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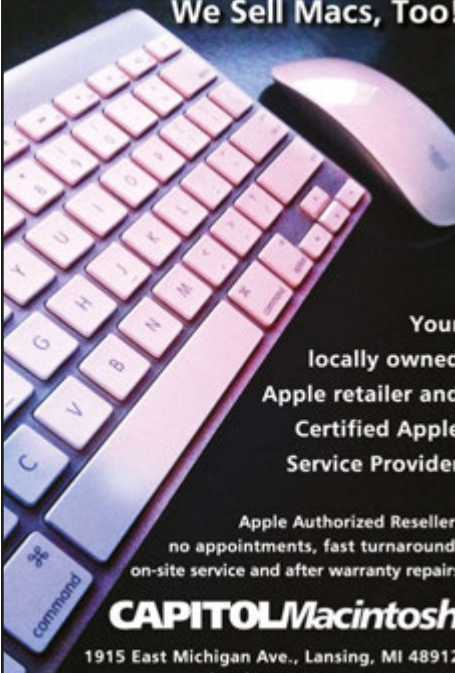
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Off with heads over City Center Two

City Center Two and its sequels have cost East Lansing citizens millions of dollars, left blight where there was none, and caused irreparable harm to the city's reputation, at home and nationwide, deterring world-class developers.

This latest nonsense of hiring an amateurish outfit, apparently unaware of the existing mortgage, to do financial review, which blew up when a foreclosure notice on the City Center II/Park District Investment Group properties was published almost simultaneously with the consultant giving the developer a clean bill of health, is the final straw. Citizen-activists have been calling attention to the Mountain Vista "death-grip" mortgage for more than five years.

The entire planning department and city attorney should be fired. The city manager, who started with so much promise, blew his opportunity by listening to the wrong people.

Nathan Triplett, who has supported every bad decision with regards to City Center Two and other redevelopment fiascos but still thinks he can worm out of accountability by blaming his critics for his mistakes, should finally act like an adult and withdraw his candidacy for reelection.

— Eliot Singer,
East Lansing

Business as usual on fracking

Times are a changing, even though some would like to pretend it should be "business as usual". The average person recognizes that the world is in dire

straits when we hear reports of pipelines exploding, droughts, water being contaminated, accidents where thousands of gallons of oil are dumped into our waterways, species becoming extinct, increased cancer rates. Need I say more?

It can be easier to go about our lives "business as usual", leaving the advertisers, politicians and industries to supervise themselves. In the comfort of our daily lives it is easy to forget that this beautiful earth is being devastated and many individuals are suffering the harmful effects of our "business as usual".

What will our children and children's children say about us and our choices that affect their future, their way of life? Why do we think we deserve to use and destroy so much for our comfort? Don't we owe it to others to do our best to protect and conserve these finite resources? Wouldn't it be easier to make changes now, rather than later when even more is destroyed and the carbon fuels are gone.

Is this the legacy you want to leave? We are all responsible. Step up to the plate and take action. There is plenty to do at all levels. None of us is too busy or too important that we are exempt from this responsibility. Each one of our voices makes a difference.

You can start by signing the petition that is circulating to get the fracking issue on the ballot so the residents in Michigan can decide if we want fracking and the disposal of its waste in our state. I am helping collect signatures. Contact me at karenfifelski@yahoo.com or LetsBanFracking.org

— Karen Fifelski
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Out in the cold?

City Council could ice BWL board reappointment

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero's reappointment of a first-term Board of Water and Light commissioner is in jeopardy after he refused to tell City Council members whether he would support selling the public utility.

At least three members of the Lansing City Council said they are not prepared to approve the reappointment of Anthony McCloud, the third ward representative to the Lansing Board of Water and Light. Other Council members did not respond to inquiries from City Pulse about McCloud's reappointment, which has been tabled until Monday in order to have more members present for the vote. To be reappointed, he will need to gain a simple majority approval of those present.

McCloud's term expired June 30.

When McCloud appeared before the Council's Committee of the Whole on June 29, Councilmember Jody Washington asked him if he supported a sale of the BWL, which Bernero has called for considering.

"Well, Councilwoman Washington, I don't know if that is a fair question for me at this point," McCloud said. He added that he would need "a lot more information."

At-large Councilwoman Carol Wood pushed McCloud, noting that four years ago, McCloud told the Council he would oppose privatizing the utility.

"As far as that specific question, I'm not prepared to answer that and I don't want to be on the record on that," he told Council.

"I didn't appreciate his refusal to answer the question," said Washington, the First Ward Councilwoman. Referring to open communications, she said, "He didn't seem to have learned from what happened the last year and half."

Washington and Carol Wood are solid no votes for the first-term commissioner. Council President A'Lynne Boles would not specify whether she was a yes or no vote. She did, however, say that she expects a successful candidate would have "an intent and desire to be transparent and communicative."

Asked if she felt McCloud had met that standard, she said, "Absolutely not."

In the background is an ongoing battle between Bernero and the Council over who has how much control over the utility. Bernero had proposed using city money to finance

an auditor general post that could oversee budget operations at BWL, but the Council rejected that proposal earlier this year.

Also at play is whether to sell BWL. Bernero said in May he will ask the Financial Health Team, under the leadership of former Mayor David Hollister, to review the option. Currently the city has millions in unfunded pensions obligations that will come due and could cause havoc on the budget. The sale of the BWL — if the price is right — could net the city enough to not only settle those obligations, but put millions into city coffers. The catch? It's a one time influx of cash and could mean higher bill for the utility's customers..

McCloud was one of seven members to give former General Manager Peter Lark a positive review last July — only months after a catastrophic ice storm crippled the utility's operations. That storm left as many as 40 percent of the utility's customers without power in subzero weather for days.

But then in January, McCloud joined four other members to dismiss Lark "for cause." Lark filed suit challenging his firing and could have recovered nearly \$1 million in salary. In May, McCloud joined a unanimous board in paying Lark \$650,000 to settle the suit, which alleged the former executive was not fired for cause, but politics.

Bernero said the Council has not expressed their concerns to him about McCloud, or Ken Ross, who has been nominated to replace Cynthia Ward, who has resigned. Ross's appointment has also been slowed down, leaving Ward's position open. Ross said he has heard no specific concerns about his appointment, and believes council is doing "due diligence."

As for McCloud, Bernero said he "has four years of experience, more than he had when they appointed him four years ago," Bernero said in a phone interview. "Shouldn't that count for something? I mean, where are we going to find utility experts in the city?"

Boles also said she has not been impressed with McCloud's communication skills. During the ice storm crisis he did not return her calls, she said, despite that fact she was not only the Council president but also the Third Ward representative, the same ward McCloud represents.

"During the ice storm situation, I didn't receive any information from him," Boles said in a phone interview. "During the Peter Lark [firing] situation, I didn't received any information from him."

McCloud, who works as an administrator at the Michigan Department of Corrections, did not return phone calls or an email seeking comment for this story. McCloud was appointed to his position in 2010, and has served one four-year term.

Boles said that she reached out to him during this reappointment process to arrange a meeting. He canceled a scheduled meeting, and failed to reschedule with her, she said.

Boles said "there appears to be quite a bit of concern" from the Council. McCloud will have an opportunity to address Council again on Monday, she said.

"A number of us are hopeful he will be able to offer a different attitude," she said.

— Todd Heywood



McCloud



Boles



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Granted, this building is not located in the most visible or well-travelled precinct. However, the light industrial atmosphere of the area does not excuse the building's deteriorated condition. The lot is overgrown with weeds and, as often happens to neglected sites, it has begun to attract the attention of graffiti vandals.

Although the building most recently served as a bar, the multiple doors on the front elevation suggest that it may once have had multiple users. A common arrangement might accommodate four tenants, with the two center entrances separately accessing the upper floor. Efforts to revitalize the building should begin with the removal of the cosmetic shutters and stone veneer. Simple awnings could unify the facade, while offering separate identities for each tenant.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

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Ethics plan dead

Initiative group says cost of legal battle prohibitive

The ballot initiative to amend the city's ethics ordinance, which would have created public financing of local elections and stricter rules on lobbying, is dead.

Last week, Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope refused to approve the measure. And Tuesday, Lansing Citizens for Ethics Reforms said it will not sue to force the city to place the measure on the November ballot.

Its head, Walt Sorg, expressed confidence the group would have prevailed in court. But he said:

"The cost of overturning the city's administrative decision would have meant massive legal fees for both our committee and the city. We have therefore reluctantly decided not to litigate the city's decision."

Swope was presented with nearly 6,700 petition signatures, 4,000 of which needed to be validated to put the proposal on the ballot. But Swope refused to certify the initiative following a legal opinion issued by City Attorney Janene McIntyre. That 11-page opinion found the initiative would violate state laws as well as the Michigan Constitution.

"I applaud the goal of transparency in government," Swope said in a prepared statement. "However, the City Attorney Office's review documented a multitude of conflicts with the Michigan Constitution, state law and the City Charter. Per the City Charter, I cannot accept these petitions as 'proper.'"

Sorg said his group believes Swope did not have the legal authority to refuse to certify the petitions.

"The objections raised by the Mayor's legal counsel fall outside of the city's authority regarding ballot proposals," he said, also in a prepared statement. "The city is limited by law to reviewing only the number of valid signatures, and that the petition complies in form with the technical requirements set by

statute. We filed more than enough signatures, and the petition form fully complied with statute. That is where the city's discretion for placing the issue on the ballot ends. Any review of the substance of the petition can only be made by a court."

But the legal opinion addressed that issue.

"Legality is necessary for all ordinances to be proper i.e. Council should not pass an illegal ordinance, and the Clerk should not allow an illegal ordinance to be placed on the ballot," McIntyre wrote in her opinion.

McIntyre's legal opinion argued that the initiative violated a prohibition in the Michigan Constitution against using city credit or coffers for "any private interest." She argued the public financing action in the initiative — up to \$25 reimbursement per election cycle for campaign contributions — violated that provision.

She also argued the initiative included three specific issues under one general heading: public financing of campaigns, lobbyist registration and review and a tightening of the ethics ordinance. Michigan law requires that initiatives address only one issue at a time.

In addition, McIntyre argued the city is prohibited from regulating or registering lobbyists under state law.

The initiative, while represented by local political players, including Sorg, was being funded by the national group Represent.us. That agency said it had already spent \$25,000 on the initiative, largely to pay a California-based petition circulation company to collect the necessary signatures to qualify for the ballot. Dan Krassner, a spokesman for the organization, said the group was prepared to spend up to \$50,000 to push the initiative in Lansing. He was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

The group financed a lawsuit in Tallahassee, Fla., last year when that municipality sued to prevent an initiative backed by Represent.us from being placed on the ballot. The group prevailed in a Florida court and the initiative won the backing of 67 percent of voters in November.

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On their own

Gannett's newspapers, LSJ included, cut loose

It happened without fanfare or public notice, but last week was significant in more than 100 communities, five of them in Michigan, most notably here in Lansing.

The ownership of their newspapers shifted to a new company with an old name: Gannett. It owns the Lansing State Journal, the Detroit Free Press, USA TODAY, newspapers in 33 states, Guam and in England. And as of last Monday, it's on its own.

