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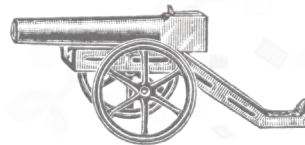
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Stadium renovation and The Outfield project underway

The new \$13.5 million Cooley Law School Stadium will have a new high definition scoreboard off left field, apartments beyond the outfield fence and a 360-degree concourse.

And you'll still be able to peer through the fence to watch the game if you're strolling by.

"We'd prefer you buy a ticket," said Randy Hannan, City of Lansing chief of staff and director of communications. "The fence will be retained and people will be able to see the action strolling by."

Design renderings for The Outfield, an \$11 million Gillespie Group residential project, were released last week, giving the first look at the concept for the 80 new apartments overlooking the ballpark. The project is receiving up to \$2.46 million in financing by the Michigan Strategic Fund through the MEDC Community Revitalization Program (CRP).

Work on the stadium renovations are well underway with construction along the baseball field outfield walls along Cedar Street.

"Combined with The Outfield, our ballpark will set a new standard for professional minor league baseball facilities across the country," said Tom Dickson, Lansing Lugnuts owner. The Gillespie Group also built the new Marketplace apartments adjacent to the Lansing City Market, the new Midtown mixed-use development on Michigan Avenue across from Red Cedar Park, the Stadium District across from the ballpark, and the renovation of the historic Marshall Street Armory on the city's East side.

- Belinda Thurston

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PUBLIC NOTICES

B/15/059 SEWER TELEVISIONING AND CLEANING as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept sealed bids at the **LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT/ CITY OF LANSING, PURCHASING OFFICE, 1110 S PENNSYLVANIA, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48912** until 3:00 PM local time in effect on **DEC. 30, 2014** at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by calling **Stephanie Robinson, CPPB** at (517) 702-6197, or email: slr@lbwl.com, or for content and purpose of this bid contact **Ann Parry** at (517) 483-4454, or **Public Service Engineering Department - 517-483-4450** or go to www.mitn.info. The City of Lansing encourages bids from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses.

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THE LANSING CITY COUNCIL HAS SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR 2015 AS FOLLOWS:

Monday, January 05, 2015;
Monday, January 12, 2015
Thursday, January 29, 2015; 5 p.m. reconvene at 7 p.m. at a location to be announced for the Mayor's State of the City Address

Monday, February 09, 2015
Monday, February 23, 2015;
Monday, March 09, 2015
Monday, March 23, 2015;
Monday, March 30, 2015
Monday, April 13, 2015
Monday, April 27, 2015;
Monday, May 11, 2015;
Monday, May 18, 2015;
Monday, June 08, 2015;
Monday, June 22, 2015
Monday, June 29, 2015
Monday, July 13, 2015
Monday, July 27, 2015
Monday, August 10, 2015
Monday, August 24, 2015
Monday, August 31, 2015
Monday, September 14, 2015
Monday, September 28, 2015;
Monday, October 12, 2015
Monday, October 26, 2015
Monday, November 09, 2015
Monday, November 23, 2015
Monday, December 14, 2015;

Except as otherwise noted, all meetings will be on a Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor City Hall.

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Gift suggestions for books from and about the Great Lake State



COVER ART

"CHIPDEER" by RON ST. GERMAIN



THIS WEEK

"City Pulse on the Air" will return Jan. 7. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Editor & Publisher
Berl Schwartz

7 p.m. Wednesdays



THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

2014 IN REVIEW
A HIGHLY SUBJECTIVE AND ASSUREDLY INCOMPLETE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR THAT WAS PART THE FIRST

JAN. 2: DAVID BROOKS ACKNOWLEDGES SMOKING WEED IN HIS YOUTH; INSISTS IT SHOULD REMAIN ILLEGAL.
I'M HIGH ON UPPER CLASS PRIVILEGE!

JAN. 9: MASSIVE CHEMICAL SPILL LEAVES 300,000 WEST VIRGINIANS WITHOUT WATER; AMERICANS SHRUG.
WELL IT'S NOT LIKE TERRORISTS DID IT!

JAN. 13: OXFAM REPORT NOTES THAT 85 RICHEST PEOPLE OWN AS MUCH AS BOTTOM HALF OF THE PLANET COMBINED.
THEY ARE ACHIEVERS!
WHY DO LIB-TARDS WANT TO PUNISH SUCCESS?

JAN. 24: BILLIONAIRE INVESTOR COMPARES CRITICISM OF RICH TO THE HOLOCAUST.
YOU KNOW WHO ELSE MADE SNARKY COMMENTS ABOUT PEOPLE?
WHO?

FEB. 20: FLORIDA JUDGE ORDERS GUNS RETURNED TO BLIND MAN ACQUITTED OF KILLING FRIEND UNDER "STAND YOUR GROUND" STATUTE.
WE COULD ADD SOMETHING, BUT REALLY, WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT?

FEB. 25: LORD OF DARKNESS AND ALL THIS IS VILE DICK CHENEY SURFACES TO DECLARE -- "COBAMA" WOULD RATHER SPEND THE MONEY ON FOOD STAMPS THAN...ON A STRONG MILITARY OR SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS!"

FEB. 26: RAND PAUL BLOCKS APPOINTMENT OF SURGEON GENERAL WHO SAYS GUN VIOLENCE IS A HEALTH ISSUE.
YOU'LL PRY HIS NOMINATION FROM MY COLD DEAD FINGERS!

FEB. 27: GUARDIAN REVEALS BRITISH GCHQ INTERCEPTED MILLIONS OF WEBCAM IMAGES.
OH WELL! I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE!

MARCH: DISAPPEARANCE OF FLIGHT 370 LEADS TO VERY INFORMATIVE CABLE NEWS SPECULATION.
WAS IT SUCKED INTO A BLACK HOLE?
I BET THAT COULD TOTALLY HAPPEN.

MARCH 4: LINDSAY GRAHAM BLAMES RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE ON...BENIGNAZI!
"WHEN YOU KILL AMERICANS AND NOBODY PAYS A PRICE, YOU INVITE THIS TYPE OF AGGRESSION!"

MARCH 19: BILL "WRONG ABOUT EVERYTHING" KRISTOL CHASTISES AMERICANS FOR THEIR INEXPLICABLE RELUCTANCE TO START MORE WARS.
WHAT ARE YA--A BUNCH OF WIMPS?

APRIL 3: DEADBEAT RANCHER BECOMES OVERNIGHT FOLK HERO TO CONSERVATIVES.
AND THEN WE'LL THROW HIM IN A HOLE SO DEEP, HE'LL NEVER SEE DAYLIGHT AGAIN

APRIL 24: DEADBEAT RANCHER SHARES HIS THOUGHTS ON "THE NEGRO" IS DROPPED BY CONSERVATIVES LIKE A HOT POTATO.

MAY 27: JOHN KERRY CALLS EDWARD SNOWDEN A "COWARD" AND "TRAITOR" WHO SHOULD "MAN UP-- COME BACK TO THE U.S!"
"YOUR DEAD KIDS DON'T TRUMP MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!"

MAY 27: IN WAKE OF ELLIOT RODGER SHOOTING SPREE, FORGOTTEN RIGHT WING ICON JOE THE PLUMBER MAKES BID FOR MORE ATTENTION.

JUNE 30: SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS THAT CORPORATIONS ARE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE. THE SEX-HAVING FLESH PEOPLE OFFEND MY SINCERELY HELD BELIEFS!
BUBBY LOB!

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NEWS & OPINION

Market slide

City Market loses revenue; vendors say lack of marketing killing business

Of the vendors who opened the new City Market in 2010, only three will remain in the New Year.

Nan Jasinowski is closing Sweet Seasons Orchard Saturday after five-and-a-half years. The central shop space was an anchor with its fresh apple varieties and organic and specialty dried goods.

Jasinowski is among several vendors, past and present, who say the market is not made for success. The “palace” — Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority — is choking the life out of the market, they say, ignoring the free-fall in customers and responding to vendors with ambivalence.

“I think they want us out of here,” said Bonnie Falsetta, co-owner of Bob’s Market, one of longest standing vendors in the market. “Look how many have left.”

Indeed, the center of the market is a wide deserted aisle where customers once found Otto’s Chicken, massage therapy, the Sarge’s pulled pork sandwiches and more. Thursday, a week before Christmas, barely saw any foot traffic, Falsetta said, as she looked over a table full of poinsettia plants.

The 11,000-square-foot market is losing about \$30,000 in revenue a year, according to minutes from LEPFA meetings.

The most recent minutes available on the city’s website from October continue the trend with a year-to-date loss



Belinda Thurston/City Pulse

Thursday before Christmas the City Market was largely empty of customers.

of \$15,276 compared to a loss of \$9,161 by the same time in 2013.

Gus Pine, vice president of sales and marketing for LEPFA, said the market is “not as busy as we’d like to be.”

The market’s website says it has 20 vendor spaces available. A walk-through shows 10 vendors, including the Waterfront Bar & Grille, which has expanded into more square footage as vendors have vacated over the years.

He said it isn’t fair to do a one-for-one comparison on the number of vendors because space is leased by the square foot.

But the fact is clear, compared to the April 2010 Facebook announcement of “operating at 100% capacity” and “a waiting list for our indoor market,” the new market has gotten old quickly.

