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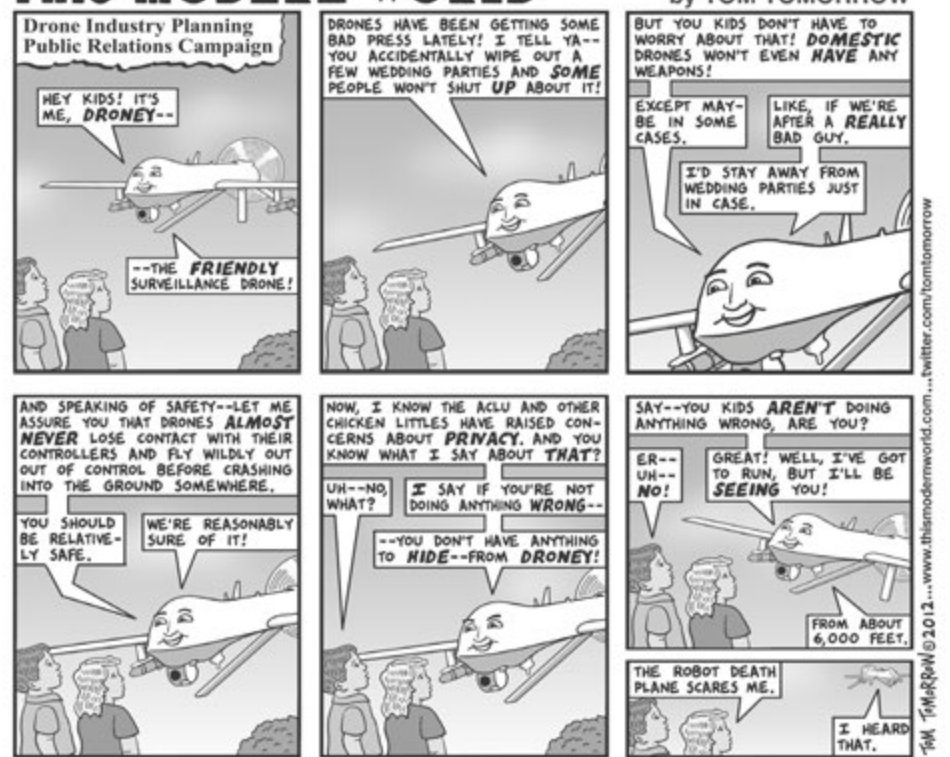
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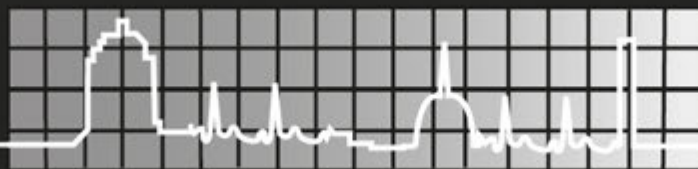


SUMMER PATIOS by JESSICA CHECKEROSKI

THIS MODERN WORLD



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news & opinion

Closing time on Washington Sq.

The good news is downtown Lansing is busier than it has been in decades, thanks to the combined efforts of merchants and City Hall. But not all the news is good. Reporter Sam Inglot spent chunks of early weekend mornings on Washington Square as well as talked to residents and business owners and operators about persistent problems at bar-closing time. Here is his report:

I went to South Washington Square between Allegan and Washtenaw streets on two separate weekends around 1:30 a.m. The first night was a busy one. Around closing time at 2, a group of roughly 60 people formed outside of Club X-Cel. One drunk young man was shouting and strutting about the sidewalk as the group began to take notice of him. It was hard to tell if he was angry or just putting on an aggressive, alpha-male show for the gaggle of people. The situation had a “powder keg” vibe as people from other areas of the block flocked to check out the action.

That was when I took note of the situation as related to the number of bars in the area. There are six bars, Tavern on the Square, Club X-Cel, Brannigan Brothers, Wild Beaver Saloon (now Eden Rock), Kelly's Downtown and The Firm, all on one block, all trying to get customers out at the same time. With potentially hundreds of drunk people all in the same area it only takes one overly boisterous person to draw attention.

A few minutes after the group formed, a bouncer took out a megaphone and began telling the crowd to clear the sidewalk. He even ran the horn siren for a minute or two intermittently. After about five to 10 minutes the crowd began to disperse down the sidewalk and into the street — which meant into traffic.

Around that time I noticed a police cruiser moving through the area, the only one I spotted during my time there. I noted at least eight people walk directly from the bars right into their cars.

Last year numerous storeowners on the block reported fights, property dam-



Courtesy Photo

A screenshot from a video of the crowd that poured across Washington Square holding up the post-bar traffic and drawing the attention of the police on April 27.

age and vomit on the sidewalks.

Over the next week, I spoke with several shop owners, including, Nick Bonofiglio, brother of the owner and a manager at Lenny's Sub Shop, and Sue Rantz, owner of Zoup, who lives above her shop.

Both Bonofiglio and Rantz said cleaning up the “aftermath” of vomit, was their biggest problem both this year and last. They're aware of fights and property damage but haven't experienced any.

“It's wall-to-wall on the sidewalk at certain hours and the bar crowd spills out into the streets with the warm weather,” Rantz said. “We know not to go out then. We avoid it so we don't have to witness too much.” She said because of a “good job in construction” they are not disturbed by noise in their apartment, which doesn't face the street.

Rantz said last year things got rough at closing time.

Rantz said police presence was eventually ramped up, the block settled down and few other problems occurred. She and Bonofiglio are hopeful this summer police will be around more. They agreed that the influx of people has been good for business and that problems like the vomit come with the bar territory.

The owner of Insty-Prints, Mike Bruce, said he hasn't had any problems since an incident last summer when he discovered a bloody and smashed front window at his print shop one morning, one of several broken shop windows of the season.

Stewart Powell, owner of Linn & Owen Jewelers, was adamant that the growth downtown has been a plus for his

business but was just as concerned with problems associated with the bar crowds.

“Their concept is to build bars, restaurants and apartments to attract tenants which will ultimately lead to more retail openings,” he said. “It's a good thing that has a bad side to it. There's no excuse for people to get hurt or property to get damaged.”

More cops is not necessarily the answer, Powell said. He thinks the bars need to take responsibility for serving their patrons more seriously and was curious how far the bar's responsibility stretched after their patrons exited their doors.

Michigan Liquor Control Commission has rules against serving alcoholic beverages to visibly intoxicated patrons. Bars are always responsible for dealing with issues on the premises but as for bar-goers after they're on the sidewalk, responsibility is very much dependent on circumstances, said Barb Subastian, regional manager of the enforcement division for the Liquor Control Commission.

At least one recent crowd like the one I saw proved to be more dangerous — a large mob that moved like a school of fish as it followed an altercation back and forth across the street.

See for yourself: Jessica Decker, owner of Decker's coffee shop and a Washington Square resident, shot a video of the scene on early Friday morning, April 27, which she turned over the Lansing Police Department. City Pulse received an electronic copy of it after submitting

Eyesore of the week



Eyesore 5/30/12

Property: 1701 Bailey St., Lansing

Owner: CRN Management, LLC

Assessed value: \$11,900

Owner says: Could not be reached for comment

This house in the Baker-Donora Neighborhood screams, “Not welcome.” It's plain to see that the owner wants no one near as soon as you look at it. As if the three broken porch steps aren't enough of a deterrent, a large piece of the beige-colored wood siding serves as a barricade to the porch entrance: It resembles a blank billboard as it blocks access to the main door, which is also boarded up with siding. The north end of the house features an overgrown and trash-strewn gravel parking spot. Here you'll see that the back entrance is no better than the front, as you'd have to climb under the branches of an unkempt tree and hop over an old tire to reach the raised porch entrance and its broken screen door. The small bits of yard that surround the house are speckled with trash and the plant life is in serious need of taming.

— Sam Inglot

Architecture critic Amanda Harrell-Seyburn says: Reduce your footprint by living close together and looking up, not out. Early Lansing residents understood this by building small gable front houses, like 1701 Bailey. The Midwestern row house, set on narrow lots with gable ends turned towards the street, leaves enough space that the houses are still detached yet close enough to speak hello to your neighbor without strain. At a mere 1,200 square feet or less total — and 650 or less for the first floor alone — these two-story houses step lightly on the earth. Buy one. Renovate it. Live in it.

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

Police say response depends on situation

The Lansing Police Department is well aware of the problems that have occurred downtown both this year and last, said Capt. Mike Yankowski, patrol division captain.

He said the department tries to get extra officers to the area on peak bar nights like Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays but that it is very dependent on the situation in the rest of the city.

This year has been better than last year, he said, with only one major incident so far this summer — the large fight that was videotaped on April 27.

Beyond a more visible police presence, Yankowski said the key factor in lowering problems downtown has been the department's relationship with bar owners and operators. He said there are quarterly meetings between the two groups to identify areas of improvement, outline responsibilities and open up communication. He said the bars "take ownership" of their patrons and for the "most part police themselves." Practices included security staff having the main responsibility clearing sidewalks of customers after closing time and cleaning up any vomit or cigarette butts that might litter the ground as part of the "good neighbor" policy the department tries to advocate.

The most common violations that are handed out to bar-goers, Yankowski said, were "Public Disorder" write-ups that are related to public intoxication, excessive noise and fighting.

— Sam Inglot

Closing time

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a Freedom of Information Act request. You can view it at: <http://tinyurl.com/downtownvideo>.

Last week, I went to the mayor's office to tell him what I had seen, what the video depicted and to invite him to join me that night to check it out.

I spoke with Mayor Virg Bernero's chief of staff, Randy Hannan, explained my story, and extended my invitation and request for an interview. The next day I ran into the mayor at his office. I introduced myself and asked him if he had talked to Hannan. He said that he had been told I was working on a story that he "probably wouldn't like" and that he didn't want our relationship to "get off on the wrong foot" so early on in my career. As we walked to the elevator, he expressed his concern about the "negative" angle of my article.

An interview didn't materialize, but Bernero sent me a message via Hannan midafternoon on Tuesday that said that "downtown Lansing continues to grow and thrive," but that "time to time there will be problems," which the police and Downtown Lansing Inc. are "doing an excellent job" addressing. He called downtown a "safe environment."

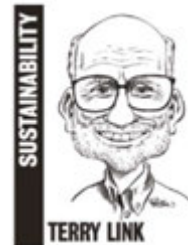
(Editor's note: Bernero asked to see the video but declined to comment on it on the record, which City Pulse in turn declined after having informed him City Pulse had obtained the video from the Police Department — as could he.)

That night, May 25, closing time, I went back to Washington Square. At least one bar and popular food stop were closed for the holiday. I noticed three squad cars constantly patrolling the area. Again, a crowd gathered, smaller and more passive than the one I previously witnessed. The megaphone came out again and a police car pulled up across the street and the group disbanded quickly. I couldn't help thinking my interactions with the mayor that day contributed to the stepped-up patrol.

Both city officials and store owners are optimistic about this summer because things have been relatively calm so far. But as Rantz put it, we're not in the "thick of summer" just yet, so conscious efforts to maintain a safe downtown nightlife must continue.

— Sam Inglot

How local is local?



SUSTAINABILITY
TERRY LINK

This column tries to focus on "local" as part of the sustainability ethos, where we minimize our ecological footprint while strengthening our social fabric and sharing our economic prosperity.

In my recent efforts to help local enterprises make more sustainable decisions for their organizations, I admit to an ongoing frustration with determining where things are made. In one of my earlier articles on toilet paper I noted the difficulty of identifying which specific products and brands are actually produced at the approximately 20 paper/pulp mills in Michigan. There is no easy source of information on this. The "Buy Michigan" efforts are almost entirely built around foods grown or processed here but very little on the hardware we use every day. If, as some development folks suggest, our state's economy needs to rely on manufacturing, why is there such a vacuum of information on what is actually made here? One hunch I have is that the push for companies to be global encourages them to camouflage where they really make their products. We certainly see lobbyists for global concerns fighting every effort to share this information with con-

sumers. It could also be that companies that run paper mills, for example, make similar (if not identical) products under different brand names.

So consumers who want to support local manufacturers, if for no other reason than the reduced transportation costs (environmental and economic) that would benefit all but the transport companies, can't find out where our stuff is actually made. How much of the Meijer brand stuff is made here in Michigan, let alone in the U.S.? We'll never know, as the packaging only tells us it was "distributed" by Meijer, not where it was made. Manufacturers and the state and local economic development teams need to do a better job of getting that information to the marketplace. Markets only work well when there is accurate and full information available.

In looking through the Michigan Manufacturers Directory recently to assist a client in purchasing locally made food containers, I noted that we have at least one paper mill (Dunn Paper) that produces sandwich wraps and food service papers for use with baked goods, breads, and coffee. Another — Manistique Papers — uses 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)-certified pulp to make food service takeout bags. Can any of our local food service operations buy these Michigan-made products for use when they sell to us? Do they even know they have a choice?

The "local first" movement is asking the question. Let's help Main Street first, not Wall Street or some Caribbean tax havens. Having decisions made closest to the point of impact increases the likelihood that local concerns are addressed. We all know stories of companies where a new CEO comes in, cuts all the less profitable divisions (determined by how much profit one desires to make as opposed to how much one needs to stay sustainable), and then receives a bonus while workers and employees in those places lose economic security. Nonprofits are not exempt from this distancing of decision making. National nonprofits too often make decisions without considering the impact on local communities, as they are more about sustaining their operation than the places in which they are situated.

Grassroots, locally owned, placed-based entities (profit or non-profit or in

between) are more likely in it for the long run, committed to the places the owners live in. We see this in our area's very active neighborhood associations. We see it in the Greater Lansing Food Bank, in our Capital Region Community Foundation, the Lansing Board of Water and Light, and in school PTAs. The commitment to the local benefits us all.

Local economic development, particularly as it pertains to the basics we all need for life — food, water, shelter, energy, and health care — is the approach that is most sustainable. Supporting those locally based enterprises that are committed to building a stronger and more prosperous community for all — owners, employees, customers, neighbors, and citizens — is the wise choice. Recently I attended the national conference for the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) in Grand Rapids. I hope to report back in the coming weeks about how other communities are growing their economy, sharing the prosperity, strengthening their communities, and preserving the places they call home. Film at 11.

(Terry Link was the founding director of MSU's Office of Campus Sustainability and recently retired as director of the Greater Lansing Food Bank.)

Candidate cries foul over last-minute switch



POLITICS
KYLE MELINN

Lansing Township Supervisor candidate John Mitchell is crying "nepotism" this week after his opponent played a little last-minute, filing deadline switch-a-roo.

Kathy Rodgers, the township's treasurer for the past 20 years, filed for re-election May 2. Her son, Township Trustee Leo Rodgers, filed for re-election on the same date.

Moments before the 4 p.m. May 15 candidate filing deadline, Kathy Rodgers filed instead to run against Mitchell for the Democratic nomination for supervisor. With nobody else filing to run for treasurer, Leo Rodgers put in for the spot.

Mitchell and Shirley Rodgers will now face off in the Aug. 7 Democratic primary.

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Politics

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No Republican filed in either the supervisor of treasurer's race. This gives Leo Rodgers a free ride to the treasurer's job, barring a successful write-in, independent or third-party candidate.

There's not illegal about this, but Mitchell said township residents are ticked off. Had residents known that the incumbent Rodgers wasn't seeking re-election as treasurer, which actually pays a salary, others likely would have gotten into the mix.

But by waiting until the last minute to make her intentions known, Shirley Rodgers set up a dynamic where her son will succeed her for at least the next four years.

"(T)his has got to leave a bad taste in your mouth," Mitchell wrote. "This is a power play to make sure that the Rodgers family continue a hold on the township."

This drama is unfolding in the fragmented Lansing Township because Supervisor John Daher is calling it a career after 28 years, opening up his \$65,000-a-year post. Mitchell, a trustee and former government contractor, immediately threw his name into the ring as Daher's replacement.

Others, like Ingham County Commissioner Vic Celentino, thought about it, too, but didn't declare. For months, Mitchell's name was the only one out there.

Shirley Rodgers said she doesn't see a difference between filing in January of May 15. Mitchell was quick with his intentions, but she said she hadn't made up her mind.

For months, she said she agonized over whether to run for re-election, run for supervisor or retire. The May 15 filing deadline forced the issue. At 3:58 p.m., she filed to run for supervisor. Her son knew of her decision and opted to run for her current spot. She said she sees nothing wrong.

"If anyone wanted to run for the job, they should have run for the job," she said. "They had time to file with the clerk's office."

She said people simply aren't all that interested in running for these local spots, she said. Shirley Rodgers served a term as a trustee before becoming treasurer. She said couldn't remember more than three times, combined, when she's had a challenge in either the Democratic primary or the general election.

"My decision is based on what I thought I could bring to the office," she said, citing her years of experience with the township's planning, downtown development and drains process. "I'm running because I think I could do a good job, not based on running against someone."

Mitchell is already printing out fliers

decrying the situation.

"My phone and email has been crazy with comments from voters," he said. "People just do not like nepotism."

Running to end the job

Here's a switch: The Republican candidate for Ingham County register of deeds is campaigning for a post she hopes to eliminate if elected.

Kate Mortensen, a Cooley Law School student and recent Michigan State University graduate, is campaigning on the platform to merge the register of deeds with the county clerk's position, as at least 30 other Michigan counties have done.

Mortensen argues the jobs are comparable. The state Constitution allows for a combination, and since the county is always looking to save some money, now is the time to look into it, she says.

Jackson County and Van Buren County both put the savings at about \$50,000 a year when both counties considered merger last year. Jackson County went forward with it. Van Buren did not.

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners would need to OK a merger. It likely would not become official until 2016, when a combined clerk/register of deeds post would be on the ballot.

Members of Ingham County's board quietly talked about a merger last year, but Register of Deeds Curtis Hertel Jr., took a fire hose to such smoldering talk before it ever became serious.

If Mortensen becomes the first Republican to hold a countywide office since 1996, you can count on the Democratic majority on the board taking her request for a combined office very seriously. Mortensen has an uphill battle. Hertel beat his 2008 Republican opponent by about 38,000 votes — 65 to 35 percent.

(Kyle Melinn is the editor of the MIRS Newsletter. He's at melinn@lansingcitypulse.com.)



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Life is like a box of chalk

Sidewalks come alive during Chalk of the Town

By TRACY KEY

Last year, monsters, aliens, messages of peace and love, wild animals, popular video game characters and even a unique “Dragephunt” filled the sidewalks of Old Town with bright colors and diverse styles. This year, there’s no telling what creatures and scenes will transform the streets



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from a city block into an open art gallery at the fourth annual Chalk of the Town.

On Saturday, experienced artists, children and everyone in between plan to cover the sidewalks in chalk drawings while participating in part of the Be a Tourist in Your Own Town event.

“It’s a family-friendly event that brings live art to the public,” explained Danielle Cooke, communications director for the Old Town Commercial Association. Competitors’ creations will be evaluated by a jury of judges that will view each piece individually. First and second place will receive “festival packages,” including Old Town t-shirts, posters and festival tickets.

The drawing process



Courtesy Photo

Old Town becomes another world during the annual Chalk of the Town competition.

begins at 10 a.m. and all creations must be completed by 2 p.m., at which time the judging process begins.

Throughout the day, the public can also participate by filling out a ballot to vote for favorite works, which will be used to determine the People’s Choice award, which is announced at 3 p.m. along with the first

and second place winners.

There will also be a special area of the sidewalk set aside for families and children attending the event to show off their skills and draw their own chalk creations.

“The streets are full, and you can get to know all the businesses while walking around in the open,” Cooke said.

Home sweet (summer) home

Over the Ledge Theatre Co. moves to Ledges Playhouse with ‘Apartment 3A’

By JAMES SANFORD

Warning: If you don’t mail that contribution to PBS, Big Bird will die — and so will Bert, Ernie, Cookie Monster, Mr. Snuffleupagus and even Oscar the Grouch.

That’s the poisonous promise of Annie (Abby Murphy), a development director at a cash-strapped TV station. Annie’s not an assassin, though: She’s simply a woman who’s been knocked a bit off-balance by seismic shake-ups in her personal life (including a cheating husband, an abrupt move to a new home and a brush with a peculiar neighbor) that have turned a hectic pledge week into an over-the-edge week.

Written by Jeff Daniels, “Apartment 3A” is a romance with a bit of edginess, said director Joseph Dickson. The men in Annie’s often trying life are played by Blake Bowen (Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.’s “God of Carnage”), Mike Stewart (Lansing Civic Players’ “The Divine Sister”), Chris Goeckel and Steve Ledyard (both of whom appeared in Riverwalk Theatre’s “Conspiracy”).

“I’ve always had a soft spot for love stories,” Dickson said. “The pursuit of love is always something I like on stage, partially because it’s so hard in real life.”

According to Dickson, “Apartment” demonstrates Daniels is “a more well-rounded writer” than his slapsticky “Escanaba” trilogy might suggest. “It’s a story of questioning faith. That’s something that connects

very deeply with me because I’ve never had much in the way of religious conviction and I always wished I was one who could believe.”

The comedy is the second production from Dickson’s Over the Ledge Theatre Co., and the company’s first in the Ledges Playhouse, located in Grand Ledge’s Fitzgerald Park. The theater has hosted several troupes since it opened in 1956, most recently Capital TheatreWorks, which vacated the Ledges after the summer of 2010.

“One of the reasons I started this company is that the Ledges one of my favorite places to work as performer,” Dickson said. “I love that stage and I couldn’t stand thought of it sitting there, with no one doing theater.”

That won’t be a problem this summer. In the next three months, the playhouse will host three more Over the Ledge shows (“The 39 Steps,” “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” and, yes, “Escanaba in da Moonlight”), two Happendance concerts and a performance by Attitude Dance Co.

Launching his own outfit has “definitely been a learning experience,” Dickson said, with a chuckle. “But the city of Grand Ledge has been absolutely wonderful in terms of support, and I’m excited to be working with them. As with any new venture, there have been bumps along the way, such as trying to figure out if the hot water heater works — you know, that kind of thing — and trying to build a support network of volunteers. But we’re taking it one step at a time.”

Dickson noted the astonishing track record of the Slout Players, which occupied the Ledges from 1956 to 1961. “In their second season, they did 13 full staged productions that summer,” Dickson said.

Alas, not a single one of them was written by Jeff Daniels.

‘Apartment 3A’

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Blake Bowen sweeps Abby Murphy off her feet in Over the Ledge’s production of Jeff Daniels’ comedy “Apartment 3A.”

See more of your city

Be a Tourist event returns for its 18th year

By HOLLY JOHNSON

The Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau invites residents to explore their own backyard with Be A Tourist In Your Own Town. By purchasing a \$1 Be a Tourist Passport eventgoers have access to over 60 local businesses and festivities. The passport also includes free entry to Impression 5 Science Center and Potter Park Zoo.

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Be a Tourist was launched 18 years ago by the Visitors Bureau to increase community awareness of area attractions. This year's event includes tours of Beaumont Tower, Mt. Hope Cemetery and Cooley Law School Stadium, as well as free ice-skating at Suburban Ice East Lansing.

Other participating locations include: **Absolute Gallery**, 307 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing; **Burchfield Park**, 881 Grovenburg Road, Holt; **Burgdorf's Winery**, 5635 Shoeman Road, Haslett; **Craig Mitchell Smith Glass Gallery** in the Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., Suite 125, Okemos; **Edru Skate-A-Rama**, 1891 Cedar St., Holt; **Elderly Instruments**, 1100 N.

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Those were the days

The past becomes a haunting refrain in 'Follies'

By JAMES SANFORD

With its tattered black curtains, chipped and dusty proscenium and an assortment of grungy props and scenery pieces strewn around the stage, the Riverwalk Theatre looks like it's seen better days. That's exactly how it's meant to be for "Follies," Stephen Sondheim and James Goldman's musical psychodrama set in a soon-to-be-razed playhouse.

"A little more floating — ethereal," director Ken Beachler told a pair of dancers playing phantom showgirls at a rehearsal last week.

In many ways, "Follies" is a ghost story in which people haunt themselves. As one lyric succinctly puts it, "No backward glance, or my heart will break — never look back."

Set in 1971, "Follies" brings together a group of former "chorus cuties" — once the stars of "The Weismann Follies," a glittering revue along the lines of the Ziegfeld Follies or George White's Scandals — for a reunion in which nostalgia mixes with nastiness and wistfulness.



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Clockwise from left, Emily English Clark, Colleen Bethea, Janine Novenske Smith and Rebecca Mueller learn the show must go on — and on — in "Follies."

making grand declarations in her theatrical French accent and peddling her latest cologne ("Caveman" — for the man who is a natural hunter!" she growls). Stella Deems (Alexsandria Clift) claims she has

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'Follies'

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Most of the women have given up on their stage careers, but many of them are still putting on an act of one sort or another. There's Solange La Fitte (Jane Shipley Zussman), who sashays around

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THE SCREENING ROOM

by JAMES SANFORD

'Comedian': Being Seinfeld is no laughing matter

If you missed out on getting a ticket for Jerry Seinfeld's Thursday show at the Wharton Center, you can get some idea of what goes into one of his shows from the 2002 documentary "Comedian," which documents Seinfeld's return to the world of standup comedy after he wrapped up his phenomenally successful sitcom. If you are not a comedian, "Comedian" will probably not inspire you to try breaking into the business.

As scene after scene of a sweaty, visibly rattled Seinfeld demonstrates, making people laugh is a tough job and, despite its title, the movie is not particularly funny.

While other standup stars like Roseanne Barr, Tim Allen and Ellen DeGeneres took on the big screen in scripted movies (with wildly varying results), Seinfeld followed the route of Madonna's "Truth or Dare," giving the world a warts-and-all look at his creative process. The movie shows us only bits and pieces of the actual act, concentrating instead on what it takes to put it all together.

Shot on video over the course of a year, "Comedian" is both literally and figuratively fuzzy. As it chronicles Seinfeld's journey through New York's comedy dens — where he quickly learns a superstar name does not automatically guarantee a warm reception — the same situations keep repeating

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themselves: Onstage, Seinfeld is frequently jittery and only occasionally clever; offstage, he frets endlessly about not being able to generate enough new patter. He's flabbergasted when Chris Rock tells him about Bill Cosby performing for over two hours without a break.

Midway through, "Comedian" abruptly breaks away from Seinfeld's struggle to examine Orny Adams, a 29-year-old who has devoted his entire life to becoming a comic. His home is filled with file after overflowing file of jokes that he's accumu-



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Even standup superstars have their tough nights and self-doubts, as Jerry Seinfeld demonstrates repeatedly in the 2002 documentary "Comedian."

lated and he seems to do well enough in front of a crowd. Yet he always seems to be dissatisfied with something: the attitude of the audience, meddling network TV censors, the progress of his career, etc.

Adams doesn't have Seinfeld's fortune or following, but he does share — you guessed it — his neuroses about the art of standup. The difference is that Seinfeld could conceivably stay home and live off comfortably off of his TV residuals for the rest of his life while Adams is still hungry. Seinfeld takes gigs to satisfy his ego; Adams is working to pay the rent and the utility bills.

The contrast should provide more insight than it actually does. Of course it's easy to appreciate the effort that goes into preparing a rock-solid routine, but the constant hand-wringing and second-guessing eventually becomes a little tiresome. Director Christian Charles managed to capture plenty of footage of Seinfeld hobnobbing with Robert Klein, Colin Quinn and Jay Leno, but aside from showing us in explicit detail how difficult it is to win over the two-drink-minimum crowd, "Comedian" does not have much in the way of fresh material.

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no regrets about leaving behind the spotlight, although when she starts to go into detail about her supposedly blissful life as a retail manager she can't seem to complete her stories.

"The way the show is put together — and I think Sondheim had this in mind — although it pays tribute to (composers) Cole Porter and Jerome Kern and DeSylva, Henderson and Brown, I think Sondheim's real role models were Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht," Beachler said. "If you know shows like 'Happy End' or 'The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny,' those are shows in which people sing about scary or dangerous things, which is exactly what they do in this show."

That's particularly true of Sally Durant Plummer (Emily English Clark) and Phyllis Rogers Stone (Janine Novenske Smith), one-time roommates and best friends who went their separate ways when the Follies fell apart in 1941. Both married guys who had once waited outside their dressing room door: Phyllis wed Ben (Doak Bloss), who has become a great success, while Sally tied the knot with Buddy (Rick Merpi), a traveling salesman whose career has taken them down some bumpy roads. After some initial fawning over each other ("I read about you in the magazines," Sally gushes to Phyllis. "I even saw your living room in Vogue!"), decades-old jealousies and recriminations begin to creep into the women's conversation. Sally has never completely recovered from her early romance with Buddy, and sharp-eyed Phyllis knows it.

If Sondheim's "Company," which opened

on Broadway in 1970, a year before "Follies," was an ode to the comforts of monogamy, this is the bitter flipside. The marriages of Sally and Phyllis are crumbling as quickly as the once-opulent theater, which is occupied by the spectres of the vivacious beauties Sally and Phyllis once were. Frequently, visions of the younger Sally (Veronica Leigh Diebold), Phyllis (Betsy Jane Bledsoe), Ben (Dale Powell) and Buddy (Evan Pinsonnault) materialize to illustrate how the two couples fell into place and to sing cheerful, soon-to-be-ironic numbers like "You're Gonna Love Tomorrow" and "Love Will See Us Through."

"That's a frequent criticism of Sondheim, that he's anti-marriage," Beachler said. "People say, 'Oh, he's single, he's gay, he hasn't had a lot of luck with his partners.'"

Perhaps the central subject of "Follies" is the treachery of memory. Beachler — who directed "Follies" at the Okemos Barn in 1978, but laughingly admitted he "doesn't remember a thing about it, except that I had

excellent people in it and that it was a big success" — finds the real key to the piece in what almost seems like a throwaway monologue. Heidi Schiller (Mary Alice Stollak), once a Viennese opera singer and Follies star, tells her former boss, Dimitri Weismann (Mark Zussman), the story of how she once inspired Franz Lehar to compose a waltz in her honor. Or perhaps it was Oscar Straus. Heidi shrugs her shoulders.

"Facts never interest me," she notes as she strolls away. "What matters is the song."

"And there you have it: It's not necessarily a very big role in the show, and yet she has the real message of the entire show," Beachler said. "It's so like Sondheim to hide it like that."



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Part existential examination of professional theater and part ode to its least appreciated players, "The Understudy" lightly satirizes the unglamorous reality of backstage Broadway. Peppared with insider jokes and literary analysis of Kafka, Theresa Rebeck's script has a distinctly uneven rhythm as characters digress about the underappreciation of "real" art. Fortunately, director Rob Roznowski counters with abundant comic beats, providing plenty of room for the show to breathe. The result is a character-driven production that feels spontaneous and natural from beginning to end.

Bitter and cynical, Harry (Tony Caselli) despises current Hollywood blockbusters. However, without big-screen credentials, even Harry's theatrical acting options are limited. Through an unfortunate coincidence, Harry is understudying for one film star in a two-person Kafka drama — alongside another action star and Harry's object of scorn, Jake. Played by Drew Parker, Jake has the dashing features that have earned him over \$2 million per picture to scream dialogue like "Get in the truck!"



Courtesy photo

Exasperated actor-in-waiting Harry (Tony Caselli) begins to understand exactly how stage manager Roxanne (Michelle Held) and co-star Jake (Drew Parker) see him in Williamston Theatre's "The Understudy," directed by Rob Roznowski.

Coordinating the rehearsal is stage manager Roxanne (Michelle Held), whose unresolved history with Harry drudges up raw emotions for both. What begins as a dysfunctional working relationship between the three quickly devolves into absolute anarchy.

Parker and Caselli crackle with mutual distrust and animosity that slowly morphs into warm respect. Both believe the other to be an inferior actor. Watching them prove otherwise to each other is a treat.

Held holds her own as Roxanne, her face in a constant setting of exasperation, frustration, and sheer disbelief. Much of her anger is directed at an unseen technician named Laura, whose mishaps at the board further delay the already tense rehearsal.

Bartley Bauer's minimal scenic design literally makes the audience feel part of

the rehearsal set. Sound by Julia Garlotte and lighting by Alex Gay add to the illusion of set pieces moving in and out, even though the details are left to the imagination.

While a little experience in theater adds to the appreciation of "The Understudy," it is hardly a prerequisite. At its heart, "The Understudy" is a workplace comedy with some scathing dialogue. It's not "Kafka's undiscovered masterpiece," but it is highly entertaining.

'The Understudy'

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Stormy, with a good chance of mystery

'Stand By' for meteorologist Jake Dunne's second novel

By BILL CASTANIER

Like the hot and sticky weather he sometimes reports on, Lansing meteorologist Jake Dunne uses his concise and easygoing storytelling ability to grab the reader in "Stand By," his new mystery-thriller.

Dunne's follow-up to his 2008 "Johnstone Junction" picks up on Denver weatherman Sam Stone, a year and a half after the amateur detective was called on to solve a mystery. This time, Stone is pulled into a missing-per-



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Set in the world of TV news, "Stand By" is Jake Dunne's sequel to "Johnstone Junction."

son case when Julie Anderson, an anchorwoman at his previous TV station disappears without a trace while on the way to work.

"Sam has the answer — he just doesn't know it," Dunne said.

He also said that in-depth readers might be able solve the mystery: "Clues to the end-

ing of the book are sprinkled throughout, but no one has solved it yet."

As in the first book, weather plays a major role in the plot, and Dunne said his writing career is a natural outgrowth of his day job. "I tell many stories every day," he said. "Some are a minute. Some are three minutes."

He said he likens his writing to John Grisham and calls his style "simple yet sarcastic."

Since the weather in Michigan is so notoriously unpredictable, many readers will understand how Dunne has slipped so easily into writing fiction.

The WLNS-TV morning meteorologist has now logged nearly seven years in Lansing after moving to Michigan from Casper, Wyo. Dunne is a geosciences graduate of the other MSU — Mississippi State University.

He said growing up in Wichita, Kan., with

its crazy weather patterns attracted him to reporting on the weather. Much of his new book is set in his hometown.

Dunne also likes to make it clear that although his book includes "some true stories" that he is not Dan Stone. However, some of that may change in his next Dan Stone mystery, which is set in Michigan.

That's all he'll say about his next book.

Dunne, who squeezes in time for writing here and there in his busy schedule — he's up at 1:30 a.m., getting ready to go to work — has come to grips with the understanding that "writing is a full-time job."

He said sales of his new book have exceeded his expectations. "We'll see where it goes," he added.

The weatherman wouldn't predict more than that.

Jake Dunne

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By TRACY KEY

Scrap metal, cardboard, used tires, old medications and broken refrigerators sound like ingredients for a landfill. But on Saturday these items and more will instead be collected, reused and recycled as part of a recycling event called Project Pride.

Every year since 1994, Project Pride has been working to help East Lansing residents clean up recyclable materials and reusable items from their homes in an effort to improve the community and protect the environment. Originally, only a limited number of recyclable materials were accepted, but over the years, the list

has greatly expanded.

"Every year we add something new," explained Susan Schmidt, who will be serving her 16th year as volunteer coordinator for Project Pride. "Last year we added a shredder for paper personal documents, and this year we have two new things we're pretty excited about."

Used prescription eyeglasses and reading glasses are among this year's new additions. "We will re-use them for people who would never have the money to be able to get glasses," Schmidt said. She explained that they will be collected by Project Pride and transported to be cleaned by prisoners in Ionia county. They will then be sorted according to their prescription level and shipped across the globe to third-world countries.

Also new on Project Pride's collection list are prescription medications and drugs. "In the old days, they used to get dumped down the toilet, but we know now that has created resistant microbes in the

Project Pride

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 2

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water," Schmidt said. Certified pharmacists and a police officer will be onsite this year to collect old and unwanted medications and dispose of them using environmentally safe methods.

It is estimated that around 800 carloads and several tons of materials will be collected and kept out of landfills during this one-day event. Anyone interested in joining Project Pride's efforts as a volunteer may call (517) 333-3587 for more information.

East Lansing residents may bring their recyclable materials and used household items — along with proof of residency — to the Abbot Center on Abbot Road to drop them off for Project Pride from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday.

Detailed information about what items and materials will be accepted can be found at www.cityofeastlansing.com/projectpride.

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By the Riverside

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Creole Gallery

Working Women Artists' 25th Anniversary Show: "A View of Our Own," a variety of works by members of Working Women Artists. Reception: 1-5 p.m. June 3. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 1218 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-2736.

East Lansing Public Art Gallery

Michigan artist Laura Conrad exhibits "Whimsical Reality," paintings that reflect meditation and our relationship with nature. Reception: 1-2 p.m. June 3. Hours: 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8

p.m. Saturday, Noon-8 p.m. Sunday. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 894-2166.

Gallery 1212

Featuring pastel artist Tom Tomasek. Reception: Noon-5 p.m. June 3. Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Noon-5 p.m. Sunday. 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212 www.gallery1212.com.

Great Lakes Artworks

Featuring woodwork by Grandpa John's Workshop and quilt art by Kari Ruedisale and Merry Oswill. Reception: Noon-4 p.m. June 3. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-4293. www.greatlakesartworks.com.

Lansing Art Gallery's Open Air Gallery

"Art by the River," an outdoor sculpture exhibition featuring 10 sculptures created by Michigan artist; on display June 1-Aug. 30. By Grand River, between Michigan Ave. and Shiawassee St., Lansing. (517) 374-6400. www.lansingartgallery.com.

Lansing Art Gallery

The 65th annual "Water Color Society Exhibition." The show displays selected original artworks by current or former residents of Michigan. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400. www.lansingartgallery.com.

Ledge Craft Lane

A showcase of Silvia Lucas' photography. Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. 120 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9843. www.ledgecraftlane.com

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"Daydreams in Fiber," a series of small-scale fiber explorations by East Lansing artist Chris Triola. Reception: 6-8 p.m. June 22. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Noon-5 p.m. Sunday. (517) 351-2211 www.mackerelsky.com.

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Award-winning northern Michigan artist Kaye Krapohl displays works exploring interpersonal and cultural boundaries in "Boundaries." Reception: Noon-4 p.m. June 3. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-4600. www.oldtownarts.org.

MSU Museum, Heritage Gallery

"Patterns of Inquiry: Quilts in Research and Education" showcases the MSU Museum's historic and contemporary textiles. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. (517) 355-2370. www.museum.msu.edu.

North Foyer Gallery at the East Lansing Public Library

A showcase of artist Dennis Kallek's mixed-media collages in "Composite Imagery." Reception: 1:30-3:30 p.m. June 2. Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.



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Painter Ernesto Espinosa is one of the 14 artists showcased this month at Turner-Dodge House.

Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Okemos Library

Lansing artist Linda Kuhlman shows off quilted works in her show "Quilts of Many Colors." Reception: 2-4 p.m. June 3. Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-7 p.m. Sunday. 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 349-0250.

Saper Galleries

"Face It!": Sculpted faces form the basis of the dimensional ceramic wall sculptures of Pennsylvania artist Allen K. Littlefield. Reception: 1-4 p.m. June 3. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. 433 Albert Ave., Lansing. (517) 351-0815. www.sapergalleries.com.

Shiawassee Arts Center

"The Worth of Woodard Furniture Exhibition," a display of Woodard furniture designs from over three centuries, beginning in the late 1800s to contemporary pieces. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 206 Curwood Castle Dr., Owosso. (989) 723-8354. www.shiawasseearts.org.

Turner-Dodge House

Hosting its first show of the year with 14 artists working in everything from mixed-media, photography, painting, metal works, glass, jewelry, crafts and more. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 483-4220

Ongoing

Lansing Art Gallery

The 65th annual "Water Color Society Exhibition." The show will display selected nearly 100 original artworks by current or former residents of Michigan. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400. www.lansingartgallery.com.

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CityPULSE Summer Guide

Say goodbye to freezing rain and snow drifts: The sun has officially returned to town. It's once again safe to eat outside, visit a local festival or plan a fishing trip or a golf game. True, our much-loved Michigan cherries might be hard to find this year (darn those March warm-ups and April chills), but nevertheless the summer should be sweet.

●● All things al fresco ●●

Peanut Barrel



By JOE TOROK

The patio outside the Peanut Barrel in East Lansing isn't the fanciest in town, or the largest, or the most festive. It is, though, perhaps the best spot in the Lansing area to relax with friends over a meal, to sip a glass of wine on a breezy evening, and people watch. A few meters away from Grand River Avenue, there's plenty of buzz from the bikers, skateboarders, strolling shoppers, students at the bus stop and the blue-water fountain gurgling nearby. Flowers, shrubs and whispering tree leaves dampen the noise of the city, and on a hot, sunny afternoon they blanket the space in a cool blanket of stippled shadow. Make mine a chianti.

The Thirsty Perch



By ALLAN I. ROSS

For my money, the best patio in town is The Thirsty Perch, Blue Gill Grill's rooftop masterpiece in Haslett. The 2-year-old deck has a tiki bar fully stocked with boat drinks, providing the perfect capper to a day spent waterskiing, laying out at the beach on the corner, or running the trails at Lake Lansing Park North just up the road. And did I mention it overlooks Lake Lansing, the only real recreation lake in the area — how much better does that get? Well, I guess we'll find out next month when the Mayfair Bar next door opens their rooftop patio: 30 feet closer to the water.

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Patios

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Harper's



By SAM INGLOT

Now, don't get me wrong: I love my fellow college-aged bar-goers. But there comes a time when I need my space. I'll trade the congested, shoulder-to-shoulder, sweaty, packed bar scene for some much-needed breathing room. Harper's offers just that when it opens up its patio section. Extra seating and personal space is always a nice change of pace. There's nothing like an impromptu summer night trip to the bar with your buddies, and there is nothing like enjoying a beer — or, my personal favorite, a gin and tonic — on a warm Michigan evening. The patio also offers both a safe place to drink and a good view of the street, giving patrons a front row seat to the many social oddities that spring up just north of the border of Michigan State's campus.

El Azteco



By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Admittedly, the rooftop at El Azteco in East Lansing doesn't have the greatest view. Downtown East Lansing looks like even more like a strip mall from here than it does from Grand River Avenue. But climb the long, winding stairway, get into a table or a booth tucked into the stucco battlements, breathe the lofty air, delicately scented with deep fried corn chips, and you will find more high adventure than you can handle. Gaze up and track the orange disc of the sun while you can. Soon you'll need to focus on the monumental foodscape directly in front of you. Towering topopo salads, tawny enchiladas nestled in lakes of molten cheese, fumaroles of hot sauce and glacial melt from tooth-freezing margaritas make this patio the roof of the world, as far as greater Lansing is concerned. There's a tented area, for shade, and an open space for sun-lovers. The booths on the west end of the patio, shaded by a wooden lattice, are extra nice at dusk. Wildlife encounters are common, but they're seldom life-threatening: Sparrows sneak under your feet to pick at the chip fragments, then pop into the surrounding flower beds to polish them off. Everybody looks happy up here. The only way to improve a rooftop restaurant is to make it revolve — and a few margaritas will take care of that.

Where to eat outside?

Compiled by HOLLY JOHNSON

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A regular near the Brenke Fish Ladder, Manuel Lopez, 38, usually fishes for a few hours after working food service at East Lansing High School. As he tangoed with what he believed to be a 20 to 30 pound catfish he said, "It's a fight. Sometimes it can take hours to land a fish this big."

Get hooked

Great catches can be found in Lansing waterways

By **ANDY MCGLASHEN**

Want to cast delicate dry flies to rising trout where an icy stream gurgles through the cedars?

Go up north.

But if you've got a few free hours on one of the long summer days that lie ahead, and you want to catch fish that eat like hogs and fight like longshoremen, point your car toward the Eckert Power Station's colossal towers.

I know, I know: Moores Park, where there's a hydroelectric dam in the power plant's shadow, sure doesn't look like "A River Runs Through It." But the tailwater below the dam is typical of the sort of blue-collar angling the Grand River offers in plenty as it flows through the Capital City. It also happens to be full of fish.

That includes one of my favorite species, the smallmouth bass. When they're biting, it's ridiculous fun. Cast a lure or fly that looks even a little like something a smallmouth eats — which is just about anything — and chances are you'll soon feel a barbarous tug on your line. Feel it once, and you'll be back.

Another great spot on the Grand — not least because it's within shouting distance of the mole enchiladas at Pablo's — is the area just downstream from the north Lansing dam in Old Town. It's just down the road from Grand River Bait and Tackle, where you'll want to ask for the latest fishing report.

Joseph Mull, who works at the shop, says the river in Old Town is full of bass, catfish, northern pike and huge carp.

Carp?

"An average carp is bigger than anything else you'll catch in the Grand River," Mull said, and harder-fighting. Try a dough ball or some corn. Make sure you kiss your mother and make your peace with the Lord before you hook one; these scaly bastards commonly reach 30 pounds.

The Grand is the longest river in

Michigan, so beyond all the great spots in the city, your fishing opportunities outside Lansing are limited only by how far you're willing to travel. For nearby fishing holes, Mull recommends the Smithville Dam just outside Eaton Rapids, and the Fitzgerald Dam in Grand Ledge.

Don't forget about the Grand's tributaries. The biggest fish I've ever caught on a fly rod was a deep-bellied smallmouth directly beneath the bridge where Okemos Road crosses the Red Cedar River.

Of course, some people prefer still-water fishing. The Grand is a broad-shouldered old gal that gets pretty mean after a hard rain, so it's maybe not the best place to fish with children.

For that, Mull recommends Park Lake in Bath Township. It's full of bluegills — the perfect fish for beginning anglers — along with pike and bass. And you can teach your kid to fish in relative peace. "I've been out there for hours and only seen one or two people," Mull says. "Nobody fishes it because nobody really knows about it."

The Meridian Historical Village, just off Marsh Road, is another kid-friendly fishing spot. A new public fishing dock provides easy access to bluegills and bass, and there's even a storage bin that holds fishing rods and tackle that visitors can use.

Other excellent places for fishing with youngsters include Lake Lansing and Hawk Island. Both offer rowboats for rent and provide ample access to great fishing, including public docks.

"Lake Lansing is known for its fabulous bass fishing" and hosts bass tournaments each summer, said Willis Bennett, Ingham County Parks director. He also recommends Burchfield Park in Holt, where anglers can catch trout from a stocked pond.

By the way, just because we're talking here about so-called rough fish doesn't mean you shouldn't try fly-fishing in Lansing. The fly rod has become so closely associated with trout that people might forget that just about any species will take a well-presented fly. It takes a while to learn, but catching a fish on a fly rod is so thrilling and visceral that it's hard to go back to your old spinning rig. I've never done any other kind of angling around here.

If you want to give fly-fishing a try, stop by Nomad Anglers in Okemos. They can sell you the right gear and get you started with some lessons.

Running toward adventure

Adventure races will have you dodging boulders and climbing over lily pads

By **ALLAN I. ROSS**

June is shaping up to be a muddy, bruise-y, adrenaline-fueled rush for Lansing thrill junkies. With all the wimpy “fun runs” cluttering the River Trail and Michigan Avenue with sweatless, unsullied speed-walkers and joggers, cutthroat competitive runners have had to run politely with the rest of the herd. But over the last two years, something extraordinary has happened: The local racing world has apparently reached its critical mass, giving rise to two sports that are putting the fight back in fight-or-flight.

“Adventure races and obstacle races are different, but they both give you something that you don’t in of a traditional race,” said Jeff Smith, co-organizer of Dirty Feat, an East Lansing-based adventure race now entering its third year. “They’re designed to be fun and to make you use your brain.”

That is, if you call putting yourself in the path of falling boulders — like the ones used at the Rock the World obstacle race in Grand Ledge. — “using your brain.” (So what if they’re made of foam; try telling that to your medulla oblongata.) In addition to Dirty Feat (June 16) and Rock the World (June 30 and July 1), you can also challenge yourself to the Filthy 5K obstacle race (Saturday). Why live vicariously through “American Ninja Warrior” or “The Amazing Race” when you can put yourself in faux mortal peril practically every weekend this month?

“Adventure racing is like concentrated life — in a matter of a few hours, it dishes out challenges that remind you you’re only human,” said Christine Fisk, who competed in her first adventure race with the inaugural Dirty Feat in 2010. “My closest comparison was going through my divorce, but of course this was way more positive.”

This will be Fisk’s third year partaking in Dirty Feat, which this year expands from six to eight hours. It kicks off at 6 a.m., forcing competitors to get started before sunrise. Two-person teams must hit 24 semi-hidden checkpoints through-

out an approximate 10-square-mile area around East Lansing’s Patriarche Park. Teams travel mostly by bike, and carry backpacks loaded with emergency gear, including space blankets, first aid kits, and compasses.

Smith is mum on what new aspects this year’s race will have (“We’ve got to maintain the element of surprise”), but it will be similar to the last two, which forced teams to travel by canoe, rowboat or on foot, with climbing challenges and at least one orienteering section.

“It just sounded like a hell of a lot of fun,” said Fisk, who learned about it through her Twitter feed. She says she randomly found her teammate through a friend of a friend, and trained “a little,” not knowing how tough it was going to be.

“Then we did it and it kicked our asses,” she said. “But it was a new kind of rush for me, and I knew instantly that I needed to do more like it. It’s become a lifelong addiction now, I think.”

Last year, Fisk added the Grand Rapids Warrior Dash to her schedule. This year, she has plans to compete in up to five races, including the new Rock the World competition. Event organizer Matt Dyksta said he was inspired to create Rock the World after he ran the merciless Warrior Dash last year, but was put off by the alpha-male machismo of it.

“This is a new generation of racers coming up with a different kind of competitive mindset,” he said. “But I wanted something you can bring a 4-year-old to. Everything about this event, from the obstacles we developed to the bands we picked to play afterwards, was designed to be family-friendly.”

Rock the World is a themed 5K trail race, with 12 obstacles representing iconic world landmarks integrated into Fitzgerald Park’s landscape. On the “Mt. Kilauea” section, competitors will be pummeled by the aforementioned fake rocks. There will also be a “Grand Canyon” climb, a “Panama Canal” crossing, and even a “Statue of Lib-



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The 2011 Dirty Feat adventure race started with a run around East Lansing’s Valley Court Park before participants mounted their bikes for the six-hour contest. Organizer Jeff Smith says that this year’s event will start and end at Patriarche Park.

erty” wire walk, in which racers will have to carry a mock torch for part of the race that they must then use to clip on to a zip-line. There will also be live bands, a beer tent, food vendors, and free children’s activities, which are also all features of Delta Township’s fledgling Filthy 5K obstacle race. But the latter will have a unique aspect to it, appealing to a whole other crowd of racers.

“This is the only race in the country that was designed for dog owners,” said Filthy 5K founder Trevor Schmitz. “People are going to get wet, they’re going to get dirty, they’re going to have a great time.” Sections of the race will include inflatable lily pads that will enable racers to cross a pond (or fall into it), a water slide and an uneven platform that moves as people walk on it.

“If someone’s on the left side and someone else gets on the right, there’s a good chance they’re going down,” Schmitz said. “It’s tough, but not impossible.”

So why would someone be willing to willingly put his or her body through the proverbial wringer?

“I can’t say that I’ve ever done anything else that has given me this kind of feeling of accomplishment,” Fisk said. “I’m not a super-athlete, but these races have inspired me to reach beyond my limits and try something new. Something scary. But most of all, they’re damn fun.”

Filthy 5K

8 a.m. Saturday, June 2
Grand Woods Park,
Delta Township
Free for spectators; for
registration details, visit
Filthy5K.com

Dirty Feat

6 a.m., Saturday, June 16
Patriarche Park, 976 Alton St.,
East Lansing
(Park toward the back of the park)
5 a.m. check-in; 6 a.m. start
Register at bit.ly/dirtyfeat2012

Rock the World

Begins at 10 a.m. June 30 and July 1
(races begin every 45 minutes until 5:30
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June 6-9

Michigan State University Summer Circle Theatre: "Adrift in Macao" is a musical comedy by Christopher Durang and Peter Melnick that spoofs 1940s film-noir thrillers; Chad Badgero directs. FREE. 8

p.m. June 6, 7, 8 and 9. Outdoor theatre on the banks of the Red Cedar River, MSU Campus. www.summertimecircle.org

June 8-23

Michigan State University Summer Summer Circle Theatre: "Round the World Tales." Wes Haskell directs three short plays based on folktales from Sweden, Japan and Nicaragua. FREE. 6 p.m. June 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23. Outdoor theatre on the banks of the Red Cedar River, MSU Campus. www.summertimecircle.org

June 9

Old Town Scrapfest: Teams of artists

collect up to 500 pounds of scrap metal and have two weeks to reuse, repurpose and redesign. 10 a.m. June 9, Old Town, Lansing. (517) 485-4283. www.oldtownscrapfest.com

June 13-16

Michigan State University Summer Summer Circle Theatre: "On the Verge, or The Geography of Learning." Victorian explorers journey through time and space in a comedy directed by Melissa C. Thompson. FREE. 8 p.m. June 13, 14, 15 and 16. Outdoor theatre on the banks of the Red Cedar River, MSU Campus. www.summertimecircle.org

June 14-16

Lansing Juneteenth Celebration: Freedom festival commemorating the end of slavery in the United States by celebrating the joys of liberty, educating the community about our heritage and by promoting positive cultural interaction. Kick-off event 5:30 p.m. June 14, Lansing City Hall Lobby; festival takes place at St. Joseph Park (W. St. Joseph St. and Heather Lane), Lansing. Festival begins at 5 p.m. June 15; 11 a.m. June 16. FREE. (517) 394-6900, or www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org.

June 15-16

Michigan State University Summer Summer Circle Theatre: "The Atheist." Edward O'Ryan stars in a one-man show detailing the true confessions of an amoral tabloid reporter. FREE. 10:30 p.m. June 15 and 16. Outdoor theatre on the banks of the Red Cedar River, MSU Campus. www.summertimecircle.org

June 20-24

Michigan State University Summer Summer Circle Theatre: "Around the World in 80 Days." Rob Roznowski directs Mark Brown's adaptation of the Jules Verne story about globe-trotting Phileas Fogg and Passeportout. FREE. 8 p.m. June 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre. (517) 483-1564.

June 20-24

Lansing Community College Summer Stage Under the Stars: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Musical adaptation of the "Peanuts" comic strip. FREE. 8 p.m. June 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre. (517) 483-1564.

June 22-23

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival: Performances from Wycliffe Gordon and Niki Haris, Detroit Tenors, Ritmo and Community Music School Jazz Orchestra. FREE. Downtown East Lansing. www.eljazzfest.com (517) 319-6927.

June 22

Festival of the Moon: Beer, food and music. 6-11 p.m. June 22 (21 and over), Old Town, Lansing. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. (517) 485-4283, or festivalofthesun.com

June 23

Festival of the Sun: Music from Those Willows, Sabertooth Fiancee, Empty Orchestra, Elliot Street Lunatic and Frontier Ruckus, plus wines and tapas. 2-11 p.m. June 23 (21 and over only after 7 p.m.), \$17 advance, \$20 at the door. Old Town, Lansing. (517) 485-4283, or festivalofthesun.com

June 27

"Layers: The Lansing Community College Faculty Jazz Quartet." Pianist Dennis Therrian, drummer Mike Daniels saxophonist Jon Gerwitz and bassist Ed Fedewa perform original pieces and standards. FREE. 7 p.m. June 27. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre. (517) 483-1564.

July 9-15

Common Ground Music Festival: Performers include Soul Asylum, Morris Day & The Time, Casey James, Sister Hazel, The Wallflowers, Joe Walsh, Kevin Costner & Modern West and more. Adado Riverfront Park, Grand Ave. and Saginaw St., Lansing. \$89 for 7-day general admission pass; prices vary for individual day passes. (517) 267-1502. www.commongroundfest.com

July 18-24

Lansing Community College Summer Stage Under the Stars: "Theophilus North." A young man makes his way through Newport high society during the Jazz Age. FREE. 8 p.m. June 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre. (517) 483-1564.

July 25-Aug. 5

Lansing Community College Summer Stage Under the Stars: "Othello." The American Shakespeare Collective presents the tragic tale of the moor Othello, the unjustly accused Desdemona and the scheming Iago. \$15 adults; \$12 students and seniors; preview performances are \$10 for all seats. Previews at 7 p.m. July 25 and 26; 8 p.m. July 27, 28, 29 and Aug. 2, 3, 4 and 5. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre. (517) 483-1564.

Aug. 3-4

Lansing JazzFest: Performers include Betty Baxter, Drum Crazy Percussion ensemble, Etienne Charles, Jeff Shoup Trio, Sunny Wilkinson Quartet and Tyler VanderMaas. FREE. 4:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Aug. 3; 1 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Aug. 4. Old Town, Lansing. (517) 371-4600.

Aug. 8-9

"The C/d Project": An annual dance collaboration between Lansing Community College and Happendance. FREE. 8 p.m. Aug. 8 and 9. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre. (517) 483-1564.

Aug. 10-12

Great Lakes Folk Festival: Performances ranging from blues to bluegrass, Latino, polka, Cajun, Celtic and more. Donations suggested. Times to be announced. Aug. 10, 11 and 12. Downtown East Lansing. (517) 432-4533. greatlakesfolkfest.net

Aug. 16-18

Renegade Theatre Festival: Theatrical presentations and readings from various performing arts groups around Lansing. Times to be announced. Aug. 16, 17 and 18. Old Town, Lansing. www.renegadetheatrefestival.org



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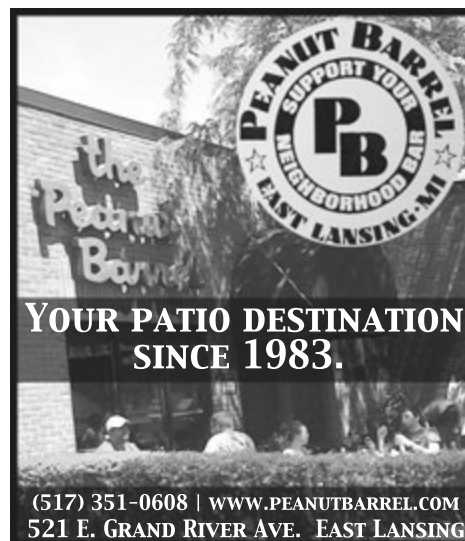
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Q: I just turned 26, and I'm ready to be married. My previous two boyfriends dragged their feet and then said the blood-boiling line: "I will marry you...someday." I met a guy online, and we initiated a relationship on the basis that he was ready for marriage. Four months after our first kiss, I broke up with him after he, too, expressed hesitation about marriage. He insisted that he loves me but is hesitating because I have a drinking problem and PMDD (premenstrual dysphoric disorder). Once a month, I take everything that I love and tear it to shreds — as if in a werewolf state. I come to, devastated by my actions. I need structure and commitment from a loving partner for strength, and an engagement now would help me transcend my conditions. He wants me to do it alone and wants to see improvement before he commits. I want to make him realize how cruel he was in insisting in his profile that he was ready for marriage and not following through.

—Unwed

A: You're a fierce advocate of truth in advertising — except when you're the one engaging in the sins of omission: "I'm ready to be married. Oh, also, once a month, I'll try to rip out your internal organs with a shrimp fork. Any takers?"

Typically, when a man is ready for marriage, he's looking to settle down with the right woman, not sprint to the altar with the first woman he meets who can fit into a size 8 long white dress. If marriage actually were a cure for alcoholism, people in AA would have florists instead of sponsors, and church basements would be packed with brides tearfully confessing to being powerless before a \$10,000 wedding cake that releases a flock of white doves.

You likewise don't marry a guy because your hormones turn you into a werewolf once a month and you need somebody to bolt

the exits so no sheep or cattle go missing. Per psