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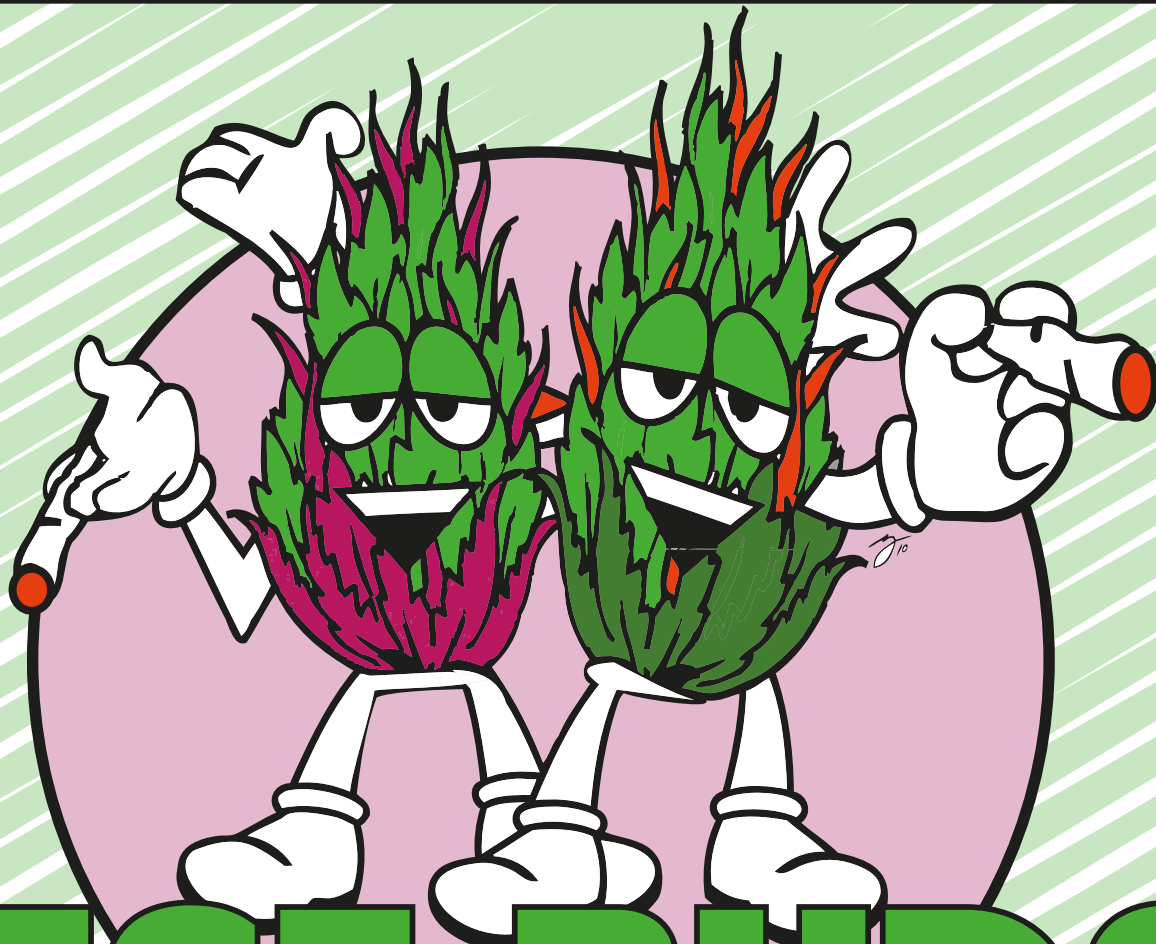
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Proposal 1 a diversion

Vote NO on Proposal 1 that is set to increase the sales tax to 7%! It is another Snyder tax shift from the Business community to the working public and retired citizens of this state!

For the Fiscal year 2013-2014 the budget for State MDOT transportation funding was \$ 3.6 BILLION! That's 3.6 BILLION!!!! What are they planning to do with that money? Sit on it until the Governor gets another tax increase out of the workers of this state???

Semi trucks and tractor trailers do approximately 95% of the damage to the roads and bridges!

Snyder says he is in favor of User Taxes; So, let the Business truck owners foot the bill for this one instead of giving them all of these tax breaks!

And WHERE oh Where is the Gas Tax money that had been earmarked by Law, to go to funding the ROADS ??? The governor and legislature wanted to get their hands on that Boodle of money so they voted to have it all dumped into the General Fund for other purposes!!!! Well...Who could guarantee that the Governor and his legislature wouldn't divert the 7% for other uses, as well??

Fix that first!

— Larry Gregus, P.E.

Charlotte
Ret-MDOT

No joke

While I am happy to be chosen as one of the top 5 local comedians in the City Pulse Top of the Town contest, I have a little bit of a bone to pick with them.

The Top of the Town top 5 comedians go as follows:

Myself- I've been doing comedy in this town for years. I run a weekly comedy show and have even helped with the new Trippers Comedy Club.

Robert Jenkins - One of the hardest working stand-up comedians I know. A regular and favorite around town.

Melik Brown - A comedian that has helped produce numerous comedy shows around town.

Dwayne Gill - A talented headliner from

Lansing, that tours all over the country.

And Virg Bernero - The Mayor of Lansing.

One of these things is not like the other. And to be honest, this is pretty insulting to what we do. City Pulse is supposed to be there to support local performers and artists, but this is a slap in the face. If you allow joke answers to win, it shows that you think our category is a joke.

We work very hard at this. Just as hard as a bartender, or lawyer, or chili chef. But you obviously don't really care. Instead of just deleting someone that is obviously not a comedian, and allowing another real comedian into the running, you just left it. Thanks for your support.

We don't have it as bad as the photographers. They are up against "My Cell Phone." At least the comedians aren't running against an inanimate object.

So first off, City Pulse, decide if you want people to take your contest and awards seriously, because right now, it's obvious that you don't.

Second, people of Lansing, come on, you're better than this. If you think these joke answers are funny, maybe I don't want to win your approval as best comedian.

And Third, if Virg ever wants to come do 5 minutes at Mac's Monday Comedy Night, he is always welcome. Maybe it would draw the people of Lansing out so they can see how seriously we take the craft of being funny.

— Dan Currie
Lansing

Have something to say about a local issue or an item that appeared in our pages?

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- E-mail: letters@lansingcitypulse.com
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(Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.)

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The Ingham County Land Bank Fast Track Authority is accepting proposals for the **Demolition/Deconstruction & Debris Removal**, of residential structures located at sites listed in the **Bid Packet# DEMO-P11-05-2015**, which can be obtained at the Ingham County Land Bank office, 3024 Turner St, Lansing, MI 48906 or at the website: www.inghamlandbank.org. Proposals will be due at the Land Bank office by 1pm on May 14, 2015. The Bid Opening will be May 14, 2015 at 1pm. The Ingham County Land Bank is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Women- and Minority-Owned Businesses are encouraged to apply.



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BWL faces new EPA fines over Erickson emissions



Drummer Lawrence Leathers returns to his roots



Burgdorf's Winery celebrates 10 years of winemaking



"PUPPY LOVE" COURTESY OF MYKUL JOHNSON

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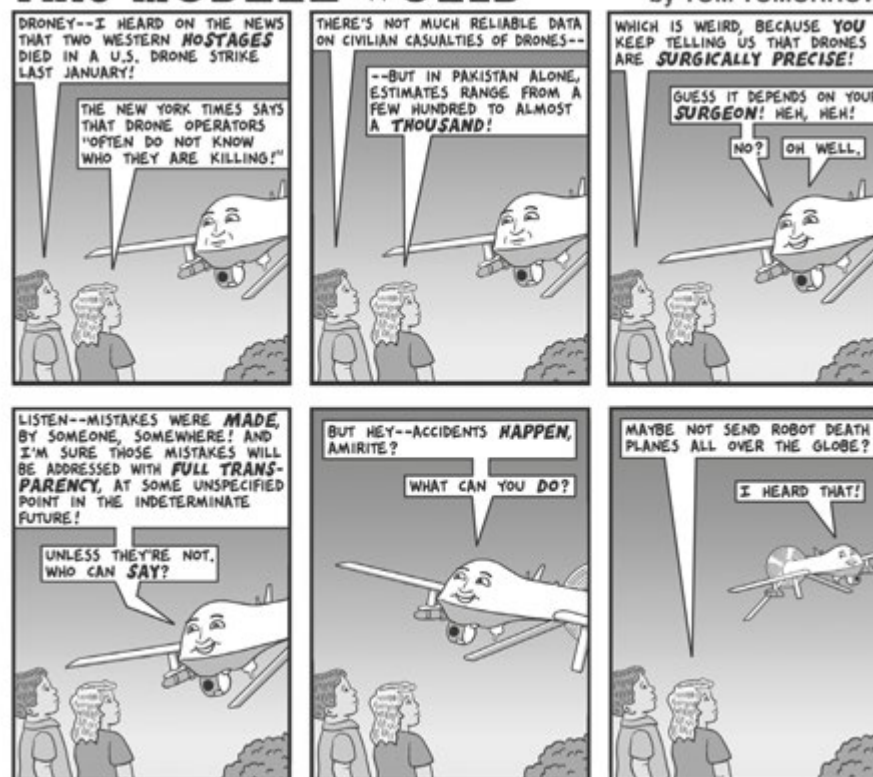
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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



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Out in the cold

City of Lansing bills residents over \$90,000 for unshoveled sidewalks

Phil Siebert was in the hospital at the end of February, fighting another bout of infection from his chronic upper respiratory issues. On Feb. 23, at 1:23 p.m., a city of Lansing official walked up to his empty home and taped a bright green notice on his door.

He had 24 hours to shovel the approximately 130 feet of sidewalk in front of his historic Moores River Drive property. If he didn't, under a city ordinance Lansing would pay someone else to do the work, and charge him \$149 for the first 20 minutes of work, and \$70 for every 20 minutes after that.

"I didn't see it, but I heard it," said Siebert of the contractor's machine that stripped the snow off his sidewalk the following day, when he was back from the hospital. "It sounded like a bomber coming through."

That "bomber," a neighbor said, was a backhoe, which created scars that remain on his sidewalk today. The walk is scraped and damaged from one end of the property to the other.

"It's ruined," he said, exasperated. "If you talk to a concrete contractor, that's going to cost thousands of dollars to fix or replace."

Siebert is one of 472 owners whose properties were cleared of ice and snow this past winter. Their tab adds up to more than \$90,000. (For the full list, see the public notice on P. 8.)

That compares to 288 properties and \$42,888 in assessments listed in a similar public notice last year.

Siebert owes the city \$229, according to the public notice. That means contractors claim it took their machine over 20 minutes to clear the estimated 130 feet of sidewalk.

Residents who wish to challenge the assessments will have their chance at a 7 p.m. May 18 public hearing before the City Council. They can expect to receive a letter soon informing them of the hearing, said Randy Hannan, a spokesman for Mayor Virg Bernero.

Addressing Siebert's complaint, Hannan said, "Any system for enforcing ordinance infractions will, from time to time, penalize people with extenuating circumstances. That's why city ordinance provides for due process in the form of notification to the property owner of their right to object (in this instance) to the snow clearing assessment via procedures established and operated by the City Council."

Under the snow and ice ordinance, residents wishing to challenge the assessment are expected to notify the city in writing or in person that they are contesting the assessment. The City Council

Public Services Committee will then hold meetings and hearings to listen to challenges. That committee will then refer properties for an assessment vote.

The Council toughened the ordinance last year. Council approved a change to allow the city to tape a notice on the front door of a property notifying residents that they have 24 hours to clear the snow and ice, or the city will do it. Previously, property owners were sent notices by mail. The changes effectively shortened the time frame from as much as a week under the previous law to 24 hours.

"That's a huge jump" in assessed properties over last year's list said Carol Wood, a Council member at large.

She said it is unclear what contributed to the significant increase in the number of properties. She noted it could be better enforcement, the shorter time frame, or a combination of the two.

Wood noted that some of the assessments in 2014 were rejected by the Council because contractors' photos of the properties before and after removal of the snow and ice did not match residents' photos or the contractor photos were not clear enough to document work done.

As for Siebert's case, she said there needed to be a mechanism whereby residents can notify public service officials that they are working to arrange assistance.

Jessica Yorke, a Fourth Ward representative, said the ordinance has a mechanism in place to refer property owners with disabilities or financial constraints to the city's Human Relations and Community Services Department for assistance. That information is not on the bright green sticker Siebert, who is one of Yorke's constituents, was given by the city.

As the Council works its way through the public hearing process, it may find it necessary to revisit the

ordinance and "tweak" it, said Wood.

Said Yorke: "If during the process, we find we want to revisit the ordinance, then that is a discussion we would want to have."

— Todd Heywood



The Lansing City Council will hold a hearing at 7 p.m. May 18 on assessments for snow removal.

For the list of properties, see pages 8-10.

City Pulse has also posted a map on its website, www.lansingcitypulse.com.



Ariel Rogers/City Pulse

Phil Siebert was in the hospital when the city gave him 24 hours to shovel his sidewalk. Now he has a \$229 bill and a damaged sidewalk.



Property: 107 W. Riverside St. Williamston
Owner: Paula and Ken Zichi

When originally constructed, the house was a simple gabled building. However, in the 1980s it underwent a spectacular makeover, when it was converted into this confident Tudor. Strictly speaking, since the height of popularity of the Tudor Revival style in the United States occurred in the 1920s, this home would be most accurately described as a Tudor Revival Revival.

The house exhibits the details typically found on its 20th century predecessors, namely the multiple, steeply pitched gables and half timbering, featuring dark wooden frames in-filled with light colored stucco. However, this house takes the style further, with additional elaborations found in high Tudor variants. Rounded gables suggest the form of a vernacular hatched roof. An exterior stair is built slightly steeper than typical to run parallel with the raking eave above. The main chimney is topped with a cluster of oversized terra cotta chimney pots.

