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STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, COUNTY OF INGHAM, PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING. FILE 15-716-GA & 15-717-CA. In the matter of David W. West, DOB 4/20/1944. To Aaron West, January West-Suarez and Shelby West, whose interest in this matter may be affected by the following:
 TAKE NOTICE: On 6/30/2015 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM in Probate Court, Lansing MI before Hon Richard Economy, Judge of Probate court, a hearing will be held on the guardianship petition and appointment of conservator concerning David W. West. If you need an accommodation to participate in this hearing, please contact Probate Court at 571-483-6300 ext. 8. For further information, please contact petitioner Steve Marchlewicz, Adult Protective Services - DHS at 517-575-5926. CP-14184 6/24/15

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Now you have two ways to sound off:

1.) Write a letter to the editor:

- E-mail: letters@lansingcitypulse.com
- Snail mail: City Pulse, 2001 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
- Fax: (517) 371-5800

2.) Write a guest column:

Contact Berl Schwartz for more information: publisher@lansingcitypulse.com or (517) 371-5600 ext. 10

(Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.)

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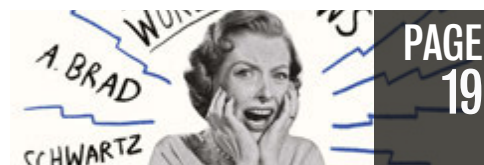
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COVER ART

"I HAD A BABY BROTHER AND HE WAS PERFECT IN EVERY WAY" BY JONATHAN GRIFFITH

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANSING HOUSING COMMISSION (LHC) HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM ("HCV") WAITLIST OPENING VIA THE INTERNET ONLY

LHC will accept ELECTRONIC Housing Choice Voucher Preliminary Applications from 06/26/2015 at 12:01AM – 07/03/2015 11:59 p.m. EST.

VIA: www.lanshc.org

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT LHC

You **MUST** be prepared to live in Lansing, East Lansing, Haslett, Dewitt, Okemos, Holt, Grand Ledge, or Williamston, for at least one year, if you are randomly selected and determined eligible.

Everyone who applies **AT ANY TIME** during the electronic preliminary application period has an equal chance to be randomly selected for the 350 waitlist slots.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED PER HOUSEHOLD. Households who complete multiple applications will be disqualified

Applicants who need **internet access ONLY** may go to any of the:

13 Capital Area District Libraries during business hours:

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 3500 South Cedar Street, Lansing
 200 North Foster, Lansing
 1939 South Aurelius Road, Mason
 145 West Ash Street, Mason
 1379 East Mason Street, Dansville
 1590 Franklin Street, Haslett

2078 Aurelius Road, Holt
 201 Pennsylvania Street, Leslie
 4321 Okemos, Road, Okemos
 200 Wood Street, Stockbridge
 115 South Main Street, Webberville
 115 South Main Street, Webberville

Lansing City Hall
 4th floor
 124 Michigan Avenue
 Lansing, MI. 48933
 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Northwest Initiative
 Ionia Suite D
 517-999-2894
 Lansing, MI 48933,
 Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Applicants who need Internet access and application assistance may go to:

Advent House Ministries, Inc.
 743 N. Martin Luther King Blvd.
 Lansing, MI 48915

Volunteers of America
 New Hope Day Center
 430 North Larch Street
 Lansing, MI 48912,
 Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00pm

Lansing City Hall
 Human Relations Department, 4th floor
 124 Michigan Avenue
 Lansing, MI 48933,
 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

Applicants with disabilities and those who need interpretation or computer assistance may go to:

Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham
 812 E. Jolly Road
 Lansing, MI 48910
 Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm

Lansing City Hall
 Human Relations Department, 4th Floor
 124 Michigan Avenue
 Lansing, MI 48933
 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

St. Vincent Catholic Charities will provide assistance to their existing clients ONLY

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THIS WEEK



Jay Kaplan, ACLU of Michigan Attorney
 "War of the Worlds" Author A. Brad Schwartz
 Innocence Project Director Marla Mitchell-Cichon
 Exoneree Kenneth Wyniemko
 Dan Krassner of Represent.Us



Editor & Publisher
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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

1) WE MUSTN'T POLITICIZE THE TRAGEDY. IT'S MUCH TOO SOON TO START CASTING BLAME!
 I'D SUGGEST WAITING A COUPLE OF DECADES-- TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE SUFFICIENT DISTANCE!

2) WE SHOULDN'T ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE SIDETRACKED. JUST BECAUSE A WHITE SUPREMACIST OPENED FIRE IN A HISTORIC BLACK CHURCH WHILE DENOUNCING BLACK PEOPLE-- --I DON'T SEE WHY WE HAVE TO MAKE THE WHOLE THING ABOUT RACE!

3) OBVIOUSLY, THIS PROVES WE NEED MORE GUNS. HOW CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES FROM ALL THE NUTJOBS WALKING AROUND WITH GUNS OUT THERE-- --UNLESS EVERYONE IS HEAVILY ARMED AT ALL TIMES?

4) LIBERALS ARE SOMEHOW TO BLAME. YOU KNOW, WITH THEIR--UM-- PERMISSIVENESS, AND EVERYTHING. WE MIGHT NEED TO WORK ON THIS ONE.

5) AND OF COURSE--THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER ISOLATED INCIDENT, FROM WHICH NO GREATER CONCLUSIONS SHOULD BE DRAWN. THAT'S RIGHT! AN UNFATHOMABLE ACT, ENTIRELY DEVOID OF CONTEXT-- AS USUAL! I BLAME "EVIL." YES--"EVIL" IS VERY BAD!

TOM TOMORROW © 2015

Lansing ethics reform

Public campaign financing, lobbying restrictions proposed

Lansing voters will likely decide in November whether to make sweeping changes in the city's ethics ordinance, including adding a provision for public funding of local elections.

A new ballot initiative committee called Lansing Citizens for Ethics Reform submitted a petition with 6,673 signatures to the City Clerk's Office last week. Clerk Chris Swope has until Wednesday to determine if at least 4,000 are valid. If so, the proposal goes to the City Council, which can either adopt it or, more likely, put it on the General Election ballot. If passed, it would take effect in 2017.

The national group Represent.Us, which bills itself as "a fiercely nonpartisan movement to pass tough anti-corruption laws," is behind the local effort. It paid an outside firm to collect the signatures. The same group backed a similar measure that passed by 67 percent last November in Tallahassee, the capital of Florida.

The initiative, which would tighten the 1994 ethics ordinance, would:

- Use city general funds to reimburse candidate contributions by city residents up to \$25 each once per election cycle.
- Prohibit top officials from becoming lobbyists after leaving office.
- Require lobbyists to register
- Subject violators of the ethics ordinance to criminal prosecutions
- Require online disclosures of donations and gifts to top city and elected officials

The changes would apply to all City Council members, the mayor, the city clerk and all mayoral cabinet level administrators and their top paid deputies.

Perhaps the most contentious part of the proposal is the requirement for public financing for city election candidates. Organizers said the proposal would cost an average of \$337,500 a year at the most, while the Mayor Virg Bernero's administration placed the costs at closer to \$1 million a year.

In odd-year elections when only four Council seats are up, such as this year, the proposal would cap reimbursements at \$450,000. In mayoral election years, when four Council seats and the clerk's post are up, the limit would be \$900,000. Walt Sorg, who is leading the effort locally, said that averages out to \$337,500 a year over four years.

Randy Hannan, chief of staff for Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, said the city's assessment of costs came from taking the mayoral election year cap and adding administrative costs for reimbursing citizens who submit receipts.

Hannan said the proposal "appears to be a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist in Lansing.

"We already have a strong ethics ordinance that includes financial disclosure requirements for top city officials. State law already regulates campaign contributions and the reporting of lobbying activity. It is not clear that the city even has the legal authority to regulate these areas."

Sorg called the effort "proactive."

"Too often government only reacts to scandal or crisis. We feel being proactive protects future generations from the kinds of scandals that have rocked Detroit, other cities and Congress."

Sorg is a longtime Democratic activist, former radio talk show host and unsuccessful candidate for the state House in 2012. Delhi Township Trustee Gene Hayhoe, a Republican, and Rich Robinson of the nonpartisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network are also organizers.

Dan Krassner, a spokesman for Represent.Us, said by email it has spent \$25,000 so far in Lansing and doesn't anticipate spending more than \$50,000.

He said his organization paid California-based PCI Consultants to collect the petition signatures. It is also paying Sorg.

He said it spent \$127,000 on the Tallahassee effort.

It is targeting Lansing because "the folks at Lansing Citizens for Ethics Re-

form said they wanted to protect their city from corruption, and they clearly had the energy and know-how to get it done."

"Lansing voters led the way nationally more than 20 years ago by creating one of the first municipal ethics boards in the country," Krassner added, "and now locals want the next wave of national anti-corruption reform to begin in Lansing. It was an obvious choice for us to support them."

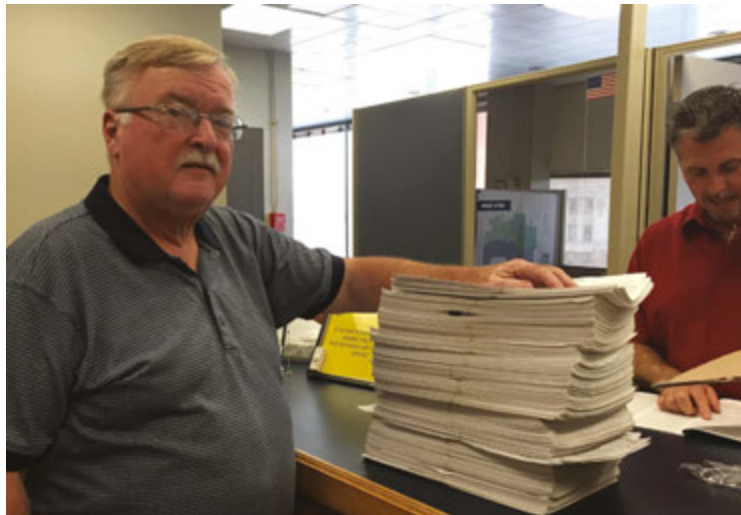
He said the organization has backed successful efforts in several other communities, including Princeton, N.J., and Genoa, Ill.

City Council candidates running in the August primary offered mixed reviews on the proposal.

Third Ward challenger Ryan Earl opposed the entire proposal.

"I do not believe corruption of city officials to be blatant within our city," he said. "While I do support a city lobbyist registry as I believe it would give Lansing voters more information of what is going on in city hall, I do not believe that a two-year freeze on becoming a lobbyist after an office holder leaves office is really necessary."

Expressing support for the lobbying restrictions were



Courtesy photo

Walt Sorg (left), who heads Lansing Citizens for Ethics Reform, turns in a petition to Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope that would require a voter referendum on major changes in the city's ethics ordinance.



Property: 925 W. Lapeer St. Lansing
Owner: Ingham Co. Land Bank

Unlike many eyesores, this building and site are well kept. However, the building itself has succumbed to a series of unfortunate alterations and updates. When undertaken, these modifications were presumably intended to address maintenance issues and to improve the building's appearance, but they have caused it to lose its identity.

At its core, the home is Craftsman bungalow. The broad eaves that characterize the style have been removed, leaving no overhang on the gable rakes. The front porch was filled-in to provide more interior space, but the ashlar stone veneer selected for the exterior cladding is more appropriate for postwar ranch homes and does not fit with this home's original style.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

"Eyesore of the Week" is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates each week with Eye Candy of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Berl Schwartz at 999-5061.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Step 2 of the 8-Step Process
Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity
In the 100-Year Floodplain
DATE: June 24, 2015
CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons

Purpose: Notice and Public Explanation of Proposed Projects

This is to give notice that the City of Lansing under 24 CFR Part 58: Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 to determine the potential affect that its activities in the floodplain will have on the human environment for demolition under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Since CDBG funds are being used for this project in the floodplain, the City of Lansing is completing an 8-step Environmental Review process

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used to purchase the property at 704 S. Foster Avenue, Lansing, MI which is located in the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE, Floodzone panel # 26065C0132D, effective on August 16, 2011), remediate asbestos and other environmental hazards as recommended, and demolish the house and garage, including removal of the driveway and approach, and restoration of the curb. Grading and seeding will complete the project. There is no proposed development for this project.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received at the City of Lansing during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on or before July 9, 2015 at the following address: Doris Witherspoon, Senior Planner, Department of Planning & Neighborhood Development, 316 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite D-2, Lansing, MI 48933, Phone: 517-483-4063. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail at doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov

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CITY OF LANSING
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015
PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program which will be used for tabulating the results of the Primary Election to be held Tuesday, August 4, 2015 in the City of Lansing will be conducted at the City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Chris Swope
Lansing City Clerk

CP#15_143

STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Banta Consolidated Drain

Notice is Hereby Given that on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 1 and 2 in Delhi Charter Township; Section 36 in Lansing Charter Township; Section 31 in Meridian Charter Township; Sections 35 and 36 in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan. The lands to be added or deleted are located in Sections 1 and 2 in Delhi Charter Township.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete lands from the Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

Dated: June 16, 2015

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

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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

BANTA CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Banta Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties. There will be no construction as part of this petition and therefore there will not be a notice of letting of drain contract as described in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

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

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

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Banta Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District in Ingham County, Michigan:

In Delhi Charter Township T03N-R02W:

Section 1, The North ½, and the North ½ of the Southwest ¼

Section 2, The Northeast ¼, the North ½ of the Southeast ¼, the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼, and the East ½ of the Northwest ¼

In Lansing Charter Township T04N-R02W:

Section 36, The South ½, the South ¼ of the Northwest ¼, and the Northeast ¼

In Meridian Charter Township T04N-R01W:

Section 31, The West ½

In the City of Lansing T04N-R02W:

Section 35, The Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼, and the Southeast ¼

Section 36, The West ½ of the Southwest ¼, and the South 100 feet of the Northwest ¼

In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham, Delhi Charter Township, Lansing Charter Township, Meridian Charter Township, the City of Lansing, and the Michigan Department of Transportation will be specially assessed at large for benefits of the Drain.

