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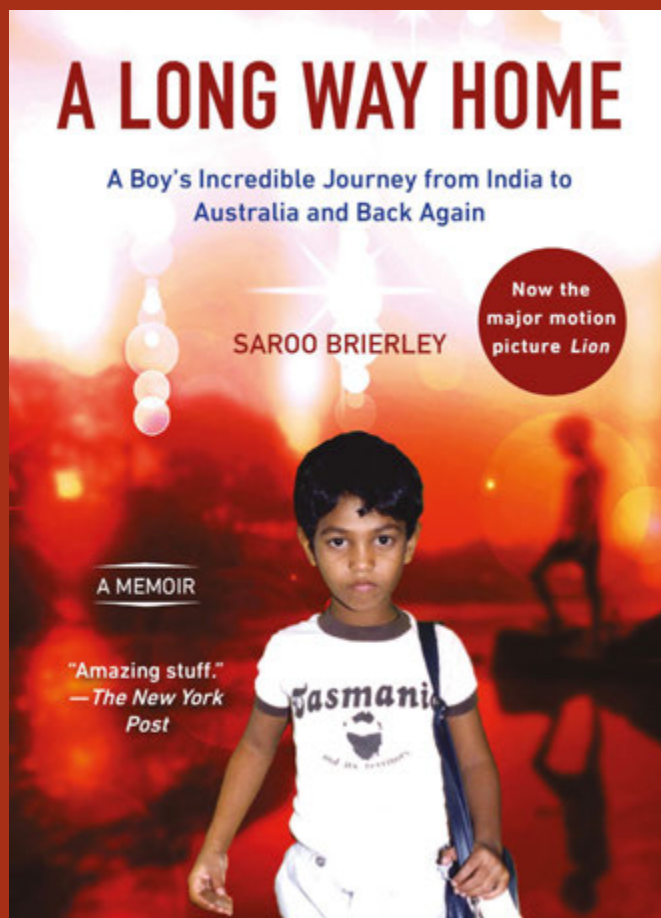
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# Feedback

## Democrats rule, aiding secrecy

It is absolutely hilarious that when you run a story detailing attempted secrecy and FOIA end-runs by elected county officials (Aug. 9), people who know better get all fluttery about it. Mark Grebner is completely justified in his arrogance that nobody cares: he knows that every other November, on the Day of the Living Dead, the vast majority of Ingham County voters

(except for certain pockets of resistance) trudge to the polls and vote straight Democratic no matter what. Eric Schertzing also knows this, so he's in no hurry to clean up his staffing problems - again, as long as he's a Democrat, who cares?

**-T.E. Klunzinger Haslett**

*(The writer is a former Meridian Township treasurer and trustee.)*

## There's more to the story

"Secrecy and Money", published 08-09-17, was accurate as far as it went, but somehow avoided ever explaining my motives. Someone who tried to piece together the various quotes in the article would have been left thinking I have some mania for secret dealings, or maybe a morbid fear of the public.

When I first set up the subcommittee to review the audit findings, the plan was to hold our meetings in public. Later, I was asked to reduce the membership so it fell below the number necessary to trigger the Open Meetings Act, and I agreed to do so. Then your reporter called, and I tried to explain the policy tradeoffs, but he seemed fixated on the idea we were trying to hide something from the public. As I tried to explain to him, I saw pluses and minuses to each approach, and was willing to go along with the other members of the Commission, and it didn't bother me that the City Pulse was hot on the trail. However, his interest fell upon a Commissioner who cares more about pleasing the media than I do, which caused yet another shift, this time back to openness.

As I have tried unsuccessfully to explain to your reporter, the nub of Ingham County's audit problem isn't a faulty organization chart or some generalized lack of communication, regardless of what is said at public meetings. Our problems arise from the failures of one or more specific people to do their jobs. At a public meeting, no names are going to be used, nor

even specific references to job titles. Any discussion will be euphemistic and elliptical. A member of the public listening would think we were discussing the wording of reports and the pathways traveled by various bits of information. In fact, the messages conveyed among the members would be coded references to individuals, whose identities we automatically protect, even as we criticize them. Indeed, during the entire 90 minute meeting (held August 3) there was plenty of vigorous criticism, but it was never directed at any identifiable target.

Later this month - the exact date hasn't been fixed - we'll hold another public meeting to discuss the specific steps to fix the continuing problems identified by the auditors - but we still won't use any names. That discussion of specific employees, which is a critical part of the County Board's management of the County, will be conducted outside the public's view, primarily by telephone. I explained this to your reporter, but he either didn't understand me, or didn't think it was worth printing.

There's nothing unusual in having to balance the public's right to know against the reality of employment confidentiality; sometimes they come into conflict that can't be resolved by platitudes. I guess the City Pulse was startled that I would admit as much on the record.

**- Mark Grebner East Lansing**

*(The writer is an Ingham County commissioner.)*

## Correction

Because it was written before the final primary election vote count, "Shocker in the 2nd Ward" misstated the vote count between Councilwoman Tina Houghton and neighborhood activist Julee Rodocker. Houghton beat Rodocker 660 to 625, winning by 35 votes.

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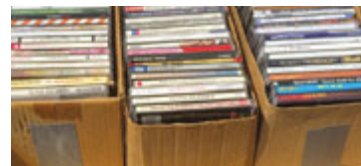
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## Playing Godzilla

### Placemakers mull over Michigan Avenue makeover

A scene out of a Japanese kaiju movie unfolded Wednesday at lunch hour at Lansing City Hall. Giant beings loomed over the city, ripping up lanes of pavement and tossing them aside like cardboard.

The dragons breathed flames of New Urbanism as they questioned the old order.

Should Michigan Avenue have one lane of auto transit in each direction or two? Should it have parking, bike lanes, transit lanes, “amenity zones” with tables and benches?

Shaping the Avenue, a planning project managed by the Capital Area Transportation Authority Lansing, East Lansing and Lansing and Meridian townships, brought out the urban planning Godzilla in several dozen curious residents.

People played with mockups of Michigan Avenue on the city’s east side, arranging strips of cardboard representing various options. The challenge was to fit them all into the 99-foot right of way.

Brad Funkhouser, deputy CEO of CATA, explained that in the next five years, Lansing expects to rebuild Michigan Avenue, from Pennsylvania Avenue east to US-127.

Workshop planners touted a “once in a generation chance” to redesign the crucial strip.

“This is the spine for economic development up and down the region,” Funkhouser said. “Each neighborhood will have a different look and feel to it based on what the community members, the neighbors and the businesses want.”

In mid-September, planners will present another Lansing workshop where two or three “preferred alternatives” will be displayed for public comment.

Similar workshops for East Lansing

and Meridian Township are planned, with dates to be announced.

Last week’s workshop was festooned with images depicting Michigan Avenue as a new urbanist template for “placemaking” — slowing down traffic, accommodating bikes and buses and adding graces such as public art, grassy medians, space

decorative pavement, pocket gardens and so on.

The images showed people sitting at tables, bikes cruising past and foliage everywhere.

“If I’m sitting there having lunch, it would be so awesome,” Quinney said, pointing at an image of people dining on

the street next to a sculpture. She likes the idea of traffic slowing down. “I’d be driving down the street, saying, ‘What is that thing? I’m going to see what’s going on over there,’” she said.

CATA is paying for the study with a pilot grant from the Federal Transit Authority to do transit-oriented development.

“Each of the jurisdictions are thrilled that we’re able to pay for the consultant to be the common thread through the corridor,” Funkhouser said.

But Funkhouser and other CATA officials got some flak at Wednesday’s workshops from people who took Shaping the Avenue as a sneaky

way to get the controversial Bus Rapid Transit, or BRT, plan back onto the table.

The BRT would have completely overhauled CATA’s Route 1 along Michigan and Grand River avenues, from the Capitol to the Meridian Mall, adding dedicated bus lanes to the corridor. CATA dropped the project this year in the face of stiff opposition from local businesses and residents, uncertainty over federal funding and other setbacks.

Funkhouser took pains to make it clear that Shaping the Avenue is “in no way a reboot of the BRT.”

“I’ve already reallocated the capital money, per the direction of my board,” he



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Lansing resident CATA system planner Elizabeth Hude (left) helps Desiree Quinney (far right) and other visitors weigh options for a redesign of Michigan Avenue on Lansing’s east side at a City Hall workshop last week.

for tables and benches and other amenities.

Brad Strader of the MKSK consulting firm was among several consultants roaming around with cameras, taking pictures of visitors’ preferred alternative layout.

“So far, most of the designs have preferred some type of facility for bikes, either a separated bike lane on its own or a bike-bus sharing lane,” he observed.

Lansing resident Desiree Quinney said she came to the workshop with an open mind.

“I’m going around and trying to fit all this in my brain,” she said. “It’s an eye-opener.”

She studied a display of possible amenities along the avenue such as sculpture,



Tree Details  
East Lansing

Responding to the recent winter ice storms, the Lansing Board of Water & Light has undertaken efforts to clear trees near power lines in East Lansing. Past storms have caused extended power outages and trimming the trees is a preemptory effort to maintain the lines in place. At times, the extreme pruning leaves the trees shapeless and awkward.

These photos illustrate different attitudes toward managing inconveniently located plantings. The sidewalk wraps the tree at its base. Or, in a more extreme measure, the tree divides the driveway into two paths. Both details required a little extra effort to fabricate but they add charm and define the character of their place.

—Daniel E. Bollman, AIA



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# Godzilla

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said. “The BRT is not moving forward at this point.”

But if the feedback gathered at the workshop is any indication, some features of the BRT are likely to carry over to the

Michigan Avenue redesign.

The amenity option that garnered the greatest number of sticky dots signifying approval from visitors, by far, were real time arrival signs at bus stops that track buses’ whereabouts and tell you when the next bus is due — a key feature of the now-defunct BRT.

There were also numerous dots endorsing bike sharing, “parklets” along the

street, public sculpture, “arty” bus shelters and native, sustainable landscaping.

Standing apart from the sounds of ripping Velero strips and animated conversation at most tables was Sean Hammond, deputy policy director of the Michigan Environmental Council and a Lansing native.

Working intently on his own redesign, he shrank the sidewalks to a narrow 5 feet to make room for transit lanes and bike

lanes, but with “amenity zones” with tables and benches on both sides of the street.

“You walk out of Strange Matter coffee shop and you sit right outside on these little tables,” he said. “My idea is prioritizing transit” — by bus — “and bike and place-making over getting cars from Point A to Point B as fast as possible.”

Strader hustled over to Hammond’s table and took a photo.

The input will be considered, but not quantified, as the planners boil the options down to two or three for the next public event.

“It’s not a popular vote,” Strader cautioned. “It’s just seeing if people come up with an alternative we haven’t considered. This will be part of the process the city will use to narrow down the alternatives.”

Funkhouser said that each of the municipal permitting agencies “will move forward with what they want,” primarily by tinkering with zoning codes that determine width of sidewalks, building setback, allowable height of buildings, materials, styles and so on.

“We just provide that opportunity because we are the common thread along the corridor,” Funkhouser said.

With the workshop in full swing, consultant Matt Leasure from MKSK explained four alternative street designs to three 20-something visitors.

“Here, you’re trading two traffic lanes for parallel parking on both sides, separated bike lanes and wider sidewalks,” he said. “It’s a big change, but it’s trading traffic considerations for pedestrian and cycling.”

As Leasure explained the options, a colleague came up to him and offered to validate his parking if he parked at the City Hall structure.

It turned out that Leasure’s power to reshape the avenue was only hypothetical.

“I’m parked on the street,” Leasure said. “I probably got a ticket. I’m donating it.”

— LAWRENCE COSENTINO

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner  
Patrick E. Lindemann

As a contractor error resulted in insufficient notice to property owners, we were forced to adjourn The Day of Review of Apportionment that was to be held on **July 11, 2017**. Therefore:

**Notice is Hereby Given** that a reconvened Public Hearing of Apportionment for special assessment of costs incurred by the drainage districts listed below will be held at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, in the City of Mason, Michigan, 48854, on **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you did participate in the July 11, 2017 Day of Review, there is **NO** need to contact us again, as no further changes have occurred.

At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. For assessments to be collected in installments, the Drain Code (Act 40 of 1956, Sec. 154 [e]) provides that the assessment may be paid in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

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T17-00 TOWN LINE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	34, 35
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	2, 3
W19-00 WILLET DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	21, 28
W22-05 WILLOW CREEK, MERRILL RD. BRANCH DRAIN	AURELIUS	36
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	31
W25-00 WISE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	1, 2, 11, 12

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Patrick E. Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

CP#17-219

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A public hearing will be held to consider a variance request from Michael, Kimberley, and Kayla Zydeck for the property located at 444 Division Street, in the R-2, Medium Density Residential District from the following requirement of Chapter 50 – Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

- Section 50-816(3). – Yard Paving Restriction – no more than 30 percent of the rear yard may be used for parking and access facilities, to allow a driveway that covers 45.2 percent of the rear yard.
- Section 50-816(4). – Parking and Driveway Setback minimum of eight feet rear yard setback for residential driveways, to allow a driveway with a 1.5 foot rear yard setback.

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

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Marie E. Wicks  
City Clerk

CP#17-225



# Unions vs. developers

## Big interests playing big role as Council field shapes up

Without Virg Bernero at the top of the ticket this November, the city elections could revive suppressed factionalism.