The \$1.79 million new City Market was rebuilt in 2010 and the former historic structure was razed to make way for the Gillespie Group Marketplace apartments, which recently opened. The move that downsized the facility was controversial and resisted by some

vendors and fans of the old market. The market has never turned a profit and receives a subsidy from the city.

A photo of the vendors who opened the new market standing on the steps near the river serves as more of an obituary of merchants long gone: Soulful Earth Herbals, Otto’s Chicken, Alice’s Kitchen, Seif Foods, St. John’s Cider Mill, Shoua’s Asian Food.

“We don’t want to just be rent collectors’

From the oldest to the newest, vendors are vocal about their discontent.

“The people in the palace need to promote the market,” said Janet Ozanich, owner of L&J Sales, which offers handmade soaps and lotion products. “Nobody knows we’re here.”

Ozanich leased space in June.

The signage is non-descript, small and easy to miss, they say. There is no print or broadcast message. And with the Marketplace multi-colored apartment building overshadowing the mar-

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About time

Antiquated political opposition to relations with Cuba predictable

In a more rational world, the U.S embargo of Cuba, modified last week by President Obama, would have ended generations ago.

Certainly, it was what the Cuban people hoped for in 1978. President Jimmy Carter, sensing the futility and ineffectiveness of U.S. policy, pried open the Kennedy-era boycott door ever so slightly. I slipped through as a reporter to cover a trade mission from Baltimore and other east coast cities.

Then, like now, Cuba was a country suspended in time. The embargo had been in place since 1960, and despite large subsidies from the Soviet Union,

the people were poor but certainly not ragged. Because this was a trip to develop business contacts, most of the delegation’s time was spent in meetings with government officials, who in a Communist country were also the corporate officials.

The opportunities to buy and sell — then and now — are remarkably similar. It was food, tourist services, banking and automobiles. Cuban cars in 1978 were relics from 1940-1950 and they still are. One import—exporter in the delegation was rebuffed in his bid to buy these antiques. Whether Cubans knew the collector value of the cars or simply



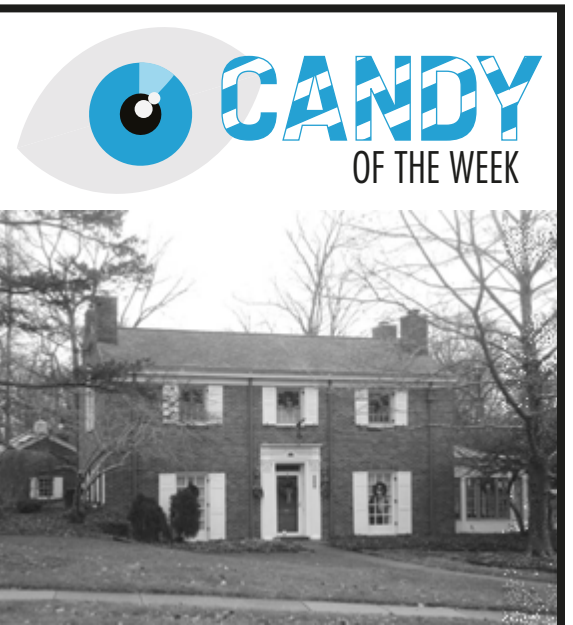
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needed transportation wasn’t clear.

What was obvious and surprising was the goodwill people had toward the United States. Nearly 20 years of propaganda by Fidel Castro’s police state apparatchiks wasn’t working very well, at least not by the sample of Cubans I met during my time in Havana and the nearby countryside. They were cautiously interested in me and the United States. The best way to put it is that they were coping.

Thirty-six years later, they are still coping and poor and proud. It was Cuba that sent 461 doctors, nurses and other medical personnel to Africa to help fight the Ebola scourge. It won 14 medals at the 2012 Summer Olympics. It has a 100 percent literacy rate, according to the World Bank, which

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Property: 666 Butterfield Drive, East Lansing
Owners: Nancy and Bruce Dunn

Owing to an unusual arrangement, two streets in East Lansing’s Strathmore Addition intersect each other at two different locations. Butterfield Drive, which runs south along the front of this house, curves to the west and intersects Collingwood Drive near Bailey Park. Proceeding north from that intersection and following Collingwood as it bends east, one returns to this home once again.

Each year as winter approaches, the owners of this home hang wreaths in every window. The decorations are a welcome reminder of the approaching holiday season and an apt addition to this carefully detailed building. Designed by East Lansing architect Harold Childs, this Colonial Revival home is replete with traditional elements. The aedicule surrounding the front door is embellished with decorative Corinthian pilasters. A curved copper roof over the south facing sunroom underscores a Palladian window assembly. Even the typically utilitarian downspouts are placed to reinforce the symmetry of the front elevation.

Shutters on the main elevation feature operational hinges and are appropriately sized to cover the adjacent windows. Solid panels of the tall, main floor shutters echo the panel pattern on the front door. Upper level shutters are equipped with authentic shutter dogs to hold them open when not in use.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

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

Hiss the season

How the snake stole Christmas

Folks, as you may have heard by now, the war on Christmas is being fought right here, on the front lawn of “our House.” Yes, that’s right.

And if you’re reading this before 11 p.m. today (Dec. 23), you can go see it for yourself.

The first volley was fired weeks ago, but it wasn’t returned until last week, when it was learned that because no one had committed to removing and replacing the proposed Christian nativity scene, it could not be permitted by the Capitol, nor, as such, displayed there.

However, the Detroit chapter of The Satanic Temple, those clever devils, had already crossed all their t’s, and dotted their i’s, and committed to installing and removing their holiday display daily, just like the rules require. And it seems their tidy efforts served to “invigorate the Christmas spirit,” according to John Truscott of the Michigan Capitol Commission, referring in a statement to the number of subsequent applications the Commission received for nativity scenes upon releasing the controversial news.

State Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, fresh off the final night of the lame-duck session, happily saved the Christian day, installing the nativity scene (donated by Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth) at noon Friday, accompanied by a group of about 50 carolers and supporters. He has vowed to install and remove the scene daily through the day after Christmas.

But just who are these particular Satanists, and do they really worship a “dark lord?” Do they really hate Christmas, and live to offend Christians with their “Snaketivity” scene?

“Our national organization is an LLC,”



Blackmore

according to Jex Blackmore, executive director of the Detroit Chapter, after she and several other members installed the display early Sunday morning. “A part of the reason is because we’re not seeking tax exempt status. That’s something that we actually really oppose, and have taken an ethical stance against, because we don’t believe churches should receive tax exemption.”

So, they’re not technically a church. And the point of their display isn’t to mock Christians. “We’d like it to lead to legislators really considering the fact that there’s a diversity of voices here,” she said.

“We also hope that it inspires other groups and other people who feel [un]represented to challenge a system that is perhaps biased, and we encourage people to do that any way they can to participate in the political process.”

The “Snaketivity, complete with solar lighting and measuring in at about 3 feet by 3 feet, features a red and black snake and a bit of evergreen draped about a Satanic cross, lit at the top with a goat’s head in an inverted pentagram. The snake, a symbol of enlightenment, offers a book, *Revolt of the Angels*, and the holiday message on the inverted cross tells observers, “The greatest gift is knowledge.”

The Satanic Temple is not about rituals, or worshipping any sort of deity. Its mission is “to encourage benevolence and empathy among all people,” according to its website. “In addition,” the statement continues, “we embrace practical common sense and justice.”

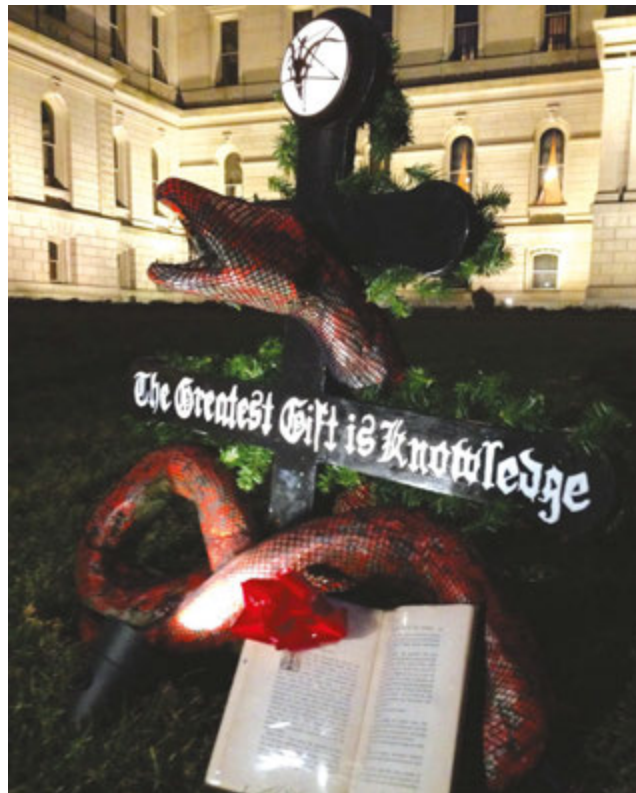
So how is this Satanic? Isn’t Satan evil?

“We come from a history of modern Satanism that is secular, non-theistic, and isn’t the first kind of non-theist religion that exists,” Blackmore said, citing Buddhism

and Hinduism that have non-theistic forms.

If they’re encouraging benevolence, empathy and justice, why do they use imagery and trappings that evoke such strong reactions in the general public?

