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County Clerk: Barb Byrum (D)
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Yes on the Ingham Health Plan

The logic is simple: If we in Ingham County can support the zoo, perhaps we can find it within our means to support human beings.

We urge a “yes” vote on a first-time countywide millage, for \$52 per \$100,000 of property value, to support the Ingham Health Plan. More than 10,000 Ingham County residents — who are ineligible for Medicaid, would not be covered under the Affordable Care Act and make between \$17,500 and \$28,000 — depend on the plan for basic health care. A yes vote keeps about half of these folks from falling through the health care cracks. The millage has support from major health care providers in the area, such as McLaren Health Care, Sparrow Health System and the Ingham County Health Department. We join them.

Jamo shows judicial qualities

Ingham County has two strong candidates for 30th Circuit Court judge — but one made a serious misstep on the eve of the election that has caused us to change our minds and endorse his opponent, **James Jamo**. The Ken Ross campaign has launched a last-minute TV ad that uses a sinister-looking photo of Jamo and makes misleading claims that suggest Jamo covered up a \$5 million settlement in a Grand Rapids’ area school board case. In fact, Jamo, who represented the schools, said he asked the court to conceal the sex-abuse case settlement at the request of the student plaintiffs, who did not want further publicity. Todd Flood, the plaintiff’s attorney, called us Tuesday to confirm that. And the settlement was for \$150,000, not \$5 million. Such negative advertising is unseemly in a local judicial race. Moreover, we expect judges above all to be fair — and this was an unfair attack by Ross. Jamo does not have the progressive record that Ross built as a consumer advocate in state government, and he is iffy on social issues (he did not return a questionnaire on gay rights), but he has far more courtroom experience than Ross and a judicial temperament. We hope he will continue the bench’s tradition in Ingham County of enlightened rulings on social issues (before they go on to be overturned by the Appeals and Supreme courts). We support Jamo.

Enthusiastically for Obama

The mark of a true leader is doing the right thing when it isn’t popular or politically expedient.

Barack Obama’s decision to prevent

the demise of General Motors was one of those moments. In the process, he saved mid-Michigan’s economy. Had GM been forced into Chapter 7 liquidation, 30,000 to 40,000 jobs would have been lost in the aftermath of closing the Delta and Grand River assembly plants. Instead, both plants are operating at near capacity.

The recovery from the Bush recession has been slow but steady, with 30 straight months of private-sector job growth. We believe the recovery would be more vibrant had it not been for incessant obstruction on the part of congressional Republicans.

Mitt Romney has demonstrated a lack of political integrity rarely seen at the presidential level. On issue after issue he has taken multiple positions, apparently more focused on “making the sale” rather than revealing his real views. We fear he’d be a rerun of George W. Bush.

Romney’s claim of being a proven job-creator flies in the face of Bain Capital’s true record, which focused on building wealth for investors regardless of whether that meant creating jobs, cutting jobs or outsourcing jobs. He is 50 years behind the times on social issues. And his foreign policy is, at best, incoherent and erratic.

Barack Obama clearly is the better choice for president.

Stabenow should stay

Six years ago, in our endorsement of U.S. **Sen. Debbie Stabenow**, we encouraged the incumbent to not be a stranger. She responded. The new chairwoman of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee has brought her panel to East Lansing on top of her frequent stops to the area to brief residents on goings-on in Washington.

While she is a committed Democrat, we were impressed with her ability to work across the aisle on a new farm bill that realizes the country’s tight fiscal times. She understands cuts need to be made, and she wasn’t afraid to move forward with them in a bipartisan way.

It’s for these, among many other reasons, we are proud to endorse Stabenow for a third term. However, we would like to take this opportunity to urge the senator to look closer at proposed requirements being considered in California to require any genetically modified food be properly identified. This would seem to be a common sense reform that would assist consumers when making their food purchases.

Neutral in the 8th

The 8th Congressional District (which includes Ingham County) campaign is a bad joke. Mike Rogers is seeking a seventh term in a rematch against 2010 opponent Lance Enderle, a special education teacher from East Lansing.

Rogers talks about bipartisanship but, with rare exception, has toed to the Tea Party anti-Obama line. On major issues he is a “my way or the highway” politician unwilling to seek true bipartisan consensus. A rare break from the right-wing pack was his politically necessary vote in favor of the GM/Chrysler bailout.

Rogers’ seniority gives mid-Michigan some needed political clout. On those rare occasions when he has joined forces with Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, we have benefited. However, Rogers’ hard-right-wing voting record makes it impossible to endorse him.

Michigan Democrats haven’t taken Rogers seriously since he was narrowly elected the first time. Progressive Lance Enderle is an energetic, dedicated candidate who has been abandoned by the state party. Enderle has no money and minimal organizational support. We also are concerned that Enderle’s in-your-face style would do little to end Capitol Hill gridlock.

Until Michigan Democrats take the 8th district race seriously, we cannot and therefore do not endorse either candidate.

Dems for the House

The curse of legislative term limits is the disappointment in seeing good state representatives brushed out every six years. The blessing of term limits is the opportunity of bringing fresh faces and new perspectives into the fold.

Ingham County has been fortunate to have three influential Democrats representing the area in Joan Bauer, Mark Meadows and Barb Byrum. But we’re confident a new Ingham caucus of **Andy Schor** (68th District), **Sam Singh** (69th) and **Tom Cochran** (67th) will be at least equally effective.

Schor and Singh have little to worry about this General Election, both running in predominately Democratic districts. Tom Cochran in the south Lansing/Delhi Township/rural Ingham County-based 67th has a race on his hands.

Cochran’s resume couldn’t be better: Former Lansing fire chief. Longtime firefighter. Mason school board member. Active in several public safety teams and boards.

We brought up concerns about Cochran’s

accessibility in the primary, but we feel he’s picked up the pace on the campaign trail in the General and feel confident he will be more than responsive to constituents once elected.

We would urge Cochran to show independence in his new post and to not fall into the trap of being a perceived shill for one special interest group or another, particularly organized labor.

Abed in rematch

Interestingly, the most competitive local state House race may be over the western border in Eaton County, where Republicans and Democrats are pouring money into their respective candidates.

In a rematch of 2010, we believe pro-choice **Theresa Abed** is the better choice. A long-time educator and active member of the Grand Ledge/Delta Township community, she has county government experience and offers a more balanced approach to the job.

Rep. Deb Shaughnessy’s decision to get sucked into this pointless abortion restriction package moving through the Legislature is troubling and reflects her decision to blindly walk lockstep with the Republicans’ backward social agenda.

Larkin is our choice

As we said in the primary election, we haven’t always agreed with retiring Judge David Jordon, but he is a good judge of character. He and other retired judges are lining up behind **Andrea Larkin**. We do, too.

We like Larkin’s staying power for the position. Unlike her opponent, term-limited state Rep. Mark Meadows, she won’t be constitutionally barred from running again after one term due to age. We believe having a woman on the district court bench adds a perspective that has been absent from 54B. This, combined with her experience in civil and criminal matters, makes her a great fit.

Keep Dems in control of county

We enthusiastically support the re-election of Treasurer **Eric Schertzing** and Register of Deeds **Curtis Hertel Jr.** They exceed the duties of their respective offices by looking out for taxpayers and homeowners — Schertzing with the Ingham County

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“Eyesore of the Week,” our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing, will return next week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Andy Balaskovitz at 999-5064.

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Land Bank and Hertel with his battle against fraudulent mortgage lending.

Stuart Dunnings III deserves a fifth term as Ingham County prosecutor. While he doesn't believe medical marijuana dis-

pensaries are legal to operate, we appreciate that Dunnings didn't go on a personal witch-hunt against them as the issue works its way through the state court system. Moreover, we can't get his opponent to return a phone call.

Sheriff **Gene Wriggelsworth** also deserves another term for being more concerned about real criminals than medical marijuana patients.

As we said in our primary election

endorsement, Drain Commissioner **Pat Lindemann's** use of public resources and awarding of contracts deserves continued monitoring by the media and the public. That being said, the 20-year drain commissioner deserves a sixth term for his progressive policies and deep knowledge of the job. We commend his challenger, Timothy Grant, for distancing himself from his former campaign manager over a reckless attack against

Lindemann. That showed class.

County commissioners

With the loss of experienced hands like Andy Schor, Dale Copedge and Mark Grebner, we urge voters to support **incumbent Democrats** (see page 10) who have experience in managing budgets and will continue taking

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From left: City Council members A'Lynne Robinson, Kathie Dunbar and Jessica Yorke.

That's our mayor

Struggling with the red tape

A sidewalk unveiling last week on Waverly Road brought together city officials — including the apparently starved Mayor Virg Bernero — to celebrate some new mileage of non-motorized transportation routes.

Actually, the mayor just had a hard time with some dull ceremonial scissors. But more seriously, the new Waverly Pathway provides safe passage on the east side of the road, between the Grand River and Jolly Road. Officials also announced a planned South Lansing Pathway, which will include nearly three miles of paths and bike lanes between Waverly and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and along Pleasant Grove Road.

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the board in a progressive direction.

We also support newcomer Democrats **Sarah Anthony, Kara Hope and Kelli Green**. While we hoped Democrat **Jim Draventatt-Moceri** would have been more open to the dissolution of the county Road Commission — which was long overdue — we support him over his Republican opponent, Randy Maiville, who has taken a position against a countywide health care millage.

Republican **Randy Schafer** also deserves another term on the board. We appreciate Schafer's reputation of being able to work with Democrats on the board.

Keep Tea Party out of Delhi

Township government should be about practical solutions and building community consensus. In Delhi Township, an historically well-governed township faces a potential takeover by the extreme right-wing Tea Party which focuses on an unbending political ideology.

In the Tea Party world, compromise is the ultimate sin. Rather than working to achieve consensus, the Tea Party demands ideological purity. We are very concerned with the attempt by the Tea Party to establish an electoral beachhead in Delhi Township.

(We find it telling that the Tea Party team denies its affiliation with the Tea Party, despite the well-documented ties demonstrating otherwise.)

Supervisor Stuart Goodrich was the victim of Tea Party disdain for consensus building. The affable, effective Republican was swamped in the primary, vilified for his willingness to work with Democrats on the board to find common ground.

We endorse a bipartisan slate of pragmatic candidates who understand the need to serve all township residents rather than hew to a hyper-partisan ideology: Democrat **C.J. Davis** for supervisor and incumbent

Democrats **Evan Hope** (clerk) and **Roy Sweet** (treasurer); for township trustees, incumbents **John Hayhoe** (R) and **DiAnne Warfield** (D), along with newcomers **Kim Berry-Smoloski** (R) and **Ken O'Hara** (D).

Yes on Red Cedar, fire station and schools; no on library millage

A proposal asking city voters to authorize the sale of up to 48 acres of additional property at the old Red Cedar Golf Course may be the most important economic development project from the Bernero administration. And the city is fortunate to have a locally conscious development team in Chris Jerome and Joel Ferguson. We say: **Let's go for a grander vision than was initially planned.**

In East Lansing, voters are being asked to pay more for its library system. The logical choice is to say no and instead insist that East Lansing join its neighbors in the Capital Area District Library system — an example of regionalism that is working. We encourage voters to **turn down a 10-year, 1-mill increase and force the issue.**

We **support a .2-mill increase to build a new fire station** in Meridian Township. The Central Station is outdated and would cost more to upgrade than replace.

We also **support millages** for school districts in Williamston, Eaton Rapids and Perry to bring necessary repairs and maintain service levels for students.

Ballot issues: No-Yes-Yes-Yes-No-No

The state Republicans' audacious attack on collective bargaining rights has resulted in a trio of statewide ballot proposals that, while not perfect, are necessary to correct the over-reaches of the last 22 months of the Snyder administration.

We're not convinced giving gubernatorial-appointed emergency managers the power to break union contracts is legal to begin with, but we can short-circuit a court decision on this by just voting **no on Proposal 1**. Instead, let's focus our efforts next time on a much-needed proposal to break the back of the state's anti-

quoted township system and save our cities.

Snyder claims "right to work" isn't "on his agenda," but neither was signing into law a bill banning universities from offering benefits to same-sex couples — and he signed that. The governor is on video telling a Tea Party screening committee he would sign "right to work" if it got to his desk, which is reason enough to **support the imperfect Proposal 2** to constitutionally guarantee collective bargaining rights for all workers in this state.

Finally, if there is any worker who deserves union representation, it's Medicaid-paid home care workers. They are paid next to nothing to help our vulnerable elderly and disabled stay home. It's a shame an oversight body to monitor training for these workers must be put in the Constitution, but since the Republicans have been so paralyzed by Tea Party/Mackinac Center fear to make it impossible to find some common ground here, there's no other choice than to vote **yes on Proposal 4**.

Michigan is behind on its renewable portfolio standards compared to other states, and while baking a 25 percent by 2025 standard into the Constitution isn't ideal, it's a long shot to believe Consumers Energy or DTE will come to embracing expanded wind and solar energy on their own. We urge a **yes vote on Proposal 3**.

