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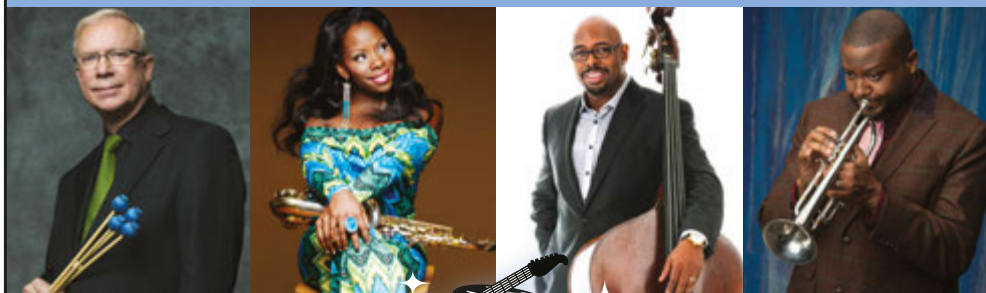


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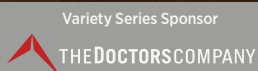


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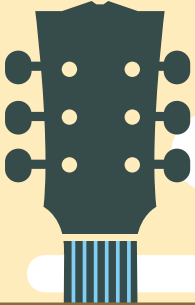
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Clarification

A column by Berl Schwartz in the March 16 issue about the Scott Center house controversy referred to stone in the adjacent sunken garden as being imported from Italy. The sunken garden has both a stone wall and stones scattered throughout the garden. Research indicates the garden stones, not the wall, may have been what was imported from Italy, not the stone used to make the wall. Research also indicates they may not be 115 years old, as the column said. They date back at least 81 years, however.

Further, City Pulse has been referring to the house itself as the Scott House, but that is a misnomer. The Scott family home that once sat on the property by the sunken garden was demolished in 1965. In 1978, the Jenison house was moved to the same property, which was known as Scott Park. The Jenison house, which the Lansing Board of Water & Light would like to move or demolish, is technically known as the Scott Center, although many people refer to it as the Scott House.

Notice is hereby given to the owners, lienholders, and other interested parties that the following described abandoned vehicles will be sold at auction for cash to the highest bidder at 12:30 pm, March 29, 2016 at 6615 Mobile Hwy Pensacola, FL 32526: 1991 Jeep Cherokee 1J4FJ87S5ML608933. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and the right to bid.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, April 13, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the 54 B District Court, Courtroom 1, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider a variance request from 1600 TCT, LLC for the property located at 1600 East Grand River Avenue, located in the RM-32, City Center Multiple-Family Residential District from the following requirement of Chapter 50 - Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

- a. Article V. Sec. 50-443(4)g1 - Building Setbacks, to allow the setback in the side (east) yard to remain 11 feet where 14 feet is required.
- b. Article V. Sec. 50-443(4)g1 - Building Setbacks, to allow the setback in the (south) rear yard to remain 11.8 and 18.8 feet where 20 feet is required.
- c. Article V. Sec. 50-443(4)h. - Minimum Distance Between Principal Buildings, to allow the existing buildings to be a minimum of 23 feet apart, where 31 feet is required.
- d. Article V. Sec. 50-443(4)e Ground Coverage, to allow 64.8% ground coverage where only 60% is allowed.
- e. Article VIII. Sec. 50-814(3) - Residential Parking, to allow front yard parking where none is permitted.
- f. Article VIII. Sec. 50-816(1) - Parking Space Size, to allow the existing parking spaces to all be smaller than the required nine feet wide and 20 feet deep. The size of the spaces varies throughout the site.
- g. Article VIII. Sec. 50-816(3) Yard Paving Restriction, to allow the amount of front yard paving on the site to remain at 54% where 25% is permitted.

The applicant is requesting the variances to allow the conversion of the existing extended stay hotel to a traditional apartment complex.

2. A public hearing will be held to consider an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Administrators interpretation; from Mark Grebner as it relates to the property located at 503 Park Lane, in the R-2, Medium Density Single-Family District, of the following sections of Chapter 50 - Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

Sections 50-853(1) and (3):

(1) A structure, the use of which does not conform to the use regulations for the district in which it is situated, shall not be enlarged or extended unless the use therein is changed to a conforming use.

(3) A nonconforming use may be extended throughout any parts of the structure which were manifestly arranged or designed for such use at the time of the adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, provided this extension was made within one year after the date of such adoption.

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.

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

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Unease with charges

Dunnings sex-crime arrest rankles African-American community

The arrest last week of Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings III has left leaders in the African American community confused and angry.

"I thought how he was portrayed in the LSJ and how gloating the state attorney general and sheriff were seems overboard," said the Rev. Melvin Jones, pastor of Union Missionary Baptist Church. He referred to the coverage as "convicted in the media," and "forgive this, a public lynching."

Dunnings, 63, was charged with 14 misdemeanors and one felony last week after a months-long investigation into allegations of his involvement in prostitution. He faces 10 charges for engaging the services of prostitutes, four charges for willful neglect of duty and one felony

While Jones and Clarke spoke freely about the impact of the charges against Dunnings, many others declined to comment for a variety of reasons, including feeling uncomfortable with speaking ill of a leader in the community.

Community members did express unease with Dunnings over his tough-on-crime prosecution stance, as well as his support for police officers involved in shootings.

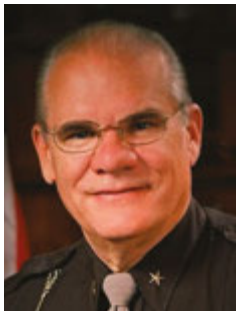
The announcement of the charges and the arrest of Dunnings, a Democrat, were made during a joint press conference by Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, a Democrat, and state Attorney General Bill Schuette, a Republican, leading some to conclude, wrongly, that

Wriggelsworth said he had worked closely with Dunnings, the top law enforcement officer in the county. He said Dunnings regularly attended his weekly sheriff leadership meetings. The two attended an event on the Thursday before Dunnings' arrest in Eaton County.

"Quite frankly, it was surreal," Wriggelsworth said. "I think he had to know I knew, but our relationship was pretty much like it had been in the past."

Interviews with public figures and others suggest some confusion about the charges against Dunnings. Some have conflated allegations that he had sex with trafficked women with the allegations that Dunnings is alleged to have enticed a woman into prostitution.

Two of those women, according to an affidavit in the case, were victims of human trafficking. Those two women would routinely show up for sessions with Dunnings with bruises on their bodies — and that, law enforcement has said, means he



Wriggelsworth

"Quite frankly, it was surreal." Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth on attending a function with Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings III several days before arresting him on prostitution-related charges. "He had to know I knew."



Dunnings

charge of pandering.

The shock and anger at the Dunnings arrest is part confusion and part betrayal. He is a leading figure in the black community and the most senior of elected black officials in the county. Derrick Quinney, who was appointed to the post of Ingham County register of deeds last year, is the only other black countywide official.

Civic and religious leaders throughout the city stressed that they wanted to see the legal process play out before they would judge.

"These are allegations, mind you," Jones said. "He has entered a plea of not guilty."

Lansing City Council President Judi Brown Clarke said she was "saddened" and "shocked" by the charges against Dunnings.

"This is so incredibly out of character," she said. "I don't know where the breakdown occurred."

She said the allegations were "counter-intuitive" to Dunnings' platform of "taking a strong stand against prostitution."

Schuette led the investigation. That misunderstanding led some in the community to level allegations of political prosecution in the case.

But Wriggelsworth called that "just pure hogwash" during an interview in his office in Mason.

"Well, clearly we didn't have a prosecutor to go to," he said. "I couldn't go to any of his assistants because they would have an obligation to report it to the boss. So we were pretty much bound to go to the AG's office. It was a case that clearly needed to be prosecuted in our opinion and they agreed — so here we are."

Wriggelsworth said the investigation began about July when federal authorities provided information from an investigation into human trafficking against Tyrone Smith. "We received information from women who were victimized — in my opinion," he said. "We have an obligation to investigate that. We did it. We presented it to the proper authorities. They issued warrants. We're more than willing to take this to trial and prove our case."

had to have been aware the women were being forced to perform sexual services against their will.

Another woman has accused Dunnings of enticing her into prostitution after he met her in his office about a child custody dispute. That woman alleges the only time she engaged in commercial sex was with Dunnings. Three other women are alleged to have been paid for sexual services by Dunnings, but whether they were victims of human trafficking is unclear.

"I didn't understand how you got from engaging the services of a prostitute to human trafficking," said Brown Clarke after the affidavit information was shared with her. "That makes more sense."

She and other leaders said they really did not know what to make of the charges, but they were watching carefully.

"I want to see what evidence they have," Brown Clarke said.

Even as the criminal cases against



Property: Auditorium Building/Fairchild Theater, East Lansing

Although not as well regarded culturally as the Wharton Center, the MSU Auditorium is more impressive architecturally. While the former building offers a large, blank façade to Wilson Road, its main entrance stands isolated beyond a parking lot. In contrast, the Auditorium fronts Farm Lane in the heart of the campus, with its primary entrance approachable across a broad lawn.

Elevations are arranged using classical vertical divisions, building upon a base composed of alternating bands of brick and stone. In the middle division, the cladding changes to brick set in a common bond, occasionally highlighted with stone coursing and window surrounds. At the parapet, the brick is laid in a nearly indiscernible diamond pattern.

The projecting entrance volume obscures the enormity of the great concert hall behind it. Pilasters separate the west elevation's three large window clusters, which are embellished with elaborate window tracery and bas relief carvings.

With primary seating that rivals its better known, cross campus counterpart, the building also houses the Fairchild Theater. Although this smaller venue is intended for more intimate performances, it is not content to turn its back to the campus and so bears the same details found on the main elevation, particularly the intricate window ornamentation.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

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Dunnings work themselves through the justice system, Wriggelsworth said there is more investigation to be done. Last week, he said, investigators in his office as well as in the Attorney General's Office received numerous tips related to the Dunnings' involvement with sex for pay. He also said a prisoner at the jail came forward with information as well, but that's a path he has been down before and it has not been fruitful, Wriggelsworth said.

He discounted suggestions that the investigation to date involved narcotics. City Pulse interviewed a prostitute who said Dunnings and his brother, attorney Steven

Dunnings, also charged with engaging the services of a prostitute, smelled of cat urine, often a telltale marker for methamphetamine. "There's no indication of that," said Wriggelsworth.

Investigators are trying to determine how Dunnings was able to afford thousands of dollars in expenses for hundreds of sexual trysts. Investigators say he paid \$140 to \$200 for each encounter and allegedly met with one sex worker as many as three or four times a week. He is also alleged to have showered the workers with gifts, and in at least one situation paid for methadone treatment.

Dunnings makes \$132,000 a year, the top salary of an elected county official.

— Todd Heywood 

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016** at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider the following:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Next Generation Investment Properties, LLC, for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the properties at 1301 and 1307 East Grand Avenue and 116-132 Spartan Avenue to construct a 6-story mixed-use building with commercial use on the first floor and five floors of residential above. Including street-level and underground parking to accommodate the entire proposal. The properties are located in the B-2, Retail Sales Business District.

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

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#16-085

CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1359

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 50-144 OF CHAPTER 50 - ZONING - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO ALLOW FOR AN INCREASE IN ALLOWED WINDOW WELL ENCROACHMENT INTO THE SETBACK

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1359 was adopted by the East Lansing City Council at the regular meeting of the Council held on March 15, 2016 and will become effective 7 days after the publication of the following summary of ordinance.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1359

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 50-144 of Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of East Lansing are hereby amended as follows:

- To allow for a window well to encroach up to 45% into the side yard setbacks.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1359 can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan during normal business hours.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On March 18 2016, the following minutes of the proceedings of the Meridian Township Board were sent for posting in the following locations:

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

February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

CP#16-084

Dunnings' wife files for divorce

Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings III has a new court battle — his wife of 37 years is suing him for divorce in Ingham County Circuit Court.

Cynthia Dunnings, 59, filed the action on Friday, four days after state and county law enforcement authorities announced that her husband had been charged with 14 misdemeanors and one felony related to allegations of his involvement with prostitutes.

She is being represented by Lansing attorney Jeffrey Ray.

The two, who were married on Oct. 22, 1977, have three adult children. Her maiden name is Cynthia Duda.

The complaint, which has been as-

signed to Judge Janelle Lawless, uses boilerplate language seeking the divorce.

"There has been a breakdown of the marriage relationship to the extent that the object of matrimony have been destroyed and there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved," the complaint reads.

She is seeking temporary spousal support as well as a restraining order preventing Dunnings from "transferring, wasting, or dissipating assets of the marital estate."

— Todd Heywood 

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of East Lansing in the Counties of Clinton and Ingham

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF BROWNFIELD PLAN #21 FOR THE CITY OF EAST LANSING PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381, 1996, AS AMENDED, OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Please take notice that a Public Hearing shall be held before the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing, MI 48823 on Brownfield Plan #21 for the City of East Lansing, within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The brownfield site includes three parcels: 1301 and 1307 E. Grand River Avenue, and 116-132 Spartan Avenue. The land contains several one-story buildings, including a former gas station. A detailed legal description of the property along with maps and a copy of Brownfield Plan #21 are available for public inspection in the Department of Planning, Building and Development, City of East Lansing, 517-319-6930.

Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing, at which all interested persons will be provided an opportunity to be heard and written communication will be received and considered. **The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, 517-319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-3777.**

Marie Wicks
City Clerk

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City of Lansing Notice of Public Hearing

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on March 28, 2016 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, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the making of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the land acquisition of the Lansing Boat Club parcel: 040-025-400-180-00. The vacant land parcel is a forested riverfront site located in southwest Lansing, Delta Township, but more particularly described as:

COM. 2250.8 FEET W FROM SE CORNER OF SEC. 25, N 190 FEE, N 11DEG 30MIN W TO GRAND RIVER, SWLY UP GRAND RIVER TO S LINE OF SEC. 25, E TO BEG. SEC. 25, T4N R3W.DELTA TWP.