“Because we come from a lineage of people who are misrepresented, outcast or demonized by being called Satanist, which is a term that’s often used to control and oppress groups of people that oppose the state. Being part of a so-called Christian



Laurie Hollinger/City Pulse

The Snaketivity, a 3-foot-by-3-foot, solar-powered holiday display, installed Sunday morning on the Capitol lawn by the Detroit Chapter of The Satanic Temple.

nation, we believe it’s important that not only the Christian voice is heard. So we support secularism; we support separation of church and state because we see how ... theocratic legislation is very dangerous.”

The language is integral to breaking stereotypes too. “Words are so important in our political process,” Blackmore continued later over coffee. “When you think about

[the Satanic concept] ... part of our history really comes from that language. So when we call someone evil or Satanic we’re saying that their morals don’t align with ours, so therefore, they’re bad. And that’s a problem.”

Not to be confused with the Church of Satan, organized by Anton LaVey in 1966, the Satanic Temple is a relative newcomer to the satanic landscape. One of its earliest actions was a Satanic “rally” in support of Florida Gov. Rick Scott’s approval of state bill SB-98 permitting student-led prayer in public schools in 2013. The Temple’s founder, Lucien Greaves, staged the rally on the Florida state house steps and hailed Scott for opening public schools to open religious practice for all.

Arguably, the Temple’s most notable action was fomented in Oklahoma. In response to the installation of a permanent Ten Commandments statue on the state’s Capitol grounds in 2013, the Temple commissioned a statue of Baphomet, an ancient idol featuring a goat’s head and legs, human arms and torso, and angel wings. The ACLU lost its suit challenging the constitutionality of the Ten Commandments statue in August 2013 and has since filed an appeal. Baphomet remains under construction and permits for any donated statues for the Oklahoma Capitol are being held until the ACLU case is settled.

Blackmore, 32, came to Satanism as a teenager, “driven there by the church and its culture of shame,” she said.

In addition to being the executive director of the Detroit chapter, which has 25 to 50 active participants, she serves on the Temple’s executive ministry. Part of that job involves overseeing other chapters (10 in the U.S. and two overseas), as well as vetting potential organizers and members for new chapters.

The Temple will be keeping an eye on any further action taken by the Michigan Legislature on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, as well as developments on amending the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

— By Laurie Hollinger



Performer? Nerd? Crazy person?

We’re hiring trivia hosts
in East Lansing.





Mickey Hirten/City Pulse
Vintage American automobiles awaiting repairs. This was one of the newer models in the city where cars from the 1940s and 1950s were still on the road.

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also reports that it has a lower children-under-5 mortality rate (6 percent) than the United States (7 percent).

If the country is down, it certainly isn't out, and it should be clear that the time has come for a new approach to this country, just 90 miles south of Florida.

But it isn't for the Republican Party which is again outraged that the president is acting presidential. With some notable exceptions — Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona and Rep. Mark Sanford from South Carolina — Republicans of all stripes, particularly those with presidential ambitions, embrace the status quo.

Never mind that after five decades of an embargo designed to topple the brothers Castro, they remain firmly in charge. The drive to keep this policy in place neatly fits the definition of insanity. Then again, this is the same Republican Party in control of the House of Representatives that voted 54 times to repeal, revise or gut the Affordable Care Act. None succeeded and wouldn't with a Democratic Senate and president. Insanity? No, just politics, playing to the

base.

What has been so striking about the prolonged Cuban embargo is the arbitrariness of it. Castro is a dictator of a communist police state and there is nothing romantic about the oppression that weighs on ordinary citizens or the Cuban government's international support for mayhem. Even by the low bar set for dictators, Castro is a nasty piece of work.

But we deal with dozens of awful states. China is Communist and oppressive; it practices censorship and arbitrary detention. It's essentially a dictatorship. Where's the embargo?

Freedom House, a democracy watchdog, regularly identifies the world's most oppressive countries, and we deal with most of them. On its latest list are Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Most have U.S. embassies.

Our failed strategy of isolating Cuba gave Castro just the foil he needed to excuse and often justify the country's deplorable human rights record and substandard economy. One of the starkest findings during my reporting stint in the country was just how little there was for people to buy. The large city supermarkets were essentially empty.

Even with their low wages, people grum-

bled that there were so few ways to enrich their lives. And what was available, if it was available, was expensive: \$22 for a bottle of rum, \$1.10 for a pack of cigarettes, \$1,200 for a black and white television set. And this is in 1978 dollars.

The government blamed the U.S. — partly true. The isolation we imposed suppressed a larger worldview, not as encompassing as North Korea certainly, but opaque, nonetheless.

What can happen now is capitalism. Markets and choices, fulfillment of expectations, and greater individual responsibility. What people in the street complained about in 1978 were the lines and rationing for basic goods. By lifting the embargo we

pull away the blinders. People will find that free markets and openness work better than central planning. And if they create the demand for change from the bottom up that was supposed to happen with the embargo, the changes that Obama promised early in his administration and has finally delivered may accomplish what the State Department has long declared to be our goal: "Democratic and economic reforms and increased respect for human rights on the part of the Cuban Government."



PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-8-2014, 1100-1200 Blocks, South Side of E. Michigan Avenue
Rezoning from "F-1" Commercial, "DM-3" & "DM-4" Residential Districts to "D-1" Professional Office District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, to consider Z-8-2014. This is a request by the Edward W. Sparrow Hospital Association to rezone the property bounded by:

E. Michigan Avenue to the north, Eureka Street to the south, Bingham Street to the west and S. Holmes Street to the east from "F-1" Commercial, "DM-3" & "DM-4" Residential Districts to "D-1" Professional Office district.

The purpose of the rezoning is to bring the existing Sparrow Professional building at 1200 E. Michigan Avenue into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and to permit the construction of a new professional office building and parking ramp on the property to its west.

For more information about this case, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2015, City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email at city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-7-2014, 310 N. Seymour Street
Rezoning from "CUP" Community Unit Plan to "G-1" Business District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, to consider Z-7-2014. This is a request by the City of Lansing Planning & Neighborhood Development Department to rezone the property at 310 N. Seymour Street, legally described as:

Lots 4 through 9, also the South 12 Feet of Lots 3 & 10 Block 84, Original Plat

from "CUP" Community Unit Plan to "G-1" Business District. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow for future redevelopment of the property.

For more information about this case, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2015, City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email at city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, City Clerk

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CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-6-2014, 1900 S. Cedar Street & 8 Teel Court
Rezoning from "D-1" Professional Office & "B" Residential Districts to "F-1" Commercial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, to consider Z-6-2014. This is a request by the George F. Eyde Family, LLC & the Louis J. Eyde Family, LLC, to rezone the property at 1900 S. Cedar Street, legally described as:

Commencing 7 feet South of the Northeast Corner of Lot 8, thence West 79 feet +/- to the West line of Lot 8, South 3 feet, West 574.14 feet to a point 10 feet South & 100 feet East of the Northwest Corner of Lot 5, South 162 feet, West 100 feet, S 110 feet, West 100 feet, South 55 feet, East 100 feet, South 132.42 feet, East 268.84 feet, South 350.3 feet, East 197 feet to the Northwest Corner of Lot 17, South 123.75 feet, East 40 feet, North 123.75 feet, East 170.5 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot 13, North 00deg 24min West 433.35 feet, North 12deg 08min East 385.9 feet to the point of beginning; Assessors Plat No 46

from "D-1" Professional Office district to "F-1" Commercial District. The applicant is also requesting a rezoning of the property at 8 Teel Court, legally described as:

South 350.3 feet of Lot 5, Assessors Plat No. 46, also Lot 57 Chittenden's Subdivision

from "B" Residential to "F-1" Commercial District. The purpose of the rezoning requests is to permit the conversion of the building at 1900 S. Cedar Street into a mix of commercial, office and multiple family residential uses with associated parking.

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Brief ...

Debris flies in preparation for the Flyer

Several houses were demolished recently, clearing way for a new bus terminal for the Michigan Flyer.

Michigan Flyer LLC is beginning a \$1.6 million bus terminal project for the property on Michigan Avenue between Howard Avenue and Detroit Street.

The Michigan Flyer provides bus service



Belinda Thurston/City Pulse

Property at the corner of Michigan and Howard avenues is being prepared for construction of a new Michigan Flyer bus terminal.

to and from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The East Lansing company is part of Owosso-based Indian Trails Inc.

Steve Hayward, executive director of the Eastwood DDA in Lansing Township, said the site plan was recently approved. The current project is "temporary development of the property." The township will consider an application for reimbursement under the brownfield plan.

He said eventually the Michigan Flyer is planning a \$16 million development with office and hotel development.

The site will have 160 to 170 customer parking spaces and parking for buses.

The Michigan Flyer has a stop in downtown East Lansing.

— Belinda Thurston

...And Briefer

The Michigan Legislature in the waning days of its lame duck session **stumbled** on plans to pay for road repairs and tuned the issue over to voters, who will vote in May on a constitutional amendment to fund roads by increasing the sales tax from 6 cents to 7 cents on the dollar. ... A federal judge has returned **wolves** in Michigan and nearby states to the **endangered species**

list, protecting them from the planned 2015 hunt. ... Oswald Wilder Jr., convicted of a series of **East Lansing sexual assaults** in the spring of 2013, was sentenced on Thursday to 46 to 100 years in prison. Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Rosemary Aquilina called Wilder a "**sexual psychopath**." ... A \$20 million **apartment and retailing** building will arise on the site of the **closed YMCA** on Lenawee Street with an opening planned for 2016 ... In what Detroit Free Press sportswriter Joe Rexrode described as the "**most shocking loss**" in MSU basketball coach **Tom Izzo's 20-year career**, the Spartans lost 71-64 in overtime on Saturday to unheralded Texas Southern.