“It looks like we’re in for an old-fashioned fight in the 2nd Ward,” said Susan Demas, editor and publisher of Inside Michigan Politics. She noted that outgoing Mayor Bernero has been very good at marrying union and business interests together. But with him out of the race, “it appears some of the old coalitions are reasserting themselves,” Demas said.

Bernero had been able to bring labor, business and developers together into a political machine, Demas noted. That machine he often turned loose to campaign for his chosen candidates.

In the 2nd Ward, incumbent City Councilwoman Tina Houghton is facing a challenge by political novice Jeremy Garza in a race shaping up to be one of union, versus developers. Houghton, one of Bernero’s longtime political proteges, cashed in on her ties to developers, and challenger Garza has cashed in on his union ties, particularly with plumbers and pipefitters. Garza is a union plumber.

That combination is spelling out big cash in a relatively small race, according to campaign finance records filed shortly before the Aug. 8 primary with Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum.

Garza raised 82 percent of his \$25,409 from union PACs, mostly plumber affiliated ones. Houghton, raised just under 65 percent of her \$14,260 from out of towners, most of them developers.

Houghton barely made it out of the primary, inching out neighborhood activist Julee Rodocker by only 35 votes. She got 22 percent of the primary vote, or 660 votes; while Garza got 41 percent of the primary vote, or 1,190 votes. In November, one-third of the voters cast ballots for Donald Trump in the general election.

City Clerk Chris Swope has predicted 25 percent of the 80,000 or so registered voters will cast votes in November. Each ward has roughly 20,000 registered voters, he said.

The November ballot will feature a battle between State Rep. Andy Schor and Judi Brown Clarke for mayor. It will also feature races for four Council seats: two at-large plus the 2nd and 4th Ward seats. With Brown Clarke not seeking a second term as an at-large member on the Council, that leaves her seat open. Jessica Yoroko, the 4th Ward Councilwoman, is not seeking reelection either, leaving her seat up for grabs.

Demas also noted that Bernero’s notable absence from supporting Houghton and incumbent At-Large Councilwoman Kathie Dunbar either publicly or through campaign contributions could be a calculation “because he figures he’d hurt people more than help them.” But she is uncertain that will stay that way in the general, particularly if either candidate, longtime allies of his, are seen to be floundering in their respective races.

While Dunbar appears to be comfortably placed to retain her seat, Demas said



Houghton



Dunbar



Spadafore



Garza

“she can’t rest on her laurels” in a four-candidate race in which the top two vote-getters will be elected.

Dunbar, who finished first in the 2013 primary election, placed second this year, with 4,720 votes, to Lansing School Board member Peter Spadafore’s 5,110 votes. Guillermo Lopez, another Lansing School Board member, placed third with 2,947 votes, followed by Michigan State Police Trooper Kyle Bowman with 1,854. Demas said. Whoever knocks doors and engages in “retail politics” for the race could upset the expectation that Spadafore and Dunbar are the likely winners in November.

“It could mean one of them gets edged out,” she said.

Finances are a big deal as well, said Mark Grebner, a longtime political consultant who sells lists of voters to candidates. He said any candidate that is going to make a move needs to have cash on hand.

“To be serious, you need about a buck a voter,” he said. “That’ll buy you one, maybe two mailings and some yard signs. More than that and you can spend money on the more lavish things, like cable television. Less than that and you’re not actually competitive.”

In the at-large race, the four finalists raised a combined \$82,434. Just over half of that was raised by Spadafore at \$44,097; followed by Dunbar, \$17,290; Bowman, \$15,527; and Lopez, \$5,520.

In the 4th Ward, candidates Brian T. Jackson and James McClurken are battling for the open seat. Incumbent Yoroko tossed her support behind Jackson, as has a national political action committee.

Jackson finished 17 percent ahead of McClurken. McClurken concedes Jackson knocked

more doors during the primary.

“I started before he did,” McClurken said on Tuesday. “By the time I finished knocking doors in the ward one time, he was already coming around again.”

He’s promising a “better ground game” for the general election.

Even so, Demas, who is married to McClurken consultant Joe DiSano, noted that he is in for “an uphill battle.”

“I think the untold dynamic is this new national with a big Michigan presence,” Demas said of the Launch Progress PAC out of New York. That group, Jackson said earlier this year, was working to elect progressive candidates to local offices. “I think that organization was good for Jackson. It flew under the radar and helped his organizing.”

Campaign records show that of the \$5,059 Jackson raised before the primary, just over 51 percent came from New York. Other donations from Chicago, Florida, Texas, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles. McClurken raised \$16,620, with 68 percent coming from people in Lansing.

Jackson went for broke in the primary, leaving himself 59 cents in his campaign war chest. McClurken had \$2,312 on hand.

The impact of out of the city and union cash is part of a “troubling” local, state and national trend in politics, said Craig Mauger, executive director of the non-partisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

Said Mauger, “There is a difference between who is funding the campaigns, and who it is the candidate wants to represent.”

— TODD HEYWOOD



McClurken



Jackson



Bowman

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## Folk's new generation

### The Fiddle Scouts start sixth season

By **EVE KUCHARSKI**

K.Y. Quock had seen the booth the day before but hadn't stopped to buy anything until Sunday — the last day of the Great Lakes Folk Festival. After only a few minutes of browsing, he already had close to a dozen CDs in hand. When asked if he was at the Ten Pound Fiddle's annual CD fundraiser to support the organization or just interested in folk, "all of the above" was Quock's answer.

"I've got Sarah McLachlan and Robert Palmer and all of the '80s classics. That was my favorite decade," Quock said.

#### "Drumcommunity Drumming with Lori Fithian"

Saturday, Sept. 9  
10 a.m.  
\$3 to \$5  
Ten Pound Fiddle  
MSU Community Music  
School  
4930 S. Hagadorn,  
East Lansing.  
www.tenpoundfiddle.org

"I've been at the festival all three days. I looked yesterday and just bought CDs today."

The Ten Pound Fiddle is a volunteer-run organization that brings folk music to the Lansing

area. Over the weekend, its tent was visited by hundreds of folk fans like Quock. Perhaps Quock was wise to wait until the last day to buy because, by design, the price had been steadily falling from \$3 on Friday, \$2 on Saturday and to \$1 on Sunday.

"It's a gambler's fundraiser," Sally Potter said. "The suggested donation goes down as the days go on. Who knows if what you wanted to buy on Friday will still be there Sunday?"

Potter is the head of booking at the Ten Pound Fiddle and one of the weekend's CD sellers. She said that the annual fundraiser serves a dual purpose.

"We hand out a couple thousand schedules at the tent," Potter said. "People know we're going to have the schedule and they can see about Fiddle Scouts, the dances, concerts and the singing schedule."

The Fiddle Scouts is the second purpose. All the proceeds from the fundraiser — \$2,106 this year — will go to bene-

fit the group. The Fiddle Scouts are the Ten Pound Fiddle's children's program. It offers a way for children to get exposed to music monthly with a variety of acts from Canadian roots musician Ken Whiteley to award-winning Irish duo Siusan and Zig.

"Since it's part of the Ten Pound Fiddle, we're really looking at exposing children to folk music," said Tamiko Rothhorn. "And not just exposing them, but letting them have a chance to participate and make music."

Rothhorn is a Ten Pound Fiddle volunteer responsible for booking nearly each of these classes. This year will be the sixth season of Fiddle Scouts. Participating scouts can expect nine musical guest teachers to lead them through classes this year from September to May.

"We'll have instruments for them to try, with ukuleles, harmonicas, dulcimers, drums. Actually, our first show is in September — this amazing drummer, Laurie Fithian," Rothhorn said. "Everyone will have a chance to drum and be participatory."

Rothhorn said that the Fiddle Scouts program came out of a need not only to share music, but to supplement a lack of music education in the community.

"It is only \$3 to 5 per kid. It's purposefully low-cost so that it's accessible to people. I know when the Lansing School District cut their music program for kids, we were like, 'Come to Fiddle Scouts!'" Rothhorn said. "We take a donation at the door; it's pretty informal after that. Families can just sit down with their kids, they can sit on the floor, we can have music circles. If kids want to dance or listen, they have the opportunity to do that too."

Statistics show that music education provides lasting benefits for children, even if they don't continue with an instrument later in life. A study by Kent State University showed that U.S. schools that perform well academically usually require students to spend 20 to 30 percent of their day involved in the arts, with a "spe-

cial emphasis on music."

"We just really want it to be accessible to the community," Rothhorn said.

And with the program's informality comes flexibility. Families don't have to worry about signing up in advance or going beyond their means by paying for multiple classes. However, the classes do provide a familiar structure.

"We have Fiddle Scouts opening and closing songs which are the same every month, they have some time with the musician either in family concert style or in break-out sessions if they're learning instruments, and then we come together at the end and we have our closing songs," Rothhorn said. "So, the kids get used to it."

Although there isn't an especially strict limit, the Fiddle Scouts' age cutoff is usually 12 years old. Rothhorn took her own children to the program until they outgrew it. She said that there has been talk of bringing back a former program that allowed older kids to play music together.

"We ran that for one year, but we're not currently doing it. We want these kids who love music to come to the Fiddle Scouts and if they're taking music lessons already to have a chance to jam with other kids," Rothhorn said. "That's something for the future, if we find the right person to lead that group and we can get funding for it."

But for now, Rothhorn and an entirely new group of Fiddle Scouts have to get ready for an equally new season of music.

"And that's why we have fiddle scouts for the Ten Pound Fiddle," Rothhorn said. "It's kind of like raising the next generation of folk musicians."



Eve Kucharski/City Pulse

The Ten Pound Fiddle's recent fundraiser at the Great Lakes Folk Festival raised over \$2,000 for its children's music program, the Fiddle Scouts. The program exposes children to new types of music.



# Near total blackout

The first solar eclipse since the '90s visible in Lansing

By DYLAN TARR

On Monday, from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. people across Lansing will cock their heads and aim their eyes at the sun to marvel at a blinding corona of sunbeams, witnessing a

near-total solar eclipse.

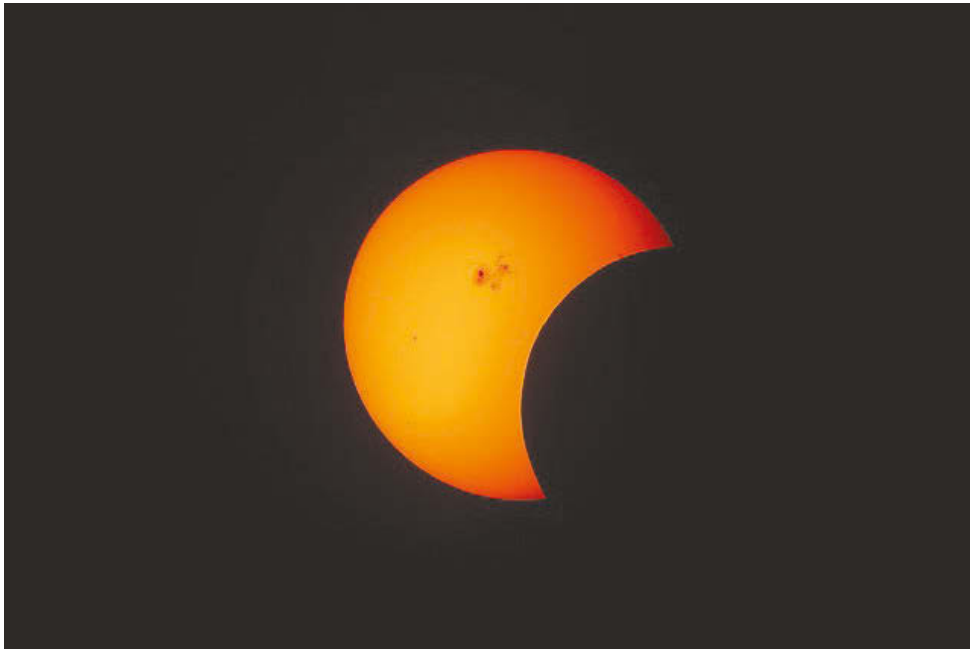
Traveling east to west, Monday's celestial phenomenon will be the first total eclipse visible from the contiguous United States since 1991. Lansing residents will only see a portion of that coverage. States along the sun's direct path, about 70 miles wide, will experience a total eclipse, but here in Lansing the moon will cover about 90 percent of the sun's surface. When viewing Monday's eclipse, select a good viewing location and to protect your eyes.

And when picking a location to view an eclipse, keep weather and mobility in mind. Since Monday's forecast is partly cloudy, your perfect viewing location must allow for some maneuverability if wayward clouds drift over your sight-line of the eclipse.

Large parks, nature centers and open spaces are ideal viewing areas for an eclipse. Adado Riverfront Park in downtown Lansing at 201 E. Shiawassee St. offers a great view of the sky, as does Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge at 133

Fitzgerald Park Drive. Hawk Island, located in Lansing at 1601 E. Cavanaugh Road, is another great place to see the solar eclipse.