Proposals 5 and 6 are the spawn of an unholy union between an ultra-right busy body group and Michigan's most shamelessly self-serving billionaire. **Vote no on both.**

Prop 5, which would mandate two-thirds legislative support for any tax increase, serves no legitimate public policy objective outside of satisfying an impractical political philosophy that tax rates must be frozen at an arbitrary number regardless of economic conditions, budgetary realities or public necessities. Requiring a super majority for tax increases will, down the road, cripple our abilities to provide decent roads, public health, a prison system, public safety and universities.

We thank Matty Moroun for dumping

\$10 million into our advertising industry. Unfortunately, people are actually starting to believe his B.S. that the planned second span across the Detroit River would be paid out of the state's General Fund or will be built with Chinese steel or whatever tale he's spinning this week.

Michigan's leaders never should have allowed a private company to own any bridge, let alone one as important as the Ambassador Bridge. We shouldn't be voting on whether the public should approve a future international bridge. We should be voting on whether a private company should own a significant piece of public infrastructure.

Heywood and Hidalgo for LCC

Something is wrong with priorities at Lansing Community College when in these tough economic times it can divert funds from education to buy land for a park. Moreover, to make room for this unneeded park, it planned to tear down three old homes — all without consulting the neighborhood about what it thought. It's not just President Brent Knight who is at fault for this appalling lack of judgment. LCC's trustees are to blame as well for once again backing an out-of-control administration. LCC was once in disarray because of a dysfunctional board. Now it has swung too far in the other direction and become a rubber stamp for the administration as it terminates programs in favor of frills like this park and an on-campus residence for Knight. Let's right the ship by electing two candidates who will challenge the administration, not fall in step behind it. They are former trustee **Todd Heywood** and **Lawrence Hidalgo**. Heywood, an LCC grad, is an activist and journalist who has matured since he served on the LCC board 10 years ago. Hidalgo is an attorney and training director for the Lansing Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Both will raise questions and propose solutions that will begin to restore balance to a board that has lost its independence.



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Supreme Court

Voters have an opportunity to bust up the Republicans' control of every facet of state government Nov. 6 by flipping the state Supreme Court. The Democrats nominated three qualified individuals who won't find ways to appease insurance companies and big business when everyday citizens are forced to court to receive justice.

Not recruited by Democrats to run, **Bridget Mary McCormack**, the dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan, is a first-time candidate who sees an opportunity to balance out a historically partisan court. Her experience working in support of domestic violence victims, sick kids and those wronged by the criminal justice system gives the court a unique and needed perspective. It's rare the public can get excited to vote for a Supreme Court justice, but McCormack's infectious enthusiasm, sharp mind and charm make her one of the easiest votes this election cycle.

As a side note, the use of her sister Mary McCormack's "West Wing" friends to educate voters on the importance nonpartisan races is a fantastic use of connections.

We also support Wayne County Judge **Connie Kelley** for the second full, eight-year term. The worst the other side can bring up on Kelley is some flimsy connection to troubled Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano. That's weak. As an attorney, Kelley made a career standing up for people's rights. A judge since 2008, Kelley is a fair problem-solver who takes seriously her responsibility of solving complex problems.

On the campaign trail, Southfield Judge **Shelia Johnson** is hammering home how the Supreme Court's Republican-nominated majority has rolled over for regulated industries, hospitals and business. For her courage, we enthusiastically support her bid to fill the final two years in former Justice Maura Corrigan's term. Too often, the system plays folks for simply wanting what's due to them. Instead of finding technicalities for companies whose shabby policies fail to

addressing sexual harassment situations or prevent slip-and-fall accidents, Johnson will stand up for the wronged.

The current court's practice of encouraging aggressive prosecutors to railroad criminal defendants at the expense of their rights must end.

Maybe more important, we need a court that will not rubberstamp the damaging new laws being pumped out by the Legislature and Gov. Rick Snyder. Working men and women are seeing their collective bargaining rights chipped away at a troubling rate.

State Board/University Boards

The Tea Party basically took over the Michigan Republican Party convention again this fall with frightening results, nominating to several state and university board positions hard-right disciples who shouldn't be elected to Alger County dogcatcher, let alone a statewide post.

With one notable exception, the Republicans running for these posts are hell-bent ideologues running on cooked-up conspiracy theories about the federal government taking over our K-12 system or socialist indoctrination creeping into the minds of our young adults.

We support Republican Michigan State University Trustee **Melanie Foster** for re-election for her track record of being reasonable in her quest to keep tuition prices down.

Her ability to work with current Michigan State University Chairman **Joel Ferguson**, whom we enthusiastically support for re-election, gives us some reassurances that this entire lot isn't trapped into some creepy mind bubble.

But the nominations of fruit loop Jeff Sawka and what-can-I-run-for-today Rob Steele along with X-Files cast members Jeff Courser (Mulder) and Melanie Kurdys (Scully) is so frightening, we can understand why a voter would give up bothering to pick through this sad lot and go straight Democratic.

The lower ballot races do hold some bright spots for Democrats, however. Most notable is **Mark Bernstein**, son of (1-800-

CALL) Sam Bernstein, whose outstanding service with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is among the many reasons he should be elected to the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

The Democrats' other candidate for U-M, **Sauna Ryder Diggs**, is also well qualified. The Grosse Pointe dermatologist earned all of her high degrees at U-M, spending a combined 11 years of her life there as a student. She knows her way around the campus.

We're not saying it's a prerequisite for a university board candidate to have gone to that university, but it shows the candidate has a keen interest in that institution.

Circuit seat

Last-minute ad spices up judicial race

A field of five candidates in August's primary election for a vacant 30th Circuit Court judge seat was narrowed to two — and things between those two have gone sour.

On Tuesday, Ken Ross' campaign released a TV ad attacking opponent Jim Jamo for engineering a "secret settlement for a \$5 million lawsuit filed by students physically and sexually abused at school. After promising full disclosure, Jamo got a judge to keep taxpayers in the dark about how tax dollars were spent."

The ad refers to a settlement — which was \$150,000 — from 2009 involving a lawsuit filed in Coopersville by hazing victims on a junior varsity baseball team. Jamo represented the school district. The Grand Rapids Press sued the Coopersville School District for not disclosing the settlement amount in a Freedom of Information Act request. Jamo also represented the school district when a Circuit Court judge ordered the school to disclose the amount to the newspaper.

Jamo, in an interview Monday, defended his representation of the school district, saying he was asked by the hazing victims' families to keep the settlement amount confidential. "They did not want any further harm or exposure or notoriety," he said. "In other words, the kids had been through enough." Todd Flood, the student plaintiff's attorney, confirmed that on Tuesday.

That's one of the reasons we like Democrat **Kim Trent**, who received two degrees from Wayne State University, for the WSU Board. **Sandra Hughes O'Brien**, chairwoman of the Michigan Democratic Party's Hispanic-Latino Caucus, is also a solid pick.

The Democrats' picks for state Board of Education offer different perspectives that will be valuable to the eight-member body. **Michelle Fecteau** is the executive director of the WSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors and **Lupe Ramos-Montigny** is a longtime Grand Rapids area educator with deep ties into Democratic politics. ■

Moreover, Jamo said he's "very disappointed that the Ross camp would choose to run a negative campaign in a judicial race like this."

The ad also underscores the divide that the two candidates say distinguish them: Ross, 45, as the "watchdog for consumers" (as the ad points out) who formerly served as the state's insurance and banking commissioner; and Jamo, 54, who's running on his 28 years of mostly civil litigation experience representing a variety of clients.

"I think we've taken different paths in life," Ross said of his opponent.

Ross, an openly gay candidate, is the assistant general counsel for the financial services firm Citizens Republic Bancorp. He was also hired as an assistant attorney general by former Attorney General Frank Kelly and served as vice president for the Michigan Credit Union League. He has the endorsements of the UAW Region 1-C, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Nurses Association and the Lansing firefighters union.

This is Jamo's second run for a vacant Circuit Court seat. He lost in the 2010 primary to Billie Jo O'Berry and Judge Clinton Canady III. He is a partner in the local firm Grua, Jamo & Young and has extensive backing by active and retired local judges as well as Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth and the Greater Lansing Labor Council. He says it's his courtroom experience that separates him from Ross.

"If you have not been handling cases," he said of potential judges, "it is I think difficult without having been there."

— Andy Balaskovitz



Jamo



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Ingham County Commissioner, District 4

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- Ingham County Democratic Party
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Countywide stronghold

Meet the candidates for countywide seats in Ingham County

Will 2012 be the first year in over a decade that a Republican is elected to a countywide position in Ingham County? No. But we'll give our due deference to Republican challengers trying to make races out of it.

Drain Commissioner

We're still a little hung over from the only competitive primary race of all six countywide offices. Democrats Mark Grebner and incumbent Pat Lindemann, 64, duked it out in a memorable effort by both campaigns to expose each other's financial improprieties and conflicts of interest. Lindemann, who's seeking a sixth term, prevailed.

Now comes Republican challenger Tim Grant, a 26-year-old emergency medical technician and small-business owner from Williamston who is running on a platform of fiscal responsibility — but who is taking the high road. Grant distanced himself last week from a former campaign manager, Jake Davison, over attacks against Lindemann alleging sexual harassment. Moreover, Grant largely agrees with Lindemann's environmental policies, but he says he has heard from residents about alleged over-assessing of drain fees.

Register of Deeds

Republican Kate Mortensen, 24, is running for a job she wants to eliminate. Mortensen, a full-time student at Cooley Law School, is running on one main platform: Merge the Register of Deeds and County Clerk offices. She estimates it could save between \$25,000 and \$50,000 a year.

It's a plan incumbent Democrat Curtis Hertel Jr., 34, says is wrong for Ingham County — acknowledging that over 30 Michigan counties have done so — and one that could shortchange residents in the long-run by ending services like a foreclosure hotline and office that have been established during his tenure. Moreover, the cost savings would be negligible (which Hertel says would be about 10 cents to 20 cents a year per taxpayer) for the services provided.

"It's just a ridiculous idea," said Hertel, who's seeking a second term.

Treasurer

Democrat Eric Schertzing, 50, is seeking

a fourth term as the county treasurer, a job in which he also plays a second and important role as chairman of the Ingham County Land Bank. He says adjusting to fewer federal dollars coming into that program — about \$25 million of which has already been spent in neighborhoods — will be one of the biggest challenges if re-elected.

Meanwhile, Republican challenger Davison, 33 (the same Davison who was Grant's campaign manager) says Schertzing hasn't done enough with the federal stimulus money as he could have, based on the number of houses sold and the amount of money coming in. Davison is a political strategist who owns his own firm, Advantage Associates, in downtown Lansing.

Clerk

State Rep. Barb Byrum, D-Onondaga, is being term-limited out of a job at the Legislature, so she's decided to take a shot at the County Clerk's Office. Byrum, 34, has owned and operated a hardware store in Charlotte for 11 years after getting a bachelor's degree in agribusiness management from Michigan State University. She also got her law degree from MSU, but she failed the bar exam "more than once" before becoming a state rep.

Her opponent, Republican Barry K. Damon, could not be reached for comment. From what we can tell on Facebook, he's a Holt High School graduate; a veteran of the U.S. Air Force; a member of the Tea Party; and has been a county employee for various departments for more than 30 years. He ran for county commissioner in 2010 but lost in the primary to Republican Commissioner Vince Dragonetti.

Sheriff

For Clyde Smith, 58, the race for county sheriff should be nonpartisan. "I explain to people: I don't care if you're a Democrat or a Republican, it's time for a change," he said.

Along with his apolitical attitude, Smith is running on a platform for increased road patrols and a smaller command staff within the office; providing more services to out-county areas; and fiscal responsibility. Smith has served for the Leslie Police Department for five years and retired from the Lansing Police Department after 25 years. The Fraternal Order of Police has endorsed both him and his opponent, incumbent Democrat Gene Wriggelsworth.

Wriggelsworth, 67, is seeking a seventh term. He says the biggest challenge within the office is "trying to provide law enforcement services with constricting budgets." He points to a countywide booking system and

credit card scanners in patrol cars that can accept bond payments as a couple of ways in which he's made the office more efficient.

Prosecutor

Democrat Stuart Dunnings III, 59, has served as the county prosecutor since 1997. Before that, he worked for 16 years at a general law practice specializing in criminal cases.

Dunnings has the support from organized labor groups like the UAW, MEA, Fraternal Order of Police and the Greater Lansing Labor Council. On his campaign website, Dunnings promises to focus on serious, violent felons; fiscal responsibility; and "educating the community." He did not respond to a request for comment.

His Republican opponent, Matthew Scholz, also could not be reached for comment.

— Andy Balaskovitz

Sludge match

Divisive politics in Delhi Township

The election battle lines in Delhi Township were drawn in sludge.

The sides call each other a trio of tea partiers and devotees of a township good old boys' club. The teams were set last spring when Delhi Township Supervisor Stuart Goodrich supported a proposed \$5.1 million sludge dryer. That's when it really hit the fan.

Jeff Hall, 43, organized a petition drive to beat the sludge dryer project and used that wave of support and success to beat Goodrich for the Republican nomination for supervisor in the August primary. Hall says Goodrich established a "good old boys' club" on the board through appointments and "back room deals."