The old Gannett was a combination of newspapers and television stations. TV was the cash cow; print was the dead weight. Management gambled that separating the two very different businesses would increase the value to shareholders, so it did what other large newspaper/television companies have done — divorce.

It was amiable — the new Gannett newspaper-only operation has no debt and shares headquarters with the TV company, now named TEGNA Inc. —with uncertain

prospects, which for readers and their communities portends even weaker newspapers. Absent good financial news — and we'll come to that next — the new Gannett will likely do what the old Gannett did: cut staff, cut the page count in its papers and end publication on low-advertising days. The demand for profits will leave it little choice. Already the stock market is skittish about the new company. Its share opened on the New York Stock Exchange last week at \$14.75. On Monday, the value had declined to the \$11.75 range, about a 20 percent decline. Granted the market has been troubled by the Greece calamity. But other newspaper stocks have held up better.

Detailing the financial prospects of the new Gannett for shareholders, management compared first-quarter year-over-year performance of its newspaper-based operations. Not good. It said:

“Advertising revenue for the first quarter of 2015 decreased \$55 million or 12 percent from the same period in 2014.”

“Circulation revenue for the first quarter of 2015 decreased \$8 million or 3 percent ...”

“Commercial printing and other publishing revenue totaled \$49 million and were down 14 percent ...”

In fact, what passes for good news from the company is “Operating expenses decreased to \$688 million from \$740 million in the same period in 2014 due to continued cost reductions and efficiency efforts as well as lower print volumes.” Translation:

The company eliminated jobs and sold fewer newspapers.

With companies like Gannett there really is no basement for job cuts. The Lansing State Journal now operates at staffing levels that were unthinkable a decade ago. In 2005 it had about 65 full-time positions, now it has fewer than 40, and four or five of those people do double duty working on the digital sites of newspapers in Battle Creek, Port Huron and Livingston County. Despite the fluffy language in its report to shareholders about Gannett’s “long-standing reputation for journalistic excellence” and the “talented group of writers, editors, reporters, photographers and designers who work to fulfill the company’s mission to provide trusted news and information,” people are an expense and expendable. Another round of layoffs and the paper would still come out each morning; there would still be items — not necessarily traditional news — on the website.

But isn't that the problem? The future is digital and untamed. Consider what populates one of the leading “journalistic sites,” Huffington Post.

Mixed in with news it produces and stories it take from others are these gems: “Caitlyn Jenner Pens Emotional HuffPost Blog,” “Roswell’s Unanswered UFO Questions,” “Two Countries Are Going To Have An Actual Giant Robot Battle,” and “Shirtless Firefighter Poses With Abused Pit Bull For Charity, Sets our Hearts Aflame.”

For audiences, these compete for eyeball time with items about crime in Lansing, development in Charlotte or high school sports in Mason. And there are far bigger distractions competing for readers.

Acknowledging the grim advertising outlook, Robert Dickey, Gannett’s new president, was quoted by Barrons in a June 27 article saying, “All of our attention is to be a digital company. The print platform will be there for some time to come, but that’s not the future.”

And the present? Look for consolidations. News organizations believe they can find cost savings by combining and centralizing their operations. In Michigan, Detroit is the hub with the outlying newspapers increasingly operated as bureaus. They have been stripped of their printing facilities and distribution operations. The concept of highly local copy is replaced by what’s available from the statewide or national collective. And Gannett wants even more “sharing” and was planning to make the former USA TODAY editor Larry Kramer its chief content officer until he quit. It is likely to appoint a company-wide editor-in-chief. Editors who now work for publishers also will report to this corporate boss. Good luck with that.

While Dickey talks of digital acquisitions, there may be opportunities in some forms of print investment. Certainly not in the communities they already serve, but with purchases and trades. Michigan is an interesting case. It has two large newspaper chains: Gannett with Detroit and the small-

er satellites and MLive, an arm of Advance Digital Media, with newspapers in Ann Arbor, Bay City, Flint, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Saginaw.

Consider the economies available if a single company owned all these news operations.

The newspaper landscape in New Jersey is similar to Michigan. Advance has 12 daily and weekly newspapers and one big operation, the Newark Star-Ledger. Gannett has

six newspapers, the largest of which is the Asbury Park Press and smaller newspapers in Bridgewater, Cherry Hill, East Brunswick, Morristown and Vineland.

Again, consider the economies available if a single company owned all of these. Gannett takes everything Michigan. Advance gets all of Jersey. Or the other way around. With ever declining revenues, newspaper-based companies are like sharks. Keep moving — keep growing — or die.



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By **TY FORQUER**

Phil Denny is a one-man music business. In addition to recording and performing, the 37-year-old smooth jazz saxophonist negotiates his own contracts, books his own tours and manages his own promotional campaigns. It helps, of course, that he earned a degree in business administration from Olivet College, but the Lansing-based artist's first love was always music.

Phil Denny

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A full-time musician, Denny has steadily built up a reputation in the smooth jazz world. His debut album, "Crossover," landed three

singles in the top 30 of Billboard's smooth jazz charts — no small feat for an independent artist. He also organizes and promotes monthly jazz series at La Fille Gallery and an annual Christmas concert.

Denny released his new album, "Upswing," last week, and he will mark the release with a concert Saturday at the Loft. City Pulse sat down with the busy saxophonist to talk about the new album and the state of smooth jazz.

What lessons have you learned from your previous albums that you brought into the new album?

When I released "Crossover," which was my first project in 2012, it was really stepping into new territory. I had been performing live for a long time and just starting the songwriting process, in terms of being creative as an artist. Prior to that I was playing a lot of cover music. So I think when I started recording, because of my personality, I was playing it safe. Not taking a lot of risk, just writing with radio in mind. Still pulling from my influences and trying to make the album be a Phil Denny product, but maybe not taking as much creative liberty because you're trying to earn the listener's ear.

So I think throughout the last couple years, in terms of being a songwriter, a creative writer, I'm understanding that

I'm able to take more creative liberties and make the music a little more organic, a little more genuine.

What was the writing process like for "Upswing?"

This album, for the most part, was an "in the moment" kind of an album. I took the better part of two years to write it. Once I identify the groove on a track, I just spend quality time with it, to write from within the moment. It's a culmination of experiences and influences that made the album what it is. It's a more genuine approach. I can hear within my writing influences of Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, even some more modern stuff. One song, people have said, has a very Maroon 5-like vibe to it.

How did you get into smooth jazz music?

Coming from middle school band and going into high school, really I was only taught concert music. I really wasn't taught jazz in middle school.

At the time, my brother worked at Warehouse Records and brought home a little bit more contemporary sound of the saxophone, like Dave Coz, Richard Elliot, Grover Washington Jr. and Kirk Whalum. So

when my ear was first exposed to what I thought was jazz, it was little bit more of a contemporary style. And that's naturally where my ear went to.

I later went to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp on a scholarship and discovered that I didn't know a whole lot about jazz. Then I was turned on to the giants: Charlie Parker, Stan Getz, John Coltrane and the likes. But I think having that pop/urban/R&B influence, my ear and my preference stayed there with that sound.

Do you find people have a stigma toward smooth jazz?

I think, for the most part, people are quite receptive to it. There is some negative connotation to the smooth jazz label that was brought about by terrestrial radio as it tried to create a format could be mass-marketed.

I've always stuck with the idea that jazz is a wide form of communication, with several different facets. Jazz is colorful. So when people are first turned on to smooth jazz, it's a little easier for them to understand. It is more like pop music. It is more like R&B. For that reason, people tend to gravitate towards it. They can count to it, they can bob their head to it. At the end of the day, it's easy music for people to appreciate.

I know you have an active radio campaign, are there other venues you use to get your music out?

The unfortunate thing about the smooth jazz

Smooth operator
Saxophonist Phil Denny talks about new album, 'Upswing', smooth jazz stigma

format is there's a very narrow market in terms of radio reach. People are looking at alternative sources to reach the listener. Satellite radio and streaming media has been successful for a lot of people.

Satellite radio has a national reach. I was fortunate on the last project to have two singles that were played on SiriusXM's "Watercolors." I did notice, once those songs got into rotation, an increase in awareness for the music and a spike in sales. Internet radio has a significant reach as well, especially with the younger listeners. They're going towards streaming media.

How did your jazz series at La Fille Gallery come about?

When I first decided to do music full time, that was one of the things I quickly identified, that there was really a lack of opportunity for people to perform. Not only did I want to keep myself relevant, I wanted to contribute to the arts and culture of downtown Lansing. I met Tiffany Klein from the La Fille Gallery, and we hit it off as friends. I presented her with the idea, and she was in favor of it, and I thought, "This could turn into something really cool."

We're in our third season now, and we've had several consecutive sold-out shows. We bring in artists from all over Michigan, and we've had artists from Canada, Chicago, Ohio, Indiana — we even had an artist from the U.K. while they were in the area on tour last summer. I think it's a great way for people to experience live music, in an intimate setting without any other distractions. When they buy a ticket, that's why they're there. They're there to see the music and to be entertained.



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Saxophonist Phil Denny celebrates the release of his latest album, "Upswing," at the Loft Saturday.

A musical homecoming

Lansing native Karl Pestka returns to play Common Ground

By HELEN MURPHY

Common Ground Music Festival is more than just another stop on a tour for musician Karl Pestka. Born and raised in the Lansing area, Pestka graduated from East Lansing High School and the University of Michigan before moving to Reykjavik, Iceland, where he joined Icelandic indie-folk band Arstidir. Arstidir plays Common Ground Thursday, a performance that holds a special significance for Pestka as he returns to his hometown.

Pestka played in the East Lansing High School orchestra and the Lansing Junior Symphony and also attended Michigan fine arts camps Blue Lake and Interlochen. Additionally, he played with defunct local progressive rock band the Sexual Pantalones.

Pestka went on to pursue degrees in mu-

sic composition and electronic music performance at the University of Michigan, graduating in 2007. He said that his experiences in East Lansing spurred him to move to Iceland after graduation with his girlfriend, an Icelandic violinist.

“I had always wanted to learn a language by immersion,” Pestka said. “East Lansing had so many diverse students who were bilingual, even trilingual, and I was always envious of that.”

Pestka studied violin in the MSU Suzuki Program with Judy Palac, associate professor of music education. They first met when Pestka was 7, and Palac recalls seeing great potential in him even at a young age.

“Karl was always a very musical violinist, always very expressive, a very thoughtful person all the way around and just a deep thinker,” she said. “It was some of the most beautiful violin playing I’ve ever heard in my studio — ever.”

Pestka joined Arstidir (the name means “seasons” in English) in 2010. The band’s unique sound is a result of the combination



Courtesy Photo

Lansing native Karl Pestka returns home to play Common Ground with Icelandic band Arstidir Friday.

of traditional stringed instruments mixed with electronic ornamentation. Pestka’s contributions to the band’s sound go beyond his violin playing.

“I also play the viola, and I do all of the band’s live electronic music,” he said.

