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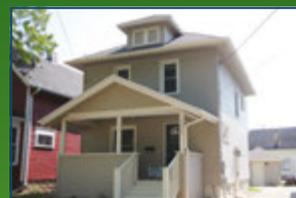


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— Jeff Tomboulian  
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and

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City Clerk

## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

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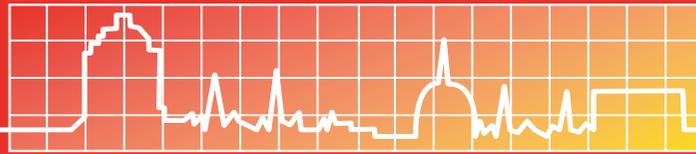
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# PULSE



## news & opinion

### Filling in

#### Things are looking up for vacancy-plagued Colonial Village Shopping Center

Excited neighbors at the opening of a new Family Dollar store in a vacant storefront of the Colonial Village Shopping Center have more good news coming: Sources say a grocery store will move into the former L&L Food Center next door that closed two years ago.

Jeff Sanders, store manager at Family Dollar, confirmed what a source told City Pulse that a Valu Land will be moving into the shuttered L&L next door. Sanders had learned of the news after speaking with contractors working on the L&L site.

"It's in the developmental stages right now," Sanders said, adding that it's his understanding the news will be announced at a Colonial Village neighborhood meeting tonight.

It would be welcome news for residents in the area west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near West Mount Hope Avenue who hoped a small grocery

store would return to the shopping center. Extensive neighborhood planning took place after L&L closed and residents worked with the property owner to fill the void of a local, mid-sized grocer. A Chinese restaurant, PNC Bank and a Rite Aid are also in the plaza.

The owner of the shopping center, Craig Singer, of Milford Singer and Co. in Bloomfield Hills, declined to comment on Valu Land in a phone message Tuesday morning, but acknowledged that he is working with a potential grocer.

"We currently have no lease executed with any supermarket for that space and are in negotiations with a prospective supermarket, so that's all I can say at this point. We wouldn't disclose who we're negotiating with until we execute a lease," he said.

A Valu Land spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Bob Trezise, president and CEO of the Lansing Economic Area Partnership, said he hadn't heard about the Valu Land development until Tuesday at the Family Dollar ribbon cutting.

"If that were true, it would only enhance business around them," he said. "It would be very complementary. Clustering (of similar businesses) is key

to economic development."

Valu Land is a mid-size grocer that is part of the Spartan Stores brand, which include D&W, VG's Grocery and Family Fare Supermarkets. Six Valu Land stores operate in Michigan, according to the company website. There is already one store in Lansing Township at 3800 W. Saginaw St. — the former site of an L&L.

At the ribbon cutting, city officials praised Singer for working closely with neighbors after L&L closed two years ago and went into receivership.

"Rumors" is all Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero had heard regarding Valu Land. He said there is definitely a demand for a "mid-level" grocer in the area because Meijer and Kroger are not particularly close to the neighborhood.

Although she didn't know what the plans were for the old L&L, Anita Beavers, former president of the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, said Singer is expected to make an announcement tonight at a neighborhood meeting. She speculated it might have something to do with the vacant L&L. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd.

— Sam Ingot

### Can we park here?

#### Michigan Retailers Association wants to build a surface parking lot on a downtown parcel, despite the wishes of neighbors

From his third floor balcony downtown, 28-year-old Stephan Moje has a clear view of a vacant, weedy eyesore below. A park might suit the .36-acre lot down there, he wondered last week. Maybe even a garden.

But a proposal working its way through the Lansing City Council calls for a surface parking lot on the property. Its owner, the Michigan Retailers Association, wants a special land use permit to be able to rent fewer than 20 spaces on the lot at 221 N. Pine St., in the shadow of the Lansing Towers apartment building between Ottawa and Ionia streets. The land is zoned for professional office space; renting parking spaces is contingent on the Council's granting a special land use permit. A public hearing is scheduled for Dec. 17.

Moje is asked about the prospects of a parking lot. "I mean, pretty much everywhere you look you can see a parking lot," he says from his balcony, in plain view of the Hall of Justice to the west and the Capitol Building to the east. "There's plenty



of (pay-for) parking lots for miles around."

The plan also faces opposition from the Downtown Neighborhood Association. In a May letter signed by its president, Gretchen Cochran, and nearby resident Stephanie Whitbeck, the association says that the spaces would serve "outsiders who are not associated with any of the commercial or residential uses at this location." They also note that the plan is not compatible with the Design Lansing Master Plan, which calls for "downtown mixed-use" in the Planning Department's special land use report.

"The findings do not support recommending it," Whitbeck said.

However, the Planning Department is recommending approval of the spe-

cial land use permit. Since surface parking lots exist to the west and across the street, the Planning Department says in an analysis that such a lot "is perceived to have a negligible impact on surrounding land uses" and "will not change the essential character of the area." Moreover, the retailers association plans to buffer the lot with landscaping along the road, and the Planning Department says a surface lot would be an improvement of the vacant parcel now, which as of last week was littered with trash and weeds.

Until a year ago, an office building sat on the parcel. The Michigan Retailers Association rented it out to various

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**Property:** East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing

**Owner:** East Lansing Public Library

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Imagine designing a public library for a college town in the early 1960s. Fifty-two years later, the building is still in full use and the library staff cites a handheld piece of technology as an essential tool in maintaining the library's — and the building's — relevance: the iPad.

At the cutting edge of design in the mid-century, the visionaries at local architecture firm Mason, Jackson and Kane would be thrilled to see today's technology advance the aging building.

Gone are the large kiosks for computers that obstructed the open floor plan during the last several decades. With more seating and sightlines improved, the library is closer to the unobstructed plan originally intended by the architects.

Jill Abood, head of library services, says that as public libraries are radically changing due to the Internet and e-books, the East Lansing library is embracing the same technology to have a more hands-on approach to service. iPads allow reference librarians to interact with library users at a higher level than was possible before: librarians can seek out people in the stacks and offer immediate assistance.

iPads and a mid-century modern library in the 21st century — it just makes sense.

— Amanda Harrell-Seyburn

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

## Parking

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tenants over the years after it served as its headquarters. It was demolished last November because a boiler had failed, which the retailers association said would have cost about \$35,000 to fix.

Lansing Zoning Administrator Susan Stachowiak said the special land use permit makes sense for the property because it would allow for another office building in the future. Whitbeck has suggested the city could zone the lot for parking only, but Stachowiak said that's not desirable.

The permit "does allow for the future use of an office building," Stachowiak said. "We prefer to have buildings on lots rather than surface lots. If we keep it zoned (as it is), it still leaves the door open for someone to come along in the future to develop a building."

Whitbeck questions why the building was demolished in the first place, which she predicts will make it difficult to ever build on the site again. "It was a huge mistake" to tear down the building, she said. "They created a problem for themselves."

Bill Hallan, vice president of government affairs and general counsel for the Michigan Retailers Association, said since the building was demolished, the retailers association has been "wondering how we can get some use" of the property. He said it's an "eyesore, quite frankly," as it stands now.

The retailers association owns five other properties nearby that are used for commercial and residential purposes: three on West Ionia and two immediately north of the proposed parking lot on North Pine Street. The proposed lot would not be for

those properties but for other workers nearby, Hallan said.

He said the association gets "telephone calls all the time" from people responding to signs posted on the property about parking. For the 17 spots estimated to go in for government and private sector employees, rent will be \$40 a month, he said.

Hallan has met with the neighborhood association and said the group "basically wanted us to treat it as a park." However, the retailers association is against that plan, citing "liability issues. ... It's really a non-starter."

Stachowiak also said that a special land use permits allows for special conditions that could be worked out between the two parties. While the Planning Department did not recommend any such conditions — such as aesthetics — "it doesn't mean the Council won't," she said.

The Council scheduled a Dec. 17 public hearing on the permit. An informal hearing is scheduled for the Council's Dec. 10 meeting. Council President Brian Jeffries said he is "open minded" and has not made a decision on how he'll vote on the plan, but will raise questions in the coming weeks, such as how the association would deal with storm water runoff to avoid nearby basement flooding. Hallan said he did not know whether the retailers association would build an impervious surface lot, which is regarded as a more environmentally sensitive option.

Jeffries acknowledges that the plan isn't going over well with neighbors, like Moje and Whitbeck: "It's an issue that's raised a lot of concerns. I can also understand concerns of the retailers association: It's pretty much a piece of property not used for anything."

— Andy Balaskovitz

## High time for redistricting reform

Every vote counts the same, right? Wrong.

If you are a Republican in Michigan, your vote counts more than votes from Democrats. Just consider what happened in this fall's election.

While Barack Obama and Debbie Stabenow won landslide victories in the statewide vote, 54 percent and 59 percent, respectively, Republicans maintained control of the state's congressional delegation and state House of Representatives.

They did it even though most of us voted for Democrats for Congress and state representative.



WALT SORG

No, Republicans didn't hijack ballot boxes or hold local clerks at gunpoint. They did it through carefully drawn district maps that gave their party a huge advantage on Election Day. It is perfectly legal and has a long history: gerrymandering.

The practice goes back to 1812, when Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry led a rewrite of boundaries for his state's senate districts to give his Democratic-Republican party an advantage. The Boston Gazette labeled the partisan tactic "gerrymandering" in honor of the governor and a resulting district that resembled a salamander. Gerrymandering has been with us ever since.

The power of gerrymandering exploded in the early 1980s with the publishing of the first computer spreadsheet program, VisiCalc. I remember the look in the eyes of our mapmakers on the House speaker's staff back then when VisiCalc arrived. They immediately realized the power it gave them to influence elections. They finally had the tools to scientifically slice-and-dice Michigan in a way that maximized our party's chances in future elections.

To really exploit gerrymandering, one party has to control the entire redistricting/reapportionment process. In 1981 and 1991, there was split control of state government. But in 2001 and 2011, Republicans had total control. They used it to nearly guarantee GOP domination of the congressional delegation and Legislature.

Thus, the results in the Nov. 6 election were predictable. Michigan voted mostly for Democrats but elected Republicans:

### Congress

- Democrats: 50.3 percent of the vote elected five members of Congress
- Republicans: 46.2 percent of the vote elected nine members of Congress

### State representatives

- Democrats: 53.5 percent of the vote elected 51 members
- Republicans: 45.6 percent of the vote elected 29 members

If you eliminate heavily Democratic Wayne County from the calculations, the power of GOP mapmaking is even more pronounced. In state House races, Republicans and Democrats virtually tied in total votes outstate with 49.5 percent each — but the GOP took 51 seats to just 33 for Democrats. Republicans won nine out of 11 outstate congressional districts with just 52 percent of the vote.

Vote totals from 2010 for the state Senate show a similar GOP mapmaking advantage: Republicans won a 68.4 percent "supermajority" of seats with just 54.3 percent of the vote. The outstate advantage: 54.5 percent of the vote was enough to win 25 out of 30 elections.

The process used in Michigan is effectively a secret partisan exercise: Maps are created by private contractors under the direction of the majority party; the plans shown to the public (and minority party) list census tracts; translating that census geek-speak language to city, township and county maps takes days; before the minority finishes translating, the map is approved.

Eleven states have taken redistricting away from their legislatures, turning it over to citizen commissions that are required to operate openly and seek out public input. Most of the commissions are specifically prohibited from using the process to protect incumbents, which is a high priority under Michigan's totally partisan system.

California's new process battles partisanship by setting up a multi-step process for selecting commissioners. Anyone wishing to serve submits an application. Those are reviewed by a three-member panel from the nonpartisan California State Auditor's Office, which creates a pool of 20 Democrats, 20 Republicans and 20 independents. The four legislative leaders jointly reduce the pools to 12 in each group. The state auditor then draws three Democrats, three Republicans and two independents at random. They, in turn, select six more from the pools to form the 14-member commission.

If there is going to be redistricting reform in Michigan, 2013 is the year. With term limits, a map created after the next census in 2021 would impact very few members of the Legislature. Given Michigan's electoral history, it is impossible to predict which party will have the advantage in 2021 — so lawmakers can think less about partisanship and more about doing the right thing.

Some Republicans will howl that this is a plan to help Democrats win elections.

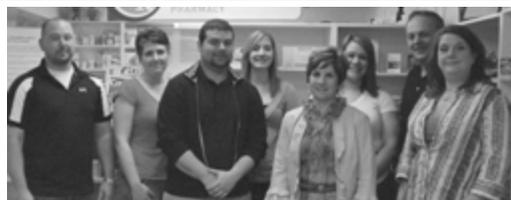
In reality, it is a plan to create more competitive legislative and congressional districts. Only about 20 of the 110 state House districts are competitive. In most districts, only one political party's members have a real voice. Redistricting reform will force lawmakers in both parties to focus more on building bipartisan consensus and less on winning primary elections.

