

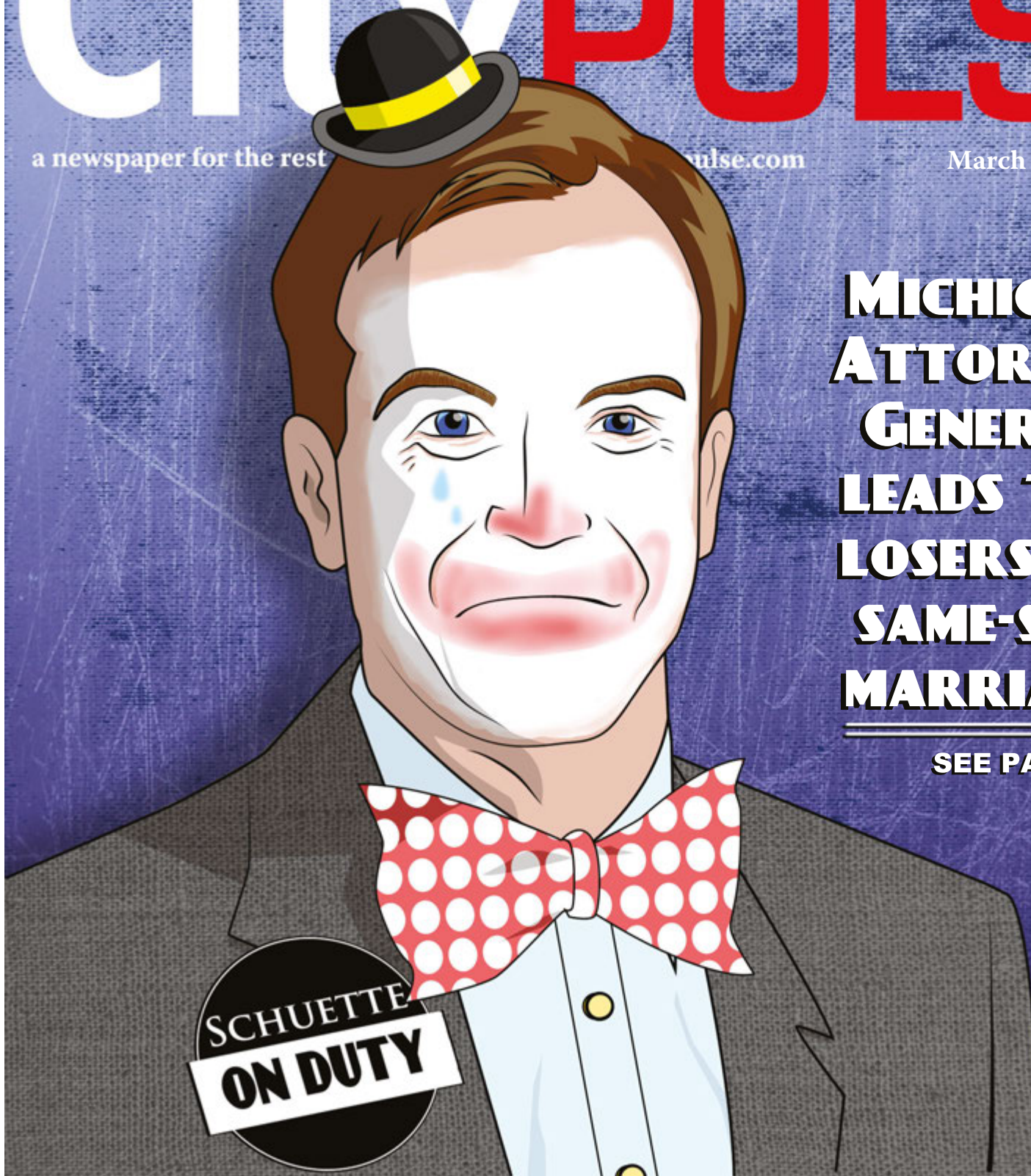
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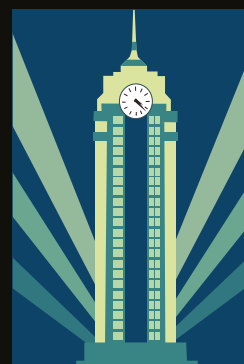
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Feedback

If not up to task, decline

This letter is not intended to point a finger at Cynthia Ward but to discuss the role of a commissioner. In the March 5 Feedback section it read: "Maybe some clarification is needed about the role of BWL commissioners. They are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. They generally don't have specific expertise regarding utility operations. They are appointed for their willingness to volunteer time and energy to serve as members of a policy board. It's a sacrifice, especially for commissioners who are employed full time at other jobs, as most of our commissioners are."

Being on a Board of Commissioners is important and should not be taken lightly. You always have the option to decline the appointment if you don't have the time and the willingness to understand the problems before you. It is a volunteer position, but don't volunteer if you are not going to take it seriously, and you are not willing to ask the tough questions. The BWL has some very serious problems going on. The ice storm is just one of the problems that exist within those walls.

I look to the Board to keep the captain hon-

est and make sure that his/her decisions are taking the ship in the right direction, safely. If you can't ensure proper oversight and you are not up to that challenge than thank the Mayor and decline.

— Michelle Taylor
Lansing

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Write a letter to the editor.
• E-mail: letters@lansingcitypulse.com
• Snail mail: City Pulse, 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
• Fax: (517) 371-5800

CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error, last week's story on the Red Cedar Renaissance project misstated the cost of redesigning the Montgomery Drain. Ingham Co. Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann said it would be \$8 million to \$20 million. The cost that was stated, \$50 million, was for various public improvement needs, which include the drain.

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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MONTGOMERY DRAIN (ALSO KNOWN AS MONTGOMERY DRAIN EXTENSION) NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO: OWNERS OF LAND IN THE PROPOSED MONTGOMERY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of Lansing, will meet at 7:00 PM, Eastern Time, on Monday, the 7th day of April, 2014 at the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to hear objections to a proposed drain project; and to hear objections to the special assessment, fee, or charge to be levied on land in this City especially benefited by the project area in the proposed drainage district as delineated by the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, which is described as follows:

PROPOSED DRAINAGE DISTRICT DESCRIPTION

Map of proposed district may be viewed at the Lansing City Clerk's Office or at www.lansingmi.gov/clerk.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAIN PROJECT

Stormwater best management improvements to address needs within the part of the Montgomery Drain District that lies within the boundaries of the City of Lansing.

EXPECTED BENEFITS FOR THE CITY OF LANSING

To provide effective stormwater infrastructure capable of meeting the needs of intensively developed commercial areas in an environmentally sensitive and comprehensive manner.

PROPOSED PLAN OF FINANCING

This drain project may be financed by an assessment against the City at-large and partially by special assessments upon the owners of benefitted properties in the Drain District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council of Lansing has further determined that the costs assessed against the City for the proposed drain project will be partially financed by a special assessment, fee, or charge levied by the City against property owners within the proposed drainage district in the City, and that, in addition, the full faith and credit of the City may be pledged in financing the proposed drain project to the extent authorized by law and by resolutions of the City Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a proposed plan for financing the proposed drain project and a description of the expected benefits therefrom have been filed with the City Clerk and both shall be available for inspection during regular business hours at the City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

The agenda for the meeting of the City Council at the time and place herein provided will include an opportunity to discuss and/or object to the proposed drainage district, the proposed special assessment and the proposed plan for financing the drain project and to consider any alternative plans of financing the proposed drain project which may be presented at the meeting.

BY ORDER OF CITY COUNCIL OF LANSING
Chris Swope, Clerk

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

THE REVELATIONS KEPT LEAKING OUT. WE ONLY TRACK METADATA!
ER, AND SOME CONTENT.
OKAY, ALL CONTENT-- BUT JUST FROM SOME COUNTRIES.
ER--

EVENTUALLY IT TURNED OUT THE N.S.A. WAS RECORDING EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE.
OKAY, FINE--IF IT HAPPENED NEAR A PHONE OR A WEBCAM, WE'VE GOT A RECORD OF IT.
WE CALL IT TOTALLY AWESOME INFORMATION AWARENESS.

AS USUAL, AMERICANS TOOK THE NEWS IN STRIDE.
IT SAYS HERE THEY'VE GOT A MASSIVE VIDEO ARCHIVE OF EVERYTHING EVERYONE HAS SAID OR DONE IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS!
AH, THAT'S OLD NEWS!
EVERYBODY ALREADY KNEW THEY WERE DOING THAT!

CONGRESS DIDN'T END THE SURVEILLANCE, OF COURSE--BUT THEY DID STREAMLINE THE FOIA PROCESS...
YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION HAS BEEN APPROVED! ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, YOUR KEYS ARE IN THE BEIGE JACKET YOU THREW ON THE LARGE EASY CHAIR IN THE LIVING ROOM LAST NIGHT!
GREAT! THANKS!

...AND EVENTUALLY, PEOPLE MOSTLY AGREED THAT PRIVACY HAD ALWAYS BEEN OVERRATED ANYWAY.
YOUR WIFE IS CORRECT, SIR--AT TIMESTAMP 20:23:43, YOU DO IN FACT RESPOND TO HER IN A "SNIPPY" TONE OF VOICE!
OH! MY MISTAKE, THEN!

BUT THEN--
IT SAYS HERE THE N.S.A. HAS BEEN SECRETLY HARVESTING OUR BRAINS WITH NANOBOTS AND DOWNLOADING OUR VERY THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES INTO THEIR SERVERS!
AH, THAT'S OLD NEWS!
EVERYBODY ALREADY KNEW THEY WERE DOING THAT!

AND THEN--
HELLO, N.S.A.? I JUST LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT!
ONE MOMENT-- I'LL LOOK IT UP FOR YOU.

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NEWS & OPINION

Do not erase

Why was a proposal for re-using Eastern High School wiped off the board?

A group of East Side residents and Eastern High School alumni want to know why the Lansing School Board hastily erased a proposal to keep the historic building alive as a limited-use specialty high school.

Jim Lynch, a board member of the Eastern High School Alumni Association and a member of the facilities task force that came up with the proposal after three months of study, wants to know what's going on.

"It's interesting that they kind of changed their mind on that," Lynch said. "We're not sure why and we're trying to find out."

More than a dozen Eastern High School alumni and East Side residents met on March 18 at the Allen Neighborhood Center to discuss the matter.

Joan Nelson, a member of the facilities task force and director of the Allen Neighborhood Center, took exception to a comment from Superintendent Yvonne Caamal Canul, quoted in the Jan. 23 Lansing State Journal, that the plan was not an official written recommendation and was not feasible.

"I've been on a lot of citizen task forces. I get it that when we make recommendations, folks have a perfect right to reject them," Nelson said. "But what they can't do is re-characterize them, put words in the mouth of the task force members."

Nelson and Lynch said the proposal was meant to be official (and was written) and merited serious consideration.

"We made recommendations to the board, and now they're being changed," Lynch said. "That's the big issue here. We haven't gotten any response from the board."

Bob Kolt, spokesman for the school district, declined to respond "for now."

"Community input is always important," Kolt wrote in an email. "Simply

put, Yvonne will detail her plan going forward in the near future."

Kolt told City Pulse in an email earlier this month: "The building was built in the late 1920's and doesn't represent the kind of learning environment appropriate for the 21st century. It's (sic) condition is minimally functional. No studies have been done on restoration and re-use (for what would we re-use it?)."

The task force proposed that Pattengill Academy become a conventional high school housing grades nine through 12. The two older high schools, Eastern and Sexton, would be specialty academies "in a scaled-down form."

Eastern would be a specialty acad-



Courtesy of Capital Area District Library

Eastern High School, circa 1940. A group of citizens who were tasked with finding an alternative use for the school say their efforts are being rebuffed by the school district.

emy for career training in health care and insurance fields; Sexton would focus on careers in math, engineering, technology and science. The plan left room in both buildings for other uses, supported by public and private partners. Sexton, the task force suggested, could house the district's administration offices. Eastern could launch a "programmatic and financial partnership" with Sparrow Health System, Lansing Community College and Michigan State University.

Nelson said the "deep" partnerships would be crucial to the project's financial viability.

The task force met weekly for three months to put the proposal together. They visited schools in other cities, including Jackson High School (about the same vintage as Eastern High School), which has been retrofitted for

21st-century use.

The task force presented its proposal to the school board on Jan. 9, but Nelson and Lynch feel that it was unceremoniously rebuffed. Nelson was taken aback by Caamal Canul's comments, reported in the State Journal, that the specialty academies at Eastern and Sexton were not part of the official written recommendations and not feasible. In a March 5 story in City Pulse, two months after the task force handed down its proposal, school board President Peter Spadafore said no formal plan for re-using Eastern High School had crossed his desk.

"That was news to us," Nelson said. "I thought we made it pretty clear."

Lynch said the Eastern High School Alumni Association would support the plan worked out for Eastern by the task force. He fears, however, that the district is headed for a quick cash sale, most likely to nearby Sparrow Health System.

"What they don't want is to just tear the darn thing down just so Sparrow can build more parking lots," Lynch said.

