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**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Act-7-12, Sale of 629 W. Hillsdale Street (former LFD Station #3)

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan, to consider a resolution selling the parcel commonly known as 629 W. Hillsdale Street (former LFD Station #3), specifically described as:

Act-7-2012, Sale of property at 629 W. Hillsdale Street, approximately 0.207 acres

Details of the sale are on file with the City Clerk's Office and are available at Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave. or www.lansingmi.gov/clerk. For more information about this sale, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177.

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., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Z-5-2016, 2918 N. East Street
Rezoning from "A" Residential District to "F" Commercial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, **July 25, 2016**, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider Z-5-2016. This is a request by AVMM, LLC to rezone the property at 2918 N. East Street from "A" Residential District to "F" Commercial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to bring the commercial use of the property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

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., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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ORDINANCE # 2595

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN AND FOR THE REVISION OF THE DISTRICT MAPS ADOPTED BY SECTION 1246.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The City of Lansing ordains:

Section 1. That the district maps adopted by and incorporated as Section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be amended to provide as follows:

To change the zoning classification of the property described as follows:
Case Number: Z-4-2016
Parcel Number's: 33-01-01-16-384-011/-021/-031/-041/-061/081/092
Legal Descriptions: Block 158, Original Plat, except the east 85 feet of Lot 1, Lots 3, 4, the East 2 Rods of Lots 5 & 6 and Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Lot 8, Thence South 68 Feet, East 66 Feet, South 31 Feet, East 49 Feet, North 31 Feet, West 3 Feet, North 68 Feet, West 112 Feet to the point of beginning, City of Lansing, Ingham County, MI, from "D-1" Professional Office, "F-1" Commercial & "DM-4" Residential Districts to "G-1" Business District.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Lansing City Council on June 27, 2016, and a copy is available in the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 9th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days from the date this notice of adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation.

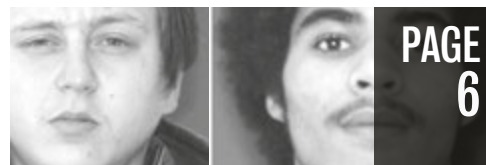
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BEARING FALSE WITNESS. "I WATCHED WHEN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER CAME TUMBLING DOWN... AND I WATCHED IN JERSEY CITY, WHERE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE CHEERING!"	STANDING UP FOR TORTURE. "IF IT DOESN'T WORK, THEY DESERVE IT ANYWAY, FOR WHAT THEY ARE DOING!"	THAT DOCTOR'S NOTE. "If elected, Mr. Trump, I can state unequivocally, will be the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency."	THE USA FREEDOM KIDS! "DEAL FROM STRENGTH, OR GET CRUSHED EVERY TIME!"
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THAT CINCO DE MAYO TWEET. "The best taco bowls are made in Trump Tower Grill. I love Hispanics!"	TWEETING "CONGRATS" TO SELF FOR "BEING RIGHT" AFTER ORLANDO MASSACRE; INSINUATING THAT OBAMA SECRETLY SUPPORTS ISIS. "(HE IS) EITHER NOT TOUGH, NOT SMART--" "--OR HE'S GOT SOME THING ELSE IN MIND!"	NOTING THAT BREXIT ECONOMIC TURMOIL WILL BENEFIT HIS SCOTTISH GOLF COURSE. "WHEN THE POUND GOES DOWN--" "--MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING TO TURNBERRY, FRANKLY!"	NEXT: MORE TOTALLY NORMAL BEHAVIOR! "I'VE ALWAYS HEARD PEOPLE SAY--DONALD, YOU HAVE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HANDS!" "SLIGHTLY LARGE, ACTUALLY!"

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MSU, McLaren in discussions to build a teaching hospital southwest of campus

Move could close facility on Pennsylvania Avenue

Michigan State University and McLaren Greater Lansing officials are in negotiations about building a new hospital on MSU property in the area of Forest Road and Collins Road, southwest of campus, according to numerous sources with knowledge of the talks.

As part of the proposed arrangement, at least part if not all of McLaren's Pennsylvania Avenue Hospital would move to the new location, with the possibility that the hospital that serves south Lansing would close.

In exchange, MSU would have a training hospital for its College of Osteopathic Medicine, which has been ranked as among the top 10 percent in the country for primary care education, among possibly other entities within the College of Human Medicine.

A deal would have advantages for both entities. It would allow McLaren to build a new facility at a location closer to a significant population base in Okemos and East Lansing while also being close to the Jolly and Dunckel roads exit off Interstate 496/US 127, giving it substantial growth opportunities.

For MSU, the strategic partnership would end its designation as one of the few major state universities without its own medical school and near-campus teaching hospital, even though its College of Osteopathic Medicine has arrangements with more than 30 hospitals and health centers, according to its own website.

"This would be a very big deal because it has the potential to shift the balance of power in the Lansing area," said one Lansing health care source, making an apparent reference to Sparrow Health System.

Because of the sensitive nature of the talks, those with knowledge about them declined public comment on how they are progressing.

Officially, MSU and McLaren officials declined to get deeply into the progress of the talks.

MSU spokesman Jason Cody said MSU has "strong relationships with both of its hospital partners in mid-Michigan, McLaren and Sparrow" and that it's in "constant conversations with both of them on how to make those relationships better while improving the health care of the community."

"It would be inappropriate to comment on the specifics or potential outcomes of our ongoing discussions with any one partner," Cody said. "As new initiatives, programs or partnerships are finalized, we look forward to sharing them with the community."

Likewise, the comments from Brian Brown, vice president of planning and marketing for McLaren Greater Lansing, steered clear of the details of the discussions.

"McLaren of Greater Lansing is regularly engaged in a number of discussions with a number of stakeholders in ways we can improve the health and well being of the Mid-Michigan area while spurring economic development," Brown said. "It would be premature to discuss specific dis-



cussions with any particular stakeholder at this time."

Sources say talks, which have been in the works for at least six months, are positive.

McLaren is limited by state law from moving its Pennsylvania hospital any farther than two miles in any direction as the crow flies, which the plan on the table meets. The suggested hospital would be on property owned by MSU that is technically not part of the school's campus.

Any hospital that moves locations has to apply with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for a "certificate of need," or CON, a process in which a hospital needs to convince a panel of appointed professionals serving on the CON Commission why there's a need to move the hospital.

However, to even be considered, the hospital move cannot be more than two miles in counties with a population of 200,000 people or more, which applies to Ingham County. To move farther away than two miles would require a change in state law, something McLaren is not interested

in embarking on, a source said.

McLaren went to the Legislature to move 200 beds from its Pontiac hospital to a new facility in Clarkston back in 2012 and was met with a less-than-favorable results. Despite the support of then-Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, the bill allowing McLaren to move the beds was shot down 11-26 in the state Senate with Republicans being the strong opposition block.

According to another source, a McLaren move to MSU's property would also help it escape the shadow of playing little brother to Sparrow when it comes to hospital care in the Greater Lansing area. Each hospital's own numbers bear out this dynamic.

McLaren Greater Lansing is licensed by the state for 310 beds and its orthopedic hospital for another 50 for 360. Sparrow's main hospital is licensed for 573. Its St. Lawrence campus is licensed for 50 more and its specialty hospital another 30 for a combined 653, nearly twice what McLaren boasts.

The proposal on the table does not call for additional beds, which would require additional state approval. Outside of that, however, state numbers show that based on its calculations, the Lansing area has 355 too many hospital beds, making it very difficult for any facility to snag more.

According to DHHS spokeswoman Jennifer Eisner, the CON Commission has received no letters of intent for a MSU-McLaren project as of last week.

What isn't known is how a strategic partnership would impact MSU's century-long relationship with Lansing's Sparrow Hospital. In 2010, the two signed an affiliation agreement designed to expand research, medical education and clinical services at Sparrow while giving MSU students the opportunity to fill a health care job.

Sparrow and MSU have worked together on nursing education since 1925. Since 2012, Sparrow and MSU researchers have worked at the Center for Innovation and Research. The two also work together at the region's only Level one Trauma Center and the region's neonatal intensive care unit, among other partnerships.

It's also not known how the arrangement will impact MSU's statewide campus system, which includes arrangements with more than 30 hospitals across the state.

A statement issued by Sparrow about the talks noted the "longstanding relationship" between the two entities, including clinical affiliations with MSU's three human health colleges.

"We look forward to continuing to partner with MSU to ensure timely access to safe, quality care, and memorable patient experiences," reads the statement, which concluded with the line, "Choose Wisely. Choose Sparrow."

— Kyle Melinn



Beaten and robbed 'I was a hate-crime victim'

"This is how I'm going to die."

That was all I could think as I lay face down, my hands cuffed behind my back while the two men rained blows down on the back and side of my head. While one of them kept me face down on the corner of my bed, the other ransacked my apartment, stealing laptops, my digital audio recorder, a television and cameras. If it was electronic, it was taken. Also stolen, thousands of dollars worth of HIV medications.

When the ransacking ended, I was pushed into the kitchen, ordered to kneel. I don't know why, but my "guard" stepped outside to talk to his conspirator. As they did — my hands still secured behind my back by police-issue handcuffs — I dashed to the door, slamming it shut. Then I turned my back to the door and fumbled with the dead-bolt until it was locked.

I looked out a window into the parking lot. I could see the two assailants. They look confused, then they jumped into their getaway van and left.

Like millions of Americans, I arranged a hookup online. Like thousands of gay Americans, I became a hookup victim.

In late November, a week after the attack, both men were arrested. Wednesday, they were sentenced to 17 to 55 years in prison after accepting a plea deal involving multiple criminal actions. In my case, they

were charged with unarmed robbery, unlawful imprisonment and conspiracy to commit unarmed robbery and unlawful imprisonment. For these alone they could have faced as much as 60 years in prison.