Tenants have started moving into the upper floors. Pine and Lori Mellentine, the City Market manager, said they will be creating packets of information and coupons to welcome the new residents. There are even plans to hold a special welcome event for residents in January.

The Outfield also offers the potential for future nearby customers. The \$11 million residential development across the street at the baseball stadium.

Pine shared with City Pulse a new brochure being used to recruit vendors, titled "Grow your own business" that says "recent data shows an average of 330 patrons shop the City Market each week."

The brochure reads: "The City Market administers general marketing" frequently through press releases, social media and emails.

"We use social media big time, everyday we're posting. And we use our website and newsletter," said Mellentine.

Go to the City Market Facebook page

Taking the hit

'Disingenuous' law enforcement officials sunk medical pot bill, advocate says

A bill that would have brought back medical marijuana dispensaries to Michigan failed in the Legislature's lame-duck session. Robin Schneider of the National Patients Rights Association, which fought for the measure, explained why on the TV show "City Pulse Newsmakers." The episode can be seen on www.lansingcitypulse.com. Here are excerpts from her interview.

Q: You must have been very disappointed.

Schneider: It was. We have spent the last three years attempting to clarify the medical marijuana law. It's a good act, but there's not any provisions for letting the patients test their medicine. If their caregiver doesn't have medical marijuana available, there's not any legal access for them, so we're trying to create legal access for the patients so they're not going into illegal situations. We are very disappointed, and it's the patients who ultimately will pay the price.

Q: It was the Senate that needed to pass the bill that the House had approved. The Senate will get even a little more conservative next year. What do you think the outlook is?

Schneider: We've been asked to come back in January and continue our work group with the governor's administration. ... I'm optimistic, but I think we've worked for three years in a good-faith effort, we've been very open and honest, and in the end it was the law enforcement groups that opposed the bill and very strategically came out hard against it. That was very disingenuous of them after three years of hard and negotiations.

Q: Why would law enforcement be against it? Medical marijuana is not a street drug.

Schneider: Law enforcement makes a lot of money off marijuana busts. It's how they fund their departments. They took in \$20 million a year in asset forfeiture. That's just what's been reported — I know there's more than that. It's cutting into their budgets if they can't go and raid everybody who uses medical marijuana and seize all their assets. They are radically opposed to marijuana use and they are ignoring the will of the voters.

It's probably time we started a media campaign. We've tried to be diplomatic for three years. We did. We hired the lobbyists, we did the work groups, we met with every single legislator. We went to every single one of their fundraisers.

Q: You even sponsored one for (Senate Majority Leader Randy) Richardville.

Schneider: Oh, yeah, we had a wonderful event for Sen. Richardville, and he tried to help us, but the political process didn't work in three years.

We have piles and piles of documents of raid victims. It's been open season on medical marijuana patients and caregivers for the last six years. We have piles of stories of people who have been paramilitary-style raided, and it's probably time that we're going to have to bring them out in the open into the media to tell their stories about what law enforcement is doing to them.

We've been very honest, we've been very accommodating to law enforcement every single time we've met with them. We've made every single change to the bill that they asked us to do. ... They are continuing to move the goal posts.

— Berl Schwartz



Market

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ket from Cedar Street, it's easy to drive right past unless you are a long-time customer.

Last Thursday LEPFA issued a press release "just in time for holiday shopping" promoting 22 new parking spaces, Michigan-made products and holiday hours.

"They need to actively pursue vendors," Ozanich said. "With Nan leaving we lose a big anchor. That's going to really hurt."

Pine said there is a marketing plan and new initiatives to attract vendors and customers. He said LEPFA is surveying customers to find out what they want and where they get their information. They will know the survey results by the end of February.

"We are looking for ways to publicize the market," he said. "We don't want to just be rent collectors."

He said they would be marketing to the residents of the Marketplace apartments.

however, and you'll find a less-than-robust environment. It shows hit-or-miss posts, several per week, but nothing consistent or daily. The Twitter account (@ilovethebarn) — which was hard to find (who calls the market the barn?) — posts about one Tweet a day during its operating hours.

'We are looking for positive vendors'

The vendors the City Market is targeting to is unclear.

"We are looking for positive vendors to create solutions," Pine said. "It doesn't do any good to bring in a vendor who doesn't fit in."

At one point Pine said LEPFA wants to create a "co-op kind of environment."

He said they would like to attract entrepreneurs, ready-to-eat meal places, vendors who appeal to millennials.

"The city continually supports the City Market and its vendors in every way that we can," said Randy Hannan, the mayor's executive assistant. "It's true that they've lost some vendors but the City Market is really a small business incubator so it's not unusual

or unexpected to see vacancies there."

Jasinowski hugged one of her customers Friday in a long embrace. She had just opened a gift the woman had given her.

They're going to miss each other.

But Jasinowski invited her to come to the goodbye party planned all day Dec. 30.

She wants to have a good time and remember the market fondly.

She's one of the original vendors in the new market that opened in April 2010. She took a chance and joined the market before the old market was demolished, connecting with a Lansing institution.

"One by one they're gone," said Ozanich. "You look out and wonder where did the market go? They don't care about us."

Hannan said, "it's a constantly evolving market. ... Those who are left adapt to those changes and our marketing team."

— Belinda Thurston



awww- inspiring

Local author's formula: Patience plus determination minus digital manipulation

By ALLAN I. ROSS

In 1958, Alvin, Simon and Theodore harmonized on “The Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don’t Be Late),” the novelty holiday tune that introduced the immortal Christmas plea, “Me, I want a hooooo hooooooop.” (Sorry if that’s stuck in your head now.) Singer/songwriter Ross Bagdassarian employed simple audio trickery to create the helium-voiced trio that would go on to spawn albums, Saturday morning cartoons and a live action movies series.

More than 50 years later, Grand Ledge photographer Ron St. Germain hopes to strike similar gold with his latest project, a children’s picture book series also based on the ground-scampering rodents. The difference is that he’s doing it with actual chipmunks — and without any chicanery.

“I got into photography to show one moment in time and make you drop your jaw,” St. Germain said. “I wanted to bring that aspect of photography back, to make people believe an image again. Because of (the prevalence of) Photoshop, we’ve gone from believing a photograph to questioning if it was reality.”

He self-published his first book, “Why Is Everyone Coming to My House?,” earlier this year. It features chipmunks simulating a wide range of human-like activities — playing a video game, riding a skateboard, looking through a magnifying lens — set to a series of rhyming couplets as they observe human activity. Sample line: “I watch them playing on the beach, and swimming in the lake/They’re always having too much fun, to stop and take a break.” (Through watching the people and copying the fun things he sees them doing, he eventually finds a new appreciation for where he lives.)

And lest you start to think otherwise, St. Germain is adamant that nothing was “fixed in post-digital processing.”

“I’ve had people walk into my booth and argue with me that my images aren’t real,” he says. “I don’t know how else to say it. They are real.”

But what about the shot of him smirking as a chipmunk

peeps at him through the viewfinder of an SLR? Certainly that’s a combination of two photos.

“Read my lips,” St. Germain patiently explains. “No. Digital. Manipulation. My son took that shot. We just had to be very patient and very persistent.” *But he wasn’t lucky enough to get a chipmunk with reindeer antlers and a Santa hat — this week’s cover image was, indeed, “fixed.” “I don’t have any problem admitting when a photograph has been altered,” he said. “That’s our problem now — too many want you to believe something that isn’t real and won’t admit when it’s not.”)

St. Germain, 53, was raised in Lansing and graduated from Waverly High School. He has been a wildlife photographer for 33 years, but he started his company, Bearwave Publications, this year to launch the series. He chose one of his old photos — a grizzly bear with one arm raised — to serve as his company’s symbol “as a reminder that I haven’t always shot cute little critters.”

“For years I focused on big animals and big predators,” he said. “Being one on one less than 100 feet from a bear, armed with nothing but a camera, was better than any thrill ride at an amusement park.”

Since “My House” was published in May, St. Germain has been to 10 or so book events, including one earlier this month at the MSU Union. Ten stores in Michigan stock the book, including three in mid-Michigan: Both Schuler Books & Music locations and the gift shop at Sparrow Hospital. He’s sold about 500 so far, and said he can tell things are catching on because people have started calling him the “Chipmunk Whisperer.”

“I’m not sure I really like (that) tag, because every time someone mentions it, my first thought is, ‘Hey, I was a badass once,’” he says. “I wonder why nobody ever called me the Big Buck Whisperer or the Bear Whisperer.”

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Courtesy photos

Grand Ledge photographer Ron St. Germain’s first children’s book, “Why Is Everyone Coming to My House?,” features chipmunks in human-like situations. None of the photos were altered digitally.



Author

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He said the book started with the image of him “posing” for the chipmunk, a shot that took four days to get right.

“Once I got that photo, then I put the story together,” he said. “Then I challenged myself to go through page by page to match the story and what it was saying.”

He spent the next three years setting up the individual shots he needed for the book, some of which took two to three weeks to perfect. His mantra was “One scene at a time.”