Before scouting out your viewing location, make sure to pack proper eye protection. Special eclipse glasses that comply with ISO 12312-2 international safety standard are the only glasses that will shield your eyes from the sun's powerful rays. Walmart sells them for \$1 a pair.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Lansing  
Notice of Public Hearing

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, City Assessor, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate (the "Certificate"), pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 146 of 2000, for property located at 1101 South Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, but more particularly described as follows:

W 80 FT LOT 40 SPARROWS SUB OF BLOCK 200, Ingham County, Michigan -- Parcel Number: 33-01-01-21-257-002, and

Approval of this Certificate will provide the owner or potentially the developer of property an abatement of certain property taxes for the improvements to the property noted above. Further information regarding this issue may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer, Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), 1000 S. Washington Ave., Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48910, 517-702-3387.

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

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# Proper poetic license

'The Belle of Two Arbors' provides accurate, gripping realism

By **BILL CASTANIER**

"The Belle of Two Arbors" is a fictional look at the University of Michigan's golden age of poetry, when Robert Frost held court on the campus along with Theodore Roethke and W.H. Auden.

Belle, of the title, is a fictional young woman of considerable means. She is a long-distance swimmer, a stand-in mother to her brother Pip, a poetess and a mature, 21-year-old freshman at Michigan in 1921.

First nurtured in the literary arts by her mother, who introduces her to Emily

Dickinson, above all, Belle wants to write poetry. But like Dickinson, she hides her poetry away.

At 6 feet tall with sweeping red hair, she cuts quite a figure on campus. She soon comes to the notice of Frost who is in the middle of one of his many forays on campus as a visiting professor.

The two Arbors are Ann Arbor and Glen Arbor where Belle was born and raised near the sweeping dunes. A terrible tragedy changes Belle's life when her mother drowns. She is forced into becoming a mother to her younger brother and becomes a half-owner of her father's burgeoning stove business.

Belle leads two lives, spreading her time between two locations and holding her own against male-dominated academia.

While at school, Belle is forced into an all-male atmosphere that debates the importance of rhetoric, composition, creative writing and journalism, and comparing it against academic literature.

"Before 1982 there was no full-time woman faculty member in the U-M English Department," Dimond said.

While at Michigan, Belle uses her growing importance to help support

women's athletics, especially swimming, while openly confronting one athletic director who believes "the social position of women does not permit any physical exploitation or unladylike competition."

Dimond also seamlessly shows another side of Belle as she finds a lover, Rabbie, with whom she may or may not end up, because of cultural prejudices disfavoring mixed Catholic-Protestant marriage.

Back in Glen Arbor, Belle enlists a crew of competent managers including David, an Ojibwe Indian and a friend from her youth, to run the stove company. She also throws herself into saving the dunes for future generations while nurturing the nascent tourism industry. She spends freely from her fortune, anonymously supporting a range of philanthropic causes.

Parading through Dimond's book are a long list of characters from Michigan's 20th century, including former Gov. Chase Osborn, Lansing's All-American Harry Kipke, former University of Michigan president Marion LeRoy Burton and the beloved Chris-Craft boat — but it's the poets that take center stage.

Dimond has diligently researched his 680-page book, enabling him to insert details that help create a believable tale — especially about Frost. He pulls no punches describing the poet's challenged, turbulent life.

Dimond served as a special assistant composed for President Bill Clinton on economic policy and litigated numerous major civil rights cases. He said he was drawn to Frost when he read his famous poem "The Gift Outright," at President John Kennedy's Inauguration in 1962.

"If you read it today and compare it to what is going on in the country, Frost makes the point of what poets are about — to question power," Dimond said.

Dimond said he tried several outlets for writing before "Belle," but he was not happy with the results until this book.

"I have always been a history buff, and I try to tell the stories of the two Arbors



Courtesy Photo

Paul Dimond uses a fictional character to combine many real-life poets in his book.

through the eyes of Belle," he said. "It was a labor of love."

That saw him ensconced in quiet archives, researching the overlapping lives of Frost, Roethke and Auden.

Through Belle's eyes, we learn about both Frost's and Roethke's tennis game and Roethke's early

penchant for tipping a flask. Cleverly, both Frost and Roethke become guests at Belle's mansion in Ann Arbor and the Glen Arbor home.

The book also interweaves the poetry of Martha Buhr Grimes, who mimics Belle's poetic voice, helping to deepen the reader's understanding of her character.

The novel is a sweeping historical look at two-thirds of America's 20th century through the eyes of Belle and her poetry and her effort to keep her poetic sense of life against the backdrop of the Roaring '20s, the Great Depression, World War II and the post-war boom.

**"Paul Dimond presents 'The Belle of Two Arbors'"**

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pages. Not only that, our stories in the Cheap Section are geared toward saving you cash and letting you in on some of our favorite spots for thrift.

Our special theme this year is also Lansing by Day and Lansing by Night. We realize that the City of Lansing and the surrounding metro area is a place filled with tons of great daily deals and a bunch of nightlife, but

that information isn't always accessible in one place. That's why this year, we decided to bring you a list of 25 unique deals you can find in your everyday travels around Lansing and 25 deals for nights out. This list is definitely not an exhaustive list, but it's a great start to help you save, no matter where you are in town. From us to you, enjoy!

## Day Deals:

### 1. Al Fusion

Daily Discounted lunch specials  
Monday, 25 percent discount for dine-in  
DTN club card/Wharton Center card carriers  
receive 20 percent off food.  
2827 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing,

### 2. Aladdin's Restaurant

Show this listing, and customers receive free soda with meal purchase (limit one per customer). Participates in frequent deals on Hooked App. Military receive free drinks with meals regularly.  
208 S. Washington Square and 300 N. Clippert St., Lansing.

### 3. Aldaco's Authentic Restaurant

Saturday to Sunday, All-you-can-eat buffet \$8.95 from opening to noon.  
Receive Full Nacho Deluxe includes 4 12 oz. beers for \$17.99.  
Veterans receive 10 percent off purchase.  
Seniors receive 10 percent off purchase.  
6724 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

### 4. Swagath Indian Cuisine

Participates in frequent deals on the Hooked App.  
1060 Trowbridge Rd #3, East Lansing

### 5. Apple Store

Students can receive \$50 - 200 off Mac computer purchase, depending on model.  
3025 Preyde Blvd., Lansing.

### 6. Athena Diner

Early bird and pancake specials are offered.  
3109 S Cedar St., Lansing.

### 7. Banana Republic

Seniors receive 10 percent off purchase.  
Students receive 15 percent off purchase.  
3020 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing.

### 8. Blondie's Barn

Deals posted weekly on Facebook at: ow.ly/IPC30epSbU  
5640 Marsh Road, Haslett.

### 9. Buffalo Wild Wings

Veterans receive 10 percent off purchase.  
Students receive 10 percent off purchase.  
360 Albert Ave., East Lansing.

### 10. Brookshire Golf Club

Different daily specials.

205 W. Church St., Williamston.

### 11. Claddagh Irish Pub

Mondays, with purchase of one fish and chips and two beverages, receive the second fish and chips FREE.  
2900 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing

### 12. Dagwood's Tavern and Grill

Everyday Special: \$5 burger, 12 oz. beer or non-refillable pop, and fries.  
2803 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

### 13. Darb's Tavern & Eatery

Tuesdays, with purchase of full entree for over \$5, receive \$2 off of tab.  
117 S. Cedar St., Mason.

### 14. Deluca's Restaurant

Monday, all-you-can-eat spaghetti at 5 p.m.  
2006 W. Willow St., Lansing.

### 15. Kohls

Seniors receive 15 percent discount on Wednesday.  
6528 W. Saginaw, Lansing.

### 16. La Senorita Mexican Restaurant

Monday to Friday, 3 to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close, drinks half price drinks.  
2706 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing.

### 17. The Record Lounge

Seniors receive 10 to 20 percent off with reusable Record Lounge store bag.  
1132 S. Washington Ave., Lansing.

### 18. The Peanut Barrel

Lunch special every weekday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., dine-in customers only. \$5.75 cheeseburger and fries or chicken sandwich with cheese and fries.  
521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing.

### 19. Sir Pizza/Grand Café

Daily lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., dine-in or takeout. Between \$0.80 to \$1 off.  
Monthly deals on pizzas.

Veterans receive 15 percent off with purchase.  
First responders receive 15 percent off with purchase.  
201 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

### 20. Sultan's Express

Daily 2 to 5 p.m., \$6 to-go shawarma box, including rice, hummus, salad and chicken shawarma. Monday to Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m., \$3 Chicken shawarma or

## Night Deals:

### 1. Al Fusion

Happy hour at bar Sunday to Thursday. 4:30 p.m. to close.

Tuesday, half off specialty cocktails, Wednesday, half off beer,

Thursday half off wine, Sunday \$5 bloody marys and mimosas

### 2. American Fifth

Daily happy hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$2 off signature cocktails. On Tuesday, \$1 off classic cocktails  
Saturday, happy hour is from Noon to 5 p.m. \$2 off classic cocktails.

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### 3. B & I Bar

Thursday and Saturday, \$0.50 off drinks from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

5247 Old Lansing Road, Lansing.

### 4. BAD Brewing

Tuesday, \$1 off Growler fills.  
440 S. Jefferson St., Mason.

### 5. Black Cat Bistro

Sunday to Thursday 3 to 6 p.m. happy hour. Friday to Saturday, 9 p.m. to Close, \$4 Beers and half off signature cocktails.

115 Albert Ave., East Lansing.

### 6. Boston's Gourmet Pizza

Daily happy hour, 3 to 6 p.m. From 10 p.m. to close, domestic pints \$5 and half off bottles of wine  
Veterans receive 15 percent off purchase.  
3301 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing.

### 7. Bridge Street Social

Monday, half off burgers.  
Wednesday, half off bottles of wine.  
107 S. Bridge St., Dewitt.

### 8. Bridge and Main

Happy hour from open to 4 p.m., \$0.50 off beer except cans; \$0.25 off all liquor.  
219 N Bridge St, Grand Ledge, MI

### 9. Buddie's Pub & Grill - East Lansing

Monday to Friday, Happy hour 2 to 7 p.m.  
Sunday, breakfast buffet 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
3048 E. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing.

### 10. Capital Prime Steaks and Seafood

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2324 Showtime Drive., Lansing.

### 11. Coral Gables

Present Wharton Center ticket for show on the day of meal and receive 10 percent off purchase.  
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### 12. Cosmos

Monday to Friday, Industry Night, 25% off drinks with paystub,  
Monday to Friday, 3 to 6 p.m., \$4 craft beers, \$6 glasses of wine.  
611 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

### 13. Esquire Bar

Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 p.m. - \$0.50 off liquor, \$0.75 cents off beer and \$1 for pitchers.  
Specials nightly: Monday, \$1 off Stolli; Tuesday, \$1 off Absolut; Wednesday, \$1 off Jack Daniels and \$4 for Captain Morgan; Thursday, \$1 off pitchers and \$3.25 for well drinks; Sunday, \$1 off pitchers.  
1250 Turner St., Lansing.

### 14. The Green Door Bar & Grill

Monday, \$11 for a 9" two topping pizza and domestic pitcher. Tuesday, \$1.50 tacos. Wednesday, \$6.49 Deluxe burger, fries and pint. Thursday, \$1.50 tacos.  
Draft of the month online at: greendoorlive.com  
Happy hour Monday to Friday.  
2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

### 15. HopCat

Monday 3 p.m. to close, half off all appetizers and "crack fries."  
Monday to Thursday, happy hour 3 to 6 p.m. \$5 off all burgers and select local beers and wines are \$1.50 off.

Sunday to Wednesday, late night happy hour 10 p.m. to close. Half off all appetizers.  
300 Grove St., East Lansing.

### 16. NCG - Eastwood Cinemas

Tuesday, all combos are \$2 off and all tickets are \$5.  
Seniors receive \$2 off purchase.  
Veterans receive \$1 off purchase.  
Students receive \$1 off.  
2500 Showtime Drive, Lansing.

### 17. Midtown Brewing Co.

Happy hour from 3 to 7 p.m., \$4 pints and \$4 glasses of wine.  
402 S. Washington Square, Lansing.

### 18. Moriarty's Pub

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To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, City Assessor, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate (the "Certificate"), pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 146 of 2000, for property located at 1103 South Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, but more particularly described as follows:

W 80 FT LOT 40 SPARROWS SUB OF BLOCK 200, Ingham County, Michigan – Parcel Number: 33-01-01-21-257-002, and

Approval of this Certificate will provide the owner or potentially the developer of property an abatement of certain property taxes for the improvements to the property noted above. Further information regarding this issue may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer, Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), 1000 S. Washington Ave., Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48910, 517-702-3387.