Total project amount is estimated at \$90,000 of which 75% will be from the state grant.

Approval of this purchase will expand existing park land along the river already owned by the City of Lansing. Further information regarding this issue, may be obtained from Brett Kaschinske – Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Lansing, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, (517) 483-4042.

If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016 at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk
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CP#16-080

Why the payout?

Bernero administration dodges Council's city attorney questions

Want to know why former City Attorney Janene McIntyre left the city with a check for \$160,663?

Forget about it.

That's the message the administration of Mayor Virg Bernero delivered at a confusing, often befuddling — but mostly frustrating meeting of the City Council Committee of the Whole Monday night.

Despite repeated questions about how McIntyre obtained the payout despite a provision in her contract limiting severance payments to not more than four months' salary, Randy Hannan, Bernero's chief of staff, ducked inquiries like a kid on a dodge ball court.

"We're not able to discuss or disclose the details of confidential personnel matters," Hannan coolly told the Council Monday night. "You're free to ask, but our answers will be framed in what we can ethically or legally answer."

The payout deal Bernero signed with McIntyre included a provision penalizing either party if it "disparages" the other. The city also is citing "confidential," though unstated, personnel issues as reasons to cloak the details of the city attorney's departure and generous settlement.

The administration, prodded by Council members, has acknowledged that it cannot locate key documents related to McIntyre's employment. Also, after claiming last month that the city attorney works for the Council, the administration now says it doesn't. And still unanswered are questions about the full year of health coverage provided to McIntyre and other benefits.

McIntyre had been on Family Medical Leave — a form of unpaid leave from the city — since sometime in January. Council members, however, were not informed of that leave and it was not publicly acknowledged she was on leave until mid-February. During that time, the city hired the Lansing law firm of Dykema Gossett to handle negotiations with McIntyre for her to leave the city. The costs for this work is nearly \$10,000 on top

of the settlement agreement.

A separation agreement signed by Bernero and McIntyre on Feb. 25 resulted in the city issuing McIntyre two checks on March 4 as she walked out the door for the last time. One check, for \$127,567, covered her salary through the end of the year. The city also paid McIntyre \$33,096 for accrued vacation, sick and personal leave. The city is also picking up the tab for McIntyre's health insurance until Dec. 31 — at an undisclosed cost.

But those payments seem in conflict with provisions in her contract that limit severance payments to no more than four months.

"This was a settlement designed specifically within the four corners of that agreement," Hannan told an exasperated and frustrated Council.

The payments also appeared to compensate McIntyre for accrued vacation time that would be equivalent to that time being earned for her entire tenure.

"The math may not be what you think it is," Hannan told Council members before launching into a "hypothetical" scenario wherein a department head would take on the role of leading a second department and earn accrued vacation and other leaves equivalent to that.

But that doesn't comport with a 2015 contract extension for McIntyre — maybe.

Hannan and Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope testified that the executed contract with McIntyre from 2015 had been lost and was not on file in the City Clerk's Office as it should be. However, they were able to provide The Council with a draft of that agreement that Hannan assured Council members was "substantially" the same as the executed agreement.

That document shows McIntyre was to receive \$40,000 for performance as the interim human resources director, as well as \$147,805 a year for her performance as the city attorney. The draft contract has no language related to accrual of vacation and other leave time. That is dictated by the Executive Management Agreement, which is required by law and approved by the Council each year. It provides for 120 vacation hours each year.

That contract extension was drafted to expire on June 30, 2015, six months into the

Protest at State of the City

Todd Heywood/City Pulse



Fourth Ward City Councilmember Jessica Yorke displays a t-shirt reading "Niowave Lies" while she waits in the lobby of the Niowave Corp.'s airport building before Tuesday night's State of the City speech by Lansing mayor Virg Bernero. She and neighbors of Niowave's headquarters in the Walnut Neighborhood wore the shirts to protest a pole barn built there by Niowave. Yorke donned a jacket over the shirt after Chief of Staff Randy Hannan admonished her to "keep it covered." But when she joined Bernero on stage during his televised address, Yorke opened her jacket, allowing the shirt to be partially visible.

calendar year. It is unclear if a second extension was issued, or if the date of expiration was changed in the signed — and lost — contract.

Councilmember-at-Large Carol Wood said officials got "double talk from hell" but no answers from Bernero.

"I walked out with more questions than I had before the meeting," she said.

Over the next few weeks, members of the Council will meet individually with Deputy

City Attorney Joseph Abood — whom Bernero wants to appoint interim city attorney — to review a confidential legal opinion from Dykema Gossett attorneys related to the separation agreement. Based on those reviews, Council will reconvene to discuss whether it needs to hire outside legal counsel to further address the situation and find answers.

— Todd Heywood

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Misplaced priorities

East Lansing's historic Taco Bell is where preservationists should focus

Where are the outcry, the petitions, the citizen rallies to preserve a unique slice of East Lansing's architectural history?



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While forces in Lansing are agitating to save Eastern High School, railing about Board of Water & Light plans for a substation on the site of the "historic" Scott house on Malcolm X Street and bemoaning the loss of the now closed Emils and nearby buildings on Michigan

Avenue, East Lansing is woefully silent on the potential loss of its landmark Taco Bell in the heart of the downtown business district.

What makes the Taco Bell historic? Even

to the casual observer it is unlike any other building along Michigan Avenue, a 20th century artifact, a harbinger a fast-food culture that shaped the lives of generations of Michigan State University students.

Is it worth preserving? Certainly it is more distinctive than the mixed-use high-rise planned for the site. The National Park Service provides a list of architectural characteristics to help identify buildings with irreplaceable value to their communities. Consider how its guidelines apply to the Taco Bell.

"Every old building is unique, with its own identity and its own distinctive character. Character refers to all those visual aspects and physical features that comprise the appearance of every historic building. Character-defining elements include the overall shape of the building, its materials, craftsmanship, decorative details, interior spaces and features, as well as the various aspects of its site and environment."

Certainly the Taco Bell is distinctive. The building's design alone proclaims its iden-

ity. It needs no sign to herald its function.

The shape of the 2,100 square-foot Taco Bell — a characteristic outlined by the Park Service — certainly qualifies. With its arched windows and mission style roofline, its blazing red sloping metal roof, the faux adobe brick facade, with shutters framing the Grand River Avenue street entrance, the building if lost to the community will not be duplicated.

But there is more to historic preservation than architecture.

"There are many other facets of an historic building besides its functional type, its materials or construction or style that contribute to its historic qualities or significance. Some of these qualities are feelings conveyed by the sense of time and place or in buildings associated with events or people," says the Park Service.

To ask those who have attended MSU about Taco Bell is to unleash a flood of memories — cheap dates and cheap food. And quick.

These aren't to be dismissed. The Park Service outline on historical buildings continues:

"A complete understanding of any property may require documentary research about its style, construction, function, its furnishings or contents; knowledge about the original builder, owners, and later occupants; and knowledge about the evolutionary history of the building."

We know that the Taco Bell was built in 1972, designed as a fast food restaurant. The company operated from the location until the mid-2000s, when it moved to the ground floor of a soulless apartment complex opposite Bailey Street. We also know that more modern stand-alone Taco Bells retain some of the characteristics of their forerunners but struggle with modernity.

If this preservation oversight weren't happening in East Lansing, it would be tempting to attribute the snub to the anti-Mexican rantings poisoning the presidential primaries. But East Lansing is an immigrant friendly community and supports many international cuisines.

Why not embrace this diversity? Where better to site a museum of international foods than the Taco Bell? The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, just across the street, could benefit from a companion with a more accessible mission.

East Lansing is facing another preservation challenge at the Tasty Freeze a mile east of the Taco Bell. This one-of-a-kind building is empty and seeking a tenant, always a bad sign. The land is more valuable than the building.

But tired as it is, the Tasty Freeze, like the Taco Bell, with its extensive glass windows, colorful roof, broad blue banding and iconic sign, is unique with a distinctive character, materials and site. It bespeaks summer nights to generations. It will not be duplicated. Besides, what might replace it? More apartments.

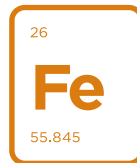
Another serious preservation threat is in Lansing, the now defunct A&W Restaurant at the intersection of Saginaw Highway and Cedar Street.

The A&W sign was removed earlier this month, but the bright orange roof and brown trim identify what was one of three restaurants at the busy corner. Only Rally's Fast Food remains. The former Arby's at the southeast corner has been remodeled beyond recognition. Preservationists weep.

The A&W Restaurant, like other fast food providers, proclaimed its identity boldly. There is no mistaking it for a McDonald's or Burger King. And there is actually more to the building than hot dogs, floats and burgers. The arrowhead design provides a covered entrance and protection for drivers. An arched entrance repeats the arrowhead theme. The colorful metal roof is functional and ornamental. As with the other threatened structures, the A&W is unique.

They convey what the Park Service calls a sense of time and place or a building associated with events or people. Can we say the same about the Scott house?

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'Imperfect boat'

Experts balance anger and hope over Flint water crisis

If a March 16 panel of medical and policy experts is any indication, the next injury inflicted by the Flint water crisis will be whip-lash from the conflicting urges to look backward and forward.

The downtown Lansing forum, hosted by MSU's Institute for Public Policy & Social Research, featured Flint pediatrician and MSU Professor Mona Hanna-Atisha, one of the researchers who blew the whistle on Flint's lead-poisoned water.

Hanna-Atisha focused on long-term solutions to Flint's health, poverty and education problems. But she didn't conceal her anger over the events of the past two years.

"Every agency that was supposed to protect [the people of Flint] failed," Hanna-Atisha said. "They raised concerns but their concerns fell on deaf ears."

"The water was brown. It tasted gross, it smelled gross, it looked gross," she said. "People were complaining. They went to town hall meetings with these jugs of water and they were arrested. Nobody listened be-

cause nobody was accountable for them."

Ari Adler, spokesman for Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, opened the forum by announcing that Flint had "turned a corner" from "emergency" to "crisis."

"We still have a serious problem in Flint where people cannot turn on the taps in their homes and get safe water," he said.

Adler called the crisis "a perfect storm of bureaucratic processes that weren't working properly."

"Everyone's responsible for it," Adler said. "The governor's trying to get everyone involved in fixing it."

Adler praised the panel as "tremendous," but he didn't linger to bask in its wisdom. "I want to get out of the way," he said, and left the room.

Adler's "perfect storm" image rubbed some panelists the wrong way.

Janice Beecher, an MSU professor and director of MSU's Institute of Public Utilities, said it was more of an "imperfect boat."

"I want to be careful about the perfect storm analogy, because it holds us blameless," Beecher said.

Beecher, an expert on utility infrastructure and pricing, said that people, not pipes, were the primary problem in Flint.

"It's astonishing to see the points of fail-



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Mona Hanna-Atisha, the doctor who helped expose lead poisoning in Flint water, laid out plans for a "model" public health program at a policy forum March 16 in Lansing.

ure," Beecher said. "We saw denial of urgency in the face of very clear empirical information that was being presented. This was an operational and regulatory failure first, and only then a failure of infrastructure."

Federal and state regulators are often maligned, Beecher said, until something goes wrong.

"Flint is now the quintessential example of that," Beecher said. "Institutional failure has consequences — loss of security, trust and sometimes lives."

Beecher said she is especially alarmed at Flint's "very, very high" water rates.

All utility bills, she said, are regressive because they hit low-income people harder than middle- or high-income people.

"You simply don't use rates as a taxing mechanism to support city finances," she said.

Panelist Joshua Sapotichne, an assistant professor of political science at MSU, broke his scholarly cool to bristle at Adler's opening remarks.

"We can do a lot better than simply saying this was a failure at all levels or a perfect storm," he said.

Sapotichne and a team of grad students have been studying the fiscal impact of state policies on the "local financial distress" of cities for two years. The study, funded largely by the C.S. Mott Foundation, began before the Flint water crisis came to light.

Sapotichne said his team studied every city in the nation and found that "Michigan sets its cities up for fiscal failure." He faulted a wide range of state policies, from cuts in state aid to property tax assessment limitations to unfunded mandates for providing services.

"It's hard to be a city, from a financial standpoint, in the state of Michigan," he said.

After exhaustive research, Sapotichne said, his team found that "no other state so aggressively excludes local input" on decision-making.

Sapotichne found it "telling" that on April 29, 2015, the state made a \$7 million loan to Flint's emergency manager, on the condition that the city not switch back to using Detroit water. He called the loan a "flashpoint" in the Flint water crisis timeline.

Hanna-Atisha talked about the damage done by lead poisoning, laying out medical research she and her MSU colleagues pub-

lished in the February issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Lead poisoning, she said, costs the United States \$50 billion to \$100 billion a year in decreased lifetime earnings, special education costs, criminal justice costs and medical treatment costs. She said it costs Michigan \$5 billion to \$6 billion a year, "and this is all preventable."

In Flint, she said, "the pipes are healing but the water is not safe yet."

"The 18 months of corrosive, untreated water severely damaged our infrastructure," she said. "It's like drinking through a lead painted straw. You never know when a piece of that scale is going to come off and go into the drinking water."

To offset the potential medical, cognitive and behavioral damage to Flint's children from lead poisoning, Hanna-Atisha said her pediatric team has submitted a wide-ranging set of "evidence-based" recommendations covering education, nutrition and health to state and federal governments and private funders.

She is pushing for several nutrition programs, including public education on nutrition, cooking classes "focused on lead" and longer term projects such as mobile grocery stores, breast feeding support and the expansion of WIC, the U.S. Agriculture Department's federal assistance program for women, infants and children.

She said the U.S. Health and Human Services Department has already authorized funding for expanded Head Start in Flint and U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., has introduced a bill that would provide universal Head Start for Flint children.