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#### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF AMENDED PUBLIC HEARING

SLU-2-2012, 221 N. Pine Street  
Special Land Use Permit – Parking Lot

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, to consider SLU-2-2012. This is a request by the Michigan Retailers Association to construct a surface parking lot on the property at 221 N. Pine Street. Parking lots are permitted in the "D-1" Professional Office district, which is the designation of the subject property, if a Special Land Use permit is approved by the Lansing City Council.

For more information about this case, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, December 17, 2012, at the City Council Offices, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933 1696.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

# Despite hurdles, consolidating Lansing, East Lansing and Lansing Township makes sense

By **ANDY BALASKOVITZ**

It was a bold statement: Merge Lansing, East Lansing and Lansing Township and I'll be gone.

Speaking on the "City Pulse on the Air" radio show Nov. 7, Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero's attention turned to Michigan cities and their surrounding metropolitan areas. He pledged, albeit "half-jokingly" he later said, to not seek re-election if the three jurisdictions consolidated into one city — a sort of coup d'état marking the end of his administration. Bernero, in an interview Tuesday, said the point of his comment was not about him or his legacy: "The issue is: How will we thrive? This is way bigger than any one of us."

Michigan voters had repealed Gov. Rick Snyder's Emergency Financial Manager law less than 24 hours before the radio show. Bernero was glad to see it go, but he was blunt in his assessment that revenue streams for Michigan cities are fundamentally flawed: tax bases are shrinking as people move to the suburbs — or worse, other states. Cities across Michigan have aging infrastructure, housing stock and schools.

However serious he was in his pledge to leave office if a Hail Mary consolidation among the three jurisdictions happened, Bernero's position that the state's local township structure is outdated is spot on. Why do we have these different playing fields within a couple-mile radius?

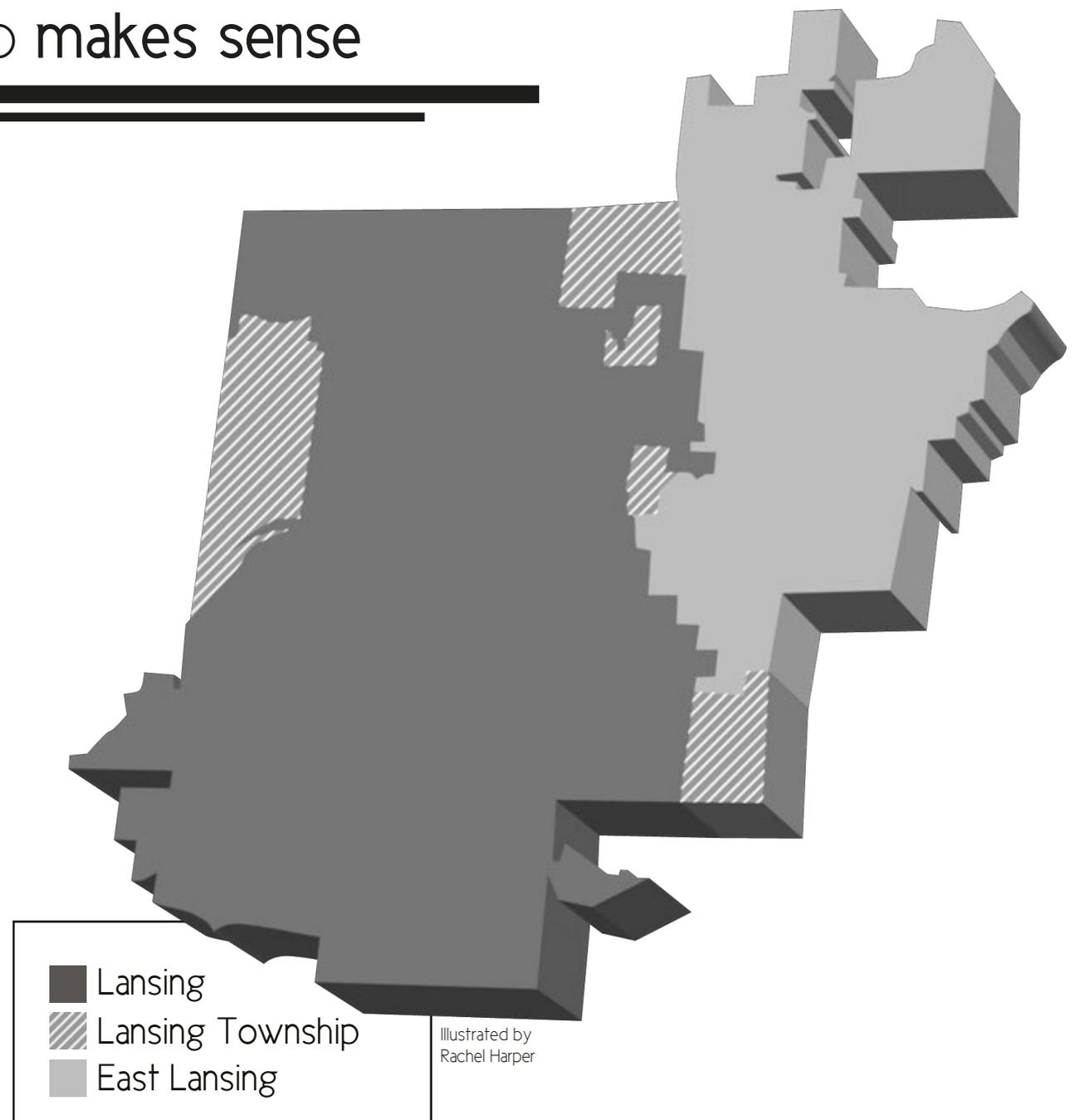
And some would argue that the insular nature of it all does little to encourage governmental cooperation and efficiencies. Piecemeal efforts to share services are a step in the right direction, but perhaps insufficient for solving nose-diving budget trends. The problems of cities like Flint and Detroit — and who knows how many more budget deficits Lansing can weather — require bold solutions and progressive political thinkers.

"The issue is creating a quality of life in metropolitan regions that young people want to be in," Bernero said on the program. "Our cities are dying. Too many of our cities are once-great cities, and we're losing population because

of it. Where do young people go? Guess what: They go to cities. They go to states that have thriving metropolitan regions, and that's what we need in Michigan."

Bernero said he still is waiting to see "any real urban agenda of any kind" from Snyder, who defeated Bernero for governor two years ago. He pointed to cities like Madison, Wis., Denver, Indianapolis and Louisville, Ky. as

examples where regional units of government can thrive. "These cities are beating the pants off us with economic development." Between 2000 and 2010, Michigan was the only state in the union to lose population, according to the



"The odds are against our cities. This byzantine, parochial system we have is costing us."

— Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero

U.S. Census.

"The odds are against our cities," Bernero said. "This byzantine, parochial system we have is costing us."

Imagine, Bernero then said, if Lansing, East Lansing and Lansing Township were consolidated to form a "behemoth of a city."

Indeed — what if? Why not? And how would that happen?

Now we're drifting into uncharted waters. While the concept has been kicked around here, those interviewed for this story said, actually doing so would be unprecedented in Michigan given the size of the three communities with a combined population of 171,000, according to the latest census figures. But in order for consolidation to happen, there has to be buy-in from a majority of voters in each jurisdiction — an uphill climb when you consider the arguments made against consolidation: Our services will suffer; residents will pay higher taxes; bigger is not necessarily better.

But perhaps that can be negotiated, Bernero argued Tuesday, such as grandfathering in certain services or tax rates: "Where there's a will, there's a way."

## HOW IT WORKS

Consolidation was pulled off only one other time in Michigan since the State Boundary Commission was formed in 1968. Three small towns — Iron River, Stambaugh and Mineral Hills — in the western Upper Peninsula, with a combined population of about 3,500 when it happened, merged on July 1, 2000. (The slogan on the city of Iron River's website is "Michigan's First Consolidated City.")

It's been attempted — and failed — in other jurisdictions over the past 20 years. The latest is an effort underway on the west side of the state to merge Saugatuck, Douglas and Saugatuck Township.

The State Boundary Commission, within the state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, oversees the petition process by which communities seek to consolidate or annex. Commissioner staffer Kevin O'Brien said 5 percent of the population in jurisdictions proposed for consolidation need to sign petition forms and submit them to the boundary commission "stating what their goal is." In

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Saugatuck, a group of business owners are leading the effort to consolidate the three units of government, which represent about 5,500 people, according to 2000 census figures.

The commission sets forth an 18-point "criteria for annexation, incorporation and consolidation" that asks basic geographic and demographic questions about the areas involved, as well as "probable needs" for future services and general effects of any potential change.

If the petition contains enough valid signatures, a round of public hearings and a public comment period is held. After that, O'Brien summarizes the proposal for the five boundary commissioners, which makes a recommendation to the director of LARA. "He can do what he sees fit," O'Brien said.

If the director approves the consolidation, local units of government are given 45 days to file a referendum if voters disagree with the director's decision. Five percent of registered voters' signatures in that jurisdiction are needed for a referendum to take place. The proposed consolidation can move forward from this point only if a majority of voters in each affected jurisdiction approve it. According to the Michigan Municipal

League, the process failed at this point in 1993 in West Michigan and again in 2006 in Grand Blanc because one jurisdiction approved a consolidation plan, while the other did not.

However, if the plan is approved in all affected jurisdictions, voters can choose to have members appointed or elected to serve on the new jurisdiction's charter commission. A new charter goes up for another vote, which would include the setting of the new city's tax rate.

"If they pass the charter, at long last it becomes a city," O'Brien said. "It's a long, drawn out process to basically keep it from being done on a whim."

Bill Mathewson, general counsel for the Michigan Municipal League, agrees.

"It's a difficult process," he said. Before the petition process begins, he said, political and assessing expertise are needed to prove that a consolidation would achieve some "economies of scale in service provision" — in other words, make sense economically.

"With the number of steps and amount of time it takes, there are many opportunities for a relatively small group of people to frustrate or stop the process," Mathewson said.

### FORWARD THINKING

One of the first things former Lansing Mayor David Hollister did after his election in 1993 was take a team of city officials to Columbus, Ohio. What did Hollister see in Ohio's capital city that could be brought back here? A thriving metropolitan region.

Nearly 20 years after taking office, Hollister is in a position to make sweeping recommendations for reorganizing the city of Lansing's finances as the head of Mayor Bernero's Financial Health Team. Whether a full-scale consolidation of local governments is part of that recommendation remains to be seen. Hollister said it might appear as a longer-term goal the team recommends to city officials.



Hollister



Triplett



Rodgers

But the two mayors agree that a new way of thinking about local government is a necessary first step in a likely drawn out, complicated process.

"The proof is in the pudding, and you can't do it overnight," Hollister said, adding that the team will look elsewhere around the country for regional forms of government that have proven successful, such as in Columbus.

"The mayor is right — there are efficiencies of scale. The issue is culture," Hollister said, referring to a failed attempt to get East Lansing to join a regional district court system. "We've really got to overcome that attitude and keep an eye on the big picture — create an environment under which this could happen."

Part of the Financial Health Team's recommendation could outline strategies that have worked in other states, Hollister said. He also hopes to work with the Snyder administration about changing the process for merging units of government — perhaps to include incentives for doing so — that would take less time.

"We need to be creative," Hollister said. As for the state, it's a question of: "Do they really want to move this agenda?"

There's been some recent movement in the Legislature. State Sen. Steve Bieda, D-Warren, introduced the "Michigan metropolitan areas metropolitan authority act" earlier this month. The bill would give powers to metropolitan authorities and councils to set up a new layer of government beyond counties, cities and townships. The bill is in committee.

Lynn Harvey, a retired Michigan State



Sam Inglot/City Pulse

Why shouldn't greater Lansing merge into one large metropolitan region, particularly Lansing, East Lansing and Lansing Township? Former Lansing Mayor David Hollister and Mayor Virg Bernero say it's an idea worth pursuing and that fundamental changes are needed to fix Michigan cities. Officials from East Lansing and Lansing Township see it otherwise.

University professor who has consulted on the merger in the U.P. and also in Saugatuck, called the consolidation process "very difficult" and noted that the U.P. consolidation took six years from start to finish. Three communities ended up merging out of five that were originally planned, he said. The effort was driven by economics after once-thriving mining communities simply had too much infrastructure to maintain given a sharp decline in population over the years. Bernero applied a similar lesson to cities: "We can keep cutting (services) and suck. Or we can get together and grow."

One of the primary lessons Harvey took home from the U.P. was that in consolidation, "the rule of unanimity applies," meaning that

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if a majority of voters in either Lansing, East Lansing and Lansing Township disagree, “It stops the whole process.”

What seems more “palatable” to both voters and public officials, Harvey said, are “service consolidations,” such as studying the possibility of a regional fire department, which is being discussed for greater Lansing.