Although the photo above was taken from the private rear yard, the same view may be enjoyed from the bridge where Williamston Road crosses the Red Cedar River. In fact, the view from the bridge is almost better, since it includes the river in the foreground and complements the fairy tale appearance of this bold cottage.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

"Eyesore of the Week" is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates each week with Eye Candy of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Belinda Thurston at 999-5065.

That old-time emission

Pollution at Erickson, threat of suit over Eckert shadow BWL's aging fleet

As the Lansing Board of Water & Light charts a path out of the coal era, dustups over emissions violations at its coal-fired Erickson and Eckert power stations are adding urgency to the transition.

In a letter to the BWL dated March 13, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that the BWL made two sets of "major modifications" to its 45-year-old Erickson power plant, one in 2010-'11 and another in late 2012, that "resulted in a significant net emissions increase," mainly of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and particulate matter.

The agency found that the BWL didn't apply for the necessary permits or install "appropriate emission control equipment."

EPA spokeswoman Philippa Cannon said a meeting with BWL officials has been set for Monday.

BWL spokesman Stephen Serkaian declined to comment on the EPA finding.

The EPA can order the utility to pay a fine or sue for "injunctive relief and/or civil penalties."

To reduce possible fines, the BWL could agree to a "supplemental" project that reduces pollution in the area to compensate for its violations. Dearborn's Severstal Steel settled with the EPA for pollution violations in 2006 by planting trees and retrofitting school buses with pollution control devices.

Whatever the result of the EPA finding, the problems at Erickson throw a new layer of sediment on top of concerns over the utility's oldest plant, the 60-year old Eckert Power Station.

In early March, the Sierra Club announced that it intends to sue the BWL over more than 3,500 emissions violations at Eckert from 2009 to 2013. The utility self-reported the violations to Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality, or DEQ.

Neither the Sierra Club nor the BWL had any comment on whether, or when, the suit will be filed.

Brad van Guilder, organizer of the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign, said the suit contemplated against the BWL is "virtually identical" to a May 2013 suit the Sierra Club filed against Detroit's DTE Energy over repeated "opacity violations" (particulate matter and mists).

Lansing's BWL is much smaller than DTE, but its coal-fired plants are dirtier, Van Guilder said. The Sierra Club sued DTE over 1,200 violations across four plants, compared to twice as many viola-

tions over half as many plants at Lansing's BWL.

Serkaian said the BWL is in "ongoing negotiations" with the Sierra Club over the potential lawsuit and declined to comment further.

If the Eckert plant is sending out smoke signals, they might be reading, "For God's sake, pull the plug."

"It's time to close Eckert," said James Clift, policy director at the Michigan Environmental Council.

The Eckert plant is by far the biggest emitter of particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, mercury, carbon dioxide and sulfur and nitrogen oxides in the tri-county area of Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties, dwarfing polluters such as GM's Grand River and Delta plants and the BWL's Erickson plant, on Canal Road just south of Mt. Hope Avenue in Delta Township.

BWL's interim general manager, Dick Peffley, submitted a sober diagnosis for Eckert at a meeting April 14. Peffley told the utility's Committee of the Whole that "operations and maintenance costs [at Eckert] have been increasing while generation reliability has been decreasing." Impending regulations on greenhouse gas emissions will make the Eckert plant even more expensive to run in the future, Peffley said.

But Eckert, with its famed three smokestacks, is still capable of producing 290 megawatts of electricity. The utility said it needs that capacity to meet regulatory requirements for contingency planning.

One of Eckert's six generating units, Unit 2, has already been shut down. At the April 14 meeting, Peffley said two more units at Eckert, 1 and 3, will be closed by March 2016 to meet new federal rules on mercury and air toxics emissions. The rules went into effect this month, but BWL was granted a one-year extension that will expire next April.

As recently as July 2013, then-BWL General Manager J. Peter Lark told City Pulse that Eckert's three newer turbines were scheduled to be phased out by 2017. However, the utility's more recent projections might have the Eckert plant wheezing into the early 2020s.

Serkaian said the utility is working on a five-to-seven-year plan, costing about \$100 million, to refurbish transmission lines and rebuild and repair six new substations, "all with an eye toward retirement of Eckert."

"We haven't done the kind of work that would give our system a reliable backup if Eckert goes away," Serkaian said.

After Eckert is retired, Peffley said, the BWL will need to make up the deficit in electric generation. He said the power could come from "a number of sources," including building a new power plant, ramping up renewable energy, smart grid options, and buying energy on the open market.

Serkaian said a new plant — or more than one — is inevitable.



City Pulse file photos

The Lansing Board of Water and Light's Erickson (top) and Eckert (above) power stations.

"The issue isn't whether a new generating plant or plants are built, but how and when, given the age of Eckert," Serkaian said.

By the end of the year, Serkaian said, the BWL will "conduct and complete" Integrated Resource Plan, or IRP, to chart its future energy course.

He didn't have details on the process or structure, but said it would "include community people."

Clift hopes the BWL won't repeat the debacle of 2008, when it rolled out a proposed \$1 billion coal plant recommended by a consulting firm and set off a firestorm of community opposition. As a result, the BWL instead built a natural gas and electricity cogeneration plant on Washington Avenue that opened in 2013.

"Have they changed their ways?" Clift asked. "Are they really going to design a process that is open to community participation?"

Clift said the BWL's mix of options could include a new plant, but "the smallest we can get away with."

By combining solar, wind and energy efficiency, Van Guilder said BWL could close Eckert in three years.

"With a good community process, we could put price tags on these things and decide what combination of these investments make sense in the long term," Clift said.

Across the state, the costs of wind and solar power are falling dramatically. The BWL signed a power purchase agreement in July 2013 for 20 MW of wind from turbines near St. Johns. "Those turbines were built and in service by the end of 2014," Van

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Guilder said. "BWL could purchase substantially more wind power at a great rate."

The BWL has proposed a 20-megawatt solar array in Lansing, which, if completed,

would be the largest in the state.

Clift said much more can be done with high-tech efficiency measures such as smart metering and variable pricing to reduce demand during peak hours.

Van Guilder said the new leadership at BWL has shown "a greater seriousness about addressing the real structural issues" the BWL has, but he's concerned about the

IRP process coming up later this year.

"Rolling out a plan for a rubber stamp is not the way to get buy-in from the community," Van Guilder said. "They need to learn from what they tried to do in 2008."

— Lawrence Cosentino





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next week.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of East Lansing in the Counties of Clinton and Ingham

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO BROWNFIELD PLAN #4 FOR THE CITY OF EAST LANSING PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381, 1996, AS AMENDED, OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Please take notice that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Council of the City of East Lansing on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing, MI 48823 on the Third Amendment to Brownfield Plan #4 for the City of East Lansing, within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The description of the proposed brownfield is:

Land situated in the City of East Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, described as follows:

PARCEL A: Beginning at a point 11 feet more or less Northerly of the Northeast corner of that part of Lot 1 of Oakwood Subdivision as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 33, Ingham County Records, lying East of a line commencing 116 feet Southeasterly from the Southwest corner on said South line of Lot 1 and running Due North To the Northerly line of said Lot 1, except the Easterly 28.69 feet in width thereof; thence South parallel with said East line to the South line of said Lot 1 and the Northerly right of way of Grand River Avenue; thence Northwesterly 167.42 feet along said Northerly right of way line; thence Northeasterly perpendicular to said Northerly line 140 feet more or less; thence Southeasterly 41 feet more or less; thence 90 feet more or less along a curve to the left having a radius of 700 feet more or less; thence Southeasterly 36 feet more or less to the point of beginning; said parcel being part of Lots 1 and 83, and part of Valley Court and Oak Hill Avenue of said Oakwood Subdivision.

PARCEL B: Commencing at a point 11 feet Northerly of the Northeast corner of that part of Lot 1 of Oakwood Subdivision as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 33, Ingham County Records, lying East of a line commencing 116 feet Southeasterly from the Southwest corner on said South line of Lot 1 and running Due North To the Northerly line of said Lot 1, except the Easterly 28.69 feet in width thereof; thence South parallel with said East line to the South line of said Lot 1 and the Northerly right of way of Grand River Avenue; thence Northwesterly 167.42 feet along said Northerly right of way line to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Northerly line to the Southwest corner of Lot 1 of College Heights Subdivision as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 13, Ingham County Records; thence Northerly along the West line of said Lot 1 a distance of 90 feet; thence Easterly 128 feet to a point on the East line of said Lot 1 that is 125 feet Northerly of the Southeast corner of said Lot 1; thence Northerly along said East line 29 feet more or less; thence Easterly 80 feet more or less to a point perpendicular to the Northerly right of way line of Grand River Avenue at the point of beginning; thence Southwesterly 140 feet more or less to the point of beginning; except the West 3.5 feet thereof; said parcel being a part of Lot 1 of said College Heights Subdivision and a part of Lot 83 and a part of Valley Court and Oak Hill Avenue of said Oakwood Subdivision. ALSO, beginning at a point in the West line of Lot 1 of College Heights, East Lansing, Michigan, ninety feet from the Southwest corner of said Lot, thence running Northerly along said West line one hundred and sixty feet, thence Easterly to the East line of said Lot 1 at a point two hundred and eighty five feet from the Southeast corner, thence South along East line one hundred and sixty feet to a point one hundred and twenty five feet from the Southeast corner, thence Westerly to the beginning, except a strip of land three and one half feet wide along the line of Oakhill Avenue conveyed to the City of East Lansing for Street purposes.

The property consists of land and there is no personal property included.

The description of the property along with any maps and a copy of the Revised Brownfield Plan Amendment #4 and associated Work Plan are available for public inspection in the Department of Planning and Community Development, City of East Lansing, 517-319-6930.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing, at which all interested persons will be provided an opportunity to be heard and written communication will be received and considered. **The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, 517-319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-3777.**

Marie Wicks
City Clerk

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CITY OF EAST LANSING

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEARING

ON

PRELIMINARY FY2016 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of East Lansing is required by City Charter and the State Budget Law; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required under the provisions of the Truth in Taxation Law; and,

WHEREAS, the general appropriations act must set forth the total number of mills to be levied and the purposes for the millage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of East Lansing does hereby establish the date of Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in 54-B-Court Room 2, City Hall, 410 Abbot in East Lansing, Michigan, as the date, time, and place for the required public hearing; and be it further resolved that for the purposes of the hearing it shall be assumed that the total tax rate will be **22.7011 mills consisting of 17.5891 mills for operating purposes, 1.8250 mills for solid waste, 1.2870 mills for debt service, and 2.0000 mills for the Library pursuant to section 1 of 1887 PA164.**

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The budget is available for public inspection at the East Lansing Library and City Clerk and Finance Office at City Hall; along with the City's website: cityofeastlansing.com under Finance.

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting upon seven (7) calendar days' notice to the City of East Lansing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should write or call: Shelli Neumann, Human Resources Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 319-6893, TDD (517) 337-0767.

This notice is published by: Marie E. Wicks, City Clerk, City of East Lansing, Michigan, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6881.

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ORDINANCE # 2586

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-2-2014
Address: 1107 E. Miller Road
Parcel Number: PPN: 33-01-05-03-378-063
Legal Descriptions: South 148 Feet, Lot 47 & South 148 Feet of the East 54.75 Feet of Lot 48, Midway Industrial Center No. 2, City of Lansing, Ingham County, MI, from "G-2" Wholesale & "J" Parking Districts to "D-1" Professional Office 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 April 27, 2015, 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.

CHRIS SWOPE, LANSING CITY CLERK

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33-01-01-32-277-231	3910 BURCHFIELD DR	\$	149.00
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33-01-01-32-351-161	PLEASANT GROVE RD	\$	149.00
33-01-01-32-352-181	2052 W JOLLY RD	\$	219.00
33-01-01-32-451-651	REO RD	\$	219.00
33-01-01-32-478-091	4912 DELRAY DR	\$	149.00
33-01-01-32-478-121	4804 DELBROOK AVE	\$	219.00
33-01-01-33-102-151	3623 LOWCROFT AVE	\$	149.00
33-01-01-33-102-261	3504 SCHLEE ST	\$	149.00
33-01-01-33-106-001	3701 SCHLEE ST	\$	219.00
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33-01-01-33-155-081	4015 LOWCROFT AVE	\$	149.00
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33-01-01-33-283-102	551 JESSOP AVE	\$	219.00
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33-01-01-33-353-090	PALMER ST	\$	149.00
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33-01-01-33-402-181	412 E CAVANAUGH RD	\$	149.00
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33-01-01-33-405-011	301 E POTTER AVE	\$	219.00
33-01-01-33-405-152	4516 S CEDAR ST	\$	429.00
33-01-01-33-451-231	300 E SYRINGA DR	\$	149.00
33-01-01-33-452-030	5032 S CEDAR ST	\$	359.00
33-01-01-33-453-001	112 CLOVERLAND DR	\$	149.00
33-01-01-33-482-003	4929 S CEDAR ST	\$	289.00
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33-01-01-34-377-011	4709 ALPHA ST	\$	149.00
33-01-01-35-101-151	2509 PROVINCIAL HSE DR	\$	149.00
33-01-01-35-102-055	2300 ARTISAN DR	\$	219.00
33-01-05-03-352-321	5821 RICHWOOD ST	\$	149.00
33-01-05-03-352-331	5831 RICHWOOD ST	\$	149.00
33-01-05-03-352-381	5923 ORCHARD CT	\$	219.00

33-01-05-03-376-007	5815 S PENNSYLVANIA AVE	\$	219.00
33-01-05-04-151-081	5507 S WASHINGTON AVE	\$	149.00
33-01-05-04-201-111	5300 S CEDAR ST	\$	149.00
33-01-05-04-302-001	5605 SCHAFER RD	\$	219.00
33-01-05-04-330-001	201 W NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-04-330-121	117 W NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-04-352-161	516 W MILLER RD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-04-401-163	208 E NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-04-401-182	134 E NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-04-401-182	134 E NORTHRUP ST	\$	149.00
33-01-05-04-401-202	116 E NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-103-121	1905 W JOLLY RD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-126-351	1811 W JOLLY RD	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-201-001	1425 W JOLLY RD	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-202-121	5134 S M L KING JR BLVD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-202-132	5124 S M L KING JR BLVD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-226-090	5141 S M L KING JR BLVD	\$	289.00
33-01-05-05-226-131	5223 S M L KING JR BLVD	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-253-181	1205 W NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-253-251	1301 PENROD CT	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-253-331	1311 W NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
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33-01-05-05-253-341	5455 S M L KING JR BLVD	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-277-191	5340 S WASHINGTON AVE	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-278-011	5511 MANOR DR	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-278-281	925 MEL AVE	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-426-261	1013 W NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-426-271	1019 W NORTHRUP ST	\$	219.00
33-01-05-05-431-311	902 W MILLER RD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-431-311	902 W MILLER RD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-05-431-321	820 W MILLER RD	\$	499.00
33-01-05-06-101-012	3825 W JOLLY RD	\$	359.00
33-01-05-06-101-160	W JOLLY RD	\$	149.00
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33-01-05-09-101-281	6100 COOPER RD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-09-128-001	145 W MILLER RD	\$	149.00
33-01-05-09-226-041	6109 S CEDAR ST	\$	289.00
	Total	\$	90,488.00

Any appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal must be taken within thirty days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll, provided a protest was timely made. The protest of this special assessment must be presented by the property owners or their representative in person or in writing at the Public Hearing as scheduled above or in writing which must be received before the close 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. Copies of the Street Addresses, Tax Parcel Numbers and the amount assessed to each property owner, respectively, for each of the properties adjacent to, or in front of, where such sidewalk improvement was made will be posted in the 9th Floor City Clerk's Office; First Floor Lobby of City Hall; and the 10th Floor City Council Chambers. For any questions, please contact Public Service Department at 517-483-4455.