"We have a unique opportunity to build a model public health program," Hanna-Atisha said. "We hope to serve as a model for the nation."

She pointed out that two independent researchers — herself and Marc Edwards of Virginia Tech — blew the whistle on high lead levels in Flint water.

"Two land grant universities, outside of government, were the checks and balances to government," she said.

— Lawrence Cosentino



PUBLIC NOTICES

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GOTHAM, METROPOLIS AND ... EAST LANSING? BROAD ART MUSEUM MAKES CAMEO IN 'BATMAN V SUPERMAN'

By TY FORQUER

One of Greater Lansing's most recognizable buildings makes its big-screen debut this weekend.

"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," which opens nationwide this weekend, features at least one scene filmed at East Lansing's Broad Art Museum. It includes the DC Comics "trinity" of Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman (played by Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill and Gal Gadot, respectively). The museum is even featured in the film's two official trailers.

"When the first trailer came out, people were really excited," said Whitney Stoepel-Brewer, director of public relations for the museum. "It blew up on social media. It was getting retweets for weeks."

Organizing the filming meant coordinating multiple MSU departments and Warner Bros. staffers. Heading up the operation on the MSU side was Kevin Epling, Big Ten Network associate producer and MSU's manager of university photography and videography.

While the Broad Art Museum scenes for "Batman v Superman" were shot in October 2014, the process began earlier.

"It started because I worked with someone back in 2012 who was working on one of the 'Transformers' movies," Epling said.

The assistant from the "Transformers" movie was looking for interesting buildings on MSU's campus. While nothing came of these discussions, one of the buildings Epling highlighted was the Broad Art Museum. The same assistant worked on "Batman v Superman," and

he suggested the Broad as a filming location. Representatives from the film came out to scout the museum in early 2014, and that's when things really got rolling.

"It had a long gestation period," Epling said.

The angular, spaceship-like appearance of the Broad has been a divisive issue since the building was dropped into the campus' historic East Circle Drive area in 2012. Its distinctive look, however, is what made it an appealing filming location.

"It was fun to walk through the Broad with (director) Zack Snyder and his top people and look at all the angles and look at the architecture," Epling said. "I think that's what really drew them to this site. We have this work-of-art building on our campus, and this is our chance to showcase that to a lot of people."

"We're already a landmark in our own right," added Stoepel-Brewer. "This just solidifies it. I'm excited that people are talking about the museum."

Scheduling the shooting meant juggling the schedules of both the Broad Art Museum and the cast and crew of the film. Most of the filming was done at night to minimize the impact on the museum.

"We started conversations with the movie crew months before they were here," said Stephanie Kribs, Broad Art Museum director of facilities. "The Broad is a valuable building. We wanted to make sure we could keep everything safe and protect the integrity of the museum and the art."



Photo Courtesy Warner Bros.

Left to right: Clark Kent (Henry Cavill), Lex Luthor (Jesse Eisenberg) and Bruce Wayne (Ben Affleck) meet in a scene from "Batman v Superman" that was shot at the Broad Art Museum.



Photo Courtesy Warner Bros.

MSU film liaison Kevin Epling (center) poses with "Batman v Superman" director Zach Snyder (left) and production designer Patrick Tatopoulos.

"Stephanie and the staff at the Broad did an excellent job in figuring out what timeframe could be accommodated," Epling added. "It didn't affect our ability to showcase the art."

Kribs said she and her staff were on hand "24/7" to assist the filming crew.

"The day-to-day operations with the union workers couldn't have gone better," she said. "They were great to work with."

The filming at the Broad pulled in about 200 extras from the Greater Lansing community who put in 10-to-12-hour overnight shifts for the chance to be in the movie. Security was tight to prevent details from the movie getting out.

"Cellphones were not allowed near the set," Epling explained. "They had all the usual security in place. They definitely kept the extras in the dark."

Epling also worked as an extra in the movie, which he describes as the "icing on the cake." He was excited to see the Broad in the film's official trailers.

"I think I saw a glimmer of myself over Henry Cavill's shoulder," he said.

Epling, like the other extras, knows very little about the film's plot or where the scenes at the Broad fit in. From

the trailers, though, a few details have emerged.

"It's the first meeting between Clark Kent and Bruce Wayne," he said. "I'm assuming it's a pivotal point."

While Epling said there have been "nibbles" from other high-profile films looking at MSU as a filming location, "Batman v Superman" is the biggest movie he has worked with. The filming gave several MSU students a chance to work on a big-budget film in make-up and costuming crews, as security and even as assistants to the film crew. MSU police were involved to help direct traffic and block off roads, and MSU facilities helped to create a temporary base camp for the film crew south of campus.

"It's always fun to coordinate something that big," Kribs said. "I'm not eager to leave East Lansing for the film industry in Hollywood, but I really enjoyed it."

For Epling, it was inspiring to see so many parts of the university work together through the filming.

"President (Lou Anna) Simon always talks about 'Team MSU,'" he said. "This was a perfect team that came together to pull this thing off."

CURTAIN CALL

Fun and games ‘She Kills Monsters’ delivers nerdy fun, strong performances

By PAUL WOZNAK

Unlike real life, it’s virtually impossible to die in a roleplaying game. There are spells and extra lives — or if things really get hairy, you just restart the game. But what happens if you die and your game character is all that’s left behind? That’s the core idea behind Qui Nguyen’s “She Kills Monsters,” a quirky, nerd-culture comedy staged by Ixion Theatre. The production values are low, but the humor is sharp, and the play has plenty of heart.

After 15-year-old Tilly Evans (Storm Boyer) dies in a car accident, her older

sister, Agnes (Katy Kettles), stumbles across a “Dungeons & Dragons” quest written by Tilly. Unlike a diary, this quest must be played to unlock its secrets. This requires other players and a “dungeon master” to oversee the quest.

Enter Tobin Bates as Chuck “Dungeon Master” Biggs, a cocky but hilarious high school nerd who brings the quest’s world — and Tilly’s character — to life. Agnes is joined on the quest by Lillith (Monica Tanner), Kalliope (Danica O’Neill) and a host of other characters. As Agnes delves into the fantasy game world, she learns about her late sister — and herself.

By far, the strongest aspects of this production are the stellar performances by the cast. Bates is perfect as Chuck, the quintessential gaming nerd who is the master of his own domain. With preposterous dialogue and personality to match, Bates could easily turn Biggs into a cartoon caricature. But instead, he makes Biggs feel like a real person. Tanner, O’Neill and Allison Simmons, as the evil fairy Farrah, have a similar challenge, playing the live-action version of

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Tilly’s fantasy characters. Fortunately, everyone plays their characters straight without falling into campiness.

Costume and prop designer Sadonna Croff deserves credit for the sharp “cosplay” costumes. Lillith and Kalliope, particularly, look like Amazonian warrior princesses as imagined by a 15-year-old, complete with mystical battle weapons. Fight choreographers John Lennox and Ian Griffin staged some fairly elaborate battles. On the other hand, other technical and multimedia elements, such as a spotlight and short video clips, feel cheap and distract from the production. It’s clear that the cast and crew are working hard with what they have.

Overall, director Jeff Croff keeps his production light and flowing. The energy dips in some scenes, but the audience at Saturday’s sold out show was locked in. You don’t need to be a gamer to enjoy “She Kills Monsters,” you just need to be open to fun.

Can’t turn away ‘Motortown’ an unflinching look at psychological toll of war

By MARY C. CUSACK

“Motortown” is not the kind of play that one likes, in the same way one shouldn’t like a film like “A Clockwork Orange.” Admire, certainly, but like? Nope. Lansing Community College’s production is one of the more risky and challenging plays produced in the area in recent years, and it pulls no punches.

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Danny (Michael Boxleitner) is a British soldier who has just returned from duty, and the play focuses on his disorienting first day home. The play opens with his brother, Lee (Heath Sartorius), warning him that his former girlfriend, Marley (Anna Raymo), is frightened by the letters Danny wrote her and has asked that he not contact her. The next thing he does, of course, is to track her down at a local café. Her rejection sends him into an epic downward spiral.

He attempts to arm himself, which lands him in the company of the truly psychotic Paul (Todd Heywood) and his teenage companion, Jade (Hannah Janelle Price). Paul unloads his opinions about everything that is wrong with the world while simultaneously reveling in his immoral relationship with the 14-year-old girl. Danny is repulsed by the relationship, but it seems he is particularly disgusted by Jade's detached acceptance of her role.

It is difficult to continue summarizing the plot without destroying the tar-thick tension that builds as Danny unravels. It is not pleasant, and the ending will not



Courtesy Photo

Danny (Michael Boxleitner, left) and Jade (Hannah Janelle Price) deal with the psychological fallout from Danny's military service in LCC's production of "Motortown."

satisfy many viewers. It will, however, give them much to discuss and debate on the way home (for a shower) or the near-bar (for a shot).

Director Andy Callis has assembled an outstanding cast who make the unlikeable characters mesmerizing. Sartorius

does a 180-degree turn from the confident businessman he portrayed earlier this year in "Never Swim Alone." His Lee, who is likely somewhere on the autism scale, is a sweet nebbish, uncomfortable in his own skin but more self-aware than people give him credit for.

Boxleitner has shed any last remnants of the adolescence with which he arrived at LCC. He is lean and angular, and his eyes are laser beams of anger, barely softening even when he soothes Lee. His Danny is chaotic in word and deed, acting out of pure id with no plan or exit strategy. (There may be a metaphor here, considering he was stationed in Iraq.)

Paul is the polar opposite. While his speech is full of venom, his delivery is as hypnotic as a cobra's stare. Paul stalks the stage, circling Danny and winding him up with his rat-a-tat rants. Heywood brings a phenomenally creepy charisma to the role. One doesn't like what Paul has to say, but one can't look away, either.

Playwright Simon Stephens has created a work that investigates the intersection of genetic mental illness, post-traumatic stress disorder and violence. Danny's actions are a culmination of childhood victimization, rejection and isolation, as well as the effects of the war on his fragile and damaged psyche. The complex background is there in the script, requiring the audience to pay close attention to every seemingly throw-away comment. A second viewing may not be any more enjoyable than the first, but it would certainly help in unraveling Danny's unraveling.



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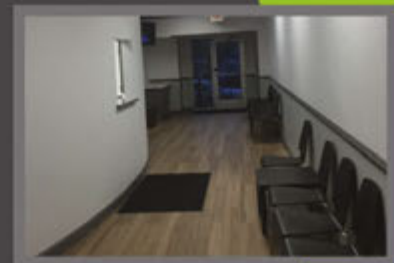
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East and west side story

MSU, China Conservatory team up for double opera bill

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Sunday afternoon at MSU's Fairchild Theatre, a stage full of singers, half of them American and the other half Chinese, danced away to the music of Leonard Bernstein, with the skyline of Manhattan projected behind them. The footwork was fine, but some of them forgot the cherry on top — a jaunty Yankee tip of the hat.

"The Savage Land" and "Bernstein Sings America"

MSU Opera Theatre, China Conservatory of Music
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23; 8 p.m. Friday, March 24-Saturday, March 25; 3 p.m. Sunday, March 27
\$20/\$18 seniors/\$5 students
Fairchild Theatre
542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing
(517) 353-5340, music.msu.edu

Director Melanie Helton, watching from the back of the hall, didn't have the patience to go through a translator this time.

"Da-da-da-da-da-da-da-da, hat!" she trilled through a loudspeaker.

"I think they got it," she said to the translator.

This year, a 10-year-old program that brings together singers from MSU and Beijing's China Conservatory of Music has reached its apotheosis: two full-on operas, one from each country.

The Chinese opera is "The Savage Land," a moody, broody saga of love and revenge with a rich, Puccini-esque score. The American half is a salvo of exuberant, romantic tunes by Leonard Bernstein.

It's a daring exercise in tension and release. The sweet strangeness of the result has to be seen to be grasped.

The opera world is already international by nature, but this is another level entirely. It makes your head spin when a Chinese soprano sings "I Am Easily Assimilated" from Bernstein's "Candide," affecting English with a Bulgarian accent and tossing off lines like "in Spain I am Spanish" with a slide of Ellis Island behind her.

The Bernstein revue stuffs a bouquet of tunes from "On the Town," "West Side Story," "Wonderful Town" and Bernstein's only full-length opera, "A Quiet Place," into a loose storyline that "sort of ends with world peace," Helton said. For a big finish, the casts of both operas join for the tear-jerking "Make Our Garden Grow," complete with bilingual calls for peace and love.

"I tell them it's their 'We Are The World' moment, even though they're too young to remember that," Helton said.



Courtesy Photo
Chen Tan and Schyler Sheltroun face impending doom with fortitude in the Chinese half of the bill, an edited version of Jin Xiang's 1987 opera "The Savage Land."

Helton performed a similar revue, with Bernstein himself, as an undergraduate.

What would Bernstein have thought of Chinese sailors singing "New York, New York" and bounding off to Battery Park to pick up American women?

"He would have loved it," she said.

Helton wanted all the "love couples" in the Bernstein revue to be Chinese/American partners, a logistical nightmare that took her hours to work out.

The whole project is a mixed marriage. The MSU-Beijing vocal exchange program, brainchild of MSU professor of voice Richard Fracker, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Fracker and Helton decided it was time for a mashup with another annual uvula rite, MSU's spring opera.

The MSU students spent last week in China, rehearsing and performing both operas. (The good will generated by the project may even offset Donald Trump's threat of a 45 percent tariff on Chinese goods.)

"My favorite moment was when we met our Chinese counterparts," said MSU soprano Quinn Rulison. "They gave us hugs instantly, there were no boundaries. You could feel the energy in the air."

The last of three performances nearly filled Beijing's 2,000-seat National Centre for the Performing Arts, which Helton called China's equivalent of Carnegie Hall.

"Opening night, when we finished the big opening number, 'New York, New York,' the crowd went nuts," MSU senior Aaron Petrovich said.