Hall won the primary with more votes

MORE ONLINE
For coverage and endorsements of races in Meridian Township, and for coverage of the 54B District Court race, visit www.lansingcitypulse.com

than both Democratic candidates combined. He's running as a team with fellow conservatives Steve Dougan, 62, who's running for treasurer, and Derek Bajema, 35, an incumbent trustee.

The election has been more partisan and divisive compared to recent years, say people in the township. The claim is coming from both sides and has people jumping ship from supporting their parties in some cases. Goodrich and fellow Republicans in the area — like former township Supervisor Richard Bacon and radio host Tim Barron — are not standing behind Hall. They're opposed to him because of how Goodrich was treated in the primary. Bacon said the sludge dryer campaign was a way to "discredit" Goodrich.

"I don't have much use for any of that crowd," Bacon said. "Too many lies."

Barron said he's sticking to his party guns for the other township positions.

Jerry Ketchum, a Democratic trustee whose term is expiring, says the Democrats who are opposing the trio are coming out with "lies" of their own, claiming that Hall wants to shut down the senior center, which Hall denies. Ketchum is supporting the Hall team.

Goodrich and area Democrats have been calling Hall a Tea Partier since the primary. Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero recently appeared in a campaign mailer with Goodrich for Davis, 46, the Democratic supervisor candidate. Bernero said he believes Hall has Tea Party beliefs and that "we don't need extremists in local government."

Ingham County Republican Party Chairman Norm Shinkle says to be labeled Tea Party isn't a bad thing. "I like the Tea Party," he said. "I say great."

— Sam Inglot

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- Former Lansing Township Trustee
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Commissioner candidates

Two fewer commissioners, redrawn districts and the candidates for those seats (i = incumbent)

District 1: West Lansing, south of the river



(D) Victor Celentino (i)

Age: 47

Occupation: Special education teacher, Lansing School District

District's most important issue: Unemployment and the economy.

(R) Phillip Hofmeister

Did not respond to questionnaire

District 2: Downtown, Westside



(D) Rebecca Bahar-Cook (i)

Age: 42

Occupation: Vice president, Capitol Fundraising Associates

District's most important issue: Preserving services

offered by the county while continuing to balance the budget.

(R) Jane Weidman Waligorski

Did not respond to questionnaire

District 3: South central Lansing



(D) Sarah Anthony

Age: 28

Occupation: Director of finance, Michigan College Access Network

District's most important issue: Public safety and the lack of economic

development on the southside of Lansing.

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(R) Leslie Little

Did not respond to questionnaire

District 4: North Lansing, downtown



(D) Debbie DeLeon (i)

Age: 58

Occupation: Retired, state of Michigan

District's most important issue: That continues to be the difficult economy, unemployment and tax

foreclosures.



(R) Vickie Niklas

Age: 64

Occupation: Retired, state of Michigan

District's most important issue: Restoring the north end, bring more businesses (jobs) to the area (i.e.: the

Old Town District for instance), promoting the use of the Land Bank to restoring some of the wonderful older homes in the area to draw young families back into Lansing.

District 5: Southeast Lansing



(D) Todd Tennis (i)

Age: 42

Occupation: Lobbyist

District's most important issue: Foreclosure prevention has been a major issue in my district. ... Many of my constituents also depend on our Community Health Centers which provide primary care for low-income working families.

(R) Rhonda Fuller



Age: 62

Occupation: Independent contractor, sales

District's most important issue: Crime.

District 6: I-96 to Leslie, west of U.S. 127



(D) Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri

Age: 56

Occupation: Field service leader, Lansing Board of Water and Light; police officer, Frankenmuth; assistant business manager, IBEW Local 352; deputy,

Ingham County Sheriff Department

District's most important issue: Unemployment and foreclosure.



(R) Randy Maiville

Age: 48

Occupation: Engineer

District's most important issue: Sheriff's Department — jail and road patrols.

District 7: South Lansing, Delhi Township



(D) Kara Hope

Age: 38

Occupation: Attorney, adjunct professor at Cooley Law School

District's most important issue: The interrelated problems of poverty and decreased revenue (from property taxes and the state).



(R) Vince Dragonetti (i)

Age: 65

Occupation: Financial educator

District's most important issue: Unfunded future liabilities.

District 8: East Lansing



(D) Penelope Tsernoglou (i)

Age: 33

Occupation: Small Business Owner & Attorney

District's most important issue: Maintaining quality county services despite our declining revenues.



(R) Brian Mishler

Age: 45

Occupation: Elementary special education teacher

District's most important issue: The creation of jobs for our residents.

District 9: MSU, East Lansing east of Abbot



(D) Carol Koenig (i)

Age: 48

Occupation: Attorney, small business owner

District's most important issue: The budget and our schools.

(R) Derek Drushel

Did not respond to questionnaire

District 10: Eastside and southeast Lansing



(D) Brian McGrain (i)

Age: 35

Occupation: Associate director and COO, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan

District's most important issue: Underutilized and abandoned real estate.

(R) Nick Kowalski

Did not respond to questionnaire

District 11: Haslett, Lake Lansing



(D) Dianne Holman (i)

Age: 61

Occupation: Business owner/engineer

District's most important issue: Provide the best services possible given limited resources and find

new ways to optimize the use of available funds.

(R) Kim Maylee

Did not respond to questionnaire

District 12: Meridian Township, Okemos



(D) Deb Nolan (i)

Age: 63

Occupation: Retired special education teacher

District's most important issue: Replacing an aging fire station, improving the quality of our roads, bridges and

sidewalks, finding willing and committed residents to run for our school board and maintaining our wonderful county park system.



(R) Alan Wolfe

Age: 45

Occupation: Elementary special education teacher

District's most important issue: The creation of jobs for our residents.

District 13: Williamston, Webberville

(D) Tim Basore

Age: 63

Occupation: Plumbing, mechanical, zoning inspector

District's most important issue: Services to the district with monies we have.



(R) Randy Schafer (i)

Age: 59

Occupation: Vocational teacher

District's most important issue: Respect for out-county areas.

District 14: Mason, Dansville, Leslie



(D) Kelli Green

Age: 42

Occupation: Retail clerk

District's most important issue: Prioritizing a fragile budget while providing essential services.



(R) Don Vickers (i)

Age: 66

Occupation: Retired teacher/principal

District's most important issue: Declining revenues and board hesitancy to reduce spending.

Arts & Culture

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Roll call of humanity

Broad Museum project assembles photo mosaic of Lansing faces

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

The Mona Lisa wouldn't qualify — too smiley. But you might.

Michigan State University's Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, set to open Nov. 10, is pre-infiltrating the city again, this time with a project that's part Andy Warhol and part P.T. Barnum.

This week, the museum put out a call out for all citizens to lend their faces to a conceptual work of art by German artist Jochen Gerz, "The Gift: Lansing, Michigan," in cooperation with the MSU Arts Department and City Pulse.

As the project snowballs, Gerz hopes there will be hundreds, even thousands, of large-format black-and-white photos of people from all walks of life, rotating on a wall in the new gallery. (The faces of the day will also be posted at lansingcitypulse.com.)

"You slowly see a bigger picture of what is called 'your place,'" Gerz said. "You will say, 'I thought I knew my place.' And you don't."

"The Gift: Lansing Michigan"

Photo project by Jochen Gerz for the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum

Times to be photographed
Noon – 3 p.m. through Nov. 7
333 E. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing
(the former Barnes & Noble)
Nov. 10-11 in tent adjacent to
museum
East Circle Drive
MSU campus, East Lansing

ing a face."

Early subjects had to be coaxed a little.

Monday afternoon, Silver Moore, a journalism major and intern for MSU's LGBT Research Center, was walking home from class when MSU photography student Lindsay Emerson gently accosted her. About 15 art students are involved in the project, with MSU photography prof Rebecca Drolan supervising.

"Would you like to help us out?" Emerson chirped. "We're doing a project, taking pictures of people."

"Sure."

But no smiling is allowed. This isn't your high school yearbook. It's more like the scroll of humanity we send to Alpha Centauri before the big meteor hits.

"We want your natural essence," MSU art student Rebekah Zurenko said. "Your face when you're not making a face."



Courtesy photo
Artist Jochen Gerz beside "The Gift: San Francisco" in the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Gerz is creating a similar piece for the new Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum on the campus of MSU, featuring faces from around mid-Michigan.

Moore walked into the makeshift studio inside the old Barnes & Noble space, 333 E. Grand River Ave., and sat on a stool.

From behind the camera, Zurenko asked Moore what she had for breakfast. She had to stop smiling to answer.

"I had a muffin."

Click.

"Just the top. I don't like the bottom."

Zurenko clearly relished the challenge of catching everyone's "essence."

"Ask them questions, get that look of thought," she said.

When Emerson asked the breakfast question to an excessively smiley subject, the smiles didn't stop. Zurenko stepped in.

"What would you have for your last breakfast?"

Click.

During a lull in the traffic, Zurenko put me on the stool. It felt like getting my driver's license photo taken, with cosmic overtones.

"It looks like you're thinking," she said. "What is the origin of the world? How did it come to be?" She must have been kidding.

In the rotating "Gift" exhibits, faces will line up without regard to wealth, rank or any other category. Billionaire philanthropist and Broad Museum

donor Eli Broad, architect Zaha Hadid and MSU President Lou Anna Simon will appear alongside the hardhats who built the museum and anyone from the community who would like to get in the picture.

"In the 1600s, it would have been all the rich people who could afford to have their pictures taken," Zurenko said. "This is taking people off the street. You're documenting a set of people."

In walked two sweatshirt-clad freshmen, jostling and laughing nervously.

The more gregarious of the pair, Chris Poff, was excited to be on his way to pick up a pre-order receipt for the computer game "Assassin's Creed III."

Zurenko calmed them down with her secret weapon, "the monkey story," which we'll omit for the sake of decency. She tuned in on Poff's wavelength right away.

"You like 'Assassin's Creed,' do you play Skyroom?" she asked. He relaxed.

"No, it's too — [click] — confusing."

"I heard you can have three wives. It's a lot of work in real life."

Poff and his buddy, Cole Gibson, asked to be photographed together. Zurenko indulged them, even though the photo would be outside Gerz's guidelines.

During a lull, Zurenko showed me the faces of the day.

"This guy was a ham," she said, click-

ing through the images in her camera. "He was on his way home to take a nap. This guy was a physicist from Spain, doing a project for the university."

In black and white, framed exactly alike, the faces took on a strange weight, like an official roll call of humanity.

The creation and hanging of the portraits will be a centerpiece of the Broad Museum's opening weekend and a dramatic statement that the museum — and its art — will be open to all. It's not a bad publicity stunt, either.

"The idea, from the beginning, is to say to the people who are living here, 'We are trying to do something different,'" Gerz said.

The titular "gift" comes after the project is over. All participants are invited to come back when the piece is taken down and are given a photo to keep. The final binding thread of "The Gift" is that you get someone else's photo, not your own.

"You become the guardian of a stranger," Gerz said.

An official stamp on the back of the portrait will notify the world that you possess a piece from the collection of the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum.

And who knows how long "The Gift" will keep on giving? Five years from now, you may find your own framed portrait at a stranger's garage sale.

CURTAIN CALL

'Dark Nights' rises

By ANDREA RABY

What happens when all the lights go out at the Williamston Theatre? The politicians come out, of course. Well, actually it's just actors playing politicians, so that isn't nearly as scary. Um, right?

This weekend, Williamston Theatre is staging its first ever "Dark Nights in Billtown," a series of staged readings from two full-length plays and five shorts that explores political and social issues.

"We wanted to do something about the political season, and we liked all of the plays we looked at but obviously we couldn't do them all," said artistic director Tony Caselli. "So we decided on a stage reading. It seemed like a great way to handle it."

Caselli said that since the theater is doing plays it wouldn't normally do, the group decided, similarly, to present the shows in a way they wouldn't normally

present them: he said the readings will be performed in rooms around the theater that audience members don't usually get access to.

"One reading is in the green room, another is in the scene shop," Caselli said. "We liked the idea of the actors and the audience sharing the same space."

Caselli wants this intimacy to help the audience connect deeper with the stories being told.

"Some plays are funny and some are dramatic, but they all deal with politics and how they affect people's lives," Caselli said.

The shows include David Mamet's "November" on Friday, Don Zolidis' "The Election" on Saturday, and the short play series on Sunday, which includes Langston Hughes' "Let America be America."

Preview

"Dark Nights in Billtown"

Nov. 2-4
Williamston Theatre
122 S. Putnam St.,
Williamston
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday
2 pm. Sunday
\$5 suggested donation
(517) 655-7469
Williamstontheatre.com

LCC does 'Ragtime'

By HELENE DRYDEN

Racial justice, women's empowerment, immigrant aspirations. No, these aren't campaign speech themes for the last week of election season. They're issues that are brought up in Lansing Community College's upcoming production of "Ragtime: the

Preview



Courtesy photo

Amanda Whitehead (left), Alexandria Clift and Sineh Wurie star in "Ragtime: the Musical," presented by Lansing Community College Theatre Nov. 2-11.

Musical."