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

Clerk of Ingham County
 Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners
 Managing Director of the Ingham County Department of Roads
 Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township
 Supervisor of Lansing Charter Township
 Supervisor of Meridian Charter Township
 Mayor of the City of Lansing
 Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation

are hereby notified that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Banta Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

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

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 and Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1962. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Dated: June 16, 2015

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

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B/15/095 Ammunition and Related Items as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept sealed bids at the **CITY OF LANSING C/O LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT, PURCHASING OFFICE, 1232 HACO DR., LANSING, MICHIGAN 48912** until **3:00 PM local time in effect on July 7, 2015** at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. **Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by calling Stephanie Robinson, CPPB at (517) 702-6197, or email: slr@lbwl.com, or for content and purpose of this bid contact David Sileo at (517) 483-4838 go to www.mitn.info.** The City of Lansing encourages bids from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses.

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Ethics

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At-Large Councilwoman Carol Wood and challenger Emily Dievendorf; 1st Ward Councilwoman Jody Washington and challenger Shelley David Mieloc ; and 3rd Ward Councilwoman A'Lynne Boles and challenger Adam Hussain.

Dievendorf and Mielock said they also support the funding scheme.

The three incumbents questioned the funding proposal.

Wood said she supported "some sort of public financing" but is unsure this is the right proposal.

"We have a number of issues before as a city and right now, and being able to pick a particular program or project Council would cut for something that would take effect in 2017 I can't do that and I don't know anyone who could."

Other candidates were not immediately available for comment.

Sorg declined to suggest any specific cuts to the Lansing budget to pay for campaign financing. He said he was not an expert on the city budget, and that would be the job of the City Council and the mayor.

— Todd Heywood



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

FERLEY CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Ferley Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and the municipality within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties. There will be no construction as part of this petition and therefore there will not be a notice of letting of drain contract as described in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

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

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

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Ferley Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District in Ingham County Michigan:

- In Delhi Charter Township T03N-R02W:
 - Section 11, The East ¼
 - Section 12, The South ½ and the South ½ of the Northwest ¼
 - Section 13, The Northwest ¼
 - Section 14, The East ¼ of the Northeast ¼

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

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

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

are hereby notified that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Ferley Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

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

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Dated: June 16, 2015

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider the following:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Sixty North, LLC for a Special Use Permit for the property at 855 Grove Street. The applicant is proposing to convert the building for use as a sorority with occupancy of 50 persons. The property is zoned RM-32, City Center Multiple-Family District.

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

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015 ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing

Please take notice that the City of Lansing will hold an election on August 4, 2015.

Monday, July 6, 2015 is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote at the August 4, 2015 Election. Any qualified elector who is not already registered to vote may register for the August 4, 2015 Election. Persons registering after Monday, July 6, 2015, are not eligible to vote at this election.

For the purpose of nominating candidates to the following offices:

City: Council Member At Large (2), Council Member Ward 3

For the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

City: Proposal to Renew a Levy of One Mill for Operation of Parks and Recreation System

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

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

Chris Swope, CMMC/CMC
Lansing City Clerk

CP#15_142

STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Ferley Consolidated Drain

Notice is Hereby Given that on Wednesday, **July 8, 2015**, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14 in Delhi Charter Township, County of Ingham, State of Michigan. The lands to be added or deleted are located in Section 13 in Delhi Charter Township.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete lands from the Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

Dated: June 16, 2015

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

CP#15_148

Mike Rogers Inc.

Former congressman taps into a lucrative life

So what's been happening with Mike Rogers since he left Congress in January?

He's gone into business. What business? Mike Rogers Inc.

And it seems to be doing very well. He has founded an institute that promotes national security. He is an executive producer and the host of an eight-part CNN series on the U.S.

intelligence community that will air next year. He a distinguished fellow at the conservative Hudson Institute, travels the speaking circuit and works in radio ... sort of.

It was the radio show that Rogers, a Republican, cited as his next venture when he announced in March 2014 that after 14 years representing mid Michigan, including Lansing, he was leaving Congress. But there really hasn't been much to it. He provides short commentaries for the Westwood One radio network that it drops into talk radio programs three times a day. That's it.

Generally his commentaries are familiar Rogers' themes: the evils of totalitarian gov-

ernments in Russia, Iran and North Korea. He says Americans should expect better from the U.S. Air Marshal Service, which is entangled in a sexual tryst/ethics scandal. He complains that women in Afghanistan have few rights and even those are threatened.

There's not much meat to these musings, though they sound good. But since they only last a minute, what can you really say?

Considering Rogers' other businesses, radio seems almost a distraction. His most prominent venture, designed to influence the 2016 presidential election, is Americans for Peace, Prosperity and Security, which has these goals:

- "Raise the level of debate on the most important issues facing the country and move candidates beyond just rhetoric and talking points.

- "Enhance the knowledge base of citizens in the early states to help elect a president who supports American engagement and a strong foreign policy."

Rogers is founder and "honorary chairman" of the group, and a video introducing the mission spliced speeches from presidents Ronald Reagan, John F. Kennedy and Franklin Roosevelt suggests a non-partisan approach to security by using. But it's very Republican.

Rogers, a former FBI agent and chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, has long espoused hawkish views on defense and

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Wedding bills

Widely different state legislation anticipates same-sex court ruling

As Michigan and the nation await a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court Monday that could end Michigan's 11-year ban on same-sex marriage, lawmakers from both parties have filed bills to address the shifting legal and social landscapes.

Democrats have proposed eliminating language that prohibits same-sex marriage, while Republicans have called for requiring all marriages, same-sex or not, to be performed only by clerics, not civil officials, such as judges.

The High Court heard arguments in April from Michigan and three other states after marriage supporters appealed a federal Appeals Court ruling that upheld prohibitions. At stake is the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, which voters approved by 59 percent in 2004. It is one of 13 states that prohibit it.

State Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr., D-East Lansing, has introduced legislation to modernize Michigan's marriage laws. Under the legislation, Senate Bill 227 of 2015, the prohibition on same-sex marriage as well as gender specific language would be stricken from Michigan law. The legislation would also create a list of family members prohibited from marrying each other under the law.

Hertel's legislation is tied to passage with Senate Bill 229 of 2015 introduced by Sen. Rebekkah Warren, D-Ann Arbor. It would recognize out-of-state same-sex marriages and strike the statutory prohibition on recognition of such marriages. The bill also replaces gender specific language with neutral language.

Grand Ledge Republican Sen. Rick Jones, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said virtually all such changes would be unnecessary if the court rules that same-sex marriage is legal because "all of Michigan's laws contrary to the ruling are null and void."

He said there is one exception. Michigan is one of seven states that provide a set amount, usually one-third, of the husband's property upon his death to the wife. This is called dower rights, which are secured in the Michigan Constitution. In Michigan a woman can execute that right to all the property obtained during a marriage if she is contesting the will or there is no will. This property also includes property that has been sold. The law, which has its roots in medieval feudalism, was intended to protect a woman after her husband's death.

"It's a very ancient and archaic law," said Jones. He has asked a policy attorney about how a dower right would be decided in a same-sex marriage. The attorney, Jones relayed, said, "That's a good question."

"I have reached out to the state bar to work on this," he said, noting Realtors originally raised the issue with him. "That would be something that should be addressed." He has not introduced any legislation on the is-

sue yet.

Republican lawmakers Reps. Cindy Gamrat, of Plainwell, and Todd Courser, of Lapeer, introduced a package of bills last week that would eliminate the ability of judges, mayors, county clerks and other civil servants to conduct marriages. Instead, it would leave such ceremonies exclusively in the hands of religious officials and organizations.

The bill goes further than legislation that has passed in North Carolina that public officials cannot be required to perform same-sex marriage.

The Republicans' package would also limit secret marriages — long legal in Michigan — to only opposite-sex couples. Marriage licenses and applications are public information in Michigan, unless otherwise approved by the county probate court.

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum, a Democrat, said she was concerned about the impact of excluding same-sex couples from secret marriage options.

"In Michigan, I can marry a couple on Monday and on Tuesday they can be fired for being gay," she said. "This bill would expose my couples to discrimination."

Courser claims, in a blog post on his website, the bills will remove government involvement in marriage.

"This bill simply put will end our elected official's involvement in performing marriage ceremonies," he wrote. "It is incredibly important that if the Supreme Court rules against traditional marriage that our elected officials are not forced to violate their conscience and be forced to perform gay marriages. Further note on another piece of legislation being drafted — I have asked for drafting of a bill to protect pastors from being forced to perform gay marriages as well."

Legal experts said the proposals are unconstitutional on their face, while politicians at the Capitol believe the bills aren't going anywhere.

"This type of rhetoric represents the new wave of discrimination tactics designed to divide people into classes," said Gina Calcagno, of Michigan for Marriage. "The Courser bills represent state sanctioned discrimination and rewrites what religious freedom and equal protection under the law means. Equality and fairness are not principles that are decided on a case-by-case basis."

This all plays out in a public arena where numerous polls show the majority of Michigan voters oppose religious objections bills and support LGBT equality. But the GOP majority in the state Legislature opposes legislation to address discrimination against the LGBT community and supports religious objections laws. A recent example was legislation passed by both houses and signed by Gov. Rick Snyder that permits faith-based adoption agencies to deny adoptions to same-sex couples.

— Todd Heywood



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security, a comfortable fit for the expanding field of Republican presidential candidates. APPS recently sponsored forums in Iowa with Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal in Iowa and in New Hampshire with South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham. Both want more defense spending. While encouraging a national debate on security, APPS is hardly neutral. Its board of directors and professional staff are stacked with Republican Party operatives, former military officers and defense industry officials. (Former Michigan Gov. John Engler serves as an adviser.)

Some examples: Walt Havenstein, former CEO of BAE Systems Inc. and former U.S. Marine Corp. colonel, is an APPS board member. BAE is a \$12 billion-a-year producer of electronic systems for the defense and intelligence industries and provides service support of armored combat vehicles, artillery systems and munitions. It was sued last week by the U.S. government for overcharging the Army for 20,000 trucks. Also on the board are John Coburn, former com-

manding general of the U.S. Army Material Command and head of VT Systems Inc., a company with significant military contracts; and former congresswoman Heather Wilson, who is president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a former U.S. Air Force officer.

APPS, if nothing else, illustrates the cozy cross-currents that link the military, defense contractors and politics. And it's a business. Although Rogers ask for donations to carry on its mission, APPS state's clearly that contributions aren't tax deductible. It will be interesting to see what sort of influence the group has as we move closer to the 2016 election. It says it won't endorse candidates.

Leveraging his congressional career, Rogers is a voice on the lecture circuit. The Washington Speakers Bureau makes him available for "joint presentations, keynote addresses and panels" at between \$25,000 and \$40,000 per appearance. Earlier this month, he spoke at a TD Americatrade conference about cyber security threats.

Rogers promotes his speech availability on the web site mikerogers.com, where he also highlights his talking-head television appearances on CNN.

He is working with the cable news

network on an eight-part show titled "Declassified," which CNN describes as the true stories of America's covert operations around the world.

"Hosted by former U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers ... each episode features a newly declassified mission told firsthand by the agents who lived it, while getting unprecedented access to the riveting and secret world of espionage," the network said in announcing the series.

Rogers is listed as one of four executive producers for the show, which is being developed by All3media America, which produces shows like "Undercover Boss," "The Million Second Quiz" and "Worst Cooks in America."

Rogers, though stretching his points at times, does know about intelligence operations. "Declassified" should play to his strengths. Certainly it will be better than the "Worst Cooks" show.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, July 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend Section 402.02 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances by providing the penalty for a misdemeanor violation having an alcohol content of .17 or more pursuant to Section MCL 257.625(1)(c) of the Michigan Vehicle Code.

For more information, please call the Lansing City Council at 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2015 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk
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STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain

Notice is Hereby Given that on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 16, 17, 19-22, 27-30, 32, and 33 in Delhi Charter Township, County of Ingham, State of Michigan. The lands to be added or deleted are located in Sections 17, 19, 20, 22, 27-30, and 32 in Delhi Charter Township.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete lands from the Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

Dated: June 16, 2015

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

GROVENBURG AND MENGER CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and the municipality within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties. There will be no construction as part of this petition and therefore there will not be a notice of letting of drain contract as described in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

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

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

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District in Ingham County, Michigan:

In Delhi Charter Township T03N-R02W:

- Section 16, The Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼
- Section 17, The South ½ of the Southeast ¼
- Section 19, The East ½, and the East ½ of the Southwest
- Section 20, All of Section 20
- Section 21, All of Section 21 except the Northeast ¼
- Section 22, The Southwest ¼, the South ¼ of the Northwest ¼, and the West ½ of the Southeast ¼
- Section 27, The Northwest ¼, the West ½ of the Northeast ¼, and the North ¼ of the Southwest ¼
- Section 28, All of Section 28
- Section 29, All of Section 29
- Section 30, The Northeast ¼ and East ½ of the Northwest ¼
- Section 32, The North ½
- Section 33, The North ½ of the Northwest ¼

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

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

Clerk of Ingham County
Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Managing Director of the Ingham County Department of Roads
Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township

are hereby notified that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

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

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 and Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1962. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Dated: June 16, 2015

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner
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By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

It was a lovely day. I was straddling my bike, looking south from Maguire Park, waiting for the signal to turn at Jolly Road. A stranger with an affable face and a tan jacket pulled his bike alongside me. Typical Sunday duffer, I thought.