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

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The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing and other interested persons to appear and be heard on the application of Cameron Tool Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-1-17) pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, as requested by the applicant for the location indicated below:

Applicant: Cameron Tool Corporation  
By: Tracy Selden  
IFT Location: 1800 Bassett, Lansing, MI

Legally described as:

N 3 FT LOT 2 SHIRLEY PARK, ALSO LOTS 1 THRU 9 INCL, OUTLOTS A & B, ALL VAC SHIRANN ST SHIRANN SUB, ALSO PARTS LOTS 27 THRU 34 ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 COM N LINE BASSETT ST 163 FT W OF E LINE LOT 30, TH N 231 FT TO N LINE LOT 31, W 1.5 FT, N 165 FT, W 167.76 FT, S 66 FT, W 169.65 FT, S 197.64 FT, E 85.66 FT TO POINT 90.34 FT W OF NE COR LOT 29, S 14.91 FT, E 80.99 FT, S 117.34 FT TO N LINE BASSETT ST, E 172.3 FT TO BEG; ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-004, and

PARTS LOTS 31, 33 & 34 COM SW COR LOT 31, TH E 125 FT, N TO S LINE LOT 34, E 169.65 FT, N 66 FT, W 283.88 FT TO E LINE LMRR, S'LY 264.03 FT ALONG RW TO BEG; ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11 Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-093, and

LOTS 27, 28 & W 25.7 FT LOT 29, EXC COM 9.3 FT W OF NE COR LOT 29, TH S 14.66 FT, W 80.99 FT, N 14.91 FT, E 81.04 FT TO BEG, EXC PARTS ABOVE LOTS USED AS BASSETT ST RW ASSESSORS PLAT NO 11, Tax ID 33-01-01-08-126-082.

Approval of IFT-1-17 as requested by Cameron Tool Corporation will make certain new property investment (real property) eligible for tax abatements and/or exemptions. Further information regarding this application may be obtained from Mr. Karl Dorshimer, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 South Washington Ave., Ste. 201, Lansing, Michigan, 48910, (517) 702-3387.

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By order of the County Treasurer of Eaton County

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### 22. Tabooli

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### 23. Woody's Oasis

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### 24. Zaytoon Mediterranean

Lansing Mall employees receive 10 percent off with purchase.

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940 Elmwood Road, Lansing.

### 25. 420 Dank

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Monday, \$5 off all vape and vape-related paraphernalia (limit 2). Tuesday: BOGO Free Pre-Roll (Limit 2). Wednesday: \$5 off all concentrates (not including vape cartridges, limit 2). Thursday: \$5 Off medicated drinks (excludes power mixes, limit 2). Friday: FREE brownies with purchase of \$50 or more (limit 2).

Saturday: Raffle ticket at 4:20 p.m. Sunday: Free pre-roll with any donation (limit 1).

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LOT 1 CAPITOL COMMONS URBAN RENEWAL PLAT NO 1, Ingham County, Michigan – Parcel Number: 33-01-01-16-360-002, and

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# Night Deals

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Wednesday is specialty night, all day/all night happy hour. \$1 off domestic drafts and bottles. \$0.50 well after 5 p.m.

Happy hour Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

## 19. Old Nation Brewing Company

Monday, \$3 dollar 20 oz. mugs all day; Tuesday, \$2 off howlers, \$4 off growlers and \$6 dollars off T-shirts; Wednesday, \$3 off wraps all day for dine-in customers; Thursday, two pints, one pasty and two sides for \$20; Friday, happy hour 2 to 6 p.m., \$3 pints; Saturday, 2 to 6 pm, half off kids meals. Sunday, BOGO half off appetizers, all day.

1500 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston.

## 20. The Peanut Barrel

Drink specials per day. Sunday, Long Islands and Long Beaches are \$4.25, Canadian bottles \$2.75; Monday 60 oz. pitchers \$1.50 off; Tuesday, \$1 off all 24 oz. drafts; Wednesday, \$1 off pints; Thursday, craft pints for \$3.95, well vodka bombs \$3.60.

Monday to Friday, happy hour 4 to 7 p.m. Pints \$0.50 off, big drafts \$0.75 cents off, pitchers \$1.50 off and bottled beers are \$0.35 off. All liquor drinks \$0.50 cents off.

Sunday to Thursday, from 10 p.m. to close, late night happy hour; \$1 off everything, food and drinks included.

521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing.

## 21. REO Town Pub and Grille

Wednesday, \$10.99 Steak Dinner.

1145 S. Washington Ave., Lansing.

## 22. Spare Time Entertainment Center

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. to close, \$15 unlimited bowling, laser tag and \$5 game card.

Veterans with valid military ID receive 10 percent off with purchase of items not on discount.

3101 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

## 23. Tavern 109

Monday to Friday, happy hour 2 to 6 p.m. 22 oz. draft same price as pint.

Monday, burger and 16 oz. beer \$10.

109 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston.

## 24. Waterfront Bar & Grill

Monday, all-day happy hour; Tuesday, \$1 off Mexican beer, house margarita and shots of tequila. \$3.50 Shots of Jose Cuervo Gold. \$1 tacos. \$2 for 12 oz. Miller Lite bottles; Wednesday, specials on Irish beer, \$3.50 Jameson Irish Whiskey, \$8 corned beef Reuben special; Thursday, \$10 and \$15 for select bottles of wine; Friday, \$3.75 Fireball cocktails, \$3.00 for 16 oz. drafts of Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy; Saturday, periodic vendor promotions

325 City Market Drive, Lansing.

## 25. Xiao China Grill

Military members receive 10 percent off with purchase.

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## A trip to the world of thrift for a day

### A tour of Metro Retro

By **EVE KUCHARSKI**

If clothes are what you're looking for, it's a quirky treasure chest. You'll find everything from shoes, specialty soaps, kimonos and the occasional, scary-looking leather piece.

"I actually had to say no to a lady who was trying to sell me some jewelry yesterday," Ted Stewart said. "It was silver, and it was nice, but it was really more girly than what I was looking for. I'm looking for spiked, leather dog collars. If you have any of that, I'll take it. I don't want people to come in and see that there's an \$80 necklace that I'm going to have to describe to them. I can't get them excited about that."

Stewart, 49, is the co-owner of Metro Retro, a vintage thrift shop in Old Town. The Lansing-born shop owner lived in Los Angeles for a while with a similarly styled store, but recently returned home. Now, his almost 1-and-a-half-year-old, discount boutique is quickly making a name for itself as Lansing's prime spot for the unique and wonderful.

Make the few steps up to the shop's monochrome-tiled entryway and you'll spot a sign that says, "I'm a MF ING Unicorn," as well as a warning sticker on the door, "If you are racist, sexist, homophobic or an asshole ... don't come in." And if you're not any of those things, besides the unicorn of course, step onto the wooden floors and your eyes will have a sumptuous feast of thrift — but you might not know it. From floor to ceiling there is plenty of stock, but it's organized in a way that makes it seem like Metro Retro is Urban Outfitters' cooler cousin.

"My husband did all the décor," Stewart said. "I like vintage overalls, anything leopard print and loud. I dress kind of basic but I'm drawn to stuff that's kind of tacky but the right person can make it work, they can rock it."

Walk further in and you'll spot Stewart himself, comfortably handling the near-constant stream of a half-dozen customers. You'll see him rock his own quirky gear. On this visit, he wore a T-shirt with the words "You jelly?" printed over some high-res images of donuts oozing the stuff.

Stewart said that there are two vital aspects of his store. First, people can find what they're looking for in terms of quality and affordably.

"We want people to shop and not break their bank. I noticed when I worked at Golden Harvest, when I was going to work, all the shops seemed like they



Eve Kucharski/City Pulse

Filled to the brim with all kinds of knick-knacks, Metro Retro is Old Town's prime spot for vintage shopping.

catered to more upscale customers and I just wanted to come in and undercut that," Stewart said jokingly. "I just wanted people to be like, 'Hmm that's a good deal,' and be excited about the prices. I try to keep a good quality of stuff to get excited about."

And pricing is important. There are

often sales, like \$5 for any pair of shoes in store, and it's a rarity to find something above \$100.

"There was a Norman Rockwell hobo that I had gotten that was just a statue. He had a newspaper and a dog and a flask in his back pocket and he sat in my dis-

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**APPEARANCE INFORMATION:**

MARK WILL APPEAR FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. FOR A FULL LIST OF RATES AND SIGNING TIMES, VISIT [CAPCITYCOMICCON.COM](http://CAPCITYCOMICCON.COM).



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## ORIGINAL ART SCHOLARSHIP IN COMIC STUDIES



CAPITAL CITY COMIC CON IS PLEASED TO NAME **CHRISTY HANS** AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE SECOND ANNUAL **CAPITAL CITY COMIC CON ORIGINAL ART SCHOLARSHIP IN COMIC STUDIES**. CAPITAL CITY COMIC CON ESTABLISHED THE SCHOLARSHIP TO ENCOURAGE

THE STUDY OF COMIC ART, CURRENTLY OFFERED EXCLUSIVELY TO STUDENTS AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

CHRISTY HANS IS WORKING TOWARDS HER BFA AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A MINOR IN COMIC BOOK ILLUSTRATION. SHE HAS A LONG HISTORY IN INDEPENDENT COMICS, HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN ANTHOLOGIES LIKE **COMICS OBSCURE**.

CHRISTY IS ALSO THE WRITER FOR THE WEB COMIC **ORC QUEST**. HER OTHER ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS INCLUDE CERAMICS, POTTERY, AND WATER COLOR PAINTING. WHEN SHE IS NOT DRAWING OR COVERED IN CLAY, SHE ENJOYS PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, WEAVING, AND KNITTING.

AS PART OF THE SCHOLARSHIP, CHRISTY HAS CREATED THE OFFICIAL ARTWORK FOR THE 2017 CAPITAL CITY COMIC CON. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO SHARE HER WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AS A COMMEMORATIVE POSTER ON THE INSIDE OF THIS INSERT.

CHRISTY WILL BE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS ORIGINAL ART SCHOLARSHIP IN COMIC STUDIES RECIPIENT DURING A PRESENTATION ON THE MAIN STAGE AT THE 2017 EVENT.

### MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

11 A.M. .... SCOTT ROSEMA ARTIST SPOTLIGHT  
12 P.M. .... SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION  
12:30 P.M. .... READ A COMIC LIVE PODCAST  
1 P.M. .... DIY PRO-TIPS FROM HOW-TO-HALLOWEEN  
2 P.M. .... RYAN CLAYTOR ARTIST SPOTLIGHT  
3 P.M. .... LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT  
4 P.M. .... WHAT'S NEW IN TABLETOP GAMING?  
5 P.M. .... COSPLAY COMPETITION

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# Metro Retro

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play case for I'd say six months," Stewart said. "A bunch of people looked at him and thought about buying him. I looked it up, and even just a print of him was almost \$100 and I got a good deal on it. So, I sold it for \$50."

The second most important aspect of his shop is the atmosphere. While browsing it's not out of the ordinary to hear everything from '80s glam metal to the Evita movie score. On my visit, "Cherry Bomb" blared by the Runaways, followed by the Cars' "Drive." Stewart said that growing up he never felt like he fit in, and that was what he was trying to avoid in his store.

"I wanted a place where a trans kid could be welcome in here and try on clothes here and not feel any judgment. It doesn't matter what gender somebody is, or for gay kids or little punk kids or sweet old ladies who want to come in and buy soaps," Stewart said. "They're not my biggest customer base but you know, I want them to feel comfortable in here."

But as far as customers go, Stewart said there is no way to pin down the average person who might find themselves browsing Metro Retro's aisles, just as there isn't an average piece of clothing that might be

hanging on a rack. In a little less than an hour, we saw people buying everything from shirts, stickers, handbags and soaps.

"I think the best compliment I've ever gotten is from people who came in here, actually people from Baltimore, they said it reminds them of something out of a John Waters movie. That was the highest praise," Stewart laughed. "If I could grow up to be anybody, it would be John Waters or Divine."

The comfortable atmosphere makes you more likely to envision yourself wearing even the most daring of clothing. Sometimes the merchandise that sells surprises Stewart himself.

"This girl came in, she was a beautiful girl, and she was graduating. She was looking for a dress and she picked out this green, polyester pant dress. I thought was hideous, but I didn't say that," Stewart said. "And then she put it on and she rocked it! She was gorgeous. I was like, 'Oh my god, you made this hideous thing, that I thought was never going to sell, gorgeous.' And she walked out of here with it."

By the time you grab your clothes and reach checkout, you'll have had an eyeful of every make, shape and model of trinket around. You may even be persuaded to sell or donate some of your own gear to the store.

"I buy most of the stuff. And even if someone does come in and try to donate

something, I try to give them a trade or something like that," Stewart said. "People kind of have that notion that everything in here is donated like the Goodwill or Salvation Army, and I wish it was the case, but I have to pay for everything."

And by the time you leave, who knows, you might find you've walked away with your new favorite treasure. Or at least have found a way to fill up your afternoon.

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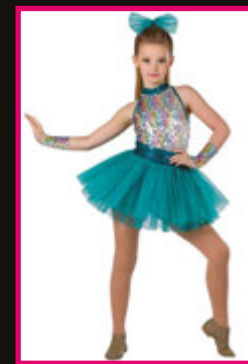


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## SOGI as Social Justice

by Leslie Boker

How can a new cluster of questions on healthcare intake forms impact the health of the LGBTQ community overall? SOGI — the new hot acronym in public health — stands for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity information as recorded in electronic health records. Previously lacking, a recent movement to collect SOGI data has the potential to power changes toward friendlier, more knowledgeable clinical environments, as well as improvements in community health.