While Spadafore and other school board members maintain that Eastern and other aging school buildings aren't suitable for 21st-century education, century-old Lansing schools are being refitted for high tech companies, like Spartan Internet at the Holmes Street School, Niowave in

Marble School and Neogen in Oak Park and Allen Street schools.

"You can't have it both ways," Nelson said. "You can't say that these are hopeless old buildings and turn around and sell them to tech companies."

The East Side group hasn't set a second meeting yet, but anyone interested in participating can contact Nelson at allenneighborhoodcenter.org or Lou Hekhuis of the Eastern High School Alumni Association at lehsalumni.com.

"I'm sure they know that this is a neighborhood that pays attention," Nelson said. "We'll continue to monitor this, offer our ideas and suggestions, and hope that we will ultimately offer our support for a bond issue."

— Lawrence Cosentino


SORE
OF THE WEEK


Property: 811 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing
Owner: Ronald and Deborah Onderko
Assessed value: \$34,000
Owner says: Could not be reached for comment

Architecture critic Daniel E. Bollman says: In case passersby are uncertain of the function of this utilitarian building, the operators have thoughtfully stapled a cardboard "car wash" sign to a utility pole near the street. Unfortunately, the building's functionality is reduced, owing to the installation of orange construction fencing across the wash bays, thereby preventing anyone from actually driving through this drive-thru facility.

However, this building does offer a valuable function beyond the services provided as a car wash. The light industrial character of the site and building establish a welcome, transitional buffer between nearby homes and the adjoining railroad tracks. In addition, the building is constructed with durable materials at an appropriately small scale, in keeping with the adjacent neighborhood's buildings.

Despite this, the structure is not a particularly good fit. When a commercial enterprise operates within a residential neighborhood and its goods or services benefit nearby residents, those residents often provide a critical mass of customers. By definition, this building is intended for motorized vehicular traffic, with little direct advantage to the immediate residents. Converting the building to a different use will be extremely difficult, if not impossible. Until the site is fully redeveloped, the neighborhood will be left with this white elephant.

Indeed, the former Happy Car Wash could use a bath itself. An aura of abandonment surrounds the property in the form of McDonald's wrappers and cigarette butts. The building is starting to fall apart like the tattered car seat that rests behind it. In one of the stalls a large aluminum panel of the ceiling is hanging down, mimicking a cheaply done garage door.

— Katy Barth

"Eyesore of the Week" is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates each week with Eye Candy of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Andy Balaskovitz at 999-5064.

A rigged game

Michigan's open-records law is loophole ridden; new proposal would at least give the public a fighting chance

There is no better example of a rigged game than you or I trying to pry information from a reluctant government. If a public agency like the Department of Transportation in Delta Township wants to keep secrets — and at times it does — the state's misnamed Freedom of Information Act is a powerful enabler.

Consider this example: You have school-

age children and worry about their sometimes erratic bus driver. Talk at the drop-off corner in the mornings is that the district has hired the sister of the superintendent and that she has had a drinking problem. Not wanting to deal in rumor, you think to yourself, "Well, I'll just check with the school. I'm sure they'll tell me."

Maybe.

But say the rumor is true and the school district wants to avoid the embarrassing disclosure. FOIA, rather than making public



MICKEY HIRTEN

bodies more open to scrutiny and accountable, actually provides ample cover to hide.

Your query about the bus driver will require a formal FOIA request, stating exactly what records you seek, but you'd better be familiar with the bureaucracy, its policies and procedures. Of course, most people aren't. The FOIA request sets into motion a legal process that requires the school district to respond within five business days. If it doesn't like the intrusion, it rejects it and provides the reasons.

Michigan's FOIA gives you the right to appeal the decision. And who handles the appeal? The school district that rejected the initial request.

Now you're worried and must hire a lawyer to sue for information in district court. Talk about a mismatch. The district has lawyers on staff or on retainer to defend its actions. You need to hire an expensive lawyer familiar with FOIA.

Even if the school district provided some

information, it operates on the honor system, deciding what documents to provide. It has options, based on a state FOIA law riddled with scores of exceptions, to redact information. You have no way of knowing whether it is following the letter of the law or simply is serving its self-interest. How do you find out? Only by suing in court.

Then there is the catchall provision that provides public bodies with unchecked latitude to withhold information. It says: "A public body may exempt from disclosure as a public record under this act ... Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy."

What is an "unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy?" Good question. The public body makes this call, and without

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
LANSING ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014**

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham and Eaton, State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lansing will conduct the School Election in the City of Lansing, Counties of Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton, State of Michigan on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. **Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.**

The following will be submitted to the electors at the May 6, 2014 Election:

PROPOSALS: Lansing School District Operating Millage Renewal

Voting Precincts and Polling Places are:

Lansing Ward 1

Pct. 1 - Otto Middle School
Pct. 2 - Grand River Headstart
Pct. 3 - Post Oak Elementary School
Pct. 4 - Fairview Elementary School
Pct. 5 - Foster Community School
Pct. 6 - Riverfront Apts Community Rm
Pct. 7 - Pilgrim Congregational Church
Pct. 8 - Bethlehem Temple Church
Pct. 9 - Pilgrim Congregational Church
Pct. 10 - South Washington Office Cplx.

Lansing Ward 2

Pct. 11 - South Washington Office Cplx.
Pct. 12 - Lyons Ave. Elementary School
Pct. 13 - Cavanaugh Elementary School
Pct. 14 - Gardner Middle School
Pct. 15 - Mt. Hope Elementary School
Pct. 16 - Forest View Elementary School
Pct. 17 - Kendon Elementary School
Pct. 18 - Gardner Middle School
Pct. 19 - Henry North Elementary School
Pct. 20 - Henry North Elementary School
Pct. 21 - Forest View Elementary School

Lansing Ward 3

Pct. 22 - Southside Community Center
Pct. 23 - Averill Elementary School
Pct. 24 - Attwood Elementary School
Pct. 25 - Attwood Elementary School
Pct. 26 - Southside Community Center
Pct. 27 - Pleasant View Magnet School
Pct. 28 - Elmhurst Elementary School
Pct. 29 - Wainwright Magnet School
Pct. 30 - Averill Elementary School
Pct. 31 - Lewton Elementary School

Lansing Ward 4

Pct. 32 - Elmhurst Elementary School
Pct. 33 - Lewton Elementary School
Pct. 34 - South Washington Office Cplx.
Pct. 35 - Grace Lutheran Church
Pct. 36 - Letts Community Center
Pct. 37 - Letts Community Center
Pct. 38 - Willow Elementary School
Pct. 39 - Emanuel First Lutheran Church
Pct. 40 - Willow Elementary School
Pct. 41 - Cumberland Elementary School
Pct. 42 - Transitions North
Pct. 43 - St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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

Polling Place Change: Voters in Ward 1, Precinct 7 now vote at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Voters in Ward 1, Precinct 9 vote at Pilgrim Congregational Church for this election.

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

Under a Michigan law passed in 1996 and upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

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

The Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit, 2500 S. Washington Ave., will be open on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to issue and accept absentee ballots to qualified electors.

Monday, May 5 at 4 p.m. is the deadline to request an absentee ballot. Ballots requested on Monday, May 5 must be requested and voted in person at the Clerk's Office at 124 W. Michigan Ave, 9th Floor or 2500 S. Washington Ave.

Chris Swope, Certified Municipal Clerk
Lansing City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Lansing
Notice of Public Hearing

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #59 - 4000 N. Grand River Ave. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property located at 4000 N. Grand River Ave., in Lansing, Michigan, but more particularly described as:

COM AT A POINT ON N'LY ROW N GRAND RIVER AVE, BEING 50 FT N OF C/L THEREOF & N 68DEG 55MIN W 626.25 FT FROM INT'N E LINE SEC 6, TH N 21DEG 05MIN E 383.56 FT, N 43DEG 09MIN W 198.32 FT, N 68DEG 55MIN W 570.89 FT, S 503.03 FT TO N'LY LINE SAID STREET, SE'LY 570 FT TO BEG; SEC 6, T4N R2W, 33-01-01-06-226-090.

Approval of this Brownfield Plan #59 will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer, Director of Economic Development, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 S. Washington Ave., Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48910, (517) 702-3387 ext. 210.

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, April 21, 2014, at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

Chris Swope
City Clerk
CP#14_074

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an election on May 6, 2014.

Monday April 7, 2014 is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote at the May 6, 2014 Election. Any qualified elector who is not already registered to vote may register for the May 6, 2014 Election. Persons registering after Monday April 7, 2014, are not eligible to vote at this election.

The following will be submitted to the electors at the May 6, 2014 Election:

PROPOSALS: Lansing School District Operating Millage Renewal

Eligible persons may register to vote, change their voter registration address or change their name in any of the following ways:

- **In Person** - At your county clerk's office; the **Lansing City Clerk's Office (124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933, (517) 483-4133)**; any Secretary of State Branch office; designated agencies administered under the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Labor and Economic Growth; or military recruitment offices.
- **By Mail** - By submitting a mail-in voter registration application to the Lansing City Clerk (124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933 or your county clerk.
- **Online** - Voter registration addresses may be changed with a driver's license or personal i.d. number at www.expressSOS.com.

Chris Swope, Certified Municipal Clerk
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the ability to compare what's been redacted from an original document, you don't know.

This scenario is extreme, and it is important to acknowledge that thousands of FOIA petitions each year are handled fairly and efficiently by governments. But for those

that don't there is a proposal circulating from Republican Rep. Tom McMillin to create a FOIA board to level the playing field for those seeking public records. His plan is based on a public information board established in Iowa that provides a reasonable balance in addressing FOIA issues.

A Michigan board would include members appointed by both political parties, the Governor's Office, the Michigan Press Association, the Michigan Broadcasters

Association and possibly a representative of local government. The Center for Public Integrity, which gives Michigan an F grade for its performance on open records, describes Iowa's Public Information Board as having "the authority to hear complaints and negotiate settlements, but levy fines and order corrective action if necessary."

In Iowa the board lacks authority over the governor, legislature and judiciary, meaning most of its oversight deals with government

agencies other public bodies. These exemptions exist in Michigan. Still, McMillin's plan is a significant step toward openness.

The push by government for secrecy is unrelenting. An analysis by MIRS news service found that "there have been 43 bills introduced in this session that contain new language exempting something under FOIA."

Special interests have inordinate power to shape Michigan's laws. FOIA, if strengthened, is about all we've got.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF AVAILABILITY - ACTION PLAN FOR 2015 (7/1/14-6/30/15) CITY OF LANSING

PURPOSE: To provide citizens the opportunity to examine and comment on the Action Plan for FY 2015 (7/1/14-6/30/15). An annual action plan approved by the City must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the Consolidated Planning Process, and as part of the application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds for Fiscal Year 2015. Programs and activities to be undertaken to meet goals and objectives established in the Action Plan for the City are described below. The primary objectives of Lansing's Action Plan for 2015 are based on the Five Year Consolidated Strategy and Plan Submission (CSPS) and are as follows:

- a. Provide standard housing in a suitable living environment through rehabilitation, new construction and improvement of the housing stock primarily in CDBG eligible neighborhoods and in specifically designated housing target areas.
- b. Provide housing counseling and assistance that will benefit low and moderate-income households.
- c. Promote home ownership for low and moderate-income households and promote deconcentration of poverty.
- d. Maintain at current levels the number of public and assisted housing units available to low and moderate-income households.
- e. Provide homeless prevention assistance, emergency shelter, re-housing assistance and supportive human services for people with special needs, people who are homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.
- f. Provide assistance for permanent supportive housing and human services for low and moderate income households with a history of chronic homelessness, including those with special needs.
- g. Promote economic opportunity for low and moderate-income individuals by facilitating economic development, providing employment opportunity, sponsoring job training, supporting business development, micro-enterprise lending and business or financial educational programs and initiatives.
- h. Promote economic development to provide jobs, business services and shopping opportunities for residents located in CDBG eligible areas.
- i. Provide community and neighborhood services, recreational opportunities and public facilities and promote neighborhood social cohesion to improve the quality of life in CDBG eligible neighborhoods.
- j. Increase security and safety in neighborhoods by supporting public safety and crime prevention initiatives, public educational programs and citizens' awareness in CDBG eligible areas.
- k. Improve the city's transportation, public facilities and infrastructure systems in CDBG eligible areas.
- l. Protect and improve the city's physical environment, including preventing or eliminating blight, removing lead or other safety hazards, preserving historic resources, mitigating flood hazards, promoting healthy housing and improving energy fitness in housing occupied by low and moderate-income households.
- m. Promote fair housing objectives.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

The Five Year CSPS for the City of Lansing sets forth programs, activities and priorities based on needs identified for the community. The CSPS describes strategies and activities that city will undertake to provide affordable housing, supportive services and community development opportunities to benefit low and moderate-income households.

The Action Plan for 2014 is the fourth year of the five-year plan and sets forth activities to be carried out in the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. Activities may also be funded in part through other federal, state, local and privately funded programs including NSP grant funds. Activities will generally be located in CDBG eligible neighborhoods and in specifically targeted areas, although programs may be applied and carried out anywhere in the city as noted in the Plan.