Suddenly, he turned and bared his teeth. River Trail madness was upon him.

Cyclists, runners and strollers are discovering major new links and extensions that were added last fall to the crown jewel of Lansing's park system. At Maguire Park, the system's unofficial new hub, visitors load and unload bikes and head off on trails going in four directions.

Behind me, to the north, stretched five miles of river-hugging ribbon, starting from the Turner Dodge House in Old Town, winding through downtown Lansing, along the Grand and Red Cedar rivers and Sycamore Creek.

To the west, on my right, lay the newest stretch: the South Lansing Pathway, 5.8 miles of straight asphalt zooming all the way from Aurelius to Waverly road, freshly laid last fall. More a no-frills commuter trail than scenic ride, the new pathway lets you build up a fierce head of steam if the mood hits.

To my left was the trail's latest frontier: the link to Delhi Township's zig-zagging five-mile Sycamore Trail, completed November, heading south under I-96 to the woods and water of Valhalla Park.

WHICH WAY TO GO?

The stranger curled his finger and pretended to spray his mouth with silver paint, the prelude to martyrdom and glory in this summer's other on-the-trail epic, "Mad Max: Fury Road."

"I live, I die, I live again! To Valhalla!" he cried.

Nothing riles up a mild-mannered cyclist more than a new stretch of asphalt. Two fast-growing groups, the Friends of the River Trail and Lansing Bike Party, are supporting and enjoying the trail in exponentially growing numbers, along with tens of thousands of regular and occasional users.

In the second half of 2015, Ingham County will draw up plans for a county-wide network of non-motorized trails, funded in part by a new six-year trails millage passed last fall. The public will have a chance to weigh in on the process as Ingham County looks toward linking up with trails in neighboring counties and, in turn, a state-wide system.

This is the year of Valhalla and beyond.

THE FIRST GRITTY INCH

Friday morning, bikers and moms with babies in strollers cruised along one of the oldest sections of the Lansing River Trail, a straight stretch along Cedar Street just south

of downtown Lansing. In the 1970s, this was the first gritty inch in the brush-whacking, easement-hunting struggle to piece together the Lansing River Trail. Boxcar-sized oil drums were stacked here by the dozen.

"You couldn't even see the river," Jim Blair said. "It was a tunnel of trash and trees."

Blair, 70, was among the pioneers who first threaded a non-motorized trail system into the motorized home of General Motors and Motor Wheel as a Lansing City Councilman from 1974 to 1999.

Friday, the Grand was very visible, framed by a fringe of wildflowers and a ribbon of black trail. Blair sat on the loading dock in back of the 99-year-old Standard Oil distribution hub at the corner of Cedar and Kalamazoo streets, taking in the tranquil scene.

Up to the mid-1970s, the river was backyard to dozens of factories, shops and lumberyards, a dumping ground for everything from rusting machinery to couches, washing machines and cars.

GM trucks pushed mountains of snow off the Elm Street Bridge — along with whatever was buried under the snow, from shopping carts to motorcycles. The river was tainted by sewage from the city and fly ash from the Board of Water and Light.

"It was a cesspool," Blair said. "If you fell in without your rubber gloves, you had to get a tetanus shot."

The oil drums and railroad tracks are long gone, and the Standard Oil building, which Blair owns, is home to the League of Michigan Bicyclists.

In the early 1970s, the Friends of the River, an early coalition of Lansing busi-

nesses and environmentalists, were looking for ways to make the Grand a fit habitat for humans.

"We figured that if the public can't see the river, they won't want to clean it up," Blair said.

Urban trails are ubiquitous now, but in the 1970s, less than a handful of American cities were experimenting with them. Blair took the Lansing City Council on a bus trip to Toledo to see trails along the Maumee River. He studied another pioneering urban trail system in San Antonio.

Blair rallied the Council to approve the first section of the River Trail, from Riverfront Park to the Kalamazoo Street bridge.

"The first 10 years was just buying land, trading easements, getting rights of way," Blair said. "It was everybody's backyard."

The nascent trail proved popular with bicyclists, so Blair pushed for a 10-foot width instead of eight. To make his point, he arranged for two bicyclists to pass each other in a hallway at City Hall before a City Council meeting.

Fortunately, Blair said, the city's parks department took up about 20 percent of the city budget back then, with three landscape architects on hand.

Then, as now, the trail's budget was a patchy quilt of federal grants, state and municipal funds and private donations. Besides Blair, its champions included city planner Jon Bauer, who proposed the project in

1968, Ted Haskell, the first parks director to supervise the project, and Douglas Finley, who, with Blair, led the charge against its many opponents.

A Parks Department map of the trail's history looks like a link sausage of tiny parcels, laboriously finagled from businesses, factories and a now-defunct Conrail line along the river. Some businesses donated easements for a dollar.

Thanks to careful planning and patience, the trail's six-mile main line is an unbroken string of underpasses and boardwalks with no at-grade crossings. A biker can ride from the Turner-Dodge House in Old Town all the way to MSU without stopping once or dodging one car — quite a feat in a town that cradled the automobile industry.

CREGO-CENTRIC

The River Trail curled under Kalamazoo Street and hooked up with MSU's trail system in 2000. The same year, another patchwork of tricky downtown links, including three bridges, brought the River Trail to historic Moores Park and southwest Lansing. About two miles east, a gorgeous, wildlife-rich ride from Potter Park, running south through Scott Woods Park to Hawk Island Park, was finished in 2008.

The spur to Hawk Island not only furthered the goal of linking the area's most popular parks; it opened a lot of urban eyes to the potential of a larger trail system. Snaking through several habitats, from wetland to woods to open lake, it's a birder's paradise with owls, orioles, herons, kingfishers, goldfinches and even that punk-rocker of woodpeckers, the foot-tall pileated. I saw two of

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Courtesy Photo

The Lansing Bike Party takes advantage of the Lansing River Trail for many of its excursions.

River Trail

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them at once on a walk last year, and that's never happened to me anywhere else, even on hikes in the Upper Peninsula. (Check the Friends of the River Trail's Facebook page for occasional birding tours.)

Deer criss-cross the trail regularly. In spring, trillium cover the hillside and mating carp splash in the shallows. Carpets of forget-me-nots run riot well into August. All of this is a 20-minute or so ride from downtown Lansing.

Last fall, some unfinished business from the 1980s was finally resolved, resulting in another new discovery for River Trail users. A new one-third-mile path branches from the River Trail just east of Aurelius Road to Crego Park, Lansing's biggest park.

With its obscure location and oblique access, people have been slow to discover the

park, according to Brett Kaschinske, Lansing Parks Department director.

Kaschinske joked (maybe) that members of his staff asked him to keep quiet about it.

"They know about it as their own little paradise," he said.

Crego was closed in 1986 after industrial waste was found from testing of fire retardants. FMC Corp. of Philadelphia spent \$8 million to clean up the waste.

The park is newly outfitted with walkways, benches, kayak landings and a fishing dock that stretches over the deepest part of 15-acre Fidelity Lake, funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and \$250,000 from Lansing's parks millage.

The park can also be reached by turning north from Mt. Hope Road onto an obscure stretch of Fidelity Road, across from Evergreen Cemetery, but that's nowhere near as fun as finding it on a bike.

"It's a great way to start out or finish your ride, on a bench overlooking a 15-acre lake," Kaschinske said.

TO CHECK THE TRAIL'S FLOOD STATUS, GO TO:
lansingrivertrail.org/flood-status

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain

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Dated: June 17, 2015

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner
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Mason, MI 48854
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On June 17, 2015, the following minutes of the proceedings of the Meridian Township Board were sent for posting in the following locations:

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

June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK

CP#15_154

GUNGHO

The River Trail is well suited to a solitary ride, but the trail has a social side as well.

Jeff Potter is a "gung-ho co-host" of Lansing Bike Party, an informal gang of cruisers

modeled after Detroit's Slow Roll, which often draws thousands of weekly riders.

Lansing Bike Party has mushroomed fast since it started in 2009, with a handful of MSU staffers going out for a bike ride and a beer after work. This year, the group leaped

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

AURELIUS AND DELHI CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties. There will be no construction as part of this petition and therefore there will not be a notice of letting of drain contract as described in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

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

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

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District in Ingham County, Michigan:

In Aurelius Township T02N-R02W:

Section 3, the Northwest ¼ of the Section
Section 4, the North ¾ of the Section
Section 5, all of Section 5
Section 6, the East ½ and the East ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Section
Section 7, the East ½ of the Northeast ¼ of the Section
Section 8, the Northwest ¼ and the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Section

In Delhi Charter Township T03N-R02W:

Section 28, the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ and the South ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Section
Section 31, the Southeast ¼ and the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Section
Section 32, all of Section 32
Section 33, all of Section 33
Section 34, the West ½ of Section 34

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

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

Clerk of Ingham County
Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Managing Director of the Ingham County Department of Roads
Supervisor of Aurelius Township
Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township

are hereby notified that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

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

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 and Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1962. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Dated: June 17, 2015

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River Trail

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from 200 Facebook members to 1,000, with about 50 people on hand for each ride. Every week, the group sets out on slow cruises to destinations suggested by members. Potter said the rides go to “all points of the compass,” often keyed to musical events or new restaurants.

The group isn't afraid of taking to the streets, but the River Trail, Potter said, remains “key” to bike culture in Lansing.

“We include the River Trail on nearly every ride,” he said. “It's really nice for beginning riders. They don't have to interact with cars.”

The group draws lifelong cyclists, social butterflies and curious duffers. They're often the first to use a new stretch of trail.

Bike Party has been to Valhalla Park a dozen times already this year, once with a boom box blasting Wagner's “Ride of the Valkyries.” The Valhalla ride is usually on Tuesday, but it's best to check the group's Facebook page to keep up with its sudden and unpredictable impulses. River Trail madness can't be scheduled.

Meanwhile, the River Trail's more buttoned-down, semi-official support group, the Friends of the River Trail, is growing as fast as the Lansing Bike Party. The nonprofit started a year and a half ago when about a dozen River Trail fans got together, with the blessing of Mayor Virg Bernero, to brainstorm ways to support the trail. Now the group has about 120 members. About half are voting members, paying at least \$50 in annual dues, and half are regular members, at \$20 a year.

The Friends' annual meeting for 2015 is set for July 13 at the Lansing City Market. Bernero spoke at last year's meeting and is expected to come this year, too.

Tony Beyers of East Lansing, one of the group's most active members, said there will be a lot to talk about this year.

“With the new (Ingham County Trail) millage, we have an opportunity to influence what direction it goes,” Beyers said.

The group has about \$7,000 in dues and donations at its disposal as well. The first use of the money is a \$2,000 informational sign and map at busy Maguire Park, with half paid by the Friends and half paid by the city.

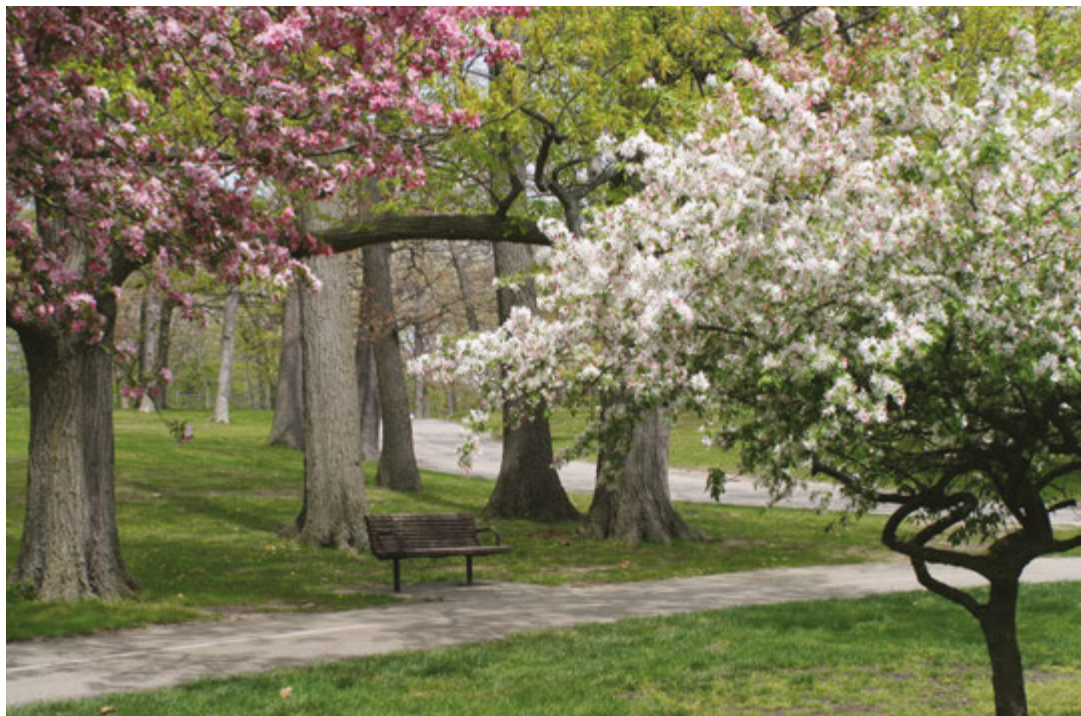


Photo by Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Heading east from downtown Lansing, the River Trail skirts Potter Park, and several beckoning benches, before penetrating the forested stretch east of Aurelius Road to link up with MSU.

