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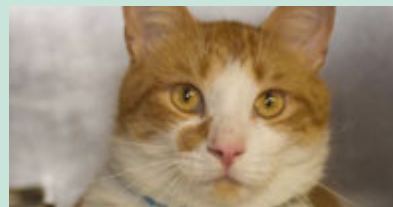
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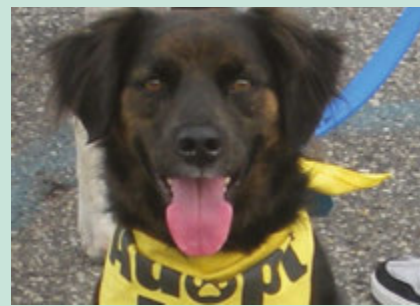
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## This week on lansingcitypulse.com ...

**POLITICS AND PREDATORS, AUG. 13:** Efforts are underway on a second statewide referendum to keep Michigan wolves off the state's hunting list, as organizers gathered in downtown Lansing on Tuesday. The effort is as much about politics as it is about conservation.

**KIDS IN THE HALL, AUG. 12:** Mayor Virg Bernero offered a strong rebuke Monday night after the Lansing City Council tabled a resolution to accept a \$1.1 million federal grant that would pay for most of a 3.5-mile pathway south of Jolly Road between Waverly Road and Pennsylvania Avenue. It was pulled by Councilwoman A'Lynne Robinson, who was upset an administration representative didn't come to a Saturday meeting with her constituents, who apparently had questions about the project.

**50 YEARS LATER, AUG. 9:** A Lansing-area delegation will head to the nation's capital at the end of the month to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream Speech," as well as participate in a reenactment of the March on Washington.

Check out these stories and more only at [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com)

## Feedback

### Students will feel loss

Thank you City Pulse for your article "Severing with Seniority" (7/10/13). A band program is set back at least seven years when losing a very capable teacher. The current students will feel that loss, but I urge the young students to "hang in there" while adults who made terrible decisions in Lansing schools wise up.

The new law that will evaluate teachers and destroy tenure will not help either. Most music educators know that many who evaluate specialists have little knowledge about the subject or how a program is built.

There should be more letters from parents, retired teachers and others who know children in public schools are being harmed by our State Legislators and Governor who has cut funds for schools. Can't believe Lansing School district expects music, art, and P.E. teachers to "hang around" to see if they have a job this coming fall.

The state law adopted in 2011 will give school districts an edge to "dismiss experienced teacher...yes Master Teachers, and hire new graduates to "save money". There was an evaluation system already in place with the union rules. Some Administrators were not willing to document and evaluate teachers who are less then effective. Mr.

Baldwin not only built a first class band program but was a role model for the students at Lansing Everett.

— Carolyn Henderson  
Lansing

### Bernero wants it both ways

It has come to my attention that the Mayor is trying to have it both ways. He wants to support the LGBT community and their attempts to have the same rights as anyone else including the right to indoctrinate the young impressionable minors with their gay lifestyle, while at the same time not condemning the Russian government for cracking down on gays in Russia for doing exactly that.

If he thinks that keeping the sister city relationship with Saint Petersburg will help convince Russians that they are wrong in standing up against something they see as immoral, he is mistaken.

What this may actually do is cost his slate of candidates votes in the LGBT community. I look forward to reading in the pulse what the vote on the sister city recommendation will be. Like many other votes it will probably be 5-3.

— William Hubbell  
Lansing

### Fleeced by LSJ

Thank you for your informative article about the Lansing State Journal and its subscription woes. It was very timely. This week, we received a bill in which our subscription price was raised \$6.00 (my mother's bill was increased by \$7.00) — without any warning, explanation, or increase in services! We were not only surprised by the unexpected (and big) price hike, but by the discrepancy in the two bills as well. Doesn't Gannett understand that their constant increases in the price of their product is likely to cause even more people to drop their subscription?

— Ingrid DeWald  
Haslett

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7 p.m. Wednesdays

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FILE NO.  
95-12464-DD

In the matter of Collin Arthur Brimmer

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#### 2.) Write a guest column:

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

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

## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



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# PULSE

# NEWS & OPINION

## Income, ethics and Wood

Lansing City Council President Carol Wood has revealed more about her sources of consulting income, which include major local institutions.

She has been paid by Lansing Community College, Ingham Regional Medical Center and the Kellogg Foundation, Wood said in an interview Monday.

LCC has had business before the Council in recent years wrangling over downtown property.

The new information follows a report by City Pulse in May on payments totaling \$4,700 that her firm, CEW Consulting, received in 2012 from the political campaigns of Ingham County Circuit Judge James Jamo and 68th state House District candidate Griffin Rivers.

No details of payments appeared on the annual financial disclosure form that she and other Council members are required to file. However, after the story appeared, she filed an amended form that disclosed the Jamo and Rivers' campaign payments, even though she said in a letter to the City Clerk's Office that said she had found "no authority in the applicable ordinance" saying she had to report the income.

The City Pulse story led to a complaint being lodged with the Ethics Board, which agreed to hear it. It was filed by B. Michael (Willy) Williams. (The board cleared Wood at a closed-door hearing on Tuesday. See box.)

Williams' complaint alleged that she was not claiming outside income in addition to the campaigns of Jamo and Rivers. It cites a Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp. report that says CEW Consulting's annual revenue is \$64,000 in a "company snapshot," which Wood said was not accurate. The complaint also requests the city's Ethics Board to investigate whether Wood uses city resources and equipment for her business. Wood, who is paid \$22,200 as Council president, treats her position like a

full-time job.

City Council members are required to list sources of outside income, such as a business they own — but not from where such businesses derive their income. Wood chose not to disclose her clients in at least the past three annual statements of financial interests.

In addition to LCC and Jamo's and River's campaigns, Wood said she has also done consulting work for Ingham Regional Medical Center and the Kellogg Foundation. For LCC, Wood helped work on a dental program to "come up with ways the uninsured and under-insured had access to dental health." Much of the other work she cited included "community involvement," trying to connect the companies with the public so "if issues came forward, the community had access to them and could vocalize what those concerns were."

Wood was uncertain on Monday when those contracts ended. "I know I stopped doing contracts about the time I ran for mayor (in 2009) simply because I didn't want to have an issue out there as we were seeking donations for the campaign."

But still, why not disclose income sources, particularly from Jamo's and Rivers' campaigns? "It's not a requirement of the ethics ordinance," she said.

Do you think it should be required? "I have mixed feelings about that," Wood said. While it might be best to err on the side of openness, she cited

potential "attorney-client" privilege issues, such as Councilman Brian Jeffries' work as an attorney. Wood also finds it "amusing that everyone's looking so intently at this one but you turn around and have Council member Dunbar that does

fundraising for (South Lansing Community Development Association) and I'm not aware of anyone out there asking if they're doing business with the city."

In 2013, Dunbar, who is executive director of the association, listed "community members" as her clients. The association contracts with the city's Human Relations and Community Services Department, but she recuses herself from voting on that department's budget each year.

On Tuesday, Dunbar said that her salary in particular is made up of registration fees

## Wood cleared by Ethics Board

The city of Lansing's Ethics Board cleared City Council President Carol Wood Tuesday night of any wrongdoing after a formal complaint alleged she used city resources for personal business and didn't fully disclose financial interests.

A formal complaint filed June 26 by B. Michael "Willy" Williams alleged Wood did not disclose all of the income from 2012 for her consulting business, CEW Consulting. The complaint also alleged Wood used city resources for her own business.

Appearing before the board on Tuesday, Wood elected to have a closed-door hearing, based on her attorney's advice, she said. She was represented by George Brookover, an attorney well known for his political connections.

Wood's original 2012 "statement of financial interests" — which is required annually of elected and appointed officials — said she had "no clients at this time," though a May story in City Pulse showed that two local political campaigns had paid CEW a combined \$4,700 in 2012. After the story was published and Williams' formal complaint was lodged, Wood amended her financial statements to include the campaigns of Circuit Judge James Jamo and 68th House District candidate Griffin Rivers, which paid for Wood's services.

The amended statement appears to have cleared Wood. An analysis by the City Attorney's Office, and confirmed Tuesday by the Ethics Board, said, "No reliable direct evidence has been presented CEW had any clients in addition to those disclosed" in her amended statement. The analysis also said that Williams' claims about using city resources were "unsupported speculation," since no evidence was presented that showed a violation.

The board comprises eight appointees, four by the mayor and four by the City Council. One seat is vacant. The city attorney's entire analysis is available at [lansingcitypulse.com](http://lansingcitypulse.com).

— Andy Balaskovitz



from the Hawk Island Triathlon and grants. Donations to the association go toward various programs. "It's not financially benefiting me," Dunbar said. "They'd be programs we wouldn't do if we don't have the money."

Penny Gardner, vice chairwoman of the Ethics Board, did not speak directly about Wood's case on Monday. She said the board has discussed updating the entire ethics policy. "Maybe (financial disclosure) needs to be updated as well."

Cities in Michigan vary when it comes to disclosure policies.

East Lansing has tough requirements when it comes to disclosing with whom elected officials meet. For example, according to a city website, East Lansing City Councilwoman Kathleen Boyle met privately on July 2 with the president of Caddis Development, Kevin McGraw, to discuss Trowbridge Plaza on the city's southwest side. Boyle and McGraw met from 9 to 11 a.m. at 2300 Jolly Oak Road in Okemos. Caddis, a Lansing-based company, has development interests in East Lansing, particularly the southwest corner of Lake Lansing and Coolidge roads.

The details were posted at [cityofeastlansing.com/MeetingDisclosure](http://cityofeastlansing.com/MeetingDisclosure), along with several other meetings between Council members, developers and business owners going back to April 2012.

Such meetings are required disclosure since the Council adopted a transparency ordinance on April 3, 2012 "committed to conducting their affairs in an ethical, open and transparent manner."

East Lansing's ordinance is an example

of a municipality that has codified transparency rules. East Lansing also has an ordinance requiring all East Lansing employees — elected or non-elected, full time or part time — to annually disclose financial interests with any entity "of any kind" doing business with or being licensed or regulated by the city.

But even with the private meetings policy, East Lansing, like Lansing, does not require its elected officials to list detailed information about where outside income comes from, said East Lansing City Clerk Marie McKenna-Wicks.

Still, it appears Lansing and East Lansing do more than others. In Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor, there are no ethics ordinances requiring elected officials' annual disclosure of outside income. And while the state issued a "model ethics ordinance" in September 2009 under former Attorney General Mike Cox to guide municipalities, the state is no model of transparency, said Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

"MI is one of three states (others being NH and ID) that has no requirement of personal financial disclosure by officeholders," he wrote in an email. "Whatever the Lansing ordinance is, you can't say that it's worse than the state."

— Andy Balaskovitz

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



# Pathway fight

**Bernero calls a B.S. on move by Boles-Robinson delaying southside bike-pedestrian project**

As of Monday night, it appears there's yet another fight over non-motorized pathways

in southwest Lansing. Reminiscent of the Council/administration fight over a sidewalk along Waverly Road, now comes the South Lansing Pathway Project, a 3.5-mile asphalt path proposed south of Jolly Road between Waverly and Pennsylvania Avenue for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Third Ward Councilwoman A'Lynne Boles-Robinson, whose ward includes about half

of the project, tabled a resolution to accept a \$1.1 million federal grant at Monday's City Council meeting. The reason? An administration rep didn't come to her monthly constituent meeting on Saturday in which some residents apparently had more questions about the path. What they wanted to know, though, Boles-Robinson did not specify.

Mayor Virg Bernero called Boles-Robinson's move "petty, narcissistic bullshit" that could jeopardize the funding amount. The grant, with "conditional commitment"

from the feds, requires a city match of about \$250,000. Bernero said Boles-Robinson should have known enough about the project since she chairs the committee in which the funding passed.

Boles-Robinson said Monday it'd be "irresponsible" to move forward if residents still have more questions.

The issue will be reconsidered at a Ways and Means Committee meeting Friday.

— Andy Balaskovitz

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**SLU-4-2013, 3015 S. ML King Blvd.**  
Special Land Use Permit – Church  
**SLU-5-2013, 534 S. Walnut Street**  
Special Land Use Permit – Parking Lot

The Lansing Planning Board will hold public hearings on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., Neighborhood Empowerment Center Conference Room, 600 W. Maple Street (Corner of W. Maple and N. Pine Streets) to consider the following requests:

SLU-4-2013. This is a request by the Vietnamese American Buddhist Association of Lansing to utilize the building at 3015 S. ML King Blvd. for a church. Churches are permitted in the "F" Commercial district, which is the designation of the subject property, if a Special Land Use permit is approved by the Lansing City Council.

SLU-5-2013. This is a request by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce to construct a surface parking lot on the vacant property at 534 S. Walnut Street which is located at the northwest corner of S. Walnut and W. Hillsdale Street. Parking lots are permitted in the "D-1" Professional Office district, which is the designation of the subject property, if a Special Land Use permit is approved by the Lansing City Council.

If you are interested in these matters, please attend the public hearings, 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., Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at the City of Lansing Planning Office, Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development, Suite D-1, 316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-1236. For more information concerning SLU-4-2013 or SLU-5-2013, call Susan Stachowiak at 517-483-4085.

### 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, September 4, 2013**, 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 East Grand River, 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.g. - 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.h. - Minimum Distance Between Principal Buildings, to allow the existing buildings to be a minimum of 23 feet apart, where 31 feet is required.*
- c. *Article VIII. Sec. 50-814(3) - Residential Parking, to allow front yard parking where none is permitted.*
- d. *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.*
- e. *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 a variance request from Martin K. Zdybel for the property located at 1126 Lilac Avenue, located in the R-2, Medium Density Single-Family Residential District from the following requirement of Chapter 50 - Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

- a. *Article IV. Sec. 50-301 - Building Requirements, to allow a garage to be constructed 1.7 feet from the side lot line where 5.3 feet is required.*

The applicant is requesting the variance to allow the removal of an existing one car garage to construct a two car garage in its location.

**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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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS  
DATE: August 14, 2013  
CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN**

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons

Purpose: Notice and Public Explanation of Proposed Projects  
**Use of Funds - 39th Year FY 2013-2014 (Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant)**

This statement of findings is hereby posted pursuant to regulations found at 24 CFR 50.4(b), for HUD funded activity. On or about **September 3, 2013**, the City of Lansing will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383) as amended, for the following projects located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, Michigan.

The public notice serves to promote public understanding and provide opportunities for public input of the proposed use of funds and proposal.

Please address your comments **no later than September 3, 2013** to:

Dorothy Boone, Development Office Manager  
Department of Planning & Neighborhood Development  
316 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite D-2  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Phone: 517-483-4040  
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### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS  
August 14, 2013  
CITY OF LANSING, MICHIGAN**

On or about **September 3, 2013**, the City of Lansing will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Community Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383) as amended Emergency Shelter Grant funds under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act Amendments (Public Law 100-620) of 1988, and also funds under the HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-625) for the following projects located in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, Michigan.