Each member of the band also sings, creating lush vocal harmonies over the orchestral and electronic arrangements. The result is a distinctive sound paired

with lyrics regarding “heartbreak, longing, memory and a deep connection to the circular oneness of life,” according to the band’s website.

Arstidir first rose to an international audience in 2013, when a video of an impromptu performance in a train station of Icelandic hymn “Heyr himna smiour” went viral on YouTube, racking up over 4 million

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Set and done

Bill Woodland reflects on nearly 50 years of theater work

By PAUL WOZNIAK

William Woodland, Bill to his friends, is finally retiring from local theater — for real this time. Over a span of almost 50 years, the 80-year-old Lansing resident designed and built hundreds of sets for local theater productions by Lansing Civic Players, Starlight Dinner Theater and local high schools. Woodland’s contribution to local theater will be honored at Monday’s Pulsar Awards ceremony.

Award ceremony.

Woodland first got involved in local theater in the early ‘60s.

“Well, I was in a barber shop quartet and it didn’t really turn me on,” said Woodland. “It was all male and no involvement from females.”

After his cousin invited him to a Lansing Civic Players production, Woodland decided to try theater.

“I worked backstage and got to know some of the people and there was involvement with the females, so I thought, ‘Well, maybe I’d try that,’” he said. “So I got more involved and more involved. I had just come back from Detroit and I wanted



Courtesy Photo

Bill Woodland, seen here at work in his garage, will be honored Monday for his nearly 50 years of service to Lansing theater.

something more to do, and I decided to go with Lansing Civic Players and then they started teaching me.”

Woodland apprenticed under Mack Collins, Lansing Civic Players’ technical director and set designer, until Collins died unexpectedly in 1966. Without a set designer, the company intended to cancel its upcoming production of “Funny Girl.”

“They were going to close the doors

and I said, ‘Don’t close them. We’ll figure out some way to do it,’” said Woodland.

Judie Woodland, his wife of 59 years, described the orchestrated chaos that followed.

“(Lansing Civic Players) had a headquarters on North Washington Avenue and he had 50 people coming and going,” she said. “He was so busy, all he could say was, ‘Do this, do this, do this.’ He couldn’t do anything because he was too busy telling people what to do.”

From 1967 to 2000, Woodland worked in the Lansing Civic Players scene shop, designing and constructing sets for five shows per year in addition to sets for high school productions and parade floats.

“Plus teaching full time and a father to four kids,” added Judie Woodland.

Bill Woodland worked as a virologist for Michigan’s Department of Public Health and also taught at Michigan State University, designing and building sets in his spare

time.

Woodland “retired” from theater in 2000, but Starlight Dinner Theatre founder Linda Granger drafted him back into active service in 2006. Granger praised his resourcefulness, for Woodland often built sets for under \$100 by reusing and recycling pieces from previous productions. Woodland’s last set was

for the company’s recent production of “Camelot.”

“He had to build the set pieces so he could store other set pieces inside them because there was no storage space around theater,” said Judie Woodland. “It was kind of a bulky set.”

Woodland says his biggest satisfaction with designing and building sets is seeing them complete.

“I always wanted to make the cast look good. I wasn’t really interested too much in the design except that I wanted to make them look good,” Woodland said. “A lot of the comments from the cast members were that it felt like home to them. It wasn’t so much the design, it was the fact that they felt very comfortable in the sets that I did.”

Woodland’s sets were frequently praised by theater reviewers — even when the rest of the production was not. A City Pulse review described his set for the Starlight Dinner Theatre’s 2010 production of “Opal’s Husband” as “an exquisitely tacky, yet user friendly set that matches the tone of the play perfectly with loud, mis-matched everything.”

Citing his age and poor health, Woodland said this retirement is final. But, like Michael Corleone from “The Godfather,” just when Woodland thinks he’s out, they could pull him back in.

“He retired probably at least five times, and every time somebody would finagle a way to get him to do something,” Judie Woodland said.

Only time will tell if anyone can “finagle” Woodland again.

Pestka

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hits. This newfound fame prompted a Kickstarter campaign that raised over \$70,000 to fund its most recent album, "Hvel."

With the release of this album, the band embarked on a tour of Iceland and Russia. Among Arstidir's list of accomplishments includes being the first Icelandic band to win the Eiserner Eversteiner European Folk Music Award and playing with the Icelandic Symphony Orchestra in November, which Pestka recalls as "feeling like you were creating something way, way bigger than yourself."

Arstidir plays Common Ground Thursday on the GM Pavilion Stage at 7:15 p.m. Palac is excited to hear her former student at the band's Common Ground set.

"He has a tone on the violin that won't let you go," she said. "You can't help but listen to him."

As for long term plans, Pestka isn't looking too far ahead.

"Well, short term — until Aug. 2 — we'll be finishing up our tour in the U.S.," he said.

Making its way west in a converted school bus, Arstidir will end its inaugural U.S. tour in Tucson, Ariz. Afterward, Pestka plans to return to Reykjavik where also he teaches violin, viola, electronic music and music theory and also enjoys tandem bicycling and sea swimming.

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Goes to eleven

Finger Eleven brings heavy sound to Common Ground

By RICH TUPICA

Finger Eleven vocalist Scott Anderson and his bandmates were deep in the heart of Texas on a 2007 summer tour, supporting the band's "Them vs. You vs. Me" LP, when the guys received some good news.

The album's first single, "Paralyzer," hit No. 1 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock chart. It was a momentous first for the Canadian-based outfit.

In celebration, the road veterans treated themselves to a meal at a greasy spoon before heading to the next city, a truly blue-collar gala for some hard-working musicians. Unlike some major-label bands, Finger Eleven's rise to fame didn't happen overnight.

When the four-piece group formed in Ontario back in 1989, some members were still in high school. While the band saw some success across Canada, the group's big international break didn't happen until its 2003 self-titled album struck gold with the melodic-rock ballad, "One Thing."

Anderson, 40, said his band is lucky it got into the music biz when it did. The industry has changed, and so have the budgets.

"Our first couple records did practically nothing as far as sales and interest goes," he said. "The label had to stick with us, that definitely doesn't happen anymore. How can a label stick with a band for seven years without a hit? They can't say, 'That's fine, you guys just keep going.' Doing that today is bad business. It's changed. Bands are less likely to have nurturing relationships."

When MP3s took over, Anderson and



Courtesy Photo

Canadian band Finger Eleven brings its hard rock sound to Common Ground Music Festival Friday.

his bandmates, like many other musicians, knew something had to change. But the major labels refused to move on CD prices.

"When the big change came over 10 years ago, we were still selling records for \$20 and nobody wanted to budge," Anderson said. "We'd had conversations with the labels. We'd say, 'Look, nobody is buying music, can't we sell our record for \$9?' We were given condescending pats on the head and were told we just don't understand. Suddenly we're here. I don't know how to combat that, but I'm glad we're able to survive."

No matter what the state of the industry is, Finger Eleven will do what they've always done: keep working. The band's new full-length, "Five Crooked Lines," hits stores at the end of the month. The band performs Friday at Common Ground Music Festival.

Finger Eleven may be firmly in the

mainstream, but Anderson said his lyrical inspirations go left of the FM dial.

"A couple songwriters I really admire are Jason Molina and Richard Buckner — I have no idea what they are talking about but what they evoke from me is beyond words," he said. "Then there are real poets like Leonard Cohen, who just slays me. When I listen to that stuff I get depressed because I'm so affected by the music and because I think, 'They're so great. What the hell am I doing?'"

As for the vibe on the band's new album, the band was looking to bring a heavier sound this time around.

"We kind of go for big music, but this time around it's not as polished and I think that's by design," Anderson said about the new disc. "Our producer, Dave Cobb, really wanted to capture the band's live sound. That's been missing from our records for a little while. It's translated into a more exciting and raw sound."

"We left the ballads off and it's pretty much all heavy rock music," he added. "We afforded ourselves a choice as far as, 'How do we want to shape that record?' We've never done just a full-on heavy record — it may sound closest to our first couple records."

And while it's been five years since the band's last album, Anderson said they haven't been on vacation.

"I'm not sure where the time went," he said. "It's not like we took long breaks or anything. We always wrote, but a few things got in the way of real progress. We switched labels and had a drummer leave us. We just used the time and kept writing and writing. You can't have too many songs."

Music aside, Anderson is also prepping for another landmark life event.

"Talk about when it rains it pours," he said. "I have an album out for the first time in five years and I'm getting married in October, as well."

Anderson said his soon-to-be bride doesn't care for the primitive tour-bus life he's become accustomed to.

"She's gone out on the road with me a few times, but that life doesn't really agree with her," he said. "When her nice clothes smell like diesel fuel 10 minutes in, the mystique wears off. There are a few things about bus life that are not appealing. Those truck stop hot dogs are not so appealing after a while."

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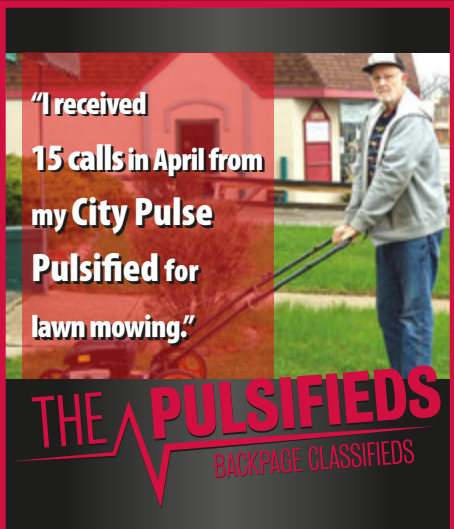
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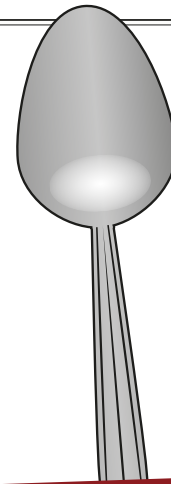
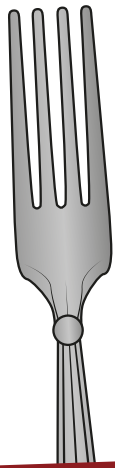
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TOP 5 BARBECUE

#1 MEAT

Old Town barbecue stop known for its smoked meats and house-made sauces
1224 E. Turner St., Lansing
(517) 580-4400
meatbbq.com
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday

#2 FAMOUS DAVE'S

Chain restaurant known for its generous portions
2457 N. Cedar Road, Holt
(517) 694-1200
famousdaves.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

#3 KING OF THE GRILL

City Pulse readers love this barbecue joint's meat plates and delicious sides
4400 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing
(517) 323-3096
kotgbbq.com
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday

#4 SMOKEY BONES

City Pulse readers love the barbecue ribs and wings at this chain restaurant
2401 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
(517) 316-9973
smokeybones.com
11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily

#5 BACKYARD BBQ

City Pulse readers enjoy this fast-food approach to barbecue
2329 Jolly Road, Okemos
(517) 381-8290
bybbq.com
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

TOP 5 BREAKFAST

#1 GOLDEN HARVEST

Legendary Old Town diner known for loud music, off-kilter decor and creative breakfast offerings
1625 Turner St., Lansing.
(517) 485-3663
7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