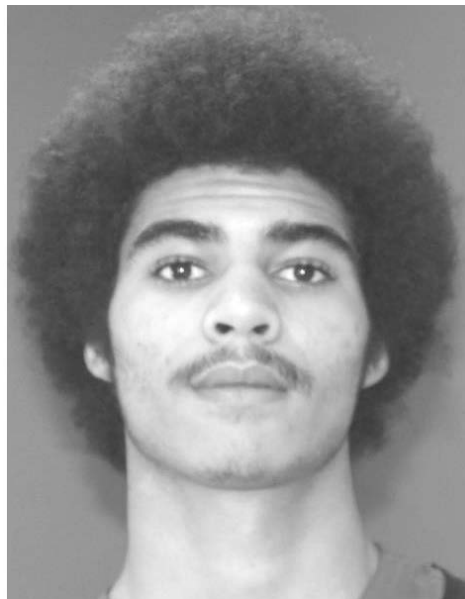
But I was not the only victim. A Lansing Township man was bound, beaten, threatened with a knife and his belongings stolen from his home on Nov. 28, five days after my assault. The two men faced armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery charges in that case, both life offenses.

According to the Lansing Police Department report on my attack, Adrian James Tupper and Aaron Christopher Spyker would tell Lansing Police Detective Joel Johnson that they targeted gay men because such men were "sick" and "they would not report it to police."

I knew as it happened that I was a hate-crime victim. Police labeled it as such just last week, after the two were sentenced.

To some, meeting complete strangers from the Internet may seem reckless, but this is part of gay and straight dating in 2016. There are digital platforms for those seeking relationships — whether one-time hookups or marriage — targeting every imaginable demographic in America. The Internet has become a communal meeting space — a giant bar, if you will.

As a reporter I have covered antigay crimes for nearly three decades. They included the hookup murder in 1996 of Lansing State Journal sportswriter Bob Gross, who had met a man at a Michigan Avenue bar



Spyker



Tupper

and was subsequently stabbed to death and his body set on fire, or the execution style murder of Alden Judge in Lansing in 1999.

As a result, I am particularly aware of the risk in meeting strangers. That's why I got pictures of my assailants' faces and a cell phone number. That's why I talked to them on the phone. That's why there was an email trail.

And it's the reason that within three days of my attack I had identified both assailants through a photo lineup. My photos were key in the police work that went into identifying them. The cell-phone number? It was used to tie my attack to the one in Lansing Township.

Violent predators are stalking Internet sites, using a variety of ploys to connect with — and harm — their victims. Just as in real life. Sometimes the attacker pretends to be gay, to lure a victim in order to rob him, as hap-

pened with me. Sometimes the criminal pretends to have something for sale or an interest in purchasing something from the victim.

How extensive are Internet-related crimes like these in America is unclear. No law enforcement agency, local, state or federal, tracks them. Law Street Media, a news website aimed at millennials, reported that 58 prosecuted murders from 2009 to 2014 involved victims contacted through Craigslist.

Sue Yacka, the communications director for the New York City Anti-Violence Project, told me it documented 27 "pick-up" crimes last year involving the Internet in NYC alone. That was nearly double what the agency documented in 2014, which was 15 incidents.

"I think the low number reflects a reluctance to report," she told me by email. "Or when reporting hate violence, folks don't al-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice

The Ingham County Land Bank is accepting Bids for **Tree and Brush Removal and Trimming Services**. The Request for Proposal Packet is available June 29, 2016 at the Ingham County Land Bank, 3024 Turner Street, Lansing, Michigan, 48906, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or at www.inghamlandbank.org. Responses are due at the Land Bank offices before 1 pm on July 13, 2016 and will be opened at 1 pm July 13, 2016. The Ingham County Land Bank is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Women- and Minority-Owned Businesses are encouraged to apply. RFP#: ICLB 06-2016-TREES

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ORDINANCE # 2594

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN AND FOR THE REVISION OF THE DISTRICT MAPS ADOPTED BY SECTION 1246.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The City of Lansing ordains:

Section 1. That the district maps adopted by and incorporated as Section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be amended to provide as follows:

To change the zoning classification of the property described as follows:

Case Number: Z-3-2016

Parcel Number's: 33-01-01-16-381-011/-021/-031/-043 and the South 132 Feet of Parcel 33-01-01-16-381-001

Legal Descriptions: Lots 5, 6, 7 & 8, Block 149, Original Plat, City of Lansing, Ingham County, MI, from "D-1" Professional Office, "F" & "F-1" Commercial Districts to "G-1" Business District.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Lansing City Council on June 27, 2016, and a copy is available in the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 9th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days from the date this notice of adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE # 2593

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN AND FOR THE REVISION OF THE DISTRICT MAPS ADOPTED BY SECTION 1246.02 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The City of Lansing ordains:

Section 1. That the district maps adopted by and incorporated as Section 1246.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing, Michigan be amended to provide as follows:

To change the zoning classification of the property described as follows:

Case Number: Z-2-2016

Address: Vacant Property West of 3000 Dunckel Road

Parcel Number: PPN: 33-01-01-35-401-050

Legal Descriptions: That part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 35 lying South of the South line of the Dunckel Road Right-of-Way, Easterly of the Northerly line of Lot 1, Trappers Cove Subdivision No. 1 and North of the Northerly line of Lot 7, Trappers Cove Subdivision No. 5, Except the Easterly 550 Feet Thereof; Section 35, T4N R2W, City of Lansing, Ingham County, MI, from "CUP" Community Unit Plan to "F" Commercial District.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Lansing City Council on June 27, 2016, and a copy is available in the office of the Lansing City Clerk, 9th Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933.

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Booing the buses Meridian residents heckle CATA at tense township board meeting

The ins and outs of CATA's proposed \$133 million Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT, system along Lansing's Michigan Avenue-Grand River Avenue corridor would be hard enough to sort out in a calm Zen garden. A Meridian Township board meeting last week was anything but that.

About a dozen BRT opponents booed and heckled supporters of the project, annoying some speakers and intimidating others. Sitting in the midst of the group was its self-described "ringleader," Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette.

Julie Powers, director of the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, spoke in support of the BRT. "When anyone got up to speak in support of BRT, most of them actively booed, heckled, made disparaging comments, called out 'liar,'" Powers said. "It reminded me of British Parliament, only the tone was so angry it wasn't even funny."

Township Treasurer Julie Brixie, a member of the CATA board of directors, bemoaned the "lack of civil discourse" at board meetings on City Pulse's weekly radio show.

"People complained after the meeting that they were afraid to speak because they felt that they were being bullied," Brixie said.

Brixie said Collette had a part in the booing and heckling.

"I don't believe what he did would be tolerated in his courtroom," Brixie said.

"I'm not accustomed to having a sitting judge and his wife heckling people," another



Brixie

attendee, who asked not to be named, said. Collette said the charge "infuriates" him. "I never booed anybody, but I would have liked to," he said. "My wife and I just sat there."

The biggest round of catcalls erupted when Susan Pigg, director of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, asked the board not to respond to "ill-informed, fear-mongering commentary" from BRT opponents.

Collette said, "Everybody had been totally polite" until then.

"That lady — she got up there and called us fear-mongers, she called us rabble-rousers, or similar, she said we are creating a false this or that," Collette said. "It was not the audience. That lady verbally attacked everybody."

Pigg stood by her choice of words. "They're encouraging fear," she said. "I don't know what else you'd call them."

Pigg wasn't upset, though. "There was a group of people I would call 'uncivil,' but not to any extreme degree," Pigg said. "By most Midwestern standards, it would be considered a bit rude."

The outburst at the end of Pigg's remarks is the only audience noise that is audible on the HOMTV video of the meeting, but directional microphones make it difficult to hear anyone but the speaker. Other attendees said the heckling went on throughout the meeting.

When a soft-spoken Meridian Township resident, Lise Schools, talked about the BRT's potential to improve service for low-income people like herself, she, too, was heckled, according to an attendee who asked not to be named.

"They were sitting there, heckling [Schools] and talking about what trash she was, and that she was one of 'those' people," the attendee said. "It may not have made it

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report was a motivating factor in their crime spree. They admitted to pretending to be gay in order to rob victims they met through Craigslist. While they admitted to three specific instances, they related to Johnson that there were other communications. It remains unclear how many victims there were in this case.

Tupper's interview began Nov. 30 with a confession of sorts. He and Spyker had been arrested by the city's fugitive team hours earlier. Johnson arrived and set up video recording equipment to talk to both men.

McCormick, who was unable to release the confession video because the prosecutor's office did not have the technical capacity to edit it to protect the privacy of the victims, reviewed the confessions Thursday night. She said Tupper started his interview by asking if he were there about the "fucking faggots Craigslist."

— Todd Heywood



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick E. Lindemann

Notice is Hereby Given that a Public Hearing of Apportionment for special assessment of costs incurred by the drainage districts listed below will be held at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, in the City of Mason, Michigan, 48854, on **Tuesday, July 12, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. For assessments to be collected in installments, the Drain Code (Act 40 of 1956, Sec. 154 [e]) provides that the assessment may be paid in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

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A04-00	ALAIEDON NO. 4 DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	12
A07-00	ANDERSON DRAIN	WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP	22, 23, 27
A11-00	ASQUITH DRAIN	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP	2, 3, 10, 11
B02-00	BARNES AND CARPENTER DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	22, 23, 26-28, 34, 35
B03-00	BATDORFF DRAIN	BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP	26
B04-00	BATEMAN DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	14, 15
B05-00	BATES DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	36
		INGHAM TOWNSHIP	5, 6
		VEVAY TOWNSHIP	1
		WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	31, 32
B07-00	BATTLE DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	3, 4
B15-00	BOTSFORD DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	7, 8, 9, 17, 18
B17-00	BRAY DRAIN	INGHAM TOWNSHIP	3, 4
		WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	34
B23-00	BUNKER DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	32, 33
		WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP	4, 5
B28-00	BUTTON DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	1, 2, 3, 9-15, 23, 24
		MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	34, 35, 36
		CITY OF LANSING	4
B28-02	BUTTON: PONDEROSA BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	35
C02-00	CANAAN DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	29, 30, 31, 32
C08-00	CHAMBERLAIN DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	23, 26, 27
C15-00	CLEMENTS DRAIN	WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP	27, 28, 33, 34
C20-00	COLLAR DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	1, 12
		WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	7, 8
C23-00	COLUMBIA STREET DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	7
		CITY OF MASON	5-8
C25-00	CONWAY AND LOCKE NO. ONE DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	25, 36
C26-00	CONWAY-LOCKE NO. 2 DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	24, 25
C29-00	COSTIGAN DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	3, 4, 9
C30-00	COULSON DRAIN	WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP	4, 5
C34-00	CONWAY NO. 15 DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	24, 25, 36
C45-00	CADILLAC AVE. DRAIN	LANSING TOWNSHIP	19, 30
C51-00	CRADDOCK DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	22, 23, 25-27, 35
C54-00	COOL DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	15
		VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE	10, 15
C61-00	CIBA GEIGY DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	20
D02-02	DANIELS EXTENSION DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	22, 27
D04-00	DROVERS CROSSING DRAIN	BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP	11, 14
D05-00	DARROW AND MCROBERTS DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	21, 22, 27, 28
D10-15	DIEHL CONSOLIDATED DRAIN	DELHI TOWNSHIP	15, 22
D16-00	THE DONAL DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	22, 26, 27
D30-00	DELL DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	12, 13
		WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	17, 18
E02-00	EAST ONONDAGA DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	6, 7, 17-20, 30, 31
		ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	1, 12, 13, 22-26, 36
E03-00	EBERLY DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	8-10, 15-17, 20
E07-00	ELDRED DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	29
E12-00	ELLIOTT DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	2, 11
E18-00	EDGEMONT DRAIN	LANSING TOWNSHIP	7
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Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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Hate Crime

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ways divulge how they met their attacker(s)."

Yacka's agency coordinates bias and hate crime incidents against the LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities for 11 states, including Michigan. In 2015, the combined agencies reported 1,253 incidents nationwide, including 24 hate-motivated murders.

Lisa McCormick, Ingham County's chief assistant prosecutor, told me that shame, guilt and fear of being judged by the police or the Prosecutor's Office are reasons they don't get reported.

"That's not the case here in Ingham County," she told me Thursday in a conference room at the Grady Porter Building in downtown Lansing. "We're not going to be judging. The only judging will be on the perpetrators, who deserve to be judged, by a judge."

Spyker and Tupper told Lansing Police Detective Joel Johnson that reluctance to

Heckling

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to the audio, but I heard it."

Anne Woiwode, a resident of Meridian Township and former director of the Sierra Club's Mackinac Chapter, said "several people who spoke in support of the BRT were heckled." Woiwode spoke in favor of the BRT at the meeting.

"Yes, there some people who booed a few times," Collette said. "But it certainly wasn't a rabble-rousing riot."

Collette admitted that one pro-BRT speaker besides Pigg — MSU geography Professor Randy Schaetzl — was booed "by our group," mainly because he is married to Brixie and didn't mention that fact in his comments.

The rancorous tone revealed a yawning gap between the high-flown language of regional planners, who praised the potential of the BRT to benefit the region, and the nuts-and-bolts fears of business owners on the project's front lines.

Under the plan, CATA's Route 1, the eight-mile regional spine from the state Capitol to Marsh Road, would get dedicated bus lanes, improved stations and other improvements, funded largely by a federal grant. CATA says the project will shorten travel time, calm traffic and equip the corridor for a surge of new developments, residents and businesses



Tuesday, June 21 was a hot night at the Meridian Township Board meeting, as Judge William Collette led a vociferous group of residents opposed to CATA's Bus Rapid Transit plan.

that's already underway.

Opponents of the BRT, many of them business owners, brought up a variety of concerns, including long-term maintenance costs, emergency vehicle access, extra walking distance to stations for the handicapped and elderly and added difficulty for semi trucks making deliveries. Several speakers worried that replacing left-turn lanes with meridians would limit customers' access to their stores and businesses.

The two sides talked past each other completely on the issue of notice.

"Not one business owner on the corridor was notified" of CATA's "ridiculous" plan, Collette told the board at the meeting. Responding to an inquiry this week, CATA sent City Pulse a list of over 50 public meetings, charters and presentations held in the Lansing area, including Meridian Township, on the BRT since 2009, most of them since 2015.

"It's good to have these so-called charters with people that they send out notices to on their website or put a little printed thing in the newspaper or something," Collette responded. "But the people who are

legitimately impacted should be given some sort of notice of what to expect."

But CATA also reported that it sent "Corridors of Possibilities" newsletters about the BRT in May 2014 and August 2015 to all residents and businesses within a half-mile radius of the corridor.

Meridian Township Manager Frank Walsh said the township will put together a "work group" of eight to 12 members, including opponents and supporters of the BRT, to begin meeting in July and hand its recommendations to the board to approve or disapprove the project by the end of the year.

Walsh said CATA riders and business owners would be included on the panel.

"Our goal is to keep this fact-based and keep the politics out of the decision making process," Walsh said.

Walsh declined to comment on the tone of the meeting. "Emotions are running high on this issue," Walsh said.

Powers wasn't as reticent. She said she has spoken at Meridian Township Board and City Council meetings in Lansing and other cities "many, many times" and has "never experienced this."

"I'm not clutching my pearls," Powers said. "Folks who have concerns with the way the BRT is going to be laid out need to be heard, [but] but this is so rude. I don't expect Meridian Township to be the wild, wild West."

— Lawrence Cosentino



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ARTS & CULTURE

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By **TY FORQUER**

If Common Ground Music Festival gave out an award to the artists performing farthest from their hometown, the guys from Civil Twilight would likely be this year's winners. Hailing from Cape Town, South Africa, the indie rock band came to the U.S. in 2005 to pursue a career in music.

"When we left, there was nothing going on there," said Steven McKellar, lead singer for Civil Twilight. "There was no chance to make a career there."

So the band made the 10,000-mile trip from South Africa's west coast to America's West Coast.

"We thought about the U.K., but we wanted to tour, and the U.S. is the holy grail of touring," McKellar said. "We moved to L.A. because we knew three people there who would let us sleep on their couches."

The band performs Tuesday, the opening night of this year's Common Ground Music Festival. McKellar likes the way that festivals bring established artists and up-and-coming acts together.

"Festivals are like the public toilet for musicians — the great equalizer," he joked. "The big bands and the small bands are all in the same place, using the same areas."

Civil Twilight is usually labeled "indie rock." Once used to describe alternative rock acts on independent record labels, the term has become a catch-all for bands playing almost any flavor of modern rock.

"There's drums, piano, guitar — it's just rock," McKellar said. "I like to mess with people and tell them that it sounds like the Atlantic Ocean — like the ocean of the Western Cape."

On the other end of the distance spectrum, hip-hop artist Diamond Jones, who performs July 8, will take the stage just miles from where he grew up. A graduate of Everett High School, Jones turned to music when a career in basketball didn't seem likely.

"I realized sports wasn't going to work for me," he said with a laugh. "I didn't have the height for it."

Jones, 22, began improvising raps at 14. By 16, he was constructing rhymes and writing songs. While he grew up listening to aggressive artists like Eminem and Atlanta rapper Dolla, Jones' sound draws more from introspective contemporary rappers.

"My sound is like Drake and J. Cole, with a little bit of Lil Wayne," he said.

Jones' debut album, "Still Not Famous," was released on digital outlets last year. Since

COME TOGETHER

Local artists mingle with national talent at Common Ground Music Festival



Photo by J. Gillespie

Michigan native Billy Strings, who moved to Nashville earlier this year, returns to Lansing for this year's festival.

then, he's released a string of new songs via his YouTube channel. For independent artists like Jones, the accessibility of digital music outlets has changed the music industry landscape.

"It's very beneficial," he said. "It gives us a chance to be heard. You can get my music the same place you get Drake's music."

While the big names like Tim McGraw and A\$AP Rocky will sell the most tickets, Common Ground Music Festival is bolstered by a slew of Michigan acts. Among those is Linda Tellis, aka Lady Ace Boogie, a Grand Rapids-based hip-hop artist. Born in Atlanta and raised in West Virginia, Tellis came to Michigan in 2010. While she originally came to Grand Rapids to pursue a relationship, the culture of the city eventually won her over.

"The music and arts scene has kept me here," she said. "It's a great community and a really dope music scene."

Tellis is an anomaly in West Michigan, which isn't known for its hip-hop scene, but she doesn't feel out of place.

"There's definitely room for more hip hop," she said. "But I grew up listening to rock 'n' roll. I wasn't really exposed to hip hop until seven years ago."

Tellis released her debut album, "Feel Good Music," last year. She's working on a follow-up album, which she hopes to release in September.

"There's a message in my songs," she said. "It's not always super serious, but it's a positive vibe."

Tellis draws inspiration from the recent crop of socially-conscious rappers.

"I'm a huge fan of Kendrick Lamar and Chance the Rapper. And J. Cole is dope," she said. "They balance what people want to hear and what people need to hear."

Tellis takes the stage July 8, opening for headliners A\$AP Rocky and French Montana. She is excited to perform in Lansing but admits that festivals are not her favorite venues.

"Personally, I prefer more intimate spaces. I like to be able to reach out and touch the crowd," she said. "But I'm becoming more comfortable with bigger spaces. It's a different energy."

Also representing the Michigan scene is the aptly named Michigander, which plays Tuesday. While Michigander is a full band,

the group is largely shaped by the vision of singer/songwriter/guitarist Jason Singer.

"Michigander is a rebranding of a solo project I was doing for a few years," Singer explained. "There's a consistent band that plays shows with me."

Singer grew up in the Saginaw area and lives near Midland, but he met his bandmates while he was living in Kalamazoo. The band formed in early 2015 and released its debut single, "Nineties," earlier this month. Singer is working on a full-length album he hopes to release next year.

"We're taking our time," he said. "We're making sure what we put out is perfect and something we can be proud of."

Performing at this year's festival is a milestone for the young band.

"Playing Common Ground was on my bucket list," Singer said. "I didn't expect it to happen this year. A lot of things are happening quickly."

For bluegrass artist Billy Strings, real name William Apostol, performing at Common Ground is a homecoming. Apostol, who moved to Nashville in January, was born in Lansing and grew up in Michigan.

