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Please choose hope, not hunger. Choose to give.

Thank you.

Berl Schwartz
Publisher

Correction

Randy Hannan is the chief of staff and director of communications for Mayor Virg Bernero. His title was unclear in an article in the Nov. 12 issue of City Pulse.

Due to a reporting error, Paul Vlahakis' title with Black Cat Bistro was incorrect in an article in the Nov. 12 issue of City Pulse. Vlahakis is not affiliated with the bistro, according to owner Ruffy Ramirez.

Have something to say about a local issue or an item that appeared in our pages?

Now you have two ways to sound off:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-4-2013, Part of 601 Leshar Place (Oak Park)
Rezoning from "A" Residential District to "H" Light Industrial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI, to consider Z-4-2013. This is a request by the City of Lansing to rezone a portion of the property at 601 Leshar Place, legally described as:

A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, T4N, R2W, Lansing Township, Ingham County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 15; thence S00°24'38"W along the West line of said Section 15 a distance of 796.25 feet; thence S89°39'06"E parallel with the North line of Genesee Street a distance of 41.25 feet to the East right of way line of the Conrail Railroad and the point of beginning of this description; thence S89°39'06"E parallel with said North right of way line 258.36 feet; thence N00°50'31"E 117.97 feet; thence S88°33'33"E 162.34 feet; thence S00°37'20"W 119.79 feet; thence S04°08'03"W 96.44 feet to said North right of way line; thence N89°39'06"W along said North right of way line 414.86 feet to said East right of way line; thence N00°24'38"E along said East right of way line 101.15 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel containing 1.40 acres more or less; said parcel subject to all easements and restrictions if any.

from "A" Residential to "H" Light Industrial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit use of the property by the Neogen Corporation for an expansion of their operations in the surrounding area.

For more information about this case, phone City Council Offices on City business days, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, Monday, December 8, 2014, at the City Council Offices, Tenth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 1696 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, City Clerk

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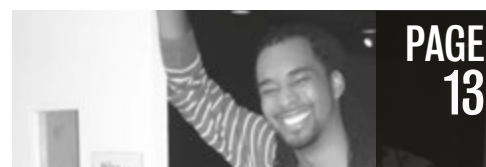
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- Election law expert Jocelyn Benson
- Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann
- LEAP President/CEO Bob Trezise Jr.
- Developer Joel Ferguson



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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



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NEWS & OPINION

Up for the job Who will fill the Ingham County register of deeds post?

Ingham County Register of Deeds Curtis Hertel Jr. hasn't turned in his county office building keys yet, but there's a lot of focus on who will take over his job.

A few names have already surfaced as possibilities to succeed him — Lansing City Councilman Derrick Quinney, Ingham County Commissioner Carol Koenig, Ingham County commissioners Kara Hope and Randy Schafer, Lansing School Board member Nicole Armbruster and Ingham County Canvasser Alan Fox.



Quinney

All of the aforementioned names have Democratic connections, although Schafer has run as a Republican for many years.

Hertel will be sworn in as the 23rd District state senator come the New Year. The county's three-member election commission will then be charged with filling the register of deeds post until Jan. 1, 2017, by which time voters will have picked the next

officeholder.

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum, Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunning and Probate Court Judge Richard Garcia are charged under state law to pick the replacement. How they go about doing that, however, isn't succinctly stated in state law.

Dunning said he has asked the County Attorney's Office for guidance on the matter. Byrum said she'd like to see Ingham County follow an open process similar to Bay County.

The Bay County register of deeds job attracted the applications of 46 individuals in May. The field was narrowed to five, who were then interviewed in a public setting for the job.

Byrum said until the office is officially vacated, however, it's "premature to discuss" the process too much. What is known for sure is that Hertel's chief deputy, Kyle Cobe, will be in charge of the office when Hertel officially resigns, which will likely be right around Dec. 31.

It's also not been much of a mystery that Hertel would be leaving the post for the state Senate. Hertel blew out an otherwise starless field in the Democratic primary and cruised through the general election in an Ingham County seat with 63 percent of the vote.

Will the committee look for someone who wants to serve as a placeholder for two years or someone interested in seeing the appointment as something more permanent, someone interested in running for

election in 2016 and possibly beyond?

Periodically, talk of combining the Ingham County Clerk's Office with the Register of Deeds' — as is done in Oakland and 30 other Michigan counties — is brought up and could be discussed during the interview stage again.

In the 2012, Republican Kate Mortensen ran on a platform to merge the offices, but like other GOP candidates running county-wide in Ingham, she failed to get much momentum behind the idea or her campaign. In the end, a movement to merge the two will need to come from the county commissioners — not the register of deeds — anyway.

Hertel has expanded the office since taking over in 2009. Hertel filed lawsuits against banks, foreclosure firms and attorneys to push back against allegations of foreclosure fraud that threatened to force residents out of their homes.

From his efforts, an attorney has been hired to fight individual cases of wrongful foreclosure in Ingham County and a hotline was created for residents concerned they were being wrongfully tossed out of their homes.

Hertel also hosted 12 public forums designed to educate homeowners about the dangers of property and mortgage fraud.

— By Kyle Melinn



Silent servants

Lansing's Victim Advocate Program needs help comforting families and friends of trauma victims

There are certain things you should never say to someone who has suddenly lost a loved one: "She's in a better place," or "It's God's will," or "you can have more kids."

That's a small part of the training for Lansing's Victim Advocate Program, an all-volunteer force that speeds to trauma scenes alongside police to help grieving survivors.

How to volunteer

Anyone interested in becoming a victim advocate for the Lansing Police Department should call volunteer coordinator Margaret Barnes at 483-6022.

The best thing to do is to just listen — and sometimes laugh, according to Michelle Taylor, a two-year veteran of the program.

"You'll be sitting there with the family and they'll start remembering the person and laughing," Taylor said. "Sometimes they've had me cracking up with them waiting for the medical examiner. It's amazing,



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Margaret Barnes, volunteer coordinator of the Lansing Police Department's Victim Advocate Program, chats with Lt. Ryan Cressman. The program is down to 13 volunteers and needs more help.

the tenacity and strength of some families."

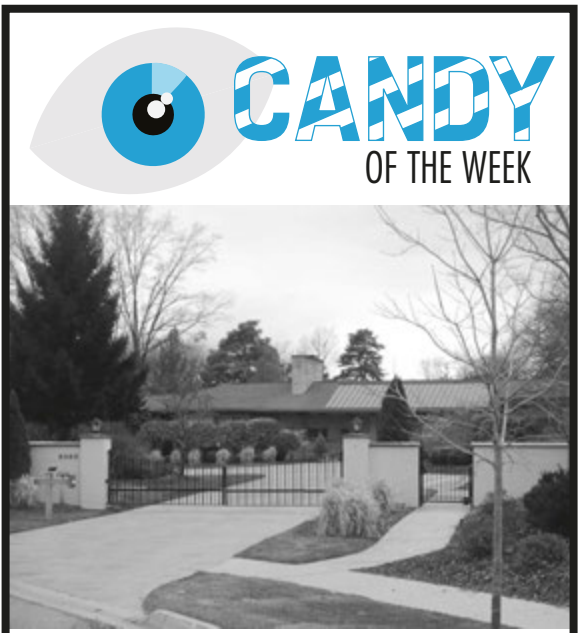
The 20-year-old program is in dire need of help this year with only 13 volunteers on-call, according its coordinator, Lt. Ryan Cressman. (Full strength would be 25 to 30.)

Many shifts pass without incident, but a volunteer could be called out of bed into a snowy accident or the scene of a homicide at 2 a.m. Advocates serve two 24-hour on-call shifts a month.

Cressman said advocates connect survivors with whatever they need, from funeral homes to insurance or veteran benefits to counselors. Most calls are serious or fatal accidents, suicides, homicides, sudden natural deaths and serious injuries.

"It could be any time where families wonder, 'What do I do next?' and need some help," Cressman said.

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Property: 2520 Oxford Road, Lansing

Befitting a state defined by two distinct peninsulas, Michigan maintains two separate governor's residences. The first is a summer house overlooking Mackinac Island and the other is sited in the Country Club of Lansing neighborhood. This house was built for trucking executive Howard Sober and his wife Letha in 1957. The Sobers donated the home to the state in 1969, when it was occupied by then Gov. William Milliken.

Architect Wallace Frost, who relocated to Michigan in 1919 to join the Detroit-based architect Albert Kahn, designed the home. Frost's firm, which was formed in 1926, is best known for its traditional design preferences. In the Sober house, Frost — matching Khan — bridged the divide between traditional and contemporary architecture. The building's wings spread out to establish a strong horizontal emphasis, reinforced by broad eaves appropriate to Michigan's cold, wet climate. Within, the floor plan allows for movement between spaces and an easy transition to the gardens.

The house is appointed with Michigan-made materials and products, including the walnut floors in the great room and the garden room ceilings, which are made from Upper Peninsula cedar. The dining room features Pewabic tile inserts depicting Michigan's history and the kitchen is appointed with Michigan-made appliances.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, December 11, 2014** at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Sarah Slocum for the property at 627 Sunset Lane to replace the windows on the second story, south side of the home. The applicant is proposing to install vinyl windows in a different configuration from the existing windows.
2. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Harrison Village Homes, LLC for the property at 117 Center Street to construct a single-story 487 square foot addition to the existing structure. The addition will be for conference and reception space for the existing business in the building and will be architecturally integrated into the existing structure.
3. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Qiang Xue for the property at 432 Kensington to add onto the existing house and modify the entry way. The applicant is proposing the change to add a mud room to the structure.

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should write or call the Planning Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 319-6930. TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, December 10, 2014** at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from James Hagan, LLC for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 927 East Grand River Avenue to add a second story to the existing building on the property which would include two, three-bedroom apartment units. The property is zoned B-2, Retail Sales Business District.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Michigan State University Federal Credit Union for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the vacant property north of 3777 West Road to construct a new 187,300 square foot, three-story office building to the north of the existing headquarters building. The property is zoned B-4, Restricted Office Business District.
3. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 831 East Grand River Avenue to construct a 764 square foot addition to the building, along with site and landscaping improvements. The property is zoned RM-32, City Center Multiple Family Residential District.

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. These matters will be on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting after the public hearing is held, at which time the Commission may vote on them. The Planning Commission's recommendations are then placed on the agenda of the next City Council meeting. The City Council will make the final decision on these applications.

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Avoid shoveling your snow twice

To avoid reshoveling after the snow plow has come down your street, the County Road Association of Michigan suggests clearing an area before your driveway large enough for the snow coming off the blade to be deposited (to the right as you face your home or business).

"Having to shovel a driveway a second time after the snow plow passes is just plain frustrating," said Director Denise Donohue.

Avoid the Second Shovel



Credit: County Road Association of Michigan, 2014. mllocalroads.com

Snow Sargeants will help elderly/disabled shovel snow in Lansing

Lansing City Councilwoman A'Lynne Boles is creating a "Snow Sargeants" program to provide shoveling help for those in need.

The city is proposing amendments to the city snow ordinance which remove written notification by mail to homeowners in violation of the ordinance and reduces the time allowed to remove snow at the end of a snow event.

The changes could cause a hardship for residents who have physical or economic constraints, Boles said.

"Snow Sargeant" participants will consist of pre-approved and screened youths needing to perform community service who will accept assignments to shovel/snow blow the sidewalks or driveways of senior citizens or disabled residents.