CHRIS SWOPE, LANSING CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-4-2014, 835 W. Genesee Street
Conditional Rezoning from "C" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, to consider Z-4-2014. This is a request by Tim Hunnicutt, MIPlacemakers/Zero Day, to rezone the property at 835 W. Genesee Street, legally described as:

N 66 FT OF W 241.312 FT LOT 3 AND N 66 FT OF W 99 FT LOT 2 OF BLOCK 2 CLAYPOOL SUB, ALSO LOTS 5 THRU 11 INCL DODGE & DANIELS SUB E OF BUTLER, CITY OF LANSING, MI

from "C" Residential District to "D-1" Professional Office District. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit the building at 835 W. Genesee to be used for office and multiple family residential purposes with the following restrictive conditions which shall run with the land and be binding upon the successor owner of the land:

1. There shall be no greenhouses or hoop houses on the property.
2. The proposed 16 residential units must be constructed and ready for occupancy within 24

3. months from the date of this rezoning approval by the Lansing City Council. The existing fence shall not be removed unless it becomes a hazard as a result of an "act of God". In the event it does become a hazard, it may be replaced, repaired, or removed at Zero Day's discretion.
4. No other structures except residential garages or carports, of which there shall be no more than one covered/enclosed parking space per residential unit for use of the resident only. Such garages/carports must be placed on the existing hardsurfaced parking area outlined in red on the attached aerial photograph of the site dated March 31, 2015, and must be constructed with similar architecture and materials to the existing building. Plans that demonstrate compliance with this condition must be reviewed and approved by the zoning administrator prior to issuance of a building permit.

For more information about this case, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2015, at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

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LEFT: The Rev. Phil Hobson of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Charlotte. CENTER: Jean Dukarski of Lansing, and Kathy Leacock of Lansing RIGHT: Shirley Hannah of East Lansing.

THE COST OF WAITING

While Lansing, nation await ruling on **same-sex marriage**, for one couple it's already too late

By **TODD HEYWOOD**

IN 1977, THE WORLD FOR THE LGBT community was a different place. No presidents spoke of equality. A measure to ensure equal treatment under the law had been introduced in the U.S. House but died. East Lansing was one of a handful of local governments that barred discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. A guy named Harvey Milk had just become the first openly gay man in office in American history when he was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

In fact, gay liberation was less than a decade old. Only eight years before, drag queens and patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York ushered in a militant brand of political activism when they rioted to protest police harassment at gay bars. Marching in a pride parade and talking openly about being gay was an act of resistance. People often were fired from jobs, evicted.

Against this backdrop, a 27-year-old Mykul Johnson of Lansing met Henry David Thomas, 33. Everyone knew him as D.

D, a dancer who choreographed many local productions, was friendly and outgoing, Johnson recalled. The attraction was immediate.

"When I first came over, it was like late in the afternoon," Johnson said. "He said, at some point early on, 'I think you're going to be spending the night.' I had no objection whatsoever to that. So I did, and I've been here ever since."

The two lived together in a two-story home on the east side. It's filled with an eclectic mix of masks and pottery, artwork and photo mementos. For 37 years, it was Mykul and D's home.

On March 21, one year to the day after a federal district court judge in Detroit struck down Michigan's constitutional marriage ban, D Thomas passed away at age 69. He died of

congestive heart failure and COPD. The couple could not tie the knot on March 22, 2014, when a federal court ruling created a short window during which same-sex marriage was legal in Michigan. D was tethered to an oxygen machine in the couple's living room.



Courtesy photos

Mykul Johnson (left) and D Thomas were partners for 37 years.

Johnson's life now consists of phone calls, emails and errands for a local attorney handling D's estate. By law, he is a legal stranger to D and his belongings. Those all belong to the estate, which is being liquidated.

And despite having spent money to have legal documents drawn up to assure that Johnson would have title to the couple's home in the event of D's death, he's fighting for that too. The Ingham County Register of Deeds Office rejected a quit-claim deed because of legal errors on it.

The result? Five weeks after his partner's death, Johnson, 63, has no idea, whether he will be able to keep their home.

"Mykul and D's story is the perfect example of why we cannot delay justice any longer," said Gina Calcagno, public education campaign director for Michigan for Marriage. "They pledged their lives to one another, they took on all of the responsibilities of marriage and never received the rights they deserved. Couples across Michigan and across the country, like Mykul and D, deserve to have the lives they have built together recognized."

That's an important part of what is at stake at the U.S. Supreme Court, which heard arguments Tuesday by defendants from four states, including Michigan. Too late for Mykul Johnson.

Marriage opens the doorway to over 1,000 tangible benefits, from Social Security survivor payments to inheritance protections. It is much more than a promise made in a church, it's a secular contract recognized by law and creating a unique partnership under law.

"If the couple had been able to legally wed, if D had died, as his surviving spouse, Mykul would have inherited the home (absent any directive in D's will leaving title to the home to someone else)," said Jay Kaplan of the ACLU of Michigan LGBT Project. "And if D had died without leaving a will, Mykul as his legal spouse also would have inherited the marital home. That is one of the many important legal benefits of civil marriage."

Michigan is one of 14 states where same-sex marriage remains illegal. It ended up as part of the case before the Supreme Court after U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman declared unconstitutional the 2004 ban on same-sex marriage and civil unions approved by Michigan voters. The U.S. Appeals Court in Cincinnati reversed his ruling.

A decision in the cases will be handed down by the high

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court by the end of June, when the court's annual session ends.

Michigan's Marriage Amendment was approved by voters in 2004, 59 percent to 41 percent. Ingham County was one of only two counties to reject the measure. But times have changed. Polling shows that the majority of Michiganders support marriage equality now, Calcagno said. And national polls show that six in 10 Americans support the right to marry.

A Gallup poll released last week found that nearly 2 million Americans are in same-sex partnerships, 780,000 of those a marriage.

Despite the most dramatic shift on a social issue in modern American thought, there are still those who oppose extending marriage to same-sex couples.

On Monday, a group spearheaded by Darwin Jiles Jr., the newly elected ethnic vice chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, held a noon prayer vigil on the steps of the Capitol. Sixteen people showed up to pray to God that the Supreme Court would reject arguments in favor of marriage equality and protect what they called "Biblical marriage." Jiles and supporters' arguments with marriage equality were two-fold.

First they oppose homosexuality in general because it is "sinful." Second, they argue the courts do not have the authority to over turn a voter initiated amendment.

While opponents of marriage equality hosted their prayer vigil, over 60 ministers of various faith denominations gathered at Edgewood United Church of Christ in East Lansing. There, the faith leaders discussed the possible obstacles to marriage equality when, and if, the Supreme Court rules such partnerships are a constitutional right.

"A number of couples within this community have been together 20 or 30 years without any sort of recognition," said the Rev. Michael Cooper of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Lansing. "In some instances this will be a very standard wedding without any differences. In other cases, there are a number of things we have to deal with that you don't normally run into. For instance, in a homosexual marriage, one person may be transgender. There's a number of situations that are special in this community, and we want to honor those special circumstances in the best way and the most faithful way possible."

And faith leaders are not the only ones preparing. The Michigan Department of Community Health oversees marriage

licenses in Michigan. The department has been working on updated marriage license applications for months. They remain stalled in the office of Attorney General Bill Schuette, a vocal defender of the state's marriage ban. Uniform forms assist the state in maintaining a full record of marriages conducted in the state.

On Monday evening, supporters of marriage equality rallied at the Capitol. About 125 people showed up, over 100 more than opponents six hours earlier. Attendees heard from Kaplan, of the ACLU; Bill Greene, interim executive director of Equality Michigan; Calcagno of Michigan for Marriage, and Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum, among others.

Attendees were reminded that the fight for full LGBT equality doesn't end when and if the Supreme Court rules that marriage is a constitutional right. For instance,



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Darwin Jiles Jr., ethnic vice chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, and an organizer of the prayer rally opposing marriage equality, preaches to the handful of supporters who showed up at the Capitol at noon Monday.

in Michigan, unless a person lives in one of 38 municipalities that has a local ordinance prohibiting discrimination, a person can still be fired for being gay or perceived to be. They can also be denied housing. State lawmakers are also working on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which would allow business owners to refuse to provide services based on "sincerely held religious beliefs." The state Senate is posed to pass a three-bill package, already approved by the House, that would allow adoption agencies to provide services based on "sincerely held religious beliefs" as well — code for banning same-sex couples from adopting.

Overall, though, the mood at the candlelight vigil was positive on the eve of the Supreme Court hearing.

For Mykul Johnson however, the chance for nuptials is past, something not lost on leading marriage equality voices.

"Because Mykul and D, are both men, they were denied the right to marry and, since D has passed, they never will," said Byrum, who performed Michigan's first same-sex marriage on March 22 last year, before the Appeals Court blocked Friedman's order. She was prepared, if the Supreme Court had ruled sooner, or the Appeals court had ruled differently, to wed Johnson and Thomas at

their home.

"This is a horrifying reality many same-sex couples have faced and continue to face. That is why this ruling is so important. — to allow all people, to allow all love, to be treat-

ed equally."

Said Johnson: "Our relationship to me has not been erased. I take out 37 years quite seriously. It's not something to be dismissed."

City of Lansing Notice of Public Hearing

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #38 - Amendment A - Ottawa Block Redevelopment, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as 810 W. Ottawa St. located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN BLOCK #4 OF CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION AND BLOCK #90 OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE CITY OF LANSING, CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, CONTAINING PART OF LOTS #1 AND 2, AND ALL OF LOTS #3 AND 4 OF SAID CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION AND ALL OF LOTS #1, 3, 5 AND 6 OF SAID BLOCK #90 OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE CITY OF LANSING, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK #4, CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 344.33 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 198.00 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 92.26 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 198.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 140.92 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK #90 OF THE ORIGINAL PLAT; THENCE CONTINUING EASTERLY ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 161.21 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID EAST LINE 65.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE WESTERLY 160.56 FEET ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE SOUTHERLY 66.60 FEET ON SAID WEST LINE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 3 OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE EASTERLY 159.91 FEET ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3 TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE SOUTHERLY ON SAID EAST LINE 65.78 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4, THENCE WESTERLY 159.26 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 4, THENCE SOUTHERLY 65.42 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 5, THENCE EASTERLY 158.84 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 5 TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK, THENCE SOUTHERLY 132.44 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE WESTERLY ON SAID SOUTH LINE 157.33 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2, BLOCK #4 OF CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION; THENCE CONTINUING WESTERLY 178.75 FEET ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 148.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 55.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 148.50 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE WESTERLY ON SAID SOUTH LINE 348.74 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE NORTHERLY ON SAID WEST LINE 396.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.63 ACRES. EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND IN LOT 1, BLOCK # 4 OF CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK # 4 CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 348.74 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF PARCEL # 33-01-01-17-279-131 FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL 136.00 FEET, PARALLEL WITH SAID BLOCK # 4 OF CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE WESTERLY 56.99 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE SOUTHERLY 136.00 FEET, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE EASTERLY 56.99 FEET, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 7,751 SQUARE FEET (0.18 ACRE'S) MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND IN LOT 1, BLOCK # 4 OF CLAYPOOL 'S SUBDIVISION CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK # 4 CLAYPOOL'S SUBDIVISION; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 235.75 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF 804 OTTAWA STREET PARCEL # 33-01-01-17-279-802 FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL 112.00 FEET, PARALLEL WITH SAID BLOCK # 4 OF CLAYPOOL 'S SUBDIVISION CITY OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE EASTERLY 56.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE SOUTHERLY 112.00 FEET, PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK; THENCE EASTERLY 56.00 FEET, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6,272 SQUARE FEET (0.14 ACRE 'S) MORE OR LESS 33-01-01-17-279-003, and, LOTS 2 BLOCK 90 ORIG PLAT, 33-01-01-16-155-013.

Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer - Director of Economic Development, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 South Washington Avenue, Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48910, (517) 702-3390.

If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, May 11, 2015 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

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Midas' touch

Joshua Davis advances to top six on "The Voice"

By TY FORQUER

Last week, Michigan-based singer Joshua Davis narrowly avoided elimination from reality TV singing competition "The Voice," needing his fans to voice their support on Twitter to activate the show's "Instant Save" in the closing seconds of the April 21 results show.

What a difference a week makes. Jason Derulo opened Tuesday's results show with musical number, and the reverberations of the tune had barely finished ringing when host Carson Daly announced that Davis would be the first artist to advance to the top six.

Before this week, Davis delivered two performances that pushed the singer outside of his comfort zone — a calculated risk designed to prove that Davis could hang

with the show's big-voiced competitors.

The strategy seemed to backfire, however, and last week's out-of-his-element performance landed Davis in the bottom three. After last week's brush with elimination, it seems that Davis and celebrity mentor Adam Levine decided to change their approach.

On Monday, Davis confidently delivered a stripped-down, acoustic guitar-driven take on Sting's "Fields of Gold." The performance marked a return to the intimate, personal style that had impressed judges on the show to begin with.

"It feels like an old folk ballad," said Davis, explaining his song choice. "It feels like a song I would write."

And the celebrity judges took notice.

"It's so refreshing to see you get back to what you're best at," said Blake Shelton. "I feel like last week was kind of a left turn. Tonight proves why you deserve to still be here."

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Photo by Tyler Golden/NBC

Joshua Davis performs "Fields of Gold" on Monday's episode of "The Voice."

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM!

LANSING COMIC CONVENTION LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSFUL FORMULA

By JONATHAN GRIFFITH

It's no secret that comic book creators Jack Kirby and Stan Lee were aping the formula created by DC Comic's "Justice League" books when they set out to create "The Avengers" for Marvel Comics. The legendary duo were tasked by their publisher to create something similar when sales of DC's all-star super-group comics greatly overshadowed

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anything Marvel — then known as Timely Comics — had on the stands. It took several years for the middling publisher to establish a roster of characters as iconic those assembled in DC's Justice League, but flash forward 52 years and there's not a single summer that goes by without Captain America, Iron Man or Thor plastered over t-shirts, billboards and TV screens everywhere. While comic enthusiasts could (and do) argue all day about the merits of the two groups, "Justice League" and "The Avengers," while similar in their concept, are both unique.

Dennis Louney, co-founder of the Capital City Comic

Con and also a commissioner of the Lansing Board of Water & Light, is setting out on a similar mission. After observing the success of similar events locally and around the state, Louney and his group of collaborators are trying to bring the comic convention experience to Lansing, borrowing formulas that have made other conventions successful while still trying to make it a unique Lansing experience.

"We're taking the best elements from a lot of other events and we're applying them here," said Louney. "We're not trying to reinvent the wheel. What you see here is similar to what you see at other comic cons but with a local spin on it."

The inaugural Capital City Comic Con will be Saturday and Sunday at Haslett High School. Though Greater Lansing has seen similar events, like anime/cosplay convention Shuto Con, this

will be Lansing's first ever comic book convention. The Capital City Comic Con, also called C4 by its founders, boasts ample square footage for vendors, artists, gaming and attractions, as well as a robust lineup of activities, guest speakers and panel discussions.

What made such superhero teams as the Avengers and

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Courtesy image

Capital City Comic Con, or C4, is attempting to bring a locally-flavored comic convention to Lansing.

Downtown Derby

Midtown Brewing Co. brings a Kentucky Derby party to Downtown Lansing

By TY FORQUER

Lansing residents have a chance to watch "the most exciting two minutes in sports" on the big screen Saturday as City Pulse and Midtown Brewing Co. team up to host the inaugural Downtown Lansing Kentucky Derby Party, featuring specialty drinks, prizes and complimentary food.

Marc Wolbert, general manager at Midtown Brewing Co., is excited to bring the event to Downtown Lansing.

"Nobody does a derby party anymore," he said.

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Midtown Brewing Co. is creating some special bourbon-based drinks for the occasion, including a Balsamic Strawberry Smash and an "amplified" whiskey sour. And, of course, there will be mint juleps.

"You can't have a Kentucky Derby party without mint juleps," said Wolbert.

The bar will also serve a drink called simply "the Derby," which combines bourbon with lime juice, sweet vermouth and Grand Marnier. Wolbert describes the complex taste of the drink as sweet, sour and just a little peppery.

A complimentary buffet table will feature Kentucky-inspired fare, including shrimp cocktail and burgoo, a spicy stew that is a staple of bluegrass state gatherings.

"It's like a Kentucky chili," said Wolbert — though not made with squirrel, which was the original recipe.

Attendees will also have a chance to take home some Kentucky Derby-themed gift baskets. Those who correctly pick the winning horse will be entered into a drawing for three gift baskets.

First prize is a \$100 gift certificate to Midtown

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“There’s so many bombastic, giant voices singing huge, powerhouse, crazy vocals,” added Levine. “I love the fact that you did something that was really distinctively very different. And you did it with class and with elegance that I really admire.”

Davis’ fans — perhaps freshly motivated by last week’s down-to-the-wire near-elimination — took to the Internet once again, driving Davis’ digital single of “Fields of Gold” as high as number four on

iTunes’ Top 200 Singles Chart.

Each single sold on iTunes counts as one vote for the singer, and those votes are added to votes received by phone, text, Website and mobile app to determine each week’s winners. Cracking the top 10 on the iTunes chart qualified Davis for an “iTunes Bonus,” which multiplied his iTunes votes by 10.

The only other competitor to breach the top 10 this week was 16-year-old phenom Sawyer Fredericks, whose rendition of Lynyrd Skynyrd’s “Simple Man” reached number two on the charts.

Davis will take the stage on Monday’s episode of “The Voice” to make a bid for the top four.

Derby

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Brewing Co., a bottle of Basil Hayden’s Kentucky bourbon, a Kentucky Derby

mint julep cup, a Kentucky Derby hat and a Kentucky Derby bag. Second prize is a \$50 gift certificate, a bottle of Kentucky bourbon, a Kentucky Derby hat and four Kentucky Derby glasses.

Third prize is a \$25 gift certificate, a bottle of Kentucky bourbon and four Kentucky Derby glasses.

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Justice League so attractive to fans is how their roster included characters that were interesting enough on their own before they assembled into a team. The same might be said about the various vendors and groups that make up C4, something Louney will attest to.

“There are a lot of great stories to tell” about those involved with C4, said Louney. “Local stories at that.”

One such participant is local comic enthusiast and art collector Dan Frazier. Frazier owns the nonprofit organization Dan’s Dream, which exhibits his massive collection of over 600 pieces of original comic book art. The exhibit spans several eras of publication, and features work from some of comics’ top tier talent, including works from David Finch, George Perez and even an original painting by Alex Ross. The organization’s proceeds, garnered through sales of prints made from the original art, go to several charities and fund the operation of Dan’s Dream.

“Frazier was one of our key gets,” said Louney.

Another interesting participant in the convention will be the newly opened Lansing video game development studio, Strength in Numbers. The studio, which opened in April, is headed up by Scott Reschke, who was formerly involved with East Lansing’s gaming and repair palace the Frag Center. The fledgling studio, which will initially focus on PC and mobile gaming, is developing its first title, currently named “Project: Tuebor.”

Most of the bases are covered for the event to be recognized as a legit comic convention. In addition to the comic-themed

activities, there will be plenty of dedicated space for card and table gaming. Cosplay, in which attendees dress up as comic-book characters, is also highly encouraged, and a judged cosplay competition will be held Saturday.

But Louney and company aren’t limiting themselves by the typical concept of the comic convention.

The award-winning Haslett Robotics Team of Haslett High School will be there to show off its mechanical creations, Impression 5 will have a giant Lego play area, and there will also be an appearance by the Lansing Derby Vixens. It’s an interesting recipe for a comic convention, but Louney puts more emphasis on the organizers’ ambitions than adhering to any strict definitions.

“The people involved (in C4) aren’t about egos or making any money, they just want this to work,” said Louney. “We want to make a fun, family event.”

It’s yet to be determined if C4 is going to find a place among the influential comic conventions that came before it. Louney says the goal is to bring 2,000 visitors across the two-day event, but early predictions suggest they could see anywhere from 2,000 to 4,000. The convention has even lined up a free shuttle service to bring attendees to the convention from surrounding businesses.

“We just keep saying we’re hopeful,” said Louney.

Regardless of this year’s turnout, plans are already underway for next year’s convention. With such a diverse lineup in its inaugural year, it’s hard to say where the C4 will go next. But Louney hints that there is already a strategy in place.

“We’d like to increase the event to maximize the facility we have now,” said Louney. The idea is to have a five-year plan of growth and turn this into something phenomenal.”

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Sticking with peace

Lansing Peace Vigil tries to attract attention with magnets

By ARIEL ROGERS

Sharp-eyed patrons may have noticed some small, ceramic magnets popping up in Greater Lansing businesses. The mag-

nets advertise the time and location of the weekly Lansing Peace Vigil.

Lansing Peace Vigil

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Kathie Kuhn, an active member of the Peace Vigil community and a board member of the Peace Education Center, is responsible for the magnets.

Kuhn said she started creating the mag-



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nets when she was unable to make it to a Friday vigil because she had to be at her ceramics studio.

"I thought, 'Maybe I'll make a magnet that says 'peace vigils' and I'll put it somewhere,'" Kuhn said. "The response has been nothing but positive."

Every Friday at noon, the Lansing Peace Vigil community meets in front of the Capitol, rallying for a more peaceful world. The meetings began shortly after 9/11, as citizens gathered to encourage a peaceful response from the U.S. government.

"It's an open arena and everybody's welcome," Kuhn said. "It's not a place of violence. It's a place for conversation and about speaking the truth and bearing witness."

People who attend the vigils are motivated to bring signs that encourage peace. Signs in the past have said things like "Honk for Peace," "Choose Love," or "No More Torture." The Peace Vigil Community also holds up signs pertaining to current events, such as police brutality and women's rights.

"I feel maybe people walking or driving by need encouragement and feel all alone about the current state of affairs,"

Kuhn said.

Despite the unpredictable Michigan weather, the Lansing Peace Vigil Community has met every Friday since it started in 2001.

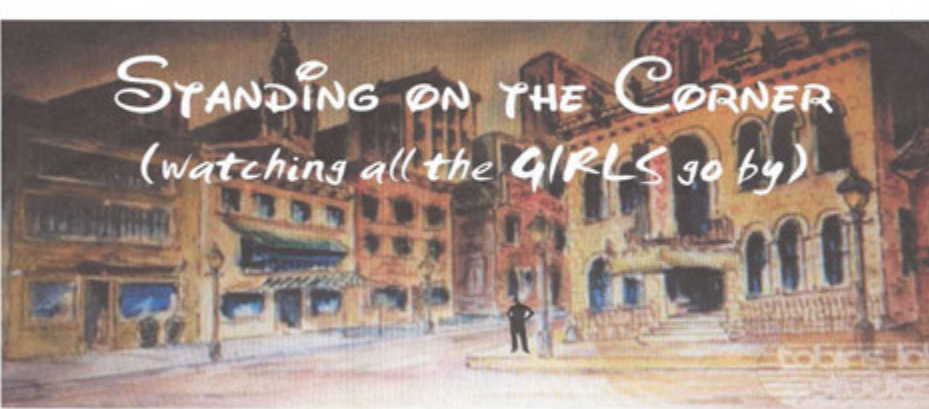
"(The Peace Vigil community) has not skipped a beat," Kuhn said. "It could be a rainy day and it always clears up around noon. It feels like the universe is on our side."

Kuhn's peace vigil magnets can be seen at Greater Lansing locations, including Gibson's Books and Beans, Preuss Pets, the Avenue Café, Foods for Living, ELFCO, Unitarian Universalist Church, Espresso Royale, Sultan's, Rubie's Paradise Salon, Tobacco King, Allen Market Place, the Green Door, Heartdance Studio, Golden Harvest, the Soup Spoon Café and the Peoples Church.

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TOP: Beerfest at the Ballpark attendees explore the sudsy selections in front of Cooley Law School Stadium. **ABOVE LEFT:** Khanh Nguyen, Trish Pham, and LeAnne Dao of Flint raise their glasses. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Paul Starr, entrepreneur and beer enthusiast behind I'm a Beer Hound.


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Making good, flying home

Wharton Center gig is a homecoming for drummer Lawrence Leathers

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

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she'll be in good, and appreciative, company.

Lansing-born drummer Lawrence Leathers, now a deeply dug-in denizen of the New York jazz scene, is an awe-struck fan as well as

a collaborator.

"It's kind of scary to know her, listen to her sing, and play with her," Leathers said. "She's one of the best musicians I know."

If you missed Salvant's scintillating set at East Lansing's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival last year, now is the time to catch up with her. MSU's jazz studies director and bassist, Rodney Whitaker, wasn't shy about comparing Salvant to Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan.

Whitaker called her "scary," too.

"I've never met a person that age with so much depth of understanding of the history of her craft," he said.