"I'm always excited to come home," Apostol said. "It's always good to see my family and friends in Lansing."

Apostol, who plays July 7 at Common Ground, appreciates the world-class musicians he can work with in Nashville but said that his day-to-day routine hasn't changed much.

"I'm on the road all the time," he said. "The only thing that changed is where I keep my stuff."

Apostol released a solo EP, "Billy Strings," earlier this month. The recording is a mix of traditional and original tunes, with one cover song thrown in.

"We didn't really rehearse. We just met in the studio and ran through the tunes a few times. It was really loose," he said. "We had a blast. It was such a fun session."

Apostol is looking forward to bringing his new bluegrass band up to Lansing.

"I'm going to bring some of these Nashville cats up to Lansing and tear it up," he said.



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Grand Rapids-based hip-hop artist Lady Ace Boogie performs July 8 at this year's Common Ground Music Festival.

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Photo by Paul Vetne

Paul "MexOne" Vetne works in a variety of mediums, including tattoo, painting and illustrations like those shown here.

Meet the artist

Paul Vetne draws on nostalgia, Mexican heritage

By CALLIE OPPER

Paul "MexOne" Vetne, this week's Summer of Art artist, doesn't remember exactly when he decided to become an artist, but he's been drawing for as long as he can remember.

"I don't think that at a young age I showed any special ability to draw, but it has always been something that I have done," he said.

Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, the 38-year-old artist works in a variety of mediums, including painting, drawing and mixed media. He has been a professional tattoo artist in the Greater Lansing area for over 10 years, currently based out of the Tattoo Shop on Michigan Avenue.

Vetne, who earned a degree in fine art painting from Andrews University, credits his parents for fostering his creative efforts.

"My father is a ceramic potter and my mother is a musician," he said. "From a young age, they found it important to expose me to new cultures and places and the art in those regions."

Vetne believes that the best visual art comes from a combination of education, skill, influences, creativity and life experience. In his art, Vetne draws inspiration largely from his childhood and his heritage.

"I often draw from the imagery of the comic books and cartoons I read and watched as a child," he said. "I also find inspiration from my heritage in the Mexican muralist of the early 1900s."



Vetne

Vetne believes that living in the moment is essential to being an artist, as well as appreciating art.

"My hope is that when viewers walk away, they've had a unique experience with the materials I have provided, aesthetically, regardless of my intention," he said.

In 2014, Vetne co-founded JiveOne5even — pronounced "jive one seven," a play on Lansing's area code — with Lansing native Marcus Cottom. The company focuses on shirts and apparel featuring Michigan and Lansing themes. A Danzig-inspired shirt hides Lansing landmarks in the band's signature skull logo, while another shirt borrows the title font from "Dirty Dancing" and turns it into "Dirty Lansing." The duo started the company as a way to give back to the community.

"We work with Lansing's nonprofits as we create public artwork, host benefits and raise awareness of the importance of art education in Lansing's public elementary schools," Vetne said.

His goal is to help others, especially children, understand the importance of art.

"Creativity is essential to life; it's good for you," Vetne said. "Whether you are doing the creating or viewing it, it is a mutually beneficial activity."

The power of art, Vetne explained, lies in its ability to disrupt our usual ways of thinking.

"Taking the time to stop and think about something differently than how we are often programmed to think may just be the necessary pause we need to help create a world full of mindfulness and compassion," he said.

Vetne has a simple message for aspiring artists: Don't quit.

"If you keep on, you will discover your art is uniquely important," he said. "We, as artists, have an obligation to this planet. It's our job to interpret the world."

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French inspection

Cara Black's mysteries explore Paris' dark side

By **BILL CASTANIER**

American mystery writer Cara Black travels to Paris twice a year to do research for her successful Aimée Leduc series, which is set in the city. The books feature a hip young detective who often works outside of the law as she confronts the darker side of the “city of light.”

On a trip to Paris last fall, Black brushed up against real darkness when terrorists attacked a café less than two blocks away from where she had been staying with a friend.

Kara Black

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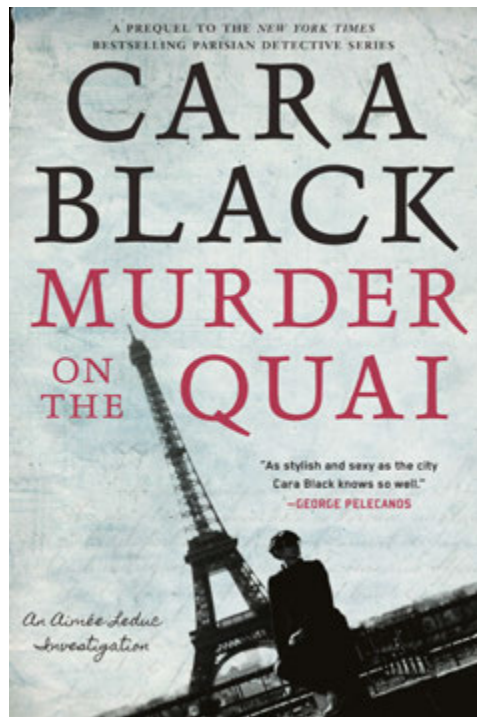
“I arrived home with texts and messages awaiting me, asking ‘Are you okay?’” said Black, who had left for home the day before the bombing.

When the author returned in April to research her next novel, she saw things that surprised her.

“I noticed the solidarity of the Parisians,” she said. “They were not hiding inside. I was so impressed, seeing them going to outdoor cafés. Parisians giving the middle finger to the world.”

City Pulse caught up with Black by phone while the author was in an airport, about to board for a flight to Orlando for last weekend’s American Library Association Annual Conference. Black attended the conference to promote her latest book, “Murder on the Quai,” and to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her publisher, SOHO Crime Press, which publishes mysteries set in international locales.

“Murder on the Quai,” a prequel to her 15-book Aimée Leduc series, is set in 1989. The book details how her protagonist became a crime investigator. Leduc’s father, a former police detective turned



Courtesy Photo

“Murder on the Quai,” the latest offering from Cara Black, is a prequel to the author’s popular Aimée Leduc mystery series.

private investigator, is out of town when a distant relative asks Aimee to investigate a murder. Aimee hopes the investigation will help her learn more about her mother, who abandoned the family when Aimee was 8.

With no formal detective experience, Aimée bumbles and stumbles through a crime investigation that involves ill-

gotten Nazi gold, a series of murders and a cycle of retribution that began during Hitler’s occupation of France.

Aimée, a 19-year-old med student, rolls through Paris’ 20 arrondissements — neighborhoods — on her bicycle or her grandfather’s motorcycle, trying to act grown up in her thrift shop clothes. (Black provides helpful maps of Paris on her website to help readers unfamiliar with the city.) Along the way, Aimée finds friends such as Rene, a computer expert who plays an important role in later books as technology becomes a crucial part of Aimée’s investigations. She also acquires her dog, Miles Davis.

Black first visited Paris in 1970 at the age of 19. She traveled with a backpack and slept in the open air, often under bridges.

“Paris is so different now,” she said. “Like everywhere, it’s more global, but it’s still made up of small villages. People stay there, live there, eat there.”

Black based her first Aimée Leduc book, “Murder in the Marais,” on a true life incident.

“I was staying with a friend who took me to a house where her mother lived during the last year of World War II,” Black said. “She was Jewish and went off to school with her little yellow star. When she returned home her family was gone.”

The girl’s mother and father had been snatched by Germans. It wasn’t until after the war that the girl learned they had been sent to a concentration camp.

“I wondered what it was like to be a

14-year-old, all alone, and decided to write about it,” she said.

Black published “Murder in the Marais” in 1999, and she has since put out about one new book per year. The books are filled with cultural and social markers that take readers through Paris in the 1990s, complete with mullets, popular music and shoulder pads. In her latest book, the Berlin Wall has just fallen, and Aimée’s father travels to East Berlin to recover some important documents about her mother.

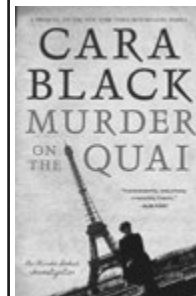
“Murder on the Quai” is an entertaining prequel for fans of the series, but it’s also a great place to start for those who are new to Aimée’s antics. Black said the hardest thing about writing the series has been keeping the stories fresh.

“You read a series because you like the characters,” she said. “You don’t want to be with them if they are boring. You always have to have fresh challenges.”

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Talk & Signing with NYT- bestselling Mystery Author CARA BLACK

Wednesday, June 29 @ 7pm
Meridian Mall location



The world knows Aimée Leduc—heroine of 15 mysteries in Cara Black’s NYT- bestselling series—as a très chic, no-nonsense private investigator in Paris. Now, in *Murder on the Quai*, Black takes us back in time to reveal

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Capitol City Writers Association Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, 7-8:30 pm
Eastwood Towne Center location

Capital City Writers is a professional association for career-focused writers in and around Lansing, Michigan. Meetings are open to the public. www.capitalcitywriters.org. This month’s subject is *Understanding Point of View*, presented by Elizabeth Heiter, the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of The Lawmen series, and The Profiler series.

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Wednesday, June 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington St., Lansing. (517) 351-5866, lancinfo.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215.

Stress Less with Mindfulness. Tips for managing stress. 6-7 p.m. \$20 for four sessions. Scholarships available. Michigan State University Extension, 551 Courthouse Drive, Charlotte. (517) 543-2310.

MUSIC

Concert in the Park. Featuring Delilah DeWylde & the Lost Boys. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100 N. East St., Lansing. (517) 4483-4313, lansingmi.gov/parks.

Concert: America Forever. Meridian Community Band performs patriotic and familiar songs. 7:30 p.m. Donations welcome. Lebowsky Center, 122 E. Main St., Owosso. meridiancommunityband.org.

St. Johns Concert in the Park Series. Barbershop Chorus, the Mountain Town Singers, perform. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St., Saint Johns. clintoncountyarts.org.

Sit in with the Band. 8-11 p.m. Reno's East, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 881-8125, kathyfordband.com.

EVENTS

Acting Up Theatre Company. With "The Curse of the Couch Potato." 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. CADL Stockbridge, 200 Wood St., Stockbridge.