"Sargeants" will receive a certificate identifying the number of hours served and a one-time donated nominal thank you gift card.

The program seeks to work cooperatively with area school districts, civic organizations, religious organizations and their student organizations.

Youths may apply by requesting a commitment form by contacting City Council, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 10th Floor Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 483-4177 or email, a'lynn.boles@lansingmi.gov

Individuals who believe they may qualify to receive "Snow Sargeant" services can submit their names to City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department, 124 W. Michigan Ave. 4th Floor, Lansing, MI 48933.

Animal shelter open house and silent auction Saturday

Even dogs and cats deserve a happy holiday season.

The Ingham County Animal Shelter in Mason is holding its annual open house Saturday with a goal of filling a trailer with items like leashes, collars, chew toys, dog and cat beds and a other goodies.

The open house will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours will be offered along with photos with Santa and other activities.

"These toys are luxuries," said Ashley Hayes, the event coordinator. "The shelter cannot afford to buy these items. The dogs alone go through hundreds of chews and toys each week."

The open house has been an annual event since 2005.

Adoptions that day will be \$25 for all animals. Micro-chipping for cats and dogs will be \$15 per pet.

The shelter is located at 600 Curtis St. in Mason.

For more information call 517-242-7440.

Protesters want military weapons out of East Lansing

About 35 people marched from the Michigan State University campus to the East Lansing Police Department Thursday in the second of what they say are more actions to come, after Police Chief Julie Liebler denied all five of their demands delivered nearly a month ago.

East Lansing protesters vowed continued pressure after 200 marched to the police station last month to deliver demands they believe would ensure no incidents of police brutality.

Protesters want the department to get rid of its military surplus weapons and equipment; officers to wear cameras on their bodies; and all detainment and arrest records — including the race and gender — to be accessible to the public without needing to file Freedom of Information Act requests. They also want public input on all police officer appointments, not just the position of chief.

Protesters also asked Liebler to denounce the Ferguson (Mo.) Police Department's actions since Aug. 9, including the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson and what many consider to be excessive use of force against protesters.

"We have not been presented with all of the facts regarding police use of force in Ferguson, Mo.," Liebler wrote in a letter to the protesters Oct. 29. "It is, therefore, not prudent to critique or judge their actions."

According to East Lansing Police Department data, 18.1 percent of arrests from 2010 to 2013 were of black people; 74 percent were white.

Protest organizer Jackie Wilke, an MSU junior studying social relations and policy, said he will continue planning actions and speaking with city officials.

~ Michael Gerstein

Keeping it real

Mid-term election voters couldn't relate and Dems ignored their base

With the election season just a bad memory I had resolved to move on.

Honest.

That was until last week's Capitol Issues Forum and a talk with polling guru Ed Sarpolus, who served up answers to questions I hadn't even considered. It was, after all, an odd election: A convincing sweep by Republicans, except for the U.S. Senate; a beatable incumbent governor who won; and lackluster campaigns.

Sarpolus, the founder and executive director of Target-Insyght, is a pollster, analyst and strategist, a player, and for the last 20 years and very much an insider in the state's political sub-culture.



MICKY HIRTEN

He started off with the governor's race between Rick Snyder and Mark Schauer, neither of whom, he said, have much charisma, that is, no personal connection to voters or the base of their parties. He asked this question:

"Does anyone here know whether Mark Schauer is married or single, or whether he has kids?"

No one did.

He asked about Snyder's family. Same response. I only knew because I researched it for a previous column, and the particulars — three adult children and a wife named Sue — weren't easy to find. Snyder does refer to his family on his official governor website.

As for Schauer, this is on his campaign website: "Mark and his wife Christine live in Battle Creek. Mark spends his free time herding his rescue dogs, Sheila and Shep, and chasing after his five grandchildren."

Not a bad image — family man, dog lover, grandpa. But how many voters saw that side of Schauer? Certainly, it couldn't have hurt him.

Sarpolus' point was that voters had trouble relating in personal ways to either of the candidates. Gary Peters, on the other hand, welcomed voters into his life. Maybe his TV spots were a bit goofy at times — an old sweatshirt, holes in his shoes and teasing from his kids and wife. But he came across as genuine, likeable and electable.

Sarpolus also posed this question: "What did Snyder do for Republicans?"

It wasn't Detroit.

He expanded Medicaid, or as Sarpolus put it, instituted "Snyder care."

Right-to-Work, after all of the fuss, hasn't changed much and isn't a meat-and-potatoes issue for the party faithful.

And Schauer neglected the Democrats. Sarpolus said that the party focused on two

issues: the tax on pensions and education spending. These were cast as the themes that would attract independent voters. There was little emphasis on social issues like the so-called Republican war on women or income inequality.

"They just never talked to their base," Sarpolus said of both candidates.

And the base response was tepid.

Sarpolus' exit polling suggested that 625,000 Democrats didn't vote, which is somewhat better than the 734,000 no-shows in the 2010 mid-term election. He said the Democratic strategy was based on a strong absentee vote — which it got — and a big turnout — which it didn't.

He questioned the decision by Schauer to spend his last six weeks campaigning in Detroit seeking to boost black voter turnout but never really addressing issues that affect that community, like water shut-offs or the bankruptcy Grand Bargain. Sarpolus also questioned the Democrats' failed strategy to win control of the House of Representatives rather than protecting what they had.

One of the casualties of this approach was Eaton County's Theresa Abed, who lost in the 71st House District by just 310 votes to Republican Tom Barrett.

"The question for the Democrats is what they could have done differently," Sarpolus said. "They have to make a decision on why a newcomer was able to beat their candidate." He explained that the district was designed by Republicans to be evenly split between the parties — a 50/50 district. But he said Peters did well in mid-Michigan and so did Schauer.

There were more Democrat voters than in 2010; a hold was possible.

"Everything comes down to money, troops or energy."

He suggested that Democrats are in a deeper hole than they need be coming into the 2016 election, a presidential year, where they usually win additional seats. For the Democrats, especially, how that election plays out in the state may depend on how actively the presidential candidates campaign in the state.

Looking ahead to 2018, the next gubernatorial race, Sarpolus sees candidates positioned for the job in both parties. For the Republicans, he expects Attorney General Bill Schuette to run. He has statewide name recognition and has served in Congress and as a Michigan Court of Appeals judge, among other offices.

On the Democratic side he suggested that likely candidates will be Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel.

Duggan is a former Wayne County prosecutor, deputy Wayne County executive and, before becoming mayor, president and CEO of the Detroit Medical Center. Hackel was elected Macomb County sheriff in 2000 and became the county's first executive in 2010.

All three bring "charisma" to their campaigns. Schuette features his family prominently.

We can only wait.

Advocates

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Cressman respects volunteers for the job they do.

"I get paid to go to these calls and deal with this stuff," he said. "Those folks don't get pay or recognition. It's an internal reward. To me, they're silent servants. They're not in it for any other thing but to know they're helping people."

All large cities, and most medium-sized ones, have such programs, Cressman said. Many counties, including Ingham County, have them.

Taylor joined the program after the daughter of a close friend was murdered. Her friend spent the first few hours after getting the news of the death completely alone.

Taylor said her 40-call career has taught her that families get little comfort from watching police, medical examiners and detectives tramping in and out of the house. Advocates explain the steps of the response process and how long it usually takes.

"They're just sitting there, watching what's happening," Taylor said. "They feel like they've lost control and we try to give that back to them."

Advocates might explain how survivors should tell a child about a parent's suicide or fatal accident.

Twice, Taylor has been to a scene where a child was the victim. She called the school district and told them about the death, to save the parents from making the heart-breaking phone call or, even worse, fielding a "where is your kid?" inquiry from the district the next day.

Sometimes people freeze up and don't want to talk with anyone. In such cases, advocates leave a contact number and some pertinent information and leave the scene. They might also find a neighbor or friend who can absorb the information. Often, Taylor said, a family member will call the next day, when the shock has receded, and thank the advocate for being there.

Advocates range in age from college students to retirees.

LPD volunteer coordinator Margaret

Barnes cautioned that the program is not a platform for amateur sleuths. (They've had a few who thought it was.)

"We're not there to spy for the police," Barnes said.

After a phone interview, an online application and a basic background check, new advocates undergo a 20-hour training session run by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association that covers the stages of grief, police protocol, victims' rights and other pertinent information. Advocates also take online lessons through the National Organization for Victim Assistance. For the first few calls, new volunteers shadow a more experienced volunteer. The department provides a cell phone, blue shirts and jackets with the program's logo and resource kits.

For safety reasons, volunteers always go in pairs with a police officer. Because of the shortage, two advocates are not always available.

"I don't even want to know how many calls we haven't been able to respond to," Barnes said. "It's too depressing."

When that happens, officers take care of victims' families as best they can, but are always pressed for time.

Taylor has worked at Ele's Place, which provides support for grieving children, and other volunteer organizations, but she said that working as a victim advocate is the most rewarding volunteer experience she's had.

Cressman has heard the same thing from others.

"You're meeting a need at the most critical moment in people's lives," Cressman said. "It's very rewarding."

Taylor wasn't sure she could handle trauma scenes at first, but compared the experience to swimming.

"You don't know until you get into it," she said.

"Don't think you can't do it," Taylor said. "Don't let an education level or economics or anything discourage you. All you have to do is be a healing person. You don't have to have the answers. You have to be willing to sit there and listen."

— By Lawrence Cosentino



PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Volunteers work in the kitchen last Thanksgiving at the Cristo Rey Community Center. The effort pulls together volunteers for kitchen duty, delivery driving, wait staffing and more.



a feast with force

GIVING IS RECEIVING FOR THANKSGIVING AT CRISTO REY

By BELINDA THURSTON

Judy Heppinstall knew she didn't have the energy to cook for Thanksgiving this year. Her ex-husband is in hospice care with emphysema. Their only daughter, Kathleen Heppinstall, 45, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Nov. 6.

She and her son will spend Thanksgiving with her ex-husband over a home-cooked meal delivered to their home.

"It's such a God-given relief," said Heppinstall of Eaton Rapids. "I can't begin to tell you how thankful I am that they are doing this to help celebrate a time that will be a hard time I know."

Heppinstall is receiving dinner from the Cristo Rey Community Center in Lansing, one of the few and the largest community Thanksgiving Day meals with delivery in the area.

"I think that the idea of people who are giving up their day with family to cook and prepare and then to deliver these meals to obviously people who can't do it for themselves, is the greatest show of love for a fellow human being I think I could ever imagine," Heppinstall said.

dinner with dignity

The Cristo Rey Thanksgiving Day Feast is a meal with a mission. Beyond the numbers — and the numbers are impressive (402 meals served or delivered, more than 100 volunteers) — it aims to bring dignity into the dining experience for those on hard times.

A maître d' greets guests at the door. Waiters and waitresses with corsages take dinner orders. Turkey or ham? A dessert cart makes its rounds. Everything is home cooked. Deliveries began four years ago.

"This is the most important day of the year for some people," said Michael Hood, the dinner's coordinator. "To do something like this it should be vital and vibrant."

It takes an army of volunteers, a B-52 full of pies and months of planning and scrambling to pull off a meal of this scale. Hood says Cristo Rey starts from zero each year seeking turkey donations, drivers, servers — the works.

He hopes to find an underwriter to help allow him and his volunteers to focus on making the experience enriching and rewarding.

"To get through this holiday with a warm meal is very important if it helps them get to that job interview or their kids get to tell their schoolmates their dad made a great dinner," he said. "I do this because I understand the pain people go through."

The face and depth of need is sometimes masked. Those receiving meals range from the homeless to the underemployed to seniors who live alone.

Some are just a paycheck away from dire straits. Others resist even the hint of help.

"There are people in this town who won't go to the VOA or the Salvation Army," he said. "They see that clientele as not who they are. The face of hunger is changing in this town."

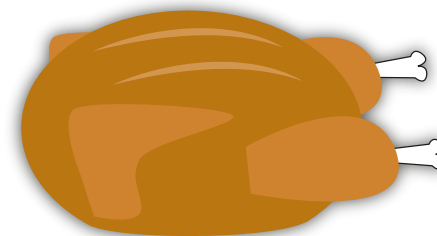
Hood had recently ended a five-day fast.

"To want to do (a fast) is one thing, but to not be able to eat or not be able to feed your children, to not have the energy or resources to make those decisions is devastating," he said. "Lansing didn't have a recession; it's a depression."

outpouring of giving

Lansing has a wealth of community Thanksgiving dinner offerings for the homeless and less fortunate ahead of the actual holiday.

Basket and box drives like the Old Town Commercial Association's Compassionate Feast prepare meals for families to pick up and prepare at home themselves. The Open Door Ministry day shelter for the homeless on Capitol Avenue expects to serve more than 150 people at its Thanksgiving meal Thursday. Pilgrim United Methodist Church will hand out backpacks and to-go turkey meals Saturday near the Lansing Center. The Salvation Army is serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 24.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEALS

Here is a list of free community Thanksgiving meals offered in Lansing.

.....
THURSDAY, NOV. 20
11:30 a.m.

Open Door Ministry
215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing

.....
SATURDAY, NOV. 22
12:30 p.m.

Pilgrim United Methodist Church
Thanksgiving dinner to go
Backpacks for the homeless
and hot to-go turkey meal

.....
MONDAY, NOV. 24
Noon

Salvation Army
525 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing

.....
THURSDAY, NOV. 27
11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

City Rescue Mission
2216 S. Cedar St., Lansing

Noon
Cristo Rey Community Center
1717 N. High St.

12:30 p.m.
St. Gerard Catholic Church
4437 W. Willow Highway,
Lansing



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But many service agencies close on Thanksgiving Day to give staff a day off to enjoy with their families. Even the Volunteers of America shelter will close this year.

The City Rescue Mission will offer its regular midday and evening meals on Thanksgiving Day, and expects to serve more than 100 at each seating, said communications manager Laura Grimwood. The City Rescue Mission is open 365 days a year, she said.

St. Gerard Catholic Church joins Cristo Rey in offering special Thanksgiving Day sit-down meals and deliveries. Coordinator Mike Hudson said he expects to serve 250 to 270 this year. The meal, which has been served since 1987, is funded by the church. Dean Transportation donates a bus and driver to take guests to dinner and back home.

Counting Cristo Rey, the three combined serve about 900 meals, a third of them delivered.

Add in boxed efforts like New World Flood and Compassionate Feast and sit-down shelter dinners before Thanksgiving and there are nearly another 600.

massive volunteer effort

"It's a lot of work to feed this many people," Hood of Cristo Rey said.

This year's event touts a volunteer corps of about 120 people on Thanksgiving day cooking, driving, preparing, serving, cleaning, running errands, shopping.

The scale of prep can be overwhelming: hundreds of pounds of potatoes, 200 squashes, nearly 100 turkeys.

It's all hands on deck in what Hood calls "kitchen chaos."

"My 76-year-old mother made 20 some pies last year," Hood said.

Donations come from a variety of sources who either hear about the dinner through word of mouth or whom Hood solicited personally. Last year he said Meijer contributed gift cards for food.

"Grand Traverse Pie brought us a B52 full of pies and dropped them off," he said. "We had so many we didn't have any place to put

"I don't think we're reaching all the folks who need this."

Michael Hood

them. We borrowed a refrigerator truck to hold them overnight."

care free shepherd's call

Lisa Saltman coordinates the behavioral health division of Care Free Clinic in Mason, which offers medical and dental care to low-income residents.

She said she's been longtime friends with

Hood. She began to network with him to make her patients aware of the Thanksgiving dinner service.

Last year she sent 50 clients to Cristo Rey.

This year she has referred 200.

"The people that I know know my nature," said Saltman, whose father, Barry Saltman, created Care Free 10 years ago. "If I'm calling with an offer like that, I don't think there's any embarrassment or shame."

"I absolutely think it makes a difference," she said. "Think of people who are alone, who are emotionally or financially unable to prepare any type of food for themselves, except microwave food."

"That they will have physical contact with someone and give them a warm meal — you can't quantify that."



Courtesy photo, Cristo Rey Community Center

Left to right, Goran Blomberg, Kendra Pyle and Jack Pyle prepare to wait tables at last year's Thanksgiving dinner at the Cristo Rey Community Center.

oven king

Thanksgiving morning starts at 7:30 for Fred Schaar, the "Oven King" of Cristo Rey.

A longtime volunteer, Schaar is one of a couple of key kitchen coordinators on Thanksgiving and a right hand to Hood.

He commands a small space that delivers so much.

"We have to flip things around a lot," he said.

There's only six burners. There are convection ovens but "they're very old."

"The other oven, no one knows how to light but me."

Serving is a family affair for Schaar, who is joined by his three sons and their wives and girlfriends.

"To me it gives dignity to people who are in need," he said.

Schaar says he's been where some of the guests are coming from.

"The biggest problem I had as a child was being embarrassed we couldn't go to the store to buy Thanksgiving dinner, someone brought it over," he said.

Schaar was the second from the youngest in a family of eight. He said his father was a civil engineer in WWII who was a prisoner of war.

He "suffered psychologically from it,"

Schaar said of his father.

His father was placed in a mental hospital and his family struggled.

"I've lived in a condemned home with no heat at one point," he said.

Schaar is the president of Rehmann Financial, a major financial services firm.

His early struggles "gave me a drive," he said.

"The sky's the limit. If you walk a tightrope with no net, you've gotta make it," he said.

Schaar said giving is more than writing a check.

"Some people like to give money just to make them feel good, but I think you have to get a little more involved," he said.

Examples of cities banning the homeless like Manteca, Calif., are not the way to address

the needs of the poor, he said.

"That's not the solution," he said. "People need to not be afraid of them. Get a little more involved with one person, instead of giving people 20 bucks here and 20 bucks there. You have to face your fears and look them in the face."

Most of the guests he serves at Cristo Rey "are just down and out on their luck. It's not because they don't want to or can't. We're sharing one really good experience. We're the pre-eminent Thanksgiving dinner in town."

lightspeed

Jason Schreiber was recently looking for a Thanksgiving cause for his company, Lightspeed, to support.

He contacted the Old Town Commercial Association, which pointed him to Cristo Rey.

Cristo Rey was still in need of some food and supplies.

"We're really happy to be involved. Hopefully we're as helpful as they need us to be," said Schreiber, CEO of the East Lansing-based company.

The fiber optics Internet service

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a family tradition

HOW A COMMUNITY MEAL GREW FROM A FAMILY'S NEED TO BOND

By BELINDA THURSTON

The St. Gerard Thanksgiving Day dinner that will feed more than 200 people this year was born of a woman needing a break.

Carolyn Hudson, the oldest of five, decided she wanted to spend time with her young family in 1985. She had taken care of her siblings and her grandparents after her parents died, and always prepared the holiday meal.

She and her husband, Mike, went to Hancock in the Upper Peninsula for Christmas where her brother worked for a nonprofit organization, Little Brother — Friends of the Elderly. They and their daughters served dinner to recovering alcoholics. They enjoyed the snow.

"It was something as a family, the four of us. It was like an old-fashioned Christmas," Carolyn Hudson said.

And they got hooked on service as their family holiday tradition.

The next year they held a community Thanksgiving dinner at their home with 10 guests. They've done it every year since.

"It's a family tradition, three generations, us our kids and grandkids," said Mike Hudson, who helps coordinate three community holiday meals at St. Gerard — Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

The Hudsons moved the community meal to their parish, St. Gerard Catholic Church on West Willow Highway in 1987. There are upwards of 90 volunteers each year.

"The theory is nobody should be home alone regardless of economic background on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter; not the day before or the day after," said Mike Hudson. "We serve it family style. We get out the round tables. We use real dishes and silverware and candles."

The couple flips through a stack of photos recalling names and faces over the years. They point to a man smiling next to an elderly lady.

"He rode his bike every year," said Carolyn Hudson.

"Oh, she passed on a few years back," said her husband about a woman in another photo.

They share stories about volunteers who have helped pay utility bills, or drivers who ended up visiting guests even after the holidays.

The church pays for the dinners.

Demand has consistently increased year after year.

"During the recession it started getting big and it sort of hasn't backed off," Mike Hudson said. Volunteers help assemble bags of personal items to give the guests.

Hudson said he enjoys watching children help and ask questions.

"Mommy why do we give them toilet paper?" Hudson recalls one child. "They have to explain to them why. It's a learning experience as we do it for all of us.

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provider has a “double bottom line principle,” Schreiber said.

“We’re not just focused on profit, but we’re also trying to create other benefits in the community — social justice, the environment.”

The company encourages volunteering, even offering a paid day for volunteering.

Lightspeed is donating \$50 from each new account to Cristo Rey. It is also matching donations from their staff.

“Our goal was to raise \$5,000 in a week, and we’re right on track to hit that goal,” he said. “This is a great way to tie our community outreach and our community investment principle into the business.”

returning the favor

Hood and Hudson said that often folks who have a need would still rather give of their time as a volunteer than accept the gift of dinner.

Hudson says he always makes more room for volunteers even if he doesn’t need them, in order to let them save face and pride.

Many are elderly who live alone and want to share in a community event.

Hood shares similar stories.

“I got a call two years ago from a guy named Mike,” he said. “It was late. We had enough vol-

unteers. We had enough drivers but he wanted to help.

“I said ‘Please join us. Can you bring a bird or a dish to cook?’ He said, ‘I can’t cook. I’ve got a hot plate.’ He was living in a hotel on Washington Avenue. His girlfriend had a broken arm and couldn’t cook.

I said, ‘Come do dinner with us. If you want you can help do dishes.’ They came. That shows how deep the spirit of giving can go., even among our patrons.”

extending the reach

Hood is already eyeing future Thanksgivings.

“I need to look now at how we grow this event. I don’t think we’re reaching all the folks who need this,” he said.

“We need to improve our infrastructure so that we can increase our capacity to do more in the community,” he said.

Resources are spread out around Lansing. Everyone is helping everyone.

Christian Family Services refers the needy. Major grocers like Meijer and Wal-Mart donate supplies, gift cards and food.

Todd “T.J.” Duckett through his nonprofit, New World Flood, donates more than 1,000 turkeys to organizations around town.

“It’s a chain of people,” said Duckett. “The thing I love about it is each individual person does what they can to create a flood of change, a flood of purpose.”

Still, Hood holds out hope for a regular sponsor or benefactor to keep the Cristo Rey effort growing.

“The finest work I do all year is this day of Thanksgiving,” he said. “I get to be in service shoulder to shoulder with these people who are so selfless and so caring.”

The dinner is more than a symbolic gesture or volunteer photo-op, he said.

It has real and lasting impact in resources, memories and inspiration.

“It’s not a Band-Aid,” Hood said. “It’s a jump start hopefully.”



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By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

"Pretending I was a boy felt like telling a lie."

"I Am Jazz" touches piano keys no other children's book touches, but the last chord has a familiar ring: Be yourself.

A mermaid-loving Florida girl, 14-year-old Jazz Jennings is swimming into mainstream culture to become the smiling face of transgender youth. In her wake, a

Jessica Herthel,
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brightly hued book about her life is darting upstream into schools, libraries and stores.

Author Jessica Herthel, national director of the Stonewall Education Project, makes a stop at EVERYbody Reads bookstore tonight to talk about

the book and its potential to get kids, parents and students to root for transgender kids and identify with their struggle to be themselves.

Not that Jazz is hurting for exposure. Time magazine dubbed her one of the "25 Most Influential Teens of 2014." She has appeared on "20/20" with Barbara Walters



Jennings

several times, beginning when she was 5, and was the youngest person ever featured on the Out 100 and the Advocate's "40 Under 40" lists. Sunday, she got a Voice for Equality award from Equality Florida at a gala dinner.

Media buzz is ephemeral, but "I Am Jazz" has the potential to nestle Jazz's story into schools and homes for decades to come. It has already made her a hero to people several times her age. Rachel Crandall-Crocker, director of Transgender Michigan, a male-to-female transgen-

Herthel

der person and a Lansing psychotherapist who specializes in transgender issues, said "I Am Jazz" captures "how so many of us have been feeling for soooo many years."

"When I was rooting for Jazz, I was root-



Courtesy photo

Jazz Jennings, a transgender youth, is the subject of the children's book, "I Am Jazz."

meet Jazz. The visit went swimmingly, with ice cream, giggles and hugs all around. Afterward, Herthel's daughters took pride in explaining what transgender meant.

"Most kids want to do the right thing," Herthel said. "They felt like they were being very grown up. Why not let more kids feel empowered to talk about these things?"

But a children's book about a transgender kid was new territory, even in 2010. Books like "My Princess Boy," by Cheryl Kilodavis got close, but didn't put a real-life face on the issue and avoided the word "transgender."

By contrast, "I Am Jazz" takes a first-person, no-nonsense approach. "I have a girl brain but a boy body," the text reads. "This is called transgender. I was born that way!"

The book follows Jazz's brushes with confusion, bullying and feeling "crummy," but the mood is overwhelmingly positive. Her parents let her grow her hair long and wear girl clothes. By the end, she's still conscious of being different, but takes pride in herself.

Herthel pitched the book to several publishers, but got no takers and resigned herself to self-publishing. She recruited an art student from Craigslist to do the illustrations, started filling out a contract on Amazon and girded herself to "somehow move a garage full of books."

At the 11th hour, a "friend of a friend of a friend" slipped her the name of a contact at Penguin Books. Herthel made a "desperate pitch" to Luari Hornik, president of Dial, the children's division of Penguin.

"She decided to take a chance on it and the heavens opened," Herthel said.

The two-year production wait was agonizing, but the payoff was big. For one thing, public schools and libraries don't buy many self-published books. More important, Penguin hired a top illustrator, Britain's Shelagh McNicholas, to bring Jazz to pastel-pink life. An earlier illustrator came back with sketches of Jazz with short hair and cleats.

"She's a delicate, feminine child, and I wanted that unambiguously shown in the art," Herthel said. When she saw the book with McNicholas' illustrations, she cried.

In an email to City Pulse, Jazz wrote that she "loves" the way the book turned out. "The pictures are very vibrant and portray the love and happiness in my life," she wrote. "They correspond with my story very well. I'm happy to have this book out for all people to understand what being

Little mermaid BIG MESSAGE

AUTHOR PACKS TRANSGENDER GIRL'S
BE-YOURSELF-NESS INTO VIBRANT CHILDREN'S BOOK

ing for a part of me," Crandall-Crocker said. "Jazz has helped to bring together the transgender community of all ages."

That is no exaggeration.

"I'm 58 years old and I feel like a Jazz groupie," enthused Char Davenport, a decades-long activist and the first transgender professor of English at Saginaw Valley State University and Delta College. "Jazz and other children like her are what we have been working toward for decades. I'm going to buy a bunch of copies and give them out as Christmas presents to the House and Senate in Lansing."

Herthel hoped and expected the book to inspire transgender people, but she had a bigger audience in mind when she started the project. After an unrewarding career as a corporate lawyer, she shifted gears to raise three young daughters in the 1990s. Herthel was surprised to hear her 6-year-old say it would be "weird" to change gender. Herthel considered herself a staunch LGBT ally and tried to raise her kids the same way.

"I realized that messages of inclusion

must come from everywhere, including school, not only from parents," she said. Herthel quit her job, helped Fort Lauderdale schools develop a handbook on LGBT issues and joined Safe To Be Me, a coalition of about 30 local agencies concerned with keeping LGBT people safe.

There she met Jazz's mother, Jeanette, and struck up a friendship. (Jazz's family asked Herthel to keep their location private, except to say they live in south Florida, because "they get a lot of hate mail.") Herthel felt it was high time to bring diversity themes into elementary school instead of waiting until high school, when prejudices are ingrained.

She decided that upbeat, charismatic Jazz Jennings was the perfect face for the project. Jeanette and Jazz agreed. Herthel used her own daughters as a focus group. She was anxious to see "how young you could go (discussing transgender people) without being intimidated, freaked out or scared."

She asked her kids if they wanted to



Courtesy Photo

I Am Jazz

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transgender means in simple terms.”

Jazz is getting emails from around the country, many of them with deeply personal reactions to the book. One of her favorites is an email from a mother whose 7-year-old son read the book twice on the way home from the store, read it to his grandma when he got home, played school and read it to his “students” and fell asleep with the book under his pillow.

Jazz wrote that the response so far has lived up to her hopes for the book.

“I want to put smiles on the faces of little kids when they realize they are not alone,” she wrote.

Jazz gets farther from being a “little kid” each day. She’s a newly appointed ambassador for the Human Rights Campaign and makes mermaid tails to raise money for her charity, the Transkids Purple Rainbow Foundation. (Profits from “I Am Jazz” go to the same organization.)

“I look forward to expanding my business when I get older,” Jazz wrote.

Her most recent “20/20” appearance last spring found her at the threshold of puberty, taking hormone blockers to keep from developing facial hair. Surgery to complete her transition is an open question as she approaches adulthood.

She seems to be comfortable as a role model and activist.

“We are far from the day when being transgender is mainstream,” she wrote. “People are becoming more accepting and tolerant, but until being transgender is no big deal we will have to continue using media to educate the world.”

Herthel doesn’t know how many schools and libraries have picked up “I Am Jazz” so far, but she has received excited emails from people who found it in their local school library. In many cases, the local LGBT resource center bought copies and donated them.

Backlash to the book has been minimal so far.

“I was surprised there weren’t more negative reactions,” Jazz wrote.

Herthel is hopeful that the culture has simply moved on, but part of her is still waiting for that shoe to drop.

“Miraculously, and I’m knocking on wood, we haven’t been picked up by any right-wing bloggers, although that will probably happen in 10 minutes,” she said.

Beyond the lights

State Christmas tree’s LED lighting design revamped for 2014

By ALLAN I. ROSS

In 2012, City Pulse wrote that the Michigan State Christmas tree looked like it had been “stuffed in an ugly Christmas sweater ... (and resembles) the tip of a nuclear missile.” Last year, we compared it to “a lunch lady’s hairnet.” Harsh words, but take a look there for yourself — do either of those look like a joyfully decorated symbol of the season? Is it that hard to make a Christmas tree look good?

It was either a matter of the squeaky wheel getting the grease of a convergence of tastes, but this year’s tree is getting a design overhaul.

“We’re following each limb (with lights) — it’s a new look,” said Dan Brocklehurst, director of facility operations for the Michigan State Capitol Commission. “I’m not sure where we came up with the idea, but we had gotten some feedback. And it’s something new to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Silver Bells (in the City).”

Brocklehurst said the number of lights has doubled, from about 4,000 in recent years to about 8,000 this year.

“We’re using identical clear LED lamps, so it will be much brighter and it will cost less (to light),” Brocklehurst said. “It’s really going to be eye-catching.”

This year’s tree is a 63-foot blue spruce from Kingsford, near Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula. It arrived on Nov. 1 and the city’s forestry division worked to fill in any missing branches and give the tree a fuller look. Brocklehurst said the Lansing Board of Water & Light donates the time to hang the lights, which are sponsored by Granger, Silver Bells and the Capitol Commission.

Just don’t expect another monstrosity. At worst, you’ll have to shield your eyes from the glare, not the hideousness.

“Whether people like it or not, either way, this will definitely won’t look like a net,” Brocklehurst said.



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The lighting design of this year’s State Christmas tree may put an end to City Pulse’s annual tradition of naming the tree Eye Sore of the Week.

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Outside the (invisible) box

Local mime competes on national TV, launches entertainment company

By ALLAN I. ROSS

Mimes are up there with lawyers and female Republicans as socially acceptable targets of public ridicule. There's no good reason — what's so deplorable about invisible walls and stiff winds? — but it's possible that their white faces and gleeful silences put them in the disturbing, not-quite-human zone anthropologists call the uncanny valley.

Joshua Moore, a local mime, has his theory, though: He thinks it's because mimes challenge their audiences to do some of the creative heavy lifting.

"Mimes ask people to use their imaginations more than, say, listening to a musician or watching a dancer," Moore said. "And a lot of people don't like to use their imaginations for some reason. They want everything spelled out."

Moore, 25 recently took his craft on the TruTV competitive reality show "Fake Off," built around the performance art of "faking" — think "So You Think You Can Dance" for black light theater. Teams have a few days to create a themed 90-second act that utilizes creative movement and black light illusions, where performers work on blacked out stages with fluorescent clothing and props that glow in ultraviolet light. They perform on stage in front of a live audience and a panel of three celebrity judges, which eliminate a team each week.

Moore was asked to join the Detroit-area mime group YFX for the show, led by a former student of the mime god Marcel Marceau. Moore said their first performance, with the theme "Science Fiction," received mixed reviews ("Sci fi is not my forte."), but their second act, "Weather," won them high marks and led to what he calls a "magic moment of television" in his interaction with Rozanda "Chili" Thomas from the band TLC. Although the entire season taped last summer, Moore won't say if his team won.

"You'll just have to watch," he teases. "But whether we win or lose, it was a life-changing experience for me. I was on national television in my skivvies. Anything for theater, I guess."

Moore has been miming since he was 13. He got into it through his church, where he was part of a group that performed inspirational pieces. After graduating from Sexton High School, he studied theater at Columbia College in Chicago before moving back to Lansing and launching an entertainment company under his stage name, Josiah Moore. But Moore's company has done something with mime some may decry as sacrilege — he's added sound.

"I've added a live band, singers, sound effects and costumes to create this new genre of contemporary mime," Moore said. "I'm trying to build a brand around it now. I didn't want to get stuck in a box" (Figuratively

speaking, we think.)

Moore performs at community centers and churches, but he's hoping to appeal to high-end clients, booking black tie events and fundraisers.

"Every time we perform, we get such extraordinary reactions," Moore said. "It's obvious we're reaching people. But unless you've seen it, it's a challenge trying to describe what it is I do."

Moore's performances skew toward the motivational; a recent show was dedicated to breast cancer awareness. He said his act is built around a song, secular or non, that he finds inspirational. But Moore said gigs have been sporadic. A recent high-profile job materialized but was canceled almost immediately.

"I think they were looking for something



Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

Joshua Moore, a local mime, was recently a competitor on the TruTV competition show "Fake Off."

more traditional," Moore said. "I don't think they understood what I was doing. It's still too out there."

Until his business takes off, Moore works as a program administrator for a nonprofit. He's also a student at Lansing Community College, where he's studying advertising.

"I'd love to move back to Chicago, and New York and California are options too," Moore said. "But I'll stay here if I can find work. It's a niche market. I just have to find my niche."

But win or lose, Moore said the best part about being on "Fake Out" was the elevation of a much maligned art form.

"It introduced — or reintroduced — mime to a whole new generation," Moore said. "And that's huge. Mime will always be a part of my life. You get to create a character and live out these dreams. My job as a mime artist to push you see the same thing I see, and get something creative out of it."

"You're creating this universe and getting people to buy into it. It's the greatest thing. And if I can reach someone through that, then I've done my job."

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Panels from the proposed adults-only superhero parody comic "Starslam."

CROWDSOURCING

A GUIDE TO LANSING-AREA ONLINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

Crowdsourcing is a new City Pulse occasional feature that will highlight local crowdsourcing campaigns. To find the events, go to the designated website and search by title.

Origin stories

Local projects include superhero erotica and hallucinogenic research

By ANNE ABENDROTH, BETH WALDON & KRISTA WILSON

'Starslam: Erotic Superhero Parody Comic for Adults Only' (kickstarter.com)

"Starslam" is a conceptual piece of graphic novel erotica that sexes up the superhero saga. Lansing-based artist Adam Talley is a 20-year self-publishing veteran who decided to produce a 130-page work that parodies the genre even as it pays its respects.

"Starslam" is about a woman who was born with superhuman abilities and dedicates her life to being a crime fighter. She joins a team with other similarly endowed beings, but when she finds herself in a torrid relationship with one of the other members, she finds that with great powers comes great sexual responsibility. The snafu: She releases a toxin during intercourse that affects all superheroes.

Talley has more than sextupled his goal of \$300; at print he had reached \$1,851. However, there's still time to get your name added to one of the characters' little black books in "Starslam" (for a \$5 donation) or an original piece by Talley of any of the "Starslam" characters engaging in the sex act of your choice (for a \$75 donation).

'Demand Greatness: 4 Keys to Unleash Your Potential' (indiegogo.com)

Michigan State University graduate DeAndre Carter had it tough growing up in Detroit. Despite his challenges, he found a way

to stay motivated and discovered that he is good at helping others.

"Demand Greatness: 4 Keys to Unleash Your Potential" is a book written by Carter to inspire and motivate his readers to achieve greatness. He has spent the last 18 years speaking to audiences throughout the country to give a sense of empowerment.

"The money will not just help me get the book out, but it will help people be inspired from the material," Carter said. Funding from this campaign will cover production costs, including shipping 3,000 hardcover books, design, editing services and an e-book creation. The proceeds will also go to marketing services and hiring marketing interns to help with promotion.

The campaign has received \$765 of its \$15,000 goal, with the deadline on Nov. 30. Supporters will receive different Demand Greatness Starter Kits, depending on the amount given. The different packages include electronic versions of the book, coaching sessions, dinner for two at Brody Square and recognition from the author.

The Ayahuasca Dialogues (indiegogo.com)

Ayahuasca is a powerful psychedelic brew utilized by Amazonian tribes to achieve spiritual enlightenment. Jonathan Thompson, MSU alum and co-founder of the Ethnobotanical Stewardship Council, has launched this crowdfunding campaign to promote ayahuasca research, pilot a cultivation project and increase communications.

Thompson said ayahuasca has been used to treat PTSD and heroin addiction. With the help from Ayahuasca, Thompson managed to escape the tight grip of his own alcoholism.

Thompson has raised about \$17,000 of his \$35,000 goal; the campaign ends Nov. 29.

CURTAIN CALL

Dangerous intentions MSU tackles French drama of social, sexual politics

By MARY CUSACK

There can be no play more aptly fitting MSU's seasonal theme of "Power Plays" than "Les Liaisons Dangereuses." It is a powerful script about powerful people carelessly playing with power as they manipulate and destroy those around them.

Review

La Marquise de Merteuil (Carolyn Conover) and le Vicomte de Valmont (Kirill Sheynerman), once and possibly future lovers, take great joy in playing with people as if they were chess pieces. The show opens with Merteuil beseeching Valmont for aid in avenging some slight. Her plan involves bedding a sweet virgin betrothed to a man who had wronged her.

Valmont is distracted by his own goal, however. He has fallen in love with la Presidente de Tourvel (Mary Dilworth), who is highly virtuous and faithfully married. He believes that if he can conquer her sexually, his interest will wane. Complications with both of their plans align Valmont and Merteuil's goals. Despite her jealousy of Valmont's love of Tourvel, Merteuil cannot let go of her need to destroy her enemies. What begins as entertainment born of ennui becomes a deadly game of social politics.

Madame de Rosemonde (Grace Hinkley), the wise grande dame of the group who is mostly ignored, advises a distraught Tourvel that "those worthy of love are never made happy by it." This pessimistic theme rings true because the game is controlled by Merteuil, who distills everything to one wonderfully simple principle: "Win or die." The odds favor the latter outcome.

Taking on "Liaisons" was a bold move, considering that there are two iconic feature films based on the story. The 1988 film "Dangerous Liaisons" is an Oscar-winning classic starring Glenn Close and John Malkovich, who chewed the scenery as they ripped each other apart. The 1999 modernization "Cruel Intentions," starring Sarah Michelle Gellar and Ryan Phillippe, was designed for a younger audience. The performances were more sedate yet the



Photo by Stephanie Pickard

Carolyn Conover as la Marquise de Merteuil and Kirill Sheynerman as le Vicomte de Valmont in MSU's production of "Les Liaisons Dangereuses."

film oozed sexuality.

Despite the pop culture competition, MSU has created a fresh take on the work. The theme of games is utilized throughout, from the set design and makeup to the choreography and blocking. While the cast as a whole is solid, the casting of Conover and Sheynerman as the leads is a masterstroke. They bring the maturity necessary to elevate the play beyond a university studio production. And Sheynerman provides, as an audience member noted after Saturday's performance, "some beefcake for the ladies."

The intimacy of the Arena Theatre heightens the intensity of power struggle and makes the heartbreak more palpable. Because the production is in the round, the whole audience may not see the emotional results of every sling and arrow, with characters facing away at a crucial moment. Still, the blocking provides chances enough to witness the subtle flick of sorrow or the hardening of a jaw as the leads resolve to forego happiness for victory.

Set changes between scenes slow the pace. Director Dan Smith utilizes the supporting cast of servants as stagehands. They elegantly reposition furniture as if placing pieces onto a game board, and their brief interactions are relevant to the plot. The frequent set changes, however, lengthen the play to more than two and a half hours; fortunately, the sharp script keeps the audience engaged in anticipating the outcome of the game. In this wicked game, the viewers are the only winners.

Tarzan and the Great Lakes State

Book recounts author Edgar Rice Burroughs' Michigan connections

By **BILL CASTANIER**

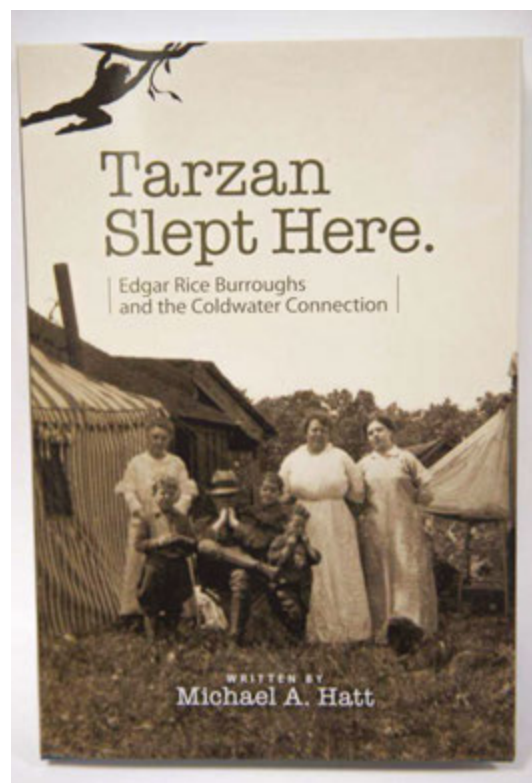
Generations have grown up reading the works of Edgar Rice Burroughs, including his enduring “Tarzan” and “John Carter of Mars” fantasy series. They’ve pored over the countless movie, TV show and comic book adaptations, but few know about the love-hate relationship the Chicago native had for Michigan.

Michael Hatt, a former postal employee living in Montgomery, Mich., has written the new book “Tarzan Slept Here: Edgar Rice Burroughs and the Coldwater Connection.” It’s about the nearly two decades Burroughs spent vacationing with his family in Coldwater. Hatt will sign his books Saturday at the **Classicon 46 Collectable Pulp and Paperback Show** Author Michael Hatt appearance/book signing 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. University Quality Inn 3121 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing \$3/students FREE (517) 332-0112, curiousbooks.com

tuous five years. He was often restricted to his living quarters for disciplinary violations. This period has been exquisitely detailed in another Michigan author’s book, “Them Were the Days,” by Brian Bohnett.

At the academy, Burroughs became an accomplished horseback rider. After graduation, he enlisted for a short stint with the U.S. Calvary. His first book, 1911’s “Under the Moons of Mars,” was the first of the John Carter sci-fi action/adventure series about a U.S. Calvary officer who becomes a superhero on the Red Planet.

Hatt, 65, knew of the significant Orchard Lake connection, but he was more drawn to Burroughs’ relationship to the Coldwater area. Hatt lived there for 17 years while working for the U.S. Postal Service.



Courtesy photo

“Tarzan Slept Here” recounts Edgar Rice Burroughs’ time in Michigan.

As a teenager growing up in Hillsdale in the 1960s, he said his interest in Burroughs

was piqued when he saw a fellow student reading a Tarzan book. Hatt said he knew nothing of Burroughs’ Michigan connection when he was younger, only that the author’s work stirred something in him.

“My life’s passion (became) collecting the works and related material of Burroughs,” Hatt said. Then, sometime in the ‘90s, a fellow employee at the post office mentioned that the family of Burroughs’ wife, Emma, owned a summer home near Coldwater. Emma was a member of the wealthy Chicago Hulbert family of hoteliers.

“It floored me and I thought I should look into that,” Hatt said. “I didn’t, (but) in 2001 I was at the Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show and I met Brian Bohnett and bought one of his books. He inscribed it, ‘Looking forward to ERB Coldwater Connection.’”

Hatt said he went to the local library and made a few notes, but walked away from the project.

“Then in 2012, I found those files and I went back to the library and got started,” he said. In the book, which took 15 months to write, Hatt details the times that Burroughs and his family visited both Sunnyside Farms, owned by the Hulbert family, and then later a family cottage on Morrison Lake outside of Coldwater.