The musical, based on E.L. Doctorow's novel and which had its Broadway debut in 1998, tells the story of three different groups of people dealing with the social changes occurring at the turn of the 20th century: an African American man, an upper middle class white family and an Eastern European immigrant. The story also incorporates a long list of historical characters, including Harry Houdini, Booker T. Washington, Evelyn Nesbit and Henry Ford.

The incorporation of these characters introduces another theme that shapes today's electoral landscape: the media and

its effect on social justice. It may seem like a lot to cover in just a couple hours, but the big cast makes it plausible. An ensemble of about 40 students and faculty make up one of the largest productions LCC has put on in the past decade.

"Ragtime: the Musical"

LCC Performing Arts
Nov. 2-11
8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays
2 p.m. Sundays
Dart Auditorium
500 N. Capitol Ave.
Lansing
\$15 general seating/ \$10 students
(517) 372-0945 from noon -
4pm Tues.-Thurs.
lansingarts.org/events

Chosen, learned, inborn, genetic or what?



J. MICHAEL BAILEY

"Is Sexual Orientation Chosen, Learned, Inborn, Genetic or What?"
4 p.m.
Monday
Wells Hall
room 115B
MSU Campus
FREE

J. Michael Bailey, a professor in the Department of Psychology at Northwestern University, is the eighth speaker in MSU's semester-long series, "Whom You Love: the biology of sexual orientation," which aims to demonstrate that homosexuality is a natural occurrence in humans. His speech is called "Is Sexual Orientation Chosen, Learned, Inborn, Genetic or What?" He has studied sexual orientation for more than 25 years and is the author of the controversial book, "The Man Who Would Be Queen." Bailey began his career studying mathematics.

There doesn't seem to be much of an overlap between mathematics and psychology. Why did you decide to make the leap?

I didn't like the non-social — and ethereally non-applicable — aspect of math. But being good

with statistics has served me well.

It seems like controversy seems to follow you. Do you think it's a side effect of your subject matter or a matter of your methodology?

Both. People can be crazy when it comes to sex. They can have biases that are not rationally defensible, but adhere to them to the degree that they can't listen to any other view. But I can't stop from exploring the validity of sacred beliefs and opinions. If they aren't worth having, I'll say so. This sometimes makes me unpopular. But also, I believe that the truth isn't as harmful as some people believe it is sometimes.

What has been the general theme of your sexual orientation studies?

Perhaps my best-known research is on sexual orientation in identical and fraternal twins, and what that can tell us about the genetics of sexual orientation. I have conducted

several twin studies of sexual orientation, and they have generally yielded some evidence that genes matter, but they have also provided unmistakable evidence that environment matters. The question is: "What are the environmental factors that make someone attracted to men or to women?" It is important to realize that there is more than the social environment. I'll argue that even though male sexual orientation is largely environmental, it still appears to be inborn.

What ground will your lecture cover?

My lecture will cover the different ways of thinking about causation, especially innate causation, and I will address what I think the best evidence suggests regarding what causes some people to be straight and others gay or lesbian or bisexual.

What inspired you to pursue this field of research?

I was lucky enough to take a human sexuality course in graduate school and was fascinated by the research on



Bailey

sexual orientation. I have loved working with gay and lesbian people. I'm not afraid of controversy, for better or worse.

What do you think this lecture

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Not just kiln time

Greater Lansing Pottery Guild hosts show, sale this weekend

By **ALLAN I. ROSS**

For Tina Oxer, throwing pottery is more than just an artistic endeavor — it's a transformative experience. Literally.

"I love pottery because it's such a tactile art form," says Oxer, a member of the Greater Lansing Pottery Guild. "But there's a magical quality about it as well. You knead the clay, you put it on the wheel and if it goes around right — and the clay gods are with you — you end up with a beautiful piece of art."

Doesn't she make it sound easy?

Fall Pottery Sale and Show

Thursday-Saturday
All Saints Episcopal Church
800 Abbot Road, East
Lansing
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday
FREE
(517) 339-8978
glpg.org

However, if you want some imaginative clay bowls, dishes, mugs or figurines and don't want to spend three days slaving over a hot kiln covered in mud, the guild's Fall Sale and Show this weekend will

probably get you fired up. For 43 years, the group has been holding the event, which benefits the group and allows them to invite world-class educators to lead them in special classroom sessions.

"It's always interesting to see what other people are doing throughout the world," Oxer says. "We recently had a famous potter from Wales who gave us a two-day seminar on throwing. It's good because it inspires people to try different things and get out of their comfort zone."

"Throwing" is a term used for making pottery. Oxer says that the sale is unique because everything sold is hand-done locally and individually crafted.

"These are works that are both functional and beautiful," said Oxer. "And people just love to touch it. We give shoppers baskets to carry the pieces they're going to buy, but you look around and see them carrying the pottery. They like to touch them, to see how they feel."

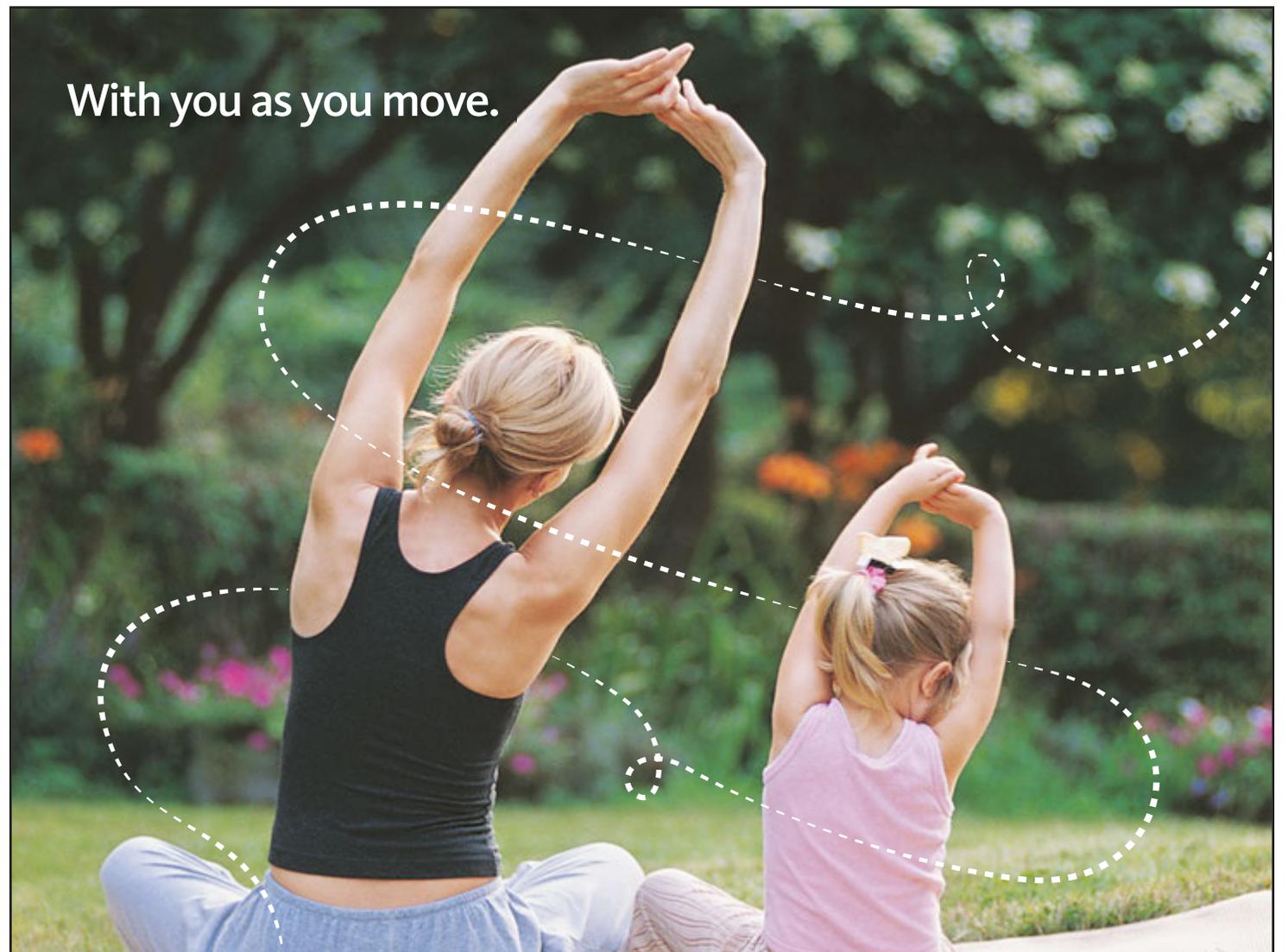
If your eyes are glazing over at the thought of a dining ware overdose, Oxer says that some of the pottery leans more toward the artistic side. Guild member Pamela Timmons, who had a piece accepted into Grand Rapids' ArtPrize contest this year, will have some of her work available. Oxer also points out members Wenfen Pan and Deb Olivia who also have been awarded for their work.

"This is a good group," says Oxer. "We've got a lot of talent in the guild right now and the work they're producing is some of the most beautiful pottery I've seen in the area."



Sam Inglot/City Pulse

Raku pottery artist Tina Oxer with two pieces that will be featured at this year's Fall Pottery Show and Sale, which takes place Thursday through Saturday in East Lansing.



Whom You Love

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series could do for the social views of homosexuality?

I actually think that people are too quick to draw social/ethical conclusions from scientific data. I don't think that clear-cut legitimate ethical conclusions follow from the kinds of evidence I will present. It's okay to be gay regardless of what causes homosexuality and heterosexuality.

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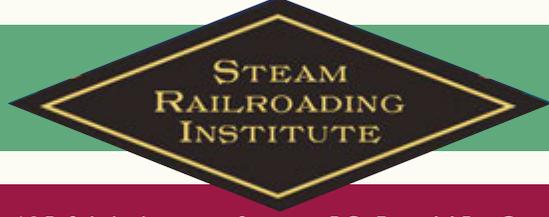
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Ingham County Health Services Millage Ballot Language

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, residents of Ingham County will be asked to vote on the following proposal:

Shall Ingham County be authorized to levy up to 0.52 additional mills for the purpose of providing basic healthcare services to Ingham County residents who are NOT eligible for Medicaid under the Federal Affordable Care Act, and whose individual income is less than \$28,000 and who do not have medical insurance?

If this proposal is approved, Ingham County will use these funds to help pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications, and essential care such as preventative testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses for low-income residents whose employers do not offer health insurance or who cannot afford to purchase health insurance.

This proposal would increase the Constitutional limitation of the amount of property taxes which may be assessed each year against all the taxable real and personal property in Ingham County by up to 0.52 mills (\$0.52 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation) as new additional millage for a period of three years (2012-2014 inclusive). If levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$3,349,707 in the first calendar year.

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Ingham County Health Services Millage

Answers to Your Questions

Why is IHP asking for a millage?

- IHP has never asked for a millage request before in its 14-year history. IHP has earned a national reputation for sound fiscal stewardship and as a model community-sponsored program for those without medical coverage.
- IHP is already considering freezing enrollment as federal funding declines and cost and need continue to rise.
- Without additional resources, Ingham County's hardworking, low-wage earners may face choices between skipping care and staying sick, or seeking treatments with no means to pay for care.
- The millage will provide basic healthcare services to Ingham County residents whose individual incomes are between \$17,500 and \$28,000, who are NOT eligible for Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) and who do not have medical insurance.

What is the purpose of the millage?

- IHP is asking for a millage increase because we know that at least 8,000 to 10,000 Ingham County residents will remain without health insurance even under the federal Affordable Care Act.
- People without health insurance often go without necessary medical care. They develop chronic medical issues, have poorer health outcomes and require more expensive care. As a result, the cost of uncompensated care will continue to rise.
- IHP helps control uncompensated care costs. Those fortunate enough to have health insurance end up paying for uncompensated care. In Ingham County, the cost is equal to more than \$1,500 per insured family.
- If this proposal is approved, Ingham County will put these funds to work – helping to pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications and essential care such as preventative testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses.
- More than 99.5 percent of the millage funds would go to patient care. Less than 0.5 percent would go toward administration.

How much is the millage?

- IHP is asking for a 0.52 millage on the amount of property taxes assessed each year for a period of up to three years. The levy would raise about \$3.3 million annually.
- The millage equates to the following:
 - \$52 on a home with a taxable value of \$100,000
 - \$26 on a home with a taxable value of \$50,000

Who are the people the millage would assist?

- The millage would help pay for no-frills medical care for low-income workers who fall into a health insurance "coverage gap" – those who make too much money to qualify for new Medicaid benefits but don't earn enough to pay for health insurance premiums.
- Among the people whom Ingham Health Plan serves are waitresses, mechanics, hairdressers, construction workers, convenience store clerks and small-business owners and their employees.
- Regardless of what happens with national healthcare reform in the future, those who make 2½ times the federal poverty level – in other words, who make \$27,925 this year for an individual – could still wind up with medical bills that they can't afford because they are uninsured.

What will the millage do?

- Maintain IHP enrollment capacity.
- Broaden access to services from healthcare providers.

Will IHP play a role in healthcare if/when the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) goes into effect in 2014?