#2 FLEETWOOD DINER

Twenty-four hour diner famous for its Hippie Hash
2211 S. Cedar St., Lansing.
(517) 267-7606
thefleetwooddiner.com
Open 24 hours daily

#3 SOUP SPOON CAFE

City Pulse readers love Soup Spoon's breakfast options, soups and sandwiches
1419 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 316-2377
soupspooncafe.com
7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-midnight Friday; 8 a.m.-midnight Saturday; closed Sunday

#4 FLAP JACK

Unpretentious South Lansing restaurant serving up classic breakfast options

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6927 S. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 699-5532
6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

#5 SOPHIA'S HOUSE OF PANCAKES

City Pulse readers love its creative breakfast offerings, including the Mediterranean frittata and Hawaiian Tropic omelet
1010 Charlevoix Drive, Grand Ledge
(517) 627-3222
sophiashouseofpancakesgl.com
7 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

TOP 5 BURGER

#1 CRUNCHY'S

East Lansing bar known for its burgers and craft beer selection
254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 351-2506
crunchyseastlansing.com
11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily

#2 FIVE GUYS BURGERS AND FRIES

Burger chain known for its made-to-order burger options and free peanuts
623 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 332-3483
fiveguys.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

#3 DAGWOOD'S

City Pulse readers love Dagwood's delicious (and

cheap) burgers and bar food
2803 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
(517) 374-0390
dagwoodstavern.com
11 a.m.-1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday

#4 PEANUT BARREL

East Lansing institution known for its juicy burgers and popular summer patio
521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 351-0608
peanutbarrel.com
11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily

#5 RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS

Chain restaurant famous for its specialty burgers and boozy shakes
6524 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 886-7440
redrobin.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

TOP 5 DESSERT

#1 MSU DAIRY STORE

Big Ten-themed ice cream offerings include

Buckeye Blitz and Badger Berry Cheesecake
474 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
(517) 355-8466
dairystore.msu.edu
9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

#2 GRAND TRAVERSE PIE CO.

Michigan-based chain known for its dessert pies and savory pot pies
(517) 316-0900
gtpie.com
200 S. Washington Square, Lansing
6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

#3 BAKE N' CAKES

"Butter makes it better" at this bakery, known for its cupcakes and specialty desserts
3003 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
(517) 337-2253
bakencakes.com
6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

#4 SUGAR SHACK

City Pulse readers love Sugar Shack's cookie bites and giant cupcakes
215 N. Clippert St., Lansing
(517) 316-2009
sugarshackshop.com
11 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday

#5 WHIPPED

City Pulse readers praise Whipped's cake decorating, cupcakes and cookies
(currently operating out of Roma Bakery)



428 N. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 483-2653
whippedbakerylansing.com
9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

TOP 5 DINER

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Open 24 hours daily

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119 S. Washington Square, Lansing
(517) 708-7212
facebook.com/louhaslansing
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

#4 GOOD TRUCKIN' DINER

REO Town diner known for its breakfast omelets and burritos and specialty burgers
1107 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
(517) 253-7961
7 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; closed Monday

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#5 ZEUS' CONEY ISLAND

City Pulse readers love its Greek specialties, coney dogs and diner fare
6525 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing.
(517) 272-7900
grecianisland.com
7 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday

TOP 5 FISH FRY

#1 CLADDAGH IRISH PUB

City Pulse readers love the fish and chips at this Irish-themed restaurant
2900 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing
(517) 484-2523
claddaghirishpubs.com
11 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday

#2 BLUE GILL GRILL

Nautical-themed pub known for its fried fish
1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
(517) 339-4900
bluegillgrill.com
Noon-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-2 a.m. Sunday

#3 EASTSIDE FISH FRY

City Pulse readers rave about the variety of fresh fish and deep-fried treats
2417 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing
(517) 993-5988
eastsidefishfry.com
10 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

#4 FRESH FISH

South Lansing joint known for its catfish nuggets and "Crack Chicken Wings"
3140 S. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Lansing
(517) 882-7007
10 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday

#5 HARRY'S PLACE

Popular neighborhood pub known for its fried fish and pub fare
404 N. Verlinden Ave., Lansing.
(517) 484-9661
10 a.m.-midnight Monday-Saturday; Closed Sunday

TOP 5 FRIES

#1 HOPCAT

City Pulse readers love the Crack Fries at this East Lansing beer bar
300 Grove St., East Lansing
(517) 816-4300
hopcatel.com
11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Sunday

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Chain restaurant famous for its specialty burgers and bottomless fries
6524 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 886-7440
redrobin.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

#5 COSMOS

Old Town pizzeria known for its adventurous pizzas and duck fat fries
611 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
(517) 897-3563
thecosmoslansing.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday

TOP 5 GOURMET RESTAURANTS

#1 SOUP SPOON CAFE

City Pulse readers love Soup Spoon's breakfast options, soups and sandwiches
1419 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 316-2377
soupspooncafe.com
7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-midnight Friday; 8 a.m.-midnight Saturday; closed Sunday

#2 CAPITAL PRIME STEAKS AND SEAFOOD

Upscale surf and turf restaurant with contemporary ambiance
2324 Showtime Drive, Lansing.
(517) 377-7463
capitalprimelansing.com
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday

#3 DUSTY'S WINE BAR

Known for its gourmet options and extensive wine list
1839 Grand River Ave., Okemos.
(517) 349-8680
dustyscellar.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#4 ENGLISH INN

Fine dining restaurant known for its gorgeous location on the Grand River
677 S. Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids
(517) 663-2500
englishinn.com
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 5-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 1-7 p.m. Sunday

#5 RED HAVEN

Upscale farm-to-table restaurant featuring adventurous cuisine and sleek design
4480 Hagadorn Road, Suite 103
(517) 679-6309
eatredhaven.com
11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday

TOP 5 GREEK FOOD

#1 LOU & HARRY'S (DOWNTOWN)

Sandwich shop known for its gyros and Greek specialties
119 S. Washington Square, Lansing
(517) 708-7212
facebook.com/louhaslansing
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JULY 12-19, 2015



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Key: \$ = \$25/couple, \$\$ = \$25/person

Participating Restaurants

Capital Area Restaurant Week: Sunday, July 12-Sunday, July 19

All participating restaurants feature a special fixed-price, three-course Restaurant Week menu for either **\$25 per person or \$25 per couple** (depending on the restaurant). Ten percent of all proceeds will benefit the Greater Lansing Food Bank. All participating restaurants are listed here, with menu choices of those that advertised.

Price does not include tax or gratuity. Menus may change. Menu listings are paid advertising.



Restaurant Week Menu 2015:



Choice of any four small plates:

- 1) Beef tips with raspberry red wine demi-glace.
- 2) Fiesta spiced shrimp with black bean puree and chipotle aioli
- 3) Orange, sesame glazed pork spare ribs
- 4) Beer battered summer squash with garlic peppercorn dipping sauce
- 5) Wilted spinach with shallots, sundried tomatoes, bacon, and balsamic reduction

Choice of small salad each and a dessert to split

\$25 per couple

*Reservations Recommended



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218 Abbot Road East Lansing

(517) 351-4540 beggarsbanquet.com

Beggar's Banquet (\$)
 218 Abbott Road, East Lansing (517) 351-4540, beggarsbanquet.com
 Reservations recommended
 Business Hours:
 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Special menu hours:
 Sunday, July 12 through Sunday, July 19 3-10:30 p.m.

First course:
 Choice of small salad to split

Second Course:
 Choice of any four small plates
 Beef tips with raspberry red wine demi-glace
 Orange and sesame glazed pork spare ribs
 Beer battered summer squash

with garlic peppercorn dipping sauce
 Wilted spinach with shallots, sundried tomatoes, bacon and balsamic reduction

Bistro 43 (\$\$)
Bordeaux (\$\$)
Capitol City Grille (\$\$)
Capitol Prime (\$\$)
Dusty's Cellar (\$\$)
EagleMonk Pub & Brewery (\$)

The English Inn \$\$
 677 S. Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids (517) 663-2500, Reservations recommended
 Business Hours:
 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

Special menu hours:
 1-7 p.m. Sunday, July 12; 5-9 p.m. Monday, July 13-Thursday, July 16; 5-10 p.m. Friday, July 17-Saturday, July 18; 1-7 p.m. Sunday, July 19

First course:
 English Inn House Salad
 French Onion Soup

Second course:
 Pan Roasted Chicken with tomato risotto and mushroom supreme
 Lobster Cakes with whipped potatoes and mango cream
 Mushroom Pappardelle with spinach, tomato, and pine nuts

Third course:
 Rotating selection from the dessert tray

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Gracie's Place (\$\$)
 151 S. Putnam St., Williamston (517) 655-1100, Business Hours:
 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, closed Monday

Special menu hours:
 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, July 12; closed Monday, July 13; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 14-Wednesday, July 15; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, July 16-Saturday, July 18; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, July 19

First course:
 Tomato gazpacho
 Cranny Salad
 Caesar Salad

Second course:
 Port tenderloin cutlets with saffron risotto, roasted spring

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vegetables
Eyster vegetable stir-fry with Chelsea-inspired spring vegetables, soba rice noodles, soy

Third course:
Crème brulee

McAlister's Deli (\$)
Red Cedar Grill (\$\$)

Red Haven (\$\$)
4480 S. Hagadorn, #103 Okemos, MI 48864 (517) 679-6309, eatredhaven.com

Reservations recommended
Business Hours:
11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 5–8:30 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday

Special menu hours:
11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 14-Thursday, July 16;
5-10 p.m. Friday, July 17-Saturday, July 18; 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12; closed Monday

Red Haven creates menus using seasonal ingredients. Menus will be selected on a day-to-day basis.

Soup Spoon Café (\$\$)
1419 East Michigan Avenue Lansing, MI 48912 (517) 316-2377, soup Spooncafe.com

Reservations recommended
Business Hours:
7 a.m.–10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m.–midnight Friday; 8 a.m.–midnight Saturday; closed Sunday

Special menu hours:
Closed Sunday, July 12; 5-10 p.m. Monday, July 13-Thursday, July 16; 5-11 p.m. Friday, July 17; 2-11 p.m. Saturday, July 18; closed Sunday, July 19

First course:
Choice of one of six daily soups

Second course:
Spoon Bistro Steak with fried sweet onions, zip sauce, feta bacon mash, fresh vegetables
Sautéed Walleye with truffle creamed mushrooms & leaks, wild rice, fresh vegetables

Third course:
Choice of rotating dessert menu

Spartan Hall of Fame Café (\$\$)
The State Room (\$\$)
Tavern 109 (\$\$)
Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza (\$)
Wrought Iron Grill (\$\$)

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dogs and diner fare
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grecianisland.com
7 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday

#3 OLGA'S KITCHEN
Chain restaurant featuring a Mediterranean-accented menu including gyros and a Greek salad
354 Frandor Ave., Lansing. (517) 332-2500
olgas.com
10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#4 BELL'S PIZZA
East Lansing pizza joint known for its Greek and Mediterranean specialties
1135 E. Grand River, East Lansing. (517) 332-0858
thebellspizza.com
10 a.m.-4 a.m. daily

#5 ATHENA'S DINER
City Pulse readers recommend the spinach pie with tzatziki sauce
3109 S. Cedar St., Lansing (517) 394-0072
athenasdiner.com
6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

TOP 5 INDIAN FOOD

#1 SINDHU INDIAN CUISINE
Cozy Indian restaurant known for its hearty portions

and excellent lunch buffet
4790 Hagadorn Road, Suite 132, East Lansing (517) 351-3080
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon-3 p.m. & 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

#2 SWAGATH INDIAN CUISINE
City Pulse readers love Swagath's authentic Indian cuisine and eclectic lunch buffet
1060 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing (517) 333-6536
swagathfoods.com
11:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. daily

#3 PERSIS INDIAN GRILL
Authentic Indian food with vegetarian options
3536 Meridian Crossing Dr., Ste. #200, Okemos (517) 993-5927
persisindiangrill.com
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday; noon-3 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; noon-3 p.m. & 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#4 SREE CHILLAS INDIAN KITCHEN
(formerly Kadai Indian Grill, located in the Meridian Mall)
Food court approach to traditional Indian food
1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos (517) 258-1502
chillaskitchen.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday

TOP 5 ITALIAN FOOD

#1 DELUCA'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA
Family-owned Italian restaurant famous for its pizza
2006 W. Willow St., Lansing (517) 487-6087
delucaspizza.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

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English Inn Salad

Mixed greens, house-made dressing, walnuts, tapenade, goat cheese crouton

French Onion Soup

Onion beef broth, toasted crouton, caramelized Gruyere cheese

Second

Lobster and Scallop Cakes

Whipped potatoes, daily vegetable, mango cream

Pan Roasted Chicken Breast

Tomato Risotto, daily vegetable, mushroom supreme sauce

Grilled Salmon

Bean and summer squash civet, Provençal sauce

Third

A selection from our dessert tray

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#2 CUGINO'S

Grand Ledge eatery known for its classic Italian cuisine and generous portions
306 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
(517) 627-4048
cuginosmenu.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday

#3 BRAVO! CUCINA ITALIANA

Upscale-casual chain restaurant known for its modern take on Italian classics
2970 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing

(517) 203-5728
zaytoonlansing.com
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; closed Sunday

#3 ALADDIN'S RESTAURANT

City Pulse readers recommend the chicken schwarma and Mediterranean salad
300 N. Clippert St., Lansing
(517) 333-8710
aladdinslansing.com
10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

#4 SULTAN'S

Known for its authentic Mediterranean fare and bright, welcoming dining room
(517) 333-4444
sultansrestaurant.net
4790 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday



#5 WOODY'S OASIS (EAST LANSING)

Near-campus location offers burgers, Mediterranean fare and a full bar
211 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 351-1600
woodysoasis.com
11 a.m.-midnight, Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday

TOP 5 MEXICAN FOOD

#1 EL AZTECO (EAST LANSING)

City Pulse readers recommend the enchiladas suizas and the margaritas
225 Ann St., East Lansing

(517) 485-3779
bravoitalian.com
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#4 EMIL'S

Lansing's oldest restaurant serves up classic Italian cuisine
2012 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 482-4430
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday & Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday

#5 CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

Casual dining chain known for its classic Italian fare
6540 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 323-8055
carrabbas.com
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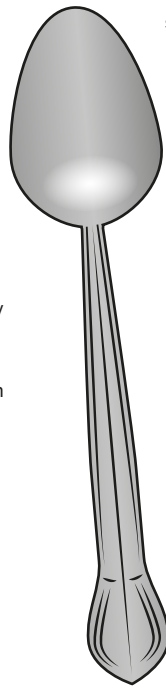
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jetspizza.com
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#3 AI FUSION
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 (517) 853-8888
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Murder on Mackinac

New mystery novel is set on Michigan's most famous island

By BILL CASTANIER

Mackinac Island, with its storied history, bikes-and-horses-only attitude, tons of fudge and a bevy of quaint cottages, has always been considered one of Michigan's top family vacation destinations.

East Lansing lawyer Charles McLravy, who writes under the pseudonym Charles Cutter, also saw it as the perfect setting for his new murder mystery, "The Pink Pony."

Although Mackinac Island is family friendly, one weekend a year in mid-July, at the end of the Bayview Yacht Club's historic Port Huron to Mackinac Island sailboat race, it becomes the site off a raucous, devil-may-care celebration as thousands of thirsty racers and race fans descend on the finish line. Win or lose, they make for "The Pink Pony" — arguably the island's most famous bar — for post-race revelry.

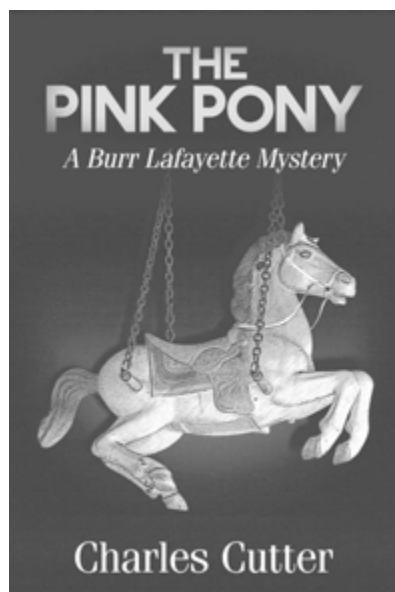
The "The Pink Pony," so designated because of the pink, carousel-style horse which hangs outside, is the backdrop for the opening scenes in Cutter's newest mystery featuring fictional East Lansing attorney Burr Lafayette.

Following a night of post-race martini guzzling, a hungover Lafayette is escorted to "The Pink Pony" by the island's police chief, who is interested in finding and returning the purloined pink pony sign. Lafayette is his chief suspect.

All that takes a back seat when they stumble upon a dead body, clearly strangled by the Christmas tree lights strung around his neck, in a scene littered with women's underwear.

Lafayette is soon drafted into representing the accused murderer and finds himself balancing island politics, long-held personal disputes and his own demons while trying to find the real murderer.

McLravy is no stranger to the "great race" having crewed on sailboats in the race nu-



Courtesy Photo

Mackinac Island bar the Pink Pony is the setting of Charles Cutter's new murder mystery.

merous times during the 1980s. Sailboat fans will love his descriptions of the boats and his insider's guide to boating nomenclature.

"The racers always end up in bars, and since there is no drinking during the race everybody's thirsty," McLravy said. "There is a lot of carrying on and bad behavior."

The Pink Pony, he said, is a natural location for partying since it is the closest bar to where the boats dock at the end of the race. For most of the year it is a quiet bar off the lobby of the Chippewa Hotel, which has been an anchor on the island's waterfront for more than 100 years.

It's spectacular to see the boats take off from Port Huron, McLravy said. More than 250 boats are expected for this year's race. Although the race was much simpler in the days before cell phones and GPS, McLravy

still describes it as "man against nature."

McLravy's parents were big boaters and kept a 34-foot sailboat in Holland. He still recalls the summer they sailed to Mackinac Island.

"I was young at the time and couldn't ride a bicycle, so we took a bicycle built for two," he said. "I was enamored with the place."

Though he was careful to not use actual islanders, McLravy did take literary license in using the name of three friends in the book. Art Brandstatter, a long-time East Lansing resident, is the namesake of the overwhelmed island police chief.

"However, there are no sacred cows in the book," said McLravy. "Everyone gets skewered, but I was not mean spirited."

McLravy said the characters in this story came easily to him, and that they are "eccentric and colorful."

It was important to make the plot tie up in a believable way, he said, and to keep the mood consistent with the right balance of suspense and humor. As a lawyer, McLravy was able to make the court scenes both believable and dramatic.

This year's Bayview Mackinac Race is the 91st running of the historic race. The boats leave Port Huron on July 18 and will arrive at the island between July 19 and July 21. This year more than 250 boats are expected to cross the finish line.

McLravy has several Northern Michi-

gan events planned to celebrate the book's release, including an official release party at the Pink Pony on Friday. For a full list of events, check the author's website at charlescutter.me.

Mackinac Island enthusiasts will delight as some of the island's long held customs and traditions are skewered in the book. And if you are asking if there has ever been a homicide on the island, the answer is yes. In July 1960, Frances Lacey, a wealthy widow from Dearborn, was murdered and her body was discovered five days later, buried near Devil's Kitchen on property owned by the social activist group Moral Re-Armament. The murder has never been solved.

Now to the mystery of why McLravy uses a nom de plume.

"No one could say it or spell (my name), and that caused confusion," the author said.

But not everyone is happy with the name change.

"My mother doesn't like it," he said.

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Wednesday, July 8

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.

Basics of Microsoft Excel. Educational class. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4394, iteclansing.org.

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

Jazzercise. Strengthen muscle mass, increase bone density. 10-11 a.m. Call for price. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

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Allen Market Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

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, epl.org.

Income Based Energy Efficiency @ ANC. Coffee and presentation with guest speaker. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing. (517) 367-2468, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Project 60/50: Wonder Women. "Wonder Women!" film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517)

Peddling their art



Friday, July 10

Bike rides can be an adventurous thrill for some, while others may have take rides for exercise, but whatever the reason, many people enjoy their time on bikes. Photographer Khalid Ibrahim and graphic designer Terry Sieting have decided to display their belief that "everyone is a bicyclist" with an art exhibit designed to challenge the perspective of cycling to non-bicyclists.

One of the main reasons for focusing on bikes is that Ibrahim is an avid year-round bicyclist. He travels all over Lansing on his bike and has been doing this for the past eight years. And what better way to tell a story than to actually be a part of it. He explained that this isn't only an art show, but it is also a community show because of support and inspiration he gets from the bicycling community and its exploits.

"My exhibit shows community in a photo," Ibrahim said.

This exhibit has been shown in Detroit — and was quite successful — so Ibrahim was asked to bring it

back home. This exhibit, he said, has been the beginning of a movement and he plans to go to other cities to do new designs that bring the community to the forefront.

Ibrahim has been a photographer for many years and admits that he is obsessed with it.

"Photography is one of the few mediums that allow you to display an exact perspective," Ibrahim said. "A lot is left to interpretation, but photography shows exactly how you see the world and allows you to show and share interest because everyone consumes photography."

Ibrahim and Sieting have been working on this project for a little over a year, and with the help of sponsors to print the art as well as community engagement with the show, the project is finally complete for the Lansing community to witness. "Spokespeople" will be on display until Aug. 30, with an opening reception Friday evening.

Ibrahim is also a member of the Lansing Bike Party, a loosely organized crew of Capital area bike

enthusiasts, and it is hosting a city-wide bike ride in collaboration with the opening reception. Cyclists are invited to meet up with the group at East Lansing's Peanut Barrel Friday at 6 p.m. The crew will set out from there, but will also make a stop at the Avenue Café around 6:30 p.m. to pick up more bikers before ending at the MICA Gallery for the reception.

Many of the bicyclists from the Lansing Bike Party are also featured in the photographs, so reception attendees will have a chance to meet the subjects of the art, as well as the artists.

"Spokespeople" Exhibit opening

6-9 p.m. Friday, July 10
FREE
MICA Gallery
1210 Turner St., Lansing
(517) 371-4600,
micagallery.org

Lansing Bike Party Bike ride to the exhibit

6 p.m. at the Peanut Barrel
521 E. Grand River Ave.,
East Lansing
or
6:30 p.m. at the Avenue
Café
2021 E. Michigan Ave.,
Lansing
[facebook.com/groups/
lansingbikeparty](http://facebook.com/groups/lansingbikeparty)

Turn it Down

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



SAT. JULY 11TH

Chris Cresswell

CHRIS CRESSWELL, IAN GRAHAM AT MAC'S BAR

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$12, \$10 adv., 8 p.m., Saturday, July 11

Vocalist/guitarist Chris Cresswell has fronted Toronto-based punk-rock band the Flatliners since its genesis in 2002. It wasn't until 2014 that he cut his acoustically driven solo debut album. The disc was produced by Joey Cape of Lagwagon and released digitally by One Week Records – Fat Wreck Chords distributed the vinyl version. Between his two musical undertakings, Cresswell spends a bulk of his time touring the world, including stops in Canada, Europe and the United States. Saturday he headlines Mac's Bar with a stripped down acoustic set. Openers are Ian Graham of Cheap Girls, Jimmy VanHavermat and Full Monty. As for the Flatliners, the band has been a staple in the Ontario DIY rock scene since its inception. The band's "Dead Language" LP was nominated for a 2014 Juno Award in the Metal/Hard Music Album of the Year category.

THE HOT MESS AT THE GREEN DOOR

The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 9:30 p.m., Friday, July 10

Based in Lansing, the Hot Mess is an eclectic four-piece cover band. The group has gigged around the area since its genesis in the summer of 2013. The band's song list spans genres, ranging from rock to R&B, and its set list includes everything from "I Feel Good" by James Brown to heavy Guns n' Roses classics. "We play the hits, but we mostly like to throw in covers that we love that aren't your typical covers," said lead vocalist Sara Cruz. "I think this is what sets us apart." The band, which also includes Steve Langlois (guitar), Adam Meinerding (bass) and drummer Chip J. Herbert, plays Friday at the Green Door. Aside from landing frequent gigs at the Unicorn and R Club, the Hot Mess also snagged the no. 3 spot in the "Best Cover Band" category of City Pulse's 2015 Top of the Town contest.

FRI. JULY 10TH

POSSESSED BY PAUL JAMES AT THE AVENUE CAFE

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$10, \$8 adv., 9 p.m., Thursday, July 16

Possessed By Paul James, the solo project of Konrad Wert, is known for authentic, punk-infused bluesy roots tunes. Wert has shared stages with the likes of Wanda Jackson, Shooter Jennings, Lucinda Williams and T Model Ford. July 16 he headlines at the Avenue. Joe Fox of the Devil's Cut opens the show. Wert has toured the world under the Possessed By Paul James moniker, including dates across France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Italy, to name only a few. His instruments of choice are the banjo, guitar, fiddle and stomp box. When he's not touring or recording, Wert teaches special education at an elementary school in Boerne, Texas. In 2008 he also starred in the film "The Folk Singer," a Slowboat Films production. His latest LP, "There Will Be Nights When I'm Lonely," was released via Hillgrass Bluebilly Records.

THU. JULY 16TH

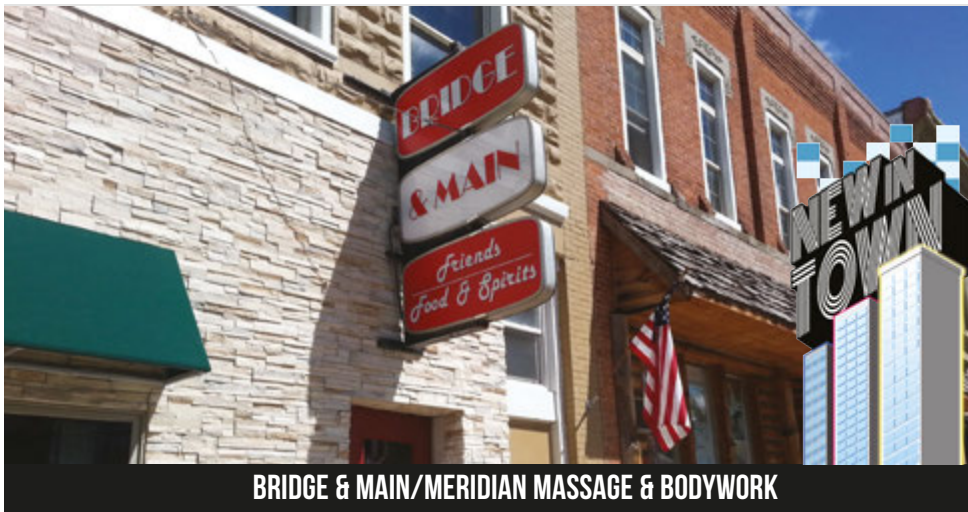
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LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Abbey Hoffman, 8 p.m.		The Playback, 8 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.				Chip Christy, 8 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Rd.			Sarah Brunner, 9 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 5 p.m.
Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Dr.			Kevin Kreeger, 8:30 p.m.	Bob Schultz, 8:30 p.m.
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 9 p.m.		Retro Joe, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		Open Mic w/Pat Zelenka, 9 p.m.		
Copper, 2874 E. Lake Lansing Rd.		Mark Sala, 6 p.m.		
Dublin Square, 327 Abbot Rd.			Mark Warner, 10 p.m.	
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Good Cookies, 9:30 p.m.	Skoryoke live band karaoke, 9:30 p.m.	Mix Pack, 9:30 p.m.	Summer of Sol, 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.	The Hot Mess, 9 p.m.	Second Nature, 9 p.m.
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.			Karaoke, 9 p.m.	
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.		Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Kevin Browne, 6 p.m.	Scott Seth, 6 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.				Phil Denny, 8 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		EMD, 8 p.m.	Sway Nation, 8 p.m.	Chris Cresswell, 8 p.m.
Peppino's, 213 Ann St.	Reggae Lou, 5 p.m.			
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Rd.	Don Middlebrook & Rush Clement, 6 p.m.	Reggae Lou, 6 p.m.	Bill Slaght, 6 p.m.	Kevin Browne, 6 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Kathy Ford Band Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.	Life Support, 6 p.m.	MArk Sala, 6 p.m.
Reno's West, 501 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Darin Lerner Jr., 6 p.m.	Karle Velo, 6 p.m.	Swamp Nights, 6 p.m.	Jake Stevens Band, 6 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.			DJ Chalky, 9 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog's Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Sunny Mayo Quartet, 8:30 p.m.	Sunny Mayo Quartet, 8:30 p.m.
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Dr.			Joe Wright, 7 p.m.	
Watershed, 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Dan MacLachlan, 8 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.			DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.

LIVE & LOCAL LISTS UPCOMING GIGS!

To get listed just email us at liveandlocal@lansingcitypulse.com or call (517) 999-5069. Only submit information for the following week's paper.



BRIDGE & MAIN/MERIDIAN MASSAGE & BODYWORK

Courtesy photo

Bridge & Main recently opened in downtown Grand Ledge. The building has been home to several bars over the years, but the new owners gave it a female-friendly renovation.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

In the 1970s, Remington president Victor Kiam waved his company's signature electric razor around in a series of ridiculous TV commercials, proudly declaring, "I liked the shaver so much, I bought the company." That entrepreneurial spirit runs strong in Metro Lansing as two businesses recently fell under new ownership of former employees — they believed in the business so much, they decided to make a go of it themselves.

Earlier this year, Keri Young and Andrea Meckstroth partnered up to open **Bridge & Main**, a bar and grill in downtown Grand Ledge. Over the years, the space went through a multitude of owners and names — including Butch and Hanks, Driver On Inn, Myja's Gray Wolf Inn and, most recently, Ledges Sports Bar & Grill —

before the duo bought the building in January. Young and Meckstroth met there as co-workers four years ago when Young started moonlighting as a server.

"We watched as the place slowly went downhill as new owners (came and went)," Young said. "But we saw its potential. We wanted it to do better. We both have business backgrounds, so we watched from afar, and when it became available, we bought it."

Young said she and Meckstroth were both raised in Grand Ledge and met their respective spouses at the bar. But before they could take it over, Young said the place needed extensive work.

"We looked at the demographic we wanted to attract — women our age, around 35 or 40 — and we asked, what do we want? The answer

is clean bathrooms, clean dishes, a place that smells good and looks nice without a bunch of beer signs on the wall."

The women fixed all the plumbing in the building, leveled the floors, replaced toilets and vanities and painted. The kitchen got an equipment upgrade, which they now use to crank out the new menu.

They also rebuilt the second floor into a lodge-themed dance bar, adding new wooden tabletops, benches and dance floor that features DJs on weekends and occasional live acts.

"People who have been coming here for years (under previous incarnations) have said how much they like it now," Young said. "We wanted it to be a fun place to be. This is traditionally a slower time of the year, but we've actually started seeing an increase in customers. It seems to be working."

New message

On the east side, Allyson Green took over her former employer's massage studio in East Lansing, added some additional equipment and staff members and renamed it. Her new business, **Meridian Massage & Bodywork**, opened in March. The previous owner had operated in the location since 2009, and although she sold it to Green last September, it took six months before Green was ready to go.

"I had to learn how to build a website, get everything in place," she said. "I had to learn how to run a business."

Green had been on track for a career in physical therapy. She earned an undergraduate degree in biomedical science, but before she completed her graduate studies, she realized it wasn't for her.

"I wanted more freedom," she said. "I feel like I'm more effective as a massage therapist."

She said she took "everything they offer" at the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage. She's also a certified yoga instructor and continues to seek out new skills; she started doula training this year.

"I'm more trained than the average massage therapist," Green said. "Most people just learn Swedish general relaxation. But (my studies) are very anatomically based. I can use rehabilitative techniques to fix things like frozen shoulders."

Green employs a team of similarly trained licensed massage therapists to broaden the clinic's expertise further. Offerings include neuromuscular therapy, headache/migraine release, hot stone massage, reflexology, aromatherapy and prenatal massage.

Meridian Massage also has an infrared sauna, which uses infrared rays to heat your body up without steam or dry heat for a more relaxing detox experience. But Green got it for more than just business reasons.

"It's something I enjoy myself," she said. "I try to offer things that I find effective from a personal experience."

Bridge & Main

219 N. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
11 a.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday; noon-2 a.m. Saturday; noon-midnight Sunday
(517) 925-1485, bridgeandmain.net

Meridian Massage & Bodywork

All services by appointment only
5903 E. Brookfield Drive, East Lansing
(517) 295-3537,
meridiantherapeuticmassage.com

Out on the town

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351-2420, elpl.org.

Stories in the Garden. Teens read to children at MSU 4H Children's Garden, 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. MSU 4-H Children's Garden, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Get Pop-Cultured: DC Days. Giveaways and special offers on DC Comics. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

Willy Wonka Interactive Movie. FREE family event. Registration required. 5:15-7 p.m. FREE. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156, dewittlibrary.org.