Leathers is a familiar face (and upper body blur) to Lansing area jazz lovers from

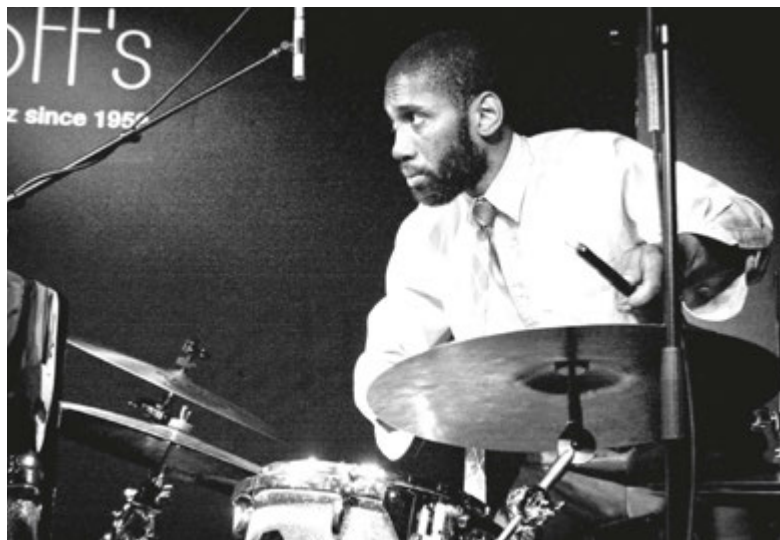


Photo by Marion Brun

Drummer Lawrence Leathers returns to his hometown tonight for a gig with Cécile McLorin Salvant at the Wharton Center.

his early-aughts years at MSU, when he studied with drummer Randy Gelispie, Whitaker and the stellar MSU jazz faculty.

"Those years back home at MSU gave me my armor and sword," Leathers said. "Without those guys I wouldn't be out here."

After a year in Kansas City, Leathers moved to New York in 2007, where he's carving his name in the neon, playing regularly in top clubs with some big names.

"New York is the big show," Leathers said. "It's always been my goal to come out here."

As one-third of cerebral pianist Aaron Diehl's trio, Leathers has been holding forth at Smalls Jazz Club in Greenwich Village for about five years. The trio — Diehl, Leathers and bassist Paul Sikivie — met at a gig at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel. It's weekly gig as Smalls has attracted some high-profile fans and sit-inners.

One memorable night, the trio was joined by trumpeters Wynton Marsalis and

Dominick Farinacci and saxmen Victor Goines and Wessell Anderson.

Marsalis was the catalyst for Leathers' gig with Salvant, one of jazz's freshest and most impressive vocalists in a long time. When Salvant won the 2010 Thelonious Monk competition, the most prestigious in jazz, tour offers started to roll in. Marsalis suggested she hook up with Diehl's trio.

Leathers has played a lot of straight-up jazz in New York, joining top artists like baritone sax veteran Joe Temperley and guitarist Russell Malone, but Salvant brought him into new territory.

"She comes from such a diverse pool of music and art," Leathers said. "When she sings, you can hear a lot of different influences, including classical training."

Besides singing standards patented by legends like Fitzgerald and Vaughan, Salvant pulls show tunes, like "The Trolley Song" and ancient chestnuts like "St. Louis Gal" and "Nobody," and kicks them into

post-ironic immediacy. She's part of a long tradition, but not subservient to it. Her strange calls on "What a Little Moonlight Can Do" go through your skull like neutrinos.

Leathers loves to rummage through Salvant's CD and vinyl collection.

"She draws from 1910, the 1800s — it's interesting and fun because we play things I've never heard of and put our own spin to them," he said.

For a drummer, playing with a singer is often less satisfying than a trio or quartet gig, but Leathers found that Salvant puts musicianship above ego.

"A lot of time, people play with vocalists and there's a separation between the vocalist and the rest of the band," Leathers said. "She's just another instrument on the bandstand."

But what an instrument.

"The beautiful thing with her is that her talent and her personality does all the talking," Leathers said.

Back in Lansing, Leathers is looking forward to catching up with family, friends and his old MSU professors.

The reunions get rarer as he gets busier. Gigs with Salvant are ramping up as her star rises in the jazz world. (A second CD, following last year's "WomanChild," is due in August.) Leathers' own band, with rotating members, has a regular home at Ginny's Supper Club, downstairs from Harlem's Red Rooster restaurant.

Now, when musicians from Marsalis on down call him for gigs, he has to be careful not to double book.

"I was talking with Aaron (Diehl) about having good problems, having to turn down work," he said. "There's always going to be opportunities if you do the right things."

Alone together

Rodney Whitaker is fine company 'When We Find Ourselves Alone'

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

There is a beautiful paradox in the title of bassist Rodney Whitaker's new album,

Review "When We Find Ourselves Alone." Whitaker is a singular artist in a plural universe.

As a bassist, Whitaker is at the top of his art, but his instrument almost always puts him in harness to a group. As the director of jazz studies at MSU, teacher and mentor to a generation of young jazz artists, community builder in East Lansing and family man with seven children, he has chosen a path that is anything but lonely.

He's such a point of pride for the university that his smiling head, some 30 feet high, is featured on the side of a campus building as part of the "Spartans Will" branding campaign.

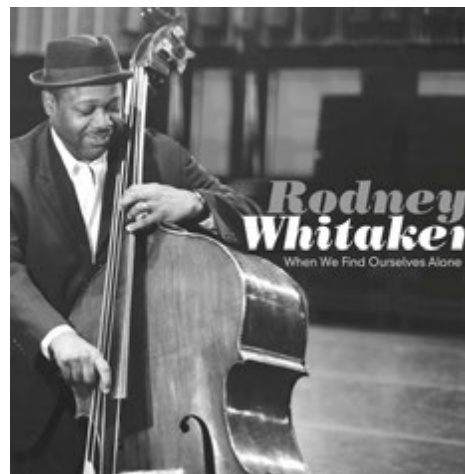
As much time as he spends helping others sound good, Whitaker is a searching, lamenting soul, pushing hard for love in all its forms. "When We Find Ourselves Alone" is not a solo CD, but it's

imbued with Whitaker's juicy sound and warm spirit. It's also a reminder that even though Whitaker lives and works here, he belongs to a bigger world. The album is getting critical notice around the country, including a warm reception from the dean of American jazz critics, Ben Ratliff, in *The New York Times*.

To express what's on his mind, Whitaker called on colleagues from fabled tours that predate his MSU days. Pianist Bruce Barth played with Whitaker when they both toured with trumpeter Terence Blanchard. Saxophonist Antonio Hart and drummer Gregory Hutchinson are bandmates from Whitaker's stint with trumpeter Roy Hargrove.

The album starts with a light hint of nostalgia. "The World Falls Away" enters with a jaunty strut, sauced up by Hart's insouciant tenor, that conjures up their touring days. A wistful, contrasting middle section seems to hum, "This won't last forever." An explicit nod to the past, "When You Played With Roy," is a quiet corker, buoyed by Barth's bluesy wobbling.

Whitaker can play anything from blistering bebop to avant-garde, but, when left to his own devices, he gravitates to simple,



Rodney Whitaker
"When We Find Ourselves Alone"
Mack Avenue Records

tender melodies that appeal straight to the heart. "A Mother's Cry" nestles at the center of Whitaker's art, a simple, three-note unanswered question, eloquently posed and explored by Hart above Whitaker's restless, rolling bass ostinato.

"Jamerson's Lullaby," dedicated to Whitaker's youngest child, turns slowly like a mobile while Whitaker tells an absorbing bedtime story of a solo. (Hart

sidles into the nursery, straight from Swingville, and almost wakes the kid up, but he gets with the soothing program by the end of the tune.) Bronislaw Kaper's mysterious "Invitation" suits the introspective mood well, with a contrastingly nimble and energetic solo from Whitaker.

The album isn't all introspection. Two forms of collective interaction — politics and sex — get their due. Whitaker and the band — joined by Whitaker's daughter Rockelle Fortin on vocals — hurl themselves with news-flash urgency into Max Roach's "Freedom Day," highlighted by a dense, energized solo from Barth.

As for the sex, local audiences have heard Whitaker and Fortin's slow-burning take on smooth saxophonist Grover Washington's "Mr. Magic" for years, and it's great to hear the collaboration immortalized on CD. An older standard, "You Go to My Head," gets a thick backbeat, like the kicker in a julep or two, with a sensuous and earthy vocal by Fortin.

The last track, "Lost Alone in You Again," is a gospel-imbued recession, meant to straighten your stride and train your eye on better horizons as you as you exit the warm church of Whitaker into a chilly, and lonely, world.

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Anne and Anna

Michigan authors host Independent Bookstore Day events in Greater Lansing

By BILL CASTANIER

Two Michigan writers — one from decidedly gritty Detroit, the other from pastoral Empire on the shore of Lake Michigan — will be headliners at Schuler Books on Saturday for Independent Book Store Day.

Unfortunately, the two writers, Anna Clark of Detroit and Anne-Marie Oomen of Empire, will be holding court at competing Schuler Books locations. It would have been fun to put these two Michigan authors together for a session.

Clark, a freelance magazine and newspaper writer, curated "A Detroit Anthology," a 2015 Michigan Notable Book Award winner.

"A Detroit Anthology" is an illuminating collection of work, ranging from poetry to

essays to photographs to short stories by Detroiters who loved to tell their stories "over late nights at the pub and long afternoons on the porch," Clark writes.

Clark spoke with City Pulse just as she was leaving her former hometown of St. Joseph near the Indiana border. The book comprises work from more than 60 contributors, she said, including native Detroiters, recent transplants and former Detroit residents. The collection is published by Belt Publishing, a Cleveland-based outfit specializing in what it calls "rust belt chic."

Clark, who is a University of Michigan graduate, can aptly be described as a literary cheerleader for Detroit, where she has lived the last eight years.

"We are a city moving through the fire of transformation. We are afire," she writes in the introduction to the book. "There is no place I'd rather be."

The selections in the book include pic-

es by venerable urban historian Thomas J. Sugrue and a thoughtful essay by Grace Lee Boggs. At 99, Boggs has seen Detroit go through many transformations and she continues to be a voice of conscience and activism in the city. Poets such as Wayne State University's M.L. Liebler and Terry Blackhawk, founder of Detroit's InsideOut Literary Arts project, grace this complex collection that not only praises Detroit, but can also be decidedly critical. As Clark points out in her introduction, "This is a city made of many voices, and so, too, is this book."

Guessing that Clark may have saved the best for last, I turned to the end of the book to read Marsha Music's "The Kidnapped Children of Detroit," which journals the mass exodus from Detroit in the 1960s. Music relates how her friends were seemingly kidnapped, "snatched away from their homes, often under the cover of night or in rushed moves that split friends apart a lifetime."

At the other end of the experiential spectrum, Oomen has chronicled her own teenage years growing up on a farm in rural Hart, Mich. This is not new ground for Oomen,

who has touched on her rural upbringing in previous books. Her new memoir, "Love, Sex and 4-H," takes her writing closer to her heart — the heart of a teenager growing up in the 1960s, one of the most conflicted and confusing decades in America's history.

Oomen seemed destined to pursue a religious vocation, but lasted only a short time with an order of Dominican nuns at Marywood Dominican Center just outside of Grand Rapids. Returning home, Oomen experienced a time of upheaval, both culturally and in her own life. During the time she was away at the convent, everyone had made their own friends. It was "awkward and uncomfortable," she said.

In the book, she credits a friend, who she has lost touch with, with saving her.

"She made space for me in her little group," Oomen said.

Oomen had grown up sewing straight seams for her 4-H Club (she made her own prom dress) and rising early to say devotions. Returning home, Oomen found a world of short skirts, short relationships and challenges to her traditional values.

"The '60s stand out for the clash of cultures which you felt all the time," Oomen said. "There was a huge cloud bearing down on the country,"

City Pulse caught up with Oomen as she was driving to her hometown for a reading at the Hart Library.

She admitted going home was "kind of scary."

"Sure, things were hard, bad things happened, but the real message of the book is coming through that time with all the contradictions and tragedies of Vietnam," she said. "It was a rich time to draw upon and I want baby boomers to feel what it was like when we were young."

Oomen will be at Schuler Books' Eastwood location for the Independent Bookstore Day: Girl's Night Out at 4 p.m. Saturday. Earlier in the day, (2 p.m.) the Eastwood Towne Center location will host three young adult writers.

Clark will join three other 2015 Michigan Notable Book authors at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Meridian Mall Schuler Books location. Details for the Independent Bookstore Day events are at schulerbooks.com/events.



Clark



Oomen

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Independent Bookstore Day

Saturday, May 2nd

We're celebrating the first national Independent Bookstore Day with events featuring some of our favorite Michigan authors at both of our Lansing-area stores. Visit our website for full details!

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3pm @ Meridian Mall:
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Wednesday, April 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

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

Story Art Time. Make art inspired by storybooks. Ages 2-5. 10-11 a.m. \$5/adults FREE. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org/events/storytime.

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

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Starting a Business Workshop. Offered by AARP, SBA. 8:30 a.m.-noon, FREE. Small Business Development Center, LCC, Suite 110, 309 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (877) 926-8300, aarp.org/mi.

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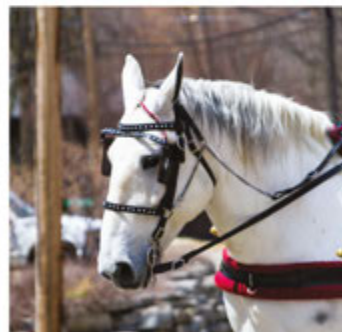
Rational Response to Fear. Beyond "fight, flight, or freeze." 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, pilgrimucc.com.

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

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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A grand affair



Saturday, May 2

It's that time of year for ladies to bust out their hoop skirts and gentlemen to prepare for the annual mustache contest as Victorian Days returns to Grand Ledge. Victorian Days, now in its 19th year, has extended to become a two-day event in recent years.

Marilyn Smith, chairwoman of the Grand Ledge Victorian Days committee, said the event offers something for everyone.

"There's a lot of fun activities for all age groups," Smith said. "It's neat to see people wandering around town in period dress."

Smith said that some Victorian Days participants dress in early 1900s attire while others dress in Civil War era outfits. Civil War re-enactors will camp out at Island Park and participate in mock-skirmishes and firing demonstrations throughout the festival.

Grand Ledge was a popular vacation destination in the 1870s and 1880s, with the island being home to the Seven Islands Resort. The resort was more popular than Mackinac Island during the Victorian era, drawing between 60,000 to 70,000 guests per year. The resort

included a hotel, merry-go-round, bandstand and even a roller coaster.