- The need for IHP to continue its critical role within the Ingham County healthcare safety net will remain – no matter what the future of national healthcare reform holds.
- It's not like flipping a switch. Implementing ACA is complicated and will take years as consumers decide what's their best option. Even if the ACA policies become fully available in 2014, federal data show nearly 6 million Americans – significantly more than first estimated – will remain without health insurance.
- Ingham County's goal should be 100% access to healthcare for all Ingham County residents.

What if IHP is not necessary after ACA in 2014?

The Ingham County Health Services millage would be assessed each year by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners over three years. If circumstances change, county officials can opt not to collect the millage.

Who supports the millage?

Major health systems, hospitals, healthcare providers and business leaders in Ingham County support this effort. They understand the health, social and economic benefits this millage will provide to the residents of Ingham County.

IHP: A Hand Up, Not A Handout



The Ingham County Health Services millage can help ensure that our community's hardworking, low-wage earners have access to basic, essential medical care.

By **Robin Reynolds**, Executive Director, Ingham Health Plan

Media coverage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) makes it seem as if every American will have health insurance.

But no matter what the future of national healthcare reform holds, many people – including up to 10,000 Ingham County low-wage workers who earn less than \$28,000 annually – will remain without coverage.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, Ingham County voters have a historic opportunity to fix our community's healthcare safety net and help hardworking, low-wage earners who are uninsured.

The Ingham County Health Services millage would help pay for no-frills medical care for low-wage workers who fall into a health insurance "coverage gap" – those who

make too much money to qualify for new Medicaid benefits but don't earn enough to pay for health insurance premiums.

If the proposal is approved, Ingham County will put these funds to work – helping to pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications and essential care such as preventative testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses.

The millage will allow the Ingham Health Plan (IHP) to offer basic health services to Ingham County residents whose individual incomes are between \$17,500 and \$28,000 but who are not eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act and can't afford to pay for health insurance.

Please help our community ensure that IHP will be able to continue fulfilling its essential role in Ingham County's healthcare safety net. Be sure to vote on the Ingham County Health Services Millage on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

"IHP was an absolute blessing." | **Marvin Cato**, Medical Case Manager, Lansing Area AIDS Network

Marvin Cato says it's no exaggeration that membership in the Ingham Health Plan (IHP) saved him from potentially serious health problems.

Cato takes insulin and other medicine daily to control his diabetes. But he was forced to cut back on his medications when he could no longer afford them after he lost his job during a mass layoff in 2010.

He was able to stockpile a three-month supply while his insurance coverage through his former employer was temporarily extended.

"I used them until they ran out," Cato said. "So I was literally at a place where I'm diabetic without any medications."

As a result, his blood sugar levels were reaching dangerously high levels, putting him at risk of serious health issues associated with diabetes, including renal failure, nerve damage and stroke.

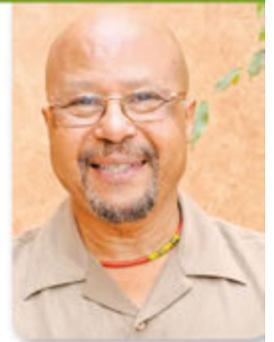
Unable to immediately find other work and with unemployment checks as his only income, Cato couldn't afford to purchase insurance that would cover his prescriptions. Fortunately, he discovered IHP and was able to sign up for its prescription coverage before serious health complications arose.

"It was an absolute blessing," Cato said.

Cato has since found a job as a medical case manager for the Lansing Area AIDS Network, a position that offers health insurance coverage.

But Cato says he'll never forget how IHP was there in his time of need.

"If it hadn't been for the program, who knows what would have happened?"



"Having no coverage is extremely scary." | **Kathy Holcomb**, Owner, Absolute Gallery

As a small-business owner, Kathy Holcomb understands the value of the Ingham Health Plan (IHP).

Holcomb, owner of Absolute Gallery in Lansing's Old Town district, says IHP is a godsend. Her pre-existing health conditions make individual insurance coverage too expensive.

Before signing up for IHP about nine years ago, Holcomb was uninsured and at risk of financial calamity if she experienced a serious health issue.

"There were a couple of things that I was paying for solely out of my pocket, but other than that I pretty much had to let

everything else go unless it was an emergency," Holcomb said. "Having no coverage is extremely scary."

The entrepreneur also praises IHP's efficiency.

"From the administration to the providers – if I have questions, I call and they're right on top of things and know the answer," she said.

Holcomb also serves as an unofficial recruiter for the plan.

"Just last week I had an individual in here who was crying because he was so concerned he was sick and he didn't know what to do," Holcomb said.

"Before he left here, he had already called IHP to get enrolled to get the care he needed. It's really nice to know that you can make a difference in people's lives so easily."

"I now see an awful lot of people who used to have insurance." | **Dr. Barry Saltman**, Founder, Carefree Medical and Dental Inc.

Dr. Barry Saltman cites both emotional and financial reasons for supporting the Ingham Health Plan's (IHP) mission of providing healthcare to residents who lack access to medically needed services.

Ensuring access to healthcare is simply the right thing to do, said Saltman. "What in the dickens are you on this earth for if you don't care?" he asked.

The plan also helps lower insurance and healthcare costs for all Ingham County residents and businesses because it means that hospitals and urgent care centers have to provide fewer free services to patients not covered by a health plan – the costs of which are eventually passed on to everyone else, Saltman said.

Saltman's clinics provide medical services to 3,000 IHP patients, so he is well aware of the needs IHP fills in the community.

"I now see an awful lot of people who used to have insurance, Mom and Dad both work, they're not accustomed to food lines and help, and they come in teary-eyed and say, 'We don't have any resources anymore. Can you see us?'"



Visit InghamHealthPlanCorp.org for more details and to view additional testimonials.

Here are 10 great reasons why we are asking you to consider helping our community's hardworking, low-wage earners who are uninsured:

- 1** IHP is already considering freezing enrollment as federal funding declines and costs continue to rise. Without additional resources, Ingham County's hardworking, low-wage earners may face choices between skipping care and staying sick, or seeking treatments with no means to pay for care.
- 2** IHP is asking for a 0.52 millage on the amount of property taxes assessed each year for a period of up to three years. The millage would cost \$52 a year for a home with a taxable value of \$100,000. The levy would raise about \$3.3 million annually.
- 3** High use of emergency room services by IHP members who were case managed has declined by nearly 40 percent. The cost of an emergency room visit is estimated to be 90 percent more than an IHP-assisted outpatient visit.
- 4** IHP helps control uncompensated care costs. Those fortunate enough to have health insurance end up paying for uncompensated care. In Ingham County, the cost is equal to more than \$1,500 per insured family.
- 5** IHP improves workforce productivity by lowering absenteeism and sick days.
- 6** Thanks to IHP, mammograms and preventative screenings for women have more than doubled during the past five years. IHP's affordability offers tremendous value – routine office visits and generic prescriptions are covered with \$5 copays.
- 7** To qualify, IHP members must prove they:
 - Are an Ingham County resident.
 - Do not receive Medicaid, Medicare, MIChild or any other health coverage or benefits.
 - Make less than 2½ times the federal poverty level – less than \$27,925 for an individual.
- 8** IHP has earned a national reputation for sound fiscal stewardship and as a model community-sponsored program for those without medical coverage.
- 9** More than 99.5 percent of the millage funds would go to patient care. Less than 0.5 percent would go toward administration.
- 10** New census data show the percentage of Michiganders younger than age 65 who are covered by employer-based health insurance has declined faster over the past decade than the rest of the nation due to higher unemployment. The loss of health insurance among Ingham County low-wage workers can lead to unpaid medical bills, huge debt, bankruptcy and home foreclosure. IHP's access to no-frills medical care can help prevent financial disaster for Ingham County families and stabilize our community.



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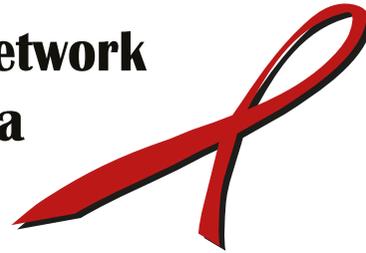
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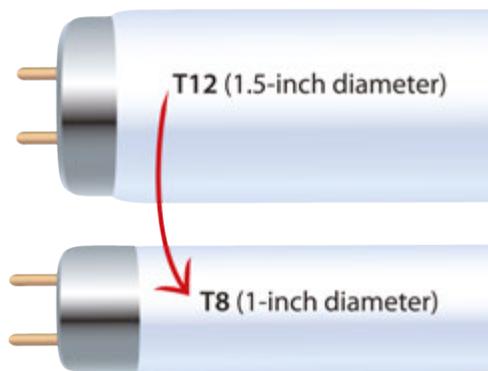




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Pictures in the sand

Local artist debuts sand art photography exhibit

By ALLAN I. ROSS

Some artists find their inspiration in landscapes, others in still life, still others in the human figure. Paul Shaheen found his in the natural, swirling patterns of sand on a particular stretch of beach outside La Jolla, Calif.

Call it glass work at its most temporal.

"I was walking along the beach one day, depressed, beating myself up, and I looked down and saw these damned drawings on the beach," says Shaheen. "I had just been reading a book about nature responding to your needs. Talk about a sign."

The Sand Art of Paul Shaheen

5:30 p.m. opening reception
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Shaheen, 72, grabbed his camera the next day and started capturing the patterns he saw, some of which last less than a few seconds before waves come and wipe the canvas clean. The images are Rorschachian, with specific interpretations varying from viewer to viewer.

"Each one is completely different and unique," Shaheen says. "I've heard some



Courtesy Photo

"Paul's Choice," (2011) by Paul Shaheen.

people say they look like a cloister of nuns or a mountaintop or a dramatic tree.

Nature is infinite in what it creates."

On Friday, Shaheen will debut 16 pieces of his photography at Craig Mitchell Smith Glass gallery in the Meridian Mall.

Shaheen says he is completely self-taught and all of the photos were taken with his Canon T2I.

"The neat thing about this work is, as unique as the design is, it only lasts for a second before it's gone forever," Shaheen says. "But I'll take the credit."

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THE SCREENING ROOM by ALLAN I. ROSS

Mostly cloudy with a chance of enlightenment

“Cloud Atlas” is an ambitious, sweeping, genre-bending epic that attempts to illuminate the human experience — which makes it sound so much better than it actually is.

Yes it's ambitious, but it feels overconfident. It's sweeping, but bloated. The genres range from sci-fi dystopian thriller to slapstick geriatric comedy, but the juxtaposition is jarring. And while it's difficult to fault a writer/director (or in this case, three writer/directors) for trying to find answers to some of life's biggest questions — Are souls eternal? How are we connected with each other? What is evil? — when the credits roll, you get the feeling you've merely witnessed the first draft of a potential masterpiece.

Review

There are glimmers of greatness, such as how the film explores the different manifestations of slavery through history and its inventive macabre call-backs to cannibalism. It also gives noted character actors Keith David and Jim Broadbent some room to flex their acting muscles and casts Tom Hanks against type as a series of despicable characters — yes, more please. But ultimately, “Cloud Atlas” fails to coalesce into the meaningful film it could have been because of its bizarre structure, a lack of consistent tone and some highly questionable special effects.

Let's start with the structure. The film leaps between six different times and places, the earliest being a slave ship crossing the Pacific Ocean in 1850 and the last being a post-apocalyptic vision of warring tribes of hunter/gatherers in the 24th century. In each story, the lead actors — including Halle Berry, Ben Wishaw and Jim Sturgess — play vastly different characters who sometimes jump race and gender. Abrupt transitions between the stories are utilized to highlight recurring themes, a departure from the source material's nesting Russian doll set-up — and a huge disservice to the audience. In

the novel, you get the opening half of the first five stories in chronological order followed by the complete sixth story and then the second half of the five stories in reverse chronological order. In the film, you have no clue which tale you're going to quantum leap to next, leaving you disoriented and seemingly negating the central conceit that the universe has a through line.

The competing tones also eat away at the cohesiveness, leaving you feeling you're watching six semi-interesting films spliced together. Yeah, yeah, we get it — life is heart-break one minute, hilarious the next. But when you're asking for the audience's trust and empathy to follow the plight of a subjugated clone who doesn't even know she's a human, please don't skip to the antics of a group of senior citizens plotting a wacky jailbreak, complete with actors in drag. Furthermore, the '70s-era piece featuring Halle Berry as a spunky journalist presents itself as a self-aware mystery every bit as meta as “Scream,” including a character who chimes in with lines like (paraphrasing, but not much), “Gee, this is something that would happen in a cheesy action thriller!” So this was the intent?

The biggest transgressions, however, are the make-up prosthetics, which are embarrassingly bad. It makes you wonder why they



Courtesy photo
Tom Hanks and Halle Berry lead an ensemble cast in “Cloud Atlas,” written and directed by the Wachowski siblings (“The Matrix” trilogy) and Tom Twyker (“Run Lola Run”).

even bothered casting the actors in multiple roles. “Cloud Atlas” has taken a lot of heat for “yellowfacing” (making up the Caucasian actors to look like Asians) in the Neo Seoul storyline. The offense, however, is not one of cultural insensitivity but of insulting the audience's intelligence. Berry as an unrecognizable wizened doctor is one thing. But Sturgess, James D'Arcy and Hugo Weaving wincingly look like they're playing “Star Trek” Vulcans. Similarly, the attempts to cover Hanks in a series of bad fake noses and ludicrous facial hair render each of his initial appearances distracting. And the less that's said about Berry's hook-nosed blond Jewess, the better.