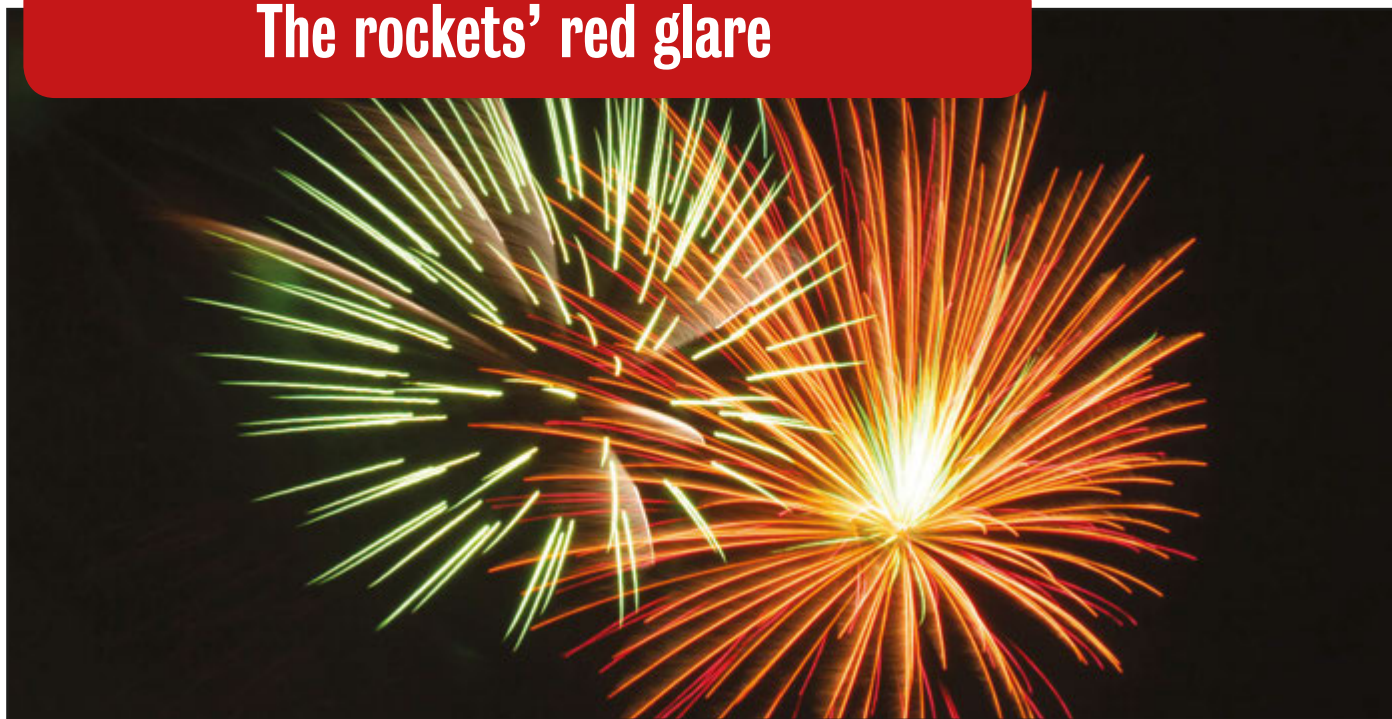
CD Weaving. Ages 8-16 turn old CDs into art. 2 to 3:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Webberville, 115 S. Main St., Webberville. (517) 521-3643.

Cirque AmongUs Show. Juggling, magic and comedy. 1:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324, cadl.org
Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek. Get a free magic trick to keep. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Aurelius, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason. (517) 628-3743.

Magician Ming the Magnificent. Harry Potter and mind-reading magic. 10-10:45 a.m. FREE. CADL

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The rockets' red glare



Independence Day is right around the corner, and whether you're looking for parades, live music, car shows or just classic fireworks, Greater Lansing has you covered.

SUNDAY, JULY 3 >> DELTA TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Celebrate the Fourth of July a day early with Delta Township's annual fireworks display. A concession stand is available, and attendees may bring their own food and drink. A permit is required for alcoholic beverages; free permits are available from Delta Township's Parks and Recreation department. Lawn chairs, blankets and mosquito repellent are recommended. Park opens at 6 p.m.; fireworks start at 10 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8500, deltami.gov.

JULY 3-4 >> PARADE AND FIREWORKS IN PORTLAND

This year, Portland stretches its patriotic party over two days. This year's fireworks display is presented Sunday at dusk, and the parade kicks off the next morning at 10 a.m. Portland High School Stadium, 1100 Ionia Road, Portland. (517) 647-2100, portlandareachamber.com

JULY 3-4 >> EATON RAPIDS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Eaton Rapids kicks off its Independence Day celebration with a performance by Frog & the Beeftones Sunday evening.

The festivities continue with a full day of events Monday, including a pancake breakfast, the Island City Craft Show, a parade and two sets of live music from Velocity Shift. The evening's fireworks show at 10:15 p.m. is followed by an outdoor showing of "Kung Fu Panda 3" at 10:30 p.m. Various locations, call or see web site for a full schedule. (517) 663-6480, eatonrapidscelebrates.com.

MONDAY, JULY 4 >> MASON'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mason's all-day Fourth of July celebration includes a car show, Model T car rides, an evening parade and a fireworks show. The fireworks show starts at dusk; recommended viewing areas are Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason Middle School, Rayner Park and Mason High School. FREE. Call or see web site for other event times and locations. (517) 676-1046, masonchamber.org.

MONDAY, JULY 4 >> MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Meridian Township celebrates Independence Day with its annual fireworks show. 10 p.m. FREE. Central Park, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 853-4600, meridian.mi.us.

MONDAY, JULY 4 >> LANSING LUGNUTS VS DAYTON DRAGONS

Play ball! Grab your baseball cap and celebrate the Fourth of July with the Lansing Lugnuts. A

fireworks display will light up the night sky immediately following the game. 7:05 p.m. Tickets start at \$8. Cooley Law Stadium, 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-4500, lansinglugnuts.com.

MONDAY, JULY 4 >> ST. JOHN FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Celebrate the Fourth of July with St. Johns at its annual fireworks show. 10 p.m. FREE. City Park, 805 W. Park St., St Johns. (989) 224-8944, cityofstjohnsmi.com.

MONDAY, JULY 4 >> LANSING FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

The City of Lansing's Independence Day parade kicks off at 11 a.m. at Capitol Grounds. An evening celebration at Adado Riverfront Park begins at 8 p.m., featuring a patriotic performance by the Lansing Concert Band followed by a fireworks show. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing. (517) 483-4277, lansingmi.gov/featuredevents.

MONDAY, JULY 4 >> IAM AMERICA

Lansing's First Presbyterian Church hosts a non-religious program of songs and stories about what it means to be American. The event features a performance by a community choir. A barbeque in the parking lot follows the program. 3 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. (517) 482-0668, lansingfirstpres.org.

— KAYLEIGH GARRISON

Turn it Down

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE
BY RICHTUPICA

ERIC HUTCHINSON AT THE LOFT


Wednesday, July 6 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$23/\$20 adv., 7 p.m.



Alternative-rock-tinged pop singer Eric Hutchinson headlines an all-ages show July 6 at the Loft. Opening the show are Nick Howard and Stefanie Haapala. In August, Hutchinson releases his seventh record, "Easy Street," a follow-up to 2014's "Pure Fiction" LP. Hutchinson, 35, was raised in Takoma Park, Maryland and started performing while attending Emerson College in Boston. After self-releasing his debut LP, "That Could've Gone Better," the soulful pop singer/songwriter — who's also known for his stylish, colorful suits — gained a dedicated fan base. Since then, he's scored airplay with a series of singles, including "OK, It's Alright With Me," "Rock and Roll" and "Watching You Watch Him." Hutchinson tours incessantly and has gigged across North America, Australia and Europe. When he's not headlining, he's warming up stages for the likes of Kelly Clarkson, Jason Mraz and OneRepublic, among others.

GUNNAR & THE GRIZZLY BOYS AT TEQUILA COWBOY


Thursday, June 30 @ Tequila Cowboy (inside Lansing Mall), 5660 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. \$15/\$10 adv., 7:30 p.m.



West Michigan-based Gunnar & the Grizzly Boys, fronted by singer/guitarist Gunnar Nyblad, cranks out a high-energy brand of modern country rock. The group, which headlines June 30 at Tequila Cowboy, is best known for its poppy, 'Murican-themed songs like "Standard American," "Pedal to the Floor" and "Country Boy Tan Lines." The band, which debuted in 2010 with its "Homegrown" LP, has been keeping busy for the past six years, gigging alongside artists like Lady Antebellum, Florida Georgia Line and Kid Rock, among others. In 2013, Gunnar and the boys released their most recent disc, the "North Country" EP, and played the Live Nation-hosted Faster Horses Festival — by 2015, the band was on the main stage. Earlier this month, the band dropped its new digital single, "Forever Sounds Good to Me."

LAKE LANSING SOUTH CONCERTS HOSTS MERIDIAN COMMUNITY BAND

Friday, July 1 @ Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. FREE, all ages, 7 p.m.



For those looking for a mellow night of music under the open sky, the Lake Lansing South Concerts series presents free Friday night performances at the park's band shell now through August. All performances begin at 7 p.m.; admission and parking is free. For the kids, there's free entry to play on a bounce house and giant inflatable slide. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chairs and a picnic dinner. Friday, the series hosts the Meridian Community Band. The Okemos-based traditional concert band is comprised of approximately 85 musicians from the Greater Lansing area. After 26 years, this will be the final season under the direction of conductor Carolyn Sherrill. The band was formed in 1977 and became a nonprofit in 1983. The Meridian Community Band typically performs 12 to 15 concerts each year.