Comparing LGBTQ populations with other groups reveals multiple health disparities, which are differences that

should be preventable but that show worse health outcomes for our community as a whole. Rates of certain cancers — such as breast and anal cancer — are higher, in part due to receiving fewer preventative screenings because of lack of access, insufficient knowledge about LGBTQ care, and medical mistrust. LGBTQ people are understandably hesitant to disclose sexual orientation or transgender status in potentially hostile environments, which contributes to being overlooked as at-risk populations for such community-specific health needs. Clinicians may not understand what kinds of screenings are needed, especially for transgender and non-binary patients. Binary “M”

and “F” checkboxes have always been inadequate to describe the diversity of genders and bodies that exist, but until recently there was no meaningful way to capture more nuanced information in a patient's chart. Because SOGI information has not been collected, population data and public health research about LGBTQ issues has been uneven to nonexistent.

But the old practices are changing: starting in March 2016, federally funded community health centers have been required to collect SOGI demographic data. Simply having population numbers helps with the creation and funding of targeted health initiatives. Population data that is connected to information about health problems in LGBTQ individuals allows for analysis of community health trends such as substance use, sexually transmitted infections, and health needs that are currently going unmet. Training for collection of SOGI data should be presented in context with cultural competency training and information about barriers to healthcare, helping to build a safer environment in which to discuss sexual orientation and gender identity.

The Fenway Institute in Boston is home to the National LGBT Health Education Center, which has led the way in recommendations for SOGI data collection. The latest suggested format includes one question about sexual orientation, two about sex and gender (with several options, including genderqueer), and a place for the name and pronouns a person wishes to be called within the clinic setting, at last addressing the issue of trans and gender nonconforming patients being misgendered by staff and providers. Gender and sexual orientation recorded in an individual's health records should also be subject to HIPAA privacy laws, protecting it from disclosure unless a provider medically needs to know.

Collecting more complex information through SOGI offers healthcare providers a chance to accurately record and understand the diverse experiences of LGBTQ patients — and to treat us with respect.

## LAHR Legislative Update

by LAHR BOARD

In 2017, it is actually legal in Michigan to fire a hardworking employee, deny them an apartment, or refuse them service in a restaurant, based only on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Unlike eighteen other states, Michigan does not have a law that explicitly protects LGBTQIA people from discrimination in employment, housing, or public accommodations.

On July 24, the Lansing Association of Human Rights (LAHR) joined with 37 LGBTQIA organizations across Michigan to ask the Michigan Civil Rights Commission to clarify that the state's prohibition on sex discrimination currently contained in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on both sexual orientation and gender identity. If accepted, it would clarify the ambiguity that exists surrounding the scope of sex discrimination currently prohibited by the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and bring Michigan law into alignment with the growing body of understanding from federal judges and legal scholars.

We are requesting that the Michigan Civil Rights Commission acknowledge that Michigan's prohibition against sex discrimination includes discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and that it falls under their authority to address it.

All people should be treated fairly and equally by the laws of our state. We should all have the opportunity to earn a living and provide for our families. Nobody should live in fear of losing their job or home because of who they are or whom they love. Protecting people from discrimination is about treating others, including those who are LGBTQIA, as we want to be treated.

Do you think of yourself as:

Straight or heterosexual

Lesbian, gay, or homosexual

Bisexual

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Male

Female

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Choose not to disclose

What sex were you assigned at birth on your original birth certificate? (Check one):

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Female

Choose not to disclose

From "Collecting Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data in Electronic Health Records" published by the National LGBT Health Education Center.



# ‘In a Heartbeat’ Review

by Ben Schroff

**Warning: Content contains spoilers. If you wish to view the short film first, please go to YouTube (its original publication place).**

For years, there has been a demand to increase queer and trans representation in fictional media, especially in animated films. There’s something pure about animation, something that makes us remember when times were simpler. It often accomplishes this by perfectly compressing complex events into symbolism. “In a Heartbeat,” an animated short about a queer teen in his school years, does this brilliantly.

There are plenty of queer themes from high school that can be missed in a four-minute video, but “In a Heartbeat” manages to wrap up all the feelings that go along with a queer crush in a way that proves harmonious to the simplistic yet sentimental nature of animation. Without missing a heartbeat, the short film manages to show the stages of many first queer relationships in that span of time.

The main character harbors a crush for a seemingly more popular and outgoing boy, and this crush literally causes the main character’s heart to leap out of his chest and pursue the other boy. The awkward lengths to which the boy goes to prevent his heart from making any moves he isn’t ready for mirrors those encounters many queer people go through, such as making subtle hints and pushing things ever so slightly to prevent themselves from getting hurt.

The subtlety of the interactions may be lost on a non-queer audience.

The climax of the film shows the boy’s heart colliding with his love interest. The heart holds the love interest’s hand and the main character holds the heart’s hand. Other children stare on in apparent disgust or queasiness. Asking someone out and having it spread through rumors or displayed out in the open is a climactic moment in any queer person’s high school experience. Because of that fear and the surprised reaction of the love interest, the boy breaks the heart in half and runs away. This is reminiscent of many queer people’s first relationships. The pressure of coming out and the pressure of being seen on display is tremendous, especially when the feelings do not seem like they’re being reciprocated.

However, at the end of the film, the love interest comes back with the other half of the heart, placing it with the boy’s half and bringing it back to life. With this, the love interest’s heart lights up as well and they share a meaningful and heartfelt glance. The screen fades to black except for the pink of their hearts, which meld into one.

This short film is a beautiful depiction of an archetypical queer first relationship. Beth David and Esteban Bravo work as the creative heads of this film and execute their vision to a satisfying conclusion. With people clamoring for more queer adaptations to animated video, we can only hope that they are extended an opportunity to flesh out a full-length story on the big screen.



Video still from ‘In a Heartbeat,’ courtesy of YouTube

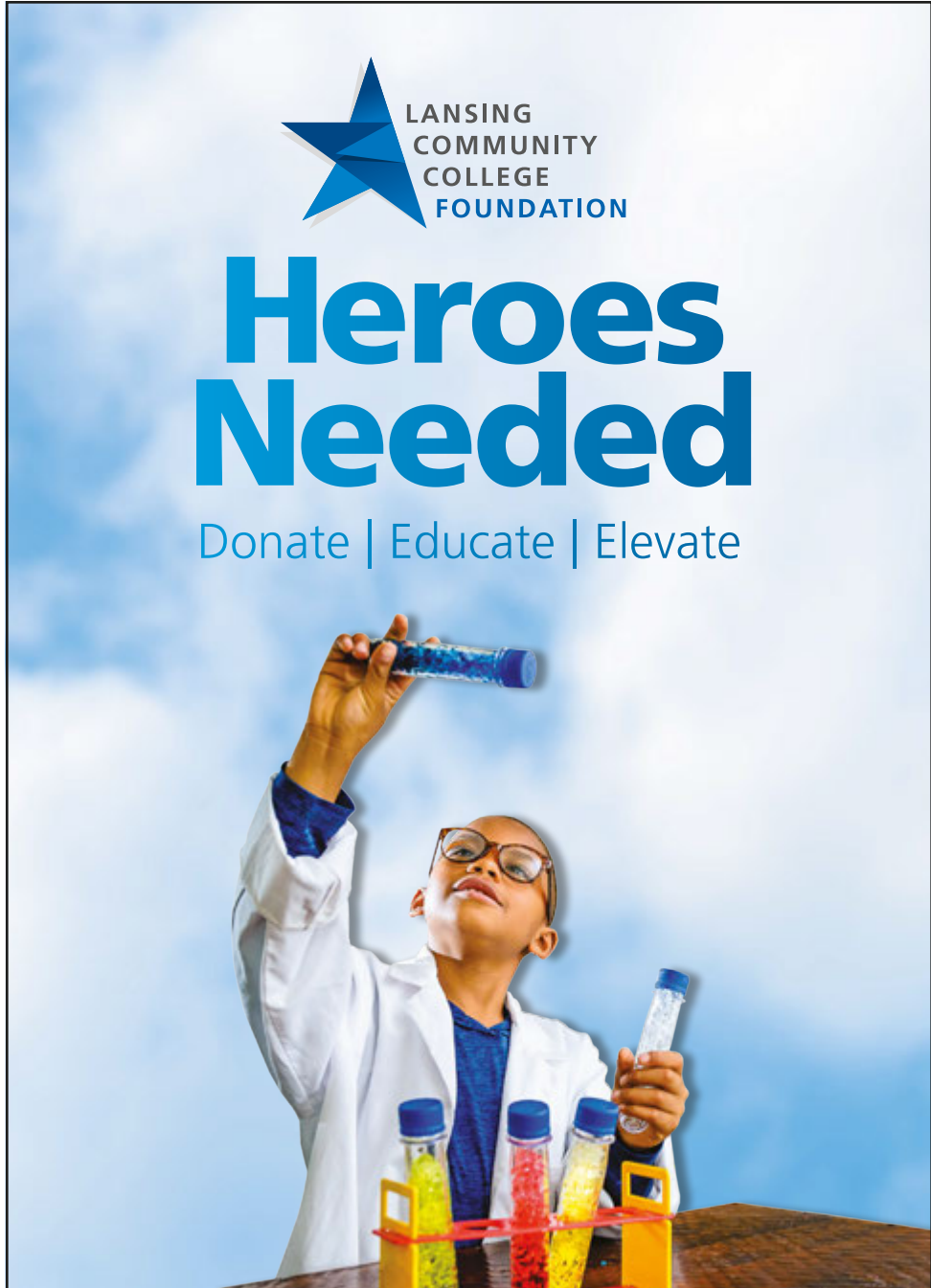


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## Wednesday, August 16

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** 6 p.m. Donation welcome. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing.  
**Mindfulness.** Meditation for beginners and experienced. 7 - 9 p.m. Chua Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Washington, Lansing.  
**Shamanic Healing and Education Clinic.** Shamanic demonstration clinic and talk. 6 - 8:30 p.m. Free/Donations accepted. Willow Stick Ceremonies, 335 Seymour Ave., Suite D, Lansing.

### MUSIC

**Tavern House Jazz Band.** From 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tavern and Tap, 101 S. Washington Square Lansing.  
**The Great Barbershop Chorus - The Mountain Town Singers.** From 7 to 9 p.m. FREE/Donations accepted. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St. Saint Johns. 989-224-2429.

### EVENTS

**Allen Farmers Market.** From 2:30 to 7 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1629 E Kalamazoo St Lansing. [allenneighborhoodcenter.org](http://allenneighborhoodcenter.org).  
**Back to School Health Fair.** Free/reduced cost screenings. (517) 887-4305 physicals, for immunizations (517) 887-4350. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing.  
**Hula Hoop with Lansing Hoops (All ages).** Learn some hooping skills from members of Lansing Hoops. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Aurelius Branch, 1939 South Aurelius Road, Mason.  
**Practice Your English.** Practice speaking in friendly environment. 7 - 8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.  
**Touch a Truck Summer Celebration (All ages).** Get close to emergency vehicles at end of Summer Reading celebration. 10 - 11 a.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Haslett Branch, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett.

### ARTS

**Conscience of the Human Spirit: The Life of Nelson Mandela.** Work of African-American Quilters. 12 - 2 p.m. FREE. Lookout! Gallery, 362 Bogue St., MSU campus East Lansing.

## Thursday, August 17

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**(TOPS) Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Weigh-in 5:15 p.m. In room 207. 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett.  
**A Course in Miracles.** Group on peace through forgiveness. 7 - 9 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Lansing. 517-371-3010.  
**Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice.** All skill levels welcome. 6 - 8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale Lansing. [crisisfr.com](http://crisisfr.com).  
**Celebrate Recovery.** For all types of hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Duncel Road, Lansing.  
**Homeopathy Q and A.** Certified homeopath, speaks/answers questions. 6 - 7:30 p.m. FREE/Donations accepted. Willow Stick Ceremonies & Healing Arts, 335 Seymour Ave., Suite D., Lansing.

**Homespun Homeopathy.** See certified homeopath. 6 - 7:30 p.m. FREE/Donations accepted. Willow Stick Ceremonies & Healing Arts, 335 Seymour Ave., Suite D Lansing.  
**Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous.** At 5:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900. [coda.org](http://coda.org).  
**NAMI Class for Caregivers.** 12-session structured course. 6:30 to 9 p.m. FREE. McLaren-Greater Lansing Education Building, 401 W. Greenlawn Ave., Lansing.  
**PFLAG Greater Lansing monthly meeting.** From 7 - 9 p.m. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900.

### LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Chipmunk Story Time: Everybody Needs a Rock.** Nature stories, games and more. 10 - 11 a.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866.

### THEATRE

**Murder for Two.** Two actors play 13 roles. 8 to 9:30 p.m. \$25/\$23 Military/Senior (65+)/\$10 Student. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. 517-655-SHOW.