“You’ve got this impetus of looking at it service-by-service,” Harvey said. “The question still becomes: If the political bodies themselves aren’t willing to do it, you’re going to face an uphill battle. It’s easy to talk about consolidation — it’s a difficult thing to do.”

As he’s seeing in Saugatuck — where a consolidation is being pushed by the business community and is opposed by the public officials involved — the effort did not get started under the spirit of cooperation. “With consolidation, you can’t afford to make a lot of enemies,” he said.

Harvey said the idea put forth by Bernero has been talked about for 25 years but never gained traction. Part of that has to do with the growing influence of township governments that in other states don’t have as much “constitutional authority” as they do in Michigan. Townships are “here to stay — believe me,” Harvey said.

## UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION

For now, the possibility of consolidating

East Lansing, Lansing Township and Lansing is little more than progressive thinking.

East Lansing — as shown in its unwillingness to join a combined district court system with Mason and Lansing and its taxpayers’ willingness to fund a library separate from the Capital Area District Library system — fears that its level of

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“I would be willing to entertain any proposal brought forward based on its merits. But our resources are limited and better spent on projects underway that residents will see immediately and have wide buy-in already.”

– East Lansing Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Triplett

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services would be diminished under a merger. Lansing Township, meanwhile, touts an operating millage rate that’s less than half of Lansing’s and East Lansing’s. Harvey called the tax issue the “sticky wicket” when working on city/township consolidations elsewhere. And officials in these places are upfront about these being barriers.

Nathan Triplett, mayor pro tem of East Lansing, said it’s “undeniable that regional cooperation is necessary in today’s world,” but he said a wholesale consolidation is less desirable than sharing services.

“It’s a truism that bigger is not always better. A key question should be: Does any of the proposed consolidation increase cost savings or improve quality of service for residents?”

“Are there other solutions that are more practical? It is an impediment to be able to pursue some of those ideas when we immediately jump to the idea of a complete merger between communities,” he said. “I don’t think there’s any evidence that simply combining us into one government is going to increase savings and improve services.”

He added that other states, such as Indiana, have been more proactive at adopting “enabling legislation” that allows for mergers to happen more smoothly. A full-scale merger, Triplett says, is neither practical nor a good use of resources. “As a Council member, I would be willing to entertain any proposal brought forward based on its merits. But our resources are limited and better spent on projects underway that residents will see immediately and have wide buy-in already,” such as regional fire services.

Lansing Township Treasurer Kathy Rodgers, who will soon succeed outgoing Supervisor John Daher, said: “I don’t see any advantage” to consolidation. “I can’t imagine people in Lansing Township ... voting to

double their taxes. As far as I’m concerned, that’s the issue. It’s an unrealistic expectation.”

She has three questions for proponents of consolidation: Will it not cost township taxpayers more money? Will it increase services? Is a larger government better? Rodgers believes the smaller feel of townships makes them more responsive to residents’ needs. “To take away townships in Michigan is to destroy the history that’s made this interesting state. Yes, you have problems when you have layers of government — but those problems are not nearly as bad as having huge government entities that don’t answer to the needs of anybody.”

Bernero says piecemeal efforts to share services are “not futile, but they’re not necessarily getting us to the big picture.”

Harvey, like Hollister, looked toward the state. “If the state was really serious and wanted to start funding and equalize tax rates without having townships give more to cities, yeah. But that’s not politically realistic to happen.”

The Michigan Manual, a comprehensive book published every other year about Michigan government, calls consolidation a process “intended to accommodate governmental merger of units that have merged socially and economically, but not politically.”

Could the argument be made that Lansing, East Lansing and Lansing Township have already merged socially and economically? If so, then is politics truly the last obstacle between greater Lansing participating in an antiquated form of government and getting on board with successful metropolitan areas elsewhere in the country? It’s a shame if it is.

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## Saving Christmas

Two fundraisers give Lansing area residents an opportunity to spread some holiday cheer

By DANA CASADEI

Not all children get to tiptoe down a flight of stairs on Christmas morning to see what Santa has left for them — for many local kids, there are no presents. It's like waking up in Who-ville after the Grinch has taken all of the Who-pudding and Who-roast beast. But two local fundraisers are trying to un-Grinch-ify this holiday season for some needy children.

The new one this year is "Tori Saves Christmas," a 24-hour fundraiser at Lansing's The Avenue Café starting on Dec. 4. The event, organized by Lansing community theater mainstay Jeff Croff, will be unique in more ways than one, including how the idea for the event was born: to honor Croff's daughter, Tori, who died in June 2011 at the age of 8.

"The event came about to kind of celebrate the silliness and joy for life that Tori had and really bring folks together to remember her in a positive fashion," he said. According to Croff, Tori's face would light up at Christmas

every year. He said she had a heart that loved to give and help people, making this the perfect way to remember her. Suggested donations for the event are \$10, and the money will go to buying Christmas presents for children who are in foster care, based on letters they have written to Santa.

"This is a chance to make it accessible to folks of all income levels, and in this case it's really a chance to benefit some kids

and make their holidays a little brighter," Croff said with a smile heard through the phone.

The event was inspired by a similar fundraiser Croff attended a few years back at Second City in Chicago, which also helps to benefit needy children.

"We were looking for something to do in Chicago on a Tuesday," he said, and stumbled on it.

But don't worry if you can't make it during the wee hours of the night — the Lansing Public Media will be live-streaming the event online via UStream, making it possible to still enjoy it even if it's past your bedtime.

"Part of being involved with the local arts and entertainment community is knowing that there are a lot of talented folks in the Lansing area," Croff said. "(This is) a chance to bring them all together and kind of cut loose."

For those involved, it was a no-questions-asked kind of deal, especially for actor Robin Harris, who's known Croff for 10 years. After hearing Croff mention the event last spring, the idea stuck in the back of Harris' mind. And since Harris doesn't have a Facebook account or check his email that often, he contacted Croff a week ago to see what he could do to help. Many of the volunteers were either contacted by Croff directly, through Facebook or by word-of-mouth through friends.

"It's a charity helping children, it's Christmas and it's honoring a child who was taken too soon," Harris said. "I wouldn't have been able to hold my head up high if I didn't do it."

Harris isn't entirely sure what he will be doing on Tuesday, but the plan is to do a staged reading of the "Frog and Toad" children's books, written by Arnold Lobel. Other acts will feature local actors, filmmakers, bands and the MSU Giraffe House, an improvisational comedy troupe. There are no time limits for volunteers, and their performances will range as broad as they are. Improv will be the connector throughout the event, featuring a variety of local performers, as will random dance parties happening throughout the night. Get ready to do your best Gangnam Style.

The events themselves are going to be done in an open mic night kind of format, and many slots are still open (you can contact Croff through the event's Facebook page to set up a time and an act). The 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. time frame will be a comedic free-for-all, but the 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. frame will be a little more family friendly, with kids performing and including some storytelling. According to Croff, the schedule is kind of rough, so if you want to try out some new comedy or music at 3 a.m., you may just have to wait your turn.

"Folks have been really receptive," Croff said. "We have a number of folks that have stepped up and taken part when they're able."

There will also be something called Mortal



Sam Inglot/City Pulse

Community theater producer/director Jeff Croff has organized the 24-hour fundraiser "Tori Saves Christmas: An Epic of Silliness, Joy & Laughter," at The Avenue Cafe in Lansing. Proceeds from the event will pay for presents for local foster kids based on their letters to Santa.

Kombat Karaoke, an event still looking for singers and actors to participate in — and no, you won't have to worry about what combination of circle-square-star to enter to unlock your fatality move.

"It's a silly name for something very simple," Croff said. Folks will be called to the stage, but instead of getting to belt out a favorite like "Don't Stop Believing," they will be assigned a character and a song. Character and song combinations range from being a zombie singing "You Light Up My Life" to a card-carrying NRA member rocking out to "YMCA."

While "Tori Saves Christmas" is a first-time fundraiser, "Red Nose Ruckus" will celebrate its sixth year. According to Demphna Krikorian, director of development at Child and Family Charities, the gala event will have activities for all ages, including fortune tellers, photos with Santa and a casino. There will also be live and silent auctions, with auctioneer Bob Howe, and a tree auction, which will consist of 25 themed trees with gift cards and other items. According to Krikorian, they're a great chance to get some early Christmas shopping done.

"It's not just your run-of-the-mill fundraising dinner," she said. "You don't have to worry about taking out your wallet every time you turn around."

The fundraiser started out as a benefit for the Angel House program, which helps pregnant teens and teen parents that are in

the foster care program. The first year it was at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, but since then the scope has expanded to benefit the entire Child and Family Charities agency, and the location has moved to the more centralized Best Western Plus in south Lansing.

Since being founded in 1911 as the Ingham County Branch of Michigan Children's Aid Society, Child and Family Charities has been working towards providing services for children and families in the community. It has evolved into an organization that has programs ranging from child abuse prevention services to child welfare services.

"The year I took it over I had about six weeks to plan it," Krikorian said. Six weeks may not have been much time to plan, but it worked out just fine, with 400 people attending the event, compared to the year before, which had 85.

"When I do an event I like to make sure that it's reaching its potential, and I saw a lot of potential with this one. It's a fun event, it's a great event and it's also for a very important cause."

And who knows? It might just make your heart grow three sizes that day.

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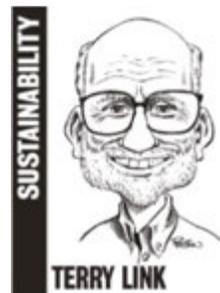
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# Make hunger history

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The annual giving requests will pour in from the charities that work to address the immediate needs of the hungry. Domestically, we have built a charitable network to deal with hunger necessitated by the fact that our underlying economic

and political systems have failed to provide the resources to make hunger history.

While the need for assistance is real, unless we tackle the flaws of those underlying systems we will be facing this same issue year after year. The Greater Lansing Food Bank, of which I am a former director, will be celebrating 30 years of providing assistance to those who need food. All major faith traditions tell us to care for the hungry and the needy, but it seems almost no one who has a pulpit or platform to lead is willing to challenge the systems that continue to add to those numbers.

There is enough food grown to feed everyone, but not everyone has the resources to obtain it. Sometimes a farmer can't even make a living when market prices don't provide enough to cover the costs. An economic system built around profit — with rules rigged, winners celebrated and environmental and human costs ignored — will not feed a growing population on a finite planet. That the winners in this tilted game have strengthened their control on the economic system, as well as on the rule making and enforcement of those rules through their dominance of the political system, further threatens our common future.

If there is no profit to be made, the market doesn't care. Some may believe that markets are divine gospel, but in reality they are human constructs in a game where winning is everything. Continuing to honor this game and its rules while expecting a different outcome is the definition of insanity. The market is a game built solely for the purpose of making money. Winning the game may entail "buying low and selling high," paying one's employees low enough wages that they can't afford to care for their families and knocking out the competition so one can monopolize the markets. The winner-take-all mentality has consumed

our food system and our political system and is trying to fully capture the health care system, too.

British science writer Colin Tudge offers a more prudent approach in his book, "Feeding People is Easy." He calls for an "enlightened agriculture" that works with nature and the realities of our time, balancing soil health with good livelihoods, appropriate scales, more crop diversity and production that meets local needs first. There are scholars, scientists and farmers who have been trying to get our attention for decades to change the system from one where we think we can dominate nature to one that understands we are part of nature.

One immediate step to address domestic hunger would be to fully fund SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps), to a level that allows everyone to buy enough food. Unfortunately, too many people — or at least those who are the loudest or have the most sway — suggest that government programs such as this should be cut, and that aiding those in need prolongs welfare. They think the charities should do it.

That mindset (or, as I call it, that lack of compassion) leads some to preach that the market can better solve the issue of hunger. Feeding people is less a technical issue than one of ethos and values. If our society truly wanted to feed everyone, it could do it — but not if the economic and political systems in control decide that profit comes first.

Until we change the rules of the game, we'll continue seeing requests for funding every year in our "developed" country. This year, we still need to dig into our pockets and help those among us who need a hand. But let's get over this dream that our situation will be any different next year. We need to push our political leaders to transform the systems that keep so many of our neighbors begging for food.

*(Consultant Terry Link was the founding director of MSU's Office of Campus Sustainability and recently retired as director of the Greater Lansing Food Bank. He can be reached at link@lansingcitypulse.com.)*

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Flatfoot is (from left): Dave Baldwin, Aaron Bales, Thomas McCartan, Dan Amori and Tom Green. Their CD release party coincides with the 8th annual Punks vs. Pokes.

## Fiddles and mohawks

Annual genre-fusing show doubles as CD release party for local band

By RICH TUPICA

These days, if you're talking about country music, you usually think about superstars like Kenny Chesney or the glossy pop styling of Taylor Swift — a manufactured contemporary sound that strays so far from true twang that it should be barred from claiming the genre.