Activities for children include kite flying, a "Frozen"-themed Victorian tea party, a Maypole dance and a basket craft. There are also carriage rides, riverboat rides, demonstrations by artisans and craftsmen and many other Victorian-era activities for the whole family.

Both days will feature Victorian and Civil War-era chautauquas at the Island Park gazebo. Chautauquas, which became popular in the 1870s, are much like conferences with speakers, entertainers and other presenters discussing relevant issues of the time.

A High Tea is set at the Opera House Grand Hall at 1 p.m. Saturday, hosted by the ladies of the Block family. Cindy Langenberg will serve tea in elegant china and fine silver while Mary Rodeck plays songs on the grand piano. Scones, finger sandwiches and desserts will accompany the tea, making for a tasty afternoon snack. The event is free of charge, but donations are appreciated.

Saturday evening is the third annual Grand Victorian Ball, where attendees are encouraged to dress in period-appropriate garb and dance the night away to a live string ensemble.

Included in the \$30 ticket is a grand announcement upon entrance to the ball, an entry ticket for door prizes, hors d'oeuvres and a gift bag. Although period dress is encouraged, it is not mandatory. The ball is a formal occasion, however, so even if you're not into girdles and waistcoats you should stick with an outfit you'd be comfortable wearing to a fancy party.

In years past, the weather for Victorian Days has been everything from sweltering hot to cold and drizzly, but Smith is crossing her fingers for good weather.

Victorian Days
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday,
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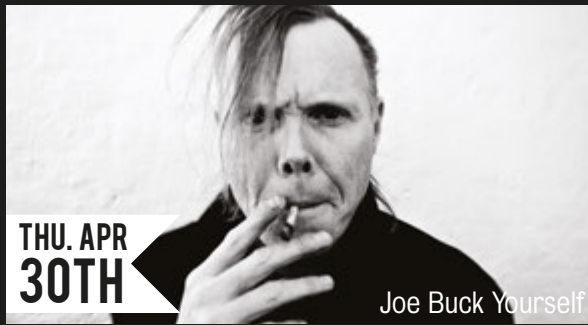
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TEN POUND FIDDLE'S 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove Street, East Lansing. \$10 donation, 8 p.m., Friday, May 1

The Ten Pound Fiddle celebrates its 40th season of concerts and dances this year, and it's hosting a party to honor the milestone. The event is open to the public and will feature an eclectic bill of local acoustic performers, each playing "a couple of songs." The lineup includes the Pretty Shaky String Band, Ray Kamalay, Micah Ling and friends, Wanda Degen, Jim Hall and Cindy Morgan, Abby Rudnicki and Chris Foster, Chris Rietz and Strangers in the Night. Music aside, attendees can enjoy a slice of birthday cake, a scoop of ice cream and beverages. The Ten Pound Fiddle has hosted folk events at various locations in East Lansing since 1975. The nonprofit organization was founded by former WKAR "Folk Traditions" radio host Bob Blackman, along with folk-music enthusiasts Gary and Barb Garner.

JOE BUCK YOURSELF AT THE AVENUE CAFE



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Joe Buck Yourself

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$10, 9 p.m., Thursday, April 30

Hellbilly-punk one-man band Joe Buck Yourself returns to Lansing for a show at the Avenue Café. Opening is the Drunken Cuddle, a Denver-based punk/outlaw country outfit. Joe Buck, whose real name is Jim Finklea, has been a snarling troubadour in the rugged-roots scene since the mid '90s, when he led the band Gringo. By the late '90s he had landed in a spot in Th' Legendary Shack Shakers, a Kentucky-based gothic rockabilly band. He contributed guitar, bass and drum work on its 2003 LP, "Cockadoodledon't." Later, he joined forces with Hank Williams III, becoming his notoriously sneering upright bass player. His solo project, Joe Buck Yourself, strips down the sound to guitar, kick drum and his menacing vocals. Or, as his bio puts it, "this ain't your grandma's hillbilly music."

OGREFEST IX AT MAC'S BAR



SAT. MAY 2ND

Beast in the Field

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$15, \$12 adv., 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 2

Over the last nine years, Ogrfest has become a Lansing metal scene fixture, hosting heavy local and out-of-town bands. This year's all-ages, all-day event includes Hellmouth, Beast in the Field, Speedgod, the Devastator, Dark Winter, Genocya, Pan, Hordes, Stonecutters, Blind Haven, Hokori, Croatone, Blackgate, Drink Their Blood, and Betray the Prophet. Detroit-based Hellmouth plays a mix of thrash, punk and metal and is signed to the Paper + Plastick label. Another out-of-towner, Beast in the Field, is a Midland-based doom/stoner metal duo comprising Jamie Jahr (drums) and guitarist Jordan Pries. The band, which just returned from a tour with Against the Grain, is known for its obnoxiously loud sets. Fans of Weedeater, Earth or Black Sabbath might want to give them a listen.

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The Black Rose, 206 S. Washington Sq.		Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Rd.			Sam Corbin, 8 p.m.	Scott Seth, 8 p.m.
Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Dr.			Grant Hendershot, 8:30 p.m.	Bob Schultz, 8:30 p.m.
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.				DJ, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		Open Mic w/Pat Zelenka, 9 p.m.		
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Fusion Shows Presents, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Dublin Square, 327 Abbot Rd.			Reviving the Era, 5 p.m.	Reviving the Era, 5 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Good Cookies, 9:30 p.m.	Skoryoke live band karaoke, 9:30 p.m.	The Rotations, 9:30 p.m.	The Knock Offs, 9:30 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke w/Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Star Farm, 9 p.m.	Star Farm, 9 p.m.
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.			Karaoke	
Henry's on the Square, 229 S. Washington Sq.			Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	Missy Zenker, 7:30 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.			Bell's Fest, 9 p.m.	I Prevail, 7 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Big Sherm, 8 p.m.	Rachel & Alex, 7 p.m.	Ogrfest, 2 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.		Electrocats, 9 p.m.	Spoonful, 9 p.m.	the Rotations, 9 p.m.
R-Club, 6409 Centurion Dr.			Retro Joe Band, 8:30 p.m.	Retro Joe Band, 8:30 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Kathy Ford Band Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 7 p.m.	North County Flyers, 8 p.m.	Rob Kladjja, 8 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Rd.			Jake Stevens, 7 p.m.	Rush Clement, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 501 W. Saginaw Hwy.		Greg Smith, 7 p.m.	Full Circle, 8 p.m.	Hot Mess, 8 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.			
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.		
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Dr.			Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	
Watershed, 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Dan MacLachlin, 8 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.

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Mindful Eating @ ANC. With Nutritionist Sherilyn Hogenson. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing. (517) 999-3912, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Engaging stories help kids build early lit skills. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

Teen Crafternoon: Zentangle. Teens create Zentangle art. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

MUSIC

Fusion Shows presents. Live music. 21-up. 10 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

Thursday, April 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, Room 214G, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. 5:15 p.m. \$5. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 349-9183, newhopehaslett.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080, stdavidslansing.org.

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Quan Am Temple, 1840 N. College Ave., Mason. (517) 853-1675, quanamtemple.org.

Digital Marketing Workshop. Digital marketing trends impacting your business. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Small Business Development Center, LCC, Suite 110, 309 N. Washinton Square, Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdcmichigan.org.

Tarot Study Group. With Dawne Botke. 7 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 883-3619, triplegoddessbookstore.net.

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363, cadl.org.

Transportation Toastmasters. Learn speaking, listening, leadership skills. 12:05 p.m. FREE. Van Wagoner Building, 425 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. (517) 803-4458, transportationtm.org.

Job-Related Help for Adults. Get help with letters, job apps, computers, etc. 1:30-4:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Shamanic Healing Clinic. Education and techniques. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Willow Stick Ceremonies, 1515 W. Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 3, Lansing. (517) 402-6727, willowstickceremonies.com.

Celebrate Recovery. For all types of habits, hurts and hang-ups. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

H.E.R.O.: Power Tools 101. Call to register or email bruce@glhc.org. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980, glhc.org.

The Art of the Cocktail. The history, science, and art of classic cocktails. 6-9 p.m. \$65/\$55 Members. Red Haven, 4480 S. Hagadorn Road, Okemos. (517) 884-0659, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

EVENTS

Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

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

Spanish Conversation. Practice listening to and speaking Spanish. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Baby Storytime. Stories and movement for our youngest readers. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org.

8-Ball Tournament. Bring your pool game to the Avenue. Call to confirm because it is cancelled occasionally. 7 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403.

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild. Semi-annual sale. Variety of pieces. 5:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-1222, glpg.org.

Teen Game Haven. Play a variety of games; board, cards and video. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Capital Area Crisis Men's Rugby Practice. Weather permitting. All experience levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2151 W. Hillsdale, Lansing.

25th Anniversary Celebration. Complementary services and special workshops. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Creative Wellness, 2025 Abbot Road, #200, East Lansing. (517) 351-9240, creativewellness.net .

Electronics/Styrofoam Recycle. Accepting electronics, batteries, styrofoam. 5-8 p.m. FREE. CRT/Tube TVs are \$10. Old Town, Grand River Ave. & Turner St., Lansing. (517) 580-6244, lansing.mitn.org.

MUSIC

MSU Wind Symphony. Kevin Sedatole, conductor, Richard Sherman, flute. 7:30 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/

students FREE. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340. music.msu.edu.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Thursday Morning Storytime. Three stories and a craft. 10 a.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

Friday, May 1

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Aux Petits Soins. French immersion class for babies. 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. \$12/\$15 drop-in. Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, facebook.com/auxpetitssoinsllc.

EVENTS

Church Fundraiser Yard Sale. For Home Missions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Psalm 91 Church, 7501 Coleman Road, East Lansing. (517) 641-4935, Psalm91Church.org.

Art Exhibit Opening. Artist reception for "Galactic

Abstraction." 6-9 p.m. FREE. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-4600, micagallery.org.

Howl at the Moon Guided Walk. Enjoy a guided walk through the nighttime woods. 8:30-9:30 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

"reCollection" by Justin Kellner. Acrylic painting exhibition. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400, lansingartgallery.org.

MUSIC

Dance for Couples & Singles. Weekly dance party for singles and couples. 7:30 p.m.-midnight, \$13. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 S. Chandler Road, Bath. (517) 281-6272, TGIF.party.

Rachel & Alex EP Release Party. With special guests Krzywonos and Hidden Highways. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. fusionshows.com.

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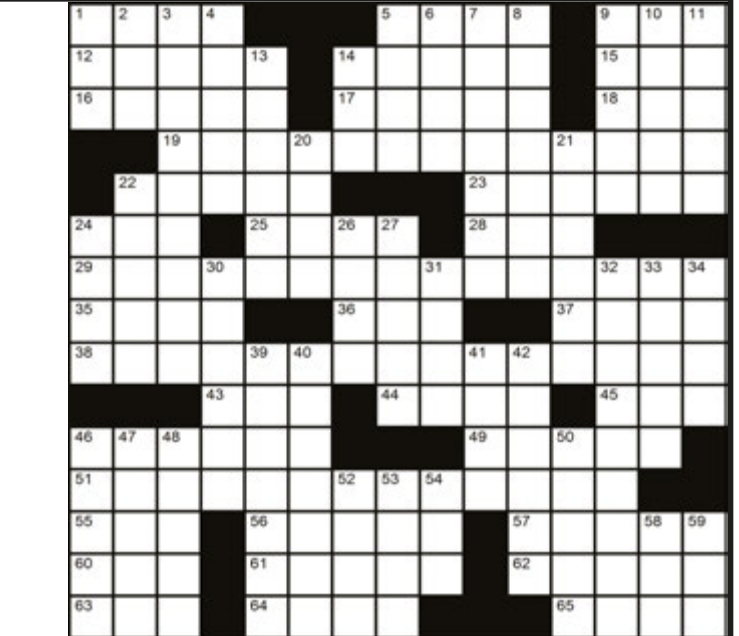
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"TL;DR"--I couldn't get past the beginning.
Matt Jones

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- 9 Agent Emanuel
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- 14 "They went this way" sign
- 15 Pops
- 16 Farm refrain
- 17 Novelist Pier ___ Pasolini
- 18 Bother
- 19 Opening of "Anna Karenin..." (TL;DR)
- 22 "Kate & ___" ('80s sitcom)
- 23 Toxic condition
- 24 Sports car protector
- 25 Daybreak
- 28 Prominent stretch
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- 44 "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" character
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- 49 Gp. that awards the Oscars
- 51 Opening of "Moby-D..." (TL;D... wait, I think I got



- the whole thing!)
- 55 Keats offering
- 56 Concern
- 57 Was told
- 60 Vardalos or Long
- 61 Students take them
- 62 Impressive lineup
- 63 DC ballplayer
- 64 Sitcom starring Sonny Shroyer
- 65 "Auld Lang ___"

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- 3 Take off slyly
- 4 Shameless salesperson
- 5 Get ___ on the knuckles
- 6 Trim the borders of
- 7 Francis I's jurisdiction
- 8 Some sweet deals
- 9 #2 of 44
- 10 Spokes
- 11 Winners of a certain show
- 13 Pool side
- 14 Shrink's org.
- 20 Spiciness
- 21 "This Is 40" director
- 22 Trump's "The ___ the Deal"
- 24 Netanyahu nickname
- 26 "This is an awesome ride!"
- 27 Country hit by a recent earthquake
- 30 "Don't forget to bring ___!" ("South Park" catchphrase)
- 31 "American Hustle" actor
- 32 Paid periodically
- 33 Last word of some

- films
- 34 Explosive materials
- 39 Offer from a sharing friend
- 40 Makes a decision about, in court
- 41 "Kinsey" star Neeson
- 42 Company that makes motorcycles, guitars, and snowmobiles
- 46 Home of the Huskies
- 47 Gymnastics great Comaneci
- 48 Crease
- 50 Jury members
- 52 What a colon may mean
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THEATER

"The Impostures of Scapin." Commedia dell'Arte performance. 8 p.m. FREE. Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1546, lcc.edu/showinfo.