PROPOSED HOUSING ACTIVITIES

High priority activities related to housing include home repair and lead remediation. High priority

is given to providing rehabilitation assistance to low-moderate income homeowners. High priority is given to activities which will result in partnerships with nonprofit housing corporations, other government entities and private businesses to provide home ownership opportunities to low and moderate-income homebuyers including housing counseling, housing rehabilitation and down payment assistance and creation of a one-stop housing resource and education center. High priority is given to acquiring foreclosed homes for rehabilitation, resale or demolition. High priority is given to voluntary acquisition of flood plain properties for demolition. Moderate priority is given to providing low income households with special needs assistance through construction or rehabilitation of housing units for rent or ownership; including barrier free improvements and supportive services. Moderate priority is given to addressing the housing and supportive service needs of the homeless. Moderate priority is given to historic preservation. Low priority is given to developing newly constructed affordable rental units in the city. Moderate priority is given to providing additional low-income rental units through rehabilitation.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Economic Development

High priority is given to continued support of a loan program, training, and technical assistance for microenterprises, defined as businesses having five (5) or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the enterprise. High priority is given to funding a computer training, employment and technology enterprise program. High priority is given to supporting business development and facade improvement activities in commercial districts and neighborhood retail districts, including through the use of Section 108 loans.

Human Services

High priority is given to developing new permanent supportive housing options to continue implementation of a "continuum of care" for the homeless and continue to support the 10-year plan to end homelessness.

Public Safety and Community Services

High priority is given to youth recreation and neighborhood improvement programs including community gardening and neighborhood strategies for reuse of vacant parcels. High priority is given to increasing public awareness and involvement in emergency preparedness and public safety activities. Low priority is given to Crime Prevention through Community Policing.

Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Improvements

High priority is given to improving recreational facilities, neighborhood service centers, and programs. Moderate priority is given to undertaking public improvements in selected target areas, including special assessments, beautification, tree planting, recreational improvements and lighting.

Environment and Energy Conservation Activities

High priority is given to weatherization of renter and owner occupied housing units for low-moderate income households.

Moderate priority is given to activities which enhance the appearance and quality of life in CDBG eligible neighborhoods including community gardens, street makeovers and neighborhood clean-ups.

PROPOSED OBJECTIVES, GOALS AND PROJECTED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

The budget included in the Proposed Objectives, Goals and Use of Community Development Resources as recommended by the Lansing Planning Board subsequent to a Public Hearing held on February 4, 2014. The proposed funding allocations will be provided in the summary of the draft FY 2015 Action Plan during the comment period.

The City will support applications by other entities who wish to participate in Federal and State programs for housing and community development improvement and assistance provided proposed projects are consistent with the priorities established in the Five Year CSPS. The 30-day comment period for the Action Plan for 2015 will commence **March 27, 2014 - April 25, 2014**.

Copies of the document and the proposed use of Community Development funds are available for review at the City Clerk's office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave.; the Capital Area District Library, 401 South Capitol; the Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development, Planning Office, 316 N. Capitol, Suite D-1, Lansing, MI or the City of Lansing, Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development, Development Office website at: www.lansingmi.gov/pnd/development

All written comments submitted by citizens of Lansing will be considered and reviewed for possible inclusion in the final Action Plan for FY 2015 to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than May 14, 2014. A summary of all comments received will be attached to the final document.

For information regarding the Action Plan for FY 2015, please contact:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014
LANSING SCHOOL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program which will be used for tabulating the results of the Lansing School Election to be held Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in the City of Lansing will be conducted at the City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Chris Swope
Lansing City Clerk

CP#14_075

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider a resolution to order the construction of new and the repair of existing sidewalks at specified locations associated with the 2014 major and local street improvement projects.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing, prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#14_071

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On March 19, 2014, the following minutes of the proceedings of the Meridian Township Board were sent for posting in the following locations:

Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road
Meridian Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court
Hope Borbas Okemos Branch Library, 4321 Okemos Road
Haslett Branch Library, 1590 Franklin Street
Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road
Snell Towar Recreation Center, 6146 Porter Ave.
and the Township Web Site www.meridian.mi.us.

March 4, 2014 Regular Meeting

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK
CP#14_072

City of Lansing Notice of Public Hearing

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-1-14) requested by the applicant indicated below:

Applicant: General Motors LLC
Location: P.O. Box 300, Detroit, MI
Location of Project: 920 Townsend Avenue, Lansing, MI

Description of Subject Property: PARTS SECS 20 & 21, AND ALL LOTS, BLOCKS, PLATS, VACATED STREETS & ALLEYS LYING WITHIN PARCEL DESC AS: COM INTN C/L WILLIAM ST & E LINE M-99, TH E TO W LINE BUTLER ST EXT'D S, N TO SE COR ZUBKUS WAY, N'LY TO S LINE MAIN ST, E TO W LINE WALNUT ST, S TO N LINE WILLIAM ST, E TO W LINE TOWNSEND ST, S TO N LINE ELM ST, E TO W BANK GRAND RIVER, S'LY TO N LINE GTW RR R/W, W'LY TO E LINE M-99, N TO BEG, EXC PARTS USED FOR CITY OR MDOT STREET PURPOSES; SEC 21 T4N R2W.

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-1-14) requested by General Motors LLC will result in the abatement of real property taxes located within the subject property. Further information regarding this application for property tax abatement may be obtained from Mr. Karl R. Dorshimer, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 South Washington Avenue, Suite 201, Lansing, Michigan, 48912, (517) 702-3387.

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, April 7, 2014, at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

Chris Swope
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

**Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann**

GREEN #4 CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed construction bids on **Friday, April 11, 2014**, at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, until 10:00 a.m. local time. Bids will be opened and publicly announced at 10:00 a.m. for the construction, maintenance and improvement of a certain drain known and designated as the "Green #4 Consolidated Drain." Bids must be delivered to 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854 within the timeframes listed above in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

The Drain project consists of the installation of enclosed storm sewer, drainage structures, infiltration swales, rain gardens, culverts, site clearing, detention basin excavation, spoil hauling, utility relocations, and road construction work including base aggregate, HMA crushing and shaping, HMA paving, driveway approaches, sidewalk and sidewalk ramps. Maintenance and improvement of said Drain is described as follows, each having the average dimension, depth, and width as set forth:

Containing nineteen sections total; one open section having a length, average depth, and average width of: 672 feet long, 4.3 feet deep, and 24 foot bottom width; and eighteen closed sections having a length and average cut of: 339 feet with 4-6 foot cuts, 229 feet with 10-13 foot cuts, 1264 feet with 5-8 foot cuts, 2564 feet with 5-18 foot cuts, 158 feet with 6-7 foot cuts, 159 feet with 5-6 foot cuts, 765 feet with 5-9 foot cuts, 845 feet with 5-9 foot cuts, 917 feet with 4-8 foot cuts, 950 feet with 4-7 foot cuts, 823 feet with 4-6 foot cuts, 843 feet with 4-11 foot cuts, 1129 feet with 4-6 foot cuts, 1195 feet with 4-15 foot cuts, 133 feet with 5-9 foot cuts, 955 feet with 5-13 foot cuts, 728 feet with 4-6 foot cuts, and 371 feet with 2-4 foot cuts.

In the construction, maintenance and improvement of said Drain, the project consists of furnishing all supplies and installation and construction of the following quantities for major items of work and character of tile or pipe, with appurtenances, and the contract let for the same. The following quantities are approximate and final payment will be made on measured quantities:

Estimated Qty	Units	Description
15178	Ft	4" - 24" H.D.P.E. Dual Wall Storm Sewer, Perf. w/ Sock
1822	Ft	12" - 24" R.C.P. Storm Sewer and Culvert
184	Ft	4" - 8" SDR Storm Sewer Lead
100	Ft	12" C.M.P. Culvert
105	Ea	Dr Structure, 12"- 24"x 12" Riser Tee w/ 12" - 24" Inlet
90	Ea	Dr Structure, 24" - 72" dia, Concrete, MH/CB
1320	Ft	Cured-In-Place Pipe, 6" - 10" Dia
4025	Ton	HMA, 13A
16730	Syd	HMA Base Crushing and Shaping
3450	Syd	Aggregate Base, 6" to 9"
1000	Cyd	Aggregate Base, LM
1850	Syd	Shoulder, CI III, 3"
120	Ft	Concrete Curb and Gutter
9000	Sft	Driveway Restoration, Concrete
1400	Syd	Driveway Restoration, Gravel
689	Ton	Driveway Restoration, HMA
400	Sft	Concrete Sidewalk, 4", Removal and Replacement
67219	Sft	Concrete Sidewalk w/ Ramps, 4" - 6"
2.1	Acre	Site Clearing
1	LS	Earth Excavation and Spoil Hauling
200	Syd	Stabilized Construction Access
400	Syd	Geosynthetic Cellular Reinforcement
160	Syd	Turf Reinforcement Mat
34450	Syd	Seeding
1	LS	Traffic Control
17	Ea	Tree, Rem, Greater than 6"
60	Ea	Water Service, Lowering
50	Ft	Watermain Relocation
2600	Ft	Sanitary Service, Lowering / Replacement
49	Ea	Utility Pole, Support
1	LS	Cleanup and Restoration
340	Syd	Plain Riprap, Fieldstone
1	LS	Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control
60	Ea	Tree Plantings
20380	Ea	Assorted Plantings, 1 Gallon Size

All stations are 100 feet apart; there are no bridges, and three (3) culverts in these contracts at the following locations:

- Relief Drain, Station 2+50, 35 linear feet, 12" R.C.P.
- Relief Drain, Station 14+31, 52 linear feet, 12" C.M.P.
- Relief Drain, Station 14+79, 48 linear feet, 12" C.M.P.

Plans and Bidding Documents are on file, and may be examined beginning on **Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.** local time at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, (517) 676-8395 and at the offices of Spicer Group, Inc., 1400 Zeeb Dr., St. Johns, MI 48879, (989) 224-2355. Bidders wishing to download the Plans and Specifications at NO COST may do so by registering at the Spicer Group website at <http://bidding.spicergroup.com/>. For bidders wishing to purchase the plans and specifications, a fee of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Service.

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on **Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the Ingham County Department of Roads Board Room (Administrative Building),

301 Bush Street, Mason, Michigan 48854. Representatives of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner and Engineer will be present to discuss the contract. Prospective Bidders are required to attend and participate in the pre-bid conference. All prospective Bidders must sign in by name of attendee, business represented, and email address. Prospective Bidders who fail to attend and register at the pre-bid conference will be considered non-responsive and will be disqualified from bidding on the Contract. The Engineer will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as the Engineer considers necessary in response to questions. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

This Contract will be let in accordance with the Contract Documents now on file in the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner and available to interested parties. Bids will be made and received in accordance with these documents. Contract will be made with the lowest responsible Bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work. I reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and to adjourn such bid letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce.

The date for the substantial completion of such contract is October 15, 2014, with final completion by June 30, 2015, and the terms of payment are contained in the contract specifications. Any responsible person wanting to bid on the above-mentioned work will be required to deposit bid security in the amount specified in the bidding documents as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bonds as prescribed by the contract specifications and applicable law. All bids shall remain open for ninety (90) days after the day of the bid opening, but I reserve the right at my sole discretion to release any bid and bid security before that date.

DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, April 24, 2014**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Green #4 Consolidated Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project Special Assessment District," will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, or at such other time and place to which I may adjourn. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for maintenance and improvement of the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionment by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to-date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Green #4 Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District. The description of area that is served by the Green #4 Consolidated Drain consists of lands situated in Sections 14, 15, 22 & 23 of Delhi Township, T.3N.-R.2W., in Ingham County, Michigan.

In Section 14 – The South ¼ of the Southwest ¼ and the West 150 feet of the North ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of the Section.

In Section 15 – The South ¼ of the East ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of the Section.

In Section 22 – The East ¼ of the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ and the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Section.

In Section 23 – The Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ and the North ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of the Section.

In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham and Delhi Charter Township will be specially assessed at large for benefits in the maintenance and improvement of the Drain.

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you:

- Clerk of Ingham County;
- Chairman of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners;
- Managing Director of the Ingham County Department of Roads;
- Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township;

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said letting may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the maintenance and improvement of the "Green #4 Consolidated Drain" in the manner hereinbefore stated; and, also, that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Green #4 Consolidated Drain Maintenance and Improvement Project Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners, municipalities and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 and Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1962.

Dated: March 13, 2014

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner
707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854
(517) 676-8395

THE LOSING SIDE OF LOVE

AFTER RELIGION, LITTLE GROUNDS LEFT FOR OPPONENTS OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

By ANDY BALASKOVITZ

On Saturday afternoon, Penny Gardner and her partner, Marilyn Bowen, went to a celebratory lunch with their newlywed friends Jody Valley and Elaine Thomason at Beggar's Banquet in East Lansing. Earlier that day, Valley and Thomason were one of 57 same-sex couples to receive a marriage license from Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum and one of at least 30 who got married.

There were congratulatory balloons at their table. The restaurant bought them a bottle of champagne. Cheers rang through Beggar's as it was served, said Gardner, president of the Lansing Association for Human Rights.

"It was a moment of recognition, elation, love, dignity — just the way it ought to be," she said. "There wasn't any worry that maybe someone would be offended. It was a wonderful day.

"And then Schuette came on."