Another new amenity for busy Maguire Park, a bike repair station with tools and an air pump, was paid for by \$1,600 grant from the Tri-County Bicycle Association, with money raised by the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinac bike ride, more commonly known as the DALMAC.

SPOKING OUT

Urban trailblazers are resigned to patchy, fits-and-starts financing from multiple sources, but the Ingham County trails millage passed last fall promises a period of growth and stability. The millage is expected to bring in about \$3.5 million a year, and the county will spend the rest of 2015 deciding how best to spend it.

Ingham County's Trails and Parks Task Force, a panel of 11 county commissioners, hired a design consultant, Mannik & Smith, this week, to begin planning in July. Mannik & Smith is already working with the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance on plan-

ning trails.

“They're going to help us spoke out and get us to other places,” said Timothy Morgan, Ingham County parks director.

This fall, the county will sort among existing plans for new trails, extensions and maintenance needs. Morgan said communities, townships, cities and the general public will be included in the planning process. (Watch the Ingham County Parks Department web site for notice of planning charrettes, with dates yet to be set.)

Morgan hopes to have a master plan in place by early next year, in time to write grants that would leverage money from the county trails millage.

Kaschinske has already sent Morgan a list of Lansing River Trail maintenance priorities, including a new underpass for Oakland Avenue and pavement fixes on the east end of the Lansing River Trail as it heads through the woods toward Kalamazoo Street and MSU. Kaschinske said he'd also like to enlarge the

parking lot at Maguire Park, which fills up on many weekend afternoons.

The Friends group is pushing for a new boardwalk on a section of trail just west of Aurelius Road, where Sycamore Creek tumbles into the Red Cedar. The bottleneck of asphalt there is crumbling because of frequent flooding. (The detour, when necessary, is epic.)

Morgan said that the county has its sights on farther horizons.

Nothing has been decided yet, but the millage will probably help revive long-planned projects such as a link from the Lansing River Trail's east end at MSU to Meridian Township and a southern link from Holt (and Valhalla) to Mason. Crossing US-127 will be a formidable engineering hurdle, but county consultants are studying the options.

The infusion of money might help break another logjam on the river and finally extend the north end of the trail from Old Town to Tecumseh Park and the surrounding neighborhood. More than 15 years ago, the trail hit a dead stop at its north end because of contaminated properties and stonewalling landowners.

Morgan said that all existing plans are on the table this year, along with “those that haven't been dreamt of yet.”

Despite the complexities of putting a trail system together, the goal, Morgan said, is simple: “connecting communities, places of interest and businesses so we can give people other options than jumping in the car and driving to and fro.”

Anecdotal observation, especially in Maguire Park, points to a big spike in trail usage overall, but a long-overdue survey would be a useful part of the planning process. (A 2004 survey by MSU estimated about 70,000 users from May through September of that year. About 56 percent were Lansing residents, 15 percent from East Lansing and 29 percent from elsewhere. One of the most interesting findings was that over 50 percent of users did not drive a car to the trail.)

If, or when, the next wave of extensions is completed, Michigan's growing rails-to-trails system, with over 2,500 trail miles on 119 trails, will be within reach.

In 20 years or so, Morgan wants to see Ingham County trails connected to Eaton, Jackson and Clinton counties, to the state trail system and, eventually, the American Discovery Trail.

“Someday you won't get to an ending point,” Morgan said. “You'll just get to the next trail and the next.”



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In 2012, a coordinated design coup by the state of Michigan and the city of Lansing replaced the Saginaw Street Bridge and upgraded the frequently flooded River Trail boardwalk underneath to a higher, more spacious



Photos by Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

An elaborate system of underpasses and river boardwalks keep the main stem of the River Trail free of at-grade crossings from the Turner Dodge House all the way to MSU.

ARTS & CULTURE

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By RICH TUPICA

In mid-August 1968, the Woolies walked into the Dells, a now demolished music venue in Haslett near Lake Lansing. The shaggy-haired, blues-inspired rock 'n' roll group was hired for a multiple-day run backing the legendary Chuck Berry.

Berry was known for being a notorious stickler about his rhythm sections, so the college-age band was no doubt surprised when Berry took a liking to them. This was a life altering night for the East Lansing-based outfit. Berry continued to hire the band for many of his Midwest gigs over the following decades and even recorded a full-length LP with the group.

While the Woolies scored a Top 100 Billboard hit in March of 1967 — a scorching

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cover of Bo Diddley's "Who Do You Love?" — it was its time with Berry that allowed them to continue playing for decades, brushing shoulders with a laundry list of music icons. The band celebrates its 50th anniversary Saturday with a reunion concert and Haven House fundraiser at the Okemos Conference Center.

The Woolies' drummer, William "Bee" Metros, organized the show, the band's first in over 10 years. Here's what Metros had to say about his time in the Woolies and the upcoming show.

The Woolies had a couple lineup changes over the years. Who's playing the reunion show?

THE WOOLIES CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

DRUMMER OF LEGENDARY EAST LANSING BAND REFLECTS ON CHUCK BERRY, 'WHO DO YOU LOVE?' SINGLE

It's the original band that recorded "Who Do You Love?" It's "Boogie" Bob Baldori (keys/harmonica) and his brother Jeff Baldori (guitar), lead singer Stormy Rice and a guy named Ron English (guitar) — who became a successful jazz guitarist and played with Motown. When Jeff first joined the band he was only 15 and had only been playing guitar for maybe two weeks.

Stormy Rice's vocals are amazing on "Who Do You Love?" — when did he leave the band?

Stormy left in '68, I think. That's when (Jack) "Zocko" Groendal joined the band and was there for 15 years. Unfortunately he won't be at the show this week.

What's the Woolies sound in a nutshell?

It's rock 'n' roll with a distinct blues and rhythm and blues sound. We listen to Chuck (Berry), B.B. King and Elmore James — we were listening to all of that stuff as young men, too. That certainly had influence on us. My main influence would be Gene Krupa. I think he was the best drummer ever.

"Who Do You Love?" was released on Dunhill Records, how did that deal come about?

We'd won the Vox "Band of the Land" contest at the state fairgrounds in 1966. That was sort of a huge break for us. It got us on a national level. First prize was a trip to Hollywood and supposedly a recording contract. The recording contract was complete B.S., but they did end up flying us out and put us up at the Roosevelt Hotel for a week. We ended up signing with Dunhill Records and Lou Adler. As a result we recorded "Who

Courtesy photo

The Woolies scored a national hit in 1967 with its cover of Bo Diddley's "Who Do You Love?"

Do You Love?" at Sunset Sound studios in Los Angeles, the same studio the Beach Boys record-

ed in.

When the Woolies started in summer 1965, where did you play in the Lansing area?

When we started, there was no alcohol in East Lansing, it was completely dry. So if we played, it was at Coral Gables. This was before the bar scene really took off in the early '70s, so we'd play a lot of high school places, fraternity parties, senior proms, dances and teeny-bop clubs like Daniel's Den in Saginaw. We also played the grand re-opening show at the Grande Ballroom in Detroit (in 1966). We played Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium, Cobo Hall and Detroit Olympia arena.

The Woolies were busy well into the 1970s — where were you gigging then?

In the early '70s, when East Lansing had alcohol, we were one of the first bands to play Lizard's (now Rick's American Café). We played there weekly for many years. As a result of that, we played all the East Lansing places like Dooley's (current location of Harper's). We played Grandmother's, the Brewery and Silver Dollar, which was all the same place. There was the Alley Eye, Mac's on South Logan. We played Rocky's Teakwood Lounge. But we'd go anywhere. We played Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, New York.

What did Chuck Berry do for your career?

What kept our career alive was playing with Chuck. Chuck loved us. I'm not saying that in a braggadocious way. What I'm saying is, we followed him, we didn't step over him. We could put in the groove. After he played with us for a week at the Dell's, if Chuck came to Michigan or the Midwest he'd say, "Get the Woolies." He recorded an album with us in Lansing (1971's "San Francisco Dues" LP on Chess Records). As a result of playing with Chuck, we played all of these festivals where we ended up backing Bo Diddley several times, Gary U.S. Bonds, Bobby Sherman, Martha Reeves & the Vandellas and Stevie Wonder. We played a number of gigs with Del Shannon, who was phenomenal — what a great singer he was.

Looking back, what did you learn most from Chuck Berry?

For me, as a drummer, he was very easy to play with because he had a great sense of time. One of the first times we ever played with him he starts off with "Maybellene." In my mind, I knew the tempo of "Maybellene" on the recording. He apparently wanted to do it slower, he turns around and gives me a glare and starts padding with his foot. That was the first time I learned I had to follow him, not the record. He taught us a lot. His sense of dynamics, his duck walk — everything. He was an inspiration to us. He taught us how to react to an audience. He was a master at it.



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Legendary East Lansing band the Woolies celebrates its 50th anniversary with a concert Saturday. From left: William "Bee" Metros, Stormy Rice, Jeff Baldori, "Boogie" Bob Baldori.



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Stretching out

Core Effect shows versatility on 'Ethos'

By TY FORQUER

"Ethos," the latest offering by Detroit-based hard rockers Core Effect, crams a lot of punch into a small package. The nine-track album clocks in at just 34 minutes, straddling the line between a full album and an EP. In that short amount of time, however, the band manages to cover a lot of ground.

Review

The quartet is most in its element on riff-driven rockers like "Matchhead" and the album's opener, "Decision."

"Decision," features a brief introduction — an enigmatic lead guitar drifting above a chugging rhythm guitar — before launching into the big, heavy guitar riff that drives the song. The band's two-voiced approach, with bassist Randy Riddle and guitarist John Kefalo sharing lead vocal duties, brings a thickness of tone to the verse. Their voices have an edge, but never cross over into screaming.

The band pulls back the intensity for a minute on a subdued bridge, only to ramp up to an energetic lead guitar dual. This is one of Core Effect's strengths, the ability to ebb and flow, carefully controlling pacing and dynamics.

While those tracks are where the band is most at home, it also uses this album to show its versatility. The second track, "Level," features a bluesy verse that breaks into a rollicking shuffle at the chorus. "Let Go," on the other hand, uses a warbly, quasi-psychedelic guitar/keyboard duo to support its verses — creating an interesting contrast to the heavier, guitar-driven chorus. On "Mountain Lion Dead," the band laces its verses with a minor-key Southwestern flavor.

"Coroner," possibly the album's strongest track, features one of the album's catchiest choruses. The band pulls back the intensity for a bluesy bridge before launching into a brief, David Gilmore-esque guitar solo.

At times, lead guitarist Joe Keough seems caught between two worlds. The guitarist seems to prefer spacious, bluesy solos, which serves him well in most situations. There are times, however, when the band cranks up its intensity, and a little



Ethos
"Core Effect"
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more 1980s-style virtuosity would take the track to a new level.

There are some standouts though, including the guitar solo on "Marigold." The solo starts out tamely but gradually builds in intensity, ramping up to the track's final, epic chorus.

The album is expertly mixed, with everything seemingly in its right place. The band's two-guitar attack sounds thick, but never muddy, and the band's two vocalists are well balanced. Drums and bass are present without getting in the way. Beds of percolating keyboards and guitar ebb and flow underneath when texture is required, while other times the sound is stripped down to its bare elements.

The quality of the mix should come as no surprise, however. The album was recorded and mixed by sound guru Glenn Brown at his Lansing studio.

This reviewer's biggest complaint, actually, is that the recording quality is sometimes too clean for my taste. Several times I found myself wishing the guitars had a little more grit and thickness of tone. (Of course, my musical development included a pretty significant Korn/Deftones/System of a Down phase, so my baseline for guitar distortion may be a bit skewed.)

In any case, Core Effect has put together a solid collection of songs. "Ethos" manages to fit a wide swath of musical influences into a short span, and the band avoids the error so many bands make: inflating an album with filler tunes to get to an expected album length. In a digital age where media is omnipresent and time is precious, quality goes much further than quantity.

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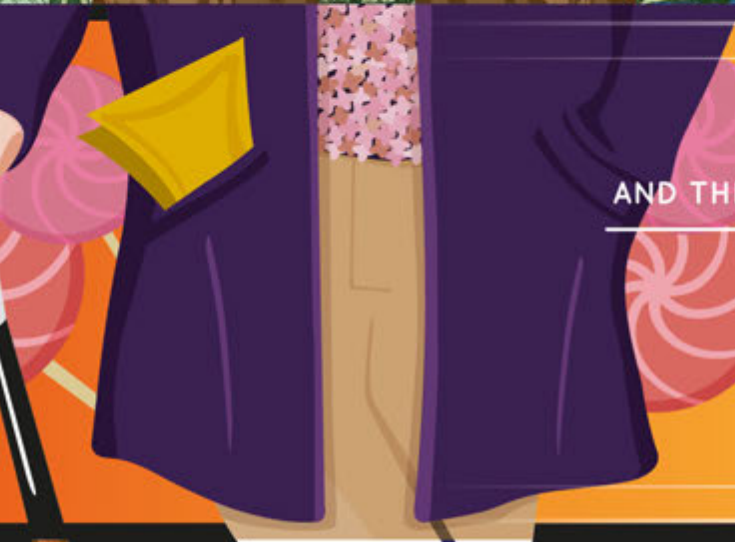
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Fresh face for Elderly

Popular instrument store begins work on mural project

By TY FORQUER

Elderly Instruments, Lansing's famous purveyor of fine stringed instruments, is giving its Old Town headquarters a facelift. Los Angeles-based graphic artist Jennifer Springman began work on a Washington Avenue-facing mural June 8.