CADL at Potter Park Zoo Days. Participate in scavenger hunt and win NCG movie pa, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4221, potterparkzoo.org.

Steven's Puppets. All ages. Bringing the timeless tale of Aladdin to life. 10-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

MUSIC

Fusion Shows presents. Music Begins at 10 p.m. 21 and older welcome. 10 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's Pizza & Burgers, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

Sam Copperman. Jazz virtuoso Sam Copperman and friends perform. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, facebook.com/AllenStreetFarmersMarket.

Music in the Village. Blue Water Ramblers. Folk/ americana. 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Meridian Historical Village, 5113 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 347-

7300, meridianhistoricalvillage.org.

St. Johns Concert in the Park. The Pete "Big Dog" Fetters Band out of Detroit. 7 p.m. Donations Accepted. St. Johns City Park Performance Shell, 800 W. Park St., St. Johns. (989) 224-2429, clintoncountyarts.org.

Thursday, July 9

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.: Home Inspections 101. Home improvement class. Call to register. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980, ghc.org.

One on One Life Coaching. Have support, discover

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 >> PROJECT 60/50: 'WONDER WOMEN' SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Michigan State University and East Lansing Public Library's ongoing Project 60/50 film series presents a screening of a documentary that examines the character comic fans know as Diana of Themyscira in "Wonder Women!: The Untold Story of American Superheroines." The film explores the origins of the DC Comics character Wonder Woman by talking to comic historians and creators, "Wonder Woman" actress Lynda Carter and several others to enlighten viewers to the enduring quality of a female icon in a male dominated medium. East Lansing Public Library librarian Jill Abood will lead a discussion following the film. 6:30-9 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

your goals and potential. 1-4 p.m. \$24 per 45 minute session. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

Welcome, American Red Cross. Lunchtime presentation. Noon, FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

EVENTS

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

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.

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

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.

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

ELPD K-9 Meet and Greet. Meet and find out about our local animal heroes. 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Moonlight Film Festival. Into the Woods (PG.) 9:30 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct. East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival.

Hero Thursdays @ 2.0. Create a treat or toy for your super cat or dog. 1-2 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave. East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Comic Convention Collectibles. Exclusive collectibles from Comic Con. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W. Saginaw Highway,

Old Town SCRAP FEST

ARTISAN BOOTHS HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOOD & BEER LIVE MUSIC

JULY
17
6-10pm

JULY
18
noon-10pm



ScrapFest is a unique festival that celebrates art, creativity, and resource reuse. Teams of artists transform 10,000 pounds of scrap metal into sculptural masterpieces, which will be on display at the festival, juried, and sold in a live auction.

oldtownscrapfest.org



Out on the town

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Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

Cirque Amongus Workshop. Try out your circus skills at this unique workshop, 1:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org.

Harvest Basket Produce Sale. Farmers market with organically grown produce. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Smith Floral and Greenhouses, 124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6085.

MUSIC

Music in the Garden. Hullabaloo. Reggae/pop inspired music. 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted.

Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 268-3007, holtarts.org.

Marshall Music Open Mic. Join us for open mic. All ages and levels welcome. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700, marshallmusic.com.

Hopening Quartet. Live performance. 9 p.m. , FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

Music at the Mansion. Featuring Kristin Arnold and Andrea Maynard. 7 p.m. \$10. Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center, 100 E. North Street, Lansing. (517) 483-4220, lansingmi.gov.

Pops Concert. Free family concert. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. 7 p.m. FREE. Pinecrest School, 1811 Pinecrest Drive, East Lansing. (517) 490-0481.

THEATER

"Proof." Awarding winning play by David Auburn. 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

Friday, July 10

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Endnote X6 and Endnote Web. A basic introduction. 1 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, MSU Campus, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 355-8700, libguides.lib.msu.edu/endnote.

Aux Petits Soins-Explorers 1 & 2. French immersion class for babies ages 0-2 & 2-4. 9:30 a.m. (2-4) & 10:30 a.m. (0-2). Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, ow.ly/PhuBb.

Palette to Palate. Painting lessons for novice and experts alike. 7-9 p.m. \$28/\$50 for two. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

Salsa Capital. Salsa Dancing and lessons. Beginner, intermediate and open dancing. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$5. 1133 S. Washington Ave., Reo Town, Lansing. (517) 230-9018.

Wake Up Old Town. Share ideas to help businesses thrive in Old Town. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Old Town General Store, 408 E. Grand River Ave. Lansing. (517) 485-4283, iloveoldtown.org/events/wake-old-town-50.

EVENTS

Summer Concert Series. With the Swift Brothers. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

"The Hob Nob" Kick-Off. Series of after work happy hours at the Broad MSU. 6-8 p.m. FREE with RSVP. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, ow.ly/P5QOk.

Stuffed Animal Superhero. Bring a stuffed animal for stories and dancing. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Minecraft Game Night. Registration required; call

517-367-6367. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

MUSIC

Music in the Garden. Join us for live music at Beal Botanical Garden. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Beal Botanical Gardens, 412 Olds Hall, East Lansing. facebook.com/bealgarden.msu.

Cash O' Riley with guest Deacon Earl. Live Hellbilly Blues. Deacon Earl opens the show. 9 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287, moriartyspublansing.com.

THEATER

"Proof." (See July 9 for details.) 8 p.m. \$10/\$8

FRIDAY, JULY 10 >> HOB KNOB AT THE BROAD

The Broad Museum is offering something new for those are looking for something a little more intellectual than throwing discarded peanut shells on ground of some bar for happy hour with its new Hob Knob event. In the inaugural event of its after-work happy hour series, it's all about connecting with fellow art lovers. Guests can sip champagne, grab some pizza and enjoy the various exhibits on display. Admission to Hob Knob is free, so long as you RSVP ahead of time, and also includes a glass of champagne, appetizers and some sweet treats. 6-8 p.m. FREE with RSVP. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 353-9834, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

SATURDAY, JULY 11 >> ARTIST RECEPTION: JESSIE GONZALES

The Hannah Community Center's East Lansing Public Art Gallery welcomes photographer Jessie Gonzales for its July exhibit. Gonzales' show, entitled "Traditions: Old and New," will feature a selection of his photography. "My artwork illustrates the passage in time of my family and in the larger sense, the history, artistry and lives of a particular people, Latinos and Chicanos of the Midwest, the U.S. and in the Americas," Gonzales said. The artist will be present at the exhibit's premiere, and the exhibit will be open until July 29. 1-2 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Art Gallery in the Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, 2nd floor, East Lansing. (517) 894-2166, cityofeastlansing.com/353/public-art-gallery.

Seniors/\$6 Students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

Saturday, July 11

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Aux Petits Soins-Explorers 1. French immersion class for babies ages 0-2. 9:30 a.m. \$15 drop-in/\$12 per week for 10-week session. Mother & Earth Baby Boutique, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. ow.ly/PhuBb.

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.

Tai Chi in the Park. For beginning and experienced tai chi players. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

Permaculture 101 Workshop. Introduction to permaculture design practices. 12:30-2 p.m. \$10 Donation. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910, allenneighborhoodcenter.org/gardenhouse.

EVENTS

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

Karaoke. 9 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's Pizza & Burgers, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506,

crunchyseastlansing.com.

Focus on the Collection. Broad staff shares favorites from their collection, 2 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800.

Pet Capes @ 2.0. Make a simple superhero cape for your pet, 3-4:30 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Summer Celebration. Live music, community resources, farmers market. Noon-3 p.m. FREE. Ferris Park, 323 N. Walnut St., Lansing. (517) 999-2894, nwlansing.org.

Artist Reception: Jesse Gonzales. "Traditions: Old and New" photography exhibit. 1-2 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Art Gallery, 819 Abbot Road, 2nd Floor, East Lansing. (517) 894-2166, ow.ly/P5URk.

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

Pokemon/Magic the Gathering Card Games.

Tutorials. Starter decks provided. 12:30 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900, becauseeverybodyreads.com.

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.

EVENTS

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

East Lansing Farmers Market. Essential food items and much more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Court, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket.

July Artist Reception. With Jon Whitney, Jerrey Morey, Kyle Ripley and Nick Cummins. 3-5 p.m. FREE. EagleMonk Pub & Brewery, 4906 W. Mount Hope Highway, Lansing. (517) 708-7350, eaglemonkbrewing.com.

MUSIC

Summer Concert on the Lawn. Performance by the Lansing Concert Band. 7 p.m. Donations accepted. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-9495.

Music in the Park. Donny & the Dorsals, surf music. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov/parks.

THEATER

"Proof." (See July 9 for details.) 2 p.m. \$10/\$8 Seniors/\$6 Students. Over the Ledge Theatre Co. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

Monday, July 13

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.

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

Post-Polio Support Group. Sharing information and ideas, 1:30 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-1039.

EVENTS

Social Bridge. Play bridge and meet new people. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

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.

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Out on the town

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Monday Movie Matinee. Movies intended for an adult audience. 1 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Monday Make & Take Hero Crafts. Make super hero crafts to take home. 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Stories with Sparty. Visit Sparty at the East Lansing Public Library. 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

To Kill A Mockingbird Reading. To Kill a Mockingbird Read-A-Thon. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

THEATER

"A Truly Original Superhero." Acting Up Theatre Co. Registration required. 1-2 p.m. FREE. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156, dewittlibrary.org.

Tuesday, July 14

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.

Speakeasies Toastmasters. Improve listening, analysis, leadership and presentation skills. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

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

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.

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

Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Aux Petits Soins-Explorers 1 & 2. French immersion class for babies ages 0-2 & 2-4. 4:15 p.m. (2-4) & 5:15 p.m. (0-2). Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, owly/PhuBb.

Overeaters Anonymous. To support you in your weight loss efforts. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 290-5163.

Installing Snap-Lock Flooring. Home improvement class. Call 372-5980 to register. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980, ghc.org.

EVENTS

Bible and Beer. Discussion of scripture in everyday settings. 6 p.m. FREE. Midtown Brewing Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600, bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org.

Sporcle Live! Trivia. Team based. Win Crunchy's gift certificates. 7 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's Pizza & Burgers, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

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

Books on Tap Book Group. "The 100-Year-Old Man Who..." by Jonas Jonasson, 6:30 p.m. FREE. Jimmy's Pub, 16804 Chandler Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Chair Massage. 10:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2 p.m. \$14/\$12 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

Play in the Park: Storyteller Karen Czarnik. Music integrated into storytelling. 7 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct. East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com

Alphabet Heroes Tuesdays. Early literacy program about the alphabet. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Summer Tutoring. Get help from local high school students. K-6. 10:30 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Wednesday, July 15

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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.

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

Mendeley. A comprehensive introduction to Mendeley. 10 a.m. FREE. MSU Library, MSU Campus, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 353-8700, libguides.lib.msu.edu/mendeley.

Mid-Michigan Time Bank. Neighbors helping, sharing skills and resources. 6 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, pilgrimucc.com.

EVENTS

Allen Market Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

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.

Wednesday Senior Discovery @ ANC. Coffee and conversation with presenter. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468.