Repeat viewings may smooth out some of the film's wrinkles, but with a nearly three-hour running time, that seems like a lot to ask. A film that is, in part, about the transcendent art of storytelling should have done a better job of, you know, telling a good story.

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Featuring oil and acrylic artist Duane Feldpausch, with unique portrayals of wildlife. Reception: 1-4 p.m. Nov. 4. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, special showings by appointment. 1209 Turner St., Old Town, Lansing. (517) 484-6534.

Craig Mitchell Smith Glass

The sand photography of Paul Shaheen. Reception 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. 1982 West Grand River Avenue, Suite 125 (inside Meridian Mall), Okemos. (517) 349-1345. craigmitchellsmith.com

Eagle Monk Pub and Brewery

The photography of Gary McCormick. Reception: noon-8 p.m. Nov. 4. Hours: 3 p.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, noon-11 p.m. Friday & Saturday, noon-8 p.m. Sunday. 4906 W. Mt. Hope Hwy., Lansing. (517) 708-7350. eaglemonkbrewing.com

East Lansing Public Art Gallery

"MSU In Light & Shadows: Photography by Communications & Brand Strategy," featuring photographers Greg Kohuth, Kurt Stepnitz and Derrick Turner. Reception: 1-2 p.m. Nov. 4. 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 Lan-

Grove Gallery Co-op

The annual Holiday Art Show will feature the work of Grove Gallery members and the work of over 20 local artists. Reception: Noon-5 p.m. Nov. 4. Hours: Noon-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Noon-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. 325 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 333-7180. grovegallerycoop.com.

Lansing Art Gallery

"Thread," created by Jane Kramer, is a multi-media installation based on a Chinese proverb. Reception: 1-4 p.m. Nov. 4. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400. lansingartgallery.com.

LookOut! Gallery at MSU's Residential College in the Arts and Humanities

"Autoimmune System" will feature Will Wilson's photography. Reception: 1-3 p.m. Nov. 4. Hours: Noon-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Snyder-Phillips Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. rc.ah.msu.edu. Through-Nov. 19.

MICA Gallery

Opening Nov. 2 "Accentuate the Negative," featuring Brian Bishop. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 1210 Turner St., Lansing (517) 371-4600. oldtownarts.org.

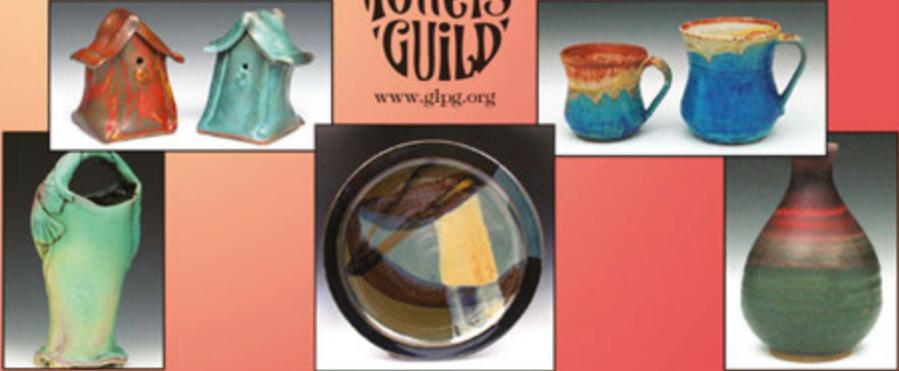
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Friday - Nov. 2nd - 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday - Nov. 3rd - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
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"Reduction.1.2011" by Lansing artist Kim Kauffman is part of the "Reductions" exhibit this month at Mackerel Sky Gallery. Kauffman's work is a series of monochromatic, non-representational photographic abstractions, inspired by reading done on painter Paul Cezanne.

"Tenuous Equilibrium," featuring photography of Detroit-based artist Yvette Rock. Reception: 2-4 p.m. Nov. 4. Hours: Noon-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2-4 p.m. Sunday. 213 W. Main St., Lansing. (517) 484-1880.

Annual show features six artists with a variety of mediums, including photography and mixed media. Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980.

North Foyer Gallery at the East Lansing Public Library

Jane Cloutier's display of paper sculpture using a mix of papers, create forests, gardens, streams and stars. Reception. 1:30-4 p.m. Nov. 4. 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.

(SCENE) Metrospace

Opening Nov. 2 "Covatis/Quo Vadis?" features paintings and mixed-media work by Detroit-based artists Jonathan Rajewski and Chris Turner, and contemporary photography by Lansing-based artist Ethan Tate. Hours: Thursday 2-5 p.m., Friday & Saturday 2-6 p.m., Sunday Noon-4 p.m. 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. scenemetrospace.com.

Ongoing

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Mackerel Sky Gallery

"Reductions" features the work of Lansing artist Kim Kauffman in a series of monochromatic, non-representational photographic abstractions. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday & Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Noon-5 p.m. Sunday. 211 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2211 mackerelsky.com.

MSU Museum

"Cruisin the Fossil Freeway," with artist Ray Troll and paleontologist Kirk Johnson will feature 19 color prints and five large-scale murals of Troll's fossil-inspired artwork. 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.

Saper Galleries

The Hebron Glass Collection showcase 51 hand-blown glass vases, made in Hebron, the largest city in the Palestinian West Bank. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. 433 Albert Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-0815. sapergalleries.com.

Gallery 1212 FINE ART STUDIOS

Gallery 1212 in Old Town is proud to feature the art and illustrations of **Kate Cosgrove** for our November show with the **1st Sunday Gallery Walk** to be held on **November 4 from 12-5.**

Kate will be conducting a daylong Saturday workshop at the gallery on Nov. 10 check gallery1212.com for details about the process of illustrating and producing children's books.

ACGL 2012 grant recipient **Sue Preiss** continues with her show, "Art Around the Town" until the end of December.



We will be offering **refreshments and live music** will be provided by **Cindy McElroy and Friends.**

1212 Turner St. Old Town Lansing

OUT on the TOWN

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. If you need help, please call Dana at (517) 999-5069. Email information to calendar@lansingcitypulse.com.

OCT. 31



City Pulse's Berl Schwartz and Tommy Malvetis
Courtesy Photo

Live it up

Remember when birthdays consisted of balloons, cake and pizza parties at Chuck E. Cheese's? Well, you've grown up and so has the way you've celebrated, and this Wednesday, there's a doozie. On Halloween, Tommy Malvetis, owner of Old Town's retro watering hole Unicorn Tavern, will celebrate his 90th birthday. The party will kick off at 7:30 p.m., with unofficial house band Frog and The Beeftones taking the stage at 9 p.m. The night will also commemorate the birthday of Dave "The Young Man," who's turning 54. Not only will there be birthday celebrating but it's also a Halloween party, so don't forget your costume. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-9910.

Wednesday, October 31

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

Drawing Class. All levels welcome, with Dennis O'Meara. 1-3:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., 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.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan & Qigong. With instructor Bruce Ching. 5:45-7 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. \$60. ACC Natural Healing & Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (517) 708-8510. massageandwellnesslansing.com

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

EVENTS

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

Colonial Village Walking Group. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 580-8560.

Trunk or Treat. Games & more. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Williamston Free Methodist Church, 4400 N. Williamston

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Eat it up

If you've ever been to a restaurant or flipped through the Food Network and thought, "I can do that," then maybe you should go to Thursday's "Making It In Michigan Conference." The daylong event is geared toward both budding entrepreneurs and established food companies thinking about launching the next new food product or idea. The Lansing Center will host the fifth annual event, with this year's theme being "Sustainable to Sensational." Attendees will be able to attend educational sessions, mingle with over 150 vendors and hear from keynote speaker Bob Fish, CEO and co-founder of Biggby Coffee. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$75. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 353-7185. makingitinmichigan.msu.edu.

NOV. 3

Turn it up

Normally when you walk into Riverwalk Theatre, you're in for a night of acting. This Saturday it will be all about the music for the annual fundraiser event, Riverwalk Saturday Night. What started as a 140-seat theatre on Sheridan Street has gone through the stages of being a barn, its home for 22 years, to its most recent home, where it's been since 2001. Tom Heiderman will be the host for the evening. Artists will include Cajun Fire, classical and musical theater songs with Laura Stebbins, Latin-style guitarist Christopher Rollins and original songs and some familiar favorites with Heideman and Mary Koenigsknecht. 8 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Pick it up

Steve Martin has been a father of the bride, a jerk and one wild and crazy guy. This Sunday, however, he'll just be himself, an award-winning musician, in an evening of comedy and bluegrass at the Wharton Center. Martin will join the Steep Canyon Rangers as part of their national tour for a one-night only performance. Playing with a Grammy- and Emmy-winning comedian may be intimidating, but the Rangers have been holding their own just fine during the three-year tour. 7 p.m. \$35, \$55, \$65. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.



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NOV. 1

NOV. 4

TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICHTUPICA

HALLOWEEN ROCK AND SIDESHOW BASH

Mac's Bar hosts a Halloween Costume Carnival Sideshow tonight. The event includes a costume contest, live music, sideshow acts and a prize raffle. Performing live is the increasingly busy local gypsy-roots band Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle. Another local act is Dead Ben Rooster, a bluegrass-punk act. A Kentucky-based band, the Ford Theatre Reunion, will also play some of its "circus freak music." The sideshow will include fire-spinning displays of poi, fans, double staves and hula-hoops.

Wednesday, Oct. 31 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over, 9 p.m., \$7

DOOM AND GLOOM AT MAC'S

It's a busy week at Mac's. Earlier this month, the group Hordes (the self-proclaimed "Lansing's most detached band") released "Void So Serene" on the Madlantis Records label. The experimental three-song doom/drone single is streamed at hordeslansing.bandcamp.com. Friday the band plays Mac's Bar, along with fellow heavy-hitters The Plague Years, People Grinding Axes and The Jackpine Snag.

Friday, Nov. 2 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over, 9 p.m., \$5

DECADES AT AVENUE CAFE

During the day The Avenue Café might come off as a coffee shop/study spot. But recently it built a stage and has been hosting everything from



Courtesy Photo

Decades at The Avenue Cafe

jazz to rock 'n' roll. Friday it hosts four bands. Headlining the show is Decades, a Grand Ledge-based pop punk band featuring front-man Matt Waterman, formerly of Jason Alarm. The trio also includes drummer Damon Depew and bassist Isaac Sprague. Also taking the stage is East Lansing band Wayne Szalinski and 10 Paces, Fire, a Milwaukee-based indie band that's promoting its new vinyl LP "Lakes Refract & Lakes Reflect" on local label Lower Peninsula Records. Rounding out the roster is another Milwaukee indie-folk outfit, Shoot Down the Moon.

Friday, Nov. 2 @ The Avenue, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, all ages, 8 p.m., \$5

HAIR METAL MONSTERS AT HARPER'S

Glamhammer is a four member '80s glam rock tribute band that plays pop metal hits in an over-the-top, arena-rock fashion. Friday the band plays a free gig at Harper's Restaurant and Brewpub. Their shows come stocked with state-of-the-art lights and lasers, while the members sport the traditional ripped jeans and leather of the genre. No hair metal band would be complete without the flashy, enormous mane, so this



Courtesy Photo

Ellis Paul at Ten Pound Fiddle

local band will also come fully hair-sprayed out, just like Mötley Crüe back in its heyday. Some of the monster ballads in the band's set include Skid Row's "18 and Life," Warrant's "Cherry Pie" and Poison's "Every Rose Has its Thorn."

Friday, Nov. 2 @ Harper's Restaurant and Brewpub, 131 Albert Ave., Lansing, 21 and over, 9:30 p.m., FREE

BOSTON FOLK FIXTURE AT FIDDLE

Since the '90s, Boston folk legend Ellis Paul has steadily earned built his cred in the songwriting and acoustic circuit. Friday he returns to town for a Ten Pound Fiddle show. Paul helped revamp the acoustic scene with his urban, literate folk-rock style. He is an avid Woody Guthrie fan, and has released 14 CDs, recently exploring new media avenues with a documentary/concert DVD called "3,000 Miles." He also recently released "Notes from the Road," a critically acclaimed book of poems and stories. For his "The Speed of Trees" CD, he wrote a modern musical setting of Guthrie's unpublished lyric "God's Promise." Fans of true folk may want to check out this show.

Friday, Nov. 2 @ Ten Pound Fiddle — Unitarian

Universalist Church, 855 Grove St., East Lansing. Public \$15, members \$12, students \$5. Doors at 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m. tenpoundfiddle.org.