“Coldwater was his escape for getting out of Chicago,” Hatt said. He used the 819-page Irwin Porges biography of Burroughs, considered the best biography of the author, and began to put together a timeline. He located the farm where the family stayed.

“The farmhouse was still there,” he said. He also discovered that Burroughs had planned a family car tour to Maine in 1916. Burroughs planned on writing a travel

series, which were popular at the time, but after problems with roads and vehicles — including a trip to Alma for repairs — he and the family camped at Camp Branch (named for his in-laws) for 37 days overlooking Morrison Lake. It was at this site he wrote the fourth chapter of “Gods of Tarzan,” and the trip to Maine was canceled. Burroughs would move to California soon afterward, where he would settle for life, returning to the Coldwater area only once more in 1919.

There is a famous photo of Burroughs standing with Morrison Lake as his backdrop. Hatt said the most memorable thing he did was track down the exact spot where the photo was taken and stand right there and pose there for a photo.

Hatt said it is difficult to say what Burroughs’ inspirations for his edgy, far-out fantasies were, but he said he could understand how Burroughs wrote “Gods of Tarzan” while “overlooking the lake and the blue sky and blue water.”

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Wednesday, November 19

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

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EVENTS

DTDL Book Club. Discuss "The Execution of Noa P. Singleton", 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township

See Out on the Town, Page 18



Touch of silver

• • • Friday, Nov. 21 • • •

Lansing's premiere holiday event, Silver Bells in the City, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. And rather than make with the pearls, as is traditional for the 30th, Silver Bells is giving the gift of sea sponge-inspired DIY pop hit makers. Oh Lansing, you're so thoughtful!

New York-based pop band AJR will perform on the Capitol steps at 8 p.m. Friday. The pop/doo-wop group — made up of brothers Adam, Jack and Ryan Met — is best known for the 2013 hit "I'm Ready," which samples "Spongebob Squarepants" catchphrase. Before play on the radio, the trio busked in New York until they were discovered via Twitter by Australian pop star Sia Furler. It's been non-stop ever since.

"Our music has taken us around the world," said Adam Metzger. "It'll be our first time performing in Lansing, and we're really excited about it."

But despite the obvious teenage demographic that the evening's musical offering might intend to draw, Silver Bells always tries to cast a wide net. The evening starts at 6 p.m. with the Electric Light Parade. This year boasts 77 floats — the largest number in 30 years — as well as marching bands, horse-drawn carriages and Santa Claus himself. And Disney fans are in for a treat: The parade welcomes a surprise Disney character straight from Walt Disney World Resort in Florida, serving as the parade's grand marshal.

A community sing-a-long of Christmas favorites "Silver Bells" and "Joy to the World" will follow the parade at 7:20 p.m., led by the Larry Callahan and Selected

of God Choir. The group performed at the 2011 Super Bowl and won an Emmy award for its appearance in the "Born of Fire: Imported from Detroit" commercial.

Silver Bells in the City

5-9 p.m. Friday Nov. 21
Downtown Lansing
silverbellsinthecity.org

From there your lungs won't catch a break for the rest of the evening. At 7:35 p.m., the annual lighting of the tree will commence followed by a fireworks display over the Capital dome.

Starting at 5 p.m. and running throughout the evening will be the Silver Bells Village. Located on the 100 block of Allegan Street between Washington Square and Grand Avenue, guests can purchase refreshments, get a head start on their holiday shopping with the holiday crafts for sale and purchase a 2014 Silver Bells Commemorative ornament.

And since Lansing is going big for Silver Bell's 30th, activities will carry on throughout the weekend. A 5k walk/run will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday. Participants are encouraged to wear their most stunning holiday contest and come ready to run as prizes and awards will be given out for looks and speed. Santa will have breakfast with his adoring fans at Troppo from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. To register for the 5K, go to runsignup.com/silverbells.

More than 80,000 people attended Silver Bells in the City last year, and with the event going 30 years strong, you can probably expect that number to grow.

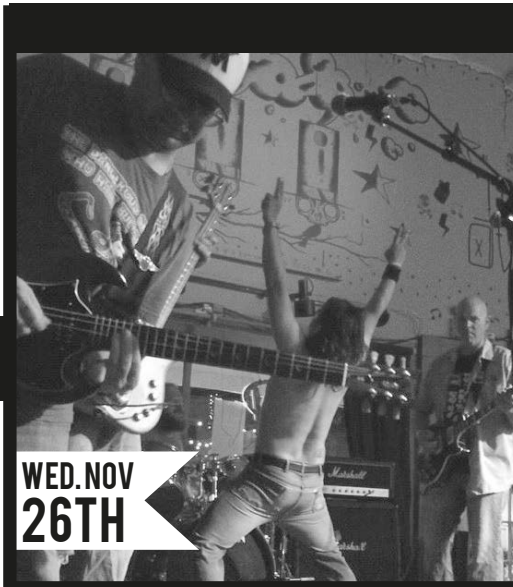
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TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



WED. NOV 26TH

AC/DC TRIBUTE BAND ICY/DICEY AT THE AVENUE CAFE

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 8 p.m., \$6, 18+, Wednesday Nov. 26

Another Australian musical export will be spotlighted at The Avenue Café. Next week AC/DC releases its 15th studio LP, "Rock or Bust," and then the veteran rockers hit the road on a 40th anniversary tour promoting the new disc. But for those looking for a hyper-local alternative, ICY/DICEY, a Lansing-based AC/DC cover band might be the ticket. The band, which headlines Thanksgiving Eve at the Avenue Café, was formed by drummer Joel "Phil" Kuiper in the fall of 2013 with the idea of paying homage to what the band bio calls the "most misplayed songs in rock history." The group also features Mark Meyers (as Angus), Doug Harkema (as Malcolm), Derek Fulton (as Cliff) and David Scott (as Bon/Brian). The members of ICY/DICEY claim their band name was inspired by slippery Michigan driving conditions.

MASKED INTRUDER AT MAC'S

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, 7 p.m., \$12, \$10 adv., Thursday, Nov. 20

Fat Wreck Chords-signed punk band Masked Intruder headlines an all-ages show at Mac's Bar. Openers are Break Anchor, the Hunky Newcomers and Farthest From the Truth. Masked Intruder, the self-described "best pop-punk band you hope never gets out of prison," dons unique stage attire: Matching Converse All Stars and colorful ski masks. The band cites a list of tongue-in-cheek influences, such as "bad upbringing," "broken hearts" and "the criminal justice system." The band members are known by color-coded aliases: Blue (vocals/guitar), Green (guitar), Yellow (bass) and Red (drums). The band debuted in 2011 and released its latest album, "M.I.," in May via Fat Wreck Chords. Fans of Mr. T Experience or early Green Day might want to check out this show.



THU. NOV 20TH

NICK CAVE TRIBUTE AT THE AVENUE CAFE

the Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 8 p.m., \$5, 18+, Friday, Nov. 21

"Nick Cave Takes the Stage: A Tribute Night at the Avenue" blends the cover sets of the Australian singer/songwriter's work with an open-mic slots. There will also be Cave-inspired theatrical works directed by event organizer Leo Poroshin. Taking the stage with some Cave tunes is a roster of busy local songwriters including Justin Richard, Dylan Rogers, Jory Stultz, Ellis Q. Mason, Leo & the Komrads and Tell 'Em Steve/Dave. Cave is known for his alt/Goth body of work in seminal experimental bands like Birthday Party and Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds. In 2006, Cave formed Grinderman, a short-lived yet critically acclaimed group. Last year, the Bad Seeds released its most recent effort, "Push the Sky Away."



FRI. NOV 21ST

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Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Nathan Alan, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Blue Wednesday, 8 p.m.	Skoryoke Live Band Karaoke, 8 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 8 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 8 p.m.
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Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 8 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 8:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9 p.m.	Soulstice, 9:30 p.m.
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.		Open Mic w/Hot Mess, 9 p.m.	Karaoke	
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.	The Walking Tall Tour, 7 p.m.	Kaleido, 7 p.m.		Alien Ant Farm, 8 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Dinner and a Suit, 7 p.m.	Masked Intruder, 7 p.m.	Huey Mack, 7 p.m.	Saintseneca, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.		Fat Boy and Jive Turkey, 9 p.m.	Those Delta Rhythm Kings, 10 p.m.	The DeWaynes, 10 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.	Dave Floyd, 8 p.m.		
Tin Can DeWitt, 13175 Schavey Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.			
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.		
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Dr.			Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	DJ, 9 p.m.	Electronic Dance Party, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
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Out on the town

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book. 7-9 p.m. EVERYbody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900.

Thursday, November 20

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

Weekly Yoga For Seniors. Call to register. 11 a.m.-noon, \$28/\$20 members, \$6/\$8 drop-in fee. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.com.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22 >> SAINTSENECA AT MAC'S BAR

Ohio's multi-faceted outfit Saintsenecca takes the stage of Mac's Bar on Saturday to deliver its foot stomping brand of folk rock. The band is in the third leg of its tour supporting the full-length album, "Dark Arc." The new album has been making waves since its release in April, garnering the band appearances on NPR's "Tiny Desk Concerts" and most recently Seattle's KEXP radio. Saintsenecca was formed in 2008 by front man and Ohio native Zac Little. Little and his band mates employ a large wheelhouse of instruments, lending to Saintsenecca's rich and diverse sound. 8 p.m. \$12, \$10 adv. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) (517) 484-6795, macsbar.com.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22 >> TASTE OF DIMONDALE

You can get a taste of what Dimondale has to offer at the Taste of Dimondale event. For \$10, you get 10 tastes from businesses around the city. All participants will receive a goodie bag, and have a chance to sample of all the local pizza, subs, desserts and ciders. There will also be a home craft show, farmers market, holiday sounds from Water Wonderland Chorus and a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the end of the event. Noon-5 p.m. \$10. Downtown Dimondale. (517) 646-0230.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23 >> THEATRE ORGAN POPS CONCERT

Justin Stahl will play the historical Barton Theatre pipe organ at the Grand Ledge Opera House on Sunday. While Stahl plays the 87-year-old instrument, there will be a screening of the 1929 silent comedy "Big Business" to go with its tunes. This pairing of silent film and organ was common in the 1920s before movies had sound. 3 p.m. \$12/\$15 door. Grand Ledge Opera House. 121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 394-9881, lto-pops.org.

Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Teen Movie Mania. Watch a blockbuster hit on the library big screen. 3-5 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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.

THEATER

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses." The sexual games of bored French aristocrats. 7:30 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. 1-800-Wharton. theatre.msu.edu.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Tween Book Club. Ages 9-12. Call to register. 4-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.

Jim Minick (Nonfiction.) Workshop: 3 p.m., Rm. C203; Reading: 7 p.m., RCAH Theatre. FREE. Snyder/Phillips Hall, MSU Campus, 362 Bogue St., East Lansing. (517) 884-1932. poetry.rcah.msu.edu.
"I Am Jazz" author talk. Inspirational true story about a transgender child, written as a children's

weebly.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Contact Jan. 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 to visit. 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.

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

Tarot Study Group. With Dawne Botke. 7 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 883-3619, triplegoddessbookstore.net.

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

Conversations about Dementia. Alzheimer's Association Education Series. 4:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Activity Center, 4675 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.com.