### EVENTS

**Impression 5 Science Center Bridge Building Challenge (Ages 8-12).** Learn about gravity/tension. 6 - 7 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries South Lansing Branch, 3500 S. Cedar St. Lansing. (517) 272-9840.  
**Tai Chi in the Park Series (Held at Veterans Gardens).** Last in free, three-week series. 6 - 7 p.m. FREE. Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt.  
**12-Step Meeting.** AA/NA/CA all welcome. Every Tuesday and Thursday in room 209. 12 - 1 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Cristo Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing.  
**Cameron Zvara Variety Show (All ages).** Jam packed with magic, juggling, music and more. 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Foster Branch, 200 North Foster, Lansing.  
**Crafting for a Cause (All Skill Levels).** Bring work to complete at home. 4 - 5:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. [grandledge.lib.mi.us](http://grandledge.lib.mi.us).  
**Film Movement Series (Adults & mature teens).** Today: Mad Tiger (USA/Japan). 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Okemos Branch, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos.  
**Hooked on Health.** Health-Related Exhibits, Health Screenings, exercises, DJ and more! 12 - 4 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St. Lansing.  
**Lunch at the Meridian Senior Center.** TOCA provides tasty meals. 12 - 1 p.m. \$5.75/\$3 suggested for ages 60+. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.  
**Party Bridge.** From 1 - 4 p.m. \$1 Members/\$2 Public. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.  
**Spanish Conversation.** Speak Spanish in comfortable environment. 7 - 8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.  
**Summer Cinema (All ages).** Today: The Wizard of Oz (G). 2 - 3:45 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Downtown Lansing Branch, 401 South Capitol Avenue Lansing.

### ARTS

**Teen Movies.** Watch movies intended for a teen audience. Popcorn while supplies last! 1 - 3 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

## Friday, August 18

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Finding Nonprofit Funding Online.** Learn the Foundation Director Online Professional database. 9:30 - 11 a.m. FREE. MSU Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. Email questions to [harris23@msu.edu](mailto:harris23@msu.edu).  
**Mud & Mug.** 21+ only. Pottery, food and drinks. 7 - 10 p.m. \$25. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643.

### THEATRE

**Murder for Two.** Two actors play 13 roles. 8 - 9:30 p.m. \$30/\$28 Military/Senior (65+)/\$10 Student. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. 517-655-SHOW.

### EVENTS

**Minecraft Game Night (Ages 8-15).** Get your game on with fellow gamers. 7 - 8:30 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Holt-Delhi Branch, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt.  
**Picnic Storytime (Ages 2-5).** Ages up to 6 bring a lunch for outdoor stories and activities. 10:30 - 11 a.m. FREE. Rayner Park, 730 E. Ash St., Mason.

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## Time-honored tradition



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The DeWitt Ox Roast is a local festival that has been in the community for more than 70 years.

## Aug. 17 - 19

Thursday marks the 72nd consecutive summer the citizens of DeWitt have come together to celebrate the Annual DeWitt Ox Roast. Hosted by the DeWitt Memorial Association, the festival will not roast an actual ox, but all proceeds will be used to support the city.

"Back when the DeWitt Ox Roast was first established in the 1940s, they actually did roast an ox," said Dave VanArdsall, president of the DeWitt Memorial Association.

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VanArdsall is confident the festival's community-chosen events will be a hit.

"We're bringing in something new this year," said VanArdsall, "They're called body bubbles." Encased from the waist to the armpits in a rubber ball, festival goers can don pot-belled suits to bounce off their friends and family.

"We expect to see some crazy kids that really want a go at their mom, dad and friends," said VanArdsall.

The three-day extravaganza spans a breadth of activities and locations in downtown DeWitt.

"Friday night is a family fun night," said VanArdsall. "There will be clowns, face painting, balloon blowing and if there's any brave souls who want to try, there's karaoke."

The Northpointe Community Church band will perform on Thursday while a parade and firework display on Saturday closes out the festival. The traditional carnival will provide some kinetic fun,

offering an all-you-can-ride pass for \$15 on Thursday and \$25 tickets on Friday and Saturday night.

"For \$25 you get 20 tickets, one free ride and a \$1 off coupon for concessions," said VanArdsall.

But festivities aside, for VanArdsall, the DeWitt Ox Roast is more than just three action-packed days of food, rides and good-times, it's about helping his community.

Since 1946, the money from the DeWitt Ox Roast has gone to maintain the DeWitt Memorial Building, a "community center and tribute to Clinton area military veterans that paid the ultimate sacrifice," said VanArdsall.

Growing from a modest carnival held on the cities school grounds, VanArdsall takes pride in the fact that the DeWitt Ox Roast as become a community-wide celebration that benefits families and local businesses.

"A lot of people will plan family reunions around the Ox Roast, and it gives downtown businesses a lot of exposure," said VanArdsall. "The festival is right in the center of town, so a lot of downtown businesses arrange their hours to be open during the festival."

With the DeWitt community patiently awaiting this year's festival, VanArdsall is already three steps ahead.

"The 75th DeWitt Ox Roast is just a few years away, I might see if I can find somebody to help us out so we could actually have a true ox roast," said VanArdsall, "That would be nice."

— Dylan Tarr



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## Saturday, August 19

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Code Building with Scratch.** Beginner tutorials. Registration required at [epl.org](http://epl.org) 4 - 5 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Home Buying 101.** Learn what you need to know about the housing market. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$20. Center for Financial Health, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. 517-708-2550.

### MUSIC

**Concert in the Cafe: Jack Hamilton.** 3 - 4 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420. [epl.org](http://epl.org).

### THEATRE

**Murder for Two.** Two actors play 13 roles. 3 to 4:30 p.m. \$27/\$25 Military/Senior (65+)/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. 517-655-SHOW.

### EVENTS

**Classroom Critters (All ages).** Learn how mother nature designed animals. 11 a.m. - noon FREE. Capital Area District Libraries South Lansing Branch, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

**A Night of Magic and Muggles.** Adults only. Evening of food, fun and festivities. 6 - 9 p.m. \$25. Kids 'N' Stuff Childrens Museum, 301 S. Superior St., Albion. (517) 629-8023.

**Meow Luau.** 2017 Cat Craze Adoption Event. Games too. 12 - 6 p.m. \$20 1st cat, \$10 2nd cat. Frandor Shopping Center, 408 Frandor Ave., Lansing. (517) 676-8318.

**Musical Brunch.** Come eat, meet new people and listen to local artists. 9 a.m. - noon \$10/Kids under 10 FREE. Edgewood United Church, 469 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing.

**Summer Music Series at Henry's Place.** Concert series. 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. Henry's Place Neighborhood Gastro Sports Bar, 4926 Marsh Road Okemos.

## Sunday, August 20

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Charlotte Yoga Club.** Beginner to intermediate. 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Charlotte.

**Juggling.** Learn a lifelong skill. 2 - 4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St. East Lansing.

### MUSIC

**End of Summer Bash w/ The 89th Key.** Band hosts "End of Summer" bash party. 2 - 5 p.m. \$10. Michigan Princess Riverboat, 3004 W. Main St. Lansing. (517) 627-2154.

### THEATRE

**Murder for Two.** Two actors play 13 roles. 2 - 3:30 p.m. \$27/\$25 Military/Senior (65+)/\$10 Student. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-SHOW.

**End of Summer Reading Party with Linc's Reading Railroad.** Catch a ride on Linc's train. 1 - 3 p.m. FREE. Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt.

**Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance.** At 6 p.m. \$8 dance, \$10 dance & lesson. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 321-0933.

**Summer of Love Peace Paddle.** Tie-dye shirt, kayak decoration and more. 4 - 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$20. River Town Adventures, 325 City Market Dr, Lansing, MI 48912 Lansing. 517 253 7523.

### EVENTS

## Monday, August 21

### SATURDAY, AUG. 19 >> ART FEAST

Old Town's fourth annual ART Feast will kick off this Saturday. It's an art fair that is designed to celebrate mobile vendors, featuring more than 20 artists from across the state. Festival-goers will have the chance to shop around for a variety of homemade and handmade goods, and then tuck in to a meal at the Food Court, filled with mobile meals. The festival will happen at the same time as the Renegade Theatre Festival too, making it a great spot to catch up on live music, local theater favorites and possibly learn about other acts too!

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. FREE. 1232 Turner St., Old Town Lansing. (517) 485 - 4283

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# Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

August 17-24

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): "To disobey in order to take action is the byword of all creative spirits," said philosopher Gaston Bachelard. This mischievous advice is perfect for your use right now, Aries. I believe you'll thrive through the practice of ingenious rebellion -- never in service to your pride, but always to feed your soul's lust for deeper, wilder life. Here's more from Bachelard: "Autonomy comes through many small disobediences, at once clever, well thought-out, and patiently pursued, so subtle at times as to avoid punishment entirely."

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Congratulations! I expect that during the next three weeks, you will be immune to what psychoanalyst Joan Chodorow calls "the void of sadness, the abyss of fear, the chaos of anger, and the alienation of contempt and shame." I realize that what I just said might sound like an exaggeration. Aren't all of us subject to regular encounters with those states? How could you possibly go so long without brushing up against them? I stand by my prediction, and push even further. For at least the next three weeks, I suspect you will also be available for an inordinate amount of what Chodorow calls "the light of focused insight" and "the playful, blissful, all-embracing experience of joy."

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): The coming days would be an excellent time to celebrate (even brag about) the amusing idiosyncrasies and endearing quirks that make you lovable. To get you inspired, read this testimony from my triple Gemini friend Alyssa: "I have beauty marks that form the constellation Pegasus on my belly. I own my own ant farm. I'm a champion laugher. I teach sign language to squirrels. Late at night when I'm horny and overtired I may channel the spirit of a lion goddess named Sekhmet. I can whistle the national anthems of eight different countries. I collect spoons from the future. I can play the piano with my nose and my toes. I have forever banished the green-eyed monster to my closet."

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your education may take unusual forms during the coming weeks. For example, you could receive crunchy lessons from velvety sources, or tender instructions from exacting challenges. Your curiosity might expand to enormous proportions in the face of a noble and elegant tease. And chances are good that you'll find a new teacher in an unlikely setting, or be prodded and tricked into asking crucial questions you've been neglecting to ask. Even if you haven't been particularly street smart up until now, Cancerian, I bet your ability to learn from uncategorizable experiences will blossom.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): "If you love someone, set them free," said New Age author Richard Bach. "If they come back, they're yours; if they don't, they never were." By using my well-educated intellect to transmute this hippy-dippy thought into practical advice, I came up with a wise strategy for you to consider as you re-evaluate your relationships with allies. Try this: Temporarily suspend any compulsion you might have to change or fix these people; do your best to like them and even love them exactly as they are. Ironically, granting them this freedom to be themselves may motivate them to modify, or at least tone down, the very behavior in themselves that you're semi-allergic to.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In 1892, workers began building the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. But as of August 2017, it is still under construction. Renovation has been and continues to be extensive. At one point in its history, designers even changed its architectural style from Neo-Byzantine and Neo-Romanesque to Gothic Revival. I hope this serves as a pep talk in the coming weeks, which will be an excellent time to evaluate your own progress, Virgo. As you keep toiling away in behalf of your dreams, there's no rush. In fact, my sense is that you're proceeding at precisely the right rate.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In accordance with the astrological omens, I hereby declare the next two weeks to be your own personal Amnesty Holiday. To celebrate, ask for and dole out forgiveness. Purge and flush away any non-essential guilt and remorse that are festering inside you. If there truly are hurtful sins that you still haven't atoned for, make a grand effort to atone for them -- with gifts and heart-felt messages if necessary. At the same time, I urge you to identify accusations that others have wrongly projected onto you and that you have carried around as a burden even though they are not accurate or fair. Expunge them.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): How many countries has the United States bombed since the end of World War II? Twenty-five, to be exact. But if America's intention has been to prod these nations into forming more free and egalitarian governments, the efforts have been mostly fruitless. Few of the attacked nations have become substantially more democratic. I suggest you regard this as a valuable lesson to apply to your own life in the coming weeks, Scorpio. Metaphorical bombing campaigns wouldn't accomplish even 10 percent of your goals, and would also be expensive in more ways than one. So I recommend using the "killing with kindness" approach. Be wily and generous. Cloak your coaxing in compassion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You know about the Ten Commandments, a code of ethics and behavior that's central to Christianity and Judaism. You may not be familiar with my Ten Suggestions, which begin with "Thou Shall Not Bore God" and "Thou Shall Not Bore Thyself." Then there are the Ten Indian Commandments proposed by the Bird Clan of East Central Alabama. They include "Give assistance and kindness whenever needed" and "Look after the well-being of your mind and body." I bring these to your attention, Sagittarius, because now is an excellent time to formally formulate and declare your own covenant with life. What are the essential principles that guide you to the highest good?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Here's a definition of "fantasizing" as articulated by writer Jon Carroll. It's "a sort of 'in-brain' television, where individuals create their own 'shows' -- imaginary narratives that may or may not include real people." As you Capricorns enter the High Fantasy Season, you might enjoy this amusing way of describing the activity that you should cultivate and intensify. Would you consider cutting back on your consumption of movies and TV shows? That might inspire you to devote more time and energy to watching the stories you can generate in your mind's eye.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In 43 cartoon stories, the coyote named Wile E. Coyote has tried to kill and devour the swift-running flightless bird known as the Road Runner. Every single time, Wile E. has failed to achieve his goal. It's apparent to astute observers that his lack of success is partly due to the fact that he doesn't rely on his natural predatory instincts. Instead, he concocts elaborate, overly-complicated schemes. In one episode, he camouflages himself as a cactus, buys artificial lightning bolts, and tries to shoot himself from a bow as if he were an arrow. All these plans end badly. The moral of the story, as far as you're concerned: To reach your next goal, trust your instincts.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You temporarily have cosmic permission to loiter and goof off and shirk your duties. To be a lazy bum and meander aimlessly and avoid tough decisions. To sing off-key and draw stick figures and write bad poems. To run slowly and flirt awkwardly and dress like a slob. Take advantage of this opportunity, because it's only available for a limited time. It's equivalent to pushing the reset button. It's meant to re-establish your default settings. But don't worry about that now. Simply enjoy the break in the action.