Rulison watched in amazement as the Chinese cast assimilated the raucous joy of Bernstein, building from solid dance moves (learned from a video of MSU stu-

dents) and painstaking phonetic memorization.

"It probably started with mimicking, but as soon as we were together, they definitely picked up on the American spirit and were able to convey it," Rulison said. "Now that they're here, it's moving to another level of feeling."

MSU singers faced the same daunting job learning "The Savage Land" by Chinese composer Jin Xiang, a master blender of Chinese and Western styles of music.

"It's very loud and tuneful, and very range-y for the singers," Helton said. "The baritone has multiple high A's, which you wouldn't hear even in Verdi."

Not only do the MSU students have to sing the Mandarin text, there is also spoken dialogue, and that's savage exposure. They got help from MSU grad student Zaikuan Song, a native of Beijing who first came to East Lansing from the Chinese side of the vocal exchange in 2012.

"In the singing part, we have a melody,

so it sounds fine, but the dialogue sounded a little bit un-human, like a robot," Song said. "The China Conservatory students helped them make it facile, bring emotion, change the pitch and make it alive."

Song likes to describe music in colors. "'The Savage Land' is about revenge," he said. "I'd color it red, the color of love and blood. It's a sad story."

The version used in the MSU-Beijing project, edited from two and a half hours down to one hour, was approved by Xiang before his death last December. Xiang's widow attended one of the Beijing performances last week.

In Beijing, Song helped MSU students communicate with their Chinese counterparts, both on and off stage. This week, he'll keep busy explaining the mysteries of Crunchy's, HopCat and Pizza House to the Chinese cast.

"When we eat, I'm the one to tell them what food is in there," he said. "It's kind of like being a babysitter, but I enjoy it."



Courtesy Photo
Left to right, Alina Tamborini, Cong-Ju Song, Xinmu Cao and Keleigh Koch flirt and frolic in the Leonard Bernstein half of the joint Beijing-MSU double bill.

Looking for Michigan's poet

Local poets renew push for a state poet laureate

By BILL CASTANIER

*God, there is nothing as beautiful as a jumpshot
on a reservation summer basketball court
where the ball is moist with sweat,
and makes a sound when it swishes
through the net
that causes Walt Whitman to weep because
it is so perfect.*

— From Alexie Sherman's "Defending Walt Whitman"

In just over a week, March Madness will give way to National Poetry Month, which celebrates its 20th anniversary on April 1. Write a poem. Light some candles.

Shout it from the mountain top. But don't ask Michigan's poet laureate to recite a poem. We don't have one — but it's not for lack of trying.

"Michigan, My Michigan"

Poetry reading

7 p.m. Thursday, March 31

FREE

Lansing City Hall
124 W. Michigan Ave.,
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Poets across the state have been asking the legislature and governor for years to establish the post. They've come close a couple times, with bills moving through the legislature but then hitting a wall.

Eight local poets, members of the Lansing Poetry Club, are once again rallying poetry enthusiasts to make the case for a state poet laureate. On March 31, the eve of National Poetry Month, the group will read poems with the theme "Michigan, My Michigan" in the lobby of Lansing City Hall. The event, which is free and open to the public, kicks off at 7 p.m.

Poet Dennis Hinrichsen, who taught literature and poetry at Lansing Community College, has been a longtime advocate for a state poet laureate.

"Michigan has some fabulous poets," he said. "A poet laureate would help get kids and teachers involved in poetry, rather than just reading poems in class. You could integrate poetry into other disciplines, get kids to be creative, to be more

open minded and more flexible. Poetry requires a different kind of reading than a Facebook page."

Hinrichsen, a Lansing resident, has authored of several books of poetry. His most recent, "Skin Music," was released in December. For the March 31 event, Hinrichsen will read a poem that reflects on his 30 years of living two blocks from the Grand River.

"In 30 years, I have crossed it (in a car), paddled it and walked across it," he said. "The motion of the water has always been with me."

Other poets reading at the event are Ruelaine Stokes, Joyce Benvenuto, Meecha Griffin, Dan Matson, Drew Prosch-Jensen, Suzanne Love, Paige Sawdy and Eric Crosley. Lansing Poetry Club member Len Petersen will make a presentation on the history of the club, which was founded in 1938.

The poetry event is presented in conjunction with the Historical Society of Greater Lansing's latest installment of its rotating City Hall exhibit, "Lansing Has Fun." In April, the exhibit celebrates Lansing clubs, societies and fraternal groups. The Poetry Club is one of Lansing's oldest active civic groups.

Most states, 45 out of 50, to be exact, have a poet laureate position. But you have to go back to the mid-1950s to find Michigan's first — and only — poet laureate.

English-born poet Edgar A. Guest (1881-1959), who held that honor, wrote a poem a day for the Detroit Free Press from the 1920s to the 1950s. His poems often found their way into scrapbooks and plastered on refrigerators. Guest, however,

never attained the popularity of another Michigan poet, Will Carleton (1845-1912) who was often called "the farmer's poet" or the "poet of Michigan."

A Michigan native and graduate of Hillsdale College, Carleton's popularity skyrocketed after the publication of "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse," which described the conditions in the local poorhouse. During his heyday, Carleton was also publisher of his own literary journal, humbly titled "Will Carleton's Magazine: Everywhere." After his death, the state legislature passed Public Act 51 of 1919, which required public school teachers to teach at least one of his poems and named his birthday, Oct. 21, Will Carleton Day.

Michigan has not named a poet laureate since Guest. Two Michigan poets, however, Robert Hayden and Philip Levine, have served as the nation's poet laureate.

Over in East Lansing, the MSU Center for Poetry, which is closing in on its 10th year, has lined up a month long Spring Poetry Festival. Offerings include an edible book contest, readings of poetry in non-English languages and readings by nationally recognized poets like Tarfia Faizullah and Robin Coste Lewis. A full listing of events is available at poetry.rcah.msu.edu.

Stokes, an instructor at MSU's English Language Center and an active figure in the local poetry scene, describes poetry as "essential to life." She believes that a state poet laureate would provide a greater awareness in the public about the importance of poetry.

"It can be an important ally as we go about our life in the world," Stokes said.

SCHULER BOOKS & MUSIC

Capitol City Writers Association Meeting

Wed., April 6 from 7-8:30 pm
Eastwood Towne Center location

Capital City Writers is a professional association for career-focused writers in and around Lansing, Michigan. Founded in 2013 by four professional writers, the organization is designed to provide support and learning opportunities for working and aspiring writers in their publishing pursuits. This month's subject is *Characters All Stories Need*. Meetings are open to the public. www.capitalcitywriters.org

Rally of Writers Warm-Up

Friday, April 8 @ 7pm
Eastwood Towne Center location



We are pleased to present the kick-off of the annual Rally of Writers Conference, with a talk titled *From Mickey to Maus* with Randy

Scott, Comic Art Bibliographer and Assistant Head of Special Collections at Michigan State University. Randy oversees MSU's epic comics special collection, which is the largest of its kind in the world, and this presentation is open to the public. For more information on Rally of Writers, the longest running conference in Michigan, visit www.arallyofwriters.com.

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Or, if you are the same Daniel-san, but in the 1987 Nintendo game based on the movie, it means punching and kicking your way through four levels of Cobra Kai fighters and other obstacles, stopping along the way to catch some flies with chopsticks and break blocks of ice.

So what does this have to do with the 2016 Top of the Town contest? Well, to achieve Top of the Town glory, Greater Lansing people/places/businesses must punch and kick their way through two levels of voting to emerge victorious. (I'm speaking metaphorically, of course. At least until we add a Best Local MMA Fighter category.)

So check out the categories and last year's winners in this issue, then head over to lansingcitypulse.com/tott2016 and get started. If you'd prefer a paper mail-in ballot, contact Suzi Smith at (517) 999-6704 or suzi@lansingcitypulse.com. (She's also your contact if you have problems voting online.)

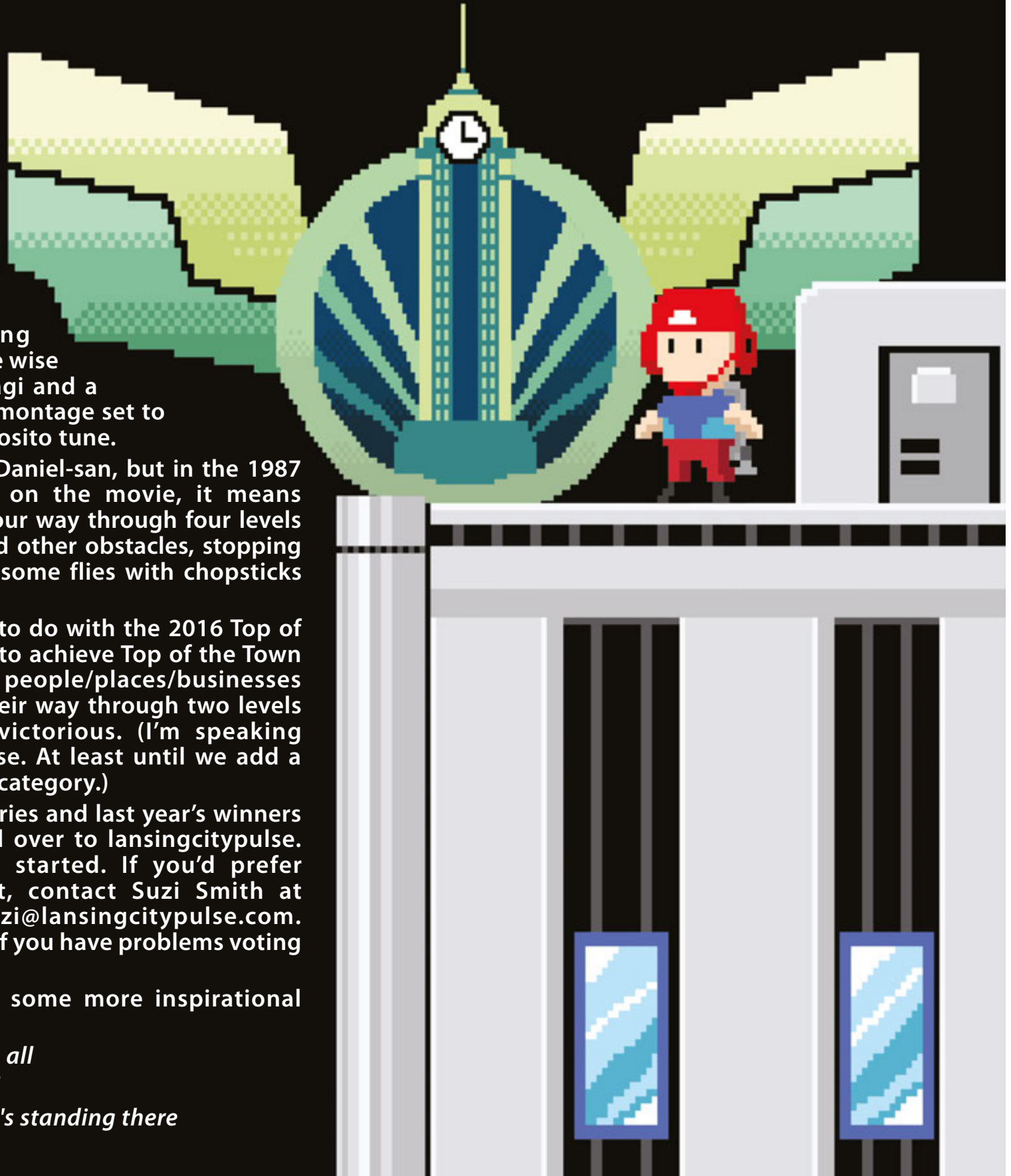
Let me leave you with some more inspirational words from Esposito:

Try your best to win them all

And one day time will tell

When you're the one that's standing there

You'll reach the final bell!



2016 CATEGORIES

THE RULES

Like previous years, the contest is broken up into two rounds. In the first round, which runs from now until April 12, you can write in your own choices or choose people/places/businesses that have already been submitted. We started the contest this year by automatically adding the Top Five from the 2015 contest.

IMPORTANT: If the business you are nominating has more than one location, be sure to specify which location, such as "Cedar Street" or "West Lansing." In categories like Best Bartender or Best Massage Therapist, be sure to list the person and the business he/she works for.

On May 4, we whittle the list down to the top five in each category, and those five battle it out in a Final Five runoff contest until May 17. Nominees keep their votes from the first round.

Winners are announced in the June 1 issue of City Pulse!

And we'll celebrate those winners at a Top of the Town Awards party on June 11 as part of the first-ever City Pulse River Rock Concert at Adado Riverfront Park.

There are seven main categories and 122 subcategories. You must vote in at least 15 subcategories to have your votes count. You may spread your 15 votes through multiple main categories. You can only submit one entry per email address, so don't hit that "finalize" button until you've voted in all the categories you wanted to.

Winning a Top of the Town award means major bragging rights for locals, so be sure to support your top picks through both rounds.

BEST LOCAL MUSIC

- Cover Band
- Classical Musician
- Club DJ
- Folk Band/Artist
- Hip-Hop Group/Artist
- Jazz Musician
- Radio Station
- Rock Band/Artist

Turn it up to 11

Well, eight, actually. We've doubled the number of music categories, giving you more ways to recognize your favorite local musicians. We've split best original band into three categories: Best Folk Band/Artist, Best Rock Band/Artist, Best Hip-Hop Group/Artist. We've also added categories for Best Classical Musician and Best Jazz Musician.

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- Auto Repair
- Bank/Credit Union
- Barber Shop
- Bicycle Shop
- Car Wash/Detailing
- Chiropractor
- Dance Studio
- Electrical
- Gym/Fitness Studio
- Heating/Cooling Co.
- Hotel/Bed & Breakfast
- Laundromat/Dry Cleaners
- Lawyer/Law Firm
- Library Programming
- Maid Service
- Nail Salon
- Pet Care/Services
- Photographer
- Plumber
- Salon/Spa
- Tanning Salon
- Tattoo Parlor
- Vet Services
- Wedding Vendor
- Yoga Studio

Just a little off the top, please

We've shaved Best Barbershop off from Best Salon/Spa category so you can give some love to your favorite barber.

BEST WHATEVER

- Annual Event/Festival
- Eye Candy (place)
- First Date Place
- Local Outing with Friends
- Local Theater Group
- Marijuana Dispensary
- Worst Eyesore (place)

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BEST PEOPLE

- Audiologist/Hearing
- Bartender
- CATA Bus Driver
- Local Advocate/Activist
- Local Comedian
- Local FM/AM Radio Personality
- Local TV News
- Personality
- Massage Therapist
- Restaurant Wait Staff
- Seamstress/Tailor
- Uber Driver
- Best Local/State Politician
- Worst Local/State Politician

Race to the bottom

From bungled crisis responses to adulterous legislators to mysterious buyouts, the race for Worst Local/State Politician is wide open this year. On a more positive note, we've reinstated the Best Local/State Politician category, which was unintentionally left out of last year's contest.

Übermensch

Do you Uber? We're acknowledging the popular ride-sharing app with a brand new category, Best Uber Driver. Nominate the guy or gal who gets you home from the bar safely or gets you to the airport on time.

BEST DINING

- Asian Buffet
- Bakery
- BBQ
- Breakfast
- Burger
- Chinese
- Cocktails
- Craft Beer Selection
- Dessert
- Diner
- Fish Fry
- Fries
- Greek
- Ice Cream Shop
- Italian
- Mediterranean
- Mexican
- New Restaurant
- Pizza
- Sandwich/Deli
- Seafood
- Steak
- Sushi
- Thai
- Upscale Dining
- Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten-Free Options

All you can eat

For this year's contest, we've taken out the generic Best Asian Cuisine and added Best Chinese and Best Asian Buffet. We're also giving restaurants a chance to spotlight their healthy offerings with a brand new Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten-free Options category.

BEST HANGOUTS

- Biggby
- Coffee Shop (non Biggby)
- Dance Bar
- For Students
- Gay/Lesbian Bar
- Happy Hour
- Karaoke
- Lansing-area Brewery
- Lansing-area Distillery
- Movie Theater
- Music Venue
- Open-Mic Night
- Patio
- Place to Take Kids
- Pub/Tavern
- Spartan Sports Hangout
- Sports Bar
- Vacation Spot in Michigan

To B or not to B?

You can't swing a cat in this town without hitting a Biggby. Last year, we realized that the coffee B-hemoth was dominating the Best Coffee Shop category. In an attempt to give the little guys a chance, we spun the Biggbys off into their own category. Now you can vote for your favorite Biggby location, as well as your favorite non-Biggby java stop.

BEST SHOPPING

- Antique Shop
- Art Gallery
- Beer Selection
- Bookstore
- Butcher
- Candy Shop
- Consignment/Thrift Shop
- Convenience/Liquor Store
- Florist
- Gardening Center
- Gift Shop
- Indoor Grow Shop
- Jewelry Store
- Local Clothing Store
- Local Grocery Store
- Michigan Made Wine
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1. Strange Matter Coffee Co.
2. Starbucks
3. Espresso Royale

Biggby

1. 2006 S. Cedar St., Holt
2. 120 W. Ottawa St., Lansing
3. 115 W. Allegan St., Lansing

Dance Bar

1. Green Door
2. Spiral
3. Dublin Square

Gay/Lesbian Bar

1. Spiral
2. Zoobie's
3. Sir Pizza Grand Café (Old Town)

Karaoke

1. Crunchy's
2. Sir Pizza Grand Café (Old Town)
3. Leroy's

Happy Hour

1. Zoobie's
2. Houlihan's
3. HopCat

Lansing Area Brewery

1. Midtown Brewing Co.
2. EagleMonk
3. Bad Brewing Co.

Lansing Area Distillery

1. Red Cedar Spirits
2. American Fifth Spirits
3. Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale



Movie Theater

1. NCG Eastwood Cinemas
2. Celebration! Cinema
3. Studio C!

Music Venue

1. The Loft
2. Green Door
3. Wharton Center

Open Mic Night

1. Dagwood's
2. Green Door – Comedy Night
3. Tripper's Comedy Club

Patio

1. Waterfront Bar & Grill
2. Peanut Barrel
3. El Azteco

Place to Take Kids

1. Impression 5
2. Potter Park Zoo
3. Lansing Lugnuts

Place to Walk Dog

1. Soldan Dog Park (Hawk Island Park)
2. Lansing River Trail
3. In my neighborhood

Pub/Tavern

1. Zoobie's
2. Dagwood's
3. Crunchy's

Spartan Sports Hangout

1. Buffalo Wild Wings
2. Spartan Hall of Fame Café
3. Crunchy's

Sports Bar

1. Buffalo Wild Wings
2. Crunchy's
3. Nuthouse

Vacation Spot in Michigan

1. Traverse City

2. Mackinac Island
3. Upper Peninsula

DINING

Asian

1. Maru
2. Sansu
3. Ukai (Westside)

Bakery

1. Roma Bakery
2. Bake N' Cakes
3. Great Harvest Bread Co.

BBQ

1. Meat
2. Famous Dave's
3. King of the Grill

Breakfast

1. Golden Harvest
2. Fleetwood Diner
3. Soup Spoon Café

Burger

1. Crunchy's
2. Five Guys
3. Dagwood's

Cocktails

1. Zoobie's
2. Houlihan's
3. Soup Spoon Café

Craft Beer Selection

1. HopCat
2. Zoobie's
3. Crunchy's

Dessert

1. MSU Dairy Store
2. Grand Traverse Pie Co.
3. Bake N' Cakes

Diner

1. Golden Harvest
2. Fleetwood Diner
3. Lou & Harry's

Fish Fry

1. Claddagh
2. Blue Gill Grill
3. Eastside Fish Fry

Fries

1. HopCat



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- 2. Five Guys
- 3. Dagwood's

Gourmet

- 1. Soup Spoon Café
- 2. Capital Prime
- 3. Dusty's Cellar

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- 3. Olga's Kitchen

Indian

- 1. Sindhu
- 2. Sultan's
- 3. Swagath

Italian

- 1. DeLuca's
- 2. Cugino's
- 3. Bravo!

Mediterranean

- 1. Woody's Oasis (Trowbridge Road)
- 2. Zaytoon
- 3. TIE between Aladdin's and Sultan's

Mexican

- 1. El Azteco
- 2. Cancun
- 3. Los Tres Amigos

New Restaurant

- 1. The Cosmos
- 2. Black Cat Bistro
- 3. Longhorn Steakhouse

Pizza

- 1. DeLuca's
- 2. Cosmos
- 3. Jet's Pizza

Sandwich/Deli

- 1. Jersey Giant
- 2. Soup Spoon Café
- 3. Jimmy John's

Seafood

- 1. Mitchell's Fish Market
- 2. Red Lobster
- 3. Sansu

Steak

- 1. Capital Prime

- 2. Texas Roadhouse

- 3. Knight Cap

Sushi

- 1. Sansu
- 2. Maru
- 3. Al Fusion

Thai

- 1. Bangkok House
- 2. No Thai!
- 3. Taste of Thai

LOCAL MUSIC

Cover Band

- 1. Starfarm
- 2. Soulstice
- 3. Hot Mess

Original Band

- 1. Root Doctor
- 2. Frog & the Beeftones
- 3. Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle

Club DJ

- 1. DJ Rachael
- 2. DJ John Cruz
- 3. DJ Face

Radio Station

- 1. 97.5 NOW FM
- 2. 88.9 The Impact
- 3. 94.1 The Edge

PEOPLE

Bartender

- 1. Caitlan — Zoobie's
- 2. Craig — Mac's Bar
- 3. Kevin — HopCat

CATA Bus Driver

- 1. Ron De Leon
- 2. Lamarr Braggs
- 3. Colleen Whalen

Local Advocate/Activist

- 1. Rick Preuss
- 2. Barb Byrum
- 3. Carol Wood

Comedian

- 1. Virg Bernero
- 2. Melik Brown

- 3. Dwayne Gill

Local FM/AM Radio Personality

- 1. Josh Strickland (97.5)
- 2. Banana Don & Stephanie McCoy (100.7)
- 3. Deb Hart & Joey Pants (94.9)

Local TV News Personality

- 1. Jane Aldrich (WLNS)
- 2. Andy Provenzano (WILX)
- 3. Sheri Jones (WLNS)

Massage Therapist

- 1. Creative Wellness
- 2. Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute
- 3. Angela Joseph

Restaurant Wait Staff

- 1. Golden Harvest
- 2. Soup Spoon Café
- 3. Meat

Seamstress/Tailor

- 1. Nu the Tailor
- 2. Liz's Alterations
- 3. Silver Thread Tailor Shoppe

Travel Agent

- 1. AAA Michig an
- 2. Kathy at Apple Vacations
- 3. Classic Travel

Worst Local/State Politician

- 1. Gov. Rick Snyder
- 2. All of them
- 3. Virg Bernero

BEST SERVICES

Accountant

- 1. Simplified Tax
- 2. H&R Block
- 3. Heather Cook

Audiologist/Hearing

- 1. Fluke Hearing
- 2. Mid-Michigan Ear, Nose and Throat
- 3. Advanced Audiology, DeWitt

Auto Repair

- 1. Belle Tire
- 2. Frankie D's
- 3. Brogan's

Bank/Credit Union

- 1. MSUFCU



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2. Lake Trust

3. LAFCU

Bicycle Shop

1. SPIN Bicycle

2. Riverfront Cycle

3. Velocipede Peddler

Carwash/Detailing

1. Kwik Car Wash

2. Fast Eddie's

3. Showroom Shine

Chiropractor

1. Creative Wellness

2. Delta Chiropractic Center

3. Rassel-Daigneault Family Chiropractic

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1. Bohnet Electric

2. Hager Fox

3. Capitol Electric Co.

Gym/Fitness Studio

1. Planet Fitness

2. YMCA

3. Michigan Athletic Club

Heating/Cooling

1. Hager Fox

2. A-1 Mechanical

3. Applegate Home Comfort

Hotel/Bed & Breakfast

1. English Inn

2. Wild Goose Inn

3. Kellogg Center

Laundromat/Dry Cleaners

1. Baryames

2. Sunshine Laundromat

3. Maurer's

Lawyers

1. Abood Law Firm

2. Aaron Matthews at Clark Hill

3. Sinas Dramis Law Firm

Library Programming

1. Capital Area District Libraries

2. Delta Township District Library

3. East Lansing Public Library

Maid Services

1. Molly Maid

2. Merry Maids

3. Helping Hands

Movers

1. Two Men and a Truck

2. Your Friends Moving Services

3. U-Haul

Nail Salon

1. Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute

2. Jenny Nails

3. Polished Nail Salon

Pet Care/Services

1. Preuss Pets

2. Doggy Daycare

3. Annabelle's Pet Station

Photographer

1. McShane Photography (Jena McShane)

2. Decadence Dolls (Autumn Luciano)

3. Studio M (Marvin Hall & Mary Gajda)

Plumber

1. Michigan Plumbing

2. Meridian Plumbing

3. Hedlund Plumbing

Salon/Spa/Barbershop

1. Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute

2. Head Room Salon

3. Matthew Ryan Salon

Tanning Salon

1. J2 Tanning

2. Tanzmania

3. Pacific Tan

Tattoo Parlor

1. Fish Ladder Tattoo Co.

2. Splash of Color

3. Liquid Tattoo

Vet Services

1. Patterson Veterinary Hospital

2. Miller Animal Clinic

3. Riverfront Animal Hospital

Wedding Vendor

1. Becker's Bridal

2. Fantastic Finds

3. David's Bridal

Yoga Studio

1. Just B Yoga

2. Hilltop Yoga

3. East Lansing Hot Yoga

SHOPPING

Antique Shop

1. Mega Mall

2. Lamb's Gate Antiques

3. Antiques Market of Williamston

Art Gallery

1. Broad Museum

2. Lansing Art Gallery

3. TIE – Absolute Gallery & Katalyst Gallery

Beer Shop

1. Horrocks

2. Oade's Big 10

3. Big 10

Bookstore

1. Schuler – Eastwood

2. Barnes & Noble

3. Curious Books

Butcher

1. Mert's Specialty Meats

2. Merindorf (Mason)

3. Horrocks

Candy Shop

1. Fabiano's

2. Peanut Shop

3. Horrocks

Consignment/Resale Shop

1. Kellie's Consignments

2. Volunteers of America

3. 2nd Time Around Convenience/Liquor Store

1. Quality Dairy

2. Oade's Big Ten (Kalamazoo St.)

3. Big Ten (Grand River)

Florist

1. Horrocks

2. Smith Floral

3. VanAtta's

Gardening Center

1. Horrocks

2. VanAtta's

3. Christians' Greenhouse

Gift Shop

1. October Moon

2. Kean's

3. Mackerel Sky



Indoor Grow Shop

1. VanAtta's

2. H2O

3. Capital City Grower Supply

Jewelry Store

1. Becky Beauchine Kulka

2. Medawar (Frاندor)

3. Su Casa Boutique

Local Clothing Store

1. Grace Boutique

2. Kohl's

3. Curvaceous

Local Grocery Store

1. Horrocks

2. Meijer

3. Kroger

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1. Chateau Grand Traverse

2. Horrocks

3. Leelanau Cellars

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1. Horrocks

2. Old Town General Store

3. Grand Traverse Pie Co.

Music Instrument Store

1. Elderly Instruments

2. Marshall Music

3. Music Manor

Organic Natural Shopping

1. Horrocks

2. Foods for Living

3. Better Health Store

Pawn / Secondhand

1. Dicker and Deal

2. Goodwill

3. Volunteers of America

Pet Store

1. Preuss Pets

2. Soldan's

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3. Pet Supply Plus

Produce/Farmers Market

- 1. Horrocks
- 2. Allen Street Farmers Market
- 3. Meridian Township Farmers Market

Record Store

- 1. Flat, Black & Circular
- 2. Record Lounge
- 3. Schuler Books & Music

Wine Store

- 1. Horrocks
- 2. Dusty's Cellar
- 3. Vine & Brew

WHATEVER

Annual Event/Festival

- 1. Common Ground Music Festival
- 2. East Lansing Art Festival
- 3. Be a Tourist in Your Own Town

Eye Candy

- 1. MSU Campus



- 2. Old Town
- 3. Broad Art Museum

First Date Place

- 1. Old Town
- 2. Soup Spoon Café
- 3. DeLuca's

Local Outing with Friends

1. Lansing Lugnuts

- 2. Zoobie's
- 3. Painting with a Twist

Local Theatre Group

- 1. Riverwalk Theatre
- 2. Wharton Center
- 3. Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

Marijuana Dispensary

- 1. Best Buds
- 2. Danny Trevino
- 3. Emerald City

Vanity Plate

- 1. MSU
- 2. EEK A BUG (on a VW Beetle)
- 3. DEEZNUTS

Worst Eyesore

- 1. Panhandlers on every corner
- 2. Potholes
- 3. All vacant, run-down houses

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Wednesday, March 23

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Practice Your English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Quick Healthy Meals and Snacks. Nutritional workshop. RSVP required. 11:30 a.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos.