3rd Wednesday Open Mic. Sign up and perform at an outdoor venue. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Ave. at M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com.

Stories in the Garden. Teens read to children at MSU 4H Children's Garden, 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. MSU 4-H Children's Garden, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Enter the Dragon"--I sea what you did there.

Matt Jones

Across

- 1 "Hey, sailor!"
- 5 Ambien amount, e.g.
- 9 Wear away
- 14 Command represented by an outdated floppy disk
- 15 Milky gem
- 16 Radio tube gas
- 17 Dairy product used to fill a pastry?
- 20 Car ad fig.
- 21 Abbey recess
- 22 "2001" hardware
- 23 Gold amount
- 25 Agriologist's study
- 27 Round figure?
- 30 One, in Verdun
- 31 Not as vigorous
- 33 Sweet statue of Sean Combs in the late '90s?
- 37 It may be Photo-shopped out in school photos
- 38 17th Greek letter
- 39 Strap on a stallion
- 40 Part of the theme song for Blossom, Bubbles, or Buttercup?
- 45 Like reserved seats
- 46 Whence farm fresh eggs
- 47 Name in "Talks"
- 48 Goes pfft
- 50 In a class by ____
- 54 Improve, in the wine cellar
- 55 Brick in the organics section
- 57 He played Jim in "The Doors"
- 58 Frivolous article in the

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- middle of the page?
- 63 Previous conviction, informally
- 64 Peas, for a pea shooter
- 65 "Desperate Housewives" character Van de Kamp
- 66 Lots of paper
- 67 Like 7-Eleven, right now
- 68 1990s puzzle game set in an island world

- 7 Strongboxes
- 8 North Pole laborer
- 9 Let it out
- 10 Film spool
- 11 "___ Crazy Summer" (Cusack/Moore rom-com)
- 12 MS-___
- 13 Reverse of WSW
- 18 Hawaii's ___ Kea
- 19 Boss
- 24 Hip-hop trio with Lauryn Hill
- 26 "Get ___ My Cloud" (Rolling Stones hit)
- 27 Like some siblings
- 28 Changed the decor of
- 29 ___ Mawr, PA
- 32 Empire builders
- 33 Make a point
- 34 Without a hitch?
- 35 "Oooh, you said a swear!" type
- 36 "Weird Al" Yankovic cult

- movie
- 37 Calendar entry, for short
- 41 Hammerstein's musical collaborator
- 42 Practitioner, as of a trade
- 43 Sheer fabric
- 44 In a riled state
- 49 Ask a tough trivia question
- 51 Not just some
- 52 They hold kicks together
- 53 Armada
- 54 Lepton's locale
- 56 "You want a piece ___?"
- 58 EMT's special skill
- 59 Palindromic poetry preposition
- 60 "Boyz N the Hood" actress Long
- 61 Kung ___ shrimp
- 62 Watson's creator

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TO PLAY

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Answers on page 30

Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

JULY 8-14

ARIES (March 21-April 19): How can you fulfill your potential as an Aries? What strategies will help you become the best Aries you can possibly be? Now is an excellent time to meditate on these riddles. One of my Aries readers, Mickki Langston, has some stellar tips to inspire you: 1. One of your greatest assets is your relentless sense of purpose. Treasure it. Stay connected to it. Draw on it daily. 2. Love what you love with pure conviction, because there is no escaping it. 3. Other people may believe in you, but only sometimes. That's why you should unflinchingly believe in yourself. 4. It's your duty and your destiny to continually learn more about how to be a leader. 5. Don't be confused by other people's confusion. 6. Your best friend is the Fool, who will guide you to laughter and humility when you need it most, which is pretty much all of the time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): While making a long trek through the desert on a camel, British author Somerset Maugham passed the time by reading Marcel Proust's novel *In Search of Lost Time*. After finishing each page, Maugham ripped it out and cast it away. The book weighed less and less as his journey progressed. I suggest that you consider a similar approach in the coming weeks, Taurus. As you weave your way toward your next destination, shed the accessories and attachments you don't absolutely need. Keep lightening your load.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "I have gathered about me people who understand how to translate fear into possibility," writes John Keene in his story "Acrobatique." I'd love to see you do the same, Gemini. From an astrological perspective, now is a favorable time to put your worries and trepidations to work for you. You have an extraordinary capacity to use your doubt and dread to generate opportunities. Even if you go it alone, you can accomplish minor miracles, but why not dare to think even bigger? Team up with brave and resourceful allies who want to translate fear into possibility, too

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When novelist John Irving begins a new book, his first task is to write the last line of the last page. Then he writes the second-to-last line. He continues to work backwards for a while until he has a clear understanding of the way his story will end. Right now, Cancerian, as you hatch your next big phase of development, I invite you to borrow Irving's approach. Visualize in detail the blossoms that will eventually come from the seeds you're planting. Create a vivid picture of the life you will be living when your plans have fully ripened.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have cosmic permission to lose your train of thought, forget about what was so seriously important, and be weirdly amused by interesting nonsense. If stress-addicts nag you to be more responsible, tell them that your astrologer has authorized you to ignore the pressing issues and wander off in the direction of nowhere in particular. Does that sound like a good plan? It does to me. For now, it's your sovereign right to be a wise and innocent explorer with nothing much to do but wonder and daydream and play around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Even the most provocative meme cannot literally cause the Internet to collapse from overuse. It's true that photos of Kim Kardashian's oiled-up butt spawned a biblical flood of agitated responses on social media. So did the cover shot of Caitlyn Jenner in *Vanity Fair* and the Youtube video of a tiny hamster noshing tiny burritos and the season-five finale of the TV show *Game of Thrones*. But none of these starbursts unleashed so much traffic that the Web was in danger of crashing. It's too vast and robust for that to ever happen. Or is it? I'm wondering if Virgos' current propensities for high adventure and rollicking melodrama could generate phenomena that would actually, not just metaphorically, break the Internet. To be safe, I suggest you enjoy yourself to the utmost, but not more than the utmost

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The coming weeks will be a favorable time for you to acquire a new title. It's quite possible that a person in authority will confer it upon you, and that it will signify a raise in status, an increase in responsibility, or an expansion of your clout. If for some reason this upgrade doesn't occur naturally, take matters into your own hands. Tell people to refer to you as "Your Excellency" or "Your Majesty." Wear a name tag that says "Deputy Director of Puzzle-Solving" or "Executive Vice-President of Fanatical Balance and Insane Poise." For once in your life, it's OK to risk becoming a legend in your own mind. P.S. It wouldn't be a bad time to demand a promotion -- diplomatically, of course, in the Libran spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Between now and July 22, your password and mantra and battle cry is "serendipity." To make sure you are clear about its meaning, meditate on these definitions: a knack for uncovering surprising benefits by accident; a talent for stumbling upon timely help or useful resources without searching for them. Got that? Now I'll provide clues that should help you get the most out of your lucky breaks and blessed twists: 1. Be curious and receptive, not lackadaisical and entitled. 2. Expect the unexpected. Vow to thrive on surprises. 3. Your desires are more likely to come true if you are unattached to them coming true. But you should formulate those desires clearly and precisely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): On behalf of the Strange Angels in Charge of Uproarious Beauty and Tricky Truths, I am pleased to present you with the award for Most Catalytic Fun-Seeker and Intriguing Game-Changer of the Zodiac. What are your specific superpowers? You're capable of transforming rot into splendor. You have a knack for discovering secrets that have been hidden. I also suspect that your presence can generate magic laughter and activate higher expectations and wake everyone up to the interesting truths they've been ignoring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "Who is that can tell me who I am?" asks King Lear in the Shakespeare play named after him. It's a painful moment. The old boy is confused and alarmed when he speaks those words. But I'd like to borrow his question and transplant it into a very different context: your life right now. I think that you can engender inspirational results by making it an ongoing meditation. There are people in a good position to provide you with useful insights into who you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What's hard but important for you to do? What are the challenging tasks you know you should undertake because they would improve your life? The coming days will be a favorable time to make headway on these labors. You will have more power than usual to move what has been nearly impossible to move. You may be surprised by your ability to change situations that have resisted and outfoxed you in the past. I'm not saying that any of this will be smooth and easy. But I bet you will be able to summon unprecedented amounts of willpower and perseverance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Franz Kafka produced three novels, a play, four short fiction collections, and many other stories. And yet some of his fellow writers thought he was uncomfortable in expressing himself. Bertolt Brecht said Kafka seemed perpetually afraid, as if he were being monitored by the cops for illicit thoughts. Milena Jesenská observed that Kafka often wrote like he was sitting naked in the midst of fully-clothed people. Your assignment in the coming weeks is to shed such limitations and inhibitions from your own creative expression. What would you need to do to free your imagination? To get started, visualize five pleasurable scenarios in which you feel joyful, autonomous, generous, and expansive.

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Special delivery

Rolling Remedies delivers medical marijuana to your doorstep

Every time I go out in search of a dispensary to review, it requires logistical planning. I suffer from epilepsy and don't drive, so this week I had the marijuana come to me. Just as I would order a pizza, I called Lansing-area marijuana

delivery service Rolling Remedies.

THE GREEN REPORT

The call itself was incredibly simple. The man on the other end of the line was more open than a lot of my friends are when talking about marijuana over the phone. (Some people cringe if you even say the word marijuana over the phone.)

He explained to me how the service worked, what I could order, and how long it would take. It was actually easier than ordering a pizza. The flower menu was short in variety, with only six strains to choose from. They were, however, all high-quality, top-name strains.

Because it is a delivery service, the verification process is a little bit different. I had to send a picture of my medical mari-



STEVE GREEN

juana card to Rolling Remedies with my smartphone prior to the delivery, then the delivery driver checked my ID and medical marijuana card at the delivery.

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I was slightly apprehensive about the quality of the buds without being able to look at them in person ahead of time, so I planned to order two separate times to ensure an accurate review. As it turned out, the first experience with Rolling Remedies was so great, I was excited for a repeat.

The first time around, I chose a strain called Alien Hallucination, which arrived in less than 25 minutes. It is a cross of the strains LSD and Tahoe Alien. After trying it out, I found that it had a really smooth smoke and clean white ash, with a great sweet flavor followed by earthy undertones. I like to look for white ash because it is indicative of the plant being flushed and cured well. I found this strain helped most with my muscle spasms, and it provided a heavy body buzz.

On my second order, I went with Gorilla Glue #4, one of the hottest strains on the market. Not all Gorilla Glue #4, however, is created equal. The team at Rolling Remedies put in the work to ensure this strain had the optimal taste and smell. This is one of the most pungent strains available in the area. With these nuggets being so sticky, dense



Photo by Steve Green for City Pulse

Gorilla Glue #4 is one of the high-quality marijuana strains delivered by Rolling Remedies.

and frosted, I went straight for my scissors before even bothering to try the grinder.

After I twisted one up, I began my medical ritual of burning the herb. First, my pain melted away. Second, my racing thoughts disappeared. If you decide to try this one yourself, remember that good Glue may take your breath away, due to its high lung expansion.

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Steve Green, who writes this column every two weeks, uses marijuana to prevent seizures. He has no business ties to any dispensaries or products.



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