Members of the local alt-country band Flatfoot, however, prefer the classic honky-tonk originators like Buck Owens, Loretta Lynn and Johnny Cash. But Flatfoot isn't riding an old-timey shtick — the veteran band discerningly picks from a bag of influences. Their new album, "Blue Water," might start with "Dirt Shirt," a country-rock tune, but skip down to track 10, "Genevieve," and the rhythm section transcends into vintage R&B territory.

"They're all pretty eclectic," said Flatfoot guitarist/vocalist Aaron Bales. "I think this one has a fuller sound. There's piano organ on just about everything, there are horn parts in a bunch of spots — that is totally new for us. It's a thick, warm record with this full, rich sound to it."

Other tracks hazily mirror The Band, The Pogues and even has some traces of punk rock.

"There are several songs that have these big Motown soul vibes," Bales said. "We spread out more on this than any other record we've done. There's still some country in there, but it's pretty broad sonically."

The new CD/LP will be released Friday at the annual Punks vs. Pokes show at Mac's Bar. Bales spearheaded the event eight years ago as a way to enjoy his two favorite music genres — punk and country — on the same bill. To make it interesting, each band has to cover one song from the opposing genre.

"There's a real natural pairing with punk and country," Bales said. "There are

a lot of bands who blur that line. (When I was coming up with the idea for Punks vs. Pokes) I thought, 'What bands do I want to see (and) what bands do I want to share a bill with?' I love the energy of the punk bands, and I don't get out to enough shows anymore."

Yes, life has changed a lot since the band formed at Michigan State University 12 years ago, when Bales and co-founding member Thomas McCartan met in the MSU Men's Glee Club. Today Bales is a special education teacher, husband and father.

"It gets harder every year — there used to be no kids and we were all in East Lansing," Bales said. "Now, everyone except for me lives in the Ann Arbor area. So not only are you throwing in life, but now I have to drive an hour each way for practice. So it's a special event when we get to have a practice, once a month or something."

"Think of how much things change between your freshman year in college and when you're 30," McCartan said. "That's my age window for Flatfoot. But we're doing it because we enjoy it and it's fun. None of us are trying to get rich or famous. So, for me, this has been a successful band because we've been able to do it for so long."

With life changing more each year for the band members, it's not surprising what lyrical theme accidentally appeared on "Blue Water."

"After we were finished, we listened to see if there was any sort of theme," Bales said. "Our guitar player Tom Green noticed every song is about travel, or a journey — going out and then coming home. So there's a theme of movement and journey throughout the whole album. We didn't mean it that way; it's just sort of what happened."

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## Wax on

Lansing artist utilizes 2,000-year-old painting process to create indelible works of art

By ALLAN I. ROSS

The Egyptians used it to stylize their mummy cases. The Romans picked it up from the Greeks, who used it to waterproof boats. And Sue Winkler? She uses it to make pretty, colorful paintings. Who says there's no such thing as progress?

"Encaustics have been a medium for 2,000 years, but it's new to this area," says the Lansing-based artist. "I love it for the beautiful colors and great depth you can create, but also partly because of the challenge involved."

Encaustic paintings consist of beeswax melted with pigments or other coloring — in Winkler's case, it's damar crystals. Heat is used at every stage of encaustic painting. Winkler says that to create her art, she paints one layer, hits it with a heat gun, works with it until it's smooth and then adds a layer, starting the process again.

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"About 25 years ago, I was trying to do this with crayons, but I couldn't get the colors to last — it just didn't work," she



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"Brookside" by Susan Winkler

said. "But then recently I saw (the Fayam mummy portraits) at a museum in New York and found out that after all those years, all they needed to do to restore them was to wipe them off with a cloth. I was so intrigued by that."

So she took a workshop, learned how to do encaustic painting and never looked back.

"I fell in love with the process," she says. "It's so freeing. I used to use watercolors, but this is more interesting because you never know what you're going to get."

Besides the occasional workshop, Winkler says she received most of her art training at Lansing Community College, where she earned an associate's degree in fine arts and a certificate in figure drawing. She is also a certified social worker and a registered art therapist, still seeing clients on a limited basis. But she won't reveal her age, only saying that she's "a grandma." ("I've never told anyone in the art community how old I am," she says coyly.)

Winkler's work will be the December exhibit in the East Lansing Public Art Gallery, which is located on the second floor of the Hannah Community Center. Her show is entitled, appropriately enough, "Hot Wax!" and he says there will be approximately 30 pieces on display.



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# CURTAIN CALL

## Scrooged

By MARY C. CUSACK

Sequels are rarely better than the original, and following up Charles Dickens is a bold move. Yet who hasn't wondered whether Ebenezer Scrooge could maintain his new attitude past Dec. 26th? Williamston Theatre offers one possible outcome with "Ebenezer," an original play by Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier.

The story takes place on Christmas Eve, 15 years after the events depicted in "A Christmas Carol." Scrooge (Arthur J. Beer) lies dying in a hospital ward, and as midnight approaches, he desperately tries to convince his nurse that his Christmas ghosts will



Courtesy photo

Arthur J. Beer plays a dying Ebenezer Scrooge (left), who meets an older Tiny Tim (Joseph Seibert) in this sequel to the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol"

appear again.

As the plot unfolds, the audience learns that Scrooge did indeed remain a benevolent man after that fateful night. He is proud of his achievements, yet still harbors some regrets as the end approaches. Scrooge is a better man, but Zettelmaier hasn't completely deified him.

Tiny Tim (Joseph Seibert), now a British Naval officer called Timothy, arrives to pay his respects. Having just returned from an assignment in America, he is emotionally damaged by the horrors

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of the Civil War. He has all but given up on the humanity and the power of small acts of kindness.

The audience also learns that secretive and solitary nurse Alice Poole (Alysia Kolasz) had crossed paths with Scrooge and Timothy years ago. Scrooge may be the patient in this hospital, but in reality Alice and Timothy are the ones who need healing.

Beer is fantastic as Scrooge, easily juxtaposing the dying man's acceptance of his fate with his desperation to hold on until his ghosts come back. Kolasz, too, masters the duality of Alice, her friendly and warm demeanor masking her fragility.

Zettelmaier's works often veer dangerously close to manipulative sentimentality, but the power of certain plot points and the acting in this production save the work from becoming too twee. Then again, only an old school Scrooge could sneer at a story that promotes kindness and hope during the holidays.



Courtesy photo

Seana McKenna as Shakespeare's wife Anne Hathaway at Wharton Center's "Shakespeare's Will," playing this weekend.

## 'Shakespeare' sister

By ALLANI I. ROSS

Seana McKenna, a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada, has played over 40 roles in her two-decade-long stint with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. This week she takes the Wharton stage for "Shakespeare's Will," a one-woman show based on actual events about Shakespeare's widow, Anne Hathaway.

Although the story is pure conjecture, Hathaway was an actual person, and Shakespeare did, indeed, leave a will with mysterious requests.

"For example, he left his wife his second best bed, which asks the question: why?" McKenna said earlier this month, by phone from San Francisco where she was teaching.

"So in some ways it's a mystery story. It's quite accessible and really quite funny."

Although the story takes place during Shakespeare's day, don't expect any "thou's," "thine's" or "alas'es."

"This is a very modern show, and it's perfect for people who are daunted by Shakespeare," McKenna said. "There's only one sonnet — and no accents."

She said that Shakespearean English was actually closer to the modern American English dialect, making "Shakespeare's Will" closer to how Hathaway would have spoken, anyway.

"When I teach young American students, there is a certain intimidation about Shakespeare," She says. "There's usually an inferiority complex. You just have to have the passion and a big spirit to make those words come out and be alive. I tell my students, just read it out loud, and read it simply."

And that, McKenna says, is her favorite thing about Shakespeare — his timelessness.

"He was just so psychologically ahead of his time," she says. "We haven't changed that much in 500 years."

Although the show was not written by the Bard (it was penned by Canadian writer Vern Thiessen and premiered in 2005), McKenna said the show is "a tribute, of sorts" to the classical style of writing, and her character will be quite relatable to contemporary viewers.

"It's basically the story of a stay-at-home mom — it's just that in this case, she just so happens to have been married to William Shakespeare," she said. "I love the fact that the silent woman behind the scenes finally gets a voice in this show. Anne Hathaway has gotten a pretty bad rap. We don't know what makes any marriage tick — no one knows what's going on privately."

So in some ways, it's sort of like "The Real Housewife of Stratford-on-Avon."

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# Choosing your baby's sexuality

Alice D. Dreger, professor of clinical medical humanities and bioethics at Northwestern University, is the 11th speaker in Michigan State University's semester-long series, "Whom You Love: the biology of sexual orientation," which aims to demonstrate that homosexuality is a natural occurrence in humans. Her speech is called "Trying to 'Choose' Our Children's Sexual Orientation: Missteps, Misunderstandings, and the Marketplaces of Motherhood."



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Dreger's TEDx lecture "Is Anatomy Destiny?" has been viewed over 250,000 times on Netflix, and she received the Guggenheim Fellowship and a Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. She also writes for the mainstream press, including The New York Times and The Atlantic.



Alice Dreger

into this matter.

### What's the problem with prenatal dexamethasone for CAH?

It is not a benign drug for pregnant women, nor for the children exposed in utero. The studies we do have on the early prenatal use of "dex" are worrisome. The number of women and children missing from the follow-up studies of this drug use is more worrisome still. This drug is unequivocally experimental and risky. Yet it has been used for 30 years almost entirely outside of clinical trials, and has been advertised as "safe for mother and child." A recent paper in the American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology concluded in fact that the risks outweigh the alleged benefits of this intervention. I say "alleged," because the intervention's efficacy has not even been scientifically established with well controlled studies.

### What's the difference between this and prenatally screening for birth defects?

Screening is different from attempting fetal engineering. Prenatal dexamethasone has been aimed at engineering female fetuses to be sex typical, in terms of genitals and also brains. One researcher has expressed interest in seeing if it can "successfully" reduce rates of "behavioral masculinization" in this population. That's code for tomboyish behaviors and lesbianism.

Trying to prevent homosexuality in the womb is akin to cosmetic "medical" procedures in that it is inherently anti-democratic. The bottom line is that an attempt to prenatally prevent homosexual orientation isn't just bad medicine (because it isn't necessary or safe), it's bad for American democracy, because it sends the message that you must conform to the most conservative social norms to count as acceptable and to be allowed to live, with full rights, free of discrimination and abuse in American society. In fact, the beauty of American

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## Whom You Love

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history is that we have repeatedly changed our society to give oppressed people access to equal privilege.

We know that gay and lesbian people suffer a lot of discrimination. And in theory, it seems reasonable to try to prevent a child from suffering discrimination. But any attempt to prevent homosexuality from developing positions gay and lesbian people as the problem to be cured, where we ought to see that it's our society that's suffering from a disease. Having a child is not like taking a spouse; there is no mutual agreement entered into. It is up to the parent to make the commitment. And to make the commitment by saying, "I'm willing to have you, but only if you are a boy, and a straight boy at that, and a straight boy with blue eyes and a very high IQ," is, frankly, to not really make the commitment that parenting requires.

Am I suggesting that people who want to engineer their children's sexual orientations are unfit to be parents? Yes, I am. Being gay is not a terrible, tragic disease that requires prevention or treatment chosen for you by your parents.

**What do you think this lecture series could do for the social views of homosexuality?**

My hope is that it gives people a more scientific attitude towards the origins of sexual orientation, be those orientations homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual or whatever. I hope people will also understand that scientific inquiries into the origins of sexual orientation doesn't solve for us the social question of how we manage those orientations. I like to think that maybe in listening to these lectures, people are starting to understand that the origins of heterosexuality are pretty much as fuzzy as the origins of homosexuality. We just tend to ask more questions about where gay people come from. We know that evolution would have favored heterosexuality — no question about that — but we don't understand yet why most people turn out to be straight.

**I'm told you have some interesting ties to the Lansing area.**

Yes — my essay "Lavish Dwarf Entertainment," which is about Lansing-based dwarf entertainment entrepreneur Danny Black, was chosen for Norton's annual anthology of "Best Creative Nonfiction."

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### By the Riverside

"A Walk With Angels" will feature local artists' recitations of angels. Reception: 1-4 p.m. Dec. 2. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday; special showings by appointment. 1209 Turner St., Old Town, Lansing. (517) 484-6534.

### Creole Gallery

"Summitt's View from Space" will showcase local artist Alixandra Summitt. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Dec. 2. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 1218 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-2736.

### East Lansing Public Art Gallery

"Hot Wax!" featuring the encaustic paintings by Sue Winkler. Reception: 1-2 p.m. Dec. 2. Hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; noon-8 p.m. Sunday. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 894-2166.

### Great Lakes Artworks

Featuring Elaine Scribner's woven creations and Becky Stimson of Bee Knitting. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Dec. 2. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-4293. greatlakesartworks.com.