### NATURE AND LOCATION OF PROJECTS CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM NEPA REQUIREMENTS

PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTIVITIES AND  
USE OF FUNDS - 39th YEAR HUD Fiscal Year 2013-2014- Categorically Excluded 58.35(a)/58.35(b)

#### **PROJECT A - CDBG Owner Rehab Program/Public Improvements**

Includes loans and grants for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units through city sponsored programs, and in conjunction with affordable housing efforts sponsored by nonprofit housing corporations and other state and federal agencies. Includes funds to meet lead hazard reduction regulations in rehabilitated structures, funds to assist in emergency rehabilitation, market analysis activities and technical assistance to nonprofit housing corporations, contractors, low- and moderate-income households. Includes loans and grants for owner-occupied single-family units through city sponsored programs, loans to rehabilitate historic homes in conjunction with rehabilitation of the unit, and loans or grants for ramps or weatherization. Includes staff, office space, technical assistance, training and other direct project costs associated with delivery of Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant and other State and Federal Programs. 18 housing units estimated. Additional units may be completed with prior year funds.

General street, sidewalk, water/sewer improvements, including assistance to income eligible owner-occupants or those in CDBG-eligible areas for special assessments related to new improvements. Includes improvements to neighborhood parks, recreational facilities; public neighborhood, medical and community facilities in CDBG priority areas. Some improvements may be made with prior years' funds

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$942,927 (CDBG)

#### **PROJECT B - CDBG Rental Rehab Program/Weatherization**

Includes loans and grants for rehabilitation of rental housing units through city sponsored programs. Includes funds to meet lead hazard reduction regulations in rehabilitated structures. 6 units estimated.

Includes financing of an Energy Fitness Program and/or Energy Optimization Program to benefit low and moderate-income households, 54 housing units estimated with current funding. Additional units may be completed with prior year funds

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$200,000 (CDBG)

#### **PROJECT C - Acquisition**

Includes acquisition, maintenance and security of properties acquired through programs, and activities related to acquisition, disposition, relocation and clearance of dilapidated structures. Funds may also be used to acquire properties in the flood plain. Includes staff time associated with this activity. 1 housing unit estimated. Prior year funds may be used.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$1,000 (CDBG)

#### **PROJECT E - Public Services (limited to 15% CDBG)**

Includes homeownership counseling and education, neighborhood counseling, youth and senior

programs, neighborhood clean-ups, community gardens, home repair classes, tool lending programs, employment training, and community safety. Services are for low- and moderate-income individuals and/or those in CDBG-eligible areas located within the Lansing city limits.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$285,590 (CDBG)

#### **PROJECT F - Economic Development**

Loans, technical assistance and training to low- and moderate-income owners of and persons developing micro-enterprises within or planning to locate within the Lansing city limits. (A micro-enterprise is a business with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s).) Estimate 8 people trained and 4 loans issued. Prior year funds may be used.

Technical assistance to individuals and for-profit businesses including workshops, technology assistance, façade improvement loans/grants, market analysis, business promotion, referrals for the attraction of new business and expansion of existing business within CDBG-eligible areas of Lansing. Estimate 36 individuals and 4 businesses assisted.

Creation of jobs to benefit low and moderate-income city of Lansing residents. Estimate 3 jobs

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$ 93,629 (CDBG)

#### **PROJECT G - CDBG General Administration (limited to 20%)**

Includes staff and other costs associated with preparation of required Consolidated Planning documents, environmental clearances, fair housing activities and citizen participation activities associated with the delivery of CDBG, HOME and other state and federal programs.

Includes planning and general administration costs associated with delivery of CDBG and other state and federal programs. Includes indirect administrative costs and building rent paid to the city.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$380,786 (CDBG)

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**TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES** \$1,903,932

### PROPOSED HOME ACTIVITIES AND USE OF FUNDS - 39th YEAR HUD Fiscal Year 2013-2014 - Categorically Excluded 58.35(a)/58.35(b)

#### **PROJECT I - Down Payment Assistance**

Funds provided to homebuyers for down payment and closing costs for purchase of a single-family home located within the Lansing city limits. Up to \$15,000 will be available as a 0% interest second mortgage for homebuyers with income at or below 80% of median income. Assistance not limited to first-time homebuyers. May include staff time and/or homeownership counseling fees associated with this activity. Estimate 12 housing units. Prior year funds may be used.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$135,273 (HOME)

#### **PROJECT J - New Construction/HOME Rehab/Development Program**

Includes funds for loans and grants for housing construction and rehabilitation.

HOME funds allocated for housing developed in partnership with the city, including Supportive Housing Program (SHP) activities, and Homeowner Purchase Rehab (HPR). Projects may include new construction and rehabilitation activities with non-profit and for-profit developers, including CHDOs. Funds may be used for staff time associated with these activities. 2 housing units estimated in conjunction with partners. Additional units may be completed with prior year funds

Also includes loans and grants for rehabilitation of at least 2 owner-occupied housing units.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$ 274,145 (HOME)

#### **PROJECT L - Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating**

Funds reserved at option of the city to provide operating funds to CHDO's utilizing HOME funds provided by the city to produce affordable housing in the community.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$ 29,244 (HOME)

#### **PROJECT M - CHDO Set-Aside (15%)**

HOME Program set-aside reserved for housing developed, sponsored or owned by CHDOs in partnership with the City. 1 unit estimated. Prior year funds may be used.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$ 87,732 (HOME)

#### **PROJECT N - HOME General Administration**

Funds provided to offset the cost of administering emergency solutions program.

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$ 58,488 (HOME)

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**TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES:** \$ 584,882

### EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES -USE OF FUNDS - 39th YEAR FY 2013-2014 - 24 CFR Part 50, Categorically excluded 50.19(b) (12) not subject to 50.4

#### **PROJECT S - Emergency Solution Grant Activities**

- Funds provided to address homelessness - rapid re-housing **\$34,109**
- Funds provided to prevent homelessness. **\$18,998**
- Funds provided to shelter providers to cover cost of maintenance, operations, insurance, utilities and furnishings in shelter facilities. **\$69,701**
- Funds provided to offset the cost of administering emergency solutions program **\$9,957**

**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$ 132,765 (ESG)

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**TOTAL ESG EXPENDITURES:** \$ 132,765

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action

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# Low primary turnout is bad predictor

“Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.”

Nobody is using that as a campaign slogan, but it is the theme of this fall's



**WALT SORG**

Lansing City Council election. The man behind the curtain is Mayor Virg Bernero. Last week's primary election set the table for what promises to be a heated and sometimes nasty campaign for control of the Council in which the major — but “behind the curtain” — issue is Bernero's leadership of the city.

Bernero's own reelection isn't seriously in doubt. Former councilman Harold Leeman Jr. is the official opposition but stands to be overwhelmed by the mayor's endorsements and campaign war chest. Leeman reported raising just \$940 during the primary while Bernero hauled in more than \$75,000. Bernero has all the major organizational endorsements.

Bernero's focus is bringing in with him Council members more likely to be supportive in the major battles: incumbents Kathie Dunbar (At-Large), Jessica Yorke (4th Ward) and Tina Houghton (2nd Ward), along with political newcomer Judi Brown Clarke (At-Large), who would replace Bernero nemesis Brian Jeffries.

The low 8.7 percent turnout in the primary provided no major surprises. In the battle for two At-Large seats, Jeffries, Dunbar and Brown led the field with a spread of just 329 votes from first-to-third; Ted O'Dell came in a distant fourth for the final spot on the November ballot.

In the 4th Ward, incumbent Jessica Yorke's relatively large 290-vote margin over runner-up Chong-Anna Canfora — 38 percent to 30 percent — raised some eyebrows. There was no primary in the 2nd Ward where only Houghton and challenger Charles Hoffmeyer are running.

With the prospect of the marijuana ballot initiative increasing voter interest in November, don't read too much into any of the primary results. Turnout will likely more than double in November, which makes the final outcome very unpredictable.

Just go back four years. In 2009, incumbent 2nd Ward Councilwoman Sandy Allen trounced Tina Houghton in the primary 57 percent to 27 percent, only to lose in November 55 percent to 45 percent. The difference: a doubling of voter turnout, plus a concerted effort led by Bernero on behalf of Houghton.

Beyond relations with the mayor, there are few — if any — major policy

disputes separating the candidates. The differences are subtle and nuanced, more centered around the personalities that have turned some Council meetings into mini soap operas.

Some other normally decisive factors are neutralized as well. Organized labor, usually a potent get-out-the-vote force, is split. So is the money, with campaign finance reports showing that Dunbar, Jeffries and Brown Clarke will all be well funded in the At-Large race. Yorke and Canfora are equally matched financially as well.

City elections have become known for the under-the-belt attacks featuring anonymous robocalls, whisper campaigns and mailings from unknown groups. This year should be no different. The most vicious will probably target Dunbar, whose very difficult marital problems brought with it challenges with meeting attendance and a largely manufactured mini-scandal over a damaged laptop.

In the 4th ward preliminaries, some Canfora supporters have already tried to create an unlikely link between Yorke and right-wing Amway billionaire Dick DeVos over a flimsy campaign finance complaint filed against Canfora by a DeVos-affiliated committee.

In a low-turnout election, grassroots organizational skills can have a significant impact. That should give a slight edge to incumbents Dunbar and Yorke — both longtime community activists — and Brown Clarke, who likely will have the backing of the city's African-American ministers.

It also could mean significant impact on the part of the Lansing Association for Human Rights, the area's LGBT alliance. While all of the Council candidates are viewed favorably by the organization, only Dunbar received the group's top rating (Extremely Positive) and was the only candidate to receive LAHR financial support (\$500) in the primary.

## Replacing De Leon

A much smaller election takes place in two weeks to select a successor to Ingham County Commissioner Debbie De Leon, who resigned to accept a job as vice chairwoman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians in Petoskey. Five candidates applied for the position, which will be filled through a vote of the 10 remaining Democrats on the 14-member commission. Commissioners with whom I've talked to are truly undecided going into interviews with the applicants later this month.

Political pedigrees would seem to favor two of the applicants: 39-year-old **Bryan Crenshaw**, director of the Eaton Rapids Senior Center and a onetime staffer for Gov. Jennifer Granholm; and 25-year-old **Catherine Mooney**, president of the Northtown Neighborhood Association who received 46 percent of the vote in last year's primary election against De Leon. But several commissioners have told me it is a wide open competition and any of the five applicants — who also include **Robert “Rock” Hudson**, **Bryan Beverly** and **Cindy Redman** — could end up with the job.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### PUBLIC NOTICE NEW LOCATION NOTICE

Regular board meetings of the Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) Board of Commissioners of the City of Lansing, Michigan, are scheduled to be held at 5:30 p.m., at the BWL REO Town Depot, 1201 S. Washington, Lansing, Michigan on the following dates:

**BWL Board of Commissioners  
2013  
Remaining Regular Board Meeting Schedule  
New Location: 1201 S. Washington, Lansing, MI 48910**

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Tuesday | September 24 |
| Tuesday | November 19  |

In the event that a special meeting or rescheduled meeting is held, a notice will be posted at the Customer Service Lobby, 1232 Haco Drive, Lansing, Michigan, at least 18 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

Posted by order of the BWL Board of Commissioners in conformity with Act 267, PA 1976.

BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT  
M. Denise Griffin, Corporate Secretary  
(517) 702-6033

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significantly affecting the physical and human environment and, accordingly, the City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Public Law 91-190). The reasons for such decisions not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

- The will be no adverse environmental impact, man made or natural, generated by all the projects or subsequent development or use of the sites.
- The proposed use of the sites for all projects is consistent with City policy and will meet all State and local requirements related to land use, zoning and health, safety and welfare.
- The proposed sites for all projects are situated in an urban environment and will positively influence the human environment in the City.
- The properties to be effected in New Construction have no historic significance.
- The City has complied with the Section 106 process for historic review for all projects.
- Project D includes, to a large extent, replacement of existing equipment with nominal change in character, location and extent.

An Environmental Review Record for the above projects has been made by the City of Lansing which documents the environmental review carried out. This record is on file and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT, SUITE D-2, 316 N. CAPITOL AVENUE, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48933. All interested parties disagreeing with the designation of these projects relative to NEPA requirements are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City on or before 5:00 p.m. on **September 3, 2013** to Doris M. Witherspoon, Senior Planner, City of Lansing Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development, 316 N. Capitol, Lansing, MI 48933, [doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov](mailto:doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov). All comments received will be considered by the City of Lansing Department of Planning and Neighborhood Development prior to authorizing submission to HUD of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. All such comments will be considered and the City will not process the request for a release of federal funds or take administrative action on the written projects prior to that date.

The City is certifying to HUD that the City of Lansing, and Mayor Virg Bernero in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision making, and actions, that these responsibilities are being satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, the City of Lansing may use Block Grant, HOME, and ESG funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lansing, MI's certification for a period of fifteen days following September 3, 2013 only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Mayor, City of Lansing; (b) the City of Lansing, MI has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (313) 226-7900 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Virg Bernero, Mayor, City of Lansing, MI  
Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at:

U.S. Department of HUD  
Community Planning and Development  
477 Michigan Avenue  
Patrick V. McNamara Building  
Detroit, MI 48226

Objections to release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. Objections received after September 23, 2013 will not be considered by HUD.





Andy Balaskovitz/City Pulse

Some residents at South Washington Park Apartments, a low-income public housing building on the south side, have grown tired of the crime and living conditions.

# FROM 'THE CARTER' TO A HOME

CRIME AND DISCONTENT AT SOUTH WASHINGTON PARK APARTMENTS AND THE EFFORTS TO STOP IT

BY ANDY BALASKOVITZ

The first half hour of the 1991 fictional crime movie “New Jack City” introduces viewers to The Carter, a high-rise apartment complex in New York City that’s taken over by the Cash Money Brothers during the crack epidemic.

Wesley Snipes plays Nino Brown, the Cash Money gang leader who orchestrates a \$1 million a week crack cocaine hub in the apartment complex, where it’s all manufactured and sold onsite. Buyers can pick up and get high at home

**“THEY BELIEVE (THE APARTMENTS) ARE THE BANE OF THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD’S EXISTENCE.”**

3rd Ward City Councilwoman A'Lynne Robinson on the Old Everett Neighborhood Association's involvement

or indulge at the Enterprise, a sort of designated crack-smoking area at the complex. Residents living there become “loyal customers,” or, “If they don’t, fuck it, it’s like Beirut — they become live-in hostages,” Brown says. Concerned neighbors look on as their community disintegrates like a crack addict’s motivation.

In what’s obvious hyperbole but nonetheless reminiscent, residents at the South Washington Park Apartments sometimes

refer to it as “The Carter.”

The five-story building, at 3200 S. Washington Ave. near Holmes Road, is public housing. But unlike in the film, it hasn’t been overtaken by a gang. In my short time walking the halls with a resident, I didn’t see armed gang members with machine guns or a room full of half-naked bodies preparing vials of drugs.

But with an underlying discomfort among some residents, a relatively high rate of crime and concerned residents from the closest neighborhood association, it wasn’t really surprising that when I asked more than one resident about the problems there, the response invoked The Carter.