Going to Market - Internet Marketing for Farmers and Artisans. Course on online sales and marketing. Call or register online. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Charlotte City Hall, 111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. (517) 483-1921, sbdcmichigan.org.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Matthew Gavin Frank. Co-sponsored by Dept. of English and MI Writers Series 1 p.m. MSU Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-1932, centerforpoetry.wordpress.com

MUSIC

MSU Opera Theatre: The Savage Land and Bernstein Sings America. 7:30 p.m. \$20/\$15/ students FREE. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/ZDxnv.

EVENTS

Senior Discovery at ANC. With Commissioner Brian McGrain. 10 a.m.-noon FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

Dental Health Month Storytime. Guests read about good dental habits, hand out cleaning aids. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-021.

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It's raining men

Courtesy Photo

Trumpeter/vocalist Benny Benack III leads a lineup of vocal talent Friday at "Nighthawks," a fundraiser concert for the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

After two years of putting the spotlight on Greater Lansing's female vocal talent, Ben Hall decided that it was time to highlight some male jazz singers at this year's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival fundraiser.

"We have never done anything that was male-vocal focused," said Hall. "I kind of feel that the men get overlooked a little bit in jazz music."

This year's fundraising concert, "Nighthawks," features a roster of local and national vocalists. Hall, who is organizing the fundraiser, also coordinates the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

"The theme, the name of the fundraiser, is 'Nighthawks,' which is meant to touch on night life and the male jazz voice," Hall said.

The concert's headlining performer is Benny Benack III, a New York-based trumpeter/vocalist. Benack, 25, is a rising star in the jazz world.

"Benny Benack he has won just about every jazz trumpet contest that's out there," Hall said. "He is extremely charismatic and a lot of fun to watch"

Benack, who grew up in Pittsburgh, comes from a long line of performers.

"I come from a very musical

family," Benack said. "My mother teaches voice at Carnegie Mellon, a top music theater program. My grandfather, the first Benny Benack, was a jazz trumpet player and my father, Benny Benack II, played saxophone. There is definitely a lineage in my family. I started playing very young."

When it came time for Benny Benack III to pick an instrument, it was not a tough decision.

"In my case, the trumpet chose me," Benack said. "We had all these trumpets of my grandfather's laying around. My parents put his instruments in my hands, and I never looked back."

Benack recently earned a master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music. He's already played famous jazz clubs like the Blue Note and Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, but he has a new goal in mind for this year.

"I am focusing on recording my first album as a solo artist," Benack said. "It is an important step, because it announces to the world what you have to say musically"

Benack is joined Friday by Greater Lansing singers Freddie Cunningham and Dee Hibbert. Hall,

who recently competed at Memphis' International Blues Challenge as half of blues duo Stan & Ben, will also sing a few numbers.

A quartet led by bassist Rodney Whitaker will provide the musical backdrop for Friday's performers. Whitaker, who is director of MSU's jazz studies program, is also artistic director of the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival.

"We are very fortunate to have (Whitaker) here," Hall said. "He really is a local treasure. If people haven't seen him, they need to get out and see."

Benack performed at the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival in 2014 and is excited to be coming back to play with Whitaker.

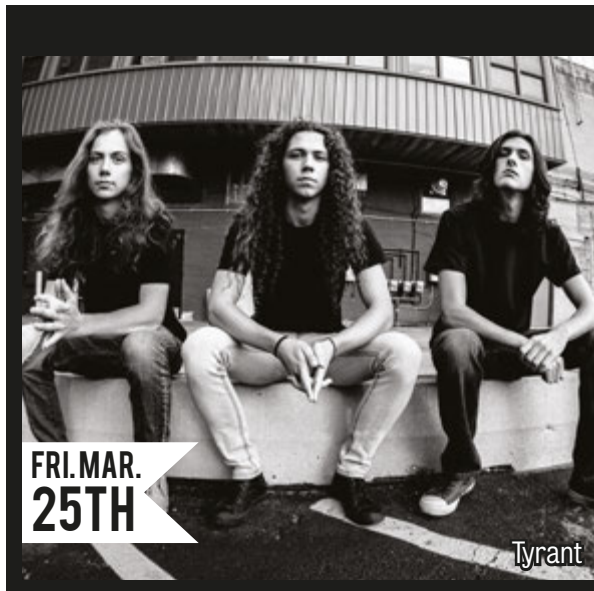
"I grew up admiring Rodney and hearing him on recordings of trumpet players that I admired," Benack said. "As far as the jazz world is concerned, Rodney Whitaker is one of the living legends of the bass."

"Nighthawks"
7 p.m. Friday, March 25
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FRI. MAR. 25TH

TYRANT RECORD RELEASE AT THE LOFT

Friday, March 25 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$12, \$10 adv., 8 p.m.

Lansing-based thrash-metal outfit Tyrant releases its new EP, "Black Hand," Friday at the Loft. The all-ages show also includes sets from the Revenant, Aphotic and Heed the Assailant. Tyrant, which comprises brothers Philip Winters (guitars/vocals) and Andrew Winters (drums) and bassist Anderson Creager, formed in 2011. In February 2012, the power-trio released its "Jaws of Agony" demo and followed it up in late 2014 with the "Purge" EP. The band spent last year gigging across the state, honing a blistering signature sound that spans from lightning fast guitar solos to dark, ambient breakdowns. Fans of early Metallica, Sepultura, Slayer or Megadeth may want to check out this mosh-friendly release show.

PATTY LARKIN AT THE TEN POUND FIDDLE



FRI. MAR. 25TH

Patty Larkin

Friday, March 25 @ Ten Pound Fiddle – Community Music School, 4930 Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing. \$20, \$18 members, \$5 students. 7:30 p.m.

Since her 1985 debut LP on Philo Records, "Step Into the Light," Patty Larkin has developed a reputation for her distinct vocals and masterful jazz-influenced guitar playing. Her sound has been described as "folk-urban pop music." Her long career has seen many high notes, including her 2010 LP, "25," a record celebrating a quarter century playing Americana music. The disc includes guest spots from Shawn Colvin, Suzanne Vega and Mary Chapin Carpenter, among others. Larkin performs Friday at the Ten Pound Fiddle. The folk scene mainstay will play songs from her catalog of 11 studio albums, including her most recent, 2013's "Still Green." All Music Guide applauded "Still Green" for its "witty but heartfelt take on life, love and the world." Meanwhile, Rolling Stone magazine praised Larkin for her "evocative and subtle sonic shading."

THE DRUNKEN CUDDLE AT THE AVENUE CAFE



THU. MAR. 24TH

The Drunken Cuddle

Thursday, March 24 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. \$7, 8 p.m.

The Drunken Cuddle, a stripped-down Denver-based country-punk duo, debuted in 2013 with its whiskey-fueled LP, "Can We Stay With You Tonight?" In 2014, the pair — Erik Arvoy (guitar/vocals) and Katie Sternig (drums) — dropped their sophomore disc, the 13-track "Alligator Shoes" LP. Since then, the touring road warriors have become a fixture on the indie outlaw country circuit, churning out loud and belligerent stompers along with some genuine acoustic ballads. Fans of Larry and His Flask or Two Cow Garage might want to check out the Drunken Cuddle Thursday when the band headlines the Avenue Café. Opening the show is Joe Fox, frontman of Lansing's own the Devil's Cut. Also on the bill is Elliott Eremita, a St. Johns-based indie-punk songwriter.

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LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Drunken Cuddle, 8 p.m.	Open Mic, 8 p.m.	The Ruppel Brothers & Co., 8 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.		DJ Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		Rachel Curtis, 8 p.m.
Brookshire, 205 W. Church St.			Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	
Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Dr.			Bobby Standall, 8:30 p.m.	Bob Schultz, 8:30 p.m.
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.	Karaoke, 8 p.m.			
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		New Rule, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Jackalope, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Darb's, 117 S. Cedar St.		Karaoke, 8 p.m.		The Tenants, 9:30 p.m.
Dublin Square, 327 Abbott Road				Cheap Dates, 10 p.m.
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke with DJ Jamie, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	DJ Brendan, 9 p.m.	DJ Fudgie, 10 p.m.
Ellison Brewery, 4903 Dawn Ave				Jen Sygit, 8 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Live Blues w/ The Good Cookies, 7 p.m.	Skoryoke Live Band Karaoke, 8:30 p.m.	Showdown, 9:30 p.m.	Showdown, 9:30 p.m.
Gallery Brewery, 143 Kent St.	Artzy Phartzy Night, 5 p.m.	Open Mic, 7 p.m.	Alistair, 7 p.m.	Kevin Schaffer, 7 p.m.
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	Stagetime Best Of, 7:30 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Soulstice, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave.			Rachel Curtis, 5:30 p.m.	
Leroys, 1526 S. Cedar St.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.			Tyrant Record Release Party, 8 p.m.	Between Days, 6:30 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.			Lights and Caves, 8 p.m.	Hollow Earth, 7 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Electrocats, 9 p.m.	Second Nature, 9 p.m.	From Big Sur, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road			Oxymoron, 7 p.m.	Rush Clement, 7 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Kathy Ford Band Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.		Life Support, 7 p.m.	New Rule, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Chris Laskos, 7 p.m.	Bobby Standall, 7 p.m.
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Taylor Shannon, 8:30 p.m.	Taylor Shannon, 8:30 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Old Hats, 9 p.m.	Riff Raff, 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 8 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Open Mic, 6 p.m.	The Strangers, 7 p.m.	Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	Alex Mennenhall, 6 p.m.

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7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25

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Genealogy Organization presented by Ken Howe. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. mngs.wordpress.com.

Mother Son Dance. For boys 2+ and adult female of their choice. 7-9 p.m. \$10/\$12 non-residents. Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov/parks.

Three Cheers for Chickens Storytime. Ages 3-6 enjoy storytime with feathered guest. 12:15-1 p.m. FREE. CADL Stockbridge, 200 Wood St., Stockbridge. (517) 851-7810, cadl.org.

ICAGS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions. All animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Noon to 6 p.m. Ingham County Animal Control, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370.

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

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

Allen Street Farmers Market – Indoors. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Thursday, March 24

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Gentle Mat Yoga. Basic class on a mat provided by you. 9:45-10:45 a.m. \$56/\$40 members for seven weeks; \$10/\$7 members for one week. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

In and Out of Text: Creative Writing. Class for reading and producing creative works. For grades 7-12. Register online. 4:45-5:45 p.m. FREE. Building Twentyone, 1288 N. Cedar St., Mason. (517) 889-5103, ow.ly/Yu96k.

Spanish Conversation Group. All ability levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All experience levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrffc.com.

Discovery of Gravitational Radiation from Merging Black Holes. With guest speaker Ed Loh. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Abrams Planetarium, 400 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 355-4676, abramsplanetarium.org.

Forum on 21st Century Policing. All community members welcome. Email blacklivesmatterlansing@gmail.com for info. 6-8 p.m. Lansing Public Media Center, 2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing.

Rebounding. Trampoline exercises. 11 a.m.-noon \$80/\$64 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

Shamanic Education and Healing Clinic. Talk and demos on contemporary shamanism. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$5-\$10. Willow Stick Ceremonies, 1515 W. Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 3, Lansing. (517) 402-6727, willowstickceremonies.com.

The Science and Magic of Epilepsy Treatment. Presentation by Kenneth Laxer, M.D. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Kellogg Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing.

MUSIC

MSU Wind Symphony. 7:30-9 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/students FREE. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 353-

5340, ow.ly/Zh1Vy.

Open Mic @ The Colonial Bar & Grill. Weekly bring-your-own-instrument open mic. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. The Colonial Bar & Grille, 3425 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 882-6132.

EVENTS

Averill Woods Neighborhood Association Meeting. Topic: Lansing Pathway Promise Presentation. 7-8 p.m. Averill Elementary School, 3201 Averill Dr., Lansing. averillwoods.org.

Bath Township Farmers Market. Vendors and live music. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road, Bath. (517) 809-4433, shopbfm.org.

Book Bingo. Kids play bingo with favorite books. 3:45-4:45 p.m. FREE. CADL Williamston, 201 School St., Williamston. (517) 655-1191.

Current Events. Monthly discussion group. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. For ages 4-10. Call or register online. 8:30-9 p.m. \$5. Gier Softball Fields, 2400 Hall St., Lansing. (517) 483-6029, lansingmi.gov/parks.