GREEN DOOR STILL OFFERS UP ROOTS ROCK EVERY MONDAY

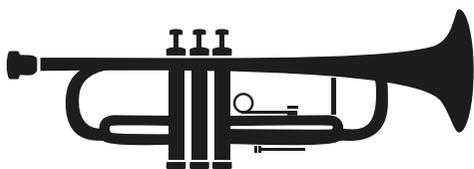
Steppin' In It plays every Monday from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Green Door. The four-piece band combines blues, folk and Cajun into one melodic blend of traditional, old time music. Aside from becoming a staple in the Lansing roots scene, the band has toured the country and released a few acclaimed albums. For the past year, the band's bassist Dominic John Suchyta has been gigging across the world with his friend Jack White. He also has offered his bass services on a number of White's Third Man releases. For more Steppin' In It tour dates, go to steppininit.com.

Monday, Nov. 5 @ Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 21 and over, 9:30 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOW?

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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.	Haphazard, 9 p.m.		Nothing to Lose, 9 p.m.	Nothing to Lose, 9 p.m.
Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 N. East St.	Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.	Rob Little, 8 p.m.	Seaton Smith, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.	Seaton Smith, 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.	Summer of Sol, 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.	The Pat Zelenka Project, 8 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Dewaynes, 9:30 p.m.	Suburban Euphoria, 9:30 p.m.	Still Rain, 9:30 p.m.	Root Doctor, 9:30 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Funktion, 9 p.m.	Kraddy, 9 p.m.	Such Gold, 4 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Halloween Costume Carnival, 9 p.m.	Like A Storm, 7:30 p.m.		Dopapod, 9 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic Night, 9:30 p.m.	Lincoln County Process, 10 p.m.	Belfast Gin, 10 p.m.	Belfast Gin, 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 Klimaxx, 9 p.m.	Live Bands with DJs & DJ Klimaxx, 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, 9 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 10 p.m.	John Burnside, 9 p.m.	Time to Play, 9 p.m.
Uli's Haus of Rock, 419 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.		Various bands, 9 p.m.	Jamboozle, 8 p.m.	
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive		Mike Evia Quartet, 7 p.m.	Joe Wright, 7 p.m.	
Whiskey Barrel Salon, 410 S. Clippert	D.J., 9 p.m.	D.J., 9 p.m.	D.J., 9 p.m.	Billy Sloan Band, 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.

THE ROOT CELLAR & ALL STAR BARBERSHOP



Sam Ingleot/City Pulse

The Root Cellar, 4515 W. Saginaw St., uses all organic and eco-friendly products.



By **ALLANI I. ROSS**
Root doctor

If you want to dye your hair green for Halloween, a variety of specialty shops around town could probably cater to your whim. If, however, you want to go green year-round at the beauty shop, Lansing's new **Root Cellar** salon specializes in styles and colors that are environmentally friendly. Owner Kristine Gilbert-Gigante, who opened Root Cellar three weeks ago, calls it "Lansing's first eco-friendly salon." So what exactly makes it eco-friendly?

"We only use organic and renewable resource products — even the hair coloring is ammonia free," she says. "Plus everything in the salon is recycled. We don't even have a magazine subscription."

Contrary to conventional wisdom, Gilbert-Gigante says that the prices for organic products is "pretty comparable" to name brand products, with some actually costing a little less. She says that she screened all the products to ensure that none of them utilize animal testing and have no animal by-products

"I wanted to be as green as I possibly could," she says. "We

offer people something they can afford to do and feel good about what they're doing."

Root Cellar offers all hair services as well as reflexology, with nail services coming in the spring. Gilbert-Gigante says she's been doing hair for 14 years, including work at **Cutters Point East** three blocks away.

"It was a very friendly parting of ways," she says. "We refer back and forth. Besides, we're practically family — (the owner's) son married my cousin."

To celebrate the store's opening, Gilbert-Gigante says that Root Cellar will offer one hour of reflexology for \$25 throughout the month of November. Furthermore, she says the salon is looking for a qualified stylist to fill the third chair. But be warned: it's not easy being ... oh, nevermind.

All Star break

So now that the ladies are all set, where can the guys go to get their hair did? Anthony McLiechey recently opened **All Star Barbershop** in the bustling Michigan Avenue corridor near U.S. 127, among other recent new businesses **Rubie's Paradise Salon** and **Sunrise Market**.

"We do everybody's hair — we don't turn anybody away," McLiechey says. "Some shops only do a certain amount of styles, but we offer a diversity of cuts for people of all ethnicities. In fact, I'm thinking about bringing on

a stylist and expanding to include women's services as well."

McLiechey graduated from the Lansing Barber College in 2007 and worked at shops in Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids before coming back to Lansing to open All Star.

"I just always wanted to open my own place," he says. "It's nothing fancy. I wanted to create a family friendly barbershop where someone can feel safe brining their kid or coming in and not having to worry about hearing cussing. That doesn't go on around here."

In keeping with the kid-friendly theme, McLiechey says All Star features \$6.99 cut specials for kids, which also extends to college students and senior citizens.

"As far as I know, no other shop runs specials at that price for students and senior citizens," McLiechey says. "Anything we can do to accommodate."

The Root Cellar

4515 W. Saginaw St. Suite A, Lansing
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tues.-Sun. (or later, if needed)
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Out on the town

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Road, Williamston. (517) 655-3668.

Halloween Saints Fest. Food & activities. 6-8:30 p.m. FREE. St. Mary Catholic Church, 157 High St., Williamston.

Boy Scout Haunted School House. 6-9 p.m. \$4, FREE under 3. Williamston Community Center, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston.

Trick-or-treat. Children 12 & younger. 4 p.m. FREE. Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 349-2031.

Giant Used Book Sale. 8:30 a.m.- 8 p.m. FREE. 333 Dahila Drive, 333 Dahila Drive, Lansing. (517) 755-1127.

MUSIC

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

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Baby Time. 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.

Thursday, November 1

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Yoga 2XL. Learn to move with confidence. 7:15-8:15 p.m. \$8 suggested donation. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

Crochet Class. Beginners, Christmas ornament theme. 1-4 p.m. \$12 per person. Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center, 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 483-4220.

Yoga for Beginners. Intro to yoga, with Gaby Kende. 9:30-11 a.m. FREE new students. Center for Yoga, 1780 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 927-3106.

QiGong & Tai Chi classes. For those who have 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.

Water media. All levels welcome, with Donna Randall. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing.

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.

Taxes 101 for Artists. Bruce Meyers. 10 a.m.-Noon. \$10 non-members, \$5 members, FREE Level 2 members. MSUFCU Lansing, 104 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 372-4636 ext 3.

EVENTS

Meet Shane Goodale. 5:45 p.m. FREE. Haslett Public Library. 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 230-8708.

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

Bananagrams Night. Timed word game. 7 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music Lansing, 2820 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495.

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

Colonial Village Walking Group. 7 p.m. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Highfields 50th Anniversary Gala. Speaker Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint. \$100, reserved tables of 8. Kellogg Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. (517) 628-2287. highfields.org.

Ele's Place Fall Reception. Guest of honor Tom Izzo. 5:30 pm, \$100. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-1315.

Giant Used Book Sale. 8:30 a.m. 333 Dahila Drive, 333 Dahila Drive, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Greater Lansing Potter's Guild Sale. Variety of pottery. 5:30-9 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. glpg.org.

MUSIC

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

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.

Friday, November 2

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Cork and Canvas. Instructional art class. Provided canvas, paint and instruction. 6-8:30 p.m. \$25. Gallery 1212, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

Infant Massage Class. For parents of babies, age 1 year or younger. 6-7:30 p.m. \$30 per session, \$40 2 adults. Creative Wellness, 2025 Abbot Road, #200, East Lansing. (517) 351-9240.

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

Gateway to Infinity. Take a virtual tour of the universe. 8 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4676. pa.msu.edu/abrams.abrams

Escape & Rejuvenate. 12:15 p.m. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

EVENTS

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.

Fall 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.

Colonial Village Walking Group. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

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.

Reception. Featuring Jonathan Rajewski, Chris Turner & Ethan Tate. 6-9 p.m. FREE. (SCENE) Metospace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832.

Thrift/Rummage Sale. Household items, clothes, shoes, decorative. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-3139.

Giant Used Book Sale. 8:30 a.m. 333 Dahila Drive, 333 Dahila Drive, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Weaving Sale. Variety of items on sale. Activities. Noon-9 p.m. FREE. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing.

Greater Lansing Potter's Guild Sale. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 1.)

MUSIC

Grand River Radio Diner Concert. Featuring Hall &

Morgan. Noon - 1 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 483-1710.

Ten Pound Fiddle Series. Featuring Ellis Paul. 8 p.m. \$15 public, \$12 Fiddle members, \$5 students. Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove St., East Lansing.

First Friday. Featuring 40 Stitches Later. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Great Lakes Art Works, 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

THEATER

"Ragtime." Social change at beginning of 20th century. 8 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 students with ID. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1488.

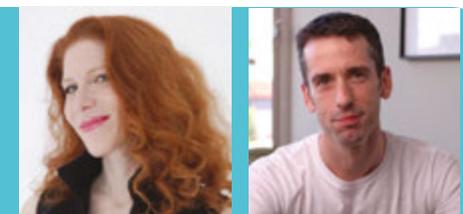
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Jonesin' Crossword

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"Four Legs Good"--two legs bad!

by Matt Jones

Across

1 There's one at the beginning of each of this puzzle's four theme entries

7 Retail estab.

10 Holder and Reno, for short

13 "Nets to Catch the Wind" poet Wylie

14 Goneril's father

15 Sign for a packed theater

16 Getting gray

17 Ways out

19 Sketch show with Dollar Bill Montgomery

20 Bart Simpson word

21 Gothic novelist Radcliffe

23 1 of 18

24 Explorer with a peak named after him

29 C times C, divided by IV

32 Chef who says "Pork fat rules!"

33 Had some hash

34 Type of 1-across, in Mexico

35 Burn in the tub

36 Election Day day: abbr.

37 Leader of 1960s UK rockers The Pacemakers

38 Till compartment

39 ___ Harbour, Fla.

40 Shown past the foyer

41 "What is it?"

42 Native American group (and source of a Washington city that differs by one letter)

44 Yell on the links

45 Pop-up blockers block them

46 Drug abused by Rush Limbaugh and Courtney Love

50 Like growly stomachs

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55 Removed from the actual action, as with a commentator

56 Where Cedric the Entertainer got a big break

57 ___ chi

58 Jimmy Eat World's "Drugs ___"

59 "I thought it'd never get here!"

60 Damascus's place: abbr.

61 Lofty poem

62 Notable feature of each 1-across

Down

1 Grin from ear to ear

2 First name in gymnastics

3 Strove for first

4 Monogram pt.

5 Illegitimate

6 Unit of energy

7 She played drums on "Seven Nation Army"

8 Venue for drunken

singing

9 Preset on a stereo, maybe

10 Org.

11 Bryant Gumbel's brother

12 Player suspended in 2003 for using a corked bat

14 Zodiac sign for Ben Affleck or Roger Federer

18 Crime novelist Grafton

20 MSNBC rival

22 Lon ___ (palindromic coup leader)

24 Piquant

25 Pageant host

26 Lima and pinto

27 They may be stored in "Favorites"

28 Comic Poundstone

29 Nixon whose voice replaced Natalie Wood's in "West Side Story"

30 Golden Arches sandwich, sometimes

31 "Love Will Lead You

Back" singer Taylor

34 Shift

36 Don't rush

37 Reaches, as a high point

39 One of the Seven Sisters

40 Lamentable

42 Drink once pitched by Yogi Berra

43 Beatnik interjection

44 Govt. arm mentioned by Eminem in "Without Me"

46 Muesli ingredients

47 Get an inside shot?

48 Giant slain by Odin, thus creating the Earth

49 Intense anger

51 ___ contendere

52 Rapper on the reality show "The Surreal Life," for short

53 Last word in ultimatum

54 Pixels, really

56 Tongue depressor sound

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8 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-7469.

"Little Women." Coming-of-age story about March sisters. 7 p.m. \$7, \$5 17 and under. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Music & Movement Storytime. Dance & 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, November 3

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi in the Park. Meditation, 8:15 a.m. Tai Chi, 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.

Gateway to Infinity. 8 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

Yoga Depression & Anxiety. Instructor Kim Lewis. 12:20 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

EVENTS

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

Used Book Sale. Paperbacks, 50 cents. Hardcover, \$1. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

Thrift/Rummage Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$5 bag time. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W Mount Hope Ave. Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. \$10, \$8 members, \$5 students & first-time dancers, FREE under 14. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 337-7744

Rummage Sale. Concessions, crafts & more. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. 333 Dahila Drive, 333 Dahila Drive, Lansing.

Giant Used Book Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 333 Dahila Drive, 333 Dahila Drive, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Weaving Sale. Variety of items. Activities. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing.

Greater Lansing Potter's Guild Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Rd. East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 1.)

4th Annual Christmas Bazaar. Crafts & baked goods. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Cristo Rey Church, 201 W. Miller Road, Lansing. (517) 394-4639.

A Day of Mindfulness. Day long practice of meditation. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Donations, \$20 adults, \$10 students. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.

MUSIC

Jana Kramer. Singer/songwriter & Michigan native. 8 p.m. \$30. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.

Great Lakes Collective Concert. Featuring various bands. 8 p.m. \$5 online, \$8 door. (SCENE) Metrospace, 110 Charles St. East Lansing. (517) 319-6832.