The Lansing Police Department, officials of the Lansing Housing Commission — which operates the building — Mayor Virg Bernero, City Council members and even Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings have all taken notice, paying visits to the complex over the past year. “There’s a lot of hands trying to get their arms around this specific location,” said 3rd Ward Councilwoman A'Lynne Boles-Robinson, whose ward includes the apartments.

Even the most critical residents of the complex’s shortcomings recognize these efforts, though they believe more can be done, particularly when it comes to securing the 278-unit building from outsiders. Infestations and drug dealing are at the top of residents’ complaints.

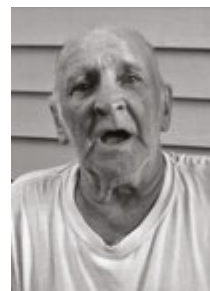
Still, not all are open to speaking out about the problems. “I keep to myself” is not an uncommon response. Others fear retaliation from criminals or an eviction notice from management. Yet another segment of the population at South Washing-

ton Park Apartments — and even some of the city officials overseeing the situation — say the complaints are overstated. “You hear from those who complain louder than those who don’t,” said Housing Commission Executive Director Patricia Baines-Lake.

And things are improving. From Aug. 1, 2011, to July 31, 2012, the LPD responded to incidents here about once every four days, according to department data provided to City Pulse. In the year since, LPD on average responded to incidents once every nine days.

But there’s no denying that things reached an all-time low at the complex a little over a year ago. That it’s a publicly managed housing facility adds another layer of complexity.

Ingham County Commissioner Sarah Anthony, whose grandmother stayed in the complex “upwards of 20 years,” said the family “had progressively seen things get worse and worse and worse.”



Henry

Harassment, loud noises, drug activity, a lack of cleanliness and management’s slow response to issues were becoming common, she added.

“We decided enough was enough.” So

the family moved her out.

**INSIDE**

When I visited around 5:30 p.m. last week, residents were hanging around the front yard, playing games and smoking cigarettes. Anyone can enter a small lobby area inside, but the next door is locked and requires a key card for entry. The locked door was propped open, but a sign saying any unaccompanied guests would be trespassing kept me out this evening. The next day, resident James Henry invited me up to his third-floor apartment. His one-bedroom space is cramped with a TV, a couch, chair, coffee table and kitchenette. Not much space was left in the bedroom with a full-size mattress. Downstairs, the inside lobby and halls — with concrete walls and plain floor tile — feel as much like a hospital as they do apartments.

Henry, who’s 68 and has lived there nearly 10 years, has stayed over the years because it’s “handy.” He lives on \$650 a month and his rent is just under \$200. He despises management and the younger crowd that he says is spreading drug problems. He’s not afraid to speak out.

“The things they do around this building,” he grumbled in a raspy voice. Day to day, “I’m gone, just to get out of this dump.”

A full-time manager and assistant manager and a temporary receptionist are at the building for about eight hours a day. Two senior maintenance employees complete work orders, while another full-time employee does janitorial work and maintains the grounds. A security guard is on duty in the evenings and on weekends.

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There is not an around-the-clock security employee because the housing commission can't afford it.

Tenants pay 30 percent or less of their earnings for rent. To qualify, they must satisfy an income formula and pass a criminal background check. Anyone old enough to execute a lease can live there.

The complex is one of four properties the housing commission oversees, which also include Mt. Vernon, Hildebrandt and LaRoy Park townhouses, duplexes and single-family homes. It manages a total of 832 housing units in the city, which are 96 percent occupied. Ninety-eight percent of the housing commission's budget comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Baines-Lake said.

When I arrived for my first visit at South Washington, 46-year-old Rodney Trahan was playing dominoes outside with his friend Tony. Unlike Henry, the two see nothing wrong with the facility. Trahan's lived there a little over a year; Tony since February. For Trahan, it's better than the alternative.

"For seven months I lived at the (homeless) shelter," he said. "Coming here was a blessing. It's the people coming from outside causing the trouble. The building itself is beautiful."

## DRUGS, BED BUGS, ETC.

Complaints about the building, which is 96 percent full, are twofold: the crime that occurs in and around it, and the living conditions.

Since Aug. 1, 2011, LPD has recorded 117 incidents taking place in and around the building. Incidents range from obstructing justice to aggravated assault. Just less than 10 percent — 11 — were drug related. Nearly a quarter of the incidents involved theft of some kind.

Brandon Washington, who lives across the street from the apartments, notices people arrive in cars, go in the building for a few minutes and

leave. Or smokers in the outside gazebo flicking a lighter every 10 seconds — both are signs to him of drug activity. Washington, 25, has lived in Lansing since he was 3.

"I'm sure there's probably good people over there," he said. "But I'd never go over there."

The consensus is that problems stem from residents having guests stay with them for extended periods.

"Individuals not on leases are creating a number of problems — ranging from drugs, loud music and some domestic incidents — and that's bleeding out into



Andy Balaskovitz/City Pulse

Rodney Trahan, left, plays dominoes with his friend Tony last week at South Washington Park Apartments. After living at a homeless shelter for seven months, "coming here was a blessing," Trahan said.

the neighborhoods and traffic, creating a problem specifically for Old Everett (Neighborhood)," Boles-Robinson said. "The level of activity happening at that site is of concern."

But why is the crime particularly bad here?

Patricia Baines-Lake, executive director of the Lansing Housing Commission, said the biggest problem is the design of the building. Unlike townhouse-style homes the housing commission manages, hundreds of people share multiple access points to an area with hallways.

"It's not the way you see people design housing unless it's for seniors anymore," she said.

Police Chief Mike Yankowski said crime trends depend on "what's acceptable" in a certain area. "For some reason, it became an acceptable norm for that complex that crime was acceptable to people that lived there," he said.



Baines-Lake

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said she hasn't been in her apartment for the past month because of an infestation. She wanted something done about it; a manager told her they may have originated because of her "lifestyle." She muttered softly, looking away: "They really hurt my feelings."

Baines-Lake acknowledged that the process from complaint to full treatment can take as long as 30 days. She said the bed-bug problem is monitored regularly with preventative cleaning and inspections and that the commission has "spent a substantial amount of money on addressing" them — \$800 to \$1,500 per unit, depending on the size.

Still, "We don't believe we have an infestation," she said, downplaying the notion that it's a problem specifically at the building. "Bed bugs are an equal opportunity parasite. ... They are found in even the most expensive hotels in America."

On July 1, South Washington resident Anita Smith-Harris spoke publicly during a City Council meeting about what she called "deplorable conditions" at the site. After citing bed bugs, rats, drugs and prostitution, she said a man had recently passed away in his fifth-floor apartment, his body sitting for a week before anyone

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## PUBLIC NOTICES



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### CITY OF LANSING SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE #1186

Lansing City Council adopted An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lansing by amending Chapter 884 and adding a new Section 884.12 for the purposes of providing for a service charge in lieu of taxes for twenty-four low or moderate income elderly dwelling units in a project known as Liberty Village, pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as amended.

Effective date: Upon publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, Lansing, Michigan at a fee determined by City Council.

CHRIS SWOPE, LANSING CITY CLERK

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider the following:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from the Perry Investment Group for Special Use Permit approval for the property at 547 East Grand River. The applicant is proposing to utilize the existing second floor of the building to construct one, seven bedroom apartment unit. The property is zoned B-3, City Center Commercial District.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Ligg Brewer for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 500 Albert Avenue and 122 Division Street. The applicant is proposing to construct a five story, mixed-use building containing eight apartment units and approximately 900 square feet of non-residential space. The property is zoned B-3, City Center Commercial 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. McKenna  
City Clerk



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noticed. After the meeting, she described the stairwells as a giant toilet where people would relieve themselves.

"I don't understand why the Council would allow that to go on in the city," she said. "The whole fifth floor reeked of his dead body."

Baines-Lake confirmed that on occasion staff will have to clean stairwells of human waste, but she was unaware of the specific death incident Smith-Harris mentioned. Janell McLeod, the apartment manager, referred questions to Baines-Lake.

Two Old Everett Neighborhood Association board members, President Linda Pung and Treasurer Emly Horne, declined to comment about the group's involvement for this story. Boles-Robinson summed up the association's position this way: "They believe that location is the bane of the en-

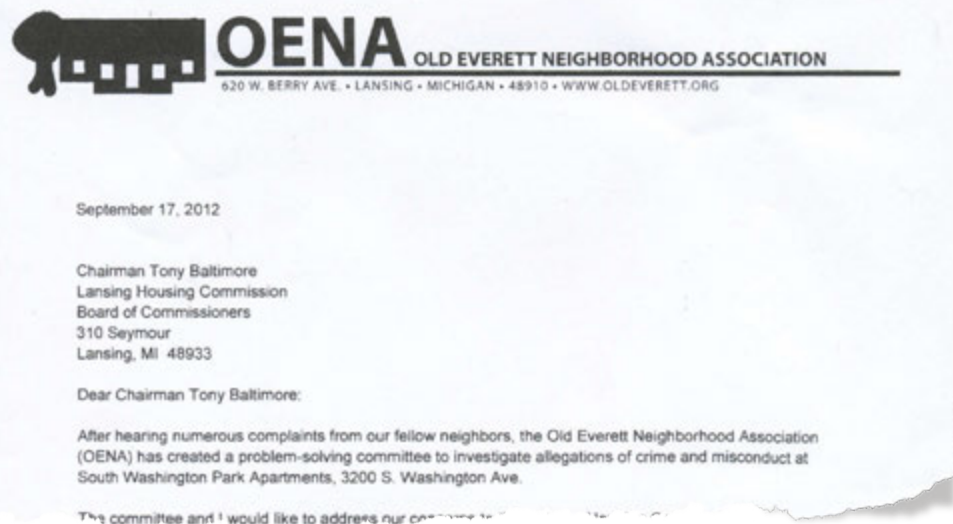
tire neighborhood's existence."

## WHAT'S BEING DONE

Over the past year, the housing commission has teamed up with the Police Department to eradicate what the former Old Everett Neighborhood Association president told a TV news station last year was a "cancer" on the neighborhood.

The police and the housing commission conducted three unannounced "sweeps" of the building, knocking on "virtually every door in the apartment complex" to see that those living there were actually residents, Baines-Lake said. "A substantial number of residents who didn't live in the building were taken out of the building."

The commission reimbursed the department for the first two, while the third had already been planned by LPD. Baines-Lake could not specify how much it cost the commission.



The Old Everett Neighborhood Association has been closely monitoring issues at South Washington Park Apartments, though association leaders declined to comment for this story.

"We feel like we have to be pretty aggressive," she said.

Yankowski said the Police Department started a "data-driven" approach to the area around the building last August because it had the highest number of repeat calls for service. "It was identified as one of the hot spots for the city," he said.

LPD's strategy included the sweeps and installing a community policing officer onsite. The department also identified the area around the complex near MLK where it would start a "Data Driven

Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety," or DDACTS, plan that increases the police presence in the area. The result? A nearly 50 percent drop in the number of incidences LPD has responded to.

In June, a \$65,000 surveillance system was installed. The housing commission board also approved funding for renovations in the building's community room. However, federal sequestration has negatively impacted the Housing Commission and particularly South Washington Park Apartments. On Thursday, HUD announced statewide public housing grants that could give the commission some relief. It received nearly \$1.2 million in capital funds for major improvements, which will replace stoves, refrigerators, kitchen and bath upgrades and staff training.

In July 2012, the Old Everett Neighborhood Association proposed a list of "action items" it wanted to see accomplished to address the issues. It included forming a committee with city officials to create a long-term crime prevention plan, imposing a 11 p.m. curfew and making the building "drug and alcohol free."

Baines-Lake said she has no idea how many of the action items have been met. The curfew, she added, would be illegal to impose.

Some of the residents suggested that the neighborhood association is merely stoking an unnecessary fire. When asked if she felt the group's input has been constructive, Baines-Lake said: "No comment. I'm neutral on it. I know they're concerned about their neighborhood as each of us would be. They have the best interest of the neighborhood in their heart."

As the data suggests things are improving, Baines-Lake said the complex still has an image problem.

"We've had a perception of a problem for quite a while," she said. "It is hard to change perception. We're going to keep working on it till we're effective in doing it."

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Although the overall number of show offerings remains the same, a number of things will be new this year. **Additions include some new performance venues, a storytelling performance and a playwriting award for best new script.** Also, for the first time, the festival will have a grand finale that will be a special event in its own right: the **annual City Pulse Pulsar Awards ceremony** will take place Saturday night in the former **Chrome Cat building.** The addition is one that co-organizer **Chad Badgero** says he's very excited about.

"I've always said that there are only two times when the theater community as a whole gets together to celebrate — the **Pulsars** and **Renegade**," he said. "I hope that there's this explosion of great community from bringing these two events together."

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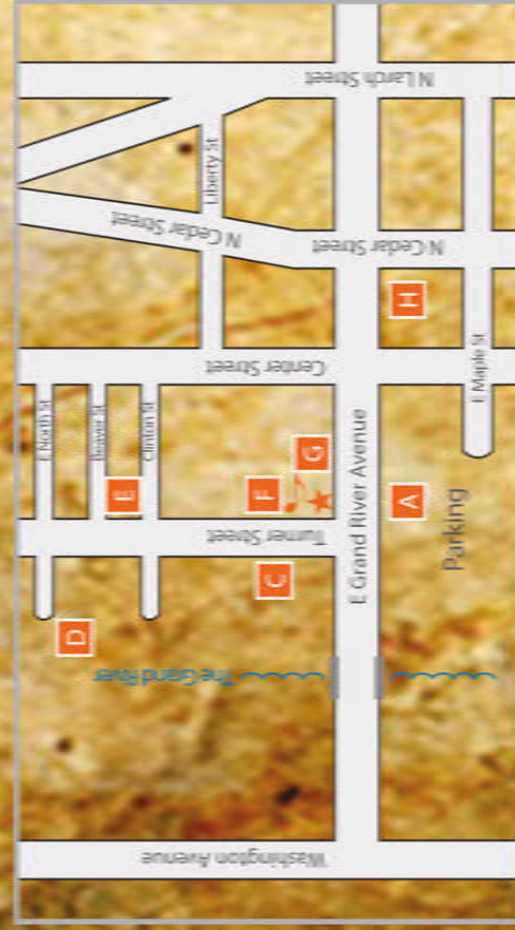
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### Renegade Schedule, August 15-17

| PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS           | 7pm  | 9pm  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>A</b> CHROME CAT             | "Awake & Sing"<br>Lansing Comm College                               | "True West"(Thurs)/"UN?"(Fri)<br>Ruhala Perf Arts Center<br>(also Sat @ 3pm) |
| <b>G</b> ABSOLUTE GALLERY       | "Works in Progress"<br>Katie Doyle<br>(also Sat @ 3pm)               | "Gravedigger..."<br>Williamston Theatre                                      |
| <b>F</b> MICA GALLERY           | "Invierno"(Thurs Only)<br>TASC                                       | "Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner"<br>Brad Rutledge<br>(also Sat @ 5pm)              |
| <b>H</b> OLD TOWN GENERAL STORE | "6 Actors, 2 Characters, 1 Scene"<br>MSU Theatre<br>(also Sat @ 3pm) | Spoken Word Artists<br>(also Sat @ 5pm)                                      |
| <b>D</b> TURNER DODGE HOUSE     | "The Man in The Iron Mask"<br>Riverwalk Theatre<br>(also Sat @ 5pm)  | "The Man in The Iron Mask"<br>Riverwalk Theatre                              |
| <b>C</b> MUSTANG                | "Legal Drugs"<br>Sarah Hauck<br>(also Sat @ 3pm)                     | Improv Night<br>Walnut St. Players<br>(also Sat @ 5pm)                       |



Map Not To Scale

### Renegade NOW: New Original Works

| RED CEDAR FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE | 7pm  | 9pm   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Thurs.                          | Room 1<br>"Mistakes & Misunderstandings"<br>(also Sat@3pm) | Room 2<br>"The Night That Never Happened"                                       |
| Fri.                            | Room 1<br>"You Know Me"<br>(also Sat@5pm)                  | Room 2<br>"A Doll's Wife"<br>"A Doll's Wife"<br>"The Night That Never Happened" |

### Renegade Kids, August 17

| RED CEDAR FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE | SHOWS AT 11 & 12pm                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mid-Michigan Family Theatre     | "Traveling Tales"                  |
| Kellie Stonebrook               | "Wanda & Wendall Around The World" |

### Renegade Music, August 15-17

| TURNER MINI-PARK | 6-7pm      | 8-9pm                |
|------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Thurs            | Cajun Fire | The Matt Bliton Band |
| Fri              | Chris Carl | Redline Blues        |
| Sat              | Cuatro Sur |                      |

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## KATIE DOYLE (INDEPENDENT)

### "Works in Progress" by Katie Doyle

Based on true stories, Michigan residents share stories of their lives.

Length: 30-45 minutes. Audience: Middle School and up

## SARAH HAUCK (INDEPENDENT)

### "Legal Drugs" by Sarah Hauck

This drama deals with the way socially accepted drugs can tear three people apart. Length: 90 minutes. Audience: Mature audiences; includes profanity and adult situations

## LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### "Awake & Sing" by Clifford Odets

Set in 1933 New York City, the play concerns the impoverished Berger family and their conflicts as the parents scheme to manipulate their children's relationships to their own ends, while their children strive for their own dreams. Length: 90 minutes. Audience: Adult.

## MSU THEATRE

### "6 Characters, 2 Actors, 1 Scene"

In this intriguing exercise, six actors using the same scene will portray two characters. No version of the scene will ever be the same as actors maneuver in and out allowing the audience to examine how an actor's choices influence the dynamics of a scene. Length: 60 minutes

## RIVERWALK THEATRE

### "The Man in the Iron Mask" by T.E. Klunzinger

World premiere reading with music of original musical version of the classic Dumas tale, wherein the four Musketeers re-unite for one last time to foil a plot to substitute the identical twin brother of Louis XIV on the throne of France. Length: 90 minutes

## RUHALA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

### "True West" by Sam Shepard (Thursday night, Saturday afternoon)

True West is about the sibling rivalry between two estranged brothers who have reconnected. Austin, the younger brother, is a Hollywood screenwriter working on a screenplay while house sitting for his mother, who is vacationing in Alaska. His older brother, Lee, appears at the house after the two have not seen each other for years. Lee is a drifter and a thief and has been living in the desert. The two are not on good terms. Length: 90 minutes. Audience: Teen/Adults (adult language and themes)

## RENEGADE TEEN WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 17, 10AM - 4PM. Held at the MICA Gallery

Young adults ages 14 - 18 are invited to be part of a theatre workshop led by professional actor and educator, Rico Bruce Wade. Teens will explore drama techniques and games to create an original work that will be presented as the opening of the Pulsar Awards ceremony Saturday night. No RSVP required. Free.

## "U N? R U in or out of the UN?" by Mark

### Ruhala (Saturday afternoon)

A look at global societal institutions. While it is common knowledge that the United Nations has been plagued by scandals that harm the very people it purports to help, it is not so common for people to question the institution itself. But Lisa Cohen, a highly educated, self-taught, precocious 9 year old from the elite 1% asks the UN delegation tough questions as she speaks to the general assembly. When condescendingly questioned by a UN delegate following the speech, Lisa, with her mentor, backs her arguments with warnings a plenty from historical figures of American history alongside quotes from the world's elite power brokers explicitly stating their views to take over the world with a new global body. Length: 60 minutes. Audience: Teen/adult

## SPOKEN WORD

Featuring three spoken word artists sharing stories in a variety of styles. Performers: Janet Colson, Dedria Humphries, Suban Nur Cooley Length: 50-60 minutes

## TASC (THE AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE COLLECTIVE)

### "Invierno" by Jose Cruz Gonzalez (Stage reading and discussion)

An adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" set in pre-statehood California, then under Mexican Rule. The story is told of two half sisters, and the conflict between the native Chumash and the conquering Spanish, adventuring Russians, and mercenary Finns, as the struggle for control of the land mirrors the struggle for California, two teenagers run through the forest desperate to escape their lives. They tumble backward through time and in healing the past, claim their present and face their future. Length: 90 minutes. Audience: Young adult and up (contains a few four-letter words)

## WALNUT STREET PLAYERS

### "What is That?"

An improvisational performance where anything can happen, and usually does! Length: 60-90 minutes. Audience: 13 and older (adult language and themes)

## WILLIAMSTON THEATRE

### "Gravedigger: A Frankenstein Story" by Joseph Zettelmaier

A new play set in the 1700s specifically for people to hear a new play read out loud and respond, and we'll use that to try and help the writer work on the script. Length: 2 hours

## New Original Works

### Redemption Plays: 10 minute plays on the theme of redemption

#### "Ode" by Katie Doyle

A dream play surrounding the struggle of a man, recently returned from war and his wife as they come to terms with their life together and the demons that threaten to keep them apart.

#### "Magi" by Sean McClellan

The other side of the classic story "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry. Here we find ourselves in the shop where young Della goes to sell her hair, and we see the same story from a different perspective.

#### "Mission's End" by Terry Palczewski

An astronaut comes out of hibernation only to find that he is the only survivor among his crew. His only companion is the A.I. technician. Together they ponder the meaning of what it is to be human and at what risk will beings (artificial or otherwise) struggle for existence.

#### "Interview with a Dead Woman" by Oralya Garza

A play for three women whose voices tell the stories of all women. Weaving in and out of one another, the haunting tales relate the struggles, triumphs and courage that all women have in common.

## ONE ACTS:

### "A Doll's Wife" by Scott Sorrell

When a lonely young woman orders a male companion doll, she gets more than she bargained for when the doll suddenly says "hello."

### "The Night that Never Happened" by Matthew Ramon Thomas

When three brothers get together to help their mother who is sick, walls come down and truths are told. The last night of their two week stay pushes them to explore truths about how they feel about each other and the issue of caring for their dying mother.

### "You Know Me" by Sadie Pappas

A dark comedy about four high school friends who re-connect at a rural truck stop a few years after graduation; this new work focuses on the way we misuse our friendships.

## FULL LENGTH PLAYS:

### "Mistakes and Misunderstandings" by Andrew Catterall

Clark Adkins is surprised to hear that he's dead, or, if you believe the clerical error made at his bank, that he's actually been dead for quite some time already.

### "Betty" by Allison Brown

Betty is the story of a family's struggle to come together and bury the dead. This family comedy about death is quick, honest and silly. After all, "you can't spell funeral without the letters F-U-N!"

## MID-MICHIGAN FAMILY THEATRE

### Traveling Tales

Audience participation stories. Length: 40 min. Audience: All ages

## KELLIE STONEBROOK (INDEPENDENT)

### Wanda and Wendall Around the World by Kellie Stonebrook and Bruce Bennett

Wanda the Wacky Witch travels the world and meets a friend from each of the seven continents. Length: 30 minutes. Audience: Young kids and their families

## RENEGADE MUSIC

### CAJUN FIRE

Opening the festival is the hot sound of Cajun fire, sure to have everyone dancing in the park! Featuring Robin and Neil Mower, and Mary Schraffenberger on Cajun accordion, Jeff Boeinger on fiddle, and special guest Tom Ferris sitting in on acoustic guitar.

### THE MATT BLITON BAND

Matt Bliton, performing songs from his new CD, Solid Ground, is a strong singer and talented song writer, who plays guitar and harmonica. Pat Hudson, Jim Green, Rick Seguin, Teresa Goforth, Robby Richardson, Steve Springer, and Nate Bliton round out the band to bring their eclectic talents to Renegade for one rocking night of original music!

### CHRIS CARL

Chris comes from a large family with a strong musical background. His earliest memories are of grandparents, his mom, and uncles, aunts, and cousins singing Irish songs together. With his brother, Matt, and sister-in-law Dely, he is one-third of "O'Brien's Tower." <http://chriscarlmusic.tumblr.com/>

### REDLINE BLUES

Together as REDLINE BLUES, Lana LaReau and Jason Wicks perform a varied blend of old country, rock, and soul. Featuring artists such as Patsy Cline, Merle Haggard, Etta James & Jimi Hendrix.

### CUATRO SUR

Cuatro Sur means Four South. They're an exciting group who plays Spanish Rumba, Flamenco and Latin American music. You can see leader Miquel's musical background on [miquelcabanas.com](http://miquelcabanas.com). Other members of the band are Norberto Aguado (guitar/vocal), Dylan Kosma (percussion), Michael Campbell (bass).

## CITY PULSE PULSAR AWARDS

Saturday, August 17, 8pm

Come celebrate the closing of Renegade's eight season and the work of the entire Lansing theatre community at the annual Pulsar Awards! Even Pinsonnault hosts the evening dedicated to the great moments of the 2012-2013 theatre season and the many people who made it happen. No RSVP necessary. All welcome. FREE.

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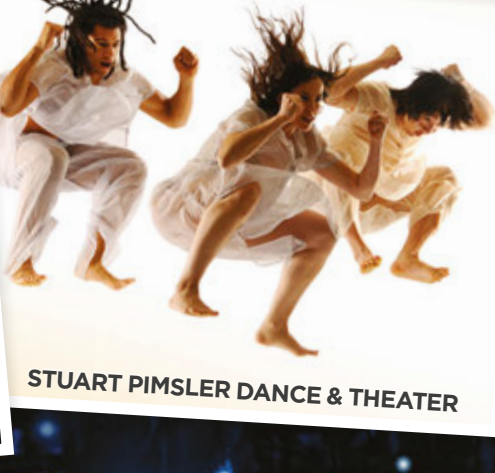
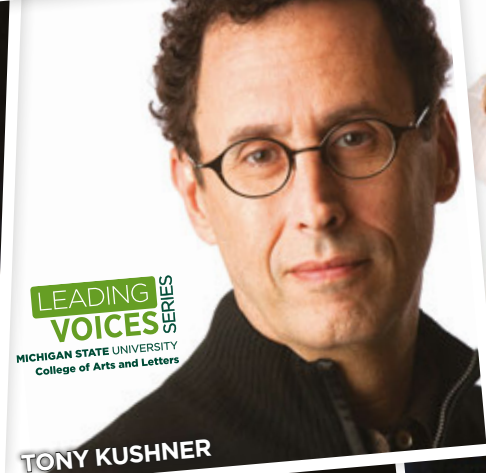
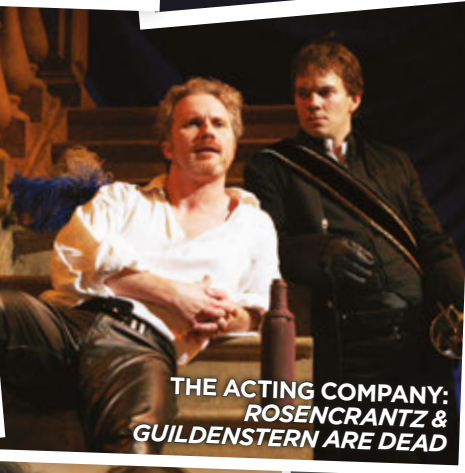
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## The green promise

Group hopes to replace demolished MSU greenhouse with high concept biodome

By LAURA JOHNSON

Never make a promise you don't plan to keep. You never know when someone will stick around for, oh, say, 15 years and hold you accountable.

The Student Greenhouse Project has been chasing a promise made by Michigan State University since the botany greenhouse, located on MSU's north campus, was torn down in 1998. The 22,000-square-foot greenhouse housed a waterfall, a stream, exotic plants, a fishpond and a butterfly house.

### Student Greenhouse Project Benefit Concert

6 p.m.-11pm Thursday  
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327 Abbot Road, East Lansing  
Featuring Mighty Medicine, Li'l Ditties, Fade to Black, Jeremy Sprague, Cheap Dates and Pao Xiong.  
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MSU research assistant and director of the Student Greenhouse Project. The space, which was free and open to students and the community, was used for a wide range of activities, including music events, K-12 school tours and medical walks for Sparrow Hospital patients.

"While it wasn't completely well known, it was a very beloved spot," Lamoureux said. "I was there for drum circles, there were poetry readings, little theater events and fundraising dinners."

Lamoureux said word leaked out in the fall of 1997 that the greenhouse was to be torn down due to age and the cost of upkeep. "People were shocked," he said. "So the Student Environmental Action Committee got involved with trying to save it and wrangled the university into coming to a public forum."

About 100 people from the university and the community showed up to protest the demolition. The greenhouse couldn't be saved, but a deal was struck.

"A freshman girl put up her hand and said, 'Well, if we can't save it, can't we just put something back there that everyone goes to and loves?'" Lamoureux recalled. "And ev-



Left: Laura Johnson/City Pulse Right: Courtesy Photo

Left: (from left) Jeff Herzog, Hannah Sumroo and Phillip Lamoureux of the Student Greenhouse Project. Right: A 5-foot diameter model for the proposed biodome was built by an MSU student in 1999. The group keeps the model in storage and assembles it for fundraising events.

eryone jumped on this."

Thus a promise was made: The university would allow a student group to build a new greenhouse, provided the group could raise the funds — and a dream was born.

"We have a legacy to uphold," Lamoureux said. "The (Student Greenhouse Project) has been running since that promise was made. We made the university realize that people loved that place. They didn't know there was a hornets' nest."

"We've been carrying this for 15 years, having been promised a greenhouse," said Jeff Herzog, Student Greenhouse Project community liaison and longtime supporter. "Everybody thought we would kind of go away, like the dust in Oklahoma."

While the group hasn't gone away, there is little more to show today than a model, a

The space is to be open year-round to campus and the general public, free on weekdays with a small charge on weekends.

"The goal is to have a beautiful tropical garden under a dome and really improve what was built years ago," Lamoureux said. "It would be a beloved place, the new heart of campus."

"It'll be a focal centerpiece," Herzog said. "We have a lot of places on campus for people to experience nature, but most of that is May through September. We can fill that gap for people with a place where they can take a deep breath and relax, or meditate, where they can regroup and re-gather. It's a place to just be. That's what we're looking to recreate and provide for people."

Memories of the old greenhouse are dwindling now, but there are some who re-

planned for the biodome is near the intersection of Shaw and Farm lanes. It's hoped that the space will be used for concerts and performances, for educational classes and labs, for study groups, for first dates and weddings.

But the gap between this dream and the current reality is Grand Canyon-wide. For the biodome to be built, the group has to come up with \$5 million upfront. As for how much they've raised: "We're so far away from that it's unbelievable," Herzog said.

Totally donation based, the project isn't financially supported by the university, and it's vague how much MSU supports the project at all. "They do have a very clear concept," said Jennifer Battle, assistant director of the Office of Campus Sustainability. "But in terms of whether it has been vetted and gone through the channels, I don't know if that's the case."

Layne Cameron, media communications manager at MSU, said MSU President Lou Anna Simon acknowledges the project and has requested a feasibility study: "It's our understanding that the parties involved in the study are interested in getting feedback from the campus."

To this end, project organizers are preparing to finalize and present the results of the study soon. "We're doing our best to work hand-in-hand with the university," Herzog said.

Since its founding, the group has hovered around five to 10 student members a year. The constants are non-students Herzog and Lamoureux; there since the beginning,

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— PHIL LAMOUREUX, STUDENT GREENHOUSE PROJECT DIRECTOR

small, fluctuating student membership and the dream. But that dream is a big one: A two-level biodome, 60 feet tall and 120 feet in diameter, with about 11,000 square feet of interior space. The model is a result of a winning student design from a contest held in 1999.

Inside plans include two waterfalls, a canyon and bridge, a large fishpond, meandering pathways and spaces for studying and performance. It is complete with an array of plants, hummingbirds and, yes, even Wi-Fi.

member. Like Margaret Beall of Okemos, who graduated from MSU in 1975 and supports the project.

"It was such a wonderful place to visit, especially in the winter when there's no green around," Beall said. "It had butterflies in it, and all the greenery. It was like being able to take a mini-vacation from winter, a respite for other stressors in life. It was a sanctuary for wellness."

Instead of being built on the original site of the old greenhouse, the tentative spot



# Renegade upgrade

Theater festival back with new features

By PAUL WOZNIAK

Lansing's Old Town district transforms into a giant stage this weekend at the 8th Annual Renegade Theatre Festival. Actually, it's more like 11 stages, featuring classic and new works from nearly every theater company in town, along with music performances and storytelling events, but who's counting.

## Renegade Theatre Festival

Aug. 15-17  
Various locations around Old Town  
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Co-founder Chad Badgero credits Renegade's longevity to Lansing's "festival town" atmosphere, as well as the growing sense of connectedness in the theater community.

"We were much more disparate and isolated when we started," Badgero said. "People did their show and they left. But over the last eight seasons, we've seen a change." He said part of that connectedness comes from performers' sharing equipment and spaces, which is absolutely required for a micro-budgeted festival like this to function. He said he feels that the cooperative spirit seems to have spread to all the area theater companies throughout the year.

Although the overall number of offerings remains the same, there will be some upgrades. (A full schedule is in the center of City Pulse.) This year will feature some new performance venues around Old Town; there will be a "Moth Radio Show"-esque storytelling performance in addition to the plays and staged readings; there will be a playwriting award for best new script; and for the grand finale of the festival, Badgero and Renegade co-founder Melissa Kaplan will co-produce City Pulse's annual Pulsar Awards ceremony, which honors the best in local theater.

Paige Dunckel, organizer of Renegade N.O.W. (New Original Works), is interested in a new category this year; four 10-minute plays on the theme of "Redemption."

"It was very interesting this year to get these individual playwrights' views of redemption," Dunckel said. "The four that we ended up selecting were all very different, all different styles and genres and all really



Courtesy Photo

A scene from one of the shows at last year's Renegade Theatre Festival.

interesting material." Dunckel is directing one of those segments by local playwright Oralya Garza: "Interview with a Dead Woman." Ultimately one of the new scripts in the Renegade N.O.W. portion will be selected for a fully staged production in Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.'s upcoming season, which will be announced at the Pulsar ceremony. Dunckel sees another bright side to the Renegade N.O.W. section: nurturing young talent.

"What's really cool about the Renegade N.O.W. portion of the festival is not only is it open to nurturing new playwrights, but it's also a festival that lends itself to promising young directors who might not get a lot of opportunity to direct," Dunckel said.

Another addition to Renegade (although not to the Lansing arts scene) is Dedria Humphries Barker, a writing professor at Lansing Community College. She's also a veteran storyteller, and one of the event's three spoken word performers. She's been honing her material over the past five years at a Lansing coffee house, performing original works and pieces by storytelling icons such as David Sedaris.

Badgero said the event appeals to live theater fans and newcomers to theater.

"Sometimes people just feel intimidated by going to the theater," he said. "Renegade is probably the most un-intimidating approach to theater that anyone will find."

and field trips.

"We're trying to pick up a little more speed," she said. "We really need community involvement, which has definitely petered out after the memories of the old greenhouse were lost as students left." Turnover of both students and administrative figures has been a major hurdle, making any real progress difficult.

But the project is important, Sumroo said. "I know it's not a fast process, but I feel like it's worth it to try to get something like this built on campus where it's sole

# Fall forward

Studio C! brings back art films starting in September

By ALLAN I. ROSS

As the smoke clears on the summer movie season and the Hollywood studios reap their blockbuster earnings (or bemoan their losses), Studio C! in Okemos is making some room once again for the East Lansing Film Series. Susan Woods, founder of the East Lansing Film Festival and programmer for the series, handpicked six smaller films that have been flying under the radar as superheroes and CGI monsters dominate local screens.

"These movies have, for one reason or another, exploded in the art house community, and it's such a treat to be able to bring them to the big screen here in the Lansing area," Woods said.

Studio C! hosted the film series from February through April this year, and the theater's general manager, Chad Wozniak, said the experiment was an "unconditional success."

"We were filling the theaters on matinees that would normally have been almost empty," Wozniak said. "Susan does such a good job picking out movies that haven't blown up yet. It's great, because these are diverse movies that you won't be able to find in a video store and won't be online for awhile."

The East Lansing Film Series runs Sept. 6 through Oct. 2 at Studio C!, 1999 Central Park Drive in Okemos. For show times and more details, go to celebra-

tioncinema.com/studio.

"Room 237" (NR, 102 min.) It's been more than 30 years since Stanley Kubrick's brain-twisting, blood-spattered masterpiece "The Shining" scared the bejeezus out of audiences and inspired a whole host of conspiracy theories. "Room 237" takes a look at some of the more audacious interpretations of the film through interviews, animation and movie clips.

"Kon Tiki" (PG-13, 118 min.) One of this year's Oscar nominees for Best Foreign Language film, "Kon Tiki" is an adaptation of Thor Heyrдах's true account of his daring 101-day trip across the Pacific on a rudimentary raft.

"The Stories We Tell" (PG-13, 108 min.) Haunted by the death of her mother when she was 11 years old, Canadian actress and filmmaker Sarah Polley ("The Sweet Hereafter") interviews family members and examines her own memories to try to piece together the truth in this illuminating documentary.

"The Sapphires" (PG-13, 103 min.) In 1968, four young Aboriginal sisters became a runaway sensation entertaining U.S. troops in Vietnam. This musical comedy is based on their true story, starring Chris O'Dowd ("Bridesmaids").

"Augustine" (NR, 102 min.) A look at the relationship between pioneering 19th century French neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot and his star teenage patient.

"What Maisie Knew" (R, 99 mins.) This sobering drama pulls no punches detailing the cruelty and selfishness as a custody battles gets increasingly vicious, with a wide-eyed 6 year old in the eye of the storm. Starring Julianne Moore ("The Kids are All Right").



Courtesy Photo

The Academy Award-nominated foreign language film "Kon-Tiki" plays next month at Studio C!

# Greenhouse

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Lamoureux describes himself as the "deep memory of the group."

Hannah Sumroo, 23, who graduated this year from MSU, served as the Student Greenhouse Project's student president for three years and involved since 2008. She said the group participates in events such as homecoming parades, small concerts

purpose is to be a beautiful place that helps you feel better."

Herzog and Lamoureux remain positive. "It will get here sooner the more people help push," Lamoureux said. "It's not a standstill; it's a glacial creep."

Upcoming events to help with the push include a fundraiser Thursday night at Dublin Square. The event will feature multiple bands and the chance to learn more about the project. A donation of \$10 at the door is requested.

The event is about raising funds, Her-

zog said, but more than that, it's about raising awareness and seeking new members. "We want more people in the community to understand that this is a viable ongoing project, and we'd love to have more people behind it and gain support for it."

If and when this biodome is built, Lamoureux said, "There will be a sigh of relief and a cheer from all corners of the planet."

"We're pretty sure it's going to happen, but it takes time," he said. "It's like rolling a giant snowball, and it takes more hands."



# THE SCREENING ROOM by ALLAN I. ROSS

## Reefer blandness

Jennifer Aniston tries to save a buzz-less raunchy comedy

Some comedies demand repeat viewings to allow your brain to wrap around the complexity or the subtlety of the humor, or to soak in a boldly original acting performance. Admittedly, I was no fan of “The Big Lebowski,” “Best in Show” or “Zoolander” the first time I saw them, but I now rank them among my favorites. That esteem, however, only came from subsequent sit-downs; a single watch just isn’t enough to “get” certain films. That’s why I’m so wary to dismiss a comedy too quickly.

That said, “We’re the Millers” is a turd sandwich. I laughed good-naturedly at a few of the funnier bits, groaned at a couple of the gross-outs and ogled Jennifer Aniston’s killer body as she performed an eye-popping striptease in a teeny lace bra and panties. But I felt deeply ashamed of my emotional investment immediately afterward.

Directed by Rawson Marshall Thurber (“Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story”), “Millers” borrows liberally from the playbooks of the Farrelly Brothers (disfigured prosthetic genitalia: check), Judd Apatow (male-centric raunchy comedy that feels at least half an hour too long: check) and Adam McKay (improvisational style that has five unfunny jokes to every funny one: check). This is a recipe with ingredients we’ve seen dozens of times before: take one unlikable, bickering couple who you know will hook up at the end, put them on a road trip with a couple of offbeat characters and bounce them off a contrarily wholesome family for whom they must maintain a growing pack of lies. Throw in a couple of gun-toting villains who are in hot pursuit, let fester in the desert sun for two days and serve lukewarm; garnish with a sprig

of marijuana.

“Millers” is about a misfit assembly pretending to be a family in order to smuggle pot across the Mexican border in a rented RV. Unlike darker, funnier, better movies that dabble with drugs and illegal activity — a glorious tradition that started with “Up in Smoke” continuing through “Pineapple Express” — “Millers” is a toothless cop-out. In a comedy featuring a van filled with 2 tons of weed, not once does a character so much as refer to getting stoned; God forbid someone should, you know, smoke it.

There are some high points. Nick Offerman, most recently seen in “Kings of Summer,” turns in a standout performance as a vanilla DEA agent, and newcomer Will Poulter pulls off the sincerity required of the hackneyed virginal teen role. However, in his first shot at a headlining role, Jason Sudekis proves he’s no born leading man. He instilled a sparkling, post-ironic wit into his “Saturday Night Live” personas, and his supporting roles in “The Campaign” and “Horrible Bosses” were fine examples of being a great utility player. But it takes a hell of a charismatic actor to act like a dick for the entire movie, then get you to like him when he learns his lesson at the end. Sudekis is too lightweight to pull it off.

Then you’ve got Aniston As A Stripper. That’s pretty much as far as the writer, Bob Fisher (“Wedding Crashers”), got with fig-



Courtesy Photo

“We’re the Millers” follows a faux family smuggling an RV full of pot across the border.

uring her character out, but she makes the best of it. She’s charming, as always, but a recycled “Friends” plot point and a shout-out to the show in the end credits remind you how little she’s come since the show ended nine years ago.

But mostly, as America sits on the verge of pot legalization (or at least decriminalization), marijuana smuggling already seems passé, if not altogether quaint. “We’re the Millers” won’t get better with

time; it’s already nearly obsolete.

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## Wednesday, August 14

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Fenner Field School.** Session 2. For grades 3-8. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$400. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. [mynaturecenter.org](http://mynaturecenter.org).

**Vinyasa Yoga.** Taught by Cathy Fitch. Drop-ins welcome. 5:30-6:45 p.m. \$12 per class, \$60 six weeks. ACC Natural Healing and Wellness, 617 Ionia St., Lansing. (517) 708-8510.

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

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes & activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St. Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

**Summer Nature Day Camp.** Grades K-2. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$140 residents, \$155 non-residents. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. [mynaturecenter.org](http://mynaturecenter.org).

**Drawing Class.** All skill levels, with Penny Collins. Pre-registration required. 6-8:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St. Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

**Transgender Support Group.** Discussion for parents and guardians. 7:15-9 p.m. FREE. MSU LGBT Resource Center, near Collingwood entrance, East Lansing. (517) 353-9520.

**Ayn Rand & Objectivism.** 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. [pilgrimucc.com](http://pilgrimucc.com).

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

### EVENTS

**Strategy Game Night.** 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. [dtdl.org](http://dtdl.org).

**City of Bones Party.** Movie release event. Trivia, food and prizes. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. [dtdl.org](http://dtdl.org).

**Practice Your English.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. East

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## AUG. 15 >> MID-MICHIGAN ZINE FAIR BENEFIT

East Lansing art and performance space (SCENE) MetroSpace hosts a spelling bee to benefit the Mid-Michigan Zine Fair, an event that showcases the DIY ideas of how to create and sustain your own magazine. "Zinesters handle everything from conception, to printing, to distribution totally on their own," the group's Facebook page says. "It's D.I.Y. media at its best. Making a zine is all about getting your voice heard and doing it all on your own terms." Along with the spelling bee, the event will include refreshments and live music. All proceeds will go toward the Zine Fair, which takes place on Oct. 26 at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing. 7 p.m. (SCENE) MetroSpace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. Admission is FREE, but donations are encouraged. \$4 entry fee for spelling bee.



## AUG. 16 >> BAND SHELL CONCERT SERIES

Top 40 cover band Life Support is next in a weekly summer concert series at Lake Lansing Park South's band shell. Life Support has been performing at various events for many years and has 150 years worth of performing experience between its members. The group performs all styles of music from jazz and rock songs to more contemporary material by artists like Katy Perry. Concerts continue until Labor Day. The event is sponsored by J's Cone Zone. 7 p.m. Lake Lansing Park South, 1621 Pike St., Meridian Township. FREE parking and admission.

## AUG. 16-17 >> USED BOOK SALE

The Grand Ledge District Library hosts a two-day used book sale featuring a variety of fiction, non-fiction and audio books. Special deals on Friday include a \$2 grocery bag full of children's books and free videos. Hardcover books are \$1 and paperbacks are 25 cents. On Saturday, fill either a bag or box with materials of your choosing for \$5, excluding special-priced books or book-sets. 6-8 p.m. Friday. 10 a.m.-Noon Saturday. 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. Call (517) 627-9588 or visit [grandledge.lib.mi.us](http://grandledge.lib.mi.us) for more information.

## AUG. 17 >> COMEDY BREAST CANCER BENEFIT



If laughter is the best medicine, cancer patient Michelle Brennan is in for some treatment from comedian Dave Dyer. Along with a raffle, Dyer will perform his offbeat brand of comedy seen on NBC's "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" and "The Bob and Tom Show" at this breast cancer benefit. Dyer, who has worked with renowned comedians like Lewis Black and Kathleen Madigan, was the winner of Grand Rapids Magazine's Comedy Joke Off, where he faced off against Michigan's best up-and-coming comedic talent. 8 p.m. Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 N. East St., Lansing. \$15. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six.

## AUG. 18 >> LIVE ABSTRACT PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

Lowell-based artist Kathleen Mooney will explain her painting techniques with acrylic and collage elements at a live demonstration. Mooney, a member of the National Watercolor Society and the International Society of Experimental Artists, has her work featured at a special exhibit this month at Anselmo Gallery, where there is also a video of her explaining her work during gallery hours. 3 p.m. Anselmo Gallery, inside Meridian Mall in Okemos. FREE. Contact Karen Kierstead Miller at (517) 347-0079 for more information.

## AUG. 20 >> DON MIDDLEBROOK AND THE PEARL DIVERS

Landlocked Lansing is about to get a taste of the beach from Don Middlebrook, who brings his brand of Jimmy Buffett-style, beach-inspired summer tunes to a free concert series at Eastwood Towne Center. Middlebrook and his band The Pearl Divers have been on the Fun in the Sun countrywide tour all summer. Middlebrook's latest album, "Tailspin," was voted the No. 2 Trop Rock album of 2012 by Beach Front Radio's "Top of the Trop" awards. 6 p.m. Eastwood Towne Center, 3003 Preyde Blvd., Lansing Township. FREE.





# TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICHTUPICA



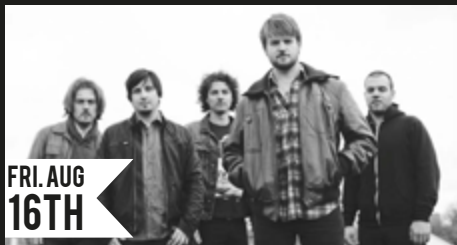
SAT. AUG 17TH

## TYLER HILTON & RYAN CABRERA AT MAC'S

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, all ages, \$17, \$15 advance, 6 p.m.

Poppy, MTV-approved singer/songwriters Tyler Hilton (right) and Ryan Cabrera co-headline a night of acoustic music Saturday at Mac's Bar. Hilton, 29, moved to Los Angeles in 2000 and self-released his debut album. He also got an acting gig on "One Tree Hill" and starred as Elvis Presley in the 2005 Johnny Cash biopic "Walk the Line." Hilton's 2004 disc, "The Tracks of Tyler Hilton," earned him international fame. His latest, "Forget the Storm," was released last year. Meanwhile Cabrera (left), a Platinum-selling artist, is promoting his new single, "I See Love." Cabrera, 31, started writing tunes at 16. By 21 he was recording his debut, "Take It All Away," with his mentor Johnny Rzeznik of the Goo Goo Dolls.

### POOR YOUNG THINGS THE LOFT



FRI. AUG 16TH

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18 and over. \$8, \$5 advance, \$10 under 21. 8 p.m.

Poor Young Things, a Toronto-based pop-py rock 'n' roll band, play Friday at The Loft. The band, which is touring the U.S., has a growing fan base and recently snagged a record deal and a Sirius XM Emerging Artist of the Year award. The group describes its debut, "The Heart. The Head. The End," as "equal parts grit and groove, fun and fury." Co-headlining the gig is Damn Van Cannibals, a local alt-rock band returning from a four-year hiatus that lists Tool and Red Hot Chili Peppers as two of its primary influences. The band includes Justin Deason (guitar), Jordan Kimmey (drums) and lead vocalist Rian Mohre (yup, no bassist).

### BOTTOM OF THE HILL BLUES FEST



SAT. AUG 17TH

Burg Bar & Twilliger's Tavern, Laingsburg, 18 and over, 1 p.m. to midnight.

Laingsburg hosts Bottom of the Hill Blues Fest on Saturday, a one-day concert event designed to elevate the image of the small Lansing satellite city. The fest features Lansing blues vets Root Doctor, who play from 9 p.m. to midnight. Also performing are Fragment of Soul, the Ari Ceital Band, Late Edition and Generation Clay. The festival happens at both The Burg Bar & Grill, 104 E. Grand River Ave., and Twilliger's Tavern, 116 E. Grand River Ave. The owners of the two Laingsburg bars say they're trying to give their town a shot in the arm. "A lot of people don't know Laingsburg, but it's only 20 minutes from Lansing," Twilliger's owner Mike Putnam said. "If we bring the blues bands, it might generate more traffic to the city."

### EVOLVE AT THE LOFT



SAT. AUG 17TH

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18 and over. \$5 for 21+, \$7 for 18+. 9 p.m.

Evolve, a series of dance-music events, returns Saturday to The Loft for its third event of the summer. The night, presented by Fort Nox Entertainment, features pumping dance music coupled with an extravagant light show. Headlining is Marcutio, an emerging Kalamazoo-based DJ/producer who spins a mix of space rock and dreamstep. He began releasing original work in 2010. His influences include Ill Gates, Mimosa and Ooah, but his live instrumentation and vocals create a distinct, melodic and bass-heavy sound. Also spinning are Lansing-based DJs AKDJ, DJ SIZL and Fort Nox founder Jay Arthur, who describes Evolve as "monthly installments of dope electronic beats."

### NACHZEHRER AT MAC'S BAR



SUN. AUG 18TH

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, all ages, \$6, 9 p.m.

For those looking for some frostbitten black-thrash metal, Sunday at Mac's Bar might be the place to be. The show features a heavy lineup, including Nachzehrer, a Boston-based band. Also performing are Haethen and Dark Psychosis. Nachzehrer plays raw black metal mixed with black thrash and speed. In 2010, they released a four-song demo, "Black Thrash Ritual," as a limited tape release on the Massachusetts-based label, Reaper's Grave. "Pestilence Hungers in the Shadows" followed in 2011. An upcoming full-length LP, "The Path of the Impure," is scheduled for release in the fall; it'll be a split release from Graveless Slumber and Pagan Pride Records. Fans of Destroyer 666 or Enthroned might want to check them out.

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## LIVE & LOCAL

|   | WEDNESDAY                        | THURSDAY                 | FRIDAY                           | SATURDAY                 |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.               |                                  | DJ, p.m.                 | Soulstice, 9 p.m.                | Soulstice, 9 p.m.        |
| The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.            | DJ Woody Wood, 9 p.m.            | DJ Juan Trevino, 8 p.m.  | The New Rule, 9:30 p.m.          | The Knock Offs 9:30 p.m. |
| Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave. |                                  | Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 PM | Karaoke w/ Joanie Daniels 7 p.m. | DJ Dazlin Dena, 8 p.m.   |
| Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.             | The Scratch Pilots, 9:30 p.m.    | Big Willy, 9:30 p.m.     | Starfarm, 9:30 p.m.              | Summer of Sol, 9:30 p.m. |
| Harem, 414 E. Michigan Ave.                   |                                  | DJ Thor, 9 p.m.          | DJ Skitzo, 9 p.m.                | DJ Element, 9 p.m.       |
| The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.                |                                  | Spiritual Rez, 9 p.m.    | Damn Van Cannibals, 9 p.m.       | Marcutio, 9 p.m.         |
| Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.                 | Waterpong w/ DJ Davey, 8 p.m.    | Joe Wright, 7 p.m.       |                                  |                          |
| Uli's Haus of Rock, 4519 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.     |                                  | Cyanide Sunrise, 8 p.m.  | La Coparacion, 8 p.m.            | Past Tense, 8 p.m.       |
| Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive | Suzi & the Love Brothers, 6 p.m. | Mr. Harrison, 6 p.m.     | Joe Wright, 6 p.m.               | From Big Sur, 7 p.m.     |
| Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.    | DJ, 9 p.m.                       | DJ, 9 p.m.               | DJ, p.m.                         | DJ, p.m.                 |

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# Out on the town

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Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

**Materializing Mandela's Legacy.** Exhibit on Nelson Mandela. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-7474. museum.msu.edu.

**Watershed Wellness Center Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Watershed Farmers Market, 16280 National Parkway, Lansing. (517) 886-0440.

**Allen Street Farmers Market.** 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

**Prospectors Protectors Summer Block Party.** 6-9 p.m. FREE. Prospect Place, 1427 Prospect St., Lansing.

**Grande Paraders.** Casual attire. 7 p.m. \$3 members, \$4 non-members. Lions Community Park, 304 W. Jefferson St., Dimondale. (517) 694-0087.

**Park Cart.** Buy nutritious snacks. 1-4 p.m. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing. (517) 999-3918. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

**Art from the Lakes.** Exhibit dedicated to lakes. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400 ext. 2. lansingartgallery.org.

## MUSIC

**Sam Winternheimer Quartet.** 7-10 p.m. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing.

**3 Men and a Tenor.** Concert in the Park show. Rain or shine. 7 p.m. FREE. St. Johns City Park, located off Morton and Park streets, St. Johns.

## Thursday, August 15

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Writers Roundtable.** Get feedback on your work. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

**Coupon Swap.** Exchange coupons, discuss deals & strategies. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

**Online Travel Tools.** Find out about some useful tools for helping you plan your next trip. 2-3:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Weigh in, 6 p.m. Meeting, 6:30 p.m. FREE to visit. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080. stdavidslansing.org.

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes

& activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363. cadl.org.

**Computer Training.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Faith United Methodist Church, 4301 S. Waverly Road, Lansing. (517) 393-3347.

**Summer Nature Day Camp.** Grades K-2. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$140 residents, \$155 non-residents. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

**Fenner Field School.** Session 2. For grades 3-8. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$400. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

**Take Root Garden Club.** Ages 5-10. Fill out registration form. 10:30 a.m.-Noon, FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3918.

**Bonkers for Basil.** Family Education Day. Learn about herbs. 5 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. 517-483-7460. lansingcitymarket.com.

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

## EVENTS

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

**MET Pizza Party.** Raising money for foster care students' tuition costs. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations \$5. Capitol Lawn, Lansing. (248) 601-5215.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection.** Collecting hazardous waste items for disposal. 2-6 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 887-4312. hd.ingham.org.

**Euchre.** Come play Euchre and meet new people. No partner needed. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

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

**Materializing Mandela's Legacy.** Exhibit on Nelson Mandela. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-7474. museum.msu.edu.

**YES Youth Education Support.** 7 p.m. FREE. McLaren-Greater Lansing Education Building, 401 W. Greenlawn Ave., Lansing. 517-484-3404. namilansing.org.

**City of East Lansing Moonlight Film Festival. "Hugo."** Bring blanket or lawn chair. 9:30 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

**South Lansing Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. FREE.

South Lansing Farmers Market, 1905 W. Mount Hope Ave. Lansing. (517) 374-5700.

**Food and Fun.** Breakfast & lunch. Crafts & activities. Up to 18. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE. Elmhurst Elementary School, 2400 Pattengill Ave., Lansing. (517) 887-6116.

**Community Festival.** 3-7 p.m. 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 374-5700.

**Park Cart.** Buy nutritious snacks. 1-4 p.m. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3918. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

**Art from the Lakes.** Exhibit dedicated to lakes. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400 ext. 2. lansingartgallery.org.

**Platinum Dance Academy Open House.** Register for dance lessons. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Platinum Dance Academy, 4976 1/2 Northwind Drive, East Lansing. (517) 712-5887. platinumdanceacademy.com.

**Harvest Basket Produce Sale.** All produce grown naturally on the Smith Floral Property. 3-7:30 p.m. Smith Floral and Greenhouses, 124 E Mount Hope Ave., Lansing.

**Now Hiring: Temporary Transportation Maintenance Workers.** Driving record and valid Class A CDL required. 6 p.m. MDOT Lansing TSC, 2700 Port Lansing Road, Lansing. (517) 750-0432.

**Chipmunk Story Time.** "Everybody Needs a Rock." 10 a.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

**Pre-school Olympics.** Includes obstacle course, discus throw, miniature golf. 6 p.m. FREE. Delta Mills Park, 7001 Old River Trail, Lansing. (517) 323-8555. deltami.gov.

**Michigan Beer Show Podcast: Tap Takeover.** Tap Takeover with home brews, open to public. 8-9 p.m. FREE. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

## MUSIC

**Williamston Summer Concert Series.** Donny and the Dorsals. 7-9 p.m. FREE. McCormick Park, located at North Putnam and High streets, Williamston.

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## Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"A Clean Start"--  
things are starting  
to bubble up.  
Matt Jones

### Across

- 1 "You couldn't have made it more obvious?"
- 5 Driveway sealer
- 8 Football coach Amos Alonzo \_\_\_\_
- 13 Impressive spread
- 15 Focus of 1999 protests in Seattle
- 16 Baby who was renamed Clark Kent
- 17 With 25-across, "Fantasia" role for Mickey Mouse
- 19 Olympic skater Slutskaya
- 20 Auberjonois's "Deep Space Nine" role
- 21 Iraq neighbor
- 22 Bridge abstention
- 23 Square figure?
- 25 See 17-across
- 27 Sabermetrician's stats
- 29 Creeping growth
- 30 "See ya" in Sevilla
- 33 I-5, for one
- 34 Oscar winner Winslet
- 38 Photo-ops for one
- 42 Edible seaweed
- 43 Hot cider server
- 44 Greek letters
- 45 Genre for Fall Out Boy
- 46 Worn threads
- 48 Fruits that flavor Puckertinis
- 53 American Lit., e.g.
- 57 \_\_\_\_ Tages (someday, in German)
- 58 Proprietor
- 60 Tony-winning role for Robert Morse
- 61 Eastwood of west-

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- 62 2007-08 Boston-based reality show setting up dates during MLB games
- 64 "Cosi fan \_\_\_\_" (Mozart opera)
- 65 Poet's palindromic preposition
- 66 Ravine
- 67 Stone Age weapon
- 68 Music game with a floor pad, for short
- 69 Supply hidden in the first two letters of the long answers' words

### Down

- 1 Actor Bateman
- 2 Wear away
- 3 "File not found," e.g.
- 4 Actor Efron of "High School Musical"
- 5 Pipsqueaks
- 6 Take \_\_\_\_ down

- memory lane
- 7 Refried beans brand
- 8 Made with skim milk, at a coffee shop
- 9 Fortune teller's deck
- 10 Story
- 11 Photo finish?
- 12 Forest clearing
- 14 Verbal nod
- 18 "Million Second Quiz" host Seacrest
- 24 Go limp
- 26 Have You \_\_\_\_? (game like Truth or Dare)
- 28 Letters on an Olympic jersey
- 30 "Try me!"
- 31 Female rabbit or deer
- 32 Unwell
- 33 TV chihuahua
- 34 Etch A Sketch controls
- 35 Perform in plays
- 36 Bagged leaves

- 37 Road twist
- 39 Shoe type
- 40 Popped the question
- 41 Oxygen source
- 45 Holiday with fake grass
- 46 Boomer's kid
- 47 On the waves
- 48 Bands of believers
- 49 Get ready for a bodybuilding competition
- 50 Come together
- 51 Fashion designer Oscar de la \_\_\_\_
- 52 With "The," groundbreaking Showtime TV series
- 54 "In \_\_\_\_" (Nirvana)
- 55 Brazilian actress Sonia \_\_\_\_
- 56 Kentucky Derby drink
- 59 Dungeons & Dragons, e.g.
- 63 Neg.'s counterpart

## SUDOKU

## INTERMEDIATE

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### TO PLAY

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

To avoid erasing, pencil in your possible answers in the scratchpad space beneath the short line in each vacant square.

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# Out on the town

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## THEATER

**“Tuna Does Vegas.”** Town of Tuna, Texas goes to Vegas. 8 p.m. \$20. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469. williamstontheatre.com.

## Friday, August 16

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Oil Painting.** For all levels with Patricia Singer. Preregistration required. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St. Lansing.

**Free Health Screening.** Brookdale team gives free health screenings. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046. okemosschools.net.

**Summer Nature Day Camp.** Grades K-2. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$140 residents, \$155 non-residents. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

**Fenner Field School.** Session 2. For grades 3-8. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$400. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224. mynaturecenter.org.

**Singles TGIF Patio Party.** Live performance by Full House. 8 p.m. \$12. Hawk Hollow Golf Course, 15101 Chandler Road, Bath. (517) 281-6272. singlestgif.com.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** A closed women’s meeting. 7:30 p.m. St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. (517) 882-9733.

## EVENTS

**Drive-In Movie: “Despicable Me.”** Golf carts limited to first 45. 8:30 p.m. FREE. Groesbeck Golf Course, 1600 Ormond St., Lansing. (517) 483-4313.

**37th Annual Corn Roast.** Food & fun for all ages. 6-11 p.m. St. Casimir Church, 815 Sparrow Ave. Lansing. (517) 482-1346.

**Materializing Mandela’s Legacy.** Exhibit on Nelson Mandela. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-7474. museum.msu.edu.

**Career Quest Learning Center Open House.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Career Quest Learning Center (Lansing), 3215 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 318-3330. cqclc.edu.

**Park Cart.** Buy nutritious snacks. 1-4 p.m. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3918. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

**Art from the Lakes.** Exhibit dedicated to lakes. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400 ext. 2. lansingartgallery.org.

**Outdoor Movie Night: “Beware! The Blob.”** Bring a blanket and lawn chair. 9 p.m. FREE. 1200 Marquette St. 1200 Marquette St., Lansing. (517) 420-1873. thinklivemusic.com.

**Used Book Sale.** Selection includes thousands of fiction and non-fiction for all ages. 6-8 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9588.

## MUSIC

**Grand River Radio Diner/WLNZ 89.7.** Featuring Fade to Black and Lights & Caves. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1710. lcc.edu/radio.

## THEATER

**“Tuna Does Vegas.”** Town of Tuna, Texas goes to Vegas. 8 p.m. \$25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469. williamstontheatre.com.

## Saturday, August 17

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Tai Chi in the Park.** Taught by Bob Teachout. 9 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

**Preserving Your Harvest Workshop.** 12:30-2 p.m., \$5 suggested donation. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

**Wheel of Life: Single Mothers Working Together.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE. Women’s Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163. womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

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

**Lansing Buddhist Day of Meditation.** Preregistration required. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. 14796 Beardslee, 14796 Beardslee, Perry. (517) 420-2002. lansingbuddhist.org.

## EVENTS

**37th Annual Corn Roast.** Food & fun for all ages. 3-11 p.m. St. Casimir Church, 815 Sparrow Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-1346.

**Dedication of the Archer Stadium.** Tribute to Coach Nick Archer & alumni game at 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Soccer Complex, 3700 Coleman Road, Lansing. (517) 319-6809.

**Materializing Mandela’s Legacy.** Exhibit on Nelson Mandela. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-7474. museum.msu.edu.

**Watershed Wellness Center Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Watershed Farmers Market, 16280 National Parkway, Lansing. (517) 886-0440.

**Urbandale Farm Stand.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Urbandale Farm, 700 block S. Hayford Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3916.

**Summer Campfire Series.** Theme is Camo Critters. 7 p.m. \$3 per person, \$7 per family. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

**Holt Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 2050 Cedar St. 2050 Cedar St. Holt.

**All-Class Eastern High School Reunion.** 1 p.m. doors open at noon, FREE. Eastern High School, 220 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 755-1050. lansingschools.net.

**Healing Revival Meeting.** 2-4 p.m. FREE. South Church, 5250 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. 555-555-1212. wolicom.org.

**3rd Saturday Kids Event: Pirates!** Pirate activities for kids. 1 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437. bn.com.

**Art from the Lakes.** Exhibit dedicated to lakes. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400 ext. 2. lansingartgallery.org.

**Elvis Tribute.** Starring Matt King and Chris Solano. 8 p.m. \$20. Leslie American Legion, 422 Woodworth St., Leslie. (517) 676-1727.

**Grand Opening of the International DreamCenter of Lansing.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. DreamCenter of Lansing, 2200 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 574-5643. eaglevisionministries.org.

**Used Book Sale.** Selection includes thousands of fiction and non-fiction for all ages. 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9588.

**Camo Critters Campfire Program.** Teaches participants about camouflaged creatures. 7 p.m. \$3-\$7. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

**Fundraiser for Barry Farhat.** Fundraiser to help raise money for a handicap ramp. Hot dogs and games. 10 a.m. Wonch Park, 4545 Okemos Rd., Okemos.

## THEATER

**“Tuna Does Vegas.”** Town of Tuna, Texas goes to Vegas. 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$22 & \$25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469. williamstontheatre.com.

## LITERATURE AND POETRY

**“The Way North” Book Signing.** Editor and contributors sign and discuss, “The Way North.” 5 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437. bn.com.

## Sunday, August 18

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

**Juggling.** Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St. East Lansing. (517) 485-9190.

**Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous.** Third floor meeting room. 2-3 p.m. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300. cadl.org.

## EVENTS

**37th Annual Corn Roast.** Food & Fun for all ages. 12:30-3 p.m. St. Casimir Church, 815 Sparrow Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-1346.

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

**Materializing Mandela’s Legacy.** Exhibit on Nelson Mandela. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. MSU Museum, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-7474. museum.msu.edu.

**City of East Lansing Farmers Market.** Growers-only market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Court, East Lansing.

**Art from the Lakes.** Exhibit dedicated to lakes.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400 ext. 2. lansingartgallery.org.

**Free Trade Fair & Open Mic.** Barter or sell items. 12-4 p.m. FREE. 1200 Marquette St., 1200 Marquette St. Lansing. (517) 420-1873.

**Live Abstract Painting Demo.** Artist Kathleen Mooney gives a live painting demo. 3 p.m. FREE. Anselmo Gallery, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 347-0079.

## MUSIC

**Planet D Nonet.** CD release for the jazz swing band. Special taco bar. 7 p.m. \$5. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 853-0550. facebook.com/bigbarnproductions.

## THEATER

**“Tuna Does Vegas.”** Town of Tuna, Texas goes to Vegas. 2 p.m. \$22. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469. williamstontheatre.com.

**Riverwalk Theatre Auditions: “Sleepy Hollow.”** Auditions for shows Oct. 18-27. 7 p.m. FREE. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

## Monday, August 19

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Learn to Meditate.** Taught by Bob Teachout. Enter at rear of building. 8:15-9 p.m. Donations. C. Weaver Physical Therapy Exercise Studio, 1720 Abbey Road, East Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

**Metaphysical Mondays.** Discussion, 7-8 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 347-2112. triplegoddessesbookstore.

**Zumba Gold.** For seniors or beginners. 11 a.m.-Noon, \$8 drop-in rate, \$35 5 visit punch card, \$65 10 visit punch card. Kick it Out! Dance Studio, 1880 Haslett Road, East Lansing. (517) 582-6784.

**Computer Training.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Faith United Methodist Church, 4301 S. Waverly Road, Lansing. (517) 393-3347.

**Adult Rape Survivor Support Group.** Pre-registration preferred. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women’s Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

**Job Seekers Support Group.** Find the right job or career. 10 am.-Noon, FREE. Women’s Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163. womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

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**Déjà Vu SHOWGIRLS**  
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## FIRESIDE GRILL / WHAT UP DAWG EXPRESS / RUM RUNNERS



Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

Fireside Grill opened this week in Dimondale. The 12,000-square-foot restaurant is owned by Ed Hall, who used to own Barley's American Grill in south Lansing, which closed in April.



## By ALLAN I. ROSS

For 17 years, **Barley's American Grill** was a south Lansing staple for billiards, darts and bar food. Owner Ed Hall opened the 5,000-square-foot establishment after finding success in Kalamazoo with a much smaller pool hall. In April, he closed Barley's so he could focus on his new endeavor: **Fireside Grill**, which opened this week in Dimondale.

The 12,000-square-foot building has been home to other restaurants: the Pour House, the Windsor Mountain Grille and the Coyote Creek Grille. The move has enabled Hall to expand his menu to include many fresh items.

"Our kitchen was very small, and we relied on a lot of frozen food," he said. "Now we can have fresh greens, seafood and pasta. We're really going to focus on healthy cooking."

The menu will also feature daily specials, as well as soup made from scratch every day. Managing partner Melanie Baker said they plan to host live music, trivia and a possible stand-up comedy night.

Work is still being done on the space, but the

bar area, the patio and a separate dining room are open for business. In time, Baker said Fireside Grill will feature two private rooms for parties or business meetings as well as a dining room with an atrium and a fireplace, hence the name.

"We didn't own the (Barley's) building, so our options were very limited," Baker said. "But we bought this building, and now the sky's the limit."

**Dawg days of summer**

Earlier this month, East Lansing's **What Up Dawg?** opened its satellite location, **What Up Dawg Express**, in downtown Lansing's sprawling Michigan Avenue bar complex. The new location takes the place of the **Dugout Pub**, a 220-square-foot space adjacent to the **Harem Urban Lounge**. It neighbors **The Tin Can**, **Taps 25**, **The Loft** and **Tacos 911**.

"This is quite a bit smaller than our original location, but it's designed to for quick grab-and-run type dining," said general manager Bill Schramm. "We had a mobile dog cart that we moved around downtown Lansing and found the space (in front of Harem) to get the most business. When we were offered a permanent space here, it was a no-brainer. This is the busiest bar block in Ingham County."

The original location opened in February 2011,

with a hot dog-centric menu with beer. The new location doesn't have deep fryers, so there won't be French fries to round out your meal, but there are Michigan bottled beers (no taps, yet) and Michigan-made liquor.

"We're trying to keep everything as local as possible," Schramm said. "All of our hot dogs, chili and toppings are made in Michigan. Supporting the local economy is very important for us."

**Pianos, man**

A couple of weeks ago, we told you about the renovations going on at downtown Lansing's **Rum Runners**. This weekend the two-story piano bar, 601 E. Michigan Ave., unveils its updated second floor with a rock 'n' roll piano show on Friday and Saturday and a tattoo party on Saturday. For more information, go to rumrunners.com.

**Fireside Grill**

6951 Lansing Road, Dimondale  
10 a.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday  
(517) 882-7297

**What Up Dog Express**

414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
8 p.m.-3 a.m. Thursday-Saturday  
(517) 351-3294  
theyummydawg.com

## Out on the town

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## EVENTS

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

**Ancestry Club.** Discuss genealogy tips & resources. Call to register. 10 a.m.-Noon, FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

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

**5th Annual Back to School Health Fair.** Health screenings and immunizations also includes prizes. 9 a.m. FREE. Ingham County Health Department, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 887-4322. hd.ingham.org.

**Cool Car Nights.** Cars, trucks & more. 5-8 p.m. FREE. Downtown Williamston, Grand River Avenue, Williamston. (517) 404-3594. williamston.org.

**Club Shakespeare.** Rehearsing "Scenes of Shakespeare." 6-8:45 p.m. Donations. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 348-5728. cadl.org.

**Park Cart.** Buy nutritious snacks. 2:30-4 p.m. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3918. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

**Art from the Lakes.** Exhibit dedicated to lakes. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400 ext. 2. lansingartgallery.org.

**Open Mic & Hittin' Home concert.** Open mic followed by the blues band, Hittin' Home. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

**Quarterly Peace and Justice Events Planning Meeting.** Events planning meeting. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Unitarian Universalist Church, 855 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 351-4081.

## MUSIC

**Open-Mic Blues Mondays.** Solo, duo, band & spoken-word acts welcome. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan Brewing Co., 402 Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

## THEATER

**Riverwalk Theatre Auditions: "Sleepy Hollow."** Auditions for shows October 18-27. 7 p.m. FREE. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.



## Meditation

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Every Thursday 7-8:30 p.m.  
1840 N. College Rd., Mason, MI 48854  
Everyone welcome - For information:  
Call: (517) 347-1655 or (517) 853-1675  
quanamtemple.org

## Tuesday, August 20

## CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Anyone wanting to lose weight is welcome. 7 p.m. FREE to visit. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. (517) 543-0786.

**Intro to Computers.** Learn from professionals. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

**Speakeasies Toastmasters.** Become a better speaker. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 887-1440.

**Healing Hearts.** For those who have lost a loved one. 4-5:30 p.m. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163. womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

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

**Hopeful Hearts Grief Group.** Learn, grow and heal together. 10:00-11:00 a.m. Free. The Marquette Activity room, 5968 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. (517) 381 4866.

**Pesky Food Pathogens.** Grilling safely with marinated Greek chicken kabobs. 5 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive,, Lansing. 517-483-7460. lansingcitymarket.com.

**Real Talk About End of Life Care.** Information regarding older adult issues. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046. okemoschools.net.

**Computer Class.** 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

**Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous.** 5:45-6:45 p.m. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900. becauseeverybodyreads.com.

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**DTDl Crafters.** Handcrafting projects. Bring own supplies. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

**Tea & Talk.** Salon Style discussions. 8 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 347-2112. triplegoddessbookstore.net.

**Park Cart.** Buy nutritious snacks. 1-4 p.m. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3918. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

**Art from the Lakes.** Exhibit dedicated to lakes. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400 ext. 2. lansingartgallery.org.

**Resurrection High School Monthly Luncheon.** Any Resurrection student invited. 12-3 p.m. FREE. RobinHill Catering, 16441 US 27 Highway, Lansing. (517) 525-0146. robinhillcatering.com.

## MUSIC

**Annual Summer Music Series.** The Don Middlebrook Band. At Center Court. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Eastwood Towne Center, 3000 Preyde Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-9209. shopeastwoodtownecenter.com.

**The Lost Hitchhikers.** Country-folk and bluegrass band. 6 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555. deltami.gov.

## THEATER

**Riverwalk Theatre Auditions: "White Christmas."** Auditions for shows Dec. 4-8, 11-15. 7



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p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

## Wednesday, August 21

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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**Drawing Class.** All skill levels, with Penny Collins. Pre-registration required. 6-8:30 p.m. \$50 for 4 weeks. Gallery 1212 Fine Art Studio, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.