Don't worry, she isn't messing with the historic brick exterior of the century-old former Oddfellows hall that houses the store's showroom. The mural will occupy the wall of the building directly north of the showroom. Elderly Instruments, which moved into the Oddfellows hall in 1984, purchased the building next door in 1994.

While most Lansing musicians are familiar with the showroom space, few realize that the store actually covers 35,000 square feet. The northern addition houses offices, inventory and the shop's extensive mail-order operations. Stan Werbin, Elderly Instruments' president, recruited Springman to create a mural to highlight this portion of its operations.

"It will give our current customers and new customers a clear idea of what we do, as well as put a bright new face on the Washington side of Old Town," he said.

Springman, 34, has a family connection to the store: She is Werbin's niece. Springman said she began discussing the mural with Werbin last summer while she was in town visiting family.

"He wanted to do something to communicate to the community what was inside the walls of the building," Springman said.

The finished mural will include several instruments — including guitars, banjos and a ukulele — all based on instruments carried by Elderly Instruments. Werbin sent Springman links to instruments he



Photos by Ty Forquer/City Pulse
Elderly Instruments recently began work on a Washington Avenue-facing mural.

liked from the store's online catalog.

"He was pretty particular about which instruments to use," Springman said.

The mural will also feature some local touches, including nods to the Capitol, the Brenke Fish Ladder and the iconic Old Town signs that mark the neighborhood's boundaries. Springman said she wanted to design a mural that fit the "look and feel" of Old Town.

"It's been great to see how excited the community is getting," she said. "People stop and talk to me all the time, and it's awesome."

A graphic designer and painter, Springman is new to large-scale murals.

"This is the first big project like this for



Instruments in the mural are modeled after real instruments, including this design based on a PRS Guitars electric guitar.

me," she said, noting that a mural project that she helped with in high school gave her the technical knowledge to execute a large painting project.

Springman expects to finish the mural in a few weeks, weather permitting.



Los Angeles-based artist Jennifer Springman fills in some detail on a guitar pick element.

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A PLETHORA OF FESTIVALS

This weekend was an embarrassment of riches for Lansing-area festival goers. While many in Lansing commemorated the end of slavery in the

U.S. at Lansing's Juneteenth Celebration, others indulged in the wide variety of jazz music at East Lansing's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival. Mean-

while, beer and wine enthusiasts flocked to Old Town's celebration of the summer solstice, the Festival of the Moon and Sun.

SOLSTICE

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Rei (left) and Tomomi Kumagai take a break from the music to enjoy a cool snack.



MSU jazz professors Diego Rivera (left), Rodney Whitaker (center) and Randy Gelispie perform with Soul-R-Energy.



Crowds gathered in East Lansing for the free outdoor festival.

JUNETEENTH

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Joseph Harvey, Flint resident and member of Kuungana African Drum and Dance Co., warms up before the group's performance.



The El-Shabazz Academy Elite Choir performs as part of the weekend's festivities.

MOON & SUN

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Lauren Christine (left) and Curtis Drullinger enjoy some beers at Festival of the Moon and Sun.



Nikki Hastings, of East Lansing band the Heat Pipes, performs for the festival crowd Friday night.



Festival volunteer Angela Robertson, of Lansing, pours a glass of wine.

Strike out bad decisions

Tips for enjoying America's pastime the healthy way

By CINDY BJORKQUIST

With warm weather here to stay, many Lansing families will head out to enjoy a spring and summer favorite: Lansing Lugnuts games. For many, this pastime is an indulgent experience, listening to the crack of the bat while enjoying the wide variety of delicious food and beverages available. There is even a special all-you-can-eat night at Cooley Law School Stadium — dubbed “Eat-A-Palooza” — that's dedicated to feasting.

While chowing down at the ballpark can be part of the fun, it is important to think in advance about the food choices you'll make to avoid getting in over your head. For example, did you know that nachos alone can contain more than 1,000 calo-

Cindy Bjorkquist

Cindy Bjorkquist is director of health and wellness programs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. For more information and tips to improve your family's health, visit ahealthiermichigan.org/mikidscan.



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Baseball is a summer tradition, but eating healthy at the ball park can be a challenge.

ries? Now add in a hot dog, a soda, a large bag of peanuts and a bag of cotton candy, that's more than 2,800 calories. Think about it. You've easily topped the daily-recommended calorie intake before you have even made it to the seventh inning stretch. Here are some tips to enjoy the game while still keeping the experience healthy for you and your family.

Prepare before you head to the game

There are many things you can do to keep a trip to the ballgame a healthy one that does not have to center around eating junk food. Here are a few suggestions to

keep you and your family on track:

- Don't go to the game hungry. Feed your family a sensible and well-balanced meal before you head out.
- Drink plenty of water. Many times we eat due to thirst, rather than hunger.
- Plan ahead. If you know your family is going to eat at the game, make sure you eat well beforehand and get in some exercise earlier in the day.
- Get active. Take the family on a couple laps around the venue before you settle in into your seat for the game and during the game as well. Sitting for more

this summer.

“There are more than 100 state parks throughout the state, offering a wide variety of recreational, camping and programming opportunities,” Grinnell said.

The pass provides entrance to state parks for free, although travelers need to select their date of travel through the online reservation system.

“The activity pass program is the perfect opportunity to get out and explore some new places throughout the state and to create a summer full of memories,” Grinnell said.

The state parks are a new addition to this year's program and are already proving successful.

“Due to the addition of the state parks and campgrounds in the program, as well as the program gathering more press this year, checkouts are up this year,” Felix said.

Some of the most popular destinations are the Sea Life Michigan Aquarium in Auburn Hills, the Michigan Science Center in Detroit, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills and Belle Isle Park, Felix said.

Those interested in visiting participating destinations are encouraged to reserve their pass early since

than 30 minutes at a time isn't healthy, so stand and stretch while you cheer.

Make healthy decisions at the game

Here are some things to consider when you are choosing what to feed your family while at the ballpark:

Watch your portions. One of the biggest causes of weight gain is due to out-of-control serving sizes. For example, 1/4 cup of peanuts is one serving, so the bag of peanuts that you purchase should be shared between at least four people. The same thing goes for popcorn. A single serving of popcorn is three cups popped.

A typical ballpark hot dog has just under 300 calories after you add ketchup, mustard and relish. This is the equivalent of about 3 miles of walking or running. Some better choices with fewer calories could be a slice of cheese pizza, veggie pizza or a soft pretzel.

Typically, even a plain hamburger has fewer calories than a hot dog from the ballpark.

Stay away from fried food such as French fries, onion rings and funnel cakes. They are loaded with calories and fat.

If it's a hot day and that sno-cone is looking really delicious, ask for less of the sugary syrup. It's a better option than many of the other desserts found at the game.

Anytime vegetables are available, it's a more nutritious option. But beware of condiments that add extra calories and fat quickly, such as sour cream, cheese, guacamole, croutons, dressing or bacon.

June through September is the peak usage for the program.

For the full list of participating attractions, visit michiganactivitypass.info.

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Pass provides low-cost access to summer activities

By SARAH SPOHN

We've all heard those ubiquitous “Pure Michigan” radio ads. If you haven't heard Tim Allen waxing poetic about picturesque Michigan destinations, then you must be living under that very “rock” that fellow Michigander Bob Seger sings about. But when was the last time you got outside and actually explored those unique attractions and endearing small towns Allen describes so vividly?

This summer, several area libraries are expanding outside of their summer reading programs and inviting library card holders to enjoy all the state has to offer.

The Michigan Activity Pass provides library card holders at participating libraries, including Capital Area District Libraries, East Lansing Public Library and Delta Township Library, with free or reduced-cost access to arts and cultural organizations across the state of Michigan. Nearly 400 attractions statewide are included with the pass, including state parks and recreation areas, campgrounds, museums, theaters, planetariums and

more.

“Each library gets five passes per week per attraction,” explained Brigette Felix, shared system librarian at the Library Network. “A library card holder can check out one Michigan Activity Pass every seven days.”

The program began in Southeast Michigan as the Museum Adventure Pass under a different organization in 2007, Felix said. The Library Network took over the program in 2012, renaming and expanded the program.

While the Michigan Activity Pass is in its third year as a statewide program, many library card holders are still unaware of the many benefits their card includes outside of checking out books.

Lansing resident Libby Cantu said she wasn't aware of the pass, but thinks it's a great program — one that may inspire her to visit the library again.

“It's a free program with cash-value benefits, so there's nothing to lose and only things to gain,” Cantu said.

While the pass system is utilized completely online through the Michigan Activity Pass website, its purpose is to encourage Michiganders to get outside and explore, providing families an affordable option for summer activities.

Michelle Grinnell, public relations manager for Travel Michigan (the group behind those Pure Michigan ads), said the state parks are a great option for families

While the Michigan Activity Pass program is statewide, there are some local offers that Lansing residents can take advantage of:

RE Olds Transportation Museum

Buy one admission, get one of equal or lesser value free.

Michigan Historical Museum

\$2.00 off regular adult admission and a 10 percent discount at the on-site store.

Michigan Supreme Court

Learning Center

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Nokomis Learning Center

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Sleepy Hollow State Park

One day of free access to the park. Can be used to provide access to one night of camping where available, but camping fees still apply.

Radio gaga

A fresh look at an Orson Welles masterpiece

By **BILL CASTANIER**

There have been reams written about Orson Welles' infamous 1938 "The War of the Worlds" radio broadcast, but much of it has only repeated long-held myths surrounding the broadcast of the fictional alien invasion of Earth.

"Broadcast Hysteria"

Author talk with A. Brad Schwartz
7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24
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On Halloween 1938 — that should have been a hint — Welles' "The Mercury Theatre on the Air" aired a 40-minute, uninterrupted program

describing an alien invasion of New Jersey based on H.G. Wells' classic 1898 novel, "The War of the Worlds."

The program was done in the style of a live newscast. Even though announcements stating it was fictional ran four times, many listeners had tuned in late — turning from the more popular "The Chase and Sanborn Hour" — or just weren't paying very close attention to the drama.

East Lansing resident A. Brad Schwartz, using previously unexamined records, has put together the most complete account of that pop-culture event in his book, "Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles's War of the Worlds and the Art of Fake News."

One popular myth that Schwartz dispels is that Welles had purposely set the most dramatic moments of the broadcast during an interlude in "The Chase and Sanborn Hour," thereby ensuring listeners would miss the first announcement. Schwartz's close examination shows that was not true.

Following the radio show, the media — especially newspapers — ran reports of mass hysteria, with stories about highways jammed by cars and listeners were donning gas masks and taking other outrageous actions.

Although there were scattered in-



Courtesy photo

"Broadcast Hysteria," by East Lansing author A. Brad Schwartz, sheds new light on Orson Welles' legendary "The War of the Worlds" broadcast.

stances of this hysteria, Schwartz writes, the only real drama was in the radio studio, where police showed up to try to end the broadcast. Later analysis showed little evidence of mass hysteria.

The only hysteria, Schwartz said, occurred with the media. He uses that point to pivot into a discussion of the "fake" news the public barraged with today.

Schwartz, 25, is a graduate of Okemos High School and the University of Michigan. He learned about Orson Welles at a young age, he said, when his mother would play tapes of radio broadcasts for him to help him go to sleep.

His mother, an educator, believed that

listening to the spoken word recordings would help Schwartz's verbal skills. He recalls falling to sleep listening to old-time radio shows like "The Shadow," one of Welles' stellar radio performances.

"I already knew about Welles," Schwartz said, explaining that his book began as a senior thesis at the University of Michigan. The book is a tightly written, concise and fun look at a time when the radio industry was flexing its muscle and was committed to creative programming.

Coincidence played a part in the writing of the book, when as a sophomore Schwartz heard a guest lecturer extolling the University of Michigan's recent acquisition of some Orson Welles' papers.

He learned that the collection held a trove letters from 1,400 individuals who had written to the station about the show. Schwartz would later compare those letters with some 600 letters that had been sent to the Federal Communications Commission about the broadcast.

In his book, Schwartz dissects the blowback from the airing of the controversial segment. Activists and politicians across the country, fueled by claims of hysteria, demanded the Federal Communications Com-

mission look into banning such content.

"There was a fear of what radio could do to American democracy," Schwartz writes.

It's a perennial belief, he said, that the introduction of new media will send people into a life of crime or harm children in some way.

"I hope the book will put the next moral panic in perspective," he said.

Even in what is called the "golden age of radio," Schwartz said, there was a mixture of journalism and entertainment. Welles' use of the broadcast technique wasn't even original. "March of Time," another program that Welles was an integral part of, had used the conceit of recreating history through fake news broadcasts.