Saturday, May 2

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi in the Park. Free class for beginning and experienced tai chi players. Now at winter location. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

Domestic Violence Support Group. Noon-1:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

Can You Dig It? Garden Program. 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. \$79/\$69 Garden Members. MSU Plant & Soil Science Building, 1066 Bogue St., East Lansing. (517) 355-5191 ext. 1339, hrt.msu.edu/spring-program.

U.S. Citizenship Series-Adults. Learn the steps to apply for citizenship. 10-11:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Estate Planning Seminar. Hosted by Salvation Army on Estate Planning. 10 a.m. FREE. Kellogg Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. (517) 482-9715 ext. 42, salansing.org.

EVENTS

Kentucky Derby Party. Free food; specialty drinks; prizes. Big screen TV. Sponsored by City Pulse. 5-7 p.m. Midtown Brewing Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 997-1349, lansingcitypulse.com.

Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

Native Plants Sale. Locally grown wildflowers and more. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Costs vary. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Grand Victorian Ball. Enjoy a grand Victorian style ball. 7 p.m. \$30. Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge St. Grand Ledge. (517) 316-6694, victoriandays.org.

Victorian Days in Grand Ledge. Victorian era and Civil War fun for all ages, 10 a.m. Nominal fees. Downtown Grand Ledge, Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-5170, victoriandays.org.

CADSA Kentucky Derby Party. Food, drinks and games. 5 p.m.-midnight, \$125 couple/\$75 individual. The English Inn, 677 S. Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids. (517) 333-6655, cadsa.org/event-registration.

Church Fundraiser Yard Sale. Fundraiser Yard Sale for Home Missions. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Psalm 91 Church, 7501 Coleman Road, East Lansing. (517) 641-4935, Psalm91Church.org.

Lansing RIF Used Book Exchange. Used book exchange and sale to benefit Lansing RIF. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE. Elmhurst Elementary School, 2400 Pattengill Ave., Lansing. (517) 755-4966.

"Choosing Health!" Spring Rally. Fitness classes, kid's activities and more. 1-4 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 347-3377. CapitalAreaHealthAlliance.org.

Drop-in LEGO Club. Kids get creative with our LEGO collection. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

Little Free Library. Unveiling of new Book Box on Pine St. Refreshments. 11 a.m. FREE. Downtown Lansing, Washington Square between Michigan and Washtenaw avenues, Lansing. (517) 749-6791.

Free Comic Book Day. Come out for a selection of free comic book titles, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE. Clem's Comics & Games, 216 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 485-2369, clemslansing.com.

Finally Spring: Mind, Body & Spirit. Fundraising event-intuitive reading. 1-8 p.m. Readings \$15 for 15 min., gallery entry \$10. The Lighthouse Chapel, 1501 Windsor St., Lansing. mmpagans.org.

MUSIC

MSU Choirs & Symphony Orchestra. MSU's Latin IS America. David Rayl, conductor; 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/students FREE. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, music.msu.edu.

Jackson Symphony Orchestra. JSO Concert: "Sounds of War." 7:30 p.m. \$18-\$32. Jackson College Potter Center, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. (517) 782-3221, jacksonsymphony.org.

I Prevail. With guests Too Close To Touch, Partycat and more. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$13. The Loft, (At Harem Urban Lounge) 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. fusionshows.com.

Deacon Earl. Live blues, reggae, Americana and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Meridian Township Farmers Market, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 712-2395.

THEATER

"Fly Guy and Other Stories." Musical revue based on children's books. 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. \$9. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.

"The Impostures of Scapin." (See May 2 for details.) 8 p.m. FREE. LCC Black Box Theatre, Room 168 Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing. (517) 483-1546, lcc.edu/showinfo.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

What Do You Do With An Idea? Storytime and

THURSDAY, APRIL 30-MAY 2 >> GREATER LANSING POTTERS' GUILD SPRING SALE

For those whose lives are sorely lacking housewares fired in a kiln, the Greater Lansing Potters' Guild hosts its annual Spring Sale. The sale includes a vast number of hand-made and wheel-thrown items, produced using various firing techniques such as raku, low-fire, salt-fire and soda fire. Pieces available for sale include mugs, bowls, teapots, decorative pieces and more. Each day of the sale will offer a new selection of pottery. The Potters' Guild was established in 1969 and has been active in charitable events and educational programs involving pottery ever since. 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. FREE. All Saints Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. glpg.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 >> THE ART OF THE COCKTAIL

The Broad Art Museum is teaming up with the Greater Detroit chapter of the United States Bartenders Guild to present its next installment of its "The Art Of..." series, the Art of the Cocktail. If you're thinking something along the lines of Tom Cruise whipping around bottles in the 1988 film "Cocktail," think again. This program explores the history and science behind classic cocktails. Guests will be treated to light fare from Red Haven, cocktail samplings throughout the demonstrations and enlightenment on the artistry of cocktail making from some of the best bartenders in the state. 6-9 p.m. \$65/\$55 museum members. Red Haven Farm to Table Restaurant, 4480 S. Hagadorn Rd. Suite 103, East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

FRIDAY, MAY 1-2 >> 'THE IMPOSTURES OF SCAPIN' AT LCC

Lansing Community College presents a play from one of the great masters of Western literature with Moliere's "The Impostures of Scapin." The play revolves around the pompous Scapin, who, through his diplomatic genius, helps young couples get married — whether their parents agree with the nuptials or not. The play is performed in the style of commedia dell'arte, an Italian form of theater characterized by its masked performers. 8 p.m. FREE. Black Box Theatre, 168 Gannon Building, Lansing Community College, 422 N. Washington Square, Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

FRIDAY, MAY 1 >> 'GALACTIC ABSTRACTION' OPENING RECEPTION AT MICA

Old Town's MICA Gallery presents an opening reception for "Galactic Abstraction," a new solo exhibition by artist and MSU Professor Steve Baibak. The exhibit, which comprises sculptures utilizing found objects and ready-made items, is largely inspired by Baibak's daughter and her recent obsession with astronomy. "Galactic Abstraction" presents Baibak's sculptural representations of a fictional cosmos — colorful pieces that mix imagination with celestial entities found in the furthest reaches of existence. "Galactic Abstraction" will be on display through May 31. 6-9 p.m. FREE. MICA Gallery, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. micagallery.org.

craft. 11 a.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437. www.bn.com.

a.m. \$35. Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos. (517) 381-7300. ow.ly/M4xcz.

Sunday, May 3

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 371-5119, ruetenik@gmail.com.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. Third floor meeting room. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation and Silent Prayer. 7 p.m. FREE. Self Realization Meditation Healing Centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, selfrealizationcentremichigan.org.

Parents of LGBTQ kids. Weekly support group. All faiths are welcome. 3-4:30 p.m. FREE. Diversity Psychological Services, 1310 Turner St., Lansing. (720) 401-4214.

Michigan Vaccine Forum. Educational forum. 9:30

EVENTS

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Lessons 6-6:30 p.m., dance 7-10 p.m. \$8 dance/\$10 dance & lesson/ FREE for students. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838.

Bird Watching Walk. Led by Capital Area Audubon. 8 a.m. FREE. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Victorian Days in Grand Ledge. Civil War fun for all ages. 11 a.m. nominal fees. Island Park, 204 W. River St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-5170, victoriandays.org.

"Gifts Galore!" Quilting Exhibit. Quilts and gifts created by the Eastside Quilters. 2-4 p.m. FREE. The Bookend Gallery (in the Haslett Library), 1590 Franklin St., Haslett.

ePiFanyNow Non-Profit Event. Ideas on ways to pass kindness forward. 1 p.m. FREE. MSU Federal Credit Union, 3777 West Road, East Lansing. (517) 230-8807,

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SATURDAY, MAY 2 >> FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Comic book fans can always count on three things at the beginning of May: warmer weather, the next installment in Marvel Film's "Marvel Cinematic Universe" and Free Comic Book Day at their favorite local comic shop. This year's free comic book day boasts another full lineup of offerings from all the major publishers to attract new readers and delight old readers. Those coming down off their "Avengers 2: Age of Ultron" high will be able to snag a sneak peak at a new iteration of earth's mightiest heroes with Marvel's "All New, All Different Avengers." DC Comics will tease readers with a sneak peak at what its comic universe's landscape will be like after their current game changing event, "Convergence," with "Divergence." Several other major publishers will also be offering free books, including Oni Press, BOOM! Studios and IDW Publishing. Check the web for participating comic shops and hours. freecomicbookday.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 3 >> LCC PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM PORTFOLIO EXHIBIT

This year's graduating students in Lansing Community College's photography program are celebrating the culmination of their hard work with the LCC Photography Program Portfolio Exhibit. The show features 13 students completing their associate degree in photography including Matthew Fair, Tara Fitzpatrick, City Pulse Contributor Nicole Rico and more. The style of works on display will cover a wide range, including portraits, landscapes, abstract and fine art. 1-5 p.m. FREE. Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/showinfo.

SATURDAY, MAY 2 >> HIKE FOR HANNAH

Get out and enjoy the spring weather for a good cause Saturday with the Hike for Hannah fundraising event. The event is a 5k walk/run in Delta Township's Sharp Park. All proceeds from the event will benefit Hannah's House, a nonprofit organization that houses homeless pregnant women. Hannah's House is not government supported and funds its mission through private donations and fundraising events. 8:30 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. race. \$30 adult/\$15 ages 6-17/children FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 482-5856, hannahshouselansing@gmail.com.

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epifanynow.org.

Exhibit Reception: Nancy McRay. Using tapestry as a journal. Noon-4 p.m. FREE. Grove Gallery & Studios, 325 Grove St., # A, East Lansing. (517) 333-7180, grovegalleryandstudios.com.

Greater Lansing Vegan Meetup. All are welcome. 6-8:30 p.m. FREE. Clerical Technical Union of MSU, 2990 E. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing. (517) 332-7898, meetup.com.

Rodney Johnson Photography. Macro nature photography to appreciate nature. 3-5 p.m. FREE. EagleMonk Pub & Brewery, 4906 W. Mount Hope Highway, Lansing. (517) 708-7350.

LCC Photo Portfolio Exhibit. Opening Reception. 1-5 p.m. FREE. Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington, Lansing. (517) 483-1546, lcc.edu/showinfo.

MUSIC

MSU Piano Monster. MSUFCU Showcase Series. 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. \$20/\$18 seniors/\$10 students. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, music.msu.edu.

Empires. With guests the class acts. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 484-6795, fusionshows.com.

The LCC Concert Choir. Live performance. 3 p.m. FREE. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1546, lcc.edu.

Monday, May 4 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Adult Rape Survivor Support Group. Registration preferred. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

Job Seekers Support Group. Finding the right career. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

Support Group. For the divorced, separated and widowed. Room 9. 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

EVENTS

Social Bridge. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$150. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

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

MUSIC

Capital City Ringers' Concert. In honor of retiring founder/director, Jane C. Wright. 7 p.m. FREE, donations welcome. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-9495, capitalcityringers.com.

Tuesday, May 5

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

LA COCINA CUBANA/AMERICAN FIFTH SPIRITS

Alan I. Ross/City Pulse
Iliana Almaguer (left), her husband, Tobia, and one of her employees outside the La Cocina Cubana in Old Town.



By ALLAN I. ROSS

Now that international relations have warmed between the U.S. and Cuba (thanks, Obama — seriously), a good way for Metro Lansing diners to get acquainted with the Pearl of the Antilles might be to take a tour of the menu at **La Cocina Cubana**, a new food truck in Old

Town featuring authentic Cuban cuisine. Iliana Almaguer opened the truck

in January. She said business has been good from the outset, but with the recent run of spring-like weather, customers have been flocking.

"Long lines were (sporadic) when we opened, but now that it's getting nice out, more people have discovered we're here and it's getting very busy," Almaguer said. She asked her husband, Tobia, to hold up a large sauceman.

"We used to use that to fry the plantains," she says with a laugh, then points over to the two deep fryers in the corners. "We had to add a second one because we couldn't keep up. People really love our food."

Cuban food is similar to Mexican food, but with more Caribbean influence. La Cocina Cubana, Spanish for the Cuban Kitchen, started as a hobby for Almaguer, who's lived in the capital area for

about 11 years. When she worked at **Sohn Linen**, she catered a couple of company events and found the feedback encouraging.

"I was just using family recipes and cooked it the way we did at home," Almaguer said. "But people really seemed to love it. It made me think about starting to do this professionally."

Then she visited a friend who had three Cuban food trucks in Tawas City. The timing was good — he was looking to sell them.

"So we bought this, Tobia fixed it up himself, and we opened pretty quickly," Almaguer said. "My boss gave me some time to start this, and then one day I saw him in line. He was behind 12 other people. He told me he understood if I didn't come back."

The menu consists of sandwiches (including the staple Cuban Sandwich, with roast pork, ham, Swiss cheese, mustard, mayo and pickle), combo platters and sides. She said the biggest seller is the Ropa Vieja, a plate of shredded beef in tomato sauce with garlic, onion and sweet plantains. She said the Lechon Asado also does well — roast pork dish served with moros (a special rice-and-bean combo) and boiled yucca. And if business continues to do well, she's already eyeing a spot on the west side.

"I'm considering buying at least one more (of my friend's trucks)," Almaguer said. "I'd love to be near **Horrocks**. And I could see turning it into a restaurant someday. But this has all happened so fast, I just need to see if (business keeps up)."

American spirits

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Not So Happy Endings Support Group. For women ending relationships. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 896-3311.

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Lansing Christian Campus Tours. For prospective families. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Lansing Christian School, 3405 Belle Chase Way, Lansing. (517) 882-5779 ext. 107, lansingchristianschool.org.

Aux Petits Soins. French immersion class for babies. 4:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. \$12/\$15 drop-in. Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, facebook.com/auxpetitsoinsllc.

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MUSIC

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

Story Art Time. Make art inspired by storybooks. Ages 2-5. 10-11 a.m. \$5/adults FREE. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org/events/storytime.

Collage for the Outdoor Soul. Paint, sketch and use artwork to make a collage. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$65, includes all materials. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

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sbdcmichigan.org.

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

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Knit & Knot So Much. Knitting and Crochet Group. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE, donations accepted. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

McRay Artist Talk. Hear McRay discuss doing tapestry as a journal. 5:30-7 p.m. FREE. Grove Gallery & Studios, 325 Grove St., # A, East Lansing. (517) 321-2917, grovegalleryandstudios.com.

EVENTS

Open Workshop. Bike repair, bike safety and biking as healthy exercise. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Kids Repair Program, 5815 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 755-4174.

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsny

Apr. 29-May 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Chris Moneymaker was employed as an accountant in Tennessee. On a whim, he paid \$39 to enter an online poker tournament. Although he knew a lot about the game, he had never competed professionally. Nevertheless, he won the tournament. As his award, he received no money, but rather an invitation to participate in the annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. Can you guess the storybook ending? The rookie triumphed over 838 pros, taking home \$2.5 million. I don't foresee anything quite as spectacular for you, Aries, but there may be similar elements in your saga. For example, a modest investment on your part could make you eligible for a chance to earn much more. Here's another possible plot twist: You could generate luck for yourself by ramping up a skill that has until now been a hobby.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): eBay is a multi-billion-dollar e-commerce business that has been around for almost 20 years. But it had an inauspicious beginning. The first item ever sold on the service was a broken laser pointer. Even though the laser pointer didn't work, and the seller informed the buyer it didn't work, it brought in \$14.83. This story might be a useful metaphor for your imminent future, Taurus. While I have faith in the vigor of the long-term trends you are or will soon be setting in motion, your initial steps may be a bit iffy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Poetically speaking, it's time to purify your world of all insanities, profanities, and inanities. It's a perfect moment for that once-in-a-blue-moon Scour-a-Thon, when you have a mandate to purge all clunkiness, junkiness, and gunkiness from your midst. And as you flush away the unease of your hypocrisies and discrepancies, as you dispense with any tendency you might have to make way too much sense, remember that evil is allergic to laughter. Humor is one of the most effective psychospiritual cleansers ever.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I was in the checkout line at Whole Foods. The shopper ahead of me had piled her groceries on the conveyor belt, and it was her turn to be rung up. "How are you doing?" she said cheerfully to the cashier, a crabby-looking hipster whom I happened to know is a Cancerian poet and lead singer in a local rock band. "Oh, I am living my dream," he replied. I guessed he was being sarcastic, although I didn't know for sure. In any case, I had a flash of intuition that his answer should be your mantra in the coming weeks. It's time to redouble your commitment to living your dream! Say it 20 times in a row right now: "I am living my dream."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): As I awoke this morning, I remembered the dream I'd just had. In the dream, I had written a horoscope for you. Here's what it said: "The Kentucky Derby is a famous horse race that takes place on the first Saturday of every May. It's called 'The Run for the Roses' because one of the prizes that goes to the winning horse and jockey is a garland of 554 roses. I suspect that your life may soon bring you an odd treasure like that, Leo. Will it be a good thing, or too much of a good thing? Will it be useful or just kind of weird? Beautiful or a bit ridiculous? The answers to those questions may depend in part on your willingness to adjust your expectations."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't calm down. Don't retreat into your sanctuary and relax into protective comfort. If you have faith and remain committed to the messy experiment you have stirred up, the stress and agitation you're dealing with will ripen into vitality and excitement. I'm not exaggerating, my dear explorer. You're on the verge of tapping into the catalytic beauty and rejuvenating truth that lurk beneath the frustration. You're close to unlocking the deeper ambitions that are trapped inside the surface-level wishes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): American author Stephen Crane wrote his celebrated Civil War novel *The Red Badge of Courage* in ten days. Composer George Frideric Handel polished off his famous oratorio

Messiah in a mere 24 days, and Russian writer Fyodor Dostoyevsky produced his novel *The Gambler* in 16 days. On the other hand, Junot Díaz, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, needed ten years to finish it. As for you, Libra, I think this is -- and should be! -- a phase more like Díaz's than the other three creators'. Go slowly. Be super extra thorough. What you're working on can't be rushed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In her book *A Natural History of the Senses*, Diane Ackerman describes a medieval knight who asked his lady for a strand of her pubic hair: a symbol of her life force. The lady agreed. He placed the talisman in a locket that he wore around his neck, confident that it would protect him and consecrate him in the course of the rough adventures ahead. I recommend that you consider a similar tack in the coming weeks, Scorpio. As you head toward your turning point, arm yourself with a personal blessing from someone you love. Success is most likely if you tincture your fierce determination with magical tenderness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "An escalator can never break," mused comedian Mitch Hedberg. "It can only become stairs. You should never see an 'Escalator Temporarily Out Of Order' sign, just 'Escalator Is Temporarily Stairs.'" I think a similar principle applies to you, Sagittarius. If we were to try to evaluate your current situation with conventional wisdom, we might say that part of your usual array of capacities is not functioning at its usual level. But if we adopted a perspective like Hedberg's, we could rightly say that this part of you is simply serving its purpose in a different way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): I've got a tough assignment for you. It won't be easy, but I think you're ready to do a good job. Here it is: Learn to be totally at home with your body. Figure out what you need to do to feel unconditional love for your physical form. To get started on this noble and sacred task, practice feeling compassion for your so-called imperfections. I also suggest you cast a love spell on yourself every night, using a red candle, a mirror, and your favorite creamy beverage. It may also help to go down to the playground and swing on the swings, make loud animal sounds, or engage in unusually uninhibited sex. Do you have any other ideas?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): When Aquarian media mogul Oprah Winfrey was born, "Oprah" was not what she was called. Her birth certificate says she is "Orpah," a name her aunt borrowed from a character who appears in the biblical *Book of Ruth*. As Oprah grew up, her friends and relatives had trouble pronouncing "Orpah," and often turned it into "Oprah." The distorted form eventually stuck. But if I were her, I would consider revisiting that old twist sometime soon, maybe even restoring "Orpah." For you Aquarians, it's a favorable time to investigate original intentions or explore primal meanings or play around with the earliest archetypes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What I propose is that you scan your memories and identify everyone who has ever tried to limit your options or dampen your enthusiasm or crush your freedom. Take a piece of paper and write down a list of the times someone insinuated that you will forever be stuck in a shrunken possibility, or made a prediction about what you will supposedly never be capable of, or said you had a problem that was permanently beyond your ability to solve. Once you've compiled all the constricting ideas about yourself that other people have tried to saddle you with, burn that piece of paper and declare yourself exempt from their curses. In the days after you do this ritual, all of life will conspire with you to expand your freedom.

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Better with time

Burgdorf's Winery builds on 10 years of experience

By TY FORQUER

Burgdorf's Winery, located on the eastern fringes of Haslett, can be easy to miss for a first-time visitor. A small roadside sign directs visitors to the unassuming split-level home that doubles as headquarters for the budding winery and as residence for co-owners Deb and Dave Burgdorf.

Burgdorf's Winery

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The Burgdorfs' adventures in winemaking began some 35 years ago, shortly after the couple was married. Dave Burgdorf had acquired a huge batch of black raspberries, and Deb Burgdorf was at a loss trying to use them up.

"I made pies, cobblers, jams, you name it," she recalled. "We still had so many berries left."

Finally, the couple had an idea to make wine from the berries. The first batch, however, didn't turn out so well.

"You could have stripped furniture with it," she joked.

Despite this inauspicious beginning, the couple continued to make wine as a hobby for years. About 10 years ago, however, they decided to take the next step. Their son was preparing to move out, and they were both nearing retirement.

"We needed something new," said Deb Burgdorf.

And thus, Burgdorf's Winery was formed. The couple started small, crushing grapes on their back porch and processing and fermenting the juice in their attached garage using three 80-gallon tanks. Each bottle was hand-filled and corked.

Fast-forward to the present. Burgdorf's



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TOP: Deb and Dave Burgdorf stand in front of the Burgdorf's Winery production facility. ABOVE LEFT: A selection of wines ready for testing in Deb Burgdorf's laboratory. ABOVE RIGHT: Burgdorf's Winery's wines have grown in regional and international recognition.

Winery is preparing to celebrate its 10th anniversary in August. The two-car garage has been converted to a tasting room and gift shop, complete with floor-to-ceiling display shelves carved by Dave Burgdorf. The winery employs six part-time workers and hires additional help in the fall season. Production has moved to a 2,600-square-foot pole barn that sits behind the house. This barn features nine 500-gallon tanks, a pair of 1,000-gallon tanks, and several smaller tanks of various sizes.

Dave Burgdorf estimates that the winery produced 400 cases (4,800 bottles) of wine in its first year of production. In recent years, it has produced 3,500 to 4,000 cases per year.

The pole barn also includes a laboratory, where Deb Burgdorf can test her wine for alcohol and sugar levels, heat and cold stability, acidity and nitrogen levels. This part of the job comes naturally to Burgdorf, who holds a degree in microbiology from Western Illinois University and worked for years as a fermentation biologist at a local biotech firm.

While Burgdorf's Winery is a partnership, there is a clear division of labor between the couple.

"(Deb) is the winemaker," said Dave Burgdorf.

While his wife oversees production and perfects her recipes, Dave Burgdorf handles much of the sales, distribution, promotion and other behind-the-scenes duties. He also lends his handyman's touch to the operation. In addition to the aforementioned hand-carved shelves, the tasting room also features custom-built light fixtures made from antique horse neck yokes. The production facility features several pieces of equip-

ment modified by Burgdorf, including storage tanks adapted to better prevent air leaks.

Burgdorf, who holds a degree in agronomy from Western Illinois University, also oversees the grapevines behind the house. Burgdorf's Winery grows a limited number of grape, but the grapes and other fruit used for production are purchased from Michigan fruit farms. The vines at the winery are mainly used for educational programs.

The Burgdorfs have enjoyed success at both regional and international competitions. Most recently, the winery had a strong showing at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition that netted them one gold, four silver and seven bronze awards. The gold award was given to its Spartan White, a white wine blend made with grapes from MSU's horticultural program.

Burgdorf's Winery was also the first Michigan winemaker to produce a medal-winning wine using Marquette grapes, a hybrid red wine grape varietal bred by the University of Minnesota to withstand harsher northern climates.

As the winery's reputation has grown, the Burgdorfs have been amazed at the number of visitors that visit their tasting room. The couple has entertained visitors from as far away as Europe and Asia who have stopped in to sample the local libations.

"People from all over the world have been in my garage drinking wine," said Dave Burgdorf.

In at least one way, the Burgdorfs wine-making has come full circle. A few years ago, Burgdorf's Winery released a black raspberry wine — sweet redemption from their disastrous first batch. The name of that wine? Perfection.



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Provisional approval

2 Budz Provision Center shows promise, room for improvement

By STEVE GREEN

2 Budz Provision Center, on the south side of Lansing, is a small shop set back from the road with just a tiny sign. I liked the name and I often enjoy smaller shops, so I wanted to check this place out. The parking lot was small but convenient. A friend and I walked up to the front door, which was locked, and rang the doorbell.

Within a minute, a man greeted us at the door and welcomed us in to a small lobby, where he checked my ID and medical marijuana card. My senses caught me off guard — instead of the familiar smell of botanical medicine, the first odor I experienced was that of a dog. Soon it was clear why: Sam, an actual dog, greeted us in the lobby. Although I'm a dog lover, I don't think

its the best practice to have a dog in a medical marijuana center. As we waited for the patient who was ahead of me in the green room, Sam became a bit too friendly with my friend, who had to push the dog off of him more than once. The budtender had to interrupt his consultation with another patient several times to tell Sam to leave my friend alone.

It was a short wait of five minutes while the patient in front of us finished up. I was excited that it was now my turn to check out the marijuana. I followed the budtender to the green room, where the marijuana is dispensed, and sat down at the desk opposite him. He was polite, helpful and knowledgeable about his products. He explained what they carry, starting with the edibles. There were only three types of edibles available. The medicated Dove chocolate had been recommended to me, but they also had caramel and hard candy. I ended up choosing the latter (\$8 per pack).

The extract selection was completely CO2 oil, priced at \$35 per half gram. Several of the strains of CO2 oil were packaged in little plastic dishes, while some others were available in small oral syringes. The budtender said that all of them were from a company named Special FX Labs or its affiliates.

The bud selection comprised 12 different strains, ranging in price from \$8 to \$15 per gram. Sadly, none of them truly

THE GREEN REPORT



STEVE GREEN



Photos by Steve Green/City Pulse

ABOVE: Located in South Lansing, 2 Budz Provision Center offers medical marijuana in bud, oil and edible forms.

LEFT: Bubba Kush is 2 Budz' best selling strain of marijuana buds.

impressed me. I had a \$10 budget for this section, so I asked the budtender for his recommendation at that price point. He said the Bubba Kush strain is his number

one seller, so I got a gram of that to accompany the pack of candy.

When I had the chance to sit down with my wares, I could smell why this strain did not make the \$15-dollar cut. Normally Bubba Kush has a pungent aroma, but this one did not even smell after grinding. I kept my hopes high that I would be surprised by the taste or effect, but again this one fell short. The taste was bland and the effects were minimal. A little disappointed with the smoke, I decided to give the edibles a try. The hard candy hit the spot, with a pleasant flavor and texture and just a mild taste of cannabis. It provided pain relief and mild relaxation. With its convenient location, I feel like 2 Budz could be a shop I would frequent if just a few improvements were made.

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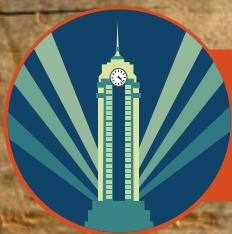
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