**Avoiding Dementia & Senility.** Ways to prevent memory loss. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. pilgrimmucc.com.

**MiCafe Counseling.** Appointments in regards to the MiCafe program with Darla Jackson. 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046. okemosschools.net.

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

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**DTDL Book Club.** "The Life List," Lori Nelson Spielman. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtld.org.

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

**Watershed Wellness Center Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Watershed Farmers Market, 16280 National Pkwy., Lansing. (517) 886-0440.

**Allen Street Farmers Market.** 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

**Grande Paraders.** Casual attire. 7 p.m. \$3 members, \$4 non-members. Lions Community Park, 304 W. Jefferson St., Dimondale. (517) 694-0087.

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**NALS of Lansing Education Meeting.** 5:30

p.m. Kelly's Downtown, 203 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 371-8205.

### MUSIC

**Sam Winternheimer Quartet.** 7-10 p.m. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing.

**Songwriters Meet Up.** Songwriters of all ages, genres and levels. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic.com.

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## Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

Aug 14-20

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): An Indian student named Sankalp Sinha has invented the "Good Morning Sing N Shock." It's an alarm clock that plays you a song and gives you a small electrical jolt when you hit the snooze button. The voltage applied is far less intense than, say, a taser, and is designed to energize you rather than disable you. I encourage you to seek out wake-up calls like the kind this device administers, Aries: fairly gentle, yet sufficiently dramatic to get your attention. The alternative would be to wait around for blind fate to provide the wake-up calls. They might be a bit more strenuous.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): If you google the statement "I can change overnight," most of the results that come up are negative, like "It's not something I can change overnight" or "I don't think I can change overnight." But there's one google link to "I can change overnight." It's a declaration made by Taurus painter Willem de Kooning. He was referring to how unattached he was to defining his work and how easy it was for him to mutate his artistic style. I wouldn't normally advise you Taurus to use "I can change overnight" as your battle cry. But for the foreseeable future you do have the power to make some rather rapid and thorough transformations.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): "The artist is by necessity a collector," said graphic designer Paul Rand. "He accumulates things with the same ardor and curiosity with which a boy stuffs his pockets. He borrows from the sea and from the scrap heap; he takes snapshots, makes mental notes, and records impressions on tablecloths and newspapers. He has a taste for children's wall scrawling as appreciative as that for pre-historic cave painting." Whether or not you're an artist, Gemini, this would be an excellent approach for you in the coming days. You're in a phase when you can thrive by being a gatherer of everything that attracts and fascinates you. You don't need to know yet why you're assembling all these clues. That will be revealed in good time.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Can you remember the last time you bumped up against a limitation caused by your lack of knowledge? What did it feel like? I expect that sometime soon you will have that experience again. You may shiver with worry as you contemplate the potential consequences of your continued ignorance. But you may also feel the thrill of hungry curiosity rising up in you. If all goes well, the fear and curiosity will motivate you to get further educated. You will set to work on a practical plan to make it happen.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): "My story isn't sweet and harmonious like invented stories," wrote novelist Herman Hesse. "It tastes of folly and bewilderment, of madness and dream, like the life of all people who no longer want to lie to themselves." As interesting as Hesse's declaration is, let's not take it as gospel. Let's instead envision the possibility that when people reduce the number of lies they tell themselves, their lives may become sweeter and more harmonious as a result. I propose that exact scenario for you right now, Leo. There might be a rough adjustment period as you cut back on your self-deceptions, but eventually your folly and bewilderment will diminish as the sweet harmony grows.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Novelist James Joyce once articulated an extreme wish that other writers have probably felt but never actually said. "The demand that I make of my reader," said Joyce, "is that he should devote his whole life to reading my works." Was he being mischievous? Maybe. But he never apologized or issued a retraction. Your assignment, Virgo, is to conjure up your own version of that wild desire: a clear statement of exactly what you really, really want in all of its extravagant glory. I think it'll be healthy for you to identify this pure and naked longing. (P.S. I'm not imply-

ing that you should immediately try to get it fulfilled, though. For now, the important thing is knowing what it is.)

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Now and then a British Libra named Lloyd Scott dresses up in funny costumes while competing in long-distance races. He does it to raise money for charity. In the 2011 London Marathon, he wore a nine-foot snail outfit for the duration of the course. It took him 27 days to finish. I suggest you draw inspiration from his heroic effort. From a cosmic perspective, it would make sense for you to take your time as you engage in amusing activities that benefit your fellow humans.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What will you do now that you have acquired more clout and visibility? Will you mostly just pump up your self-love and bask in the increased attention? There's nothing wrong with that, of course. But if those are the only ways you cash in on your added power, the power won't last. I suggest you take advantage of your enhanced influence by engaging in radical acts of magnanimity. Perform good deeds and spread big ideas. The more blessings you bestow on your fellow humans, the more enduring your new perks will be.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've been pretty wild and uncontained lately, and that's OK. I've loved seeing how much permission you've given yourself to ramble free, experiment with the improbable, and risk being a fool. I suspect that history will judge a majority of your recent explorations as tonic. But now, Sagittarius, the tenor of the time is shifting. To continue being in alignment with your highest good, I believe you will have to rein in your wanderlust and start attending to the care and cultivation of your power spot. Can you find a way to enjoy taking on more responsibility?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "The person who can't visualize a horse galloping on a tomato is an idiot," said the founder of Surrealism, writer André Breton. I wouldn't go so far as to call such an imagination-deprived soul an "idiot," but I do agree with the gist of his declaration. One of the essential facets of intelligence is the ability to conjure up vivid and creative images in one's mind. When daily life has grown a bit staid or stuck or overly serious, this skill becomes even more crucial. Now is one of those times for you, Capricorn. If you have any trouble visualizing a horse galloping on a tomato, take measures to boost the fertility of your imagination.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "I want to be with those who know the secret things, or else alone," wrote the eccentric ecstatic poet Rainer Maria Rilke. That wouldn't be a good rule for you Aquarians to live by all the time. To thrive, you need a variety of cohorts and allies, including those who know and care little about secret things. But I suspect that for the next few weeks, an affinity for those who know secret things might suit you well. More than that, they may be exactly the accomplices who will help you attend to your number one assignment: exploratory holy work in the depths.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): To launch your horoscope, I'll steal a line from a Thomas Pynchon novel: A revelation trembles just beyond the threshold of your understanding. To continue your oracle, I'll borrow a message I heard in my dream last night: A breakthrough shivers just beyond the edge of your courage. Next, I'll use words I think I heard while eavesdropping on a conversation at Whole Foods: If you want to cook up the ultimate love feast, you're still missing one ingredient. And to finish this oracle, Pisces, I'll say that if you want to precipitate the trembling revelation, activate the shivering breakthrough, and acquire the missing ingredient, imitate what I've done in creating this horoscope. Assume the whole world is offering you useful clues, and listen closely.

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# HE ATE

# SHE ATE



## Passing the time at downtown Lansing's Edmund's

### Breakfast stout

By **MARK NIXON**

The third time was a charm for our dining experience at Edmund's Pastime in downtown Lansing. The first two visits? Virtually charmless.

Let's revisit Edmund's in reverse chronological order. We had breakfast one recent Sunday morning. There was an unmistakable and inviting vibe to the place, a feeling absent during the first two visits. I detected a strong heartbeat the second we walked in. For one thing, there were real, live customers, and more coming in after we were seated. Plus, the waitstaff was vivacious and prompt without being fawning.

First off, I applaud any restaurant willing to go out on a limb with its breakfast menu, even if it turns the occasional stomach. No, I didn't order the buttermilk pancake heaped with meat-laden sausage gravy. Ditto the Hound Dog — peanut butter, grilled banana, crumbled Oreo cookies and caramel on a pancake. And, yes, I was a tad disappointed that the Koegel hot dog with eggs, which was still on Edmund's website menu, was removed from the actual menu some time ago.

I settled for homemade corned beef hash and eggs. The eggs were done as I like them and the hash was hearty and crisp, a far cry from hash found in many restaurants (which looks remarkably like canned dog food). My breakfast companion had a tasty Ernie Harwell Memorial: Two pancakes with warm peaches, pecans and a peach schnapps whipped cream. The Harwell could have used more whipped cream, or something like a fruit syrup to sweeten things up a bit, but, they have the right idea.

And for those who care to imbibe at breakfast, Edmund's serves a standout Bloody Mary for \$4 every weekend.

Before we travel backward in time, let me state clearly that our server and the other staff we came in contact with that Sunday were cheerful and attentive. Maybe they were just glad they made it through another Saturday night, but they truly seemed happy to be working on a Sunday morning. In a minute, you'll know why I bring this up.

Now, let us clamber into the WABAC Machine and travel to the previous weekend ...

Friday nights are considered the biggest dining time in American restaurants. You wouldn't know it by visiting Ed-

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### Hash tagged

By **GABRIELLE JOHNSON**

The problem with "seat yourself" places is that, once you've seated yourself, nobody knows that you're there. On a Sunday afternoon a few weeks ago I ran into this problem when I went to Edmund's with two friends for brunch. We sat, talked about all the town gossip, and read the Constitution of the United States of America aloud. When a server finally came to our table, we were so famished that our motley order reflected how frantic we were to get some food into ourselves.

We started with the Yo-Mickey, which can best be described as a mess of chicken chunks and tater tots. There was nothing flashy about this dish, which is exactly how the boyfriend wanted it. Another dish we ordered was the Hound Dog pancakes: two dinner plate-sized, golden pancakes layered with sliced banana, peanut butter, crumbled Oreos and whipped cream. I love a sweet breakfast, and I've indulged in these pancakes more times than I care to admit.

The boyfriend ordered the Pitts-Burger, a patty topped with American cheese, bacon, hot mustard and fries. It had been a while since he'd had the burger, which used to be one of his favorites, and he was disappointed in the quality of the ingredients. Our tabletop was rounded out by the corned beef hash, which came with herbed potatoes, toast and two eggs. I love corned beef hash, but only managed about three bites of this dish. Our waitress offered a box, but once she cleared the plates the leftovers were never seen again.

A few weeks later my dad ordered the corned beef hash — the affinity for anything Irish runs in the family. He liked the herby potatoes, as did I, but complained that there just wasn't enough corned beef in the hash. When he requested his eggs poached, our waitress was quick to demur — sorry, they don't do poached eggs.

On that same visit I ordered the meatloaf sandwich, which knocked me out. A big chunk of juicy, slightly spicy meatloaf, topped with cheese, on a crusty bun. I chuckled at the chicken Caesar wrap and chef's salad that my other companions ordered and gloated at my good luck in ordering the best thing on the menu.

The boyfriend and I returned for

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mund's on this particular evening. It was warm and listless inside, just like the air outside. OK, so we hit a slow Friday night. The empty-ish restaurant must have dulled the senses of our waitperson, who barely hit perfunctory on the Friendly-O-Meter.

The meals the three of us ordered and shared, for the most part, peaked below perfunctory. The Edmund's Black and Bleu — a burger with provolone and bleu cheese — was a travesty. The burger was ordered medium; it arrived very well done. If there was bleu cheese in there somewhere, I couldn't detect it.

One dining companion ordered tater tots and chicken nuggets. Well, she's a teenager, and she got just what she ordered. 'Nuf said. My other companion had the Irish Nachos, which are an affront to two entire cultures. Fries with Ground Beef and Cheese: that's what

they should call the dish. Don't doll up a mess like that with an ersatz folksy name, and don't mess with my Irish heritage, you little squints.\*

(\*Squint \skwint\ n. : Irish slang for a toady; a person of worthless bearing. See John Ford's classic, "The Quiet Man.")

Fortunately, the taste of the nachos was somewhat erased by an estimable bowl of sturdy tomato soup, a purée made with plenty of fresh basil. Thus ended Friday night at Edmund's.

Flash back to an early Tuesday night, our first visit. I expected an after-work crowd, young urbanites who thrive on places where the drinks are good and the WiFi is free. Alas, there were six others drinking or dining. Between the diners and servers, there were barely enough to field a football team.

The service was uninspired, as in "These People Are Old Farts and Probably Rotten Tipplers, Too." I ordered the Mac & Cheese, made with three cheeses. It was creamy and hot and plentiful. I urge Edmund's to be a bit daring with this dish. Put it under a broiler for a few minutes to



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Edmund's Pastime is a brunch hotspot by day, sports bar by night.

give it a nice brown crust. In fact, the next day I sprinkled buttered breadcrumbs on the heated leftovers and broiled it for two minutes. Not too shabby, if I do say.

My wife ordered fried perch, and we were both pleased with the outcome. The

fish was breaded in-house, resulting in a thin, crisp finish that didn't overpower the taste of the delicate fillets.

Bottom line: Our experiences at Edmund's Pastime were hit-and-miss. I'll go back — for breakfast.

# She Ate

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dinner on a recent Monday night. The two of us and one other couple were the only diners in the entire restaurant, and I was disappointed when we walked by a row of three tables that hadn't been bussed. He tried to order the Yo-Mickey again, which I put the kibosh on in favor of trying something new. The chicken quesadilla was bland and the shredded iceberg lettuce alongside was wilted and translucent. His burger, the Cowboy burger this time around, was topped with cheddar, barbeque sauce, bacon and onion rings. He was satisfied with it, although he was disappointed that the burger was well done and not the medium that he requested.

My taco salad was sized to feed an

army. It came in a crispy taco shell bowl, which was loaded with ground beef, beans, lettuce, onions and a healthy scoop of guacamole. I liked that it wasn't completely covered in cheese, which I find to be the downfall of so many salads. I ate a quarter of the behemoth and asked our waitress for a box. "I'll see if we have one," she said. "But I think we're out."

My mouth got the better of me before I could bite my tongue and I asked her if she couldn't run to one of the other three restaurants owned by the same company and grab a box for me. I honestly couldn't believe that that had come out of her mouth. Troppo, also owned by Urban Feast — the parent company that owns Edmund's, Tavern on the Square and the Black Rose — is across the street from Edmund's. Edmund's and the Black Rose share a bathroom. For her to suggest that I leave the better portion of an entrée be-

hind because she couldn't find a box was utterly ridiculous and insulting.

Downtown Lansing is hungry for a Sunday brunch spot. And some items, like the Hound Dog pancakes and the meatloaf sandwich, make a trip down-

town worth your time. But until restaurants start providing better service, poaching eggs when that's what the customer wants and greeting them when they walk in, then my weekend mornings are better spent firing up my own griddle.

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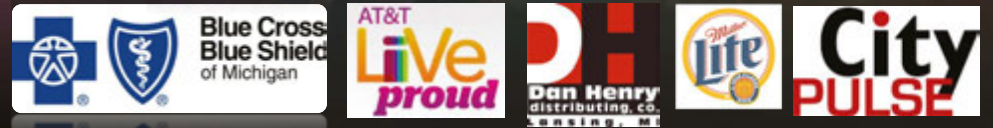
Ross Mathews  
Speaking at  
The Capitol Rally

**The 2013 Michigan Pride  
March, Rally & Diversity  
Festival**

Pride March kickoff at 1pm  
Commitment Ceremony & and  
Rally at Capitol Steps  
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Pride Festival In Old Town



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