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT ALLISON@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

LIVE & LOCAL	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	City Mouse, 8 p.m.	Goth Night, 9 p.m.	Hordes, 8 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.		DJ Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		Scott Seth, 5 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road			Jacob Ford, 8 p.m.	
Brookshire, 205 W. Church St.		Open Mic, 9 p.m.		
Colonial Bar 3425 S. Martin Luther King Blvd		Lee Groove, 7 p.m.		
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.	Karaoke, 8 p.m.			
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Jackalope, 10 p.m.	Summer Patio Party, 8 p.m.		Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Darb's, 117 S. Cedar St.				
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke with DJ Jamie, 9 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends, 8:30 p.m.	New Rule, 9:30 p.m.	Knock-Offs, 9:30 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Live Blues w/ The Good Cookies, 7 p.m.	Reggae Lou, 6 p.m.		
Fieldhouse, 213 Ann St.		Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Hot Mess, 9:30 p.m.	Hot Mess, 9:30 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.		Alistair, 6 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Leroys, 1526 S. Cedar St.			Family First Entertainment Presents, 8 p.m.	Never Shout Never, 6 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.			Big Jon's Birthday FIESTA, 9 p.m.	Tyrant, 8 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Lucius Fox, 8 p.m.	Springtails, 9 p.m.	Zydecronch, 9 p.m.	James Reeser & Back Seat Drivers, 9 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Jay Wilford, 7 p.m.	Jerry Sprague, 7 p.m.	Sean Walker, 7 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road		Chris Laskos, 7 p.m.	Elkabong, 7 p.m.	The Tenants, 7 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Mark Sala, 7 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 7 p.m.	Bobby Standall, 7 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Rush Clement, 7 p.m.			
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.	Gunnar & the Grizzly Boys, 7:30 p.m.	Corey Farley, 7:30 p.m.	Corey Farley, 7:30 p.m.
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Jimmy G & the Capitols, 9 p.m.	Jimmy G & the Capitols, 9 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.			Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.			
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Mike Skory Patio Blues, 6 p.m.	Oxymorons, 8 p.m.	Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	

LIVE & LOCAL LISTS UPCOMING GIGS! To get listed email allison@lansingcitypulse.com. Only submit for the upcoming week's shows.

Out on the town

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South Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

Science Center with Uma. Ages 6 and up learn about the Rural Science Center project. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Dansville, 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville.

Allen Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

ICACS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions. All animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Noon to 6 p.m. Ingham County Animal Control, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370.

Practice Your English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

ARTS

Live Artist Demo: Laura DeLind. Artist demonstrates linocut printing. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400, lansingartgallery.org/popupart.

Thursday, June 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lunch at the Senior Center. Call day before to order meal. Noon-1 p.m. \$5.75/\$3 suggested donation for ages 60 and up. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfc.com.

Celebrate Recovery. For all hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 5:15 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 927-4307.

MUSIC

Open Mic @ The Colonial Bar & Grill. Weekly bring-your-own-instrument open mic. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. The Colonial Bar & Grille, 3425 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 882-6132.

THEATER

Acting Up Theatre Company. With "The Curse of the Couch Potato." 1-2 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351, cadl.org.

EVENTS

Book Dominoes. After-hours engineering experiment. Call or register online. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351 ext. 3, cadl.org.

Bubbleman. Learn about bubble science. 1:30-2:15 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing.

Paws 4 Reading. Kids read to therapy dog. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Capitol Building Back Plaza, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

Build-Your-Own Taco Bar Fundraiser. Proceeds support the 8th grade government trip to Washington D.C. 4-7 p.m. St. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing. (517) 374-5700.

Classroom Critters. Educational animal presentation. 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021, cadl.org.

Mason Codependents Anonymous. A fellowship to develop healthy relationships. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Mason First Church of the Nazarene, 415 E. Maple St., Mason. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Ready, Set, Go! PJ Storytime. Ages 2-6 enjoy reading, music and Bedtime Math. Call or register online. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Mason, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. (517) 676-9088, cadl.org.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30 >> ZOO BREW AT POTTER PARK ZOO

Have you ever wanted to have a beer with a bear? Or maybe sip a porter with a penguin? Zoo Brew, hosted by Potter Park Zoo, offers the 21-and-up crowd a chance to cruise the zoo with a beverage in hand. The fundraiser features beers available for purchase from Lansing Brewing Co., as well as complementary food. Live music is provided by Shelby & Jake and Well Enough Alone. This is the first of three Zoo Brew events this summer; a \$10 pass to all three events is available on the website. 5-9 p.m. \$7/\$5 adv. 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4222, potterparkzoo.org.

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INTERMEDIATE

TO PLAY

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

June 29-July 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19): During winter, some bears spend months hibernating. Their body temperatures and heart rates drop. They breathe drowsily. Their movements are minimal. Many hummingbirds engage in a similar slow-down — but they do it every single night. By day they are among the most manic creatures on earth, flapping their wings and gathering sustenance with heroic zeal. When the sun slips below the horizon, they rest with equal intensity. In my estimation, Aries, you don't need a full-on immersion in idleness like the bears. But you'd benefit from a shorter stint, akin to the hummingbird's period of dormancy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "Dear Dr. Breznsny: A psychic predicted that sometime this year I will fall in love with a convenience store clerk who's secretly a down-on-his-luck prince of a small African country. She said that he and I have a unique destiny. Together we will break the world's record for dancing without getting bitten in a pit of cobras while drunk on absinthe on our honeymoon. But there's a problem. I didn't have time to ask the psychic how I'll meet my soulmate, and I can't afford to pay \$250 for another reading. Can you help? - Mopey Taurus." Dear Mopey: The psychic lied. Neither she nor anyone else can see what the future will bring you. Why? Because what happens will be largely determined by your own actions. I suggest you celebrate this fact. It's the perfect time to do so: July is Feed Your Willpower Month.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Of all the concert pianos in the world, 80 percent of them are made by Steinway. A former president of the company once remarked that in each piano, "243 taut strings exert a pull of 40,000 pounds on an iron frame." He said it was "proof that out of great tension may come great harmony." That will be a potential talent of yours in the coming weeks, Gemini. Like a Steinway piano, you will have the power to turn tension into beauty. But will you actually accomplish this noble goal, or will your efforts be less melodious? It all depends on how much poised self-discipline you summon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Once upon a time, weren't you the master builder who never finished building your castle? Weren't you the exile who wandered aimlessly while fantasizing about the perfect sanctuary of the past or the sweet safety zone of the future? Didn't you perversely nurture the ache that arose from your sense of not feeling at home in the world? I hope that by now you have renounced all of those kinky inclinations. If you haven't, now would be an excellent time to do so. How might you reinvest the mojo that will be liberated by the demise of those bad habits?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In accordance with the astrological omens, I have selected three aphorisms by poet James Richardson to guide you. Aphorism #1: "The worst helplessness is forgetting there is help." My commentary: You have the power to avoid that fate. Start by identifying the sources of healing and assistance that are available to you. Aphorism #2: "You do not have to be a fire to keep one burning." My commentary: Generate all the heat and light you can, yes, but don't torch yourself. Aphorism #3: "Patience is not very different from courage. It just takes longer." My commentary: But it may not take a whole lot longer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may not know this, but I am the founder and CEO of Proud To Be Humble, an acclaimed organization devoted to minimizing vanity. It is my sworn duty to protest any ego that exceeds the acceptable limits as defined by the Geneva Convention on Narcissism. However, I now find myself conflicted. Because of the lyrical beauty and bighearted charisma that are currently emanating from your ego, I am unable, in good conscience, to ask you to tone yourself down. In fact, I hereby grant you a license to expand your self-love to unprecedented proportions. You may also feel free to unleash a series of lovely brags.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The next 28 days will not be a favorable period to sit around passively wishing to be noticed. Nor will it be a good time to wait to be rescued or to trust in others to instigate desirable actions. On the other hand, it will be an excellent phase to be an initiator: to decide what needs to be done, to state your intentions concisely, and to carry out your master plan with alacrity and efficiency. To help ensure your success during the next 28 days, make this declaration each morning before breakfast: "I don't want to OBSERVE the show. I want to BE the show."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "In life, as in bicycling, pedal when you have to, coast when you can." So says author James Lough, and now I'm passing on his advice to you — just in time for your transition from the heavy-pedaling season to the coasting-is-fun phase. I suspect that at this juncture in your life story you may be a bit addicted to the heavy pedaling. You could be so accustomed to the intensity that you're inclined to be suspicious of an opportunity to enjoy ease and grace. Don't be like that. Accept the gift with innocent gratitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "When a jet flies low overhead, every glass in the cupboard sings," writes aphorist James Richardson. "Feelings are like that: choral, not single; mixed, never pure." That's always true, but it will be intensely true for you in the coming weeks. I hope you can find a way to tolerate, even thrive on, the flood of ambiguous complexity. I hope you won't chicken out and try to pretend that your feelings are one-dimensional and easily understandable. In my opinion, you are ripe to receive rich lessons in the beauty and power of mysterious emotions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pop artist Andy Warhol said that in the future, everyone would be famous for 15 minutes. His idea had a resonance with the phrase "nine days' wonder," which as far back as Elizabethan times referred to a person or event that captured the public's fascination for a while. You Capricorns are entering a phase when you're far more likely than usual to bask in the spotlight. Between now and September 2017, I bet you'll garner at least a short burst of glory, acclaim, or stardom — perhaps "much" more. Are you ready for your close-up? Have you prepped for the influx of attention that may be coming your way?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): One of my readers, Jay O'Dell, told me this story: "After my cancer surgery, a nurse said to me, 'You may as well try magical thinking. Regular thinking hasn't helped.' I said to the nurse, 'Well, why the hell not?' That was seven years ago." In bringing O'Dell's testimony to your attention, I don't mean to suggest you will have any health problems that warrant a strong dose of magical thinking. Not at all. But you may get wrapped up in a psychological twist or a spiritual riddle that would benefit from magical thinking. And what exactly is magical thinking? Here's one definition: The stories that unfold in your imagination have important effects on what actually happens to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let's talk about X-factors and wild cards and strange attractors. By their very nature, they are unpredictable and ephemeral, even when they offer benevolent breakthroughs. So you may not even notice their arrival if you're entranced by your expectations and stuck in your habitual ways. But here's the good news, Pisces: Right now you are not unduly entranced by your expectations or stuck in your habits. Odds are high that you will spy the sweet twists of fate — the X-factors and wild cards and strange attractors — as they float into view. You will pounce on them and put them to work while they're still fresh. And then they will help you hike your ratings or get the funding you need or animate the kind of love that heals.