# Jonesin' Crossword

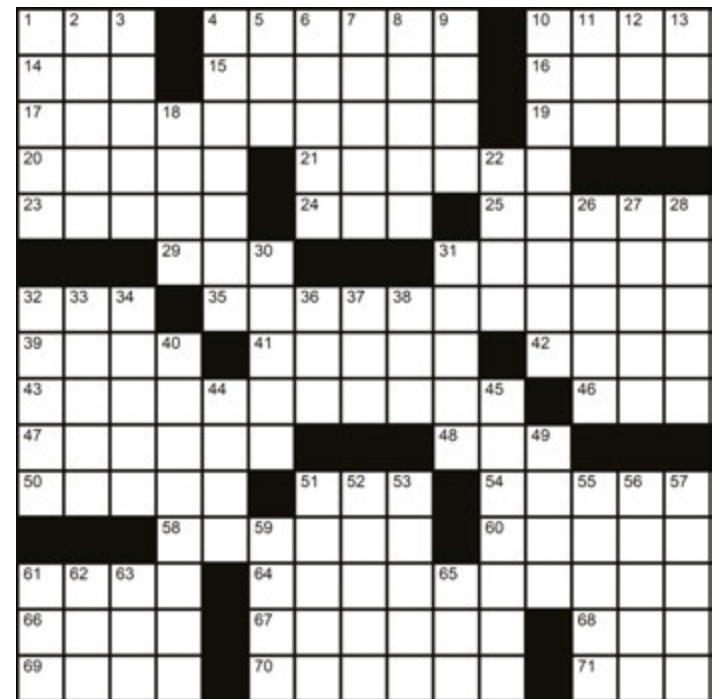
By Matt Jones

"A Little Bit Country"-- but only the very last bit.

Matt Jones

### Across

- 1 Porkpie, e.g.
- 4 Joined (up)
- 10 Margarine containers
- 14 Gentle \_\_\_ lamb
- 15 Make really mad
- 16 Sector
- 17 Country kitchen implement?
- 19 Had a hunch
- 20 1800, in movie credits that didn't exist back then
- 21 Really anxious
- 23 One who lessens the tension
- 24 Fidget spinners, for one
- 25 Like some fanbases
- 29 The Sklar Brothers, e.g.
- 31 Imperil
- 32 Blues guitarist \_\_\_ Mahal
- 35 Country actress with famous acting siblings?
- 39 Mathematician Lovelace et al.
- 41 Birthstone for Gemini
- 42 Caged (up)
- 43 Country baseball squad?
- 46 Part of UNLV
- 47 Show of respect
- 48 \_\_\_ it up (laugh)
- 50 Public display
- 51 "Middle of Nowhere" director DuVernay
- 54 Actress Garbo
- 58 Chinese New Year symbol
- 60 Driving force
- 61 "Your Song" singer Ora
- 64 Country action star?
- 66 Wall mirror shape
- 67 Arthurian paradise



- 68 Literary tribute
- 69 Easter egg solutions
- 70 Give in
- 71 Ant. antonym

- 13 Toothy tool
- 18 Breezed through
- 22 Actor Kinnear
- 26 Biblical tower site
- 27 "I Love It" band \_\_\_ Pop
- 28 Fender mishaps
- 30 "August: \_\_\_ County"
- 31 Tobias's daughter on "Arrested Development"
- 32 Dials next to speedometers, for short
- 33 Kind of committee
- 34 Pressly of "My Name Is Earl"
- 36 Gone by, as time
- 37 Actor Efron of the "Baywatch" movie
- 38 "The Simpsons" disco guy
- 40 Tabloid topics
- 44 Antiquing material
- 45 Enhance
- 49 Burger chain mag-

- nate Ray
- 51 Century plant
- 52 Outspoken
- 53 Bracelet location, perhaps
- 55 Fundamental character
- 56 Fawning sycophant
- 57 "As You Like It" forest setting
- 59 Hardly open
- 61 Serling of "The Twilight Zone"
- 62 Poison \_\_\_ (Batman villain)
- 63 \_\_\_ kwon do
- 65 K+ or Na+, e.g.

### Down

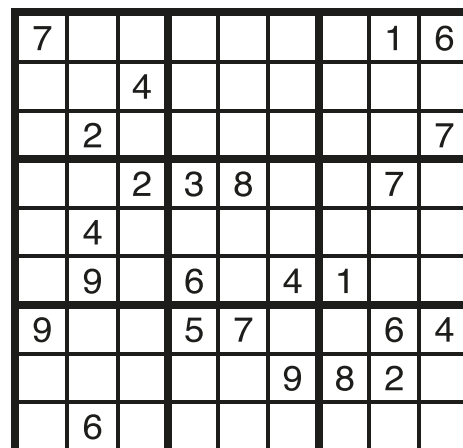
- 1 "[X] \_\_\_ like ..." (picture-based meme)
- 2 Carne \_\_\_ nachos
- 3 Bath powders
- 4 Politician who might be the Zodiac Killer, per a 2016 mock conspiracy theory
- 5 Head doc
- 6 Have \_\_\_ over one's head
- 7 Divine sustenance
- 8 Incited, with "on"
- 9 Spent, like a battery
- 10 Nod off
- 11 Coffee dispenser
- 12 "Full Frontal" host Samantha

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# ADVANCED



## 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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# TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA

DOUG STANHOPE



Sun, AUG., 20TH

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Thurs. Aug. 24TH

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Fri. Sept. 22ND

## 'SWISH' LP RELEASE AT THE AVENUE

Sunday, Aug. 20 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$35, 7 p.m.

Since 1990, Doug Stanhope has been making people laugh with his vulgar, brutally honest brand of stand-up comedy that ranges from graphic perversion to hot-blooded social bits. Stanhope, who has sold-out shows across the country, performs an 18-and-over show at The Loft. Since starting his career on smoky Las Vegas stages, the comic has ventured into the mainstream through a series of television spots, including being the host of "The Man Show." Fans might have also heard him as a guest on "The Howard Stern Show" or seen his 2008 Showtime special, "No Refunds." Critically, Stanhope is a two-time winner of Time Out New York's "Best Comedy Performance of the Year" contest and was picked by Variety and the Hollywood Reporter as one of the "Top Ten Comics to Watch."

## Bubba Sparxxx at The Loft

Thursday, Aug. 24 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$18/\$15 adv., 9 p.m.

Warren Mathis, aka Bubba Sparxxx, is known for chart-topping southern-rap hits like "Deliverance," "Ugly" and "Ms. New Booty." Thursday, the Georgia native returns to The Loft for a headlining show. Openers are Blake Wilson, Trax A Trillion, Sway Boi, Terminally Skilled, Kelsey Lynn, Joe G, Mo Vatalii, Dem Silent Boyz and Gwalla Gang. The latest Sparxxx full-length album, 2014's "Made on McCosh Mill Road," is his fifth LP and features guest spots from Danny Boone and Denum Jones. In 2016, he dropped "The Bubba Mathis EP," a five-track collection featuring the single "Ghost." In a review of the EP, HipHopDX said, "Bubba's country roots are well watered on this succinct project." In 2001, Sparxxx achieved international fame with the "Dark Days, Bright Nights" LP, made with help from legendary producer Timbaland.

## Scott Ainslie at Ten Pound Fiddle

Friday, Sept. 22 @ MSU Community Music School, 4930 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing. All ages, \$20, \$18 members, \$5 students, 7:30 p.m.

The Ten Pound Fiddle hosts acoustic-bluesman and historian Scott Ainslie Friday at the MSU Community Music School – fans of classic Delta blues icons like Robert Johnson might want to check out this show. Ainslie, who will be celebrating his 65th birthday, is a multi-instrumentalist, who comes equipped with vintage guitars, a fretless-gourd banjo, a one-string and homemade diddley bow – AKA a cigar-box guitar. Aside from expert playing, Ainslie also supplies carefully chosen banter, including historical anecdotes of his encounters with elder roots musicians from across the South. From old-time Southern Appalachian fiddle and banjo tunes, to black-gospel and blues traditions, his setlist is diverse and powerful. Coming up, Ainslie graduated with honors from Washington & Lee University during the Civil Rights era, and has since studied history and intriguing facts to pair with his rustic live performances and songwriting workshops.

### UPCOMING SHOW?

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### LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Open Mic	Free Dance Party	Holy Roots
Black Cat, 115 Albert Ave.				Mark Weeks, 8 p.m.
Buddies - Holt, 2040 N Aurelius Road		Don Middlebrook & Pearl Divers, 6:30 p.m.	Life Support, 6:30 p.m.	New Rule, 6:30 p.m.
Buddies - Okemos, 1937 W Grand River Ave			Paulie O.	
Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church St.			Daryn Larner, 6 p.m.	
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road		Sarah Brunner, 6:30 p.m.		
Claddagh Irish Pub, 2900 Towne Centre Blvd.				Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Karle Delo, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Coach's, 6201 Bishop Rd	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Pool Tourny, 7:30 a.m.	Alskn "walleye" AYCE	DJ, 9 p.m.
Eaton Rapids Craft Co., 204 N Main St.		John Peters, 6 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 6 p.m.	Bill Strickler, 6 p.m.
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.			
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Live Blues w/ The Good Cookies, 8 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends, 8:30 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 9:30 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 9:30
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze!!	The Hot Mess	Medusa
Harpers, 131 Albert Ave.	Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Alistair Beerens, 6 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.	
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 E. Michigan Ave.			Alistair Beerens, 5:30 p.m.	
Lansing Brewing Company, 518 E. Shiawassee			The Barbaross Brothers, 7 p.m.	Mix Pack, 8 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		No Stars, 7 p.m.	State of Mine, 8 p.m.	
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Luxury Flux, 8 p.m.		Stormy Chromer, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic. with Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Stella, 9 p.m.	Spoonful, 9 p.m.	3rd Degree, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Rush Clement, 6 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.	The Tenants, 6 p.m.	El Kabong, 6 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.	Daryn Larner, 6 p.m.	Kathy Ford Duo, 6 p.m.	Henderseth, 6 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Alistair Beerens, 6 p.m.	Mark Weeks, 6 p.m.	Bobby Standal, 6 p.m.	John Persico, 6 p.m.
Ryan's Roadhouse, 902 E State St.		Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.		
The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave.		Renegade Theatre Festival	Renegade Theatre Festival	Renegade Theatre Festival
Sir Pizza/Grand Cafe, 201 E. Grand River Ave.	Open Mic. Redbird, 7 p.m.			
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Alistair Beerens, 7 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 7 p.m.		
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr	Open Mic. Night	Alex Mendenall, 6 p.m.	Speak Easy	



# Out on the Town

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## CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**A Course in Love.** Weekly group dedicated to the study of the spiritual psychology. 1 - 2 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes, Lansing. (517) 371-3010.

**Support Group.** For those who are separated, divorced or widowed. 7:30 p.m. St. Davids Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Rd. Lansing. (517) 323-2272.

**MUSIC**  
**New Horizons Community Band.** Learn a new instrument or dust off an old one. 6 - 8 p.m. MSU Community Music School, 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-7661.

**StoweGood Live in Concert.** 7 to 9 p.m. \$20.00. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes, Lansing. (517) 371-3010.

## EVENTS

**Chess, Cribbage, Hand & Foot.** Weekly activities at the center. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.

**French Club.** Practice French in comfortable environment. 7 - 8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Kids Reading to Dogs (All ages).** Read to a certified therapy dog. 4 to 5 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Okemos Branch, 4321 Okemos Road Okemos. 517.347.2021.

**Social Bridge.** Weekly activities at the center. 1 to 4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road Lansing.

**Solar Eclipse Party (All ages).** Learn more and get glasses. 11 a.m. to noon FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Holt-Delhi Branch, 2078 Aurelius Road Holt.

**Solar Eclipse Party (All ages).** Learn more and get glasses. 2 to 5 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Aurelius Branch, 1939 South Aurelius Road Mason.

## ARTS

**Monday Night Life Drawing.** From 7 to 9 p.m. \$10 per session (\$5 for students) to cover the model and studio.. O'Day Studios, Suite 115 1650 Kendale Blvd. East Lansing.

## Tuesday, August 22

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Capital City Toastmasters Meeting.** Leadership and speaking skills. 7 p.m. FREE for visitors.. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300.

**Duplicate Bridge.** Weekly activities at the center. 1 - 4 p.m. \$2 members, \$3 non members . Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.

**Free cooking class! Garden Harvest: From the Root to the Stalk.** Join Chef Alix. Learn to get most out of your vegetables. 6 - 8 p.m. FREE. Cutco Kitchen, 1863 West Grand River Ave Okemos.

**Take off Pounds Sensibly.** At 6 p.m. FREE first visit.. St. Therese Parish, 102 West Randolph Street Lansing. (517) 487-3749.

**Yawn Patrol Toastmasters.** Leadership and speaking skills. 7 - 8:30 a.m. FREE for visitors.. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St. Lansing.