What started as a historical, momentous Saturday for same-sex couples married in Ingham, Oakland, Washtenaw and Muskegon counties ended with confusion. Bill Schuette, Michigan's "messianic attorney general," as the Detroit Free Press called him in an editorial, made good on his promise to defend a 10-year-

dads are not interchangeable," his office announced after the ruling.

Nothing like celebrating diversity by excluding diversity.

Before many could have even returned home from the store with their own celebratory champagne early Friday evening, Schuette appealed to a higher court to halt U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman's decision lifting Michigan's ban on same-sex marriages. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals granted Schuette's stay late Saturday afternoon but not before 321 same-sex couples around the state received marriage licenses from their county clerks. At least 299 got hitched. The plaintiffs asked the appellate court to lift the stay on Tuesday, in part because the status quo is not in the public's interest, they argue. They were unsuccessful, as the stay was extended indefinitely on Tuesday.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a portion of the Defense of Marriage Act in June, marriage equality has a perfect record in court decisions. Bans like Michigan's have been ruled unconstitutional in Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Virginia and New Mexico. In Kentucky, a federal judge lifted the ban on recognizing same-sex marriages from other states.

But in his role, Schuette is the bandleader for



Photo by Melissa Anders/MLive.com

Marsha Caspar, left, and Glenna DeJong were the first same-sex couples to be married in Michigan Saturday, the morning after a federal district judge ruled Michigan's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional.

a population drifting into the "fringe," as Judge Friedman put it. And he's the orchestrator of the flawed legal argument that same-sex parents threaten the institution of marriage — despite mounds of sociological research on the contrary, according to Friedman.

At the end of the day, the opposition to same-sex marriage has no legal basis, but rather a religion-rooted worldview that denies rights to those who are different.

Schuette's office didn't respond to requests for com-

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"In attempting to define this case as a challenge to 'the will of the people,' ... (the state) lost sight of what this case is truly about: people. No court record of this proceeding could ever fully convey the personal sacrifice of these two plaintiffs who seek to ensure that the state may no longer impair the rights of their children and the thousands of others now being raised by same-sex couples."

— U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE BERNARD FRIEDMAN'S OPINION RULING MICHIGAN'S SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL

old state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in Michigan. In part, because he says it's the "will of the people" — but also because "diversity in parents is best for kids and families because moms and

Should same-sex marriage be legal?

City Pulse hits the streets to get reaction on Friday's decision calling Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional | Interviews and photos by City Pulse intern Katy Barth



BRANDON WIRTH

22 | St. Johns

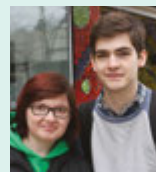
Yes: "I just feel people should be able to marry who they want to marry."



MARK NEESE

46 | Okemos

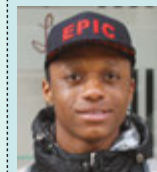
Yes: "I have a lot of friends who are gay. I just think it's time for us to get with the times. There are plenty of heterosexuals who've already ruined the sanctity of marriage."



OLIVIA LINDBERG & SAM HINKLEY

19 & 17 | Lansing

Yes: **Lindberg:** "I was raised in the LGBTQ community my entire life, so it's something I'm comfortable with." **Hinkley:** "I think it's silly that people get hung up on gender."



JAME IYEYE

20 | Lansing

No: "It's against the law of God."



MATT THOMPSON

29 | Lansing

Yes: "I have friends and family who are gay. I think they really deserve the same rights as straight folks."



KIM KENYON

40 | Sunfield

Yes: "I think everybody should have equal rights. I believe in the separation of church and state."



FOUSSE SAKO

21 | Lansing

No: "It doesn't match together."



DIANNE HOLMAN

62 | Meridian Township

Yes: "I just think people are people and we should all have the same thing. It's fairness."

Marriage

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ment. In the recent case that involved a lesbian couple from Detroit, the state argued that opposite-sex parents are necessary for “healthy psychological development”; that there are “unintended consequences” in redefining marriage; that same-sex marriage does not uphold “tradition and morality”; and that stable unions only come from “naturally procreative relationships.”

Gov. Rick Snyder says he will not take a position on the case until it plays out in the courts. While he says he doesn't like to

weigh in on social issues, he said in a 2010 gubernatorial debate against Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero that “marriage is between a man and a woman.”

Others are cheering for Schuette on the sidelines.

‘NATURE CREATED MARRIAGE’

“Marriage is and can only ever be a unique relationship solely between one man and one woman, regardless of the decision of a judge or future electoral vote,” according to a statement issued by the Michigan Catholic Conference after Friedman's ruling. The statement was co-signed by seven Catholic bishops in Michigan, including Bishop Earl Boyea of the Diocese of

Lansing. “Nature itself, not society, religion or government, created marriage.

“In effect, this decision advances a misunderstanding of marriage, and mistakenly proposes that marriage is an emotional arrangement that can simply be redefined to accommodate the dictates of culture and the wants of adults.”

The statement goes on with the church's hate-the-sin-not-the-sinner mantra and that it “rejoices” for same-sex couples who don't actually have sex. The group pledges to “collaborate” with those defending the marriage amendment “and will assist to the greatest extent possible efforts to appeal Judge Friedman's most regrettable ruling.”

Michael Diebold, spokesman for the diocese,

declined to comment beyond the statement.

The problem with the save-the-children argument is that it was debunked by multiple scholars during the DeBoer trial.

“Decades of social science research studies indicate that there is no discernible difference in parenting competence between lesbian and gay adults and their heterosexual counterparts,” Friedman wrote in his 31-page opinion. What really matters is the “quality of parent-child relationships and the quality of the relationships between parents.”

When Mark Regnerus, a researcher from the University of Texas, testified that children are better off with opposite-sex parents,

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider the following:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1322, a City-initiated ordinance to amend Section 50-53 of Division 3 – Article VI – Business, Office and Industrial District of Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing to amend the height allowed subject to a special use permit in the B-2 zoning district.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Lingg Brewer for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 500 Albert Avenue and 122 Division Street. The applicant is proposing to construct a four-story, mixed-use building containing 14 apartment units, approximately 3,200 square feet of non-residential space, in two phases and to convert approximately 270 square feet of the existing 500 Albert building to office space. The property is zoned B-3, City Center Commercial District.
3. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering Ordinance 1321, an application to amend the Zoning Use District Map to rezone the Hawk Nest Neighborhood into the R-O-3 Residential Rental Restriction Overlay District. The proposed District generally lies south of the Remy Chandler Drain, west of the Northern Tier Trail, north of Coleman Road, and east of the western edge of the Hawk Nest neighborhood. The rezoning includes the following properties:

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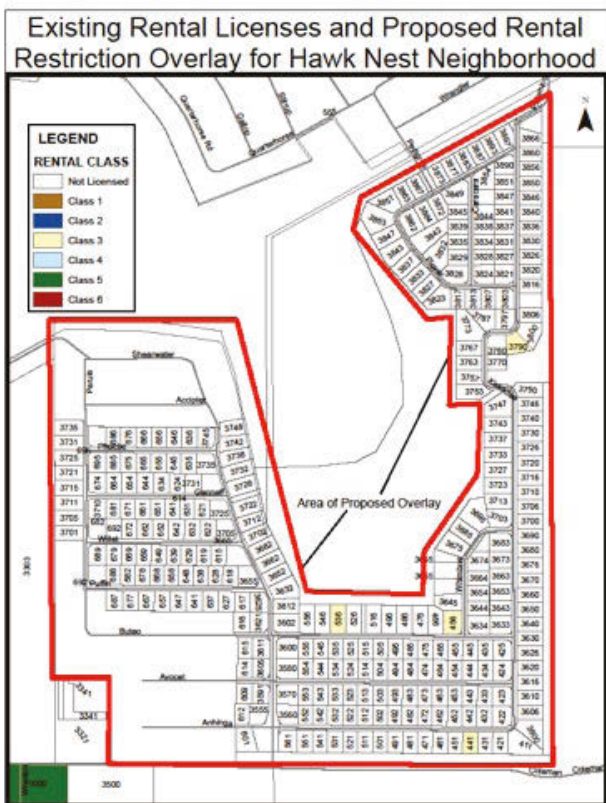
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The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing, prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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Friedman discredited the testimony, finding it “entirely unbelievable and not worthy of serious consideration.” Those making such arguments, Friedman wrote, “clearly represent a fringe viewpoint that is rejected by the vast majority of their colleagues across a variety of social science fields.”

FOR EQUAL PROTECTION. AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE

Bishop David Maxwell, director of the city of Lansing's Office of Community and Faith-based Initiatives, believes Friedman made the right call in declaring Michigan's law unconstitutional. But Maxwell personally doesn't agree with same-sex marriage, nor would he officiate over a same-sex marriage ceremony.

“I don't think you should make any laws that will abridge or otherwise discriminate and disenfranchise any person because of race, color, religion or sexual preference,” said Maxwell, who is also the pastor at Eliezer Temple Church in Lansing. “That doesn't necessarily mean I agree with same-sex marriage. ... We must be careful not to impose religious beliefs on a broader population.”

As part of the African-American clergy, “We have a greater tolerance, we believe, for the rights of people, even when we disagree with them and (our beliefs are) polar opposite,” he said. “We have a greater degree of tolerance because of our history of ourselves being disenfranchised because of our color.”

Maxwell said Schuette is exercising his right to appeal and hopes Schuette is acting “strictly upon a legal argument ... and not his own moral interpretation or religious beliefs.”

Maxwell also recognized that public opinion is changing in favor of equality since the marriage amendment passed in 2004. Yet Schuette's reasoning for appeal is based on his belief that same-sex parents are bad for raising children and that he's upholding the will of the voters, albeit from 10 years ago.

PUT DISCRIMINATION TO A VOTE

Rick Jones, the Republican state senator from Grand Ledge, also falls in the one-man, one-woman crowd. He thinks the same marriage amendment question should be put to voters again, though he declined to say how he would vote. He thinks it'd have a “50/50” chance of passing.

“The fear is that a lot of pastors and priests are afraid they'd be forced to do marriages they don't religiously agree with,” he said. “I believe marriage is between one man and one woman. But if it's put on the ballot and people vote for it, then so be it.”

When asked if he feels that Schuette's fight is a waste of taxpayer resources, Jones said Schuette is “simply following the will of the people because of the vote in 2004.”

The problem with Jones' position is twofold. For one, the latest polling shows that Michigan voters would vote against the same ballot proposal if it were held today, let alone

a majority of national support for same-sex marriage. In May, the Lansing polling firm EPIC MRA found that 55 percent would support a constitutional amendment here allowing same-sex marriage and 41 percent said they would oppose it.

Secondly, in his written opinion, Friedman cited U.S. Supreme Court precedent saying a citizen-initiated referendum — even if it's the view of the majority — can't discriminate. “The electorate cannot order a violation of the Due Process or Equal Protection Clauses by referendum or otherwise ...” In other words, even if Jones got to cast his vote in an election tomorrow, and somehow it passed again, it still wouldn't be constitutional.

Moreover, judges in other states where same-sex marriage bans were ruled unconstitutional have consistently said state laws violate the federal Equal Protection Clause, which an attorney general — a lawyer, in fact — might know supersedes state law.

Meanwhile, Byrum and East Lansing Mayor Nathan

Nathan Triplett wrote to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on Monday urging the federal government to recognize Saturday's same-sex marriages in Michigan. Snyder has indicated the state will not recognize them as the appeal is pending.



Schuette

Lansing attorney Douglas Meeks and his partner, Greg McNeilly, also married in Ingham County during the Saturday morning window. MLive.com reported over the weekend that McNeilly is a GOP strategist and was formerly the campaign manager of former gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos, who opposed same-sex marriage during the 2006 campaign. Referring to leaders of the party, such as Schuette, McNeilly told MLive: “Obviously I support them but I don't necessarily support them in all things they do. We're a big, inclusive party, a very tolerant party that allows for a wide range of perspectives.”

But Meeks wants to avoid the winners and losers paradigm. He said Schuette's appeal is just the next step in the legal process, and one that often happens.

“I think the LGBT community had a huge win moving forward on Friday. The rest of it is posturing regarding the appeals process,” he said. “I'm confident Judge Friedman got it right and the constitutional analysis he put forward was the appropriate one.”

When asked what role he thinks the Bill Schuettes of the world have going forward, Meeks said: “You're setting up the equation of us versus them. The fact of the matter is: The Equal Protection clause indicates a majority can't discriminate against a minority when looking at equal rights.

“As to Bill Schuette or those who believe along those lines, they're more than capable of believing those things. But the federal government shouldn't be picking winners and losers. It should pick equality.”



59th Michigan Antiquarian Book & Paper Show

Twice a year, book and paper enthusiasts of all kinds come together in Lansing to search through books, postcards, magazines, posters and more. If it's on paper, you're likely to find it at the Michigan Antiquarian Book & Paper Show.

This massive hunt for hidden treasure is happening again on Sunday, April 6, at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. From 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., almost 60 dealers from across the country will be offering an incredible number of items in nearly every category for sale.

At the show you will find first editions, unusual and out-of-print books, rare and miniature books, postcards, maps, advertising items, photos, old sports material, autographs, military items, sheet music, ephemera and more.

