your concepts of what's true, and be eager to learn from the locals. If you do, you're likely to get rich teachings and benefits equivalent to the pine needle tea.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Many software engineers have enjoyed "The Pragmatic Programmer", a book that helps them develop and refine their code. One popular technique the book offers is "rubber duck deprogramming." Programmers place a toy rubber duck in front of them, and describe to it the problems they're having. As they explain each line of code to their very good listener, they may discover what's amiss. I recommend a similar approach to you as you embark on metaphorically debugging your own program, Gemini. If a rubber duck isn't available, call on your favorite statue or stuffed animal, or even a photo of a catalytic teacher or relative or spirit.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Read the following passage from Gabriel García Márquez's novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude". "Gaston was not only a fierce lover, with endless wisdom and imagination, but he was also, perhaps, the first man in the history of the species who had made an emergency landing and had come close to killing himself and his sweetheart simply to make love in a field of violets." I admire the romantic artistry of Gaston's dramatic gesture. I applaud his imaginative desire to express his love in a carefully chosen sanctuary filled with beauty. I praise his intense devotion to playful extravagance. But I don't recommend you do anything quite so extreme in behalf of love during the coming weeks. Being twenty percent as extreme might be just right, though.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): In his song "Diplomatic Immunity," rapper Drake disparages tranquility and harmony. "I listen to heavy metal for meditation, no silence," he brags. "My body isn't much of a sacred temple, with vodka and wine, and sleep at the opposite times," he declares. Is there a method in his madness? It's revealed in these lyrics: "All that peace and that unity: all that weak sh-- will ruin me." In the coming weeks, Leo, I urge you to practice the exact opposite of Drake's approach. It's time to treat yourself to an intense and extended phase of self-care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): It's a favorable time to refresh your relationships with your basic sources and to make connections with new basic sources. To spur your creative thought on these matters, I offer the following questions to meditate on. 1. If you weren't living where you do now, what other place might you like to call home? 2. If you didn't have the name you actually go by, what other name

would you choose? 3. If you had an urge to expand the circle of allies that supports and stimulates you, whom would you seek out? 4. If you wanted to add new foods and herbs that would nurture your physical health and new experiences that would nurture your mental health, what would they be?

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Mushrooms have spores, not seeds. They're tiny. If you could stack 2,500 of them, they'd be an inch high. On the other hand, they are numerous. A ripe mushroom may release up to 16 million spores. And each spore is so light-weight, the wind can pick it up and fling it long distances. I'll encourage you to express your power and influence like a mushroom in the coming days: subtle and airy but abundant; light and fine, but relentless and bountiful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): "Sometimes the easiest way to get something done is to be a little naive about it," writes computer engineer Bill Joy. I invite you to consider the value of that perspective, Scorpio—even though you're the least likely sign in all the zodiac to do so. Being naive just doesn't come naturally to you; you often know more than everyone else around you. Maybe you'll be more receptive to my suggestion if I reframe the task. Are you familiar with the Zen Buddhist concept of "beginner's mind"? You wipe away your assumptions and see everything as if it were the first time you were in its presence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Is it always a bad thing to be lost? To wander in the unknown without a map? I'd like to propose a good version of being lost. It requires you to be willing to give up your certainties, to relinquish your grip on the comforting dogmas that have structured your world—but to do so gladly, with a spirit of cheerful expectancy and curiosity. It "doesn't" require you to be a macho hero who feels no fear or confusion. Rather, you have faith that life will provide blessings that weren't possible until you got lost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): "Worrying is the most natural and spontaneous of all human functions," wrote science educator Lewis Thomas. "Let's acknowledge this, perhaps even learn to do it better." I agree with him! And I think it's an ideal time for you to learn how to worry more effectively, more potently, and with greater artistry. What might that look like? First, you wouldn't feel shame or guilt about worrying. You wouldn't regard it as a failing. Rather, you would raise your worrying to a higher power. You'd wield it as a savvy tool to discern which situations truly need your concerned energy and which don't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): "Some wounds go so deep that you don't even feel them until months, maybe years, later," wrote Aquarian author Julius Lester. Pay attention to that thought, Aquarius. The bad news is that you are just now beginning to feel a wound that was inflicted some time ago. But that's also the good news, because it means the wound will no longer be hidden and unknowable. And because you'll be fully aware of it, you'll be empowered to launch the healing process. I suggest you follow your early intuitions about how best to proceed with the cure.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): If you've been having dreams or fantasies that the roof is sinking or the walls are closing in, you should interpret it as a sign that you should consider moving into a more spacious situation. If you have been trapped within the narrow confines of limited possibilities, it's time to break free and flee to a wide open frontier. In general, Pisces, I urge you to insist on more expansiveness in everything you do, even if that requires you to demolish cute little mental blocks that have tricked you into thinking small.

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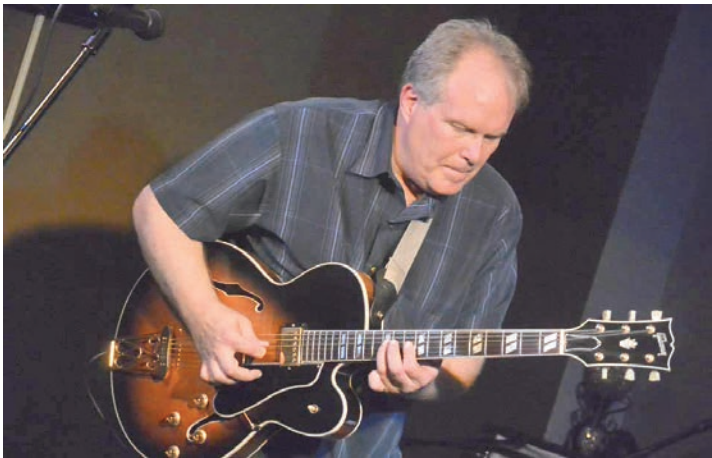
TURN IT DOWN!

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA

Fri. Oct. 25

MR. HARRISON BRINGS REAL BLUES TO OKEMOS



Harry Oman, of Mr. Harrison, brings real blues to Okemos

Thurs. Oct. 24

LIQUID ASSASSIN BRINGS 'TSUNAMI TOUR' TO THE LOFT



Liquid Assassin brings his "Tsunami Tour (Halloween Edition)" to The Loft. Openers include Jimi Kanklez and more.



Cover art for Liquid Assassin's new LP, "Tsunami," out now on 42 Records.

Local bluesman Harry Oman performs deep cuts with drummer Scott Veenstra

Jimi Kanklez opens stacked hip-hop show

Friday, Oct. 25 @ Henry's Place, 4926 Marsh Road, Okemos.
All ages, free, 8 p.m.- 10 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.
All ages, \$10-\$13, 7 p.m.

From "King Bee" by the great Slim Harpo to "I've Got News" by Ray Charles, the carefully-curated set list for Mr. Harrison echoes classic — yet not overplayed — blues and boogie tunes from the '40s, '50s and '60s. Fronted by Harry Oman, a veteran Lansing-based blues guitarist, the band performs a stripped-down duo set Friday at Henry's Place in Okemos. On drums at the intimate gig is Scott Veenstra, a seasoned Grand Rapids-based jazz and blues drummer who's gigged with everyone from Nappy Brown to Greg Nagy. Like Oman, Veenstra's panache takes you back in time with Chicago blues, jazzy swing and funky New Orleans grooves.

Oman was drawn to blues guitar as a child after he dug into his mother's tasteful record collection, which included some deep cuts like Blind Lemon Jefferson. Young Harry Oman's love of music solidified after hearing his mother's vivid stories of the legendary shows she witnessed at Gerde's Folk City in Greenwich Village and at the Newport Folk Festival — sets by John Lee Hooker, Sonny Terry and Bob Dylan in their early-'60s heyday.

The music resonated with Oman. "I loved the energy of it, the way it made me want to jump up and shout," he said. Later he developed a knack for hooking up and performing with historic bluesmen and women from Detroit. This led to tours spanning from Chicago to Florida and from Canada to Europe.

He also brought iconic artists to Lansing for his self-curated Detroit Blues Series. The shows comprised the likes of Detroit's "Queen of the Blues" Alberta Adams, Eddie Kirkland and Uncle Jesse White. Oman was honored to share the stage with them in his hometown. "It makes me sad that these folks are no longer with us, but I'll always be grateful for what I learned from them about playing the blues the right way," he said.

Earlier this year, Oman backed Motor City bluesman Harmonica Shah at a benefit for Lansing East Side Gateway. Prior to that, Oman has also gigged with Grammy-nominated Chicago guitar great Eddie C. Campbell, Louisiana swamp-blues icon Lazy Lester, and blues legend James Harman.

Liquid Assassin, a solo artist from Saint Paul, Minnesota and former member of the rap duo Grave Plott, has cut records for Tech N9ne's Strange Music label and shared stages with the likes of 50 Cent, Redman, Method Man, DMX and Pitbull, to only name a few. In more recent years, the emcee has been steadily recording albums for his own imprint: 42 Records.

In August, he dropped his latest solo album, "Tsunami," and this month he embarks on the Tsunami Tour across the country. Thursday, he brings a "Halloween edition" of that show to The Loft, along with opening sets from Jimi Kanklez, The Michigan Misfits, VALO,

Cody Kidd Young, Tha Tommy Knockerz and Bulldog.

Liquid Assassin was born Cardell Avila Toombs on June 28, 1982 in Saint Paul, Minnesota. While he was writing lyrics as a teen, he didn't release a legit album until 2005 — when he teamed up with Killa C and formed Grave Plott. Since then, he's toured heavily across the map while releasing stacks of tracks. He also stays busy signing artists to his 42 Records roster — including Amanda Hays, aka HaZe, a Chicago-based emcee who joined his label back in April. For more details, visit facebook.com/LiquidAssassin42.



Upcoming show? Contact
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DESTINATION	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Trivia Night: Futurama 10PM	Very 90s Karaoke 9PM	Lansing Facts Halloween Party 7PM	Spooky Party 9PM
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.				Sonic Voodoo 9PM
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River, East Lansing		Karaoke 9PM	Karaoke 9PM	Karaoke 9PM
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.		Old School Thursdays w/Jalese 8:30PM	The New Rule 9:30PM	The New Rule 9:30PM
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.		Karaoke	Star Farm	Roux
Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee	Trivia with Sporcle 9PM		Live Music with Shelby & Jake 8PM	Live Music with Be Kind Rewind 8PM
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Tsunami Tour Halloween Edition 7PM		Hitman's Halloween Hangout 8:30PM
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Discrete Disco vs V. Soul Funknight	Open Mic Spooktacular 8PM	Smokehouse Junkiez & Str8jaket 8PM	Dagon 9PM
Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave.			Super Secret Cult Band 8PM	
Unicorn, 327 Cesar E. Chavez, Lansing			Live Music with Be Kind Rewind Duo 9PM	Live Music with 7th Hour 9PM
Urban Beat, 1213 Turner	Camertone 7PM			Orquesta RITMO 8PM

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Swing, Bluegrass & Improvisation Mandolin Workshop - with Brian Oberlin. 2-4 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

Sunday, October 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Juggling - Learn how to juggle! 2-4 p.m. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing.

EVENTS

Dog Costume and Pumpkin Carving Contest! - 1-4 p.m. Ellison Brewery + Spirits, 4903 Dawn Ave, East Lansing.

East Lansing Farmers Market -10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park 280 Valley Court, East Lansing.

Fall at the Farm - 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Hazel Ridge Farm, 7409 Clark Rd., Bath. 517-641-6690. hazelridgefarm.com.

Flint Kids First Benefit Concert - Chamber music performances. 3-4:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 5509 S Pennsylvania, Lansing.

Great Pumpkin Walk 2019 - 1-4 p.m. Downtown East Lansing, East Lansing.

Indoor Trunk or Treat - Costumed kids can go from station to station at the veterans club and collect sweets. 1-3 p.m. 40 and 8 clubhouse, 2949 S Waverly Highway, Lansing.

October Family Day - Halloween Edition! 12-4 p.m. The Grid, 226 E. Grand River Ave, Lansing.

Trick or Treat In The Park - 2-4 p.m. Veterans Memorial Gardens, 2074 N Aurelius Road, Holt. delhitownship.com.

ARTS

A Piece of My Heart - 2-4:30 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Free Public Tours - 1-3 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

New in Student Performance - 2 p.m. MSU Broad Art Lab, 565 E. Grand River, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Something's Afoot - A zany musical. 1:30 p.m. Waverly East Intermediate, 3131 E Michigan, Lansing. starlightdinnertheatre.com.

MUSIC

Detroit Symphony Orchestra String Mock Auditions - listen to MSU students perform mock auditions. 7:30 p.m. Michigan State University, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

Lansing Symphony Family Series - 3 p.m. Capital Area District Library, 401 S Capitol Ave, Lansing. 517-367-6363. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Live Music: 1-5 p.m. Uncle John's Cider Mill, Saint Johns. ujcidermill.com.

Monday, October 28

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

The A to Zzzz's of Sleep Training for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder - 6-7:30 p.m. East Lansing Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 888-805-0759. m.

Beginning American Style Foxtrot - Group Dance Class. 8:15-9:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Beginning Drawing - It's never too late to learn to draw! 1-3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

Beginning West Coast Swing Dance Class - 7:15-8:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Edward T. Linenthal - 7-9 p.m. 332 Case Hall, 842 Chestnut Rd, East Lansing. 517-432-3493. jsp.msu.edu.

Etsy: Marketing Tips for Successful Selling - 10-11 a.m. Small Business Development Center, 309 N. Washington Square, Lansing. 517-483-1921. clients.sbdcmichigan.org.

Homeschool Study Group - 1-4 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014.

Jostens Renaissance Leadership Tour - Culture. Climate. Leadership. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Okemos High School, 2800 Jolly Rd, Okemos.

EVENTS

DDL Walking Club - 10-11 a.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Rd, DeWitt. 517-669-3156. dewittlibrary.org.

Mason Chess & Backgammon Club - 6-8 p.m. Bestsellers Books, 360 S. Jefferson St, Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

Refuge Recovery Lansing - 6-7 p.m. The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St., Lansing.

Trick-or-Treat on the Capitol Square - 5-7:30 p.m. Downtown Lansing.

ARTS

Drawing Foundations - 4:30-6 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Tuesday, October 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Adult Clay Fall A - 6:15-9:15 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Beginning American Style Tango Dance Class - 7:15-8:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Beginning Cha Cha Group Dance Class - 8:15-9:05 p.m. The MAC, 2900 Hannah Blvd, East Lansing. 517-364-8888.

Chinese Brush Painting - 1-3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

Continuing Italian Conversation - 1-2 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

Drop-in Citizenship Test Prep - 2 p.m. CADL South Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. cadl.org.

K-8 Science Symposium: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing.

MI-AIRS 2019 Statewide Conference & Annual Meeting - ! 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The Mtg Space, 4039 Legacy Pkwy #200, Lansing.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Poets Night Out - Four local poets will read from their work. 7-8:30 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing.

Preschool Storytime - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014.

EVENTS

Halloween Party - More treats than tricks. Fun, games, costume contest, & candy. 5- 7 p.m. Asbury UMC, 2200 Lake Lansing Rd, Lansing.

Injury Clinic - Free consult with a sports or health professional. 5:30-7 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte.

MSU Group Tours - 1-3 p.m. MSU Union, 49 Abbot Rd., East Lansing.

Paris to Pittsburgh Documentary Screening at Studio C! - 7-9 p.m. 1999 Central Park Drive, Okemos. 517-349-0620.

Yawn Patrol Toastmasters - 7-8:30 a.m. Two Men and Truck Corporate, 3400 Belle Chase Way, Lansing. 517-214-3327. yawnpatrol.com.

ARTS

Adult Clay Fall A - 6:15-9:15 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

What's the Cultural Economy - & Making a Living through Arts Partnerships. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Music Building 141, 542 Auditorium Rd, East Lansing. 517-353-5340. music.msu.edu.

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In memory of Rodica's cats



FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING



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Klavon's

Life on Planet Pizza

By MARK NIXON

Our country's love affair with pizza knows no bounds. Pizzas are everywhere, and for the most part they are — how do I put this delicately? Crap. Too much dough, way too much cheese, boring sauces, greasy pepperoni. What's not to like, except everything?

It was with trepidation that I saw Klavon's on our restaurant review list, another pizzeria added to the mushrooming collection of pizzerias in our midst.

If you don't know where this is going, let me spell it out. I was dead wrong. Klavon's knows pizzas, the spices and textures that hold one's taste buds in a loving embrace.

I am married to someone who is not a big fan of pizza. But after two visits to Klavon's, Judy became something of a convert to this Worshipful House of Pizza. And I am sitting next to her in the same pew.

The Pizza Margherita with natural-casing pepperoni (\$13) adheres to a tried-and-true principle of fine pizza-making: Less is more. This pizza doesn't overdo the amount of dough, sauce and cheese. Instead, fresh basil and olive oil are allowed to shine. The pepperoni? I almost decided against it because most pepperoni is pretty much a gaggle of spicy grease coins.

Against my better judgment, I opted for Klavon's pepperoni. It was relatively lean and greaseless by pepperoni standards, and it offered a nuanced flavor that left room for the smell and taste of basil, which is truly one of the finer herbs to be found.

Judy's Bianca Bacon pizza (\$12) was even better. Garlic, applewood bacon and caramelized onion made up a trio of stars in this dish, with a fine supporting cast that included a white Italian cheese called scamorza, ricotta and Pecorino Romano.

The Bianca Bacon was in a pho-

to-finish with a Detroit-inspired pizza called the Eastern Market (\$17), named after the Motor City's distinguished shopping district.

The best part of this Detroit-inspired dish is the white sauce bursting with garlic flavor. We are huge garlic fans, and I pretend that the health benefits of garlic counteract all the things that aren't good for me like lard, bacon and Doritos. Anyway, the garlic in the Eastern Market is front and center, and that suits me just fine. The crust on the edges was crisp and crunchy, as it should be.

For those not yearning for Klavon's pizza, I recommend the beet and quinoa salad (\$10.50). There's plenty of fresh taste and tang in this salad, and it's far healthier than, say, Doritos.

Some of the non-pizza fare was OK but not jaw-dropping. The Smokehouse Burger (\$11) was fine, served medium as ordered on a brioche bun. Beneath bun and patty was bacon and, surprise, some pickled onions. Nice touch.

Likewise, the fried calamari appetizer (\$9.50) was basic but far from stellar. If it were part of a movie's credits, it would be called Assistant Gaffer.

Klavon's resides far from Lansing's



Gabrielle Lawrence/City Pulse

The Detroiters is an exceptional nod to the mitten-made dish, loaded with cheese and dollops of creamy ricotta and two thick stripes of red sauce down the center.

Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub

318 W. Kipp Road, Mason
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By GABRIELLE LAWRENCE

What is it that makes one pizza better than another? I think there is a set of variables that we can all agree upon. The crust, whether your preference is deep dish or thin and crispy, has to have an appropriate texture. The toppings have to be high quality. The slices have to retain some

structural integrity when you pick them up, unless you're going for that folded-over New York style slice. Aside from that, I think most pizza-lovers like a lot of different varieties, depending upon what's

being offered to them.

I'm ready to make a bold statement, after 37 years of research. Detroit-style pizza is my favorite. It's got a thick, crunchy crust, and the corner pieces are the best to maximize the amount of crust that you get. Locally, the most common dealer of Detroit-style pizza is Jet's, but Klavon's is the new kid in town and their contributions to the pizza game cannot be overlooked.

The Detroiters pizza at Klavon's is in a league of its own. I actually learned how to make Detroit-style pizza last year, thanks to an infallible recipe from the Zingerman's cookbook, so I know why those edges are so crispy and irresistible. Cheese is sprinkled around the perimeter of the pizza

Crown-worthy crust

pan or butter is basted onto the edges, melting into the crust and becoming crispy while the pizza bakes.