Schwartz believes the parallels between then and now are amazing, and the dangers of confusing entertainment and news are still with us.

"Part of the book was always me working out my frustrations with where media is now," he said.

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Wednesday, June 24

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

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

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

Communications 4: Social Media. Workshop on social media's effects on our lives. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, pilgrimucc.com.

Floral Arrangement Class. Western Style Centerpiece Class. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$5, plus cost of supplies. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

EVENTS

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

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

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Open Workshop. Bike repair, bike safety and biking as healthy exercise. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Kids Repair Program, 5815 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 755-4174.

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

LCRD Summer Bootcamp. Roller Derby bootcamp. June 24-August 3. 6:30 p.m. \$60. Court One Athletic Club, 1609 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing. (517) 372-9531, mittenmavens.net/join/bootcamp.

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Sandwich break



Sunday, June 28

Grab your lawn chairs and prepare yourself for some relaxing music and a little humor because Danielle Ate the Sandwich is coming to the Old Town General Store. Wait, who ate the sandwich? Well, no one — I'm just trying to tell you about Danielle Ate the Sandwich. Are you confused? Let me explain.

Danielle Anderson, who performs under the unlikely stage name Danielle Ate the Sandwich, is a humorous ukulele and guitar player who uses her songs to tell stories about people. She brings her music to Concerts at the Courtyard at the Old Town General Store Sunday.

Anderson, 29, is best known for her quirky YouTube videos. The young musician has posted hundreds of videos since 2007.

"YouTube was the reason for a significant amount of exposure and continues to be a great way for me to have my music heard," said Anderson. "I have fans across the world thanks to my brand of quirky and intimate performances that I record in my own house with very little production."

Although she has been singing and writing music since she was a child, she didn't gain the confidence to

actually sing in public until her 20s. And then there's the stage name. Back in 2006, Anderson wanted a stage name because she didn't think "Danielle" had enough pizzazz.

"I like the way sandwiches look and they are usually unstuffy and never snobbish, so I thought it would be a good name to do," she explained.

She longed for something funny, strange, friendly and colorful and finally settled on Danielle Ate the Sandwich.

Asked if she would ever change her stage name, Anderson said she has thought about it, but she has become accustomed to it and very trusting of it. It is who she is now.

"If I were to change it, I'd feel like I was turning my back on a part of myself, or kicking an old friend out of the house," Anderson said.

While YouTube is the source of her fame, it is also where Anderson receives some of the most hurtful criticism. The comment sections of YouTube videos are notorious breeding grounds for vicious commentary.

"A lot of (comments) are rubbish and left by trolls, who just type mean things to be controversial, but

plenty of people leave eloquent and well-typed insults that really hurt my feelings," Anderson said. "I am very sensitive, so it's in my nature to hear something, make the worst of it, dwell on it, feel bad about myself and try to move slowly on."

Anderson has some advice for others who post their work on YouTube.

"Read the comments if you must, and as long as you did something you're proud of, try not to let the comments get to you," she said. "I like the way I do it and I usually go to bed proud of who I am. If I can continue to do that, while meeting fans who tell me my music means something to them over the next five to 10 years, I would be very pleased. I am unshakably proud of what I've accomplished this far in my life."

Concerts in the Courtyard

Featuring Danielle Ate the Sandwich
5 p.m. Sunday, June 28
\$15
Old Town General Store
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—ASHA JOHNSON

Turn it Down

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE
BY RICH TUPICA

HAYLEY KIYOKO AT MAC'S BAR




Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$12, \$10 adv., 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 1

Vocalist/actress Hayley Kiyoko headlines July 1 at Mac's Bar, with opener Alex Mendenall and Faithy Halick. Aside from her modern-pop tunes, Kiyoko is known for playing Velma Dinkley in three live-action "Scooby-Doo" movies. The 24-year-old actress also works in television — she plays Raven Ramirez on "CSI: Cyber" and has appeared on the CW's "The Vampire Diaries." Last year she dropped her debut alt-pop EP, "This Side of Paradise." The Los Angeles native first picked up drum sticks at age 5. By junior high she'd learned bass and guitar and was soon jamming with the Stunners, a girl group. Fans of Metric and Sia might want to check out her show. Acting wise, she has kept busy with roles in the upcoming "Jem and the Holograms" film and the recently released "Insidious 3."

WED. JULY 1ST

SQUIRREL SHAPED FISH GOING AWAY SHOW




The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$5, 9 p.m., Friday, June 26

After two years of gigging in the Lansing scene, Squirrel Shaped Fish announced it's going on a hiatus. The self-described "loung pop/groove rock" band comprises Drew Irwin (vocals, guitar), Caleb Knight (vocals, drums), Tong Kupatavetin (keyboards, vocals) and bassist Parker Langvardt. The band doesn't plan to call it quits, however, and is releasing a new album next month. According to the band's Facebook page, the break is so the members can "come back to the game refreshed with our newly recorded material." The group headlines Friday at the Avenue Café and will perform the upcoming album in full. Openers are the Class Acts and Squirt. Since its genesis in 2013, Squirrel Shaped Fish has played Common Ground Music Festival and warmed up stages for the likes of Joe Hertler & the Rainbow Seekers, Flint Eastwood and Stepdad.

FRI. JUNE 26TH

AMY SPEACE AT THE PUMP HOUSE



Pump House Concerts, 368 Orchard St, East Lansing. All ages, \$15 suggested donation, 7 p.m., Saturday, June 27

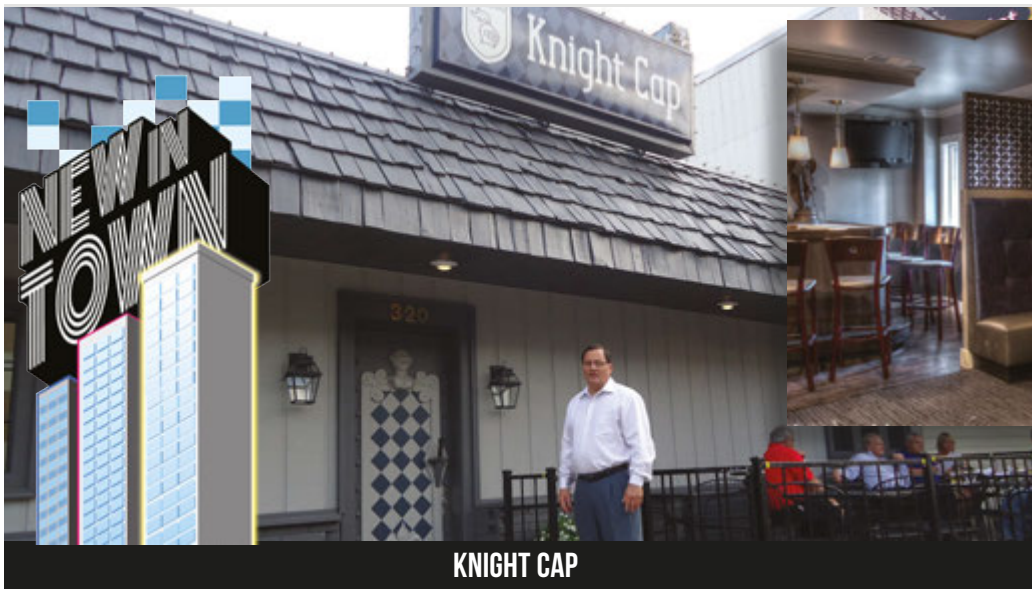
Since 2009, East Nashville-based Americana singer/songwriter Amy Speace has churned out acclaimed folk records. Saturday she headlines the Pump House, with special guest Telisha Williams of Wild Ponies. Speace's latest record, "That Kind of Girl," was released earlier this year and received high praise from Billboard Magazine and The New York Times. Author and music critic Holly George-Warren called the full length "breathtaking." Over the years, Speace has shared stages with a long list of folk music icons, including Guy Clark, Nanci Griffith, Ian Hunter and Alejandro Escovedo. A career breakthrough came when she was discovered in 2005 by legendary singer Judy Collins. In 2010, Collins covered Speace's song "Weight of the World" on her 2010 "Paradise" LP. Collins called Speace's song "one of the best political folk songs" she'd ever heard.

SAT. JUNE 27TH

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LIVE & LOCAL	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Trax-a-Trillion, 8 p.m.	Squirrel Shaped Fish, 9 p.m.	LOLGBTQ, 9 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.				Cross Tide, 9 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Rd.			Karl Veloe, 9 p.m.	Darin Larner Jr., 5 p.m.
Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Dr.			Rush Clement, 8:30 p.m.	Carl Propst, 8:30 p.m.
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 9 p.m.		Steve Cowles, 6 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		Open Mic w/Pat Zelenka, 9 p.m.		
Copper, 2874 E. Lake Lansing Rd.		Cross Tide, 6 p.m.		
Dublin Square, 327 Abbot Rd.			Mark Warner, 5 p.m.	Mark Warner, 5 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Good Cookies, 9:30 p.m.	Skoryoke live band karaoke, 9:30 p.m.	The New Rule, 9:30 p.m.	Mix Pack, 9:30 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke w/Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Soulstice, 9 p.m.	Soul Shake, 9 p.m.
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.			Karaoke, 9 p.m.	
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.		Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Greg Smith, 6 p.m.	Mike Vial, 6 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Islander, 7 p.m.	Michael Angelo Batio, 6:30 p.m.	
Log Jam, 110 W. Jefferson St.				Chris Lasko, 9 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Kevin Garrett, 7 p.m.	Winner Take All, 8 p.m.	Small Parks, 7 p.m.
Peppino's, 213 Ann St.	Reggae Lou, 5 p.m.		Scott Seth, 8 p.m.	
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Rd.	Don Middelbrook & Rush Clement, 6 p.m.	Kevin Schafer, 6 p.m.	Well Enough Alone, 6 p.m.	Rush Clement, 6 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Kathy Ford Band Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	Chris Lasko, 6 p.m.	Reggae Lou, 6 p.m.	The New Rule, 6 p.m.
Reno's West, 501 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Jake Stevens, 6 p.m.	Kevin Browne, 6 p.m.	Swamp Nights, 6 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 6 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.			DJ Chalky, 9 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog's Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	The Bear Band, 8:30 p.m.	the Bear Band, 8:30 p.m.
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Dr.			Joe Wright, 7 p.m.	
Watershed, 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 8 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.			DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.

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KNIGHT CAP

Leo A. Farhat, co-owner of Knight Cap, in the front of the restaurant's recently updated exterior. The 45-year-old downtown Lansing business reopened this week under the management of Farhat and his son, Gregory Farhat.

Alan I. Ross/City Pulse

By ALLAN I. ROSS

In the early '70s, a teenaged Leo Farhat was sitting in the dining room of the still-relatively new **Knight Cap** in downtown Lansing when he looked around and told his date that he'd like to own the place someday. If a neighboring table of diners happened to overhear the conversation, they probably would have chalked it up to adolescent bravado, a boy just trying to impress a girl. More than 40 years later, that girl is a distant memory, but the restaurant is Farhat's — lock, stock and sword-hilt door

handle. Farhat reopened Knight Cap on Monday, effectively marking the fine dining staple's second act.

"I'm the happiest guy in the world," Farhat gushed, standing about 10 feet away from the site where he made that fateful proclamation. "This is the (culmination) of a lifelong dream. And it's even better that I get to involve my son in this and work with him to create something special."

The Farhats took the reins in March from previous owner Charlie Sinadinos, whose husband, George Sinadinos, opened the



up for sale last fall.

"I have a (duty) to Charlie to maintain the great reputation she and George spent 45 years building," Farhat said. "I've loved the Knight Cap for a very long time. I want to continue a proud tradition."

The most notable difference since the ownership change is the interior renovation. The Farhats worked with Pace Howe Design to create a subdued blue-and-gray color scheme for the 1,100-square-foot dining room and added subtle touches, such as crown moulding and picture frame trim. Downtown consulting firm Traction cemented the visual changeover with a new logo and website.

"We want to keep the upscale atmosphere but give it a fresh new look," said Gregory Farhat, who led the rebranding effort. "(This is) refining, not rebuilding. This will be our rendition of the '60s as done in

Knight Cap in 1969. She took over after he died in 1988 and kept it going through downtown Lansing's downs and ups. Farhat, who also owns the nearby **Brunch House** diner, was the first in line when Sinadinos put the Knight Cap

2015. We're trying to make it look like a classic setting from 30 years ago."

Also getting an upgrade was the kitchen, where returning Chef Carl Davis churns out a new menu he honed based on Farhat's specifications. Only a few appetizers have rolled over — the medicinets beef tips, oysters Rockefeller, lobster bisque — while the entrée items now include aged certified Angus beef, center-cut steaks and Scottish salmon imported from the Isle of Skye.

Incoming bar manager Kathy Foote assembled a wine list custom-designed to complement the new menu.

"Kathy is a genius," Farhat said. "She was able to find wines that would appeal to people who knew their way around (wine lists) and people who just want a nice glass of something to go with their meal. It was important to me to be upscale but still accessible."

Farhat said he's excited to reintroduce — or introduce, as the case may be — downtown diners to a little bit of Lansing history, and keep "a proud tradition alive."

"A new era has begun," Farhat said. "This is what I've always wanted to do, it's where I've always wanted to be and things couldn't have gone smoother. Dreams do come true."