"It's a mind-boggling experience," said Bill Triola of Lansing, "like walking through the Library of Congress ...". Unlike the Library of Congress, you have the opportunity (for anywhere from 50 cents to \$5,000) to take a piece of that history home with you.

This stroll through history, for young and old alike, has some items dating back just a few years, and others, centuries. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone from beginning collectors to die-hard history buffs.

Whether you're seeking a book from childhood or a favorite poet, a historical map or a Civil War newspaper, a 1950's auto brochure or a classic movie poster – this is definitely the place to go.

Comments from attendees, some traveling hundreds of miles, include "Love coming to this show!" and it's a "semi-annual 'religious' pilgrimage".

Additional features include plenty of seating and live music, featuring Dan Kuczek on acoustic guitar. The Lansing Center supplies concessions, making it easy to spend all day there.

Admission is \$5.00 per person; kids 13 and under get in for free.



When, where & what?

When?
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
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Where?
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What?
This show is one
of the biggest book
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The "book" part includes antiquarian, rare, collectible and out-of-print volumes, presented by the best authorities in their fields.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How can you tell if it's a first edition?

It varies from book to book and publisher to publisher. It becomes complex. That's part of the challenge. Sometimes there are minor typographical changes that are caught and corrected. The serious collector doesn't want the fixed version, he or she wants the original. There are price guides that people use to determine the value.

What is ephemera?

Ephemera is a term used to embrace a wide range of minor, everyday documents, most intended for one-time or short-term use, including trade cards, broadsides, posters, car brochures, tickets, bookmarks, photographs – and the list goes on.

DEALER PROFILE

By Bill Castanier

Leona Lentz of Delton Michigan recalls the first time she began selling postcards at the Mid Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show nearly three decades ago, when she put out a small box.

"Then, very few dealers were selling them and they were going like hotcakes," she said.

Now, she brings more than 50,000 postcards with what she calls a "focus on Michigan".

Like most postcard dealers, she carries a variety of subjects, but says "hometown pictures, especially real photos of downtowns, are very popular."

She also said that Halloween postcards depicting spooky themes are as popular as ever.

"About every two years the popularity of cards (certain themes) goes up and down," Lentz said.

But, she said, people like the rarity of real photo cards. "There were only one or two made in some cases."

She also said that collectors like that cards take little storage space and they can be framed and displayed.

Her daughter, a village clerk in Nashville, Michigan, has framed street scenes from the village and displays them in her office, Lentz said.

"I always told my kids, growing up, that they could learn history, geography, and a lot of things from postcards," she said.

Her son Allan, the superintendent of schools in Galesburg Michigan, recently began helping at the shows since her husband passed away a year and a half ago.

One of the things she likes about selling postcards is that



there are so many different themes and reasons for collecting postcards.

"Some collect for the postmarks, others want themes like amusement parks or Christmas postcards and others might want postcards with buildings from a certain era or from a local university," Lentz said.

She said she knows a librarian who collects postcards featuring libraries and has sold cards to architects and historians looking for a certain era who want to know what something looked like.

Historians have recently come to realize that postcards were an early form of Twitter and Facebook where you could only use a short mes-

sage which was relatively public as it passed through many hands on the way to the recipient.

Postcards, which can be traced to 1869 in Austria, were first issued in this country in 1873 by the U.S. government, but it took 20 more years and the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 before postcards were printed in color. Collectors often seek out cards from various eras of postcard production, including the private mailing cards, postcards with undivided backs, real photo and chromes from the '30s and '40s.

For beginning collectors, Lentz said one of the benefits of postcards is they are relatively inexpensive.

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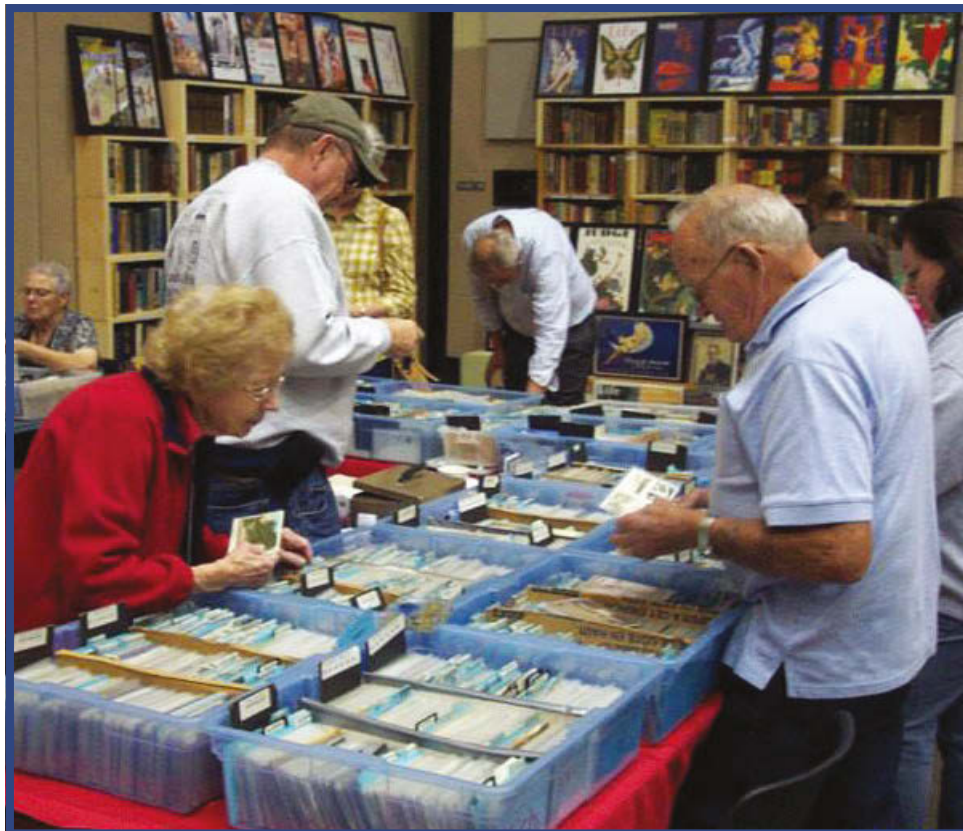
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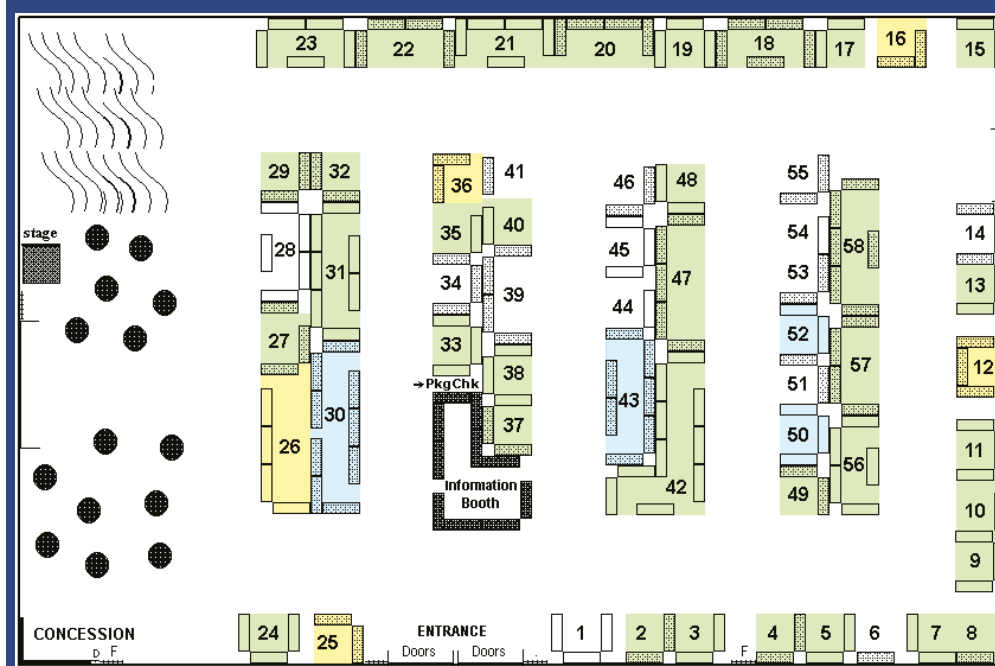
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All about Ava

Lansing Symphony unleashes principal trombonist in explosive concerto

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Ava Ordman will get more than a spotlight at Saturday's MasterWorks concert. The Lansing Symphony's principal trombonist is about to straddle a bomb like Slim Pickens in "Dr. Strangelove" and ride it to a climax no listener is likely to forget.

Smuggled into a vigorous all-American program with music of Leonard Bernstein ("Candide Overture" and "West Side Story Suite") and Aaron Copland ("Letter From Home"), a 1976 trombone concerto by American composer Donald Erb may be the most out-there music yet heard under the 10-year tenure of maestro Timothy Muffitt.

Ordman will run the gamut of her instrument and way beyond, playing multiphonics (three notes at once), singing, growling didgeridoo-style and a unleashing a finale best left undescribed to preserve the surprise.

"People usually jump out of their chairs," Ordman said. "They're not even sure what just happened."

Ordman, 60, has played the concerto about 15 times all over the country since the mid-'80s, but never in Lansing.

"I did it in San Francisco and it was like a rock 'n' roll concert," Ordman said. "People were screaming."

She started training at the gym last fall to get her breath and muscles ready. She hasn't played the concerto in almost 20 years.

"My tongue was a lot faster 20 years ago," she confessed. "It's an opportunity to push myself back to performance shape."

Ordman isn't the only one who does weird things during the concerto. The musicians take their instruments apart. They whistle and sing. The pianist reaches into the piano, rolls a bottle over the strings and bows them with the hair of a violin bow. (Not the bow, mind you — just the hair.) There's also the rarely heard pizzicato tremolo, ominously classified as an "uncontrolled effect" in violin textbooks. Be sure to sign your waivers in the lobby.

But maestro Muffitt said the special effects are not for show. "Some composers in the middle of the 20th century lost the audience in their quest to pursue modernity, complexity and innovation," Muffitt said. "This has all that, but



Courtesy Photo

Lansing Symphony trombonist Ava Ordman has been training in the gym since last fall to get ready for Saturday's killer concerto by Donald Erb.

it will reach the audience immediately. It's just right there. This thing is a masterpiece."

Each year, Muffitt features one of the orchestra's principals in a solo turn. When the maestro asked Ordman what she might like to play, she gave him a handful of CDs, slipping in her own recording of Erb's concerto.

"I never dreamed he'd pick that one," Ordman said.

But Muffitt said it was a "no-brainer," owing to a perfect match of soloist and music.

"It's almost like it was written for Ava," Muffitt said. "There's a lot of personality in the music. It's a part of her. I can't imagine anyone else playing it."

Ordman came to Michigan State University in 2002 and became principal trombone in 2004 after 24 years in the Grand Rapids Symphony. Her run-ins with Erb began in the '80s, when she lobbied Catherine Comet, then the music director in Grand Rapids, for a solo turn. Comet, a strong booster of modern music, admired Erb's cello concerto and asked the crusty composer what else he had tucked into his cowboy boots. He told her he had several works, including a trombone concerto. She lit up and told

him about Ordman, but he laughed and said the piece was too physical for a woman to play.

Comet and Ordman, both formidable women, took that as a green light.

Erb, who died in 2008, was an American original. He used everything from synthesizers to empty wine jugs in his scores and loved to rail against "commercial bullshit." He wrote the trombone concerto in 1976 for Stuart Dempster, the first (comparatively) well-known avant-garde trombonist in America.

The '70s were wild and woolly times in classical music. Ordman first heard Dempster in a strange Ann Arbor performance.

"He stood up in full regalia and mouthed a speech by Gen. Douglas MacArthur through the trombone, under black light," Ordman recalled. Later, Ordman and Dempster got together and compared notes on how to handle the Erb concerto.

Ordman rode a career high when she first played the concerto at Chicago's Symphony Hall in 1988. Before going on stage, she meditated in Sir Georg Solti's office, under a photo of the legendary maestro schmoozing with the Chicago Bears.

"It was a life-changing moment," she said. "Everything went as I envisioned it."

Ordman was called back to the stage three times. The composer was so impressed they became lifelong friends. After that, Erb attended nearly every performance of his trombone concerto Ordman gave.

From the start, the music runs from the lowest to the highest notes and even sneaks in some improvisation. Then it gets very loud. "I'm telling the world I'm king of the jungle," Ordman said. "It's this massive statement of power."

What follows is a phantasmagoria of sounds that includes many familiar harmonies and textures, but goes much further.

At the start of the finale, Ordman will play one note and sing another into the horn at the same time. If she does it right, physics will coax a third note out of the sympathetic vibrations. By the end, she'll be barking and singing into the trombone, imitating a didgeridoo and fighting off volleys of percussion thunder. When the orchestra threatens to drown her out, she goes nuclear. (You'll find out how.)

Muffitt said he expects this week's rehearsals to be "slow going."

"With a piece like this that is exceptionally difficult for everyone, not just the soloist, we'll have to be highly detail oriented from the start and wait until the end of the rehearsal block to put it all together," he said.