Klavon's pizza edges could be boxed up and sold as their own product and I'd buy them, no question. The texture is on point and the aroma coming from the box on my 20-minute drive home from Mason almost forced me to pull over. The Detroiters is topped with little pepperoni slices, peppadew peppers (they aren't spicy, don't worry), lots of melted cheese and dollops of creamy ricotta, and two thick stripes of red sauce down the center, as is traditional in Detroit-style pizza. If you haven't had it before, you have to try it.

The pistachio and sausage wood-fired pizza is also worth a try. Although the over-the-top decadence of the Detroiters is the way to my heart, I've got a big heart. This pizza is completely different, and while it doesn't have that shatteringly-thin crust that I sometimes favor, the wood-fired pies at Klavon's have a perfectly chewy, floury texture. This particular pie doesn't have red sauce, which lets the lightness of the pistachio pesto come through.

Another favorite of the She Ate household is, against all criticisms, a Hawaiian pizza. There is nothing wrong with a bit of sweetness coming from pineapple on a pizza, especially when it's perfectly balanced by the richness of ham and bacon. But really, once a restaurant has perfected so many varieties of dough preparation and texture, it could decide to do away with all toppings and still continue to operate a gangbusters, albeit strange, business. All you'd have to say is cheese-only pizza on anything from thin crust to deep dish to calzone and I'd put on my leggings to meet you there.

Interestingly, while Klavon's is just

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urban hub. Opened earlier this year, it's located on a patch of land bordering U.S.-127 southwest of Mason. Its neighbors include a Meijer store, a credit union and a gas station. In this respect, it shares the look of another Klavon's, which anchors a little strip mall north of Jackson.

While the setting is less than eye-popping, the interior of this new Klavon's sparkles like a newly waxed car. The decor is spare, with seating spread out in different rooms, including a second-floor dining room. Worth a look is the large aquarium

located at the east end of the bar.

There is no mistaking the energy of the place, with servers in constant motion. On both visits, we found the service prompt and courteous. And both times, Klavon's was bustling with customers.

A bit off-putting for me, a tried-and-true codger, were the menus. They are electronic. They come with no instructions. They are like an out-sized cell phone. Judy had to show me how to "turn" the page, and how to find the prices.

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now making their move into the Greater Lansing market, its reputation is known statewide. During a recent conversation with a client in Marquette, she asked me if I'd ever eaten at Klavon's, being that I live in Lansing. Thus began a 15-minute treatise on the pizzas, the calzones, the cool iPad menus, the beautiful layout of the new Mason restaurant, and everything that either of us have ever ordered. I'm sure that the other participants in our meeting though that we were insane, but I had met a soul sister.

She sang the praises of the peach chicken salad, so I had to have it. Lo and behold, a pizza restaurant also serves a bangin' salad. This one had fresh, dark, leafy greens, a hearty helping of grilled chicken, chunks of creamy feta, more cheese, tortilla strips, and a slightly spicy chipotle ranch dressing. The menu shows several other salads that I'm interested in trying, if only I can tear myself away from the pizzas. (Chances are slim.)

We've also become superfans of the pepperoni pinwheels, which are perfectly savory, cheesy bites of mini pizza. I even tore one into bite-sized bits for Baby She Ate, who devoured it slowly as he experimented with crayons on his paper placemat. In short, there is a new Lawrence family favorite restaurant.

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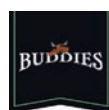
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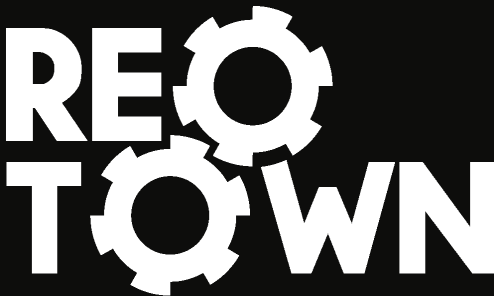
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