## MUSIC

**Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's.** From 7 to 10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

The Scratch Pilots Present: Turntable

**Tuesdays.** 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. FREE. The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 482-6376.

## EVENTS

**Bingo, Bridge, and Euchre.** Weekly events at the center. 1 - 4:30 p.m. Cost Varies . Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.

**Build a Better Community (Ages 6-15).** Make loomed hats to donate to charity. Call ahead. 2 to 3:30 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Foster Branch, 200 North Foster Lansing. (517) 485-5185.

**Drop-in LEGO Club (Age 4 & up).** From 4 to 5 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Williamston Branch, 201 School Street Williamston. 517.655.1191.

**Game Night at UrbanBeat.** Play provided games or bring your own. 5 - 8 p.m. FREE. UrbanBeat Event Center, 1213 Turner St. Lansing.

**LCC West Toastmasters.** Leadership and speaking skills. 5 - 6:30 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive Lansing. .

**Overeaters Anonymous.** At 7 p.m. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road., Okemos. (517) 349-9536.

**Trending Topics.** Learn about recent occurrences. 7 to 8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Welcome Kindergarten.** Storytime for children entering kindergarten. Plus art. Register online at epl.org. 2 - 3 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

## Wednesday, August 23

### LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Stories in the Garden.** Storytime for children/ art. register at epl.org. 7 - 8:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Children's 4-H Garden, corner of Wilson Road and Bogue Street on the MSU campus East Lansing.

## MUSIC

**Habibi Dancers at Allen Farmers Market.** From 5 to 6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St Lansing

**Vintage Music from the 20s with the Roaring Twenties Band.** From 7 to 9 p.m. FREE/ Donations accepted. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St. Saint Johns. 989-224-2429.

## EVENTS

**Cirque AmongUs Workshop and Summer Reading Party (All ages).** From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Aurelius Branch, 1939 South Aurelius Road Mason. 517.628.3743.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale (All ages).** From 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Aurelius Branch, 1939 South Aurelius Road Mason.

**Lunch and Learn with Brookdale Senior Living.** From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road

The Settlor, JAMES ROBERT CRANE, born on December 19, 1935, who lived at 5914 Okemos Road, Haslett, MI 48840, died January 12, 2017. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the JAMES R. CRANE LIVING TRUST, dated August 12, 2003, or as JAMES R. CRANE, will be forever barred, unless presented to REBECCA A. CRANE, Successor Trustee, within four months after the date of publication. Notice should be sent or delivered to 205 S. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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STREET KITCHEN

Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

Zane Vicknair (center) stands with Street Kitchen employees, Fez Noyola (left) and Lissa Blon-Jacot. Vicknair is the chef at Street Kitchen, a new food truck in Lansing's Eastside Neighborhood. Vicknair previously co-owned Golden Harvest in Old Town.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

The term “tactical urbanism” refers to an underground movement led by inner-city individualists, largely consisting of implementing cheap, fast neighborhood improvement projects that fight urban blight. Lansing-based developer Jeff Deehan has been cultivating a tactical urbanism strategy around the capital city for over a decade, keeping under the radar for the most part. But this week he goes mainstream with his most high-profile endeavor to date: the **Street Kitchen** food truck.

“We’re calling it ‘snack’tical urbanism,” Deehan said. “Obviously food trucks aren’t a new idea, but using them in Lansing to create a sense of place is. This spot feels disengaged and gross now, but as soon as we get it up and running, it’s going to feel like part of the community.”

Street Kitchen will set up permanent shop on the east side of 2722 E. Michigan Ave., a building that Deehan and his project manager, Matt McNeil, are slowly, organically transforming into a mixed-use redevelopment project. Deehan’s company, Dymaxion Development, bought the building in early 2016 to be part of the east side’s ongoing revitalization effort. Even though it’s only a few blocks away from all the bustle going on down the street — developer Scott Gillespie’s two East Town projects, the **Venue** and **Provident Place**, and Kris Elliot’s upcoming brewery/restaurant, **Arcadia Ales & Smokehouse** — its location across from an entrance ramp to US127 does make it feel a little far from the action.

“We’re taking a measured approach, and seeing what works before we spend \$10 million building something new,” Deehan said. “People will start interacting here, starting with interesting business, and we’re seeding that. We’re seeking out people who want to make creative and impactful statements.”

The businesses inside the building are **Health & Harmony Massage & Wellness Center, Revival Skate Shop,**

an escape room game center called **Breakout** and **Studio 707 Productions**, a hip-hop recording studio. The building is also home of the **Lansing Somali Bantu Organization**, a community center helping unite the local Somali community and connecting refugees with resources. Deehan said he thinks Street Kitchen will elevate the profile for all those entities, and he’s tapped Zane Vicknair, one of the city’s most high-profile chefs, to lead the charge.

“Zane is one of the pillars of our community,” Deehan said. “He’s a great chef, but he’s also just a genuine, caring, committed person. He and I are friends, so when I was developing the idea, I immediately thought of him.”

For 13 years, Vicknair was a co-owner of Old Town destination diner **Golden Harvest** but left in February following a separation with his wife, co-owner Vanessa Vicknair, who still owns and operates it. Vicknair developed the menu at Street Kitchen, which he says will “aggressively change” week-to-week.

“It’s going to be comfort food, reflecting the best of what’s seasonably available,” Vicknair said. “For me, it all starts with going to a market and seeing a peach or some okra and thinking about what I can do with it. It’s extremely challenging.”

But on the flip side, Vicknair said it’s “liberating” because he doesn’t have a menu that he “has to stick to.”

Despite its wheels, Street Kitchen will be permanently stationed alongside the building. Vicknair oversaw the construction of the tables and chairs surrounding the truck, which will also remain in place year-round. The kitchen will keep lunch and dinner hours Monday through Friday.

“It’s great what Jeff is doing here,” Vicknair said. “We are taking literally nothing and turning into something that we hope empowers people to see the changes they can make in their community.”

**Street Kitchen**  
2722 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday-Friday;  
closed Saturday-Sunday

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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### SUDOKU SOLUTION

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# HE ATE

# SHE ATE



## Steakhouse Philly has flawless technique and eats

### Practice makes perfect

By MARK NIXON

Late one afternoon in Normandy, I stopped at a bakery. I was hungry and prepared to eat almost anything. The baker apologized because all she had left were a few slices of baguette with cheese tucked between them.

I bought. I ate. It was fantastic. I asked the baker how she managed to make such an incredible sandwich.

She smiled. “Répéter,” she said. “Repeat.” Practice, in other words.

The memory came to me recently when I took my first bite of a Philly sandwich at Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill. The restaurant has crafted its namesake sandwich into an edible work of art. The Original Steakhouse Philly has it all: marinated, shaved sirloin wreathed in grilled onions, topped with provolone cheese melted at the edges, all piled between two thick, chewy slices of baguette.

The whole thing arrives hot off the griddle, still steaming and, frankly, too hot to eat immediately. It takes a lot of “répéter” to make a sandwich this good. But since the Tassopoulos family has been in business since hippies were in vogue, it’s safe to assume folks here have had plenty.

During four visits, I had the Philly twice. Normally, I don’t order the same thing twice. But my friend, Bruce, ordered this sandwich (\$8.59, which includes a side of potato or rice) during my third visit. He pronounced it too dry. B+. So, on my final trip, I ordered the Philly again. It was as good, if not better than the first time I tried it. Sorry, old pal, but I think this sandwich earns an A+.

This place is a veritable melting pot of our community. College students, judges, cops, firefighters, utility workers, men in business suits, retirees in flip-flops — those are the people I see when I walk in. What they get is reliably good food, generous portions, efficient service and an unpretentious atmosphere.

My runner-up favorite after the Philly is the Avgolemono soup (\$2.99 for a cup). I fell in love with this Greek staple long ago in Detroit’s Greektown. Steakhouse Philly gets it right: Piping hot, thick with rice and rich with chicken broth, complemented by tart, fragrant lemon juice. They tell me it’s Ya-ya’s (Grandma’s) recipe.

The menu is far-ranging, from burgers and dogs to chili and salads. Liberally sprinkled throughout is Greek fare. I chose the Original Gyro (\$7.99) on one occasion. Inside the pita bread pocket were thin, slightly crisp slabs of lamb and beef. The meats were topped off with fresh tomatoes, onions and tzatziki sauce. The latter is made of yogurt, garlic and cucumber.

My only beef is that there was too little tzatziki for my taste. Next time, I’ll order extra on the side.

Many of the sandwiches and entrees come with at least one side dish. Go for the rice. It’s cooked in some sort of broth, and it’s fantastic.

The Souvlaki platter (\$12.99) is a generous entree of skewered, marinated meat. Though the marinated flavors were spot-on, I was disappointed that it was all pork. And for some reason, instead of the tzatziki I was expecting, I got what tasted like run-of-the-mill sour cream.

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By GABRIELLE LAWRENCE

As a self-proclaimed and proud Lansing townie, I love old Lansing lore. Case in point, the dining room at our new house — hello, Groesbeck — is decorated with 12 framed pencil drawings that I sweet-talked Igor Jurkovic into selling me when he closed Mediteran restaurant and broke my heart. This town is my home, and I love people who love Lansing.

When I walked into Steakhouse Philly Bar & Grill and saw local high school sports memorabilia everywhere I looked, I knew that I was in the presence of another hardcore Lansingite. Sports really aren’t my jam, but the Big Reds of J.W. Sexton High School most certainly are.

On that first visit, we started with an order of Tater Tots (\$8.99). Yes, the old-school lunchroom standby appears on the menu, and we ordered ranch seasoning as our tot flavor. Several bites in, we realized that we had mistakenly been given Cajun tots, but they sure were going down smoothly with our fizzy club sodas. When they said “Cajun,” they meant it. The tots could also have stood to be two minutes less blackened than they were.

As novices, we decided to order the namesake dishes from the menu. My Chicken Philly (\$8.99) was stuffed with grilled chicken and loaded with melted provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and onions. The bread was thick and hearty enough to stand up to the formidable toppings — something that’s important in a heavy sandwich.

His Steakhouse Philly (\$8.59) was similar to mine, with the addition of onions and subtraction of other vegetables. It was a bit dry and could benefit from a hearty hit of au jus or another sauce. Our favorite part of the evening, aside from reading about the Eastern vs. Central High School football game, were the Greek fries (\$6.99) which were well-seasoned, and topped with lots of crumbled feta cheese and oregano. Greek flavors are something that aren’t typically used in non-Greek food, but that’s a crying shame because they are flat-out delicious.

With that in mind, on our next visit we started with the Greek wings (\$8.99). The moment I got them, I remembered my love for this flavor combo. My first

thrill came from the fact that this is the entire chicken wing, not just the wimpy half that most places give you. Instead of either the drumette or the part with two parallel bones in it, the wingette, this is both pieces connected. The wings were slightly crispy, but oven-roasted and not fried. My second joy came from their seasoning. Oregano instead of buffalo sauce — I predict a food trend.

Again, Mr. She Ate and I chose to be dinner twins, this time switching from Phillys to gyros. To be fair, you could present me with a piece of sandpaper slathered with tzatziki sauce, and I would get four bites down of that cool, cucumbery nectar, before I noticed something was off. Tzatziki is a favorite of mine, and it solved the earlier issue of dry sandwiches beautifully.

I met a colleague for a weekday lunch, and we split a starter of Buffalo Greek wings (\$9.49). If I thought I was in love before, these sent me into



A Philly sandwich from Steakhouse Philly, paired with their feta-loaded Greek fries.

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## He ate

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The ambience of Steakhouse Philly is akin to “Cheers.” Everybody seems to know somebody. There’s an embedded sense of community about the place, underscored by clever marketing. They serve a special called The Muni, a nod to a close by municipal

baseball park. The Muni works this way: After a game, any uniformed player can get a Philly sandwich, fries and a beer for \$7.50. Smart.

Back in the ‘70s, I remember seeing, Steakhouse Philly’s predecessor, the Best Steakhouse restaurant, just a 10-minute walk from my college dormitory. Oddly, I never set foot inside. Now it’s more than 40 years later, and I realize I’ve missed out on some good eats for a very long time.

## She ate

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heart palpitations with the addition of buffalo sauce, but with the same hint of Greek flavors. I ate more than my share of these.

My colleague and I both ordered the Half Moon Hash (\$11.99), and I bet you can’t guess what it is from the item’s name. Imagine an omelet made of hash browns. Instead of an egg wrap, crispy hash browns are nestled around green pepper, grilled onions, shredded sharp cheddar cheese, fried eggs and a choice of meat; gyro meat in my case. The dish is huge, the meat was perfect and I love a restaurant that puts its own spin on something made with classic ingredients. Baby She Ate, expected to join us at the end of December, is turning me into a lunch monster, and I was close to joining the Clean Plate Club before I put my fork down and took a breath. Thankfully, I took the rest home and prevented myself from a surefire afternoon food coma.

I’m lusting after the souvlaki (\$12.99), the saganaki (\$7.99), and more Greek fries and wings. I love the local pride, the motley lunch crew and the location. Steakhouse Philly might just be one of my new favorite things about my old favorite town.

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This piqued my interest. I did away with apprehensions I may have had, ordered a glass, and I took a sip.

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If I learned anything with my quick craft-beer foray, it's that sometimes, risky flavors can pay off big time.

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