### Lansing Art Gallery

The 35th Annual Holiday Art Market will feature over 100 Michigan artists, with items ranging from jewelry to paintings and pottery. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400. lansingartgallery.com.

### Ledge Craft Lane

Opening Dec. 5: Jan Cummings' watercolors and pen and ink work will be showcased. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 120 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9843. ledgecraftlane.com.

### Mackerel Sky

A ceramic tiles exhibit will be featured, as well as hand-made Christmas ornaments from a variety of artists. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Dec. 2. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 211 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2211. mackerelsky.com.

### MICA Gallery

Opening Nov. 30 the 2nd Annual December Holiday Show will have a variety of artwork from Michigan artists. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. Dec. 2. Hours: Noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. 1210 Turner St., Lansing (517) 371-4600. oldtownarts.org.

### MSU Museum

"The Unauthorized Audubon" will feature prints and poetry of two Residential College in the Arts and Humanities faculty members: poet Anita Skeen and printmaker Laura B. DeLind. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. (517) 355-2370. museum.msu.edu.

### North Foyer Gallery at the East Lansing Public Library

Starting Dec. 5, the annual East Lansing Elementary School exhibit will showcase a variety of student art work. Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

### Okemos Library

Featuring the all-volunteer show of the Mid-Michigan Art Guild, through Dec. 28. Reception: 2-4 p.m. Dec. 2. Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-7

p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-7 p.m. Sunday. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 349-0250.

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### Ongoing

Neighborhood Empowerment Center Semi-annual show features six artists from a variety of styles, including photography and mixed media. Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980.

### Grove Gallery Co-op

The annual Holiday Art Show will feature the work of over 20 local artists. Reception: Noon-5 p.m. Dec. 2. Hours: Noon-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 325 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 333-7180. grovegallerycop.com.

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### (SCENE) MetroSpace

"Covatis/Quo Vadis?" features paintings and mixed-



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"Meditation on the Temple Mound," by Okemos artist Alixandra Summitt is part of the Creole Gallery's "Summitt's View from Space." The piece took Summitt six years to create and was inspired by the religious conflict in the Middle East. It was created on two canvases using interference acrylic paint.

media work by Detroit-based artists Jonathan Rajewski and Chris Turner, and contemporary photography by Lansing-based artist Ethan Tate. Hours: 2-5 p.m. Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. scenemetrospace.com.

### TIC Gallery

"Music: Muse" a multi-media exhibit that features works Linda Brundage, Juanita Baldwin, Kelly Boyle, John Kroneman, Gretchen Foster and other local artists. Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Technology Innovation Center, 325 E. Grand River, East Lansing. (517) 319-6861.

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# Tales from the underground

Author documents America's underground newspaper movement

By BILL CASTANIER

"What a long, strange trip it's been," may be part of Grateful Dead lore, but it goes a long way in describing Ken Wachsberger's lifelong passion of documenting America's Vietnam-era underground newspaper movement. Wachsberger's entry into the subject matter began while working for the Joint Issue, an early and seminal Michigan underground newspaper first published in 1969 and circulated on the campus of Michigan State University. Little did he know that nearly 45 years later, he would be completing a fourth volume in his "Voices from the Underground" series, which details the movement's various aspects.

"It's been amazing — every time I turned around the underground press found me," he said. The most recent volume, "Stop the Presses! I Want to Get Off! A Brief History of the Prisoners' Digest International," documents the history of a prison underground publication that Wachsberger discovered while hitchhiking on I-80 from Madison to Boulder in 1972. He was picked up by a couple of guys who worked on the Prisoners' Digest International, and his ride ended up at their offices, where he crashed — but not before he did some unsolicited editing on their layout. He said this is just one of many "serendipitous" experiences that had him crossing paths with the underground newspaper movement.

"If you believe in predestination," Wachsberger writes, "I'm the guy about whom God said, probably somewhere between Day 6 and Day 7, 'He'll cover the underground press for me.'"

Wachsberger, 63, has spent more than 25 years updating and publishing a revised version of an earlier, single volume, 600-page behemoth which almost immediately went out of print when all the copies were stolen from storage. Wachsberger, an Ann Arbor writer and editor, has also written a fictional account of some of his hitchhiking experiences in what has become a cult classic novel, "Beercans on the Side of the Road: The Story of Henry the Hitchhiker," published in 1988. The previous three volumes on the underground press, meanwhile, cover first-person histories of specific publications, including ones published in the Lansing, Detroit and Madison areas, as well as specific histories of gay and lesbian and military newspapers.

## Ken Wachsberger book signing

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the previous three volumes on the underground press, meanwhile, cover first-person histories of specific publications, including ones published in the Lansing, Detroit and Madison areas, as well as specific histories of gay and lesbian and military newspapers.

In his most recent volume, "Stop the Presses," he uses the words of Joe Grant, founder of Prisoners' Digest International (originally called Penal Digest International), to tell the history of that publication and the underground press and prisons. Wachsberger said the publication and others like it served two purposes.

"It was the voice of the prisoners (without control)," he said.

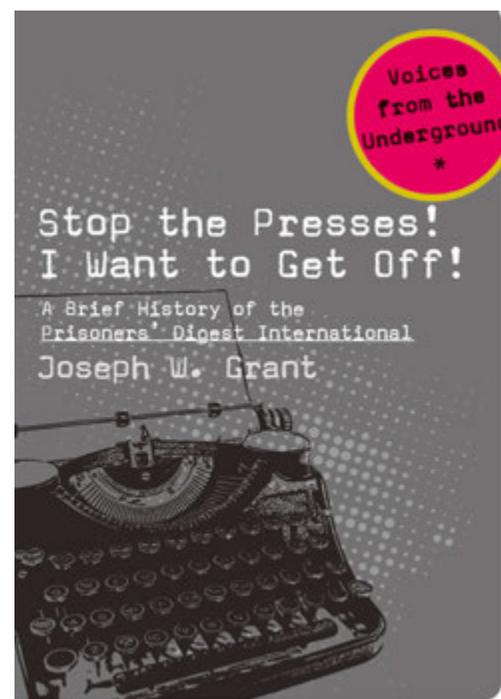
"And they helped create a connection with prisoners and the outside world."

Wachsberger said that underground newspapers are all but dead in the prison system due to a society that, he believes, now favors punishment over rehabilitation. In a previous volume he wrote how the underground press has been replaced by blogs and social media. He said his long strange trip has been a "remarkable experience," both in meeting people associated with the movement and becoming more aware of the diversity of the underground press. He cited, as an example, that in a previous volume (now out of print), about 200 underground newspapers published by and for the military were listed. New research has added another 300 to that list.

"I was amazed how broad and how diverse the anti-war movement was," he said. "Different parts of the country had different styles in how they approached it."

Wachsberger said he hopes the new four-volume set helps preserve the history of the underground press in America.

"I wanted to point out that they were everywhere," he said. "There weren't just



EDITED BY KEN WACHSBERGER

Courtesy photo

Ken Wachsberger's research on underground newspapers goes back to the Vietnam era. He will sign speak and sign copies of his book at EveryBody Reads in Lansing.

a few big names. Papers like the Berkeley Barb weren't universally known. In East Lansing, it was the Joint Issue — people read that."

Wachsberger was thinking he had completed his life goal when another piece of serendipity struck: He was approached by a businessman who wanted to take that preservation one step further by digitizing the underground press publications and making them available to libraries. Wachsberger said he has been working with the company identifying newspapers and both establishing and clearing copyrights.

"The idea is to take the underground press which is dispersed in back rooms (or held in research libraries) and make them accessible online," he said.

He said the first targets for digitization are military newspapers and feminist and lesbian newspapers. Although each of the four volumes is available through MSU Press, he hopes to see a less expensive boxed set developed and electronic versions created for sale.

"It's been a great adventure, living it, and now I am reporting it," Wachsberger said.

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**Our Daily Work/Lives.** "Reflections on the Flint sit-down strike & anti-capitalist art," Dylan Miner. 12:15-1:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum Auditorium, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

**After-School Youth Gardening Programming.** Ages 11-17. 3:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

**Swing Guitar Christmas.** Guitar instruction by Ray Kamalay. Course Number- 43335. 6-7:30 p.m. \$139. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 483-1860.

**U.S. Citizenship Class.** Learn steps to apply for citizenship & get ready for interview. 6-7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300. cadl.org.

**Escape & Rejuvenate.** Meditative movement & guided meditation. 12:15 p.m. FREE. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. massageandwellnesslansing.com, meetup.com/lansingbodymindspirit.

**Iranian People vs. Government.** Discussion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. PilgrimUCC.com.

**Prayer & Meditation Group.** Improve practice in both. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

**Colonial Village Neighborhood Meeting.** 7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

**Trending Now.** Speaker Founding Director Michael Rush. 7 p.m. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 344 Student Services Building, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-3900.

**Figure Drawing.** Easels & drawing boards provided. 7:30-10 p.m. \$5, \$3 students. Kresge Art Center, located at Physics & Auditorium roads, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 337-1170.

**KRP Open Work Shop.** Work on your bike or

Listings deadline is 5 p.m. the THURSDAY BEFORE publication. Paid classes will be listed in print at the cost of one enrollment (maximum \$20). Please submit them to the events calendar at [www.lansingcitypulse.com](http://www.lansingcitypulse.com). If you need help, please call Dana at (517) 999-5069. Email information to [calendar@lansingcitypulse.com](mailto:calendar@lansingcitypulse.com).

## NOV. 30

### Some strings

Hooligans are more often associated with unruly soccer (sorry, "football") fans, not classical music. Les Apaches, a group of French musicians, writers and artists, got their name after bumping into a newspaper seller who exclaimed, "Attention, les apaches!" Instead of taking the literal adaptation, which refers to the Native American tribe, they went with the French version, which translates as "hooligans." This Friday, as part of the Absolute Music Chamber series, the music of "hooligans" composers Manuel de Falla, Desire-Emile Inghelbrecht, Maurice Ravel and Igor Stravinsky will be showcased. "Attention Les Apaches! The Musical Hooligans of the 20th Century" will feature Joanna Bosse as the pre-concert speaker and Suren Bagratuni (cello), Kathryn Votapek (violin), Richard Sherman (flute) and James Howson (piano). 8 p.m. \$15, \$5 students. Absolute Gallery, 307 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. [absolutemusiclansing.org](http://absolutemusiclansing.org).

## DEC. 1

### Some hamstrings

This Saturday, at the Scrooge Scramble 5K, it won't matter if you move like Scrooge or run like an Olympian for the sixth annual event, which benefits the Old Town Dickens Village. In honor of Scrooge, each participant will receive a Bah-Humbug cap, and the first 100 registrants will get jingle bell flair (hopefully you won't need at least 37 pieces). The overall winner will receive an OTCA festival package, and the top three in each age group will receive a medal. Participants will get in some light stretching at the Riverwalk Fitness Center before the race — don't want anyone to pull a hammie. A trip to Dickens Village will follow the run. 10 a.m. \$25. Riverwalk Fitness Center, 1106 N. Cedar St., Lansing. [iloveoldtown.org](http://iloveoldtown.org).

## DEC. 1 & 2



Courtesy Photo

### Some hams sing

Dec. 21 is the day that the Mayans have predicted the world will end. Some may already be ahead of the game with stock-filled basements, but others are more willing to take their chances. Fitting in with the apocalypse theme, the a capella group Spartan Discords will host "The Last Noel: A Yuletide Farewell" this Saturday and Sunday. The annual Christmas concert will include holiday classics, both old and new, as well as some current hits. They will also collect donations for Toys for Tots. On Saturday, a party will follow the performance. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1. 2 p.m., Dec. 2. \$7, \$5 students. Kellogg Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. [spartandiscords.com](http://spartandiscords.com).

## DEC. 2

### No strings

Hans Christian Andersen's tale "The Snow Queen" has been adapted in almost every way imaginable since it was published in 1845, ranging from animated TV shows to a Hallmark television movie. The story of good vs. evil is considered to be one of Andersen's best. This Sunday, the story will be told with puppets, adding another adaptation. The Hudson Vagabond Puppets aren't your average hand puppets: the title character alone checks in at a towering 12 feet tall. The group is filled with professional dancers and actors, dressed in black, borrowing from the traditional Japanese Bunraku style of puppetry, becoming shadows of the figures brought to life. 1:30 p.m. & 4 p.m. \$11. Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. [whartoncenter.com](http://whartoncenter.com).



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# TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICHTUPICA

## TEN POUND FIDDLE HOSTS FOLK DUOS

A pair of Michigan-based duos share a twin bill at the Ten Pound Fiddle concert series Friday at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Taking the stage will be Jan Krist & Jim Bizer and Siusan O'Rourke & Zig Zeitler — both accomplished area folk outfits. Krist and Bizer recently released its first album as a duo, "Influence." On it they pay homage to their Mitten State roots, lyrically reflecting on their hometowns. Meanwhile, Saginaw-based duo of O'Rourke and Zeitler play Irish-inspired folk tunes. This is the duo's third trip to the Fiddle. This time around they plan to switch it up and play a set heavy with Americana. O'Rourke & Zeitler were one of the first acts on the roster at Michigan's Smokin' Sleddog Records, a locally operated boutique label.