THEATER

Dark Nights in Billtown. "The Election" by Don Zolidis. 8 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

"Little Women." 2 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

"Ragtime." 8 p.m. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community

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October 31-November 6

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Big opportunities are coming up for you. Even if you cash in on them, though, they aren't likely to make an immediate practical impact. They are subtle and deep, these prospects. They have the potential of catalyzing monumental shifts in your long-term unfolding, but will take a while to transform your day-to-day rhythm. So what are these openings? Here are my guesses: 1. You could root out a bad seed that got embedded in your subconscious mind before you knew any better. 2. You could reinterpret the meaning of certain turning points in your past, thereby revising the flow of your life story. 3. You could forgive yourself for an old sin you thought you'd never let go of. 4. You could receive a friendly shock that will diminish some sadness you've carried for a long time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This would be a good time to get introspective and meditative about your urge to merge . . . to think objectively about the way you approach togetherness . . . to be honest with yourself about what strengths and weaknesses you bring to the art of collaboration. The most important question you can ask yourself during this inventory is this: "How do I personally contribute, either knowingly or unconsciously, to the problems I experience in relationships." Here's another query you might consider: "How hard am I willing to work to create the kinds of intimacy and alliances I say I want?"

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "Dear Rob: I seem to be marooned in an interesting limbo. The sights and sounds are not exactly pretty, but they keep me perversely entertained. I'm sampling tastes that are more sour than sweet, thinking that sooner or later the sweetness will start to prevail — but it never does. Sometimes I feel like I'm in a trance, unable to do what's best for me. Can you offer any help? Like maybe give me a password that would break me out of the trance? -Meandering Gemini." Dear Meandering: This is one of those rare times when you have cosmic permission to favor what's calming and reassuring rather than what's amusing and stimulating. Your password is *sanctuary*.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): On September 22, the San Francisco Giants played a baseball game against the San Diego Padres. In the fourth inning, Giants' third baseman Pablo Sandoval sprinted to the edge of the field, then hurled himself over a railing and into the crowd in order to snag a foul pop-up. The fact that he landed upside down but perfectly unhurt wasn't the most impressive aspect of his feat. Nor was his improbable ability to wield such precise concentration while invoking so much raw force. Even more amazing was the pink bubble that Sandoval blew with his chewing gum nanoseconds before he dived. It was a supremely playful and successful Zen moment. That's the spirit I hope you will bring to your efforts in the coming days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your unconscious mind will be more accessible than usual in the coming weeks. It will reveal its agendas more clearly and play more of an active role in your life. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? It will depend on how open-minded you are toward the surprises your secret self will reveal. If you try to ignore or repress its eruptions, they'll probably wreak chaos. If, on the other hand, you treat this other part of you as an unpredictable but generous ally, you may be able to work out a collaboration that serves you both.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Urbandictionary.com defines "Skymall solution" as "an absurdly single-purposed tool or solution that solves a problem you don't actually have." The term is derived from the famous Skymall catalog, which sells unusual specialty products. According to my analysis of the current astrological omens, you should be wary of any attraction you might have to Skymall solutions. Do you really need a King Tut tissue box cover or an ice cube tray that makes ice in the shape of dachshunds or a stencil set for putting

messages on your bundt cake? I doubt it. Nor do you need their metaphorical equivalents.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Right before I woke up this morning, I had a dream that one of my teeth fell out. As I lay there groggily in bed, my mind searched for its meaning. "What does losing a tooth symbolize?" I asked myself. "What is its psychological meaning?" I promised myself that when I got up, I would google that question. But my rumination was interrupted by a dull ache in the back of my mouth, and it was only then that I remembered: Yesterday, in actual waking life, I had a real tooth yanked out by a real dentist. The moral of the story, Libra: Be wary of making up elaborate stories and mythic assumptions about events that have simple, mundane explanations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is an excellent time to explore the frontiers of wise foolishness. I'm hoping you will take full advantage of learning opportunities that might require you to shed your excess dignity and acknowledge how much you don't know. Are you brave enough to disavow cynical thoughts and jaded attitudes that muffle your lust for life? Are you smart enough to understand how healthy it would be to go out and play like an innocent wild child? Make yourself available for delightful surprises.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Zombies used to be terrifying. But then they became a featured motif in pop culture, often in humorous contexts, and now there's a growing acceptance and even affection for them. Here's the view of Max Brooks, author of *The Zombie Survival Guide*: "Eventually rock and roll morphs from Sid Vicious to the Jonas Brothers. Same thing with vampires: We went from *Dracula* to *Twilight* to make them peachy and G-rated. I guarantee you someone is working on a way to take the fear out of zombies and market them to children." Your assignment, Sagittarius, is to do to your personal fears what the entertainment industry has done to zombies: Turn them into amusing caricatures that don't trouble you so much. For example, visualize an adversary singing a duet with Justin Bieber.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "You must learn from the mistakes of others," said humorist Sam Levenson. "You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself." That's excellent advice for you right now, Capricorn. In order to glean the teachings you need most, you won't have to bumble through a single wrong turn or bad decision yourself. There will be plenty of blundering role models who will be providing you with the precise inspiration you need. Study them carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Every November, thousands of writers participate in National Novel Writing Month. They pledge to compose at least 50,000 words of a new novel in that 30-day period. In accordance with the astrological omens, Aquarius, I propose that you commit yourself to a comparable project in your own field. Is there a potential masterpiece on which you could get a substantial amount of work done? Is there a major transformation you've long wanted to undertake but have always had some excuse to avoid? I predict that you will attract unexpected help and luck if you summon the willpower to focus on that task.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't believe the climate is changing? Go ask the birds what they think. Sixty percent of all the feathered species in North America have moved north in the past 46 years. Scientists are pretty sure their migration is a response to the warming trend that's afoot. I like the idea of tuning in to how animals behave in order to get accurate information about the state of the world. Would you consider doing more of that, Pisces? According to my astrological analysis, the coming months will be a time when you can learn a lot from non-human intelligences.

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College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Nature Story Hour. Ages 4-6. Craft & video. 1-2 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave. Lansing. (517) 483-4224.

Sunday, November 4

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

The Family Show. "Sky Tellers," for children preschool through grade 2 & their families. 2:30 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672.

Gateway to Infinity. 4 p.m. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

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

EVENTS

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

Veterans Tribute. Speaker, reception & Massing of the Colors ceremony. 2 p.m. FREE. Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-3559.

Vendor Day. Demonstration, samples & more. Noon-4 p.m. FREE. Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center, 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 483-4220.

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.

Autumn Pops Concert VII. Local artists. 3 p.m. FREE. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 349-9536.

Music at the Museum. Student chamber music groups. 1:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-3559.

THEATER

"Ragtime." 2 p.m. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

Dark Nights in Billtown. "We the People," short plays from diverse voices. 2 p.m. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

"Sleuth" Auditions. Come prepared to read from script. 7 p.m. FREE. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700.

Monday, November 5

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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.

Alignment Yoga Class. All levels welcome. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Good Space Yoga, 2025 Abbot Road, #300, East Lansing. (517) 285-2782.

Property Maintenance Code Hearing. 7 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Hall Plaza, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Escape & Rejuvenate. 12:15 p.m. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Learn to Meditate. Basic principles & practice. 7:45-8:30 p.m. Donations. C. Weaver Physical Therapy Exercise Studio, 1720 Abbey Lane, East Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

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

EVENTS

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.

Colonial Village Walking Group. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

MUSIC

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

THEATER

"Sleuth" Auditions. 7 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 4.)

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Tuesday, November 6

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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. 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. 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.

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

1212 Turner St., Lansing.

After-School Youth Gardening Programming. 4-5:30 p.m. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 1.)

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

EVENTS

Colonial Village Walking Group. 7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Fall Storytime. 10:30-11:15 a.m. & 6:30-7:15 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (Please see details Nov. 2.)

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Rookies Idol. Karaoke. 9 p.m. FREE. Rookies Restaurant, 1640 S. US 27, Lansing. (517) 487-8686.

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

Wednesday, November 7

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.

Post-Polio Support Group. Physical therapy & post-polio concerns. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave.,

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Drawing Class. All levels welcome, with Dennis O'Meara. 1-3:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing.

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 Oct. 31.)

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.

Basics Yoga. Viniyoga practice. 9:30-11 a.m. FREE. Good Space Yoga, 2025 Abbot Road, #300, East Lansing. (517) 290-6074. goodspaceyoga.com.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan & QiGong. 5:45-7 p.m. ACC Natural Healing & Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Escape & Rejuvenate. 12:15 p.m. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia, Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Faith & Democracy. Discuss election results. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. PilgrimUCC.com.

Community Conversation. With Renee Branch Canady. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

EVENTS

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

Colonial Village Walking Group. 10 a.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (Please see details Oct. 31.)

Fall Luncheon. Variety of soups and sandwiches. Coffee and tea. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$6. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Lansing. (517) 882-6330.

Mid-Day Mosaic: Coping with the Gales of Life. 12:15-12:45 p.m. FREE. Lansing Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-9477.

Fall Poetry Reading Series. Featuring Melissa Kwasny. 7 p.m. FREE. Snyder/Phillips Hall, intersection between Grand River Ave. and Bogue St., MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-1855.

East Lansing Film Festival. Featuring "Searching for Sugar Man." 7:30 p.m. \$15. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elf.com.

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Travelers Club International Restaurant and Tuba Museum is scheduled to close Nov. 12 after 30 years of business. Owner Will White noted a steady decline in business.

End of the road

Travelers Club wrapping up 30-year journey

By RICH TUPICA

The Travelers Club International Restaurant and Tuba Museum in Okemos has been an oddball, off-the-beaten-path spot for food and brews since 1982, sitting quaintly by while the big box stores and chain restaurants moved in and transformed the area into a shopping mecca. But it's hard to keep a small business running these days, says the restaurant's owner, Will White. The aged brick-and-mortar building is set to close Nov. 12, two years after a foreclosure.

Travelers Club became known for serving up American, Mexican, European and Indian foods, with special focus on vegetarian dishes. The restaurant developed a vast "traveling menu," but much of the allure was

its quirks, such as the timeworn tubas that adorned the walls. White, a veteran musician, said that shtick just kind of happened.

"We used to have music there, and I'd play the tuba with whatever band was playing," White said. "I left a couple lying around and they were getting in the way so I hung them on the wall and called it a museum. We had to make room for the customers."

But many of those customers just stopped showing up — White said the Travelers Club lost 40 percent of the business it had in its heyday. It proved to be a devastating blow for White, who lost the building to foreclosure in 2010.

"The property lost value, and we couldn't afford the payments," he said. "The bank wouldn't re-negotiate with us. I was paying more for the property than what it was worth at too high of a rate. (Business) is almost back to where it was before the financial crash (in 2008) when people stopped going out to eat, but it's still not like it was in the '90s. We used to have people lining up out the door."

The landmark building was built as a hardware store in 1947 and converted into Miller's Ice Cream Parlor in 1959. In April 1982 the property was sold to a group led by White who turned it into the Travelers Club. Over the summer, the Douglas J Aveda Institute stepped up as a potential buyer of the property as part of an expansion plan, but White said "that deal has still

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not closed." While the building won't house his restaurant anymore, White would still like to protect it. He said demolishing the antique structure would be a shame, and says he hopes the new owner, Douglas J Hair Salon, will develop around it. Does White think Douglas J will eventually buy and demolish the tuba museum?

"I'd hate to guess. It's really up to the banks," White said. "I have no knowledge of what Douglas J's negotiations are. I'd say it's not a certainty because it hasn't happened yet and it was supposed to have happened by now."

But even with the current plights, White said he doesn't plan to let Traveler's Club or his music store, White Brothers, die.

"I've lost everything," he said. "I may have to declare personal bankruptcy just over the property issue, but the businesses will hopefully survive. Once the Tuba Museum leaves that building, though, it's never going to be the same."

White says he's looking to relocate both businesses somewhere in the downtown Okemos area, with a potential re-opening in as soon as six months.

"We have some prospects, and if the deals go through I think everyone is going to be really excited," White says. "It will probably have a slightly different concept with not as big of a menu."

But we'll still have beer."

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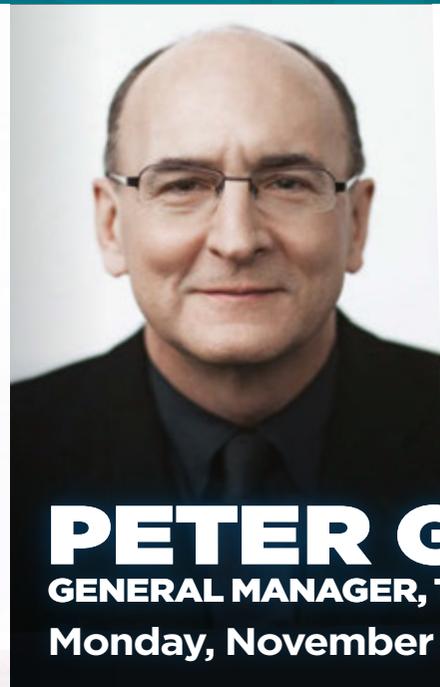
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