Genealogy Club. Third Thursday of each

RESTAURANT MEDITERAN

Restaurant Mediteran will close in February after 10 years of serving European fusion cuisine. File photo



By ALLAN I. ROSS

After 10 years of business, downtown Lansing's **Restaurant Mediteran** will close in February. Owner Igor Jurkovic said that his parents, who both operate the restaurant, wanted to retire and it would be impossible to hire replacements for them.

"They're the heart of Mediteran, and without them, it just wouldn't be the same," Jurkovic said. "We're not closing because of lack of business, it's just run its course."

Jurkovic said the building's lease will be up March 31, and he decided not to renew it. Jurkovic is also co-owner of both **Leaf Salad Bar** locations, in East Lansing and Okemos, and is kitchen manager for **Omar's Show Bar** and **the Exchange**. He said that without Mediteran to tend to, he'll be able to focus on his other ventures. Although Mediteran wasn't a true farm-to-table experience, he tried to incorporate as many Michigan products as possible. "I drive down to Eastern

Market in Detroit every Sunday, and that's tough," Jurkovic said. "In 10 years, I think I only missed two weeks. Going that route was a little more expensive, and it's difficult explaining to people why you have to charge a little more. When you're buying a quality product, the costs get higher and the profit gets lower."

Mediteran opened in March 2004, a curious addition to the then-fledgling downtown dining scene. Its fusion of Eastern and Western European cooking styles seemed an odd pairing until you heard the story: Patriarch Mirko Jurkovic, a trained hotelier, fled Bosnia with his family during hostilities in the '90s and set up shop in Germany. Then when an opportunity opened in the U.S., both parents, Igor and his brother came to Lansing.

After five successful years, Mediteran expanded into the space next door in 2010 and opened a fast-casual deli counter, complete with rotisserie. Building owner Scott Gillepsie spent \$30,000 to \$40,000 in infrastructure costs to update the

1,200-square-foot space, and the Jurkovics spent another \$30,000 on new equipment, furniture and signage. But that equipment won't go to waste.

"I'm considering opening up something small that could use some of Mediteran's recipes, maybe just focusing on the German side of the menu," Jurkovic said. "I'd also like to maybe open another (Leaf location) somewhere near Detroit."

But regardless of his parents' plans, Jurkovic said Lansing is his home now.

"I love Lansing and I appreciate how much the city supported us for all these years," Jurkovic said. "It's been great watching downtown grow, and it's going to be a little sad leaving. But I'll still be around."

Restaurant Mediteran

333 S. Washington Square, Lansing
11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday–Friday; 4:30–8:30 p.m. Monday–Saturday; closed Sunday.
(517) 372-1072, restaurantmediteran.com

month, 2-3 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Mind Benders: Trivia. Interactive trivia game. 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

H.E.R.O.: Painting 101. Call 372-5980 to register or email bruce@glhc.org. 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.

Christmas in November. Learn about the latest in skin care. 5:30 p.m. Doctor's Approach Dermatology, 2685 Jolly Road, Okemos. (517) 993-5899, drsapproach.com.

Adopt-a-Platoon Alzheimers Association. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Coral Gables, 2838 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 740-6946, coralgablesrestaurant.com.

SoupGrant Lansing. Supporting community projects one meal at a time. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$5. Grace Lutheran Church, 528 N. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. soupgrantlansing@gmail.com.

MSU Creative Writing Group. All types of writers are encouraged to attend. 7:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Teen Game Haven. Play a variety of games; board, cards and video. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

"A River Changes Course" Screening. Q&A with director Kalyanee Mam to follow screening,

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7 p.m. FREE. MSU Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-3769, geo.msu.edu.
Ladies Silver Blades Figure Skating Club. Lessons, exercise and practice for adults. All skill levels welcome. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. (517) 574-4380.

MUSIC

Rally In The Alley Open Mic. 6:30 p.m. FREE. American Legion Post 48, 731 N. Clinton St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-1232.
Bluegrass Jam. For beginners and experienced musicians alike. 7 p.m. FREE. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-7880, elderly.com.
Fat Boy & Jive Turkey. Live music. 9 p.m.-12 a.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.
Marshall Music Drum Circle. All ages and levels welcome. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St. Lansing. (517) 337-9700, marshallmusic.com.

THEATER

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses." (See Nov. 19 for details.) 7:30 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (800) WHARTON, theatre.msu.edu.
"Twelve Angry Men." Classic courtroom drama about the jury in a murder case. 7 p.m. \$5. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 333-7500, elps.us/theater.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Writers Roundtable. Get feedback on your writing. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, dtdl.org.
Chipmunk Story Time. Nature stories, games & crafts for preschoolers. 10-11 a.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Friday, November 21

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed women's meeting. 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. (517) 882-9733.
Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives. "Building Affirmative Action from the Ground Up." 12:15-1:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum Auditorium, MSU Campus,

East Lansing.

EVENTS

Teen Advisory Group. Teens plan programs and more. 5-6 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.
Teen Tech Time. Teens have access to a cluster of laptops. 3-5 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.
YMCA Holiday Prayer Breakfast. Inspirational holiday message and food drive. 8-9 a.m. \$15. Radisson Hotel, 111 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. (517) 827-9611, abrands@ymcaoflansing.org.
Lansing Bike Party. Bike ride with TGIF stop. 5:45 p.m. FREE. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing. facebook.com/groups/lansingbikeparty.
Arts, Crafts and Bake Sale. Homemade gifts and baked goods. 3-8 p.m. FREE. Christ Community Church of Greater Lansing, 227 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-0600, christcommunitylansing.org.
30th Annual Silver Bells in the City. Tree lighting, parade and more. 5-9 p.m. FREE. Downtown Lansing, Lansing. silverbellsinthecity.org.
Used Book Sale. Fiction, nonfiction and more. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. Grand Ledge. grandledge.lib.mi.us.
StoryTime. Ages 3-6 years enjoy stories, songs and crafts. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

MUSIC

DJClarinet Combo at Silver Bells. Swingin' at CATA. 8:15-9 p.m. FREE. CATA Bus Transportation Center, 420 S. Grand Ave., Lansing. (517) 487-3322.
Those Delta Rhythmn Kings. Live music. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.
Melissa Greener. Nashville crooner. 7 p.m. \$15 suggested donation. Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 927-2100, ow.ly/Ehmqo.

THEATER

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses." (See Nov. 19 for details.) 8 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (800) WHARTON, theatre.msu.edu.
Warren Miller Ski Movie. Screening of "No Turning Back." 7 p.m. \$15/\$10 adv. Okemos High School, 2500 Jolly Road, Okemos. (517) 663-1854, juganfmug.org.
"Twelve Angry Men." (See Nov. 20 for details.) 7:30 p.m. \$5. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 333-7500, elps.

us/theater.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Teen Book Club. Book club for ages 13-18. 4-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.

Saturday, November 22

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Holiday Open House. Pet pictures with Santa and more. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$25 adoption fees. Ingham County Animal Control & Shelter, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370, ac.ingham.org.
Domestic Violence Support Group. Noon-1:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.
Tai Chi in the Park. Free class for beginning and experienced tai chi players. Now at winter location. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E.

Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.
Gingerbread Architecture. Make gingerbread houses and buildings. 1-4 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave. East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org/maker-studios.

EVENTS

nextGEN: Games and a Movie. Snacks and fun for 20- and 30-somethings. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. 517-321-4014 ext. 3.
Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.
Silver Bells in the City 5K. Fundraiser. 10 a.m. \$25/\$10 ages 12 and under. Downtown Lansing, Washington Square between Michigan and Washtenaw ave., Lansing. runsignup.com/silverbells.
Breakfast with Santa. Pancake breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10/FREE ages 2 and under. Troppo, 101 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 371-4000, silverbellsinthecity.org.

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Stop Eating in the Past"--dine for today!
 Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Food Network celeb ___ de Laurentiis
- 6 Crow's nest site
- 10 Newport or Salem
- 14 "Jeez!"
- 15 Choir voice
- 16 "Interview with the Vampire" author Rice
- 17 Can that landed on your head before serving?
- 19 Hamelin invaders
- 20 Curtis of Joy Division
- 21 Underwater eggs
- 22 FarmVille choice
- 24 Sue of many alphabet mysteries
- 27 Unwise
- 30 Like sashimi
- 31 Cardinal point?
- 32 Michael of "SNL"
- 33 Bird that can't play with his friends for a week?
- 37 Musk of Tesla Motors
- 38 Perfume label word
- 39 "___, poor Yorick!"
- 40 Spice that's been messed with?
- 45 Boat with two goats
- 46 "Ratatouille" chef
- 47 Hawaiian vacation souvenir
- 48 "Good heavens!"
- 50 Denounce
- 54 1970 hit by The Kinks
- 55 Forest fluid
- 56 2016 Olympics host
- 57 "But ___, there's more!"



- 59 Seafood that got promoted in checkers?
- 63 Alan of "The Blacklist"
- 64 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
- 65 Rainforest or tundra
- 66 Projectionist's spool
- 67 They get connected
- 68 "Sk8er Boi" singer

Down

- 1 Shoot for the moon
- 2 "___ what you're saying"
- 3 Appliance manufacturer
- 4 "The Da Vinci Code" author Brown
- 5 Ending after hex, pent or oct
- 6 Fictional lawyer Perry
- 7 ___ vera

- 8 Early bandmate of John, Paul, and George
- 9 Last part of a paint job
- 10 "Deck the Halls" is one
- 11 Having some trouble
- 12 Boom sticks
- 13 "Affirmative"
- 18 Go down at sea
- 23 Device for streaming Netflix
- 25 "Down in ___!"
- 26 T, to Socrates
- 27 At the end of your rope
- 28 Gather wool
- 29 Attention-getting shouts
- 31 Like snake eyes
- 33 Magnificence
- 34 Climbing danger
- 35 Considers (to be)
- 36 Speedy
- 37 Dutch town known for its cheese
- 41 Exam without paper
- 42 Piled up the leaves again after the wind got them
- 43 Get hitched on the fly
- 44 Ballpoint, for example
- 49 Cereal in a blue box
- 50 Hamster homes
- 51 "File not found," e.g.
- 52 It's known for its Heat
- 53 Dynamite inventor Alfred
- 55 Fit of temper
- 57 Classic U2 album
- 58 Draft served near darts
- 60 Bride's words
- 61 Letters before a company name
- 62 LII x II

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TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, column, and outlined 3-by-3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once. No guessing is required. The solution is unique.

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Out on the town

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Charlotte Mom 2 Mom Sale. To benefit the Eaton Area Senior Center. 9 a.m.-noon, \$2. Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte. (517) 231-3962, charlottemom2mom.com.

PEC Alternative Holiday Sale. Artists, small businesses and nonprofit vendors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove St. East Lansing. (517) 515-5634, peacecenter.org.

A Taste of Dimondale. Gifts, food, activities and more. 12-5 p.m. \$10. Downtown Dimondale, Bridge Street, Dimondale. (517) 646-0230, dimondale.org.

Classicon 46: Pulp/Comic/PB Show. Pulps, comics and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$3/FREE student ID). University Quality Inn, 3121 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 332-0112, curiousbooks.com.

MUSIC

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

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

A Christmas Tribute to Elvis. With Elvis tribute artist Matt King. 8 p.m. \$17. Leslie American Legion, 422 Woodworth St., Leslie. (517) 676-1721.

THEATER

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses." (See Nov. 19 for details.) 8 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (800) WHARTON, theatre.msu.edu.