**Friday, Nov. 30 @ Ten Pound Fiddle - Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove St., East Lansing, all ages. Box office opens at 7 p.m., 8 p.m. show. Tickets are \$15 public, \$12 Fiddle members, \$5 students. [tenpoundfiddle.org](http://tenpoundfiddle.org).**

## KYLE BROWN GOES SOLO AT AVENUE CAFE

After a couple of members of Fighting Unlucky, a local acoustic duo, went their respective ways, front man Kyle Brown decided to keep the ball rolling. Brown, who says he draws influence from Dave Matthews, Martin Sexton and Howie Day, releases his debut EP, "At Sunrise We Fly,"



Courtesy Photo

Kyle Brown at The Avenue Cafe

at The Avenue Café on Friday. Brown uses his lyrics to draw you in with a rich storytelling style about life's ups and downs. Also performing are Nathan Alan, Gary Cimmerer and Aaron Gase.

**Friday, Nov. 30 @ The Avenue 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, \$3 all ages, 7:30 p.m.**

## ULI'S HAUS OF BLUES

It's true: Uli's Haus of Rock has become known for booking hard rock and metal shows, but every once in a while the venue throws a curve ball. Saturday, it's host to renowned blues guitarist Larry McCray. McCray is an Arkansas-born musician who moved to Saginaw back in 1972. By 1990 he dropped his debut album, "Ambition." Fans of the "three Kings" (B.B., Freddie and Albert) may want to check out this show, or pick up his self-titled 2007 album. Opening the show is The Chris Canas Band.

**Saturday, Dec. 1 @ Uli's Haus of Rock, 4519 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, 18 and over, \$15, 8 p.m.**

## WELCOME TO ELECTRO-JAM ROCK

The Cincinnati-based Skeetones play a distinct



Courtesy Photo

Youngblood Hawke at The Loft

brand of electro-jam rock, thanks to the band's utilization of synths, samplers and guitars. Saturday, the band plays Mac's Bar along with opener Indigo Sun, a Chicago-based "psychedelic funktronica" band. The Skeetones, a five-piece band, also dabble in dubstep, electro, hip hop, jazz and experimental music. They have shared stages throughout the Midwest with bands such as Pnuma Trio and Umphrey's McGee, which has helped them to earn a reputation for energetic, entrancing shows. In a 2011 review, High Times Magazine said The Skeetones continue "to accomplish the seemingly impossible task of entertaining the thinking mind and the dancing feet alike, leaving listeners reformulating their conception of live electronic music."

**Saturday, Dec. 1 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over. \$12 advance, \$15 door, 9 p.m.**

## UNIVERSAL REPUBLIC ARTISTS YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE AT LOFT

Named after the Herman Wouk novel of the same name, Youngblood Hawke has made

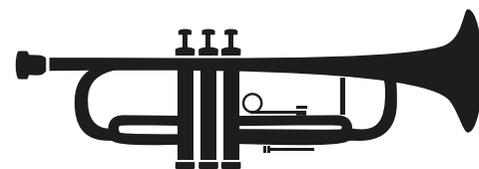
a big impact in a short amount of time. The electro-pop band, which plays Sunday at The Loft, has been together for under a year, but has already managed to sign to Universal Republic, a major label, and also has warmed up shows for Passion Pit. Founding members Simon Katz and Sam Martin were in the band Iglu & Hartly, a Mercury Records pop band, but after a 2011 hiatus the pair reformed as Youngblood Hawke. The newly formed group gigged at SXSW in Texas and soon after dropped the single "We Come Running," which was featured on Rolling Stone Magazine's website. Their new EP charted in Billboard's Top 200 in September, hitting #3 on the Heatseekers Albums chart for the same week. Opening the Loft show are local indie bands Elliot Street Lunatic and Joe Hertler & the Rainbow Seekers.

**Sunday, Dec. 2 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, all ages, \$9.41 advance, \$12 at door, doors 7 p.m.**

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|   | WEDNESDAY                 | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY                                    | SATURDAY                               |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Bar 30, 2324 Showtime Drive                   | D.J. Skitzo, 10 p.m.      | D.J. John Beltran, 10 p.m.    | D.J. John Beltran, 10 p.m.                | D.J. Skitzo, 10 p.m.                   |
| Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.           |                           | D.J., 9 p.m.                  | Cryn Wolf, 9 p.m.                         | Cryn Wolf, 9 p.m.                      |
| Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 N. East St.      | Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.    | Tim Kidd, 8 p.m.              | Tim Kidd, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.             | Tim Kidd, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.          |
| Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.            | Cloud Magic, 10 p.m.      | Karaoke, 9 p.m.               | Karaoke, 9 p.m.                           | Karaoke, 9 p.m.                        |
| The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.            |                           | Tryst Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.    | Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.                      | Summer of Sol, 9:30 p.m.               |
| The Firm, 229 S. Washington Square            |                           | DnW Sound DJs, 9 p.m.         | Various DJs, 9 p.m.                       |  |
| Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave. |                           | Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.    | Karoke with Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.        | Mike Evia Band, 8 p.m.                 |
| Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.             | Dewaynes, 9:30 p.m.       | Beats 'N Angels, 9:30 p.m.    | Global Village, 9:30 p.m.                 | Mix Pack, 9:30 p.m.                    |
| The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.                |                           | Throw the Fight, 7 p.m.       | Frontier Ruckus, 8 p.m.                   | Sp@ce C@mp, 10 p.m.                    |
| Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.              |                           | Twin Cats, 9 p.m.             | Punks vs. Pokes, 9 p.m.                   | Skeetones, 9 p.m.                      |
| Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.          | Open Mic Night, 9:30 p.m. | Burnsides, 10 p.m.            | Harvestmen, 10 p.m.                       | Haverstmen, 10 p.m.                    |
| Rookies, 16460 S. US 27                       | Sammy Gold, 7-10 p.m.     | Water Pong DJ, 9 p.m.         | Karaoke dance party with DJ Sassy, 9 p.m. | Live Bands with DJs & DJ Sassy, 9 p.m. |
| Rum Runners, 601 East Michigan Ave.           | Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.    | Dueling Pianos & DJ, 9 p.m.   | Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.               | Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.            |
| Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.       |                           | Frog & the Beeftones, 10 p.m. | Bear Band, 9 p.m.                         | Bear Band, 9 p.m.                      |
| Uli's Haus of Rock, 419 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.      |                           | After Bird Day Bash, 9 p.m.   | Psychostick, 9 p.m.                       | Larry McCray, 9 p.m.                   |
| Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive |                           | Mike Evia Quartet, 7 p.m.     | Joe Wright, 7 p.m.                        |  |
| Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert        | D.J., 9 p.m.              | D.J., 9 p.m.                  | D.J., 9 p.m.                              | Two Tone Tabacco, 9 p.m.               |

**Sunday** Karaoke, 9 p.m. Drag Queens Gone Wild, 11 p.m., Spiral Dance Bar; DJ Mike, 9:30 p.m., LeRoy's Bar & Grill; Open Mic, 5 p.m., Open Blues Jam, 7-11 p.m. Uli's Haus of Rock.  
**Monday** Steppin' In It, 9:30 p.m., Green Door; Easy Babies funk trio, 10 p.m., The Exchange. Open-Mic Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Michigan Brewing Company-Lansing. Monday Funday, 9 p.m., The Firm Bar.  
**Tuesday** Tommy Foster & Guitar Bob, 9 p.m., The Exchange; Neon Tuesday, 9 p.m., Mac's Bar. Jazz Tuesday Open Jam, 9 p.m., Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave.

# Out on the town

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practice on others'. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 755-4174.

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

## EVENTS

**Practice Your English.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East

Lansing. (517) 351-2420.  
**"The Invisible War."** Screening & discussion. 7-9 p.m. FREE. 105 S. Kedzie Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 515-5634. peaceedcenter.org.

**Fenner Nature Center Walking Group.** 5 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.  
**Poetry Contest.** Reading of selected entries. Winners announced. 7 p.m. (SCENE) MetroSpace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. scenemetrospace.com.

**Greater Lansing Food Bank Fundraiser.** Portion of each meal donated to charity. 6-9 p.m. bd's Mongolian BBQ Okemos, 2080 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos.

## MUSIC

**Jazz Wednesdays.** Featuring new jazz artists each week. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracie's Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

**Marshall Music Ukulele Play Along.** Instruments available or bring own. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic.com.

**Wednesday Jam Session.** Featuring Caroline Glaeser, Samuel Winterheimer, Judson Branam IV & Jordan Vale. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Hobbie's, 930 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Out of This World Book Club.** "The Night Circus," Erin Morganstern. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Baby Time.** Books & songs for 2 years & younger, with a parent/caregiver. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 x3.

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

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

**Design Guest Lecture Series.** Speaker Dr. John Pepper. 7 p.m. FREE. Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center, 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 355-7610. art.msu.edu.

**Support Asset Independence Coalition.** Silent auction. 5:30 p.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

**Holiday Boutique.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. University Club MSU, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing.

**"The Invisible War."** Screening & discussion. 6:30-9 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5634. peaceedcenter.org.

**MSU Film Collective Screening.** "Wild Strawberries." Discussion follows. 8 p.m. FREE. B122 Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-4441.

## MUSIC

**Thursday Night Jazz.** Featuring Peter Nelson Quartet. 9 p.m. FREE. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-3234.

**LCC Concert.** Featuring LCC Concert Choir, Lanswingers Vocal Pop&Jazz Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

**Deacon Earl with Shay Leigh.** 8-11 p.m. FREE. Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave., East Lansing. (517) 337-0200. harrisonroadhouse.com.

**Throw The Fight.** 7 p.m. \$5. The Loft, Harem Urban Lounge, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 913-0103.

## THEATER

**"Shakespeare's Will."** Story of Shakespeare's widow, Anne Hathaway. 7:30 p.m. \$48. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000.  
**"Ebenezer."** Ebenezer Scrooge, 15 years after the Ghosts of Christmas visited. 8 p.m. \$20. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469. williamstontheatre.com.

**Auditions.** For "Princess and the Pea" & "Rapunzel." 6:30 p.m. \$10 scripts. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Storytime With Ms. Deb.** Three books & a craft. 10 a.m. FREE. Barnes & Noble, Lansing, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437.

**Storytelling Celebration.** With 2nd Story & the Lansing Storytellers. 7 p.m. Schuler Books & Music Lansing, 2820 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495. schulerbooks.com.

## Friday, November 30

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Escape & Rejuvenate.** 12:15 p.m. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

**Howl at the Moon.** Guided walk. Dogs welcome. 7 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

**Season of Light.** Holiday customs that have astronomical connection. 8 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 under 12. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4676.

**eBook Basics.** How to download CADL eBooks & eAudiobooks. 10 a.m. CADL Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021. cadl.org.

## EVENTS

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

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

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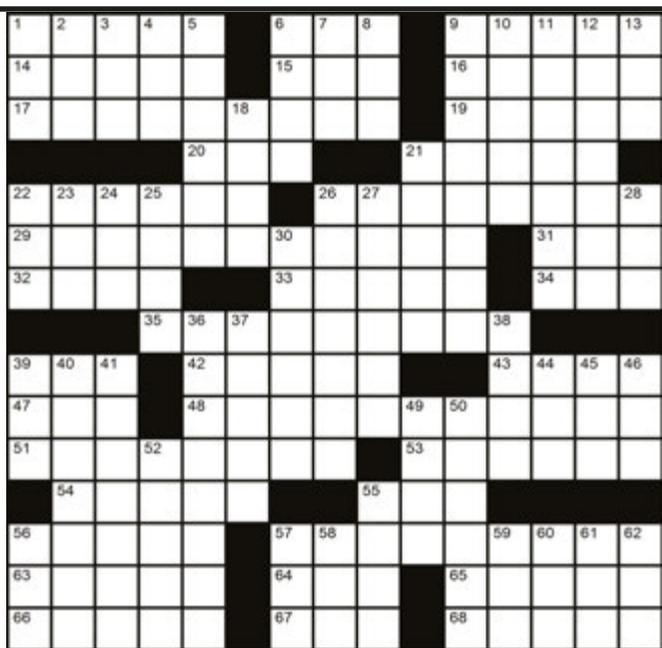
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"Cross Purposes"-- you'll be working at them.