Knight Cap

320 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
4-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 4-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
(517) 484-7676, knightcap.com

Out on the town

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Northwest: Researching the Early Pioneers. 7 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. mmgs.wordpress.com.
Magician Jeff Boyer. Magic out of books, newspapers, shoelaces and more. For all ages. 10-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.
RCS "Airplane!" Movie Night. "Airplane!" and special cocktails. Free popcorn. 7 p.m. FREE. Red Cedar Spirits, 2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing. (517) 908-9950. redcedarspiritsdistillery.com.

MUSIC

Fusion Shows presents. Live music. 21-up. 10 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.
Zack Okello. Acoustic guitar and vocals. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, facebook.com/AllenStreetFarmersMarket.
Ukulele Play-Along. Learn how to play chords and songs on the ukulele. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St. Lansing. (517) 337-9700, marshallmusic.com.
Music in the Village. Meridian Community Band and soloist Ashley Ault, 7-8:30 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Meridian Historical Village, 5113 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-8548, meridianhistoricalvillage.org.
Concert in the Park. The Jack Clarkson Band. Country/variety, 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. St. Johns City Park Performance Shell, 800 W. Park St., St. Johns. (989) 224-2429, clintoncountyarts.org.

THEATER

"The American Plan." Drama set in the '60s. 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Courtyard, Auditorium Road, East Lansing. theatre.msu.edu.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Tween Book Club. Ages 9-12. Call for title and registration. 4-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3, dtld.org.
Wednesday Morning Storytime. Three stories and a craft for young children. 11 a.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

Thursday, June 25

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. 5:15 p.m. \$5. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 349-9183, newhopehaslett.com.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080, stdavidslansing.org.
Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363, cadl.org.
Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, room 214G, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.
Tarot Study Group. With Dawne Botke. 7 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore,

2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 883-3619, triplegoddessbookstore.net.

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Quan Am Temple, 1840 N. College Ave., Mason. (517) 853-1675, quanamtemple.org.

Celebrate Recovery. For all types of habits, hurts and hang-ups. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

H.E.R.O.: Screen Repair Clinic. Home improvement class. Call to register. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing., (517) 372-5980, glhc.org.

EVENTS

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

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

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

8-Ball Tournament. Bring your pool game to the Avenue. Call to confirm because it is cancelled occasionally. 7 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403.

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

French Immersion Fun. Registration required, 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org/events/french-immersion-fun.

Growth in the Grove. Exhibit and party celebrate 13 new gallery artists. 5:30-8 p.m. FREE. Grove Gallery & Studios, 325 Grove St. # A, East Lansing. (517) 333-7180, grovegalleryandstudios.com.

Hero Thursdays @ 2.0. Make your own hero signal! Ages 5 and up. 1-2 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Magician Jeff Boyer. Magic out of books, newspapers, shoelaces and more. 1:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org.

Household Hazardous Waste. Free collection of household hazardous waste, 2-6 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 887-4521, hd.ingham.org.

The Art of Brewing: Beer. With Sleepwalker Spirits. 6 p.m. \$45/\$35 Members. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. ow.ly/Oxbvm

MUSIC

Deacon Earl. Live blues, reggae, Americana and more. 3-6 p.m. FREE. South Lansing Farmers Market, 1905 W. Mount Hope Ave. Lansing. (517) 374-5700, southlansing.org.

Kevin Garrett. With Macculi Maddox and more. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 484-6795, fusionshows.com.

THEATER

"The American Plan." (See June 24 for details.) 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Courtyard, Auditorium Road, East Lansing. theatre.msu.edu

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Friday, June 26

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Aux Petits Soins. French immersion class for babies. 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. \$12/\$15 drop-in. Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, facebook.com/auxpetitsoinsllc.

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

at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

Craft Show & Home-Based Show. 1-7 p.m. FREE. Downtown Williamston, Grand River Ave., Williamston. (517) 655-1549, williamston.org.

Free Magic Show. Win coupons for festival on 6/27. 6 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov/parks.

MUSIC

Sounds of Summer: Soutdown. Live outdoor performance. 7 p.m. FREE. Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. (517) 676-2233, pk.ingham.org/LakeLansingBandShell/ConcertSchedule.aspx.

T.G.I.F. Party at the Hawk. Weekly dance and patio party for singles and couples. 8 p.m.-midnight, \$13. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 S. Chandler Rd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 >> MOVIE AND COCKTAIL NIGHT: 'AIRPLANE'

Movie and Cocktail Night returns to Red Cedar Spirits with a viewing of "Airplane." This classic 1980s screwball comedy takes place on a jet where disaster strikes when the passengers and crew are hit with food poisoning. The lives of these people are left in the hands of a rogue pilot with a "drinking problem." (Spoiler alert: it usually involves him missing his mouth entirely.) Red Cedar Spirits will be serving free popcorn with a cash bar that includes a special cocktail inspired by the film named "Don't Call Me Shirley!" 7 p.m. FREE. Red Cedar Spirits, 2000 Merritt Road, East Lansing. redcedarspiritsdistillery.com, (517) 908-9950.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24-27 >> 'THE AMERICAN PLAN' AT SUMMER CIRCLE THEATRE



Excitement, suspicion and an overbearing mother take center stage in "The American Plan," presented by MSU's Summer Circle Theatre. Set in the Catskills in 1960, the play tells the story of 20-year-old Lili, the daughter of a wealthy German-Jewish refugee, and Nick Lockridge, a seemingly innocent young man. The two quickly grow fond of each other but Eva, Lili's mother, is suspicious of Nick. Eva does her best to unmask his true character while Nick and Lili try to focus on falling in love. Appropriate for ages 13 and up. 8p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Courtyard, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. theatre.msu.edu.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24-28 >> RED CEDAR JUBILEE

The community of Williamston invites you to take a trip "Down Memory Lane," which is the theme of this year's 44th Annual Red Cedar Jubilee. The jubilee kicked off earlier this week, but the festivities will continue through the weekend with a kids parade, lawnmower races, craft show, duck drop, the Jubilee Grand Parade and more. See website for full schedule and locations. facebook.com/redcedarjubilee.

Wellness 101 Open House. Massage, acupuncture and more. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Healing and Recovery Center and Wellness 101, 1027 Healthcare Drive, Charlotte. (517) 543-2940 ext.2703. echrshealth.org.

EVENTS

Teen Advisory Group. Teens plan programs and more. 4-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtcl.org.

Popcorn and a Movie. Popcorn while supplies last. "Big Hero 6." 1 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Capital City Bonspiel. Day one of a three-day curling tournament. 2-9 p.m. FREE. Summit Sport, 2650 East Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 332-4000. Lansingcurls.org.

Summer Concert Series. With Jo Serrapere of Stella. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue

Bath. (517) 281-6272, TGIF.party.

Squirrel Shaped Fish. Album preview show with the Class Acts and Squirt. 9 p.m. \$5. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (989) 859-7108. www.facebook.com/events/782144038570080.

THEATER

Reprise: A Farewell Musical. PCTC bids Chad and Amanda DeKatch farewell. 8 p.m. \$10. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org/purchase-tickets.html.

"The American Plan." (See June 24 for details.) 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Courtyard, Auditorium Road, East Lansing. theatre.msu.edu.

"An Adult Evening with Shel Silverstein." Ten darkly comic plays by Silverstein. 10 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Courtyard, Auditorium Road, East Lansing. theatre.msu.edu.

Saturday, June 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

Home Buyer Education. Seminar. Day of admission is cash only. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$25/\$20 adv. Center for Financial Health, 3815 West St. Joseph, Suite B200, Lansing. (517) 708-2550, centerforfinancialhealth.org.

Everett High School Class of 05' Reunion. Noon-4 p.m. \$10-\$25. Burchfield Park, 881 Grovenburg Road, Holt. (517) 488-5163, signupgenius.com/go/10c0949aca829a4f58-10year.

Yoga at the Broad MSU. Please bring your own mat. 11 a.m. FREE with registration. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. ow.ly/OxqYr.

EVENTS

Delta Rocks Family Festival. Petting zoo, super sling shot, giant slide, games, Noon-6 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov/parks.

Frog Forage Campfire. Campfire, program on frogs & marshmallow roasting. 7-8:30 p.m., \$3/\$7 family. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

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

Michigan Renewable Energy Fair. Workshops, exhibits, kids activities, electric cars. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5/\$10 family/kids FREE. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. (517) 290-8602, glrea.org.

Make Your Own Superhero Cape. Become your own superhero and make a cape. Ages 5 and up, 1-3 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Capital City Bonspiel. Day two of a three-day curling tournament. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. FREE. Summit Sport, 2650 East Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 332-4000, Lansingcurls.org.

Summer Concert Series. With Root Doctor.

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Date	Band	Park
6/24	Straight Ahead (Jazz)	Durant Park
7/4**	Lansing Concert Band	Riverfront Park
7/15	Taylor Taylor (Pop)	Ferris Park
7/22	Tejano Sound	Schmidt Center
7/29	Big Willy (Blues)	St Joe Park
8/5	Sea Cruisers (Oldies)	Turner Dodge House

** The July 4th concert is Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. and will be directly followed by fireworks (weather permitting).

Virg Bernero, Mayor

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

Craft Show & Home-Based Show. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Downtown Williamston, Grand River Ave., Williamston. (517) 655-1549. www.williamston.org.

Juggler Joel Tacey. Comedy, magic and mad juggling skills. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Family Tree Talk. Discussion of family history stories. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

Summer Time Tie Dye. Hosted by HUES. BYO clothing to dye, all welcome!, 1-4 p.m. FREE. Patriarche Park, Located on the corner of E. Saginaw Street and Alton Road, East Lansing. (517) 290-3143, facebook.com/humansuniting.

Family Tree Talk. Lively discussion of family history stories. Intended for adults. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

MUSIC

Concert by the Fireplace. Local singer/songwriter Jack Hamilton. 2-3:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

THEATER

Reprise: A Farewell Musical. (See June 26 for details.) 8 p.m. \$10. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org/purchase-tickets.html.

"The American Plan." (See June 24 for details.) 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Courtyard, Auditorium Road, East Lansing. theatre.msu.edu.

"An Adult Evening with Shel Silverstein." (See June 26 for details.) 10 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Courtyard, Auditorium Road, East Lansing. theatre.msu.edu.

Sunday, June 28

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Rick & Joe's Comics Crash Course For Kids.

Learn how to draw your own comic books. 3-5 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900, becauseeverybodyreads.com.

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

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

Pokemon/Magic the Gathering Card Games. Tutorials. Starter decks provided. 12:30 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900, becauseeverybodyreads.com.

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

Parents of LGBTQ kids. Weekly support group. All faiths are welcome. 3-4:30 p.m. FREE. Diversity Psychological Services, 1310 Turner St., Lansing. (720) 401-4214.

EVENTS

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Lessons 6-6:30 p.m., dance 7-10 p.m. \$8 dance/\$10 dance & lesson/FREE for students. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838.

Capital City Bonspiel. Final rounds of a three-day curling tournament, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Summit Sport, 2650 East Grand River Ave. East Lansing.

(517) 332-4000, Lansingcurls.org.

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

Fifth Annual Pot Luck Picnic. For Lansing Pagan Pride Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE, bring passing dish. Moores Park, 420 Moores River Drive, Lansing. (517) 371-2778, mmpagan.org.

Atheists and Humanists Meeting. Presentation on Human Trafficking. 5 p.m. FREE, \$10.20 buffet optional. Old Great Wall Restaurant, 4832 W. Saginaw Hwy. Lansing. (517) 914-2278, atheists.meetup.com/453.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and more. 8-11 a.m. \$7/\$20 family/\$4 ages 5-11 years. Deer Creek Park, 140 Mechanic St., Williamston. (517) 349-9349.

Monday, June 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Adult Rape Survivor Support Group.

Registration preferred. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

Job Seekers Support Group. Finding the right career. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

Support Group. For the divorced, separated and widowed. Room 9. 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

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

EVENTS

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

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

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

Monday Make & Take Hero Crafts. Make super hero crafts to take home!, 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

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East Lansing Public Talks

<p>Saturday, June 27, 2015 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Change Your Mind, Change Your Life Corniche Room, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing</p> <p>2:00pm-3:45pm Building Spiritual Community - Open Forum Ananda East Lansing Meditation Center 2025 Abbot Road, Suite 400, East Lansing</p> <p>2:00pm-3:45pm Nature Walk: Listening to Nature Ananda East Lansing Meditation Center, East Lansing</p>	<p>7:00 pm-8:30 pm World Peace: Guided Meditation and Healing Prayers Ananda East Lansing Meditation Center</p> <p>Sunday, June 28, 2015 All Activities held at Ananda East Lansing Meditation Center</p> <p>9:00am-11:30am Sunday Service: Purification, Meditation, Inspiration, with Festival of Light</p> <p>1:30pm-3:30 pm Chanting is Half the Spiritual Battle</p>
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Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Hero BabyTime. Intended for ages 0-18 months with adult. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Tuesday, June 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

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

Not So Happy Endings Support Group. For women ending relationships. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 896-3311.

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

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

Crafty Critters Camp. Preschoolers make crafts, enjoy nature and animals. 9 a.m.-noon. \$32/2-day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Treasure Hunters Camp. Campers go sleuthing and enjoy nature activities. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos.

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Sense-ational Nature Camp. Kids use their senses to discover nature and animals, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Following Tracks & T races Camp. Kids discover animal signs and explore nature. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Aux Petits Soins. French immersion class for babies. 4:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. \$12/\$15 drop-in. Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, facebook.com/auxpetitssoinsllc.