Free Blood Pressure Check. 11:15 a.m.-noon. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Get Your Business Found on Google Search & Maps. Learn how to set up Google My Business. Call to register. 6-7 p.m. FREE. CADL Leslie, 201 Pennsylvania St., Leslie. (517) 589-9400, cadl.org.

Ladies Silver Blades Figure Skating Club. Lessons and practice. All skill levels welcome. 9:30-11:20 a.m. \$5/\$2 skate rental. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing.

Mason Codependents Anonymous. A fellowship to develop healthy relationships. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Mason First Church of the Nazarene, 415 E. Maple St., Mason. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Pinterest Basics. Learn how to sign up for, use and maximize a Pinterest account. 6:30-7:45 p.m. FREE. CADL Webberville, 115 S. Main St., Webberville. (517) 521-3643, cadl.org.

Start Here Get there Transfer Fair. College fair with reps from 35+ universities. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. lcc.edu/uc/getthere.

Tabletop RPG Night. Roleplaying games with pen and paper. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351.

ARTS

Electronic Dreams Reception. Artist reception with light refreshments. 4:30-6 p.m. FREE. Lookout! Gallery, 362 Bogue St., East Lansing. (517) 884-6290, ow.ly/ZD3yN.

Pop-Up Stories: Lucky Break. Evening of community storytelling. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. ow.ly/ZD2W4.



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Friday, March 25

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Aux Petits Soins. French immersion class for ages 0-12. See web for specific times for each age group. \$15/\$12 students. 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Suite F, Lansing. (517) 643-8059, facebook.com/auxpetitssoinsllc.

MUSIC

Nighthawks: A Fundraiser for the Summer Solstice Jazz Festival. 7-8 p.m. \$30/\$60 V.I.P. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 319-6980, ow.ly/ZDsmA.

MSU Opera Theatre: The Savage Land and Bernstein Sings America. 8 p.m. \$20/\$15/students FREE. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/ZDXnv.

Spring Concert with ACTION. Classical music from local students. 3-4 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

THEATER

Motortown. Complex and provocative look at the human costs of war. 8-9:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 students. Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1546, lcc.edu/showinfo.

Twelve Dancing Princesses. Story from the Brothers Grimm adapted for stage. 7 p.m. \$7/\$5 seniors and students. Happendence Studios, 3448 Hagadorn Road, Okemos. mmft.org.

EVENTS

Minecraft Game Night. Ages 8-15 of all skill levels play together. Call or register online. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363, cadl.org.

Pink Floyd: The Planetarium Show. 10-11 p.m. \$4/\$2 members. Abrams Planetarium, 400 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 355-4676, abramsplanetarium.org.

Skywatchers of Africa. Planetarium show. 8 p.m. \$4/\$3.50 students and seniors/\$3 children. Abrams Planetarium, 400 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 355-4676, abramsplanetarium.org.

StoryTime. Ages 2-5 years enjoy stories and

songs. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

TGIF Party. Dance party. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$13. Hawk Hollow Banquet Center, 15101 S. Chandler Road, Bath.

Saturday, March 26

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lean In Lansing. Professional development group for women. 9-11 a.m. FREE. Register online for location. leaninlansing.com.

Mid-Winter Saturday Stretch. Comfortably-paced guided stretching. 10-11 a.m. \$7 per class/\$18-27 for 3 sessions. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. lansingmi.gov/parks.

Militant Self-Care Workshop. Workshop on self-care and self-love. 1 p.m. \$25. Heartdance Studio, 1806 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. ow.ly/Zh2KS.

Soil Care in Home and Community Gardens. Course on healthy soil for gardens. RSVP required. 12:30-2 p.m. \$5-\$10 suggested donation. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. ow.ly/ZDwod.


Tai Chi at Allen Market Place. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Meet Author Doc Fletcher. Expert discusses canoeing and kayaking college campuses. 10-11 a.m.


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She Kills Monsters by Qui Nguyen. Play about loss and geekdom. 8-10 p.m. \$15. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington St., Lansing. (517) 775-4246, ixiontheatre.com.

EVENTS

Downtown East Lansing Chili Cook-Off. Vote for the town's best chili. 1-4 p.m. FREE. Downtown East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/721/Downtown.

Bunny Hop & Easter Egg Hunt. Live music, easter eggs, dancing and bunnies. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive Lansing. (517) 483-7460, ow.ly/ZDySU.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Capitol. Egg scramble, raffle, and visits with the Easter Bunny. 10-11:30 a.m. State Capitol Building, 100 Capitol Ave., Lansing. ow.ly/ZG8AE.

Irondog 5K Race. Proceeds support animals at

MSU Veterinary Medical Center. 10 a.m.-noon. MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, 736 Wilson Road, East Lansing. ow.ly/ZFtxJ.

Minecraft-Free Play. Ages 8-15 game together. Call or register online. 2-4 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021, cadl.org.

2nd Annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt and Kids Eggstravaganza. Proceeds benefit Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund. 2-4 p.m. \$5 kids/\$12 dogs. Hawk Island Park, 1601 E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. (517) 974-2638, ow.ly/ZG6d1.

Up-cycled Coffee Bags. Ages 8 and up make bags from recycled material. Register online. 2-4 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org/register.

Great Girls of Michigan Family Saturday. Hunt for hidden objects and facts in the museum. 1-3 p.m. \$3/\$2 students/FREE for ages 5 and under. Michigan Women's Historical Center, 213 W. Malcolm X St., Lansing. michiganwomen.org.

Sunday, March 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Charlotte Yoga Club. Beginner to intermediate levels. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. ALIVE, 800 W. Lawrence Road, Charlotte. (517) 285-0138, charlottesyoga.net.

Juggling. Learn to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pump House, 368 Orchard St., Lansing. (517) 485-9190.

MUSIC

MSU Opera Theatre: The Savage Land and Bernstein Sings America. 3-6 p.m. \$20/\$15/ students FREE. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/ZDXnv.

EVENTS

Comics Crash Course. Kids of all ages learn from comics pro. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 25 >> WINE TASTING BENEFIT FOR THE MSU MUSEUM

The MSU Museum invites guests to raise a glass to science and history Friday at its annual wine tasting fundraiser. Over 175 wines are available at the event, which is co-sponsored by the Greater Lansing Vintners Club. The wine list features several Michigan and independently owned wineries, as well as imported offerings. For the real wine geeks, vendors and industry professionals are on hand to answer questions or talk wine. The event also includes appetizers, live music, door prizes and silent auctions. Tickets are available online, at the MSU Museum Store and at Vine & Brew in Okemos. 7-9:30 p.m. \$45. Kellogg Center, 219, S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. (517) 432-4655, museum.msu.edu.

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- 1 CBS drama spun off from "JAG"
- 5 Retired auto racer Teo _____
- 9 "That was close!"
- 13 1966 Grammy winner Eydie _____
- 14 "_____ stands ..."
- 15 First state to vote
- 16 Trap during a winter storm
- 17 Mah-jongg piece
- 18 Sketch look
- 19 Scrunch a sea mammal into a tiny space?
- 22 A googol divided by a googol
- 23 "It's nothing _____ consequence"
- 24 "The Hunchback of _____ Dame"
- 28 Stefan who won six Grand Slam singles titles
- 30 Catching up to, with "on"
- 32 Put into piles
- 33 Specter
- 35 What old mattresses do
- 36 Big sea waves for a Detroit union?
- 40 Ocean off Ga. and Fla.
- 42 Make like a 33-Across
- 43 For you and me
- 46 Whom to "take one for"
- 48 1990s Flockhart TV role
- 50 Apply, as pressure
- 51 Campbell's spaghetti sauce brand
- 54 Kissing in front of

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- everyone, e.g.
- 55 Memorize everything involving sugar suffixes?
- 58 "Falling Up" poet Silverstein
- 61 Earth sci.
- 62 Actor Tom of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
- 63 Lose it, in a way?
- 64 Bowling spot
- 65 Numbers ending in 8, e.g.
- 66 Pro votes
- 67 Suffix after hip or hoop
- 68 Yellow Muppet

- 7 Farm animal with a beard
- 8 Anatomical duct
- 9 Name yelled in "Cast Away"
- 10 Earth mover
- 11 She for a shepherd
- 12 Hell, it's said
- 13 Some action figures
- 20 CD followers?
- 21 Conglomerate
- 25 Gift bag padding
- 26 "Messenger" substance
- 27 Devilish item
- 29 Frat vowel
- 31 Entreat
- 33 Internet celebrity whose real name is Tardar Sauce
- 34 Farm female
- 37 Piques, as an appetite
- 38 "The sheep says ..." response, on a See 'n

- Say
- 39 "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" co-creator McElhenney
- 40 Had some grub
- 41 "Much appreciated," in a text message
- 44 Shining
- 45 Biases
- 47 Creatures who cause trouble on walls?
- 48 Ball club VIP
- 49 String in the attic?
- 52 Former ABC executive _____ Arledge
- 53 Swiss mathematician Leonhard
- 56 Long swimmers
- 57 Travel randomly
- 58 Retreating
- 59 Paint swatch option
- 60 "Golden" time

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Easter Brunch. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The State Room, Kellogg Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. ow.ly/ZGbsw.

Easter Service. Choir, brass ensemble, spring floral garden and communion. 10-11 a.m. Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 349-4220, okemoscommunitychurch.org.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. A fellowship to develop healthy relationships. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Lessons 6-6:45 p.m., dance 6:45. \$8 dance/\$10 dance & lesson. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838.

THEATER

She Kills Monsters by Qui Nguyen. Play about loss and geekdom. 7 p.m. \$15. The Robin Theatre,

1105 S. Washington St., Lansing. (517) 775-4246, ixiontheatre.com.

Monday, March 28 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Five Elements Qigong. Exercise that conditions the body while quieting the mind. 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$10. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

Homework Help for Grades K-8. Tutoring from MSU students. 5-7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Meridian Seniors Booklovers Group. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doer. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324, cadl.org.

Out of This World Book Club. "Ringworld" by

Larry Niven. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

MUSIC

MSU Faculty Recital: Zhihua Tang, piano. 7:30-9 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/students FREE. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/Zh1NZ.

EVENTS

Ask the Lawyer. By appointment only. 9:30 a.m.-noon. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

BabyTime. For ages 0-2 with adult. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Life-sized Pac Man. Ages 9 and up play live-action Pac Man game. 4-5 p.m. FREE. CADL Williamston, 201 School St., Williamston. (517) 655-1191, cadl.org.

Social Bridge. Play bridge and meet new people. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsky

March 23-29

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When Orville and Wilbur Wright were kids, their father gave them a toy helicopter powered by a rubber band. The year was 1878. Twenty-five years later, the brothers became the first humans to sail above the earth in a flying machine. They testified that the toy helicopter had been a key inspiration as they worked to develop their pioneering invention. In the spirit of the Wright Brothers' magic seed, Aries, I invite you to revive your connection to a seminal influence from your past. The coming weeks will be a favorable time to feed a dream that was foreshadowed in you a long time ago.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "The task of a writer is not to solve the problem but to state the problem correctly," said Russian writer Anton Chekhov. Whether or not you're a writer, Taurus, that is also your special task in the coming weeks. The riddle that has begun to captivate your imagination is not yet ripe enough for you to work on in earnest. It has not been defined with sufficient clarity. Luckily, you have the resources you need to research all the contingencies, and you have the acuity to come up with a set of empowering questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The good news is that if you eat enormous amounts of chocolate, you will boost your memory. Science has proved it. The bad news is that in order to get the full effect of the memory enhancement, you would have to consume so much chocolate that you would get sick. I propose that we consider this scenario as a metaphor for what may be going on in your life. Is it possible you're doing things that are healthy for you in one way but that diminish you in another? Or are you perhaps getting or doing too much of a good thing — going to unbalanced extremes as you pursue a worthy goal? Now is a favorable time to figure out if you're engaged in such behavior, and to change it if you are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When the young director Richard Lester got his big break, he took full advantage. It happened in 1964, when the early Beatles asked him to do their first movie, *A Hard Day's Night*. Lester's innovative approach to the project propelled his career to a higher level that brought him many further opportunities. Writing of Lester's readiness, critic Alexander Walker said, "No filmmaker . . . appeared more punctually when his hour struck." That's what I hope you will soon be doing in your own chosen field, Cancerian. Do you understand how important it will be to have impeccable timing? No procrastination or hemming and hawing, please. Be crisply proactive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): As a young man, the poet Arthur Rimbaud (1854-1891) left his home in France and settled in Abyssinia, which these days is known as Ethiopia. "I sought voyages," he wrote, "to disperse the enchantments that had colonized my mind." You might want to consider a similar strategy in the coming weeks, Leo. From an astrological perspective, it's going to be an excellent time both to wander free of your usual haunts and to disperse the enchantments that have colonized your mind. Why not find ways to synergize these two opportunities?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): At one point in his life, author C. S. Lewis had a rude awakening as he took stock of the progress he thought he had been making. "I am appalled to see how much of the change I thought I had undergone lately was only imaginary," he wrote. I want to make sure that something similar doesn't happen to you, Virgo. You're in the midst of what should be a Golden Age of Self-Transformation. Make sure you're actually doing the work that you imagine you're doing — and not just talking about it and thinking about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "There are questions that you don't ask because you're afraid of the answers," wrote Agatha Christie. I would add that there are also questions you don't ask because you mistakenly