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### Across

- 1 Looney Tunes voice Mel
- 6 Proof-ending abbr.
- 9 Petraeus who stepped down as CIA head
- 14 Mushrooms have a weird effect on him
- 15 "Burn Notice" network
- 16 Month before febrero
- 17 Advice like "Don't fly so low you crash into the Death Star"?
- 19 Gainesville collegian
- 20 Drift into dreamland
- 21 Stars with a belt
- 22 Cub Scout leaders, in the U.K.
- 26 Like restaurants that serve sushi, pad thai, and 58-down
- 29 Do a medical scan on a British royal?
- 31 \_\_\_ Dinh Diem
- 32 \_\_\_ Deportes (Spanish-language channel)
- 33 Moves, in real estate jargon
- 34 Amethyst, for one
- 35 Elected official straight from a Fox singing competition?
- 39 Not the sharpest knife in the drawer
- 42 In \_\_\_ (mad)
- 43 A shot
- 47 \_\_\_ Mae Brown (Whoopi Goldberg's "Ghost" role)
- 48 Resort town for video game enthusiasts?
- 51 Honorary flag position
- 53 Wine agent
- 54 Tinseltown, in headlines



- 55 Old-school laundry detergent
- 56 Word after wake or Ouija
- 57 Oinker who designed a commercial space shuttle?
- 63 Highway sign
- 64 Start of most John Grisham book titles
- 65 Olympic skater Slutskaya
- 66 "\_\_\_ to recall..."
- 67 Animal pattern on Gateway computer boxes
- 68 Young accounting partner?

### Down

- 1 Bike race with hills
- 2 Rule
- 3 The Diamondbacks, on scoreboards
- 4 See 10-down
- 5 Courvoisier or Remy

- Martin
- 6 Pound, in British slang
- 7 Unproven ability
- 8 "\_\_\_ Kapital"
- 9 Junior high in a 1980s teen show
- 10 With 4-down, "Delta of Venus" author
- 11 Putting the kibosh on
- 12 Historic period for blacksmiths
- 13 Palme \_\_\_ (Cannes Film Festival prize)
- 18 "\_\_\_0" (Comedy Central webclip show)
- 21 \_\_\_ the other
- 22 Body spray brand with hot ads
- 23 \_\_\_-One (rapper who guested on R.E.M.'s "Radio Song")
- 24 "The Raven" monogram
- 25 Bobcat cousin
- 26 False reason
- 27 Sanctions
- 28 \_\_\_ de guerre
- 30 Ursus \_\_\_ (brown bear)
- 36 Office machine
- 37 Equally awful
- 38 Alternative to ja
- 39 "I blew it," to Homer
- 40 Big potatoes
- 41 Scary programs
- 44 Shaker founder Lee
- 45 F/X animation
- 46 QVC rival
- 49 Spittoon noise
- 50 Award for a bomb
- 52 Fake a signature
- 55 "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. \_\_\_"
- 56 Fat measure
- 57 "The Mayor of Simpleton" band
- 58 Saigon soup
- 59 Slip up
- 60 Wrestling victory
- 61 Border org.
- 62 Gangster's sidearm

# Out on the town

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**Oil Painting.** For all levels with Patricia Singer. Pre-registration required. 10 a.m.-Noon. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** With ASL interpretation. 8 p.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.

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

## EVENTS

**Freshman Showcase.** 8 p.m. \$10. Arena Theatre, Auditorium Building, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

**Salsa Dancing.** Salsa lesson, 10 p.m. Dancing, 10:30 p.m. 10 p.m. \$5. Los Tres Amigos, 1227 East Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (616) 466-9435.

**Teen DIY: Gingerbread Houses.** Ages 13-18. Call to register. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.

**Teen Advisory Group.** Ages 13-18, help plan programs & more. 5-6 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.

**Nite Ride Around Town.** 8-10 mile bike ride around Lansing, stop halfway for food and drinks. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Beaumont Tower, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 347-1689.

**Storytime.** Stories, rhymes & crafts. Ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Grand Opening.** Reception & ribbon cutting. 3 p.m. Caring & Compassionate Health Care Agency, 1200 E. Grand River, Lansing. caringandcompassionate.com.

**Grand Ledge Christmas Parade.** 7 p.m. Grand Ledge Opera House, 121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-2383.

**Red Nose Ruckus.** Live & silent auctions, Santa & more. Benefits Child & Family Charities. 6-10 p.m. \$125 per person. \$200 per couple. Best Western Plus, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 525-0762.

## MUSIC

**Grand River Radio Diner.** Featuring Under Construction Bluegrass Band & Mid-Michigan Bluegrass & Folk. Noon- 1 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 483-1710.

**Kyle Brown.** Debut E.P. release. 7:30 p.m. \$3. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 853-0550.

**Absolute Music Chamber Series.** "Attention les

Apaches! Musical Hooligans of the 20th Century." 8 p.m. \$15, \$5 students. Absolute Gallery, 307 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-8845.

**Ten Pound Fiddle Series.** Michigan Duos. 8 p.m. \$15, \$12 Fiddle members, \$5 students. Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 337-7744. tenpoundfiddle.org.

**Wisaal CD Release.** Featuring The Tia Imani Hanna Project. 8 p.m. \$7, \$5 students. (SCENE) Metrospace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. scenemetrospace.com.

**Rookies Idol.** Weekly karaoke contest. 10 p.m. FREE. Rookies Restaurant, 1640 S. US 27, Lansing. (517) 487-8686.

## THEATER

**"A Christmas Carol."** Radio-style adaptation & audience sing-along. 7:30 p.m. \$10, \$5 students and seniors. Wilson Center Auditorium, 101 W. Cass St., St. Johns. (989) 224-8982.

**"Ebenezer."** 8 p.m. \$25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Nov. 29.)

**"The No Hole Holiday."** Musical comedy about Axel the Elf. 7 p.m. \$7, \$5 children. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com

**"Shakespeare's Will."** 8 p.m. \$48. Pasant Theatre, Bogue St. and Wilson Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 29.)

**Auditions.** For "Princess and the Pea" & "Rapunzel." 6:30 p.m. \$10 scripts. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Music & Movement Storytime.** Dance and sing to music, learn to play with instruments. 1 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

## Saturday, December 1

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Tai Chi in the Park.** Meditation at 8:15 a.m. followed by Tai Chi at 9 a.m. 8:15 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

**Beginner Tai Chi.** Build strength & reduce stress. 8-9 a.m. \$8. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**U.S. Citizenship Class.** 10-11:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

**Nature Story Hour.** Geared towards children 4-6. Craft & nature video. 1-2 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

**Season of Light.** 8 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 under 12. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science

Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 30.)

**Forest Bathing.** Practice of shinrin-yoku. 3 p.m. Lake Lansing North Park, 6260 E. Lake Drive, Haslett. (517) 420-5820.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 9:30 a.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

## EVENTS

**Beer & Wine Tasting.** 2-4 p.m. FREE. Vine and Brew, 2311 Jolly Road, Okemos.

**Fenner Nature Center Walking Group.** 8-9 a.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

**Light Parade.** Santa and Mrs. Claus & more. 6 p.m. FREE. Downtown Williamston, Grand River Ave., Williamston. (517) 655-1549. williamston.org.

**Scrooge Scramble 5K.** Run or walk, benefit Old Town Dickens Village. 10 a.m. \$25. Riverview Fitness Center, 1106 N. Cedar St, Lansing. iloveoldtown.org.

**Chocolate Sampling.** 1-5 p.m. FREE. Vine and Brew, 2311 Jolly Road, Okemos. (517) 708-2030. vineandbrew.com.

**Artists Reception.** Two new exhibitions. 2-4 p.m. Gracie's Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 256-8335. secondmondayartists.com.

**Dickens Village.** Horse-drawn carriage, scavenger hunt & more. Noon-5 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Avenue and Turner Street, Lansing. (517) 485-4283. iloveoldtown.org.

**Crystal & Candlelight Ball.** Waltz lesson, 7 p.m. General dancing, 8 p.m. Buffet. \$20. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

**Book Signing Barbara Davis.** Author of "In The Way." 1-4 p.m. FREE. Ledge Craft Lane, 120 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9843.

**Holiday Arts Market.** Working women artists' group sale. Noon-6 pm. Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 862-1553.

**Open House.** Ceramic tiles exhibit & Christmas ornaments. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mackerel Sky Gallery, 211 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2211.

**Winter Glow.** Variety of activities. 3 p.m. FREE. Downtown East Lansing, Grand River Ave., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/winterglow.

**Opening Reception.** Artist Dixie O'Connor. 2-5 p.m. Art Alley, 1133 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 898-4046.

## MUSIC

**Home for the Holidays Concert.** MSU Children's Choir. 8 p.m. \$10-\$20. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

**Christmas Clarinet Ensemble.** All ages welcome to participate. 12:30-4:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841-B Timberlane St., East Lansing. (517) 355-7661. cms.msu.edu.

**Spartan Discords.** Christmas concert. Bring a new toy to donate. 7:30 p.m. \$7 adults, \$5 students. Kellogg Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. spartandiscords.com.

**Mike Eyia Quartet.** 8 p.m.-midnight. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 484-4825. sirpizza-mi.com.

**Holiday Festival.** Lansing concert band & sing-along. 7:30 p.m. \$12, \$5 students, FREE under 12. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. (517) 541-5690.

## THEATER

**"The No Hole Holiday."** 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. \$7, \$5 children. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 30.)

**"A Christmas Carol."** 7:30 p.m. \$10, \$5 students and seniors. Wilson Center Auditorium, 101 W. Cass St., St. Johns. (Please see details Nov. 30.)

**"Shakespeare's Will."** 8 p.m. \$48. Pasant Theatre, Bogue St. and Wilson Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 29.)

**Auditions.** For "Princess and the Pea" & "Rapunzel." 10 a.m. \$10 scripts. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

**Freshman Showcase.** 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$10. Arena Theatre, Auditorium Building, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

**"Ebenezer."** 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$22 & \$25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Nov. 29.)

## Sunday, December 2

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Juggling.** Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., Lansing. (517) 485-9190.

**Season of Light.** 4 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 under 12. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 30.)

**Family Show.** "George & Oatmeal Save Santa." 2:30 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 under 12. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4676. pa.msu.edu/abrams/.

**GriefShare Seminar.** A DVD series, with small support group discussion. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 490-3218.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 2-3:15 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Conference room F, 2nd floor, Lansing. (517) 332-0755.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** With ASL interpretation. 9 a.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.

**Codependents Anonymous.** Meets on the third floor. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 672-4072. cadl.org.

## EVENTS

**Capital Area Singles Dance.** With door prizes. 6:30-10:30 p.m. \$8. Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 819-0405.

**Family Drop-in Artmaking.** Create holiday gifts. 2-4 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 255-2370. museum.msu.edu.

**Children's Day.** Face painting, refreshments & more. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Shiawassee Arts Center, 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. (989) 723-8354. shiawasseearts.org.

**Homeless Veterans Fundraiser.** Raffles & more. 3-10 p.m. \$5. Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St., Lansing. (517) 351-5690.

## MUSIC

**Music on the Patio.** Featuring Brad Maitland & Dan Wixon. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 267-3800.

**Youngblood Hawke.** 7 p.m. \$9.41. The Loft, Harem Urban Lounge, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

**Spartan Discords.** 2 p.m. \$7 adults, \$5 students. Kellogg Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Dec. 1.)

**Wind & Spartan Youth Wind Symphonies.** 3 p.m. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID & under 18. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000.

**Faculty Recital.** Corbin Wagner, horn. 7 p.m. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID & under 18. Cook Recital Hall, Music Building, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**North Country Flyers.** 3 p.m. \$5. Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St. Lansing. (517) 351-5690.

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**The Percussion Ensemble.** 3 p.m. FREE. Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1546. lcc.edu.

### THEATER

**"The Snow Queen."** Featuring The Hudson Vagabond Puppets. 1:30 p.m. & 4 p.m. \$11. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000.

**"Ebenezer."** 2 p.m. \$22. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Nov. 29.)

**"The No Hole Holiday."** 2 p.m. \$7, \$5 children. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 30.)

**"A Christmas Carol."** 2 p.m. \$10, \$5 students and seniors. Wilson Center Auditorium, 101 W. Cass St., St. Johns. (Please see details Nov. 30.)

**Freshman Showcase.** 2 p.m. \$10. Arena Theatre, Auditorium Building, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

## Monday, December 3

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Fall Babytime.** Beginning story time for babies under 2. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Escape & Rejuvenate.** 12:15 p.m. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

**Divorced, Separated, Widowed Conversation Group.** 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272.

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (989) 587-4609.

**Chronic Pain Support Group.** For those experiencing any level of chronic physical pain. 4-5:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

### EVENTS

**Monday Morning Movie.** 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

**Social Bridge & Euchre.** No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. bridge, 6-9 p.m. euchre \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

**Library Open House.** Variety of activities. 3 p.m. CADL Leslie Library, 201 Pennsylvania St., Leslie. (517) 589-9400. cadl.org.

### MUSIC

**Open Mic Blues Mondays.** Sign up to play. Spoken word acts welcome. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. MBC, 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

**Walk The Moon.** 7 p.m. \$15. The Loft, Harem Urban Lounge, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

## Tuesday, December 4

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

**Yoga 40.** All ages welcome. 7:15 p.m. Suggested \$7. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**Intro to Computers.** With professional instructors. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 492-5500.