"Twelve Angry Men." (See Nov. 20 for details.) 7:30 p.m. \$5. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 333-7500, elps.us/theater.

Sunday, November 23

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation and Silent Prayer. 7 p.m. FREE. Self realization meditation healing centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, selfrealizationcentremichigan.org.

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

EVENTS

Grace Church Choir Concert. Music, silent auction and refreshments. 5-6 p.m. Donation. Grace Lutheran Church, 528 N. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 372-5830, gracelutheranlansing.org.

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

Atheists and Humanists Meeting. Presentation by renowned author Barbara Oakley, PhD. 5 p.m. FREE. Old Great Wall Restaurant, 4832 W. Saginaw Hwy.,

"Twelve Angry Men." (See Nov. 20 for details.) 7:30 p.m. \$5. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 333-7500, elps.us/theater.

Monday, November 24

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 23 >> BREAKING BREAD WITH THE BLUES

A full dinner table is a luxury not enjoyed by everyone, and many people go hungry every winter. The Capital Area Blues Society is holding a night of blues to raise money and contribute items for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items. Music from Red Herring, Calling Dr. West featuring Gina Garner, the Rotations, Those Delta Rhythm Kings and Harper and Midwest Kind. 3-8 p.m. \$10 and a food item. Green Door Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. greaterlansingfoodbank.org.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25 >> "FUTURE RETURNS" DOCUMENTARY FILMS SERIES: "FLOOD"

"Flood" is the first in a five-part documentary series at the Broad Art Museum. This film looks at how China deals with water conservancy and flooding prevention, and is tied to "Future Returns," the Broad's recent exhibition about Chinese art. This movie was directed by Dong Jun; there will be a conversation after the screening. 7 p.m. FREE. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

MONDAY, NOV. 24 >> BEER AND SOUP PAIRING AT REO TOWN PUB

Lending further evidence to the argument that beer goes great with everything, the suds appreciation group I'm a Beer Hound hosts a beer and soup pairing event at REO Town Pub. The event includes soups from Soup Spoon Café and beers from the Arbor Brewing Co. 4-oz. beer and 3-oz. soup pairings will include Red Snapper Roasted Pale Ale with Seafood Chowder, Violin Monster with Butternut Squash, Jackhammer Old Ale with Chorizo Chile and more. 7 p.m. REO Town Pub, 1145 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-4863, imabeerhound.com.

Lansing. (517) 914-2278, ow.ly/EhCDP.

MSU Global Festival. Exhibits, demonstrations and live performances. Noon-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Union, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-1720. cvip.isp.msu.edu/globalfestival.

Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. 9:30 am-3 p.m. \$10/FREE ages 2 and under. Troppo, 101 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 371-4000, silverbellsinthecity.org.

Family Activity Day. An afternoon of activities with the Friendship, 2-4 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Duplicate bridge. Every Sunday. All skill levels welcome. 1-4 p.m. \$3/\$2 members. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-1113.

MUSIC

150th Anniversary Choir. Plymouth celebrates 150 years with free concert. 2 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-9495, plymouthlansing.org.

THEATER

"Les Liaisons Dangereuses." (See Nov. 19 for details.) 2 p.m. \$10. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (800) WHARTON, theatre.msu.edu.

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

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

Duplicate bridge. Every Monday. All skill levels welcome. 1-4 p.m. \$3/\$2 members. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-1113.

EVENTS

Homeschool Connect. Activities for homeschooling families. 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.

Social Bridge. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$150. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

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

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

Saints, Sinners & Cynics. Lively conversation,

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

Out of This World Book Club. "Another Fine Myth" by Robert Asprin. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Homework Help. Free drop-in tutoring provided by MSU's SMEA. K-8, 5-7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Poetry Typewriter Lounge. C230 Wing. 8-10 p.m. FREE. Snyder/Phillips Hall, MSU Campus, 362 Bogue St. East Lansing. (517) 884-1932. poetry.rcah.msu.edu/calendar.html.

Tuesday, November 25

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Starting a Business. Costs, planning, financing etc. 9-11 a.m. FREE. Small Business Development Center, LCC, Suite 110, 309 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdcmichigan.org.

Weekly Senior Games. Duplicate bridge 1 p.m. Euchre 1:30 p.m. FREE, \$3/\$2 members for bridge. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, ow.ly/EhGwJ.

Knitting and Crochet. Knitters and crocheters of all levels are welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org/maker-studios.

Chair Massage. Call for an appointment. 9:40 a.m.-noon, \$14/\$12 for members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

No More Headaches. Seminar on permanently staying off headaches. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Carrabba's Italian Grill, 6540 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. (855) 681-2225, totalhealth-fitness.com.

EZ Garbage Disposal Install. Call to register or email bruce@glhc.org, 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980, glhc.org.

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EVENTS

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

Out on the town

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

Beer and Soup at REO Town Pub. Beer and Soup Pairing with Arbor Brewing Co. 7 p.m. \$25. REO Town Pub, 1145 S. Washinton Ave., Lansing, imabeerhound.com.

MUSIC

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

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Tuesday Morning Book Club. Discuss Kate Morton's "The Forgotten Garden." 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtld.org.

Wednesday, November 26

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 Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-5866.

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

Drop-in Figure Drawing. Easels and drawing boards provided. 7-9:30 p.m. \$7/\$5 students. Kresge Art Center, 600 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-1170, artmuseum.msu.edu.

EVENTS

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.

Farmers Market at Allen Market Place.

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MUSIC

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsy

Nov. 19-25

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone on Reddit.com posed the question, "What have you always been curious to try?" In reply, many people said they wanted to experiment with exotic varieties of sex and drugs they had never treated themselves to before. Other favorites: eating chocolate-covered bacon; piloting a plane; shoplifting; doing a stand-up comedy routine; hang-gliding and deep-sea diving; exploring the Darknet and the Deep Web; spontaneously taking a trip to a foreign country; turning away from modern society and joining a Buddhist monastery. What would your answer be, Aries? The coming weeks will be an excellent time to explore what you have always been curious to try. The risks will be lower than usual, and the results more likely to be interesting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Contrary to popular opinion, crime fiction author Arthur Conan Doyle never once had his character Sherlock Holmes utter the statement "Elementary, my dear Watson." For that matter, Humphrey Bogart never actually said "Play it again, Sam" in the film *Casablanca*. Star Trek's Captain Kirk never used the exact phrase "Beam me up, Scotty." Furthermore I, Rob Breznsy, have never before issued the following prophecy: "Deep sexy darkness and deep sexy brilliance are conspiring to bring you Tauruses intriguing pleasures that will educate the naive part of your soul" -- until now, that is. At this juncture in the ever-twisting plot of your life story, I am most definitely saying just that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Here are some thoughts from Gemini author Fernando Pessoa: "The feelings that hurt most, the emotions that sting most, are those that are absurd -- the longing for impossible things; nostalgia for what never was; the desire for what could have been; regret over not being someone else." Can you relate, Gemini? Have you felt those feelings? Here's the good news: In the coming weeks, you will be more free of them than you have been in a long time. What will instead predominate for you are yearnings for very possible things and contentment with what's actually available to you. (Pessoa's words are from *The Book of Disquiet*, translated by Alfred Mac Adam.)

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The most important thing you can do in the coming weeks is learn how to take care of yourself better. What? You say you're too busy for that? You have too many appointments and obligations? I disagree. In my astrological opinion, there's one task that must trump all others, and that is get smarter about how you eat, sleep, exercise, relax, heal yourself, and connect with people. I can assure you that there's a lot you don't know about what you really need and the best ways to get what you really need. But you are ripe to become wiser in this subtle, demanding, and glorious art.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Naturalist Greg Munson says that many dragonflies are great acrobats. They are the "Cirque du Soleil" performers of the animal kingdom. Not only do they eat in mid-air, they also have sex. While flying, two dragonflies will hook up and bend into a roughly circular formation to accommodate the idiosyncrasies of their reproductive organs, thereby forming a "mating pinwheel." I don't expect you to achieve quite that level of virtuosity in your own amorous escapades, Leo. But if you're adventurous, you could very well enjoy experiences that resemble having sex while flying.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Born under the sign of Virgo, Yuriy Norshteyn is a Russian animator who has won numerous awards. His *Tale of Tales* was once voted the greatest animated film of all time. But he hasn't finished any new films for quite a while. In fact, he has been working on the same project since 1981, indulging his perfectionism to the max. In 33 years, he has only finished 25 minutes' worth of *The Overcoat*, which is based on a story by Nikolai Gogol. But I predict that he will complete this labor of love in the next eight months

-- just as many of you other Virgos will finally wrap up tasks you have been working on for a long time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Every saint has a bee in his halo," said philosopher Elbert Hubbard. Similarly, some Libras have a passive-aggressive streak hidden beneath their harmony-seeking, peace-loving persona. Are you one of them? If so, I invite you to express your darker feelings more forthrightly. You don't have to be mean and insensitive. In fact, it's best if you use tact and diplomacy. Just make sure you reveal the fact that there is indeed a bee in your halo. I bet you will ultimately be pleased with the consequences you stir up through your acts of courageous honesty.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Many people use the terms "cement" and "concrete" interchangeably, but they are not the same. Cement is powdery stuff that's composed of limestone, gypsum, clay with alumino-silicate, and other ingredients. It's just one of the raw materials that is used to make concrete -- usually no more than 15 percent of the total mass. The rest consists of sand, crushed stone, and water. Let's regard this as a good metaphor for you to keep in mind, Scorpio. If you want to create a durable thing that can last as long as concrete, make sure you don't get overly preoccupied with the "cement" at the expense of the other 85 percent of the stuff you will need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "Whatever returns from oblivion returns to find a voice," writes Louise Glück in her poem "The Wild Iris." I think that will be a key theme for you in the coming weeks. There's a part of you that is returning from oblivion -- making its way home from the abyss -- and it will be hungry to express itself when it arrives back here in your regularly scheduled life. This dazed part of you may not yet know what exactly it wants to say. But it is fertile with the unruly wisdom it has gathered while wandering. Sooner rather than later, it will discover a way to articulate its raw truths.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness," said American humorist Josh Billings. I propose that we make that your motto in the coming weeks. It's an excellent time to liberate yourself from memories that still cause you pain -- to garner major healing from past anguish and upheaval. And one of the best ways to do that will be to let go of as much blame and rage and hatred as you possibly can. Forgiveness can be your magic spell.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Denmark has been a pioneer in developing the technology to supply its energy needs with wind power. By 2020, it expects to generate half of its electricity from wind turbines. Recently the Danish climate minister also announced his nation's intention to phase out the use of coal as an energy source within ten years. I would love to see you apply this kind of enlightened long-term thinking to your own personal destiny, Aquarius. Now would be an excellent time to brainstorm about the life you want to be living in 2020 and 2025. It's also a perfect moment to outline a master plan for the next ten years, and commit to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Piscean actor Sir Michael Caine has had an illustrious career. He has won two Oscars and been nominated for the award six times in five different decades. But for his appearance in *Jaws: The Revenge*, he was nominated for the Golden Raspberry Award for Worst Supporting Actor. He confessed that his work in that film was not his best, and yet he was happy with how much money he made doing it. "I have never seen the film," he said, "but by all accounts it was terrible. However, I have seen the house that it built, and it is terrific." In accordance with the astrological omens, Pisces, you have permission to engage in a comparable trade-off during the coming months.

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