FRIDAY, JULY 1 >> LEATHER AND LACE XII

Darkness descends on the Avenue Café Friday as the bar celebrates the one-year anniversary of its popular Goth Night. Attendees are encouraged to dress up in Gothic attire, and DJs Cattie Jensen and Jay Dnihil spin industrial and new wave tracks all night. The Avenue Café's kitchen will stay open until 11 p.m., and the bar offers a variety of absinthes, Michigan microbrews and special cocktails. Attendees must be 21 or older. 9 p.m. FREE. 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403, avenuecafelansing.com.

FRIDAY, JULY 1 >> ARTS NIGHT OUT

Lansing's "new Friday night" returns to Old Town, turning storefronts and business into pop-up galleries and performance spaces. Over 25 stores and boutiques host visual artists and musicians for the evening. Bloom Coffee Roasters, which officially opens Tuesday, is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, giving attendees a sneak peek at Old Town's new café. The traveling event, hosted by the Arts Council of Greater Lansing, moves to a different neighborhood each month. Next up, the event heads to REO Town on Aug. 5. 5 p.m. Friday. FREE. Old Town, 1208 Turner Street, Lansing. (517) 372-4636, myartsnightout.com.

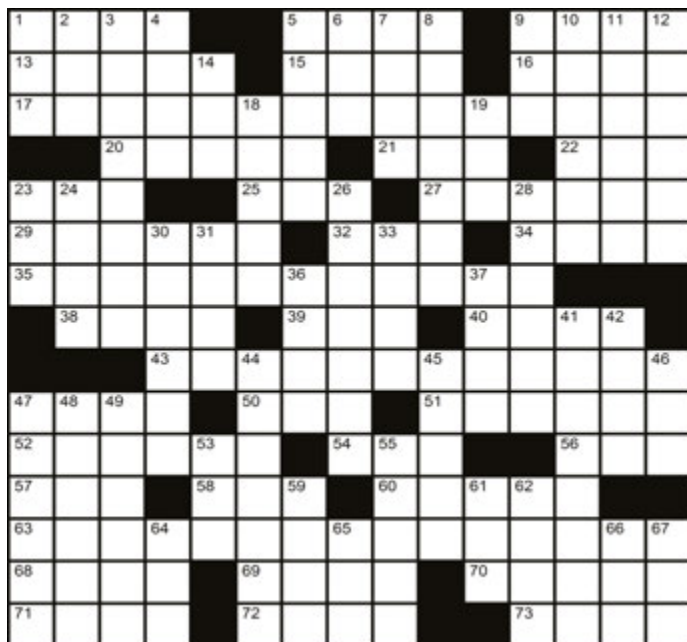
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"You're Getting Sleepy..."—relax with a nice puzzle.
Matt Jones

Across

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- 20 Legal term that means "directed against a thing"
- 21 Saigon soup
- 22 '90s General Motors brand
- 23 Former "Tonight Show" announcer Hall
- 25 Gift decoration
- 27 Film composer Danny
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- 34 Candied tubers
- 35 Worst score ever from Salt Lake City's team?
- 38 Large part of the globe
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- 43 Places where you can only order sloe drinks?
- 47 Taj Mahal builder ___ Jahan
- 50 "___ tree falls..."
- 51 Add some sparkle to
- 52 Bothers
- 54 Smooth sax player Dave
- 56 Far from strict
- 57 Short-___ clothesline (wrestling move)
- 58 Rabbits, e.g.
- 60 Baloney
- 63 Wild coffee shop where



- everyone's had 10+ shots?
 - 68 Cookie with the crossed lines from the Nabisco
 - 70 Pasta-draining device
 - 71 Lament
 - 72 Swing to and fro
 - 73 Floral emanation
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- 1 Texting protocol initials
 - 2 "Tic ___ Dough" (TV game show)
 - 3 Spiny anteaters
 - 4 Magician whose last name is Jillette
 - 5 Whosamawhatsis
 - 6 The New Yorker cartoonist Chast
 - 7 "Break ___!"
 - 8 Tool that'll definitely hack it
 - 9 Stereotypical cheer-
 - leader's shout
 - 10 Puzzlement
 - 11 Start of a day shift, often logo on it
 - 12 Burger toppers
 - 14 Palme ___ (Cannes Film Festival award)
 - 18 Alphabet book regular
 - 19 Mustard's rank: Abbr.
 - 23 Old French coin
 - 24 Facts and figures
 - 26 Apple co-founder Steve
 - 28 Existentialist Dos-toyevsky
 - 30 Chicken servings
 - 31 California resort town near Santa Barbara
 - 33 Comedian Ansari
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 - 37 Bring down the house?
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 - 41 Investigated thoroughly
 - 42 Physical beginning?
 - 44 Simpletons
 - 45 ___ : France :: "Swing kid" : Germany
 - 46 "___ is an emotion in motion": Mae West
 - 47 Manatee or dugong
 - 48 Zimbabwe's capital
 - 49 \$2 to get \$20, perhaps
 - 53 "Hail," to Caesar
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 - 59 Bank makeup
 - 61 The 40 in a "40," for short
 - 62 "South Pacific" Tony winner Pinza
 - 64 Dandy guy
 - 65 Chapter of history
 - 66 Ab ___ (from the beginning)
 - 67 "___ the ramparts ..."

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Spanish Conversation. All levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

ARTS

Drop-In Coloring Group. Coloring supplies provided for ages 18 and up. 6-7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

Friday, July 1

MUSIC

Concert: America Forever. Meridian Community Band performs patriotic and familiar songs. 7:30 p.m. Donations welcome. Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. meridiancommunityband.org.

THEATER

From Earth to the Universe. Planetarium show about the history of astronomy. 8-9 p.m. \$4/\$3 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672, abramsplanetarium.org.

EVENTS

Pet Vaccination and Licensing Clinic. Free rabies vaccinations and \$5 distemper shots. Microchipping for \$15. Noon-4 p.m. ICAC Community Outreach Center, 826 W. Saginaw St., Lansing. ac.ingham.org.

ARTS

Opening Reception of 60 by Marek Radek. Visual art with a site-specific installation. 5-8 p.m. FREE. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-4600, micagallery.org.

Saturday, July 2

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi at the Park. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 400 S. Holmes St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

EVENTS

Free Public Tours. 1 and 3 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., MSU Campus, East Lansing.

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Sunday, July 3

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Charlotte Yoga Club. Beginner to intermediate levels. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. ALIVE, 800 W. Lawrence Road, Charlotte. (517) 285-0138, charlotteyoga.net.

Juggling. Learn to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pump House, 368 Orchard St., Lansing. (517) 371-5119.

MUSIC

The Further Adventures of FatBoy and JiveTurkey. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

EVENTS

Free Public Tours. 1 and 3 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., MSU Campus, East Lansing.

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First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. (517) 482-0668, facebook.com/LansingFirstPresbyterianChurch.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. A fellowship to develop healthy relationships. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Lessons 6-6:45 p.m., dance 6:45-\$8 dance/\$10 dance & lesson. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838.

The Little Star That Could. Planetarium show for families. 2:30 p.m. \$4/\$3.50 seniors and students/\$3 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672.

ARTS

'The Art of Nature' of Dan Matson. Featuring art by local artist and music by Elden Kelly. Noon-9 p.m. \$15 suggested donation. Keys to Creativity, 5746 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 657-2770, facebook.com/keystocreativity.

Monday, July 4

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Cards Against Humanity Tournament. Earn discounts by winning games. 7-10 p.m. FREE.

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Out on the town

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American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing. (517) 999-2631.

Support Group. For the divorced, separated and widowed. 7:30 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

Figure Drawing. No drawing experience needed. 6 to 9 p.m. \$15 or less if more people turn ou.. Inner Ascended Masters Ministry, 5705 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. lightiam.org.

EVENTS

Social Bridge. Play bridge and meet new people.

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

Tuesday, July 5

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 775-2697, cadl.org.

Compassionate Friends Support Group. For grieving families who have lost a child 7:30-9 p.m. FREE. Salvation Army Community Center, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing.

Hopeful Hearts Grief Group. Learn, grow and heal together. 10-11 a.m. FREE. The Marquette Activity Room, 5968 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. (517) 381-4866.

Lansing Area Co-Dependents Anonymous. 5:45-6:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Overeaters Anonymous. Support for weight loss efforts. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 819-3294.

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Yawn Patrol Toastmasters. Learn public speaking. 7-8:30 a.m. Studio 1210 Place, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (989) 859-2086, yawnpatrol.com.

Transgender Support Group for Parents, Guardians, and Families. Safe space discussion. 7:15-9 p.m. FREE. Call for location. (517) 927-8260.

MUSIC

Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Jennifer Lewis with Family & Friends. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

The Scratch Pilots Present: Turntable Tuesdays. Featuring DJ's: Butcher, Space, McCoy, James B & Mr. Neddles. FREE. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

EVENTS

American Fifth Day. \$5 cocktails and new menu release. 4-11 p.m. American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing. (517) 999-2631, ow.ly/ijQ2301BGbA.

Knitting and Crochet Group. All ages and skills

welcome. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Read and Play Storytime. Stories, songs and sensory play time. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfg.com.

Play in the Park. Families invited to picnic and enjoy a magic show in the park. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 300 Valley Court. cityofeastlansing.com/PlayinthePark.

Wednesday, July 6

MUSIC

Ben Hassenger at Allen Neighborhood Center. Ukulele player performs. 5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. ow.ly/xRxK301BHxC.

Sit in with the Band. 8-11 p.m. Reno's East, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 881-8125, kathyfordband.com.

MSU: Tiffany Ng, carillonneur. University carillonist from Ann Arbor performs. 6 p.m. FREE. Beaumont Tower, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/4nrq22.

St. Johns Concert in the Park Series. Folk music with the Blue Water Ramblers. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St., Saint Johns. clintoncountyarts.org.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215.