Ordman pretty much knows what to expect.

"People will love it or hate it," she said. "Nobody going to go, 'Oh, that was nice.'"

killing," he said. "I know what's in it. No weird chemicals. Three or four simple ingredients."

This week, New York-based Penn is back to cooking on stage as part of an all-star band celebrating the 60th birthday of Rhode Island's Newport Jazz Festival, coming to the Wharton Center Thursday.

Impresario Danny Melnick, a longtime associate of Newport Jazz Festival founder George Wein, put together a group that's unusually diverse in gender, age and background. With personalities as distinct as veteran trumpeter Randy Brecker, incandescent Israeli

clarinetist Anat Cohen, sophisticated vocalist Karrin Allyson and soulful guitarist Mark Whitfield, the music is unlikely to come out like Wonder Bread. A dream rhythm section of Penn, pianist Peter Martin and bassist Larry Grenadier helps to leaven the loaf.

"He wanted something fresh, and that's what he got," Penn said. "We wanted to pay homage to songs of the past 60 years, but also show the evolution of jazz and where it is today."

Some all-star tours throw too many master chefs into the kitchen, but the Newport group

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Multi-grain jazz

Newport tour kneads diverse group of stars into one hot loaf

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Detroit-born jazzman Clarence Penn savored an afternoon of solitary bread baking last week. Drummers don't often get to cook alone.

"If you could smell my house right now, it's

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has become a tight unit on stage and off.

"It really feels like a family," Penn said. "We hang out after the show, talk about life."

Brecker has a million road stories; old friends Whitfield and Martin swap sarcastic barbs on the bus. Penn is learning about Israel from Cohen and sharing his passion for cooking and wine with everybody.

"Audiences see that," he said. "They feel the closeness on the bandstand. They tell us it looks like we're having fun and we are."

Brecker is the closest thing to a living legend in a group that skews young.

"We grew up listening to Randy and now Randy's listening to us," Penn said. "His energy is amazing, a high point of the night. His tunes have humor in them, too."

In addition to showcasing Brecker, the Newport tour offers a rare chance to hear Cohen, a peerless instrumentalist, joyous stage presence and exemplar of the changing face of jazz.

"Now you have women on the scene, instrumentalists, and they're really killing," Penn said. "It's a whole other game now. Anat plays tenor, too, but her clarinet is really magical."

Allison is a classic jazz vocalist influenced by Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday and Carmen McRae, adding the sarcastic bite of her near-namesake, Mose Allison.

On guitar, Whitfield weaves twinkling strands of city-lights soul into the mix. "He comes out of the George Benson school, and that's a nice flavor to have on the bandstand," Penn said.

The group's vibe is tight, but there's air in the loaf. They all brought tunes and arrangements to the tour and worked out the details collectively.

"We are supposed to be supportive, but everyone is soloing," Penn said. "You definitely hear from every player on the stage."

Penn grew up in Detroit and graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy in 1986, but hasn't played much in Michigan until three recent gigs at the Detroit Jazz Festival. He wants to spend more time in Michigan and plans to perform with bassist Rodney Whitaker, head of MSU's Jazz Studies program and a friend from his Detroit days.

Penn moved to New York in 1991 after graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, where he came to the attention of pianist and jazz patriarch Ellis Marsalis and drummer Lewis Nash. His big break was a baptism-of-fire tour with singer Betty Carter, who heard about Penn through Nash.

"You want the gig? Be in New York tomorrow," Carter told him.

Penn packed up, moved to New York and within three days, he was on the West Coast touring with Carter. Then came six grueling weeks of one-nighters in Europe, hitting a new club every night.

"It was pretty rough," he said.



Photo by Jimmy Katz

Newport Now 60 showcases the diverse face of modern jazz. (From left) Karrin Allyson, Clarence Penn, Larry Grenadier, Anat Cohen, Mark Whitfield, Randy Brecker and Peter Martin.

Penn has become the go-to drummer in New York's jazz scene. "I wouldn't trade being in New York," he said. "The energy! Being in New York just makes me want to be better all the time."

Penn has backed almost every jazz musician alive, but when the Newport gig is over, he's interested in stepping out as a composer and leader. He'll premiere a suite of new Thelonious Monk arrangements with his band at Lincoln Center April 16.

Lately, he's been cooking solo in more

ways than one, writing music for his own groups. He finds inspiration anywhere he looks, from his favorite artist, surrealist Salvador Dali, to encounters with elk and grizzly bears. Penn taught for 10 years at the Banff International Workshop in Canada with trumpeter Dave Douglas and loved it up in the mountains. His newest CD, "Dali in Cobble Hill," imagines what would happen if Dali came to Brooklyn.

"There's always a great song out there," Penn said. "You just have to listen."



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Immigrants in time

MSU welcomes U.S. poet laureate for national poetry month

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Poets are the Rodney Dangerfields of the literary world, located somewhere down near society writers at weekly newspapers on the no-respect spectrum (no-respectrum?) But each April — National Poetry Month — they get a chance to strut their stuff. Or to put it poetically, to test their mettle.

Michigan State University's Center for Poetry will sponsor three acclaimed poets to celebrate. Appearing on campus will be National Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey on April 2; Virginia Poet Laureate So-

SPRING POETRY SERIES SCHEDULE

7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2: Reading by Natasha Trethewey
1-2 p.m. Thursday, April 3: Trethewey Q&A (at MSU Main Library W449)
3-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 9: Q&A with Tracy K. Smith
7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9: Reading by Smith
3-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 16: Q&A with Sofia M. Starnes
7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 16: Reading by Starnes

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All events except Trethewey Q&A held at Residential College in the Arts and Humanities Theater, C20 Snyder Hall, MSU campus

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phia M. Starnes on April 9; and Pulitzer Prize-winner Tracy C. Smith on April 16.

The MSU Center for Poetry, established in 2007, has enhanced poetry's reception in the area, especially helping to bridge the "town to gown" mix between the university and the community. A recent reading in Old Town by poet Thomas Lynch attracted a standing room only crowd.

Starnes finds it remarkable that Michigan hasn't had a poet laureate since Detroit Free Press columnist Edgar Guest held that post from 1952 to '59. He wrote a daily poem for the newspaper from the 1920s through the '50s many of which ended up on refrigerators or in scrapbooks.

"Only four or five states do not have one," Starnes said, adding that the position is "important to creating credibility" for poetry.

In 1925, the Michigan Kiwanians lobbied for the appointment of a poet laureate; the bill passed the House and Senate without controversy but was vetoed by Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck. Phillip Levine, who lived and worked in Detroit for many years, was selected as the national poet laureate in 2011, but the post of an ongo-

ing, official Michigan poet laureate has eluded the state's literary community. It came close again in 2000 when Gov. John Engler refused to sign it into law.

"Poetry has the power to go to the heart of a thing, and it will tell you something about who you are," Starnes said by phone from the Virginia Festival of Books. "When you read a poem it connects with something inside you that you may not be aware of."

Starnes said that poetry helped her stay in touch with her roots when she moved to the U.S. from Spain in 1989. She said she still thinks about her homes in the Philippines and in Spain.

"I was able to bring (my past) with me, even though I couldn't put it in a suitcase," Starnes said. "We are all immigrants in time, leaving the country of yesterday."

Starnes said her style of poetry is driven by her love of words and their symbolism. She said, for example, that rather than writing about a specific river, her use of the word "river" takes on a universal meaning. She also sees a lot of similarities between poetry and music.

"They both transcend time and place as well as race and gender," she said. Starnes has written many collections, including the critically received "Love in the Afterlife" and "Fully into Ashes."

Cindy Hunter Morgan, a professor of creative writing at MSU, said she thinks human beings need poetry to be fully human.



Courtesy Photo

U.S. poet laureate Natasha Trethewey appears in East Lansing on April 2 to kick off Poetry Month.

"Having poetry in our life awakens us to a fuller life," Morgan said. She said she embraces both the power and dualism of poetry.

"It is a joyous part of life, creating a curiosity of life and exhilarating," she said. "(But) it is not always joyous and can open up old wounds. (That's why) sad music makes us feel good."

Morgan has written two chapbooks of poetry: "The Sultan, The Skater and the Bicycle Maker" and "Apple Season." She is currently at work on a collection on Michigan shipwrecks.

"Every poem has some nugget of historical accuracy," she said. "I start with some kind of truth — what the ship was carrying or how the fire started that sunk the ship. From that moment, I tell a greater truth like imagining someone suffering."

Morgan said Trethewey's appearance at MSU is "a big deal."

"There will be a change of atmosphere around here after her visit," Morgan said.

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Wednesday, March 26

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes & 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 Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.

Job Techniques/Applications. Tips on finding the perfect job. 9:15-10:30 a.m. FREE. St. Johns Service Center, 101 W. Cass St. Suite A, St. Johns. (989) 224-2000. camw.org.

Supporting Farmers. Lecture on the agriculture industry. 12:10 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, 100 Main Library, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-0901. lib.msu.edu/library/features/415/.

How to Get a Business Loan. Beginning steps for starting a small business. 2-4 p.m. FREE. The Marc, 4675 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 483-1921. sbdcmichigan.org.

Best Social Media for Business. 10 a.m.-noon. \$10. Small Business Development Center, LCC, 309 N. Washinton Square, Suite 110, Lansing. (517) 483-1921. sbdcmichigan.org.

Ignite Your Facebook Marketing. 1-3 p.m. \$10. Small Business Development Center, LCC, 309 N. Washinton Square, Suite 110, Lansing. (517) 483-1921. sbdcmichigan.org.

Heaven and Hell. Discussion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. pilgrimucc.com.

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

EVENTS

Strategy Game Night. Learn and share favorite games. 5-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

Farmers Market inside Allen Market Place. Locally grown and prepared foods. Live music. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 >> 'EMOTIONS IN MUSIC' BY LANSING CONCERT BAND

The Lansing Concert Band continues its season with two presentations of the "Young Person's Introduction to the Band" program. The theme for this year is "Emotions in Music," which was designed to see how students in grades 3-5 respond emotionally to different types of music. The program will include pieces representing love, peace, excitement and loneliness, as well as techniques composers use to display these feelings. Gary T. Sullivan will conduct the experiment with featured trumpet soloist and section leader James Kasprzak. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Arts Council of Greater Lansing. FREE, but registration is required at lansingconcertband.org. Two times and locations: 9 a.m. Wharton Center, 750 West Shaw Lane, East Lansing; 1 p.m. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28 >> PIANO AND DRUMS AT THE BROAD ART MUSEUM

The Broad Art Museum hosts a night of live drumming and piano music in the Broad MSU Education Wing. Brian Chase, drummer for the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and member of the New York City improv and experimental scene, will perform with pianist and composer Thollem McDonas. The duo will play music from their new album, "Dub Narcotic Session," which has blues, punk rock and folk elements. The writing residents of the museum will read in the galleries beforehand. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-3900, fortint1@msu.edu.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 >> REO TOWN THRIFT STORE GALA AND BURLESQUE EXTRAVAGANZA

Dust off those vintage gowns and seasoned suits for a cheap, chic night on the town. REO Town Commercial Association president Ryan Wert pulled the idea for this party out of his college party rucksack. "I had friends who had a classy party once a year," he said. "We all got dressed up in old suits and discarded bridal gowns." One friend would be in a fur coat and underwear while another was resplendent in a three-piece suit. "You never know what to expect, which is the fun part of it," Wert said. This event will have a slew of seduction with seven burlesque performances and Lansing's first vintage pin-up girl pageant. Local rapper James Gardin and a jazz quartet will serve up the jams until DJ Sammy takes over at midnight. Rock N Rummage, a Detroit thrift shop, will be there with a cadre of retro collectibles. Liquor will flow all night with a selection of beer, wine and the hard stuff. Sleepwalker Spirits and Ales, a soon to open microbrewery and distillery, will provide complimentary beer tastings. Staying true to the theme, the catering will be done by Kait's Vintage Café. All proceeds benefit the REO Town Commercial Association. \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door. 8 p.m.-2 a.m. 21-up. Foliage Design Systems of Mid-Michigan, 1027 S. Washington St., Lansing. thriftstoregala.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 >> 'THE FROG BRIDE' AT THE WHARTON CENTER



You know the story about a princess who kisses a frog and watches it magically turn into a handsome prince. Well, this one has the same arc but with a slight swap of who's kissing who. A king sends his three sons on a journey to find brides. Two return to the palace with decent dames while the other son brings a bride who's not exactly fit for a wedding dress. This 2006 Drama Desk Award nominee is part of the Wharton Center's Act One Family Series, which encourages children interested in performing arts, and teaches about acceptance and understanding. 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. \$9. Wharton Center Pasant Theatre, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.



SUNDAY, MARCH 30 >> GOSPEL MUSIC AT GRAND LEDGE OPERA HOUSE

Grand Ledge Opera House is getting some soul this weekend. Organists Steve Schlesing makes his seventh performance at the keys of the gold-plated Barton Theatre Organ. Schlesing is a music director and organist at the Lutheran Church of the Master, but he'll play a variety of musical styles including sacred, classical and popular. Accompanying him is the Celebration Choir he works with. This performance is part of the Lansing Theatre Organ's Riverside Pops series. \$15/\$12 in advance. 3 p.m. Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 394-9881, lto-pops.org.



TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



SAT. MAR 29TH

REAL GHOSTS EP RELEASE

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. FREE, all ages, 9 p.m., Saturday, March 29.

Local indie punk trio Real Ghosts releases its debut disc, the four-track EP, "In the Nervous Light." The band is Vittorio Vettraino (guitar, drums, vocals), Holly Johnson (drums, bass, vocals) and Ian Eberhart (bass, keyboard, guitar). The record was made over the winter by Jarod Emison at LR Radiostar Studios, located on Vine Street on Lansing's east side. The band's bio describes its sound as "outsider punk," with nods to post-punk, shoegaze and garage rock. The EP is \$5 at the show; you can sample some tunes at realghosts.bandcamp.com. Opening the free show are Eleanor Quigley (experimental indie rock) and the damaged-punk sounds of Glass Lassie. AKDJ spins some vinyl.

BOBAFLEX RETURNS TO LANSING



FRI. MAR 28TH

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$15/\$13 adv., 7 p.m., Friday, March 28.

West Virginia-based alt-metal band Bobaflex has been dropping progressive hard rock albums since 1998. It headlines an all-ages show at The Loft along with local openers St8 Of Mine, Adrenachrome and Faultered Step. Bobaflex is led by founding members Shaun McCoy (guitar, vocals) and Martin McCoy (guitar, vocals). Backing them are Dave Tipple (guitar), Tommy Johnson (drums) and bassist Jerod Mankin. The band has toured and recorded albums through many lineup changes. The outfit's latest LP, "Charlatan's Web," is the band's seventh album and was released in September on BFX Records. The album's single, "Bad Man," is available on iTunes

JOHN MCCUTCHEON AT 'THE FIDDLE'



FRI. MAR 28TH

Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove St, East Lansing. \$20/\$18 members/\$5 students. 8 p.m., Friday, March 28.

John McCutcheon, who was hailed as "one of our country's best songwriters" by Pete Seeger, stops by Lansing for a Ten Pound Fiddle show. McCutcheon picked up the guitar in the '60s, and by the early '70s he was a fixture in the folk scene. His prolific career includes both traditional folk and acclaimed children's albums. The Washington Post praised McCutcheon as having "an uncanny ability to breathe new life into the familiar. His storytelling has the richness of fine literature." In addition to his own songwriting, he's also collaborated with folk stars Tom Paxton and Tom Chapin. McCutcheon's latest — his 34th album — is the 14-track LP, "Passage," which is stocked with Appalachian sounds.

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The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 9 p.m.	Lazy Ass Destroyer, 9 p.m.	The Kicking Sticks, 9 p.m.	Real Ghosts, 9 p.m.
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	DJ Jimmy, 9 p.m.	Kathy Ford, 9 p.m.	DJ Jimmy, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		DJ, 9 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.
Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 E. N. East St.		Fred Potter, 8 p.m.	Al Jackson, 8 p.m.	Al Jackson, 8 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Whisky Pickers, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Blue Wednesday, 8 p.m.	Skoryoke Live Band Karaoke, 8 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 8 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 8 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.		Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Karaoke, 7 p.m.	DJ Kelly, 8 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 8 p.m.	Big Willy B-day Bash, 9 p.m.	Global Village, 9 p.m.	Glamhammer, 9 p.m.
Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave.			Martin & Co., 7 p.m.	
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.	Jimkata, 9 p.m.		Bobaflex, 7 p.m.	Buku, 9 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.			Up Until Now, 9 p.m.	cyRus, 7:30 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Game Night, 9 p.m.	Kathleen & the Bridge Street Band, 9 p.m.	Cash O'Riley, 9 p.m.	The Lash, 9 p.m.
R-Club, 6409 Centurion Dr.			Time 2 Play, 8:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 8:30 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.	Dave Floyd, 9 p.m.		
Tin Can DeWitt, 13175 Schavey Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Scott Martin, 8 p.m.		
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 8 p.m.	Fragment of Soul, 8:30 p.m.	Fragment of Soul, 8:30 p.m.
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive			Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	Joe Wright, 7 p.m.
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	Brian Lorente, 9 p.m.

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Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.
Practice Your English. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

MUSIC

Marshall Music Ukulele Workshop. Learn to play ukulele with Anna Zang. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic.com.

Thursday, March 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Family Education Day. Family nutrition tips. 11 a.m. & 4 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7400. lansingcitymarket.com.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly. 5:15 p.m. \$5 monthly. 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 to visit. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080. stdavidslansing.org.

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

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.

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop. Tips on writing your resume and cover letter. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. St. Johns Service Center, 101 W. Cass St., Suite A, St. Johns. (989) 224-2000. camw.org.

Ojibwe/Anishinaabemowin Class. Learn the language of the first people from this region. 7-9 p.m. Donation. Nokomis Learning Center, 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-5777. nokomis.org.

Craft Night Social. Work on your latest project. 5-7 p.m. FREE. Nokomis Learning Center, 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-5777. nokomis.org.

Sign Language Classes. Learn ASL. No children under 12. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Meridian Christian Church, 2600 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 492-6149. clinton.adair.asl@gmail.com.

Meditation and Study Course. Personal insights to inner spiritual growth. 6:15 p.m. Donations accepted. Unity of Greater Lansing, 15851 S. Old Hwy. 27, Building 20, Lansing. (517) 371-3010. unitylansing.org.

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

EVENTS

Spanish Conversation Group. Both English and Spanish spoken. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

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

Senior Games. Bingo/partner bridge 1 p.m.; euchre 1:30 p.m. \$3/\$2 members for bridge/other activities FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

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

Art Critic: Nuit Banai. Artist talk presented by MSU Art Department. 7 p.m. 105 S. Kedzie Hall, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-3961. art.msu.edu/content/2013-2014.

MUSIC

Newport Jazz Festival: Now 60! 60-year anniversary jazz performance. 7:30 p.m. \$20-\$40. Wharton Center, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Rally In The Alley Open Mic. 6:30 p.m. FREE. American Legion Post 48, 731 N. Clinton St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-1232.

[REVOLUTION] at Tavern. Electronic music. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Tavern on the Square, 206 S. Washington

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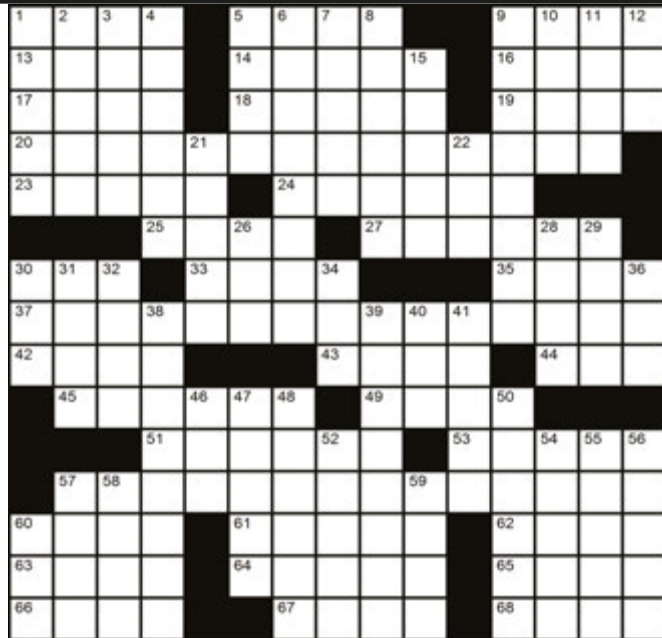
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Something Themes Wrong"--restaurants I won't be visiting.
 Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Item with a pole position?
- 5 Suffix meaning "followers of"
- 9 Like cartoonists' hands
- 13 Candy rack cylinder
- 14 Big picture?
- 16 Questionnaire box
- 17 NYSE newsmakers
- 18 Nimble
- 19 Lemon candy
- 20 Unappealing theme restaurant based on a hit CGI movie?
- 23 Ancient Mexican pyramid builder
- 24 Try with the shirt again
- 25 Hot pants wearer, so to speak?
- 27 Looking over
- 30 Total
- 33 Org. with many conferences
- 35 "___ Flux"
- 37 Unappealing theme restaurant devoted to Hans Christian Andersen?
- 42 Circumstance's partner
- 43 Opposed to
- 44 Role for Keanu
- 45 Chinese cuisine style
- 49 "Hair" producer Joseph ___
- 51 "Mercy me!"
- 53 Like the wars



- between Carthage and Rome
- 57 Unappealing theme restaurant devoted to Irving Berlin?
- 60 Kudrow who's among "Friends"
- 61 Barbershop offering
- 62 "Casablanca" character
- 63 Rapper/actor who turned 56 in February
- 64 One-on-one student
- 65 Insulting remark
- 66 Have the moxie
- 67 Keep goal in hockey
- 68 "Lights out" music

Down

- 1 Painter Kahlo
- 2 Urban partner on TV?
- 3 "It's ___ cause"

- 4 Mahalia Jackson's genre
- 5 Apple product
- 6 Leonard or Robinson
- 7 Erie or Huron
- 8 ___ Mae (college money provider)
- 9 Unwilling to face reality
- 10 Screenwriter Ephron
- 11 Stomach tightness
- 12 "Got that right"
- 15 A little suspicious
- 21 Bake sale topping
- 22 Barney's bartender
- 26 Oft-injured knee part, briefly
- 28 Kurt denial?
- 29 Outta here
- 30 "The Racer's Edge" sloganeer
- 31 "Whoops!"
- 32 Inbox item

- 34 Nabokov novel
- 36 Doctors Without Borders, e.g.
- 38 Current
- 39 Yet to be confirmed
- 40 Kingston Trio hit
- 41 Kate Middleton's sister
- 46 Some degree of success?
- 47 Praiseful poet
- 48 Drill sergeant's command
- 50 Not one to try new ideas
- 52 Marble type
- 54 ___ Wafers
- 55 "___ to you!"
- 56 Former rulers
- 57 Typography unit
- 58 Wi-fi seeker
- 59 Have to have
- 60 Box top

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INTERMEDIATE

TO PLAY

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Square, Lansing. (517) 374-5555.

THEATER

"Tribes." A deaf man struggles to communicate with his family. 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 students and seniors. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org.

"The Miracle Worker." Perry High School. 7 p.m. \$5/\$3 students. Hurd Auditorium, 2555 Britton Road, Perry. (517) 625-0054, goperry.org.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Writers Roundtable. Get feedback on your writing. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3, dtdl.org.

Friday, March 28

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

Teen Advisory Group. Teens plan programs. 5-6 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3, dtdl.org.

Quilts and Human Rights. Hear from the authors of "Quilts and Human Rights." Noon. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-2370, museum.msu.edu.

Haslett American Legion Post Friday Fish Fry. 5-8 p.m. \$9/\$7 seniors and children. American Legion Post #269, 1485 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 381-8762.

Restaurateur Panel. Lansing restaurateurs talk about their businesses. 7 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

MUSIC

Mega 80s. 10:30 p.m. Harper's Restaurant and Brewpub, 131 Albert Ave., East Lansing. (517) 333-4040, harpersbrewpub.com/index.php.

Matt LoRusso Trio. Jazz. 9 p.m.-midnight, Suits Tavern, 210 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 702-9150.

Singles TGIF live band Party. Weekly singles party with food and dancing. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$12. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 S. Chandler Road, Bath. (517) 281-6272, singlestgif.com.

Cryn Wolf. Country music. 9:30 p.m. Cactus Juice Saloon, 1820 Lansing Road, Charlotte. (517) 803-6238, crynwolf.com.

THEATER

"Tribes." See details March 27. 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 students and seniors. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Teen Book Club. Ages 13-18. "The Maze Runner" by James Dashner. 4-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3, dtdl.org.

Saturday, March 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Soil Care in Home and Community. Create healthy soil for your garden space. 12:30-2 p.m. \$10. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Floral Design workshop. Learn the basics of floral design from Brenda Price. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10. Smith Floral and Greenhouses, 124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-5327, smithfloral.com.

Tai Chi in the Park. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

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

womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

EVENTS

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

PCM State Conference. 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45/ \$25 student & low income. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W. Miller Road, Lansing. (517) 481-5280, paxchristimi.org.

Scrap Drive Fundraiser. If it's metal, we'll take it. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 E. St. Joe Highway, Lansing. (517) 882-3550, oursaviorchurch.org.

Shop For a Cure. Vendors donate proceeds to multiple sclerosis. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$2. Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 614-5099, shop4acurems.com.

Turtles in Trouble Exhibit Opening. Turtle exhibit at MSU Museum. 3-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-2370, museum.msu.edu.

Recycle Rama 2014. Help green Lansing. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 292-3078, facebook.com/mirecyclorama.

Meridian Farmers Market. Home-grown and homemade goods. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 712-2395, meridian.mi.us/index.

Pet Expo and Animal Adoption. Adoptable pets, pizza, pop, raffle and freebies. 1-4 p.m. FREE. 2900 Place Apartments, 2900 North Wind Drive, East Lansing. (517) 351-5199.

MUSIC

Matt LoRusso Trio. Jazz. 9 p.m.-midnight. FREE. Troppo, 111 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 371-4000.

Sarah Sheff. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, lansingcitymarket.com.

MasterWorks 5: Bernstein & Friends. Featuring works by Bernstein, Erb and Copland. 8 p.m. \$15-50. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 487-5001, lansingsymphony.org.

Cryn Wolf. Live country music. 9:30 p.m. Cactus Juice Saloon, 1820 Lansing Road, Charlotte. (517) 803-6238, crynwolf.com.

THEATER

"Tribes." See details March 27. 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 students and seniors. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org.

Fun Evening. Announcing the Riverwalk 2014-'15 season, refreshments provided. 8 p.m. \$20. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

Sunday, March 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Song Bird Nest Box Workshop. 3-4:30 p.m. bluebird and wren boxes \$20; robin shelves \$12.

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Frankie and Johnny in the Clair De Lune

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Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St. East Lansing. (517) 485-9190, ruetenik@gmail.com

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

Haslett American Legion Post Sunday Breakfast. 9 a.m.-noon, \$6/\$4.50 seniors and children. American Legion Post #269, 1485 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 381-8762.

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

EVENTS

Help Tell the Story: The Greater Lansing Sites of Conscience Project. 2 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-2370, museum.msu.edu.

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

Cesar Chavez Peace Rally. Peace rally to commemorate life of Cesar Chavez. 2 p.m. FREE. Capitol Building, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

Annual Chili Cook Off. Chili tasting and cash raffle. 11 p.m. Donations accepted. Unity of Greater Lansing, 15851 S. Old Hwy. 27, Building 20, Lansing. (517) 371-3010. unitylansing.org.

THEATER

"Tribes." See details March 27. 2 p.m. \$15/\$10 students and seniors. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016.

Monday, March 31

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Learn to Meditate. Taught by Bob Teachout. Enter at rear of building. 8:15-9 p.m. Donations. C. Weaver Physical Therapy Exercise Studio, 1720 Abbey Road, East Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

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

Job Seekers Support Group. Find the right job or 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 divorced, separated & widowed. Room 9. 7:30 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

EVENTS

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

Senior Games. Chess 10 a.m., cribbage/Hand and Foot 1 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

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

Club Shakespeare. (517) 348-5728, 6-8:45 p.m. Donations. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave. Lansing. (517) 367-6300 cadl.org.

Provocative Parallels: The Liberation Struggle and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. 12:15 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-2370, museum.msu.edu.

MUSIC

Open-Mic Blues Mondays. Solo, duo, band and spoken-word acts. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. Suits Tavern, 210 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 702-9150.

Tuesday, April 1

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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City Pulse Classifieds

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezсны

Mar. 26-Apr. 1

ARIES ARIES (March 21-April 19): I have coined a new word just for your horoscope this week. It's "zex," short for "zen sex." Zex is a kind of sex in which your mind is at rest, empty of all thoughts. You breathe slowly and calmly, move slowly and calmly, grunt and moan slowly and calmly. You are completely detached from the sensual pleasure you are experiencing. You have no goals other than the intention to be free of all goals. Zex is the ONLY variety of sex I recommend for you right now, Aries. APRIL FOOL! I lied. Zex may be fine to practice at any other time, but not these days. The style of sex you need most is exuberant, unbridled, expansive, and even zany.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In Somalia, there's a law that forbids you from putting your used chewing gum on your nose and walking around in public. Fortunately, you don't live there, so it's fine if you want to do that. In fact, I encourage you to go right ahead. To do so would be right in alignment with the cosmic omens. APRIL FOOL! I lied. You should definitely not take yourself too seriously this week; you should look for opportunities to playfully lose your dignity and razz the status quo. But there are craftier ways to do that than by sticking gum on your nose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Tata Massage is a salon in San Francisco that provides an unusual beauty treatment: face-slapping. The Thai masseuse named Tata claims to be improving your complexion as she smacks your cheeks and forehead with her hands. She also does "massage boxing," in which she administers health-giving punches to your body with her fists. Is there a comparable service available where you live? I highly recommend it. APRIL FOOL! I lied. Here's the truth: You should be absolutely firm that you won't tolerate whacks and wallops -- including the psychological kind -- even if they are supposedly good for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Now would be an excellent time to launch a new tradition or instigate a fresh trend or make a beautiful thing that will last for a thousand years. I'm talking about an amazing marvel or useful innovation or unique creation that will improve the lives of countless humans all over the planet for the next 40 generations. APRIL FOOL! I was exaggerating a bit. Producing something that will last a thousand years is too ambitious. How about if you simply launch a new tradition or instigate a fresh trend or create a beautiful thing that will last for the rest of your long life -- an amazing marvel or useful innovation or unique creation that will continue to teach and amuse you all along the way?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your patron saint for the next three months is surrealistic artist Salvador Dali. Regard him as your muse and role model. In fact, you might want to spout some of his famous declarations as if they were your own. Start with these: 1. "The only difference between me and a madman is that I am not mad." 2. "I do not take drugs; I am drugs." 3. "Mistakes are almost always of a sacred nature." 4. "Have no fear of perfection. You'll never reach it." APRIL FOOL! I lied. Salvador Dali is your patron saint, role model, and muse for only the next 14 days, not three months.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You know how Jesus could supposedly turn water into wine? Well, St. Brigit, a sixth-century Irish nun, was legendary for an even greater miracle. When visitors came to her monastery in Kildare, she changed her old bathwater into beer for them to drink. I think there's a good chance you will develop that precise talent sometime soon. APRIL FOOL! I kind of lied. You won't really possess St. Brigit's supernatural power. However, you will have an uncanny ability to make transmutations that are almost as dramatic as changing bathwater to beer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The band Rush was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last May. Guitarist Alex Lifeson delivered an unusual acceptance

speech. For the two minutes he spoke, he repeated one word endlessly: "blah." "Blah-blah-blah," he began. "Blah-blah-blah blah-blah-blah-blah." Many hand gestures and shifting vocal inflections accompanied his rap, always in support of variations on "blah-blah." This is the spirit you should bring to all of your important conversations in the coming week. APRIL FOOL! I lied. In fact, the opposite is true. It's crucial for you to speak very precisely and articulately in the coming week. Say exactly what you mean. Don't rely on meaningless bullshit like "blah-blah."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): When a human embryo begins to develop in the womb, the very first body part that appears is -- can you guess? -- the anus. This scientific fact led the witty commentators at QI.com to declare that "Every human being starts out as an asshole." They were making a joke, of course, hinting that every one of us has an unattractive quality or two that make us at least a little bit of a jerk. That's the bad news, Scorpio. The good news is that you now have an unprecedented chance to transform the asshole aspects of your personality. APRIL FOOL! I lied. You're not an asshole, not even a little bit. But it is true that the coming weeks will be an excellent time to try to fix or at least modulate your least attractive qualities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): To be in strict compliance with cosmic necessity, you should attend a party every day in the coming week. Dance ecstatically, make love abundantly, and expose yourself to previously unknown pleasures. Feast on a wide variety of food and drink that introduces you to novel tastes. Make sure you experience record levels of sensual enjoyment, nonstop excitement, and dynamic socializing. APRIL FOOL! I'm exaggerating, although just a little. Try doing a 70-percent version of what I advised.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lifehacker.com has a step-by-step guide to set up your home as a command center where you can pursue your plans for world domination. The article provides advice on how to build a surveillance system, encrypt your computer files, and prepare for black-outs and weather emergencies. Do it, Capricorn! Get the lowdown at <http://bit.ly/secretlair>. APRIL FOOL! I lied. You don't really need to create a high-tech fortress. But you would be wise to make your home into more of an ultra-comfortable, super-inspiring sanctuary -- a place where you feel so safe and strong and smart that you will always have total power over yourself, and never feel driven to fulfill anyone else's standards of success but your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The planetary omens suggest that you need to experience all possible flavors of Doritos corn chips. Here's the problem: The place where you live offers only a limited range. That's why I urge you to drop everything and travel to Japan, which is the world leader in Dorito variety. There you can sample coconut curry-flavored Doritos, along with fried chicken, corn soup, smoked bacon, tuna and mayonnaise, and many others. Buy your plane ticket now! APRIL FOOL! I lied. The truth is, you will benefit from communing with a wide variety of sensations and experiences and ideas in many areas of your life, not just Doritos.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): According to a survey by Public Policy Polling, four percent of the population believes that "shape-shifting reptilian people control our world by taking on human form and gaining political power to manipulate our societies." My own research suggests that 62 percent of those believers are Pisceans. Are you one? If so, now is a good time to intensify your fight against the shape-shifting reptilian people. APRIL FOOL! I lied. In fact, I strongly encourage you NOT to feed your paranoid delusions and fearful reveries. This should be a time when you bolster your positive fantasies, constructive visions, and inspiring dreams.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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CURVACEOUS LINGERIE/AUGGIE'S PUB AND GRILL/GUS'S BAR

Allen Ross/City Pulse
Auggie's Pub and Grill reopened on Lansing's south side under new management.



By ALLAN I. ROSS

After closing in 2012, **Auggie's Pub and Grill** on Lansing's south side reopened earlier this month under new management. Manjit Singh owns the

strip mall that Auggie's is in, which is also home to the **Sav More** II party store he operates next door. His brother, Karpal Singh, owns Auggie's and holds the liquor license, but Singh runs the day-to-day operations.

The bar menu features burgers, ribs and fried food. Singh said he installed new carpeting, a new roof and four high-definition flat-screens. This spring he intends to open horseshoe pits and volleyball outside, but his entertainment schedule is already under way: DJs on Thursday nights, live bands on Friday nights and Saturday is karaoke night.

Also under new management is **Gus' Bar** on Lansing's west side, which unveiled its new menu this week under the guidance of owner Lindsay Ploch and her manager/partner, Eric Knapp. Ploch bought the bar from previous owner,

Gus Caliacatsos, who opened the bar across from General Motors' Fisher Body Plant in 1982.

Knapp said he hasn't changed anything ("It's like a time capsule to GM's heyday") but has spent the last two years cleaning. New menu items include hand-pressed burgers — including his specialty, the blue bacon burger — and fried wontons, stuffed with taco meat, beans, and cheese. Knapp also increased the bottle beer selection from 18 to 50, including several Michigan craft beers.

Old Town gets sexy

Last month ago I told you about Summer Schriener's plans to renovate Young's Landing to be the new home of expanded version of her store, **Grace Boutique of Old Town**, which would also accommodate another retailer. This week Lauren Long announced that she will move her business, **Curvaceous Lingerie**, into that space when the building opens later this spring.

In 2012, Long opened Curvaceous Lingerie in a 250-square-foot space inside **The Wedding Bell** in Okemos. The move will allow her to nearly quadruple

in size and expand her lines of lingerie, swimwear, active wear and plus sizes. She said she will also be able to establish more consistent hours and give her distinctive stamp on the décor.

"(The new space) will have an edgier, more retro look to it," she said. "Being in Old Town, I really want it to have a cooler vibe. I want to embrace a more artsy feel."

Curvaceous Lingerie

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

Transgender Support Group. Discussion for parents and guardians. 7:15 p.m. FREE. MSU LGBT Resource Center, near Collingwood entrance, East Lansing. (517) 927-8260.

Chair Massages. 15-minute massages with Maryn LeFevre Hancock. 9:30-11:40 a.m. \$14/\$12 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

Line Dancing. All levels, no partner necessary. 10 a.m. \$60/\$40 members Drop-in fee \$10/\$7 members.

Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

Backyard Birds. Build birdhouses. 10:30 a.m. \$18/\$15 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

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

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

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

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together. 10-11 a.m. FREE. Marquette Activity Room, 5968 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. (517) 381-4866.
Julienne's Got the Beet. Cooking and educational demo featuring beets. 5 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 489-7460, lansingcitymarket.com.

EVENTS

Senior Games. Bingo/duplicate bridge 1 p.m.; euchre 1:30 p.m. \$3/\$2 members for bridge/other activities FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.
Bible and Beer. Scripture discussion. 6 p.m. FREE. Midtown Brewing Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600. bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org.
Failure:Lab. Uncovering the failures behind success. 7 p.m. \$15/\$10 students. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 316-0210, whartoncenter.com.
International Tatting Day. Meet other tatters. 1:30-5 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive,, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, lansingcitymarket.com.

10 a.m. \$60/\$40 members Drop-in fee \$10/\$7 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.
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 Games. Mahjonn/pinochle 1 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.
Farmers Market inside Allen Market Place. Locally grown and prepared foods. Live music. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.
Practice Your English. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.
Fiber Artist: Rowland Ricketts. Artist talk presented by MSU Art Department. 7 p.m. FREE. S. Kedzie Hall, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-3961, art.msu.edu/content/2013-2014.

THEATER

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LITERATURE-AND-POETRY

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Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes & 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 Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.
Business Email Marketing. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Small Business Development Center, LCC campus, 309 N. Washinton Square, Suite 110, Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdc-michigan.org.
Together ... Let's Jam. Music therapy class. 6:30 p.m. FREE CADSA members/\$5 non-members. MSU Community Music School, 4930 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-7661. cms.msu.edu.
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