think you already know the answers. And then there are questions you don't ask because their answers would burst your beloved illusions, which you'd rather preserve. I'm here to urge you to risk posing all these types of questions, Libra. I think you're strong enough and smart enough, and in just the right ways, to deal constructively with the answers. I'm not saying you'll be pleased with everything you find out. But you will ultimately be glad you finally made the inquiries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you are enmeshed in a jumble that makes you squirm or if you are caught in a tangle that stifles your self-love, you have three choices. Here's how Eckhart Tolle defines them: 1. Get out of the situation. 2. Transform the situation. 3. Completely accept the situation. Does that sound reasonable, Scorpio? I hope so, because the time has come to act. Don't wait to make your decision. Do it soon. After that, there will be no whining allowed. You can no longer indulge in excuses. You must accept the consequences. On the bright side, imagine the new freedom and power you will have at your disposal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Here's a proposed experiment. Sidle up to a creature you'd love to be closer to, and softly sing the following lyrics: "Come with me, go with me. Burn with me, glow with me. Sleep with me, wake with me." At this point, run three circles around the creature as you flap your arms like a bird's wings. Then continue your singing: "Rise with me, fall with me. Work with me, play with me. Pray with me, sin with me." At this point, leap up into the air three times, unleashing a burst of laughter each time you hit the ground. Continue singing: "Let me get high with you. Laugh with you, cry with you. Make me your partner in crime." At this point blow three kisses toward the creature, then run away. (P.S. The lyrics I'm quoting here were composed by songwriter Fran Landesman.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In getting energy from food, we humans have at our disposal over 50,000 edible plants. And yet we choose to concentrate on just a few. Wheat, corn, rice, and potatoes make up two-thirds of our diet, and 11 other staples comprise most of the rest. Let's use this as a metaphor for the kind of behavior you should avoid in the coming weeks. I think it will be crucial for you to draw physical, emotional, and spiritual sustenance from a relatively wide variety of sources. There's nothing wrong with your usual providers, but for now you need to expand your approach to getting the nurturing you need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "We teach each other how to live." Poet Anne Michaels said that, and now I'm passing it on to you — just in time for the phase of your cycle when acting like a curious student is your sacred duty and your best gift to yourself. I don't necessarily mean that you should take a workshop or enroll in a school. Your task is to presume that everyone you meet and every encounter you have may bring you rich learning experiences. If you're willing to go as far as I hope you will, even your dreams at night will be opportunities to get further educated. Even your vigils in front of the TV. Even your trips to the convenience store to buy ice cream.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In her poem "Time," Piscean poet Lia Purpura wonders about "not picking up a penny because it's only a little luck." Presumably she is referring to a moment when you're walking down a street and you spy an almost-but-not-quite-worthless coin lying on the concrete. She theorizes that you may just leave it there. It adds next to nothing to your wealth, right? Which suggests that it also doesn't have much value as a symbol of good fortune. But I urge you to reject this line of thought in the coming weeks, Pisces. In my astrological opinion, you'll be wise to capitalize on the smallest opportunities. There will be plenty of them, and they will add up.

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Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Tuesday, March 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 775-2697, cadl.org.

Gardening with Native Plants. Class on designing and maintaining a native garden. Registration required. 7-9 p.m. \$15. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous. Support for weight loss efforts. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Presbyterian Church,

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Yawn Patrol Toastmasters. Learn public speaking. 7-8:30 a.m. Studio 1210 Place, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (989) 859-2086, yawnpatrol.com.

MUSIC

Mack Avenue Superband. Jazz mega-group. 7:30 p.m. Tickets from \$28. Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 1-800-WHARTON, whartoncenter.com.

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

MSU Faculty Recital: Guy Yehuda, clarinet, and Michael Kroth, bassoon. 7:30-9 p.m. \$10/\$8

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TUESDAY, MARCH 29 >> MACK AVENUE SUPERBAND AT THE WHARTON CENTER

The Mack Avenue SuperBand swings through the Wharton Center Tuesday, boasting a killer lineup of jazz musicians from Detroit's Mack Avenue Records. The group, which is led by bassist Christian McBride, also features vibraphone legend Gary Burton. Saxophonist Tia Fuller, trumpeter Sean Jones, drummer Carl Allen and pianist Christian Sands round out the group's lineup. The supergroup has been a staple of the Detroit Jazz Festival since its inception in 2012 and has released a series of four "Live at the Detroit Jazz Festival" albums. 7:30 p.m. Tickets from \$28. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 28 >> RIGHT BRAIN BEER AND REUBEN PAIRING

The creative minds at Right Brain Brewery and Good Truckin' Diner have teamed up with local beer advocate I'm A Beer Hound to present an evening of hot sandwiches and cold beer. The Traverse City-based microbrewery brings five beer options to go with five of the Lansing-area diner's Reuben variations. Pairings include a classic Reuben with Right Brain's Dead Kettle IPA and a Cuban Reuben with Broken Nose wet hopped black IPA. 7-10 p.m. \$30. Reo Town Pub, 1147 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. imabeerhound.com.

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LOU & HARRY'S BAR AND GRILL

Alan I. Ross/City Pulse

Scott Rolen (left) and Harry Saites are co-owners/operators of Lou & Harry's Bar and Grill, which opened in downtown East Lansing earlier this month.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

"Rightsizing" is one of those business world buzzwords that's often used to signal dire times for a company. But for **Lou & Harry's**, it's not a euphemism. With the opening last week of **Lou & Harry's Bar & Grill** in downtown East Lansing, the local Greek-American diner mini-chain opened its third location — for the second time.

"This is something we've been building up to for a while," said Scott Rolen, who co-owns/co-operates the restaurant with founder Harry Saites. "East Lansing is obviously a prime location, but we needed to find a way to make it work. When this location opened up, we knew it was right."

That location is 211 E. Grand River Ave., former home of **Woody's Oasis**, which closed last year after 15 years in downtown East Lansing. Rolen and Saites sunk "a lot" of money into the building, transforming it into a sleek, modern sports bar, complete with rooftop dining.

"It was a total gut job," Saites said. "There was really nothing left. This is as brand new a restaurant as you can make."

Renovation work on the 1,800-square-foot building included new bathrooms, new floors and ceilings, and moving the kitchen off to one side to open up the dining room.

"You can see all the way from the front of the bar to the back now," Rolen said. "We really tried to take advantage of the space as much as we could."

This is actually the second time downtown East Lansing is getting a Lou & Harry's. The first location was on the Ann Street Plaza where the defunct **Kasutamu** now sits. Saites briefly opened an upscale dining establishment next door before heading north to Chandler Road to open a super-sized **Lou & Harry's Sports Bar and Grill** in 2012. But that didn't work out as planned.

"That just wasn't the right direction for us," Saites said. "It seemed like a good idea, but things just didn't work out. It wasn't the right crowd. But we've got the old (neon) sign from there hanging up by the pool table here now. And it looks great."

Saites also opened a deli location in Okemos near the Meridian Mall, but closed that after two years when his lease ended. Again, he chalks it up to not being a good fit.

"You've got to be very in tune with your crowd," he said. "Out there we were competing with the mall crowd and all those restaurants, and we were drawing people away from our other locations. So it made sense to not renew that lease."

To the outside observer, Lou & Harry's may have appeared to be in trouble. The chain even closed its original East Lansing location, 1139 E. Grand River Ave., which opened in 1992. For a short time, there was only the Frandor location, **Lou & Harry's Grill and Bakery**, 1429 W. Saginaw St., before something interesting happened.

"I think of Scott as a son, so when he came to me with the idea of opening a **Lou & Harry's** in downtown Lansing, I told him I thought it was a great idea," Saites said. "I thought the concept was perfect for that area."

Rolen, who had worked for Saites since 2003, opened that restaurant — simply called Lou & Harry's — at 119 S. Washington Square in 2014. Both men deem that project a success. So when it came time to think of a new location, it made sense to work together again.

"Harry has a grand vision for how he sees this growing, and I think, after all this time, it's finally on the right track," Rolen said.

"But we're done in this area, let me just say that," Saites interjected. "Maybe Grand Rapids next, maybe Detroit, but there are only so many times you can slice the pie."

Speaking of pie, Lou & Harry's Bar and Grill features most of the same items you'll find at the other locations, including the spinach pie, original and chicken gyros, burgers, sandwiches and salads. Recent additions include the Greek fries, which come loaded with feta cheese and house-made jus lié sauce (think Greek poutine). There's also the old Greek standby, saganaki, aka flaming cheese — opa! But this place also has something neither of the other locations has: a liquor license.

"We've already had people (who remember the Ann Street location) demanding to know if we're bringing back Fiesta Fridays and some of our other drink and food specials, so we really had no choice," Saites said. "We used to have lines out the door."

This week marks the re-debut of Fiesta Friday, which features \$1 tacos and margarita and Mexican beer specials. There are also food specials throughout the week, a build-your-own bloody Mary bar on Sundays and specially priced mixed drink mini-pitchers on Saturdays, appealing to the built-in MSU crowd. But it's not just the student population being targeted.

"We're trying to hit all demographics — this is not a college bar, and it's not an older person's bar," Rolen said. "We want all ages to feel comfortable. And so far, it seems like we're getting that."

Lou & Harry's Bar and Grill
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seniors/students FREE. Cook Recital Hall, MSU Music Building, 333 West Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/ZD1gr.

EVENTS

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All experience levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfg.com.

Stories and Songs. Stories, songs and crafts. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. Delta Township Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, dtdl.org.

Bible and Beer. Discussion of scripture's power in daily events. 6 p.m. Kelly's Downtown, 220 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600, bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org.

LCC West Toastmasters. Public speaking skills-

building group. All are welcome. 5-6:30 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. toastmasters.org.

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Wednesday, March 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Backyard Birding Presentation and Workshop. Presentation about attracting birds to your backyard. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Program FREE, \$10-20 for bird box. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

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Walk the Walk, Talk the Talk. Public speaking class for grades 7-12. Register online. 5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. Building Twentyone, 1288 N. Cedar St., Mason. (517) 889-5103, ow.ly/Yu9jH.

Practice Your English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Meet Cookbook Author Maureen Abood. Local author discusses Lebanese food cookbook. Treats included. 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324, cadl.org.

EVENTS

Dental Health Month Storytime. Ages 6 and below hear a story. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South

Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.
Spring Cleaning with Erica Loomis. Course with professional organizer. 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Mason, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. (517) 676-9088, cadl.org.

Senior Discovery at ANC. "Tuesday Toolmen" by Bruce Witwer 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

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

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

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Good alternative Nature's Alternative offers upscale dispensary experience

One of Lansing's newest dispensaries, Nature's Alternative, opened up on the northeast corner of Cedar Street and Greenlawn Avenue in January. This is the second Nature's Alternative shop in Michigan; the first opened in Detroit back in 2009.

THE GREEN REPORT



STEVE GREEN

I pulled up and parked in the lot behind the building. The first thing I noticed was that there are no marijuana leaves or pictures on the building or its signage. It sports a simple sign and awning with the shop's logo on it. I tried to enter through the front door, only to find a sign that instructs visitors to enter in the back. So I walked back around to the rear door.

Review

Nature's Alternative

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday
2521 S. Cedar St., Lansing (517) 253-7290, naturesalternativeclinic.com

Once I entered, I found myself in a large, well-lit waiting area. This shop is elegant, but not without security. I approached the large — presumably bullet-proof — glass window and provided my state ID and medical marijuana card. My friends who joined me on this trip did the same. After a short wait, an attendant came out to greet us and escort us to the Green Room.

The Green Room was also bright and clean and had a professional feel. There were four service stations for patients, and we picked one and walked up together. The budtender greeted us and explained Nature's Alternative's options. I was glad

to hear that all of the medicine is lab tested and that each package is marked with the percentage of indica and sativa.

It took me a few minutes to look through the selections; the shop offers about 40 strains to pick from. The budtender asked questions to help us find the best strains for our needs. As I went through smelling the jars, I noticed that one of my favorites, DJ Short's Blueberry, was on sale for \$25 for an eighth of an ounce. I had to pick some up. We also browsed the selection of more than 20 extracts. Many looked and smelled delicious.

The shop also offers CBD edibles, oils and even vape pens. Again, the budtender was quick with information, explaining the differences between the various products and their effects. I also found that the shop carries just about anything one would need to use cannabis, including pipes, papers and grinders.

Once back in the safety of my private property, I sat down to examine my flowers. DJ Short's Blueberry is an indica-dominant hybrid strain — 80 percent indica, 20 percent sativa — created by the noted marijuana breeder known as DJ Short. It is the best of its kind, featuring a striking blueberry aroma. When it is cured properly, this strain shines. The flower I got from Nature's Alternative was grown and cured well. It had dense buds with red, purple and blue hues. It had the fruity aroma of blueberries with just a hint of citrus. Once I began breaking it up, the smell of blueberries filled the room. The taste was exactly as I'd hoped, and the burn was good. The high of this strain is euphoric and long-lasting. It starts with a head high that is uplifting, then drifts into a relaxing high that's great for sleep. If you are looking for relief from pain, anxiety or depression, give this strain a try.

Overall, I was impressed by the professionalism of Nature's Alternative, and I appreciated the vast CBD selection. On my next visit, I plan on exploring those options.



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Cultures clashed around me in East Lansing Thursday as I struggled with chopsticks while watching streams of shamrock-clad MSU students parade past the window in search of green beer. Like the bars the crowds were headed toward, the restaurant I was in was pumping Irish tunes through the speakers. But the Irish theme ended there.

No corned beef or cabbage for me this St. Patrick's Day — I had come to

Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar

11 a.m.-9:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday
317 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing
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Sapporo Ramen & Noodle Bar for its authentic Japanese ramen.

I found exactly what I was looking for in the Tokyo Shoyu bowl. The broth is a blend of traditional ramen broth bases, and this version of the noodle dish features fresh ramen noodles, soy tare sauce, roasted pork, fermented bamboo shoots and a marinated soft-boiled egg. The dish is then topped with shredded scallions and roasted seaweed, which gives the soup a salty kick that is much more

satisfying than the sodium-soaked instant ramen most of us are familiar with.

The dish comes with a deep spoon for sipping the broth after you've devoured the bulk of the meal. Warm and savory, the Tokyo Shoyu bowl could easily become your next favorite comfort food — as long as you're also comfortable with chopsticks.

— Allison Hammerly



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