EVENTS

Allen Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

ICACS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions. All animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Noon to 6 p.m. Ingham County Animal Control, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370.

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LENA MAXSON — CENTER OF THE HEALING ARTS

Ty Forquer/City Pulse

Lena Maxson moved her holistic healing business, Len Maxson — Center of the Healing Arts, into an Old Town studio earlier this year.

By ALLANI ROSS

Lena Maxson is the first to admit that her holistic healing-based business “sounds weird.” She uses nontraditional methods based on “natural energies” and the power of touch, which smacks of hippy-dippy baloney. But she also employs another type of therapy not usually offered alongside foot baths and deep-tissue backrubs — she engages her customers in a low-key style of psychoanalysis.

“If you don’t deal with certain issues in your life, they can (manifest) themselves into illness or chronic pain,” Maxson said. “If you ignore something, it almost always comes to the physical level. So part of what I do is talk (to my clients) about their lives, starting from the back forward. Behind every illness is an issue. Needless to say, I get a lot of divorcees in here.”

She founded her business, Lena Maxson — Center of the Healing Arts, five years ago in Bath but moved to Old Town earlier this year. She was drawn not only by the historic neighborhood’s central location, where she’d have access to more customers, but also Old Town’s decidedly offbeat vibe.

“Everything is allowed in Old Town,” she said. “You can be as crazy as you want, and everything is accepted. I felt at home here right away.”

The Center of the Healing Arts is based on pranic healing, a pseudoscientific curative system that claims prana, or energy, can be used to activate natural healing systems in the body. The first step in pranic healing is reiki, which invokes this body energy through the power of touch and the use of colors.

“I know it sounds weird, but it’s effective,” Maxson said. “In Europe, doctors and (holistic) healers work together to analyze problems from both a clinical and a spiritual side. In America, everything is so splintered. The two sides never talk, and I think that’s such a shame. You need both.”

Maxson, 53, grew up in West Germany, where she took care of her grandmother

starting from a young age. That developed into a love for working with the human body, so she pursued a career in nursing. At 21, she met a man from Lansing and got married. She moved to America with the idea of opening a German bakery/bistro in East Lansing.

“At our wedding, we got all the china we would need for the restaurant. But after we moved here, it just never happened,” Maxson said. “I didn’t know any English, so I was dependent on my husband for everything. He never did anything he promised. I was young and naïve.”

Maxson and her husband had two children but divorced soon afterward. Then, as she was navigating the complicated American legal system, she suffered two car accidents that left her confined to a wheelchair. She was 29.

“But that’s when my journey actually started,” she said. “They operated on me five times with no success, so I said, ‘To heck with this, I’m going back to Germany. I found a job I hated just so I could have the insurance to cover the rest of my surgeries.’”

It was during this time that Maxson was introduced to pranic healing. She was able to ditch her wheelchair and became certified and licensed in India under the movement’s founder. She honed her skills in Europe as she added additional specialties to her education, including mainstream body sciences. She moved back to the Lansing area six years ago to be closer to her children but found the U.S. has its own set of challenges.

“Americans are so repressed,” Maxson said. “No one touches each other here, even though there’s a basic need to be touched. I think that’s actually linked to many of this country’s health problems. It’s difficult to describe the power of touch until you’ve experienced it.”

Services at the Center of the Healing Arts include full-body massages, reflexology, aromatherapy and ionic detoxification. She also uses her space for classes, seminars and coaching sessions that

complement those services. Additionally, Maxson works in tandem with doctors and chiropractors around town who are less skeptical of her treatment style.

“They keep me secret from most patients, but occasionally, if they sense a need, they send them to me,” Maxson said. “I’ve been able to get through to people that no other type of medicine or therapy has been able to do.”

Prices vary based on service, and Maxson meets with new customers to determine what service will suit them best. A 90-minute massage is \$110, for two hours it’s \$150 and ionic foot baths run \$99 for three sessions. Maxson said most people end up getting a combination of services, which sometimes include a full pranic healing session, which costs \$240. And for those, she said, time isn’t a factor.

“For pranic healing, I stay with my customer until they’re healed,” Maxson said. “But not everything is meant to be healed, and some things can’t be healed, such as cancer. And not everyone lets themselves be healed.”

For example, Maxson said, she once had a customer who had suffered from hives for years. When she asked the person if she remembered when it started, she responded, “Hell yeah.”

“I said, ‘Well come on, let’s talk about it,’” Maxson recalled. “But then I never heard from her. Some people are too scared to look inside themselves, even if it means they stay sick. The truth is, what I do scares most people. But I’ve had great success with customers who (initially scoffed) at the idea of energy healing. I’ve found the more skeptical someone is, the better results I get. That’s my power.”

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Thai Mary — Black Cat Bistro

Black Cat Bistro, near the corner of Abbot Road and Albert Avenue in downtown East Lansing, feels a little out of place.

In a bar scene that seems to be catering more and more to the get-drunk-and-try-to-get-laid culture, the European-style café, along with Beggar's Banquet, just around the corner, is an island of elegance adrift in a sea of AXE body spray.

I'm a sucker for a good bloody mary. Several people had told me that the food at Black Cat Bistro was really good, but once I heard about the café's selection of specialty bloody marys, I knew I had to investigate. The bar's impressive cocktail menu includes four bloody mary variations. In ad-



THE DRINK

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dition to a Classic Mary, it also serves a Voodoo Mary with Cajun spices and molasses and a Sunshine Mary made with carrot juice. But my favorite is the Thai Mary.

This concoction features tomato juice, red curry, lime juice, cilantro and sriracha, that hipster hot sauce with the rooster on it. I expected a lot of spice when I read the ingredient list, but the cooling cilantro is the perfect counter-balance to the sriracha and curry. The spice is there, but it never overwhelms the palate. The drink is garnished with olives, a pickle spear and slices of orange and lemon. You can add a "Benny's Original Meat Straw" for \$2, but I'm a little weirded out by the phrase "meat straw," so that's a hard pass.

The bloody mary is probably the most divisive drink I can think of — it's like the



Virg Bernero of cocktails. You either love them or hate them; no one is lukewarm about bloody marys. For the tomato-averse crowd, the café serves up six Moscow mule variations that are probably fantastic. I've never tried one, because ordering one would mean not ordering one of my beloved bloodys.

— Ty Forquer



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Capital city carnivores

Looking for local style in the barbecue scene

By TY FORQUER

What is barbecue? It depends on where you stand — literally.

Across the U.S., especially in the South, the idea of barbecue takes on different forms from region to region, as each area has its own idea of what kind of meat should be smoked, how to smoke it and how to dress it up before it's eaten. Carolinians will nearly come to blows over whether you should top your pulled pork with vinegar- or mustard-based sauces. In Texas, the Longhorn State, beef is king and brisket is the gold standard. And then there's Memphis and Alabama and Kansas City and St. Louis ...

We're in the middle of a barbecue boom here in Greater Lansing, but does Michigan have its own barbecue style?

Simply put, no. But that's not necessarily a bad thing. Local restaurateurs can experiment with their recipes without the burden of regional expectations.

"We think of it more like craft barbecue," said Matt Gillett, co-owner and operator of Saddleback BBQ. "We take what we like and adapt it for the market. Customers are always giving us ideas."

Saddleback BBQ, which opened a year ago in Lansing's REO Town district, is just one of many barbecue joints that have recently sprung up in Greater Lansing. Meat Southern BBQ & Carnivore Cuisine, which opened in Old Town in 2012, was at the vanguard of this barbecue boom. When Meat opened its doors, the only other barbecue shops in town were the local BackYard BarBQ restaurants, chain barbecue joint Smokey Bones and north Lansing's King of the Grill. Now there are at least 10 barbecue restaurants in Greater Lansing and a half-dozen food trucks dedicated to smoked meats.



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Sean Johnson, owner/operator of Meat Southern BBQ & Carnivore Cuisine, stands in front of his Old Town restaurant.

"Michigan is becoming a barbecue state," said Sean Johnson, owner/operator of Meat. "Lansing didn't have much real Southern barbecue. Now you've got all these places rushing in."

Like Gillett, Johnson doesn't pull from any specific region.

"I borrow from all over," he said. "I don't think you can hone in on just one style."

But there is a Texas barbecue staple that has caught on in a big way in mid-Michigan.

"People are really into brisket," Johnson said.

"Everybody wants the brisket," echoed Craig "Gump" Garmyn, owner/operator of Gump's BBQ. "It's amazing how much I'm going through."

Garmyn opened Gump's BBQ, nestled in a small storefront off Cedar Street behind Kwik Car Wash, earlier this year. While he started with a specific style in mind, he also has been tweaking his recipes to appeal to a Midwestern palate.

"I like to pull from the Carolina style, with vinegar-based barbecue," he said. "But you've got to please the masses."

Garmyn isn't surprised that so many barbecue joints have appeared recently.

"Everyone is a backyard barbecuer," he said.

"Right now, barbecue is an inexpensive way

to start a business," added Gillett, noting that many brick-and-mortar shops started as food trucks or home-grown catering businesses. "Lansing's next great restaurant is probably along the side of the road somewhere."

While some business owners might get worried about splitting the market share with more and more restaurants, Johnson welcomes the challenge. The friendly rivalries between the barbecue shops — and their respective fans — pushes everyone to work harder at creating a good product and unique vibe.

"Down in Texas, having a favorite barbecue joint is like having a favorite football team," Johnson said.

Travis Stoliker, co-owner of Saddleback BBQ, also takes a rising-tide-raises-all-ships view of the local barbecue scene. But earlier

this month, when Saddleback was named best barbecue joint in Michigan by the website Mental Floss, he saw "anonymous internet trolls" taking shots at them and other restaurants over who should rightfully hold the title.

"It was disappointing to see how people tried to pit us against each other," Stoliker said. "We're not in competition with these places; we encourage more barbecue. It increases awareness and raises Lansing's profile as a barbecue destination."

Greater Lansing's barbecue bubble may eventually burst, but for now, Stoliker said, there's room for everyone to earn a spot at the table.

"We can all have great barbecue," he said. "Our success doesn't have to come at the failure of someone else."

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