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

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

Financial Capability. Finance handling seminar.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25 >> THE ART OF BREWING: BEER EDITION

Have you ever wondered how a stout is different than a porter? And why are IPAs so bitter? Learn the answer to these questions at the Art of Brewing: Beer Edition, the second installment of this three-part series hosted by the Broad Art Museum. Matt Jason and Jeremy Sprague, founders of Lansing's Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale, will discuss the art and science behind brewing different varieties of beer. Admission includes food, two drink tickets and a special event gift. 6 p.m. \$45/\$35 members. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 East Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26-28 >> CAPITAL CITY OPEN BONSPIEL

Sometimes called "chess on ice" or the "roaring game" by its fans, curling is a sport in which players compete on ice by sliding stones to hit the "house," a circular target marked on the ice. Competitors can even knock other competitors stones' off the house. Watch curlers from the Great Lakes area, including Olympian Debbie McCormick, compete at the inaugural Capital City Open Bonspiel, a three-day curling tournament. 2-9 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. FREE. Summit Sports and Ice Complex, 9410 Davis Highway, Dimondale. lansingcurls.org.

TUESDAY JUNE 30 >> YOUTH EMPOWERMENT VOLUNTEER MEETING

The summer sun brings plenty of diversions and opportunities to the city — and volunteering can be one of them. Youth Empowerment for Humanity, a group focused on improving the lives of Lansing teens, is looking for volunteers and interns interested in making a difference in the community. Those who are curious can attend its next weekly meeting Tuesday at the Foster Community Center. "We are an organization that puts this younger generation first," said Le'Donta Curry, the program's executive director. "We want to show them that adults in the community do care about you and do believe that you can be successful." Program volunteers will work with youth aged 12 to 18 in areas like improving financial literacy and self-esteem, violence prevention and anti-bullying support. For more information, contact Curry at shse.lansing@gmail.com. 5-7 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 253-0141, shse-lansing.org.

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TO PLAY

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Answers on page 26

Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"A Bit of Foolery"-
-remember who
comes first.
Matt Jones

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- 1 Arachnid abodes
- 5 ___ San Lucas
- 9 Exam for jrs.
- 13 "It's a dry ___"
- 14 Become best buds?
- 15 "It's ___ Quiet" (Bjork remake)
- 16 Air France airport
- 17 Bubby Nestle bars across the pond
- 18 Taken-back auto
- 19 Daniel Defoe's "___ Flanders"
- 20 Chess closer
- 21 Completely crush a final exam
- 22 NFL's Patriots?
- 25 Gator tail?
- 27 "Chandelier" singer
- 28 "Antony and Cleopatra" killer
- 29 Jenny with a diet program
- 31 "Oh, for Pete's ___"
- 34 "Bleh!"
- 37 Garbage bags for an action star?
- 41 Inflationary figure, for short
- 42 DVR button
- 43 Extremely cold
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- 56 Rug-making need
- 57 TV talking horse, for short
- 60 Classic TV kid, with "The"
- 61 "___ bet?"
- 62 "Fame" actress and singer Irene
- 63 Bachelor finale?
- 64 "Card Players Quarreling" artist Jan
- 65 "The ___-Bitsy Spider"
- 66 Leonine outburst
- 67 "West Side Story" faction
- 68 Say no to
- 4 French pen, or LG smartphone
- 5 Oxy competitor
- 6 Heart hookup
- 7 Showed disapproval
- 8 Yoga class chants
- 9 Prickly critter
- 10 Actor Charlie or Martin
- 11 Jellied garnish
- 12 Canine, e.g.
- 14 Disney classic of 1942
- 21 Crunch targets
- 23 Catholic title, for short
- 24 "New Soul" singer ___ Naim
- 25 "America's Got Talent" feature
- 26 Release, like a rap album
- 30 Turning into a hockey rink, e.g.
- 32 Busy-bee link
- 33 Arch holders
- 35 Observe
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6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Center for Financial Health, 3815 West St. Joseph, Suite B200, Lansing. (517) 708-2550, centerforfinancialhealth.org.

Kid's Night at Eastwood. Games, crafts, and more. 5-7 p.m. Eastwood Towne Center, 3000 Preyde Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-9209.

EVENTS

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

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

Frame Your Hero Workshop. Decoupage wooden picture frames. 3-4 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave. East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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

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

Summer Firefly Storytelling. Children are invited to tell a story. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Super Hero Super Cars. Build, test and decorate a balloon-powered buggy. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Super Crafts. Turn ordinary supplies into super projects. Registration required. 10-10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185.

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Music in the Park: Life Support. Classic rock&variety band. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov/parks.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Tuesday Morning Book Club. Discuss "Faithful Place" by Tana French. 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

Wednesday, July 1

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

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

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

EVENTS

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

Open Workshop. Bike repair, bike safety and biking as healthy exercise. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Kids Repair Program, 5815 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 755-4174.

Brazilian Customs @ ANC. With a Brazilian speaker from MSU ISPEAK. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468.

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Summer Storytime. Engaging stories, songs and activities for all ages. 10-10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org.

Puppeteer Alex Thomas. Jokes and pranks meet zany, Muppet-style puppets. 10-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

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Tom & Mary. Performing folk classics. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing. (517) 999-3911, facebook.com/AllenStreetFarmersMarket.

Hayley Kiyoko. Live electronic/pop performance. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795, fusionshows.com.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsny

June 24-30

ARIES (March 21-April 19): During my regular hikes along my favorite trails, I've gotten to know the local boulders quite intimately. It might sound daft, but I've come to love them. I've even given some of them names. They symbolize stability and constancy to me. When I gaze at them or sit on them, I feel my own resolve grow stronger. They teach me about how to be steadfast and unflappable in all kinds of weather. I draw inspiration from the way they are so purely themselves, forever true to their own nature. Now would be an excellent time for you to hang out with your own stony allies, Aries. You could use a boost in your ability to express the qualities they embody.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "Everyone is a genius at least once a year," wrote German aphorist Georg Christoph Lichtenberg. "The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together." According to my astrological analysis, Taurus, your once-a-year explosion of genius is imminent. It's even possible you will experience a series of eruptions that continue for weeks. The latter scenario is most likely if you unleash the dormant parts of your intelligence through activities like these: having long, rambling conversations with big thinkers; taking long, rambling walks all over creation; enjoying long, rambling sex while listening to provocative music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "I think if we didn't contradict ourselves, it would be awfully boring," says author Paul Auster. "It would be tedious to be alive." But he goes even further in his defense of inconsistency, adding, "Changing your mind is probably one of the most beautiful things people can do." This bold assertion may not apply to everyone all the time, but it does for you in the coming weeks, Gemini. You should feel free to explore and experiment with the high art of changing your mind. I dare you to use it to generate extravagant amounts of beauty.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): In its early days, the band Depeche Mode had the infinitely boring name Composition of Sound. Humphrey Bogart's and Ingrid Bergman's classic 1942 film *Casablanca* was dangerously close to being called *Everybody Come to Rick's*. And before Charles Dickens published his novel *Bleak House*, a scathing critique of the 19th-century British judicial system, he considered eleven other possible titles, including the unfortunate *Tom-all-Along's*. *The Solitary House that was always shut up and never Lighted*. I bring this to your attention, Cancerian, as the seeding phase of your personal cycle gets underway. The imprints you put on your budding creations will have a major impact on their future. Name them well. Give them a potent start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): One summer afternoon when I was seven years old, my friend Billy and I grabbed an empty jar from my kitchen and went looking for ants. Near the creek we found an anthill swarming with black ants, and scooped a bunch of them in the jar. A little later we came upon a caravan of red ants, and shoved many of them in with the black ants. Would they fight? Naturally. It was mayhem. Looking back now, I'm sorry I participated in that stunt. Why stir up a pointless war? In that spirit, Leo, I urge you to avoid unnecessary conflicts. Don't do anything remotely comparable to putting red ants and black ants in the same jar.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In order for everyone in your sphere to meet their appointed destinies, you must cultivate your skills as a party animal. I'm only slightly joking. At least for now, it's your destiny to be the catalyst of conviviality, the ringleader of the festivities, the engineer of fun and games. To fulfill your assignment, you may have to instigate events that encourage your allies to leave their comfort zones and follow you into the frontiers of collaborative amusement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your symbolic object of the week is a magic wand. I recommend that you visualize yourself as the star of a fairy tale in which you do indeed have a wand at your disposal. See yourself wield-

ing it to carry out a series of fantastic tricks, like materializing a pile of gold coins or giving yourself an extraordinary power to concentrate or creating an enchanted drink that allows you to heal your toughest wound. I think this playful imaginative exercise will subtly enhance your ability to perform actual magic in the real world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The taskmaster planet Saturn wove its way through the sign of Scorpio from October 2012 until the end of 2014. Now it has slipped back into your sign for a last hurrah. Between now and mid-September. I urge you to milk its rigorous help in every way you can imagine. For example, cut away any last residues of trivial desires and frivolous ambitions. Hone your focus and streamline your self-discipline. Once and for all, withdraw your precious energy from activities that waste your time and resist your full engagement. And if you're serious about capitalizing on Saturn's demanding gifts, try this ritual: Write either "I will never squander my riches" or "I will make full use of my riches" twenty times -- whichever motivates you most.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The advanced lessons on tap in the coming days are not for the squeamish, the timid, the lazy, or the stubborn. But then you're not any of those things, right? So there shouldn't be a major problem. The purpose of these subterranean adventures and divine interventions is to teach you to make nerve-racking leaps of faith, whether or not you believe you're ready. Here's one piece of advice that I think will help: Don't resist and resent the tests as they appear. Rather, welcome them as blessings you don't understand yet. Be alert for the liberations they will offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "Man's being is like a vast mansion," observed philosopher Colin Wilson, "yet he seems to prefer to live in a single room in the basement." Wilson wasn't just referring to Capricorns. He meant everybody. Most of us commit the sin of self-limitation on a regular basis. That's the bad news. The good news, Capricorn, is that you're entering a time when you're more likely to rebel against the unconscious restrictions you have placed on yourself. You will have extra motivation to question and overrule the rationales that you used in the past to inhibit your primal energy. Won't it be fun to venture out of your basement nook and go explore the rest of your domain?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "An obscure moth from Latin America saved Australia's pasture-land from the overgrowth of cactus," writes biologist Edward O. Wilson. "A Madagascar 'weed,' the rosy periwinkle, provided the cure for Hodgkin's disease and childhood leukemia," he adds, while "a chemical from the saliva of leeches dissolves blood clots during surgery," and a "Norwegian fungus made possible the organ transplant industry." I think these are all great metaphors for the kind of healing that will be available for you in the coming weeks, Aquarius: humble, simple, seemingly insignificant things whose power to bring transformation has, up until now, been secret or unknown.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "She is hard to tempt, as everything seems to please her equally," said artist Anne Raymo in describing a hedonistic acquaintance. A similar statement may soon apply to you, Pisces. You will have a talent for finding amusement in an unusually wide variety of phenomena. But more than that: You could become a connoisseur of feeling really good. You may even go so far as to break into a higher octave of pleasure, communing with exotic phenomena that we might call silken thrills and spicy bliss and succulent revelry.

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A holistic experience

Holistic Earth offers quality products, knowledgeable staff

By STEVE GREEN

Holistic Earth is a hidden treasure on the main drag in Davison. After hearing several good things about the shop, I decided to give it a try for myself. After three attempts to find the store to no avail, I caved and called them to let them know I was having trouble. The woman on the phone was very nice and let me know the shop is tucked away on the north side of the shopping plaza.

Less than two minutes later, I was in the store looking at natural products and some hand-crafted soaps. I was asked to fill out some short forms about myself and my medical needs. After the documents were complete and my ID and medical marijuana card checked, I was shown into the green room

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STEVE GREEN

where the marijuana is dispensed.

Two glass display cases were arranged in an "L" shape. Each side is identical to

the other, so two patients can be served at the same time. I stepped up to one of the cases and saw some of my favorite products.

The budtender on the opposite side of the case was polite, helpful and knowledgeable about the products. She explained what they stock, starting with the many brands and forms of edibles — truffles, honey, "puppy chow" snack, cookies, chocolate and capsules of RSO, a type of cannabis oil.

The extract selection had everything from kief to wax to CO2 oils. A one-gram syringe of RSO was priced at \$60.

The flower selection consisted of 21 different strains at three pricing tiers: \$10, \$15 and \$18. Several of the strains truly impressed me on smell and jar appeal. I had a friend with me who is also a patient, and he was pleased he was able to score an ounce of MK Ultra for just \$200. Meanwhile, I got the Death Star, a top-shelf selection with a \$18/gram price tag.

As I was leaving, I spotted a couple of collection jars set out on the counter. One was for a woman who, despite having her medical marijuana card, is being prosecuted for marijuana possession. The other jar was for "Thin Green Line," an organization which supports families that are victims of the drug war. It always warms my heart to see people helping each other and sticking together to lift one another up.

Death Star is one of my personal favorites. It has a blended taste that combines sweet

skunk and diesel fuel aromas into a very potent fragrance. The flavor of the smoke is delicious and leaves me with that definitive diesel aftertaste. It demonstrates qualities from both the sativa and the indica sides of its lineage, making it a great hybrid, and its terpene profile is delightful. I twisted up a joint of the Death Star, and I found that the burn was clean, the taste was on point and I was in good spirits. While it was definitely a pleasurable smoke, I was also able to focus and finish a long day while receiving pain relief in my body.

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



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