**On the Way To Wellness.** Nutrition & wellness

coaching. 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. \$10. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 349-9536.

**Computer Class.** Learn Excel. 7 p.m. FREE. Community of Christ, 1514 W. Miller Road, Lansing. (517) 882-3122.

**Speakeasies Toastmasters.** Become a better speaker. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Bldg. 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. toastmastersclubs.org.

**QiGong & Tai Chi classes.** Light exercises for those with physical limitations, senior citizens or just need to unwind. 8 a.m. Up to \$8. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**After-School Youth Gardening Programming.** Kids time: activities on gardening, healthy recipes & games. 4-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

**Seeking Safety.** For people with trauma and PTSD. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. JIMHO, 520 Cherry St., Lansing. (517) 887-4312.

**Water media.** All levels welcome, with Donna Randall. Preregistration required. 6-8:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing.

**Schizophrenics Anonymous.** 10 a.m. Room 215-F, Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 485-3775.

**Codependents Anonymous.** 5:45-6:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books & Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 672-4072.

### EVENTS

**Storytime.** Features stories, rhymes & a craft for ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 a.m. & 6:30-7:15 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Tori Saves Christmas.** 24-hour fundraiser featuring comedy, music & more. Benefits Child & Family Charities. 9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

**Holiday Glitter.** Entertainment, awards, food & drink. 6 p.m. \$75, \$150 patron. University Club MSU, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing. (517) 372-4636.

### MUSIC

**Jazz Tuesdays.** Hosted by the Jeff Shoup Quartet & will feature regular guest artists from the MSU Jazz Studies Department. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

**Experimental Music Ensemble.** 7:30 p.m. FREE. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1546.

**Holiday Concert.** Mid-Michigan youth symphony. 7 p.m. FREE, donations. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 646-6096.

## Wednesday, December 5

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

**Community Yoga.** Power yoga class. 6 p.m. FREE. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

**After-School Youth Gardening Programming.** 3:30-5:30 p.m. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

**Swing Guitar Christmas.** Guitar instruction by Ray Kamalay. Course Number- 43335. 6-7:30 p.m. \$139. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 483-1860.

**U.S. Citizenship Class.** 6-7 p.m. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (Please

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## TIN CAN DEWITT



Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

The Tin Can DeWitt opened earlier this month in the Schavey Road Plaza. This is the third location for the Lansing-based mini-chain.



### By ALLAN I. ROSS

When the **Tin Can** opened in Lansing two years ago, everything you needed to know about the place was scrawled in chalk in all caps right there on the wall: "WORLD CLASS DIVE BAR."

Specializing in canned beer, well liquor and the notorious Tin Can Happy Meal (that would be a chili dog, a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon and a shot of Jack Daniel's, thank you very much), the Tin Can has seen steady business since Day 1. And now the unassuming Little Dive Bar That Could has just spawned its second sequel earlier this month in the middle of a DeWitt shopping plaza: **Tin Can DeWitt**.

"There's always going to be a Tin Can where people need us," joked operator/manager Dave Sell. "Three years, three Cans. We don't rest on our laurels."

Yes, this is the third location for the growing Tin Can franchise, which started in 2010 at 408 E. Michigan Ave. across from the Lansing Center in the Stadium District. The second location, **Tin Can West**, opened last year near the interchange of I-69 and

West Saginaw Highway in Delta Township, anchored into a shopping plaza with lots of traffic. The Tin Can is part of 414 Entertainment, the same management team that owns and operates **The Exchange** (cocktails and live music), **Omar's Show Bar** (gentleman's club), **Harem** (night club), **The Dugout** (seasonal patio bar), **Taps 25** (specialty draft beers), **The Loft** (live music venue) and **Taco 911** (Mexican food).

Sell says that the DeWitt location is about the same size as the original (800 square feet), and will feature a menu similar to the west side location, which includes pizza, nachos, wings and fries — with plenty of room left for experimentation.

"Right now I'm working on recipe for bacon-wrapped tater tots," he says with obvious relish. "If that doesn't float your boat at 1:30 after drinking all night, nothing will."

Sell says that the concept will remain the same: cans of beer, no taps and keeping everything cheap — the lowest priced beer on the list runs you \$1.75, and well drinks are always under \$3.50. There are also now-famous Faygo bombs (which Tin Can claims to have invented) and pudding shots (which Sell says they "perfected").

He says business has been brisk since opening at

the beginning of the month, with the big bump coming from the after-work crowd during the week between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

"It's a whole new schedule to get used to," Sell says. "Weekends are still good, but we've had some surprises, too, like the big business we get after the high school football games. DeWitt is a lot different from Lansing."

With a central and a west location, the natural move would have been to move east to get closer to that built-in bar crowd in East Lansing, but Sell says they jugged north to stake a unique claim in the area.

"A big part of the reason we chose to expand to DeWitt is simply because there is no other bar in the area that doesn't allow children," he says. "I did my research at other places — they're like day care facilities, with kids running around everywhere. At the Tin Can, you can drink and not have to worry about offending anyone."

So no kids at all?

"Well, I take that back," he says. "We allow children — they just have to be 21."

### Tin Can DeWitt

3 p.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Friday  
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**Escape & Rejuvenate.** 12:15 p.m. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

**KRP Open Work Shop.** 6-9 p.m. Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 21.)

**The Origins of Christmas.** Discussion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. PilgrimUCC.com.

**Figure Drawing.** 7:30-10 p.m. Kresge Art Center, located at Physics and Auditorium roads, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

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

## EVENTS

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

**Fenner Nature Center Walking Group.** 5 p.m. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 28.)

**ENO Annual Holiday Party.** Bring a dish to pass. 6 p.m. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 908-2552.

**Holiday Open House.** Noon-7:30 p.m. Smith Floral and Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mt. Hope, Lansing. (517) 484-5327.

## MUSIC

**Jazz Wednesdays.** Featuring new jazz artists each week. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracie's Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

**Benjamin Francis Leftwich.** Noon, \$8 advance, \$10 at door. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. macsbar.com.

**Together, Let's Jam!** Music activities. All ability levels. 7:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841-B Timberlane St., East Lansing. (517) 353-5340. cms.music.msu.edu.

**Faculty Recital.** Ralph Votapek, piano. 7:30 p.m. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, FREE students with ID & under 18. Cook Recital Hall, Music Building, 333 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. music.msu.edu.

**Wednesday Jam Session.** Featuring Caroline Glaeser, Samuel Winterheimer, Judson Branam IV & Jordan Vale. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Hobbie's, 930 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing.

**Marshall Music Open Jam.** All ages and levels welcome. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E.

Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic.com.

## THEATER

**"War Horse."** A boy's quest to bring his horse home, featuring life-size horse puppets. 7:30 p.m. \$32-\$72. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Baby Time.** Books & songs for 2 years & younger, with a parent/caregiver. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 x3.

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## Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

November 28-December 4

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): "They are trying to make me into a fixed star," complained religious leader Martin Luther a few centuries ago. "I am an irregular planet." I invite you to use that declaration as your own in the coming weeks. You have every right to avoid being pinned down, pigeonholed, and forced to be consistent. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you need abundant freedom to mutate your identity. You deserve a poetic license that allows you to play a variety of different roles and explore the pleasures of unpredictable self-expression.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): "The Star-Spangled Banner" is America's national anthem. It features the lyrics of a patriotic poem written by Francis Scott Key. But the melody itself is entirely lifted from a bawdy old song that celebrates Bacchus, the ancient god of wine and ecstatic dancing. I love it when things are repurposed as dramatically as that. Do you? The coming weeks will be prime time to repurpose stuff with creative abandon. Make the past useful for the future, Taurus. Turn good old ideas into fantastic new ones. Don't just recycle; transform.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): I'm guessing that in the coming weeks you will be receiving a multitude of inquiries, invitations, and temptations — probably more than you feel capable of responding to, and certainly more than you *should* respond to. A few of these opportunities might be appealing and lead to interesting adventures. But some will be useless, diversionary, or trivial. Will you be able to tell the difference? That's your big challenge. If you'd like help dodging unwanted solicitations, give out this phone number as your own: 212.479.7990. It's a free service provide by "The Rejection Line" at Rejectionline.com. People calling that number will be politely told you aren't available.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): For millennia, the plant known as the yellow avalanche lily has thrived on mountain slopes and meadows throughout western North America. It blooms early in the spring, just in time for broad-tailed hummingbirds that migrate from Central America to sip the flower's nectar. But now there's a problem with that ancient arrangement. Due to global warming, the lily now blossoms 17 days earlier than it used to. But the hummingbirds haven't made an adjustment in their schedule, so they're barely showing up in time to get their full allotment of nectar. I suspect this is a metaphor for a shift you may be facing in your own life rhythm. Fortunately, you've been forewarned, and you can adjust better than the hummingbirds.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): In our calendar, there is no special holiday devoted to honoring the joy and power of rebellion. This oversight confounds me. All my experience tells me that the urge to revolt is a fundamental human need. Every one of us has a sacred duty to regularly rise up and overthrow a stale status quo that is oppressing us — whether that's an organized group effort we're part of or our own deadening routine. I'm telling you this, Leo, because it's an excellent time to celebrate your own Rebellion Jubilee. Your vitality will soar as you shed numbing habits and decaying traditions.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Recently you've had resemblances to an eight-year-old kid wearing the pajamas you loved when you were five. Your bare arms are jutting out beyond where the sleeves end, and there's a similar thing going on with your legs. The fabric is ripped here and there because it can't accommodate how much you've grown. You're feeling discomfort in places where the overly tight fit is squeezing your flesh. All of this is somewhat cute but mostly alarming. I wish you would wean yourself of the past and update your approach.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A lot of leopard frogs live on Staten Island, one of New York City's five boroughs. Most of them make a sound that resembles a long

snore or a rapid chuckle. But over the years, biologists have also detected a third type of froggy expression: a clipped, repetitive croak. Just this year, they finally figured out that this belonged to an entirely distinct species of leopard frog that they had never before identified. It's still so new it doesn't have a name yet. I expect a metaphorically similar development in your life, Libra. You will become aware of a secret that has been hiding in plain sight. You will "find" something that actually revealed itself to you some time ago.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tom Tolbert is a sports talk show host on San Francisco radio station KNBR. I am amazingly neutral about him. Nothing he says fascinates me or mirrors my own thoughts. On the other hand, he never makes me mad and he's not boring. I neither like him nor dislike him. I simply see him for who he is, without any regard for what he can do for me. He has become a symbol of the possibility that I'm able to look at a human being with complete impartiality, having no wish for him to be different from what he is. In the coming week, I suggest you try to achieve this enlightened state of mind on a regular basis. It's prime time, astrologically speaking, to ripen your mastery of the art of objectivity.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you say "rabbit rabbit rabbit" as soon as you wake up on the first day of the month, you will have good luck for the next 30 to 31 days. At least that's how reality works according to a British superstition. But judging from your astrological omens, I don't think you will have to resort to magic tricks like that to stimulate your good fortune. In the next four weeks, I suspect you will be the beneficiary of a flood of cosmic mojo, as well as a surge of divine woowoo, a shower of astral juju, and an upwelling of universal googoo gaga. If it would give you even more confidence to invoke your favorite superstitions, though, go right ahead. Even scientists say that kind of thing works: tinyurl.com/SuperstitiousBoost.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): According to Greek myth, Perseus cut off the head of Medusa. She was the creature whose hair was composed of snakes and whose gaze could turn a person into stone. The immortal winged horse Pegasus was instantaneously born from Medusa's blood. He ultimately became an ally to the nine Muses, and Zeus relied on him to carry thunder and lightning. I predict that while you're sleeping, Capricorn, you will have a dream that contains elements of this myth. Here's a preliminary interpretation of that dream: You are undergoing a transition that could in a sense give you the power of flight and a more abundant access to a muse.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time for you to be leader of the pack, Aquarius; to take your gang to the next level; to make sure the group mind isn't suppressing innovation and enforcing peer pressure but is rather inspiring every member of the tribe to be as creative as they dare to be. And if it's not realistic for you to wield that much power, then do whatever you can to synergize the alliances that hold your posse together. Build team morale. Gossip constructively. Conspire to animate an influx of fresh magic.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): If you're a food company that wants to sell chicken in the shape of a chicken wing, it must have actual chicken wing meat in it. Otherwise, the law says you've got to call your product "wyngz." I've always thought that there's a lot of information the media presents as "news" that is really as fake as wyngz. That's why I advocate calling the bogus stuff "newzak" (rhymes with "muzak"). Your assignment in the coming weeks, Pisces, is to make sure you're not putting out any wyngz- or newzak-like stuff in your own chosen field. The fates will help you rather dramatically if you put a high premium on authenticity.

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