“I wanted everything to be fresh — I didn’t want to go in (to my) archives and wonder how to turn photos into a story,” he said. “As I evolved as a photographer, I’d been looking for unique shots. I didn’t just want any (photo of) big game wildlife. There had to be an element I hadn’t seen before. That carried over to the chipmunks. And when I saw how much fun my kids were having, I realized how special this project had become.”

His son 17, was a freshman in high school when St. Germain started the book; his daughter, 21, was just graduating high school. He said he had “awesome opportunities” to work at major publications as a paid photographer, but he turned them down so he could spend time with his family.

“I made a decision I wanted to be a dad instead of a traveling journalist,” he says. “I wanted to watch my children grow up. Now my son’s a big bad varsity football player helping his dad with his silly books. And it’s good, quality fun. We go fishing then come back and shoot pictures of chipmunks.”

Although the images are all real, he does cop to bait-

ing the chipmunks. Offerings included peanuts, sunflower seeds and jelly. The photos were taken either on his property in Grand Ledge or at a location in the Upper Peninsula. And all the wildlife was, indeed, wild.

“They were shot on their terms, on their land,” St. Germain said. “And they were paid well, whatever their little preferences were. It took time to get to know them, but once I found what they liked, I was in. Then it was just a matter of waiting for them get into position, whether it was on the back of a (plastic) horse or roasting a marshmallow.”

Although the books are inherently for kids, St.

Germain knows which side his bread is (peanut) buttered on.

“I knew that if I could make adults fall in love with it, they’d take it home for their kids,” St. Germain said. “Kids don’t typically go to the book aisle, they want toys. Books are parent-driven. And it’s worked. Kids are responding.”

He shot the photos for Book 2, “I Love You More Than ...,” last summer. St. Germain said it should be out in May. He anticipates this being a six-book series, and plans to continuously challenge himself as he progresses.

“I’m not going to just slap something together just to say I’ve got a children’s book,” he said. “This has got to continue to be different from anything I’ve ever seen, and something someone else would have to work hard to duplicate.”

Of course, if it really takes off he may have to start thinking about merchandising. Animals posing au naturel are hot right now: Grumpy Cat just got a Christmas special. How far off are we from another wave of chipmunk-mania?

“I never was a fan of ‘Alvin and the Chipmunks’ growing up,” he said. “Chipmunks (as a subject matter) just fell into my lap. I don’t see this as anything but a book series for now, but the options are out there. I think the success of the books will dictate where I go. The more experience and exposure I get, that will motivate me to want to continue.”

“But for now, I’m just doing something unique that very few photographers and writers would even think to attempt, especially in this era of digital manipulation.”

He’ll leave that for the CGI-smiths looping the loops on the fourth “Alvin” movie.



For more information on St. Germain’s book series, including “Why Is Everyone Coming to My House,” go to the Bearwave Publications Facebook page.

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TIP YOUR SONGWRITER

Lansing's music scene sounds off on licensing fees

By CASEY BYE

According to the long-running MasterCard ads, an experience can be priceless. Of course, the actual price of that experience includes a \$90 concert ticket, a \$15 transaction fee, \$20 for parking and a few PBR tallboys ranging anywhere from \$3 to \$8 a pop. But the opportunity to see the Rolling Stones perform one last time (or one more last time) or Of Montreal pull out a three-song stretch of David Bowie songs — that truly is hard to put a price on.

Or is it? According to organizations like the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and Broadcast Music, Inc., that figure isn't at all difficult to determine. More important, according to American copyright law, the responsibility of paying that price falls not on the listener or performer, but squarely on the business that offers these experiences. From theaters and concert halls to local bars, restaurants, even gyms — if copyrighted music, played live or via recordings, is being played, that establishment is legally obligated to pay licensing fees. To clarify, even after you pay your ticket price, your door cover, or the total cost of your meal, the Wharton still pays to have copyrighted music performed, the Tin Can pays to plug their iPod into the speaker system and DeLuca's pays to pipe in music while you eat.

"The onus falls on the venues to pay ASCAP/BMI a yearly fee to stay compliant," explained Nate Dorough, lead talent buyer and co-owner of Fusion Shows. "Promoters don't have anything to do with it. It's just part of the yearly expense of keeping a venue open for business." Well sure, that's easy for him to say. He doesn't have to pay. Let's check in with an actual venue.

"We don't have a problem with it at all," said Chris Knape, spokesman for East Lansing gastropub HopCat. "We do pay a lot at all of our locations because it's the right thing to do. We believe musicians should be compensated for their art."

Not everyone is happy with the licensing fees. As City Pulse reported Dec. 3, Uli's Haus of Rock appears to be no more following a cryptic Facebook post stating it would "not be doing business anymore for at least 90 days through some legal issues." The former South Lansing metal venue has been stripped of all furniture and stage equipment. At the time of its closing, owner/operator Uli Kaczmarek said



Kaczmarek



Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

TOP: Uli's Haus of Rock closed in late October, which owner Uli Kaczmarek attributed to "legal troubles" associated with paying ASCAP fees.

Courtesy photo

RIGHT: Local rock band Fade To Black has to register its playlist with BMI, despite most of their songs being original.



ASCAP licensing fees were involved, but he wouldn't say any more. (The last time I spoke to him was Nov 18, when he said he was catching a plane to Los Angeles. His voice mail has since filled and he has not responded to multiple calls or texts.)

Whether Uli's Haus of Rock's licensing issues stemmed from ignorance of the law or good old rock'n'roll defiance to the man is unclear, but what is clear is the closure would have been a long time coming.

"When we identify an establishment that isn't in compliance, we start with emails and phone calls to inform them of the copyright law," said ASCAP's executive vice president of licensing, Vincent Candilora. "We try to first encourage them, explaining that their use of music is a good thing that brings in and holds customers. We give them reasons why it's beneficial to them to continue to

support the artists."

He said most new establishments, if they're unaware, understand and pay. If they don't, Candilora said ASCAP representatives continue to call, email and will send a local licensing manager to speak to the bar owner.

"It's only a last resort, after at least two years that we may go to court," Candilora said. "It doesn't do us any good to put anyone out of business. We want them to use our music. But when it comes down to it, we don't have a physical product. We can't stop delivery of beer, for example. The damages then are not laid down by ASCAP; they're statutory based on the law."

Candilora said those damages can run anywhere from \$750 to \$150,000 per infringement — which means, per song. Comparatively, the annual fee for live performances runs \$4.82 multiplied by the

establishment's maximum occupancy based on fire codes and \$3.36 times the occupancy for recorded content, with a 33 percent discount if both live and recorded music are played. But where does the money go?

"Twelve percent goes to operating costs, (but) other than that, we are actually owned by our members who then receive payment," Candilora said. Compare that to another nonprofit organization, say the American Psychiatric Foundation, whose estimated administration costs are 44 percent.

"The most interesting part of the ASCAP/BMI part of the business is that it not only applies to when artists play cover songs, but it technically also pays royalties to artists who play their own registered songs," Dorough said. "ASCAP pays Pearl Jam to play Pearl Jam songs." But certainly Pearl Jam is bringing in enough from ticket sales to survive without these additional licensing fees. What benefits are there for local artists?

Eldon McGraw is a guitarist with local rock band Fade to Black, whose November show at Uli's was canceled. McGraw is a registered member of BMI.

"After we play a live show, we register our set list with BMI, which includes the original Fade to Black songs and any cover song we played," McGraw said. "This way we get paid our royalties for Fade to Black songs and the authors/publishers of the songs we cover also get their fair royalties from BMI."

Although a percentage will go to that night's performers, an additional percentage is paid to ASCAP's top 200 grossing performers. The smaller acts, like Fade to Black, get something, but it seems to only help the rich get richer. It could be argued that ASCAP keeps the Pearl Jams, Bruce Springsteens and Justin Timberlakes happy so that it has big guns in the fight to support the rights of its lesser-known songwriters who aren't able to play for sold-out amphitheaters.

"Music royalties are harder and harder to make a living from as an artist," said Jon Hermann, producer, engineer, and founder of Epiphany Sound Productions. He's also the bass player in several local bands. "Songs released under major corporate labels obviously collect a lot more royalties, but only a small fraction of those royalties actually goes to the songwriter/performer."

The sudden closing of Uli's Haus of Rock is certainly disappointing to many of Lansing's rock fans. But next time you're at a wedding and the band pulls out a cover of "Isn't She Lovely," amid your aunt's clapping and your 6-year-old cousin's busting of herky-jerky moves, just be aware that someone's got to foot the bill.

Michigan stories

Gift suggestions for books from and about the Great Lake State

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Adventurous chipmunks, as featured in City Pulse's cover story this week, aren't the only Michigan characters that made their way onto the page this year. If you're still looking for a last-minute gift for that book-worm on your list, consider one of these selections with local connections.

Dennis O. Cawthorne's "Mackinac Island: Inside, Up Close, and Personal" and Michael Federspiel's "Little Traverse Bay" are both delightful looks at the history of Michigan's cottage life.

For those attracted to the popular apocalypse genre, check out "Bird Box," by Josh Malerman of Ferndale, and "Station Eleven," by Emily St. John Mandel, which

have taken dystopian thrillers to a new level. In Mandel's debut, the Detroit-area rock 'n' roller struck a rich vein in this Stephen King-style thriller in which a young mother attempts to save her children from an enemy that drives its victims into a mad rage just by looking at it. Everyone has been raving over Mandel's "Station Eleven," a National Book Award finalist. She didn't win, but the book follows a troupe of Shakespeare actors across Michigan as they seek out venues where survivors of a killing flu eke out an existence in what's left of the world. Their challenge is not "Macbeth" but staying alive. Both books are reminiscent of Cormac McCarthy's dark "The Road."

This was also a good year for mysteries. Bruce Cameron, dog rescue activist and author, has written his first crime novel, "The Midnight Plan of the Repo Man." It's about a classic outsider who solves a killing in Northwest Michigan with the help of his dog, Jake, as well as that of a supernatural friend. And two Michigan authors gave their old characters something new to do. Okemos author Lev Raphael's "Assault With a Deadly Lie" features his recurring character Nick Hoffman and his partner as they are randomly targeted by a militarized local police force. It may be his best mystery yet — the tension is gripping and totally believable. And Whitmore Lake's Loren Estleman has delivered a yeoman mystery in "You Know Who Killed Me," featuring the 24th appearance his Detroit detective Amos Walker.

There are three perfect books for the graphic novelist fan in the family. "The Warren Commission Report: A Graphic Investigation into the Kennedy Assassination," by Michigan natives Dan Mishkin and Jerzy Drozd, follows the U.S. government's case supporting the lone gunman theory. "Gaijin: American Prisoner of War" is about the incarceration of Japanese-Americans during WWII by Ann Arbor's Matt Faulkner. And "March: Book One,"



Courtesy image

Bath couple Robbyn Smith and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen showcase the difficult decisions wildlife rescuers must make in the children's book, "I Love You Just Enough."

illustrated by Nate Powell, focuses on the early days of the Civil Rights movement as told in first person by U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga.

Short stories and novellas are making a comeback, and this year four Michigan-centric writers have parlayed that newfound love into quirky short story collections: "Eight Mile High," by Jim Ray Daniels; "The Fish and the Not Fish," by Peter Markus; "Making Callaloo," by Lolita Hernandez; and "Quality Snacks," by Andy Mozina. And the talented Western Michigan author Monica McFawn has weighed in with her own collection, "Bright Shards of Someplace Else," which was the Flannery O'Connor Award this year.

For those of you who may have missed Frank Bascombe, Richard Ford's frequent protagonist, snag "Let Me Be Frank With You," one of the surprises of the season by the MSU graduate and Pulitzer Prize winner who can be both funny and profound in the same sentence. With mortality closing in, Frank is stretched when friends from his past burst his bubble on noninvolvement.

History buffs may want to add "The Arsenal of Democracy," by A.J. Baime, "Michigan Agricultural College: Campus Life 1900-1925," by Stephen Terry and local author Liz Homer's "Pioneers, Reformers & Millionaires" to their gift wish lists. "Arsenal" is about Edsel Ford's fight, often against his father, Henry Ford, to turn the Detroit area into a center for war munitions. "Campus Life" uses postcards to tell the story of the early days of Michigan State University. And Homer has turned one of her life's passions,

Lansing's Turner and Dodge families, into a book that looks at the politics and social movements of the era through the eyes of one of the city's first families.

MSUcreative writing professor Robin Silbergleid has penned "Texas Girl: A Memoir," which chronicles her decision to become a single mother in the early '00s.

Two coffee table books present an insider's view of Detroit through art and photography, taking a street's-eye view of the art forms populating a city on the rebound. Julie Pincus and Nichole Christian depict the beauty left in Motown in vibrant full-color photography in "Canvas Detroit," while "Detroit Resurgent" looks at the city through photographic portraits of Detroiters.

Once again local talent has stepped to the forefront in the category of books for young readers. Bath children's author Robbyn Smith Van Frankenhuyzen and her spouse, illustrator Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, showcase the difficult decisions wildlife rescuers must make in "I Love You Just Enough." Lansing resident and storyteller Jennifer Pahl Otto tells a delightful tale in "A House for Mr. Mouse," lovingly illustrated by Shanghai artist Bai Hua. And two other local writers add worthy installments to ongoing series: Debbie Diesen's "The Pout-Pout Fish Goes to School" and Ruth McNally Barshaw's "The Show Must Go On," the newest chronicle in "The Ellie McDoodle Diaries."

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Call for Entries! Project 60/50 Across Generations: VideoFest. Children and young adults are invited to submit a 5 minute videotaped conversation with an important elder in their life (anyone 60+ years of age). Screening of selected videos at the Broad Museum. Please visit Project6050.msu.edu for contest guidelines. Deadline is January 31, 2015.

Tuesday, December 23 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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.

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

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.

EVENTS

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

MUSIC

Jazz Night. Live music. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

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NYE 2015

A selection of Lansing-area New Year's events for Wednesday, Dec. 31

BEGGAR'S BANQUET

Complimentary champagne toast at midnight and food specials all evening. 5 p.m. FREE. Beggar's Banquet, 218 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-4540.

CROWNE PLAZA LANSING WEST/BORDEAUX

"Great Gatsby"-themed celebration includes five-course dinner, live jazz and champagne toast. 8 p.m. \$65/\$249 for two plus overnight stay. Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. (517) 323-7100.

COACH'S

Dinner special, drink specials, party favors, DJ from 9 p.m. to close and more. Coach's, 6201 Bishop Road, Lansing. (517) 882-2013.

DOWN TO EARTH HOLISTIC HEALTH/TNT MMMP RESOURCE CENTER

Game night, no alcohol. Valid Michigan ID and MMMP card required. 7 p.m. \$25/\$20 Adv. 3001 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 253-7393.

DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB

DJs, complimentary champagne toast at midnight and drink specials all night long. 8 p.m. \$10. Dublin Square Irish Pub, 327 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2222.

GRACIE'S PLACE

Rock the Red Carpet Party. \$45/person includes four-course dinner, live music, champagne toast at midnight. 5 p.m. 151 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

THE GREEN DOOR

Dance party with champagne toast and midnight breakfast buffet. 8 p.m. \$30. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376.

THE LOFT/TAPS 25/THE TIN CAN

Live music from the Knock-Offs, DJ John Beltran and complimentary taco bar. \$15/\$60 for table of four, includes champagne. 9 p.m. \$15. The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 913-0103.

MAC'S BAR

Featuring DJ Terrence Parker. 9 p.m.

\$10, 18-up. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 454-6795.

MICHIGAN PRINCESS

"Rock the Boat" event with music, dancing, dinner buffet, balloon drop and prizes. 9 p.m. \$40. 3004 W. Main St., Lansing. (517) 624-2154.

NUT HOUSE SPORTS GRILL

Free photo booth, party favors and pizza at midnight. No cover. DJ Slavin will perform from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Nut House Sports Grill, 420 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6881, nuthousesportsgrill.com.

RADISSON HOTEL LANSING AT THE CAPITOL

Full bar, DJ, champagne toast at midnight. Reservations required. \$295 includes overnight stay. Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol, 111 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-0188.

SPIRAL DANCE & VIDEO BAR

The "Leather and Lace New Year's Celebration" features go-go dancers, aerial dancers, drag performances and music by DJ Sizl. \$10 for 21-up/\$15 for ages 18-up. Spiral Dance & Video Bar, 1247 Center St., Lansing. (517) 894-1315.

TEN POUND FIDDLE'S CONTRA DANCE PARTY

For beginners and pros. No partner needed, comfortable shoes suggested. 6:30 p.m. potluck; 7:30 p.m. contra dance workshop; 8 p.m.-midnight dance. \$18/\$15 members/\$8 students. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 614-5858.

TROPPO

Dinner for two, appetizers, cash bar and DJs mixing Motown and disco mixes. 10 p.m. \$125/couple. Troppo, 111 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 371-4000.

ZOOBIE'S OLD TOWN TAVERN

Sneak peak of items from Cosmo's Pizza and The Creole. Champagne cocktails and toast at midnight. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern, 611 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-2737, zoobiesoldtowntavern.com.

TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



WED. DEC 31ST

NYE WITH PEOPLES TEMPLE, DEVIL'S CUT, PLURALS AT AVENUE CAFE

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$10. 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31

The Avenue Café is kicking off the New Year with a roster of loud and local rock 'n' roll bands. Co-headliners are Peoples Temple and the Devil's Cut; openers are the Plurals and Voyager. Peoples Temple spent 2014 promoting two loud and fast LPs, "Musical Garden" and "Weekends Time." Both discs were applauded by Pitchfork Media. The Devil's Cut is in the studio working on a new Americana-punk record, "Autumn of Antium," set for a spring release. This show marks the debut of Voyager, which melds heavy '70s psych with bits of punk and '90s shoegaze. The band lists the Stooges, Neil Young, Rush and Spacemen 3 as its chief muses. As for the Plurals, the alt-rock trio just completed the upcoming full length LP, "An Onion Tied to My Belt."

THE SANTAPOCALYPSE II AT THE LOFT

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$9/\$7 adv. 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 26

Santapocalypse mixes live music and locally produced Christmas-themed short films. The second annual event features Chasing the Riots, Decide Today, Grave Slave, Meat Dog, Watabou, Croatone, Stevie B & the Beast-Toned, Super Thing and more. "The films are a fun promotional accessory to the event which is first and foremost a concert," said event organizer Jonny Reno, who also portrays the late Billy Mays in the series. "They are low-budget, 3- to 5-minute horror/comedy films with cheesy effects and will be shown in between each live act." Drag performer Ace Deville will play Mrs. Claus and bartender/DJ Craig Doepker will be Santa. A few of the locals credited as "deceased victims" are DJ Glitter Magik, DJ Ybba, artist Alexa Lytle and Golden Harvest owner Zane Vicknair, among others.



FRI. DEC 26TH

SALIVA AT FAHRENHEIT

Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge, 6810 S. Cedar, Lansing. All ages. \$20/\$15 adv. 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 1

Saliva, known for mainstream rock hits like "Click Click Boom" and "Always," headlines Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge on New Year's Day. Openers are St8 of Mine, the Novella and Oeno. Saliva formed in Memphis in 1996. One year later released its self-titled debut. By 2001, the nu-metal band signed to Island Records and scored a number of hits with the platinum LP, "Every Six Seconds." The band's third effort, "Back into Your System," is its highest charting album. It reached No. 1 on the Billboard Modern Rock Chart. As 2011 wrapped up, founding member and lead singer Josey Scott left Saliva to pursue Christian music. The current lineup is vocalist Bobby Amaru, Wayne Swinny (guitar), Dave Novotny (bass) and drummer Paul Crosby. The band is out supporting its new disc, "Rise Up."



THU. JAN 1ST

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LIVE & LOCAL

- Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Rd.
- Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Dr.
- Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.
- Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.
- Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.
- The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.
- Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.
- Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.
- Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.
- The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.
- Log Jam, 110 W. Jefferson St.
- Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.
- Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.
- Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Rd.
- Reno's West, 501 W. Saginaw Hwy.
- Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27
- Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.
- Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Dr.
- Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		Steve Elgas, 7 p.m.	Rick Wood, 7 p.m.
			Sarah Brunner, 8:30 p.m.
			DJ Jimmy, 9 p.m.
		Hot Mess, 9 p.m.	Hot Mess, 9 p.m.
		Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
		Summer of Sol, 8 p.m.	The New Rule, 8 p.m.
		Karaoke w/Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	
		Spoonful, 9 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9 p.m.
		Karaoke	
		The Santapocalypse 2, 5 p.m.	90s Throwback Party, 8 p.m.
			Chip Christy, 9 p.m.
			Past Tense, 9 p.m.
		Smooth Daddy, 9 p.m.	Shaneberger Band, 10 p.m.
		New Rule, 7 p.m.	Well Enough Alone, 7 p.m.
		Dirty Helen, 8 p.m.	Rush Clement, 8 p.m.
		Rush Clement, 8 p.m.	Kathy Ford, 8 p.m.
		Rotation, 8:30 p.m.	Rotation, 8:30 p.m.
		Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	
		DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.

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Wednesday, December 24

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EVENTS

Christmas Eve Service. Family-Friendly Worship. Carols and Candles. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 349-4220, okemoscommunitychurch.org.

Christmas Eve Services. Communion, carols and more. 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. FREE. Grace Lutheran Church, 528 N. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 372-5830, gracelutheranlansing.org.

Friday, December 26

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

EVENTS

Singles New Year Warm-Up Bash. Weekly party with fun, food and dancing. 7:30 p.m.-midnight. \$13. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 S. Chandler Road, Bath. (517) 281-6272, SinglesTGIF.com.

Festival of Trees. Decorated trees from local businesses and individuals. 5-9 p.m. \$5. Turner Dodge House and Heritage Center, 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 483-4313.

Wine Down Fridays. Sample two white and two

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Thursday, December 25

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Christmas Satsanga and Meditation Gathering. Blessing, meditation and silent prayer. 10:15 a.m., FREE. Self Realization Meditation Healing Centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, SelfRealizationCentreMichigan.org.

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Quan Am Temple, 1840 N. College Ave.,

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Extended Family"-all its members have something in common.
by Matt Jones



Across

- 1 Overwhelm
- 6 Mark a ballot
- 10 "I Am ___ of Constant Sorrow"
- 14 FDR had it
- 15 Sent notes to online
- 16 Go as fast as you can
- 17 Mix up the letters in a former "SNL" player's last name?
- 20 Even score
- 21 "I'm Like ___" (Nelly Furtado hit)
- 22 Pretentious name for the Jan Brady fan club?
- 28 Jong and others
- 29 Rejoice
- 30 Swiss potato dish
- 31 Recipe command
- 32 Animal with antlers
- 35 Bizarre way an African dictator used to close his letters?
- 39 Ping-pong table divider
- 40 Concoct
- 41 Top group
- 42 Bathroom floor item
- 44 Person who holds property in trust
- 45 NBA player who grew up in Istanbul?
- 48 "There Will Be ___"
- 49 ___ Arbor
- 50 Howl the surname

- of a theater great?
- 58 Spot on the Web
- 59 "Fine, have it your way!"
- 60 Student helper
- 61 Thomas Hardy title heroine
- 62 Prefix with physics
- 63 "It's always something with you!"

- 9 Mag workers
- 10 "I know you ___ what am I?"
- 11 Bialik of "The Big Bang Theory"
- 12 Sharp, poetically
- 13 "___ alert!"
- 18 Intentions
- 19 Starbucks size
- 22 Gradually diminish
- 23 Drop in on
- 24 Prefix with plasm
- 25 Captured back
- 26 Boot out of the country
- 27 Do some knitting
- 28 Ms. Brockovich
- 31 La ___ (famed opera house)
- 32 Hirsch of "Into the Wild"
- 33 Petrol amount
- 34 Proposer's joint

- 36 Mosque head
- 37 Doesn't just think about
- 38 Dismounted
- 42 Fur shawls
- 43 Last part of a classical piece
- 44 Irishman in sunglasses
- 45 Skateboard move
- 46 Aggressive sellers
- 47 Hooded coat
- 48 Bankrupt
- 51 He meows
- 52 Manage (a living)
- 53 Obtained
- 54 Believe, as a dubious story
- 55 Golf cart's cousin, for short
- 56 Fish eggs
- 57 Like some humor



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Out on the town

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red wines. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$15. Bordeaux, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. (517) 323-4190. facebook.com/bordeauxlansing.

Wonderland of Lights. Holiday display featuring thousands of lights. 5-8 p.m. \$6/\$4 ages 3-12/ages 3 and under FREE. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org

MUSIC

Smooth Daddy. Live music. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

Santapocalypse 2. Neo-punk, theatrical Christmas concert featuring several artists. All ages show. 5 p.m. \$9. The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 913-0103.

THEATER

'Miracle on South Division Street.' Christmas themed tale of family, legacy and tolerance. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$24 matinee/\$27 evenings. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatrte.org.

Saturday, December 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Festival of Trees. Decorated trees from local businesses and individuals. Noon-8 p.m. \$5. Turner Dodge House and Heritage Center, 100 E. North St., Lansnig. (517) 483-4313.

EVENTS

Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic

Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

A Festival of Holidays. Live music, crafts and food from around the world. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, lansingcitymarket.com.

Wonderland of Lights. Holiday display featuring thousands of lights. 5-8 p.m. \$6/\$4 ages 3-12/ages 3 and under FREE. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Guided Museum Tour. Current exhibits, museum history and architecture. 1-3 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

MUSIC

Matt LoRusso Trio. Jazz. 9 p.m.-midnight, FREE. Troppo, 111 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 371-4000.

Past Tense. Live performance with Reign in Bedlam, Reptilian Brain and Disillusionment. 9 p.m. \$7. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795, macsbar.com.

90s' Throwback Party. With DJ Butcher. Dresscode enforced. Ages 25 and over only. 8 p.m. \$5. The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 913-0103.

Avon Bomb. Live performance. 9 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376, greendoorlive.com.

THEATER

'Miracle on South Division Street.' (See Dec. 26 for details.) 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$24 matinee/\$27 evenings. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatrte.org.

Sunday, December 28

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation and Silent Prayer. 7 p.m. FREE. Self realization meditation healing centre, 1787 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, selfrealizationcentremichigan.org.

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

EVENTS

Atheist Winter Solstice Party. Jonathan Stars speaks. 5 p.m. FREE, \$10.20 buffet. Old Great Wall Restaurant, 4832 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 750-3887, atheists.meetup.com/453.

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Sunday's Avenue Cure All. Make your own Bloody Marys. Breakfast all day. 3-9 p.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403, facebook.com/avenuecafe2021.

Comedy Night. No cover. \$1 off everything. 7 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376, greendoorlive.com.

Pokemon/Magic the Gathering Card Games. Tutorials for kids. Starter decks provided. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900, facebook.com/everybodyreads.

THEATER

'Miracle on South Division Street.' (See Dec. 26 for details.) 2 p.m. \$24. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatrte.org.

Monday, December 29

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. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

Winter Break Camp. "Winter Homes and Habitats." Bird watching and more. Grades K-8. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. (517) 322-0030, woldumar.org.

EVENTS

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

Social Bridge. 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.

Club Shakespeare. 6-8:45 p.m. Donations. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Saints, Sinners & Cynics. Lively conversation, variety of topics, no judgment. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Coral Gables, 2838 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 882-9733, saintmichaellansing.org.

MUSIC

Karaoke. Hosted by DJ Lipgloss. 9 p.m. FREE. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403, facebook.com/avenuecafe2021.

Spoonful. Live performance. 9 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376, greendoorlive.com.

Tuesday, December 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Dinner with Doc: New Years Resolution. Learn life-changing principles of health. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Carrabba's Italian Grill, 6540 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (855) 681-2225, totalhealthfitness.com.

Keep Warm with Rice Bags. Create a hand or neck warmer out of fabric and rice. 6-8 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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Out on the town

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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.

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

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.

EVENTS

Popcorn and a Movie. "Planes: Fire and Rescue." 2 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Game Night. Booze and board games. 7 p.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403, facebook.com/avenuecafe2021.

DJ Trivia. Team based competition. 7:30 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376, greendoorlive.com.

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

Breadbasket. Free bread for area residents. 1-5 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468, allenneighborhoodcenter.com.

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Jazz Night. Live music. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

Scratch Pilots. Live DJ ensemble. 10 p.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376, greendoorlive.com.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Tuesday Morning Book Club. Discuss Jess Walter's "Beautiful Ruins." 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4, dtdl.org.

Wednesday, December 31

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Winter Break Camp. "Snow Sleuths." Learn about snowflakes, ice formations and more. Grades K-8. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. (517) 322-0030, woldumar.org.

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

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954, fcgl.org.

EVENTS

Senior Coffee. Discussion with guest speaker. 10 a.m.-noon. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468, allenneighborhoodcenter.com.

Great Gatsby New Year's Eve. 20s' style party with dinner, live music and more. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$65. Bordeaux, 925 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing. (517) 323-4190, facebook.com/bordeauxlansing.

NYE at the Nuthouse. Free photo booth, party favors and pizza at midnight. No cover. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Nuthouse Sports Grill, 420 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6887, nuthousesportsgrill.com.

Spare Time 2015. Food, bowling, laser tag and more. 5 p.m.-1 a.m. \$29.99, 5-8:30 p.m./\$34.99, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. (517) 337-2695, sparetimelansing.com.

Michigan Princess New Years Celebration. Music, dancing and more. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$40. 3004 W. Main St., Lansing. (517) 627-2154, facebook.com/princessriverboat.

MUSIC

Swingin' New Years Eve. Live music. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

Mix Pack Dance Party. Live music, champagne toast and midnight breakfast buffet. 8 p.m.-3 a.m. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376, greendoorlive.com.

New Years Eve Bash. Taco bar and party favors. Live music. 9 p.m. \$15/\$12 adv. The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 913-0103, loftlansing.com

The People's Temple. Live performance with The Devil's Cut, The Plurals and Voyager. 9 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403, facebook.com/avenuecafe2021.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

Dec. 24-30

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "Hell is the suffering of being unable to love," wrote novelist J. D. Salinger. Using that definition, I'm happy to announce that you have a good chance of avoiding hell altogether in 2015. If there has been any deficiency in your power to express and bestow love, I think you will correct it. If you have been so intent on getting love that you have been neglectful in giving love, you will switch your focus. I invite you to keep a copy of this horoscope in your wallet for the next 12 months. Regard it as your "Get Out of Hell Free" card.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Beetles are abundant and ubiquitous. Scientists have identified more than 350,000 species, and they are always discovering new ones. In 2011, for example, they conferred official recognition on 3,485 additional types of beetles. I'm seeing a parallel development in your life, Taurus. A common phenomenon that you take for granted harbors mysteries that are worth exploring. Something you regard as quite familiar actually contains interesting features you don't know about. In 2015, I hope you will open your mind to the novelties and exotica that are hidden in plain sight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Auguste Escoffier (1846-1935) was an influential French chef who defined and standardized the five "mother sauces." But he wasn't content to be a star in his own country. At the age of 44, he began his "conquest of London," bringing his spectacular dining experience to British restaurants. He thought it might be hard to sell his new clientele on frogs' legs, a traditional French dish, so he resorted to trickery. On the menu, he listed it as "Nymphs of the Dawn." According to my reading of the omens, this is an example of the hocus-pocus that will be your specialty in 2015. And I suspect you will get away with it every time as long as your intention is not selfish or manipulative, but rather generous and constructive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The entomologist Charles P. Alexander (1889-1981) devoted much of his professional life to analyzing the insect known as the crane fly. He identified over 11,000 different species, drew 15,000 illustrations of the creatures, and referred to his lab as "Crane Fly Haven." That's the kind of single-minded intention I'd love to see you adopt during the first six months of 2015, Cancerian. What I'm imagining is that you will choose a specific, well-defined area within which you will gleefully explore and experiment and improvise. Is there a subject or task or project you would have fun pursuing with that kind of intensity?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In Don DeLillo's novel *Underworld*, Cotter Martin is a young boy living in New York in the 1950s. The following description is about him. "In school they tell him sometimes to stop looking out the window. This teacher or that teacher. The answer is not out there, they tell him. And he always wants to say that's exactly where the answer is." I propose we regard this passage as one of your themes in 2015, Leo. In other words, be skeptical of any authority who tells you where you should or should not be searching for the answers. Follow your own natural inclination, even if at first it seems to be nothing more than looking out the window.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "It is always important to know when something has reached its end," writes Paulo Coelho in his book *The Zahir*. "Use this advice heroically in 2015, Virgo. Wield it to clear away anything that no longer serves you, that weighs you down or holds you back. Prepare the way for the new story that will begin for you around your next birthday. "Closing circles, shutting doors, finishing chapters," Coelho says, "it doesn't matter what we call it; what matters is to leave in the past those moments in life that are over."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "On some nights I still believe," said rascal journalist Hunter S. Thompson, "that a car with the gas needle on empty can run about fifty more miles if you have the right music very loud on the radio." In 2015, I invite you to adopt some of that push-it-to-the-edge attitude for your personal use, Libra. Maybe

not full-time; maybe not with the same manic intensity that Thompson did. Rather, simply tap into it as needed -- whenever you've got to up your game or raise your intensity level or rouse the extra energy you need TO ACHIEVE TOTAL, WONDROUS, RESOUNDING VICTORY!!! The coming months will be your time to go all the way, hold nothing back, and quest for the best and the most and the highest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Twenty miles long, the Onyx River is the longest body of moving water on the continent of Antarctica. Most of the year it's ice, though. It actually flows for just two or three months during the summer. Let's hope that continues to be the case for the foreseeable future. It would be a shame if global warming got so extreme that the Onyx melted permanently. But now let's talk about your own metaphorical equivalent of the Onyx: a potentially flowing part of your life that is often frozen. I'd love to see it heat up and thaw. I'd love it to be streaming and surging most of the time. And in 2015, I think that's a distinct possibility. Consider making the following declaration your battle cry: *I am the Flow Master!*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "The best way to keep a prisoner from escaping is to make sure he never knows he's in prison." That quote is attributed to both Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky and Russian author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Regardless of who said it, I urge you to keep it in mind throughout 2015. Like all of us, you are trapped in an invisible prison: a set of beliefs or conditioned responses or bad habits that limit your freedom to act. That's the bad news. The good news is that in the coming months, you are poised to discover the exact nature of your invisible prison, and then escape it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When he was 37 years old, actor Jack Nicholson found out that Ethel May, the woman he had always called his mother, was in fact his grandma. Furthermore, his "older sister" June was actually his mom, who had given birth to him when she was 17. His relatives had hidden the truth from him. I suspect that in 2015 you will uncover secrets and missing information that will rival Nicholson's experience. Although these revelations may initially be confusing or disruptive, in the long run they will heal and liberate you. Welcome them!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "Meupareunia" is an English word that refers to a sexual adventure in which only one of the participants has a good time. I'll be bold and predict that you will not experience a single instance of meupareunia in 2015. That's because I expect you'll be steadily upgrading your levels of empathy and your capacity for receptivity. You will be getting better and better at listening to your intimate allies and reading their emotional signals. I predict that synergy and symbiosis will be your specialties. Both your desire to please and your skill at giving pleasure will increase, as will your understanding of how many benefits you can reap by being a responsive partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "Be good and you will be lonesome," said Mark Twain. Do you agree? I don't -- at least as it applies to your life in 2015. According to my understanding of the long-term astrological omens, you will attract an abundance of love and luck by being good -- by expressing generosity, deepening your compassion, cultivating integrity, and working for justice and truth and beauty. That doesn't mean you should be a pushover or doormat. Your resolve to be good must be leavened by a determination to deepen your self-respect. Your eagerness to do the right thing has to include a commitment to raising your levels of self-care.

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JALAPENO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT — Mexican cuisine. 307 S. Washington Square, Lansing. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday; Closed Saturday-Sunday. (517) 482-2326, jalapenos-togo.net. TO, OM, D, P, WiFi, \$

JIMMY'S PUB — Offers American, Italian and Mexican cuisine. 16804 Chandler Road, East Lansing. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-11 p.m. Sunday. (517) 324-7100, jimmyspub.net, FB, OM, TO, P, D, WiFi, \$\$\$

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LENNY'S SUB SHOP — All American Sub shop. 212 S. Washington Square, Lansing. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. (517) 267-7711. lennys.com TO, OM, D, \$

LEO'S LODGE — Restaurant and bar. 2525 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. (kitchen closes at midnight) Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. (kitchen closes at 1 a.m.) Saturday; noon-midnight (kitchen closes at 11) Sunday. (517) 882-3850. leoslodge.com, FB, OM, \$-\$\$

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MAX & ERMA'S — American bar and grill. 2515 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing Twp. 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. (517) 316-7477. maxandermas.com, OM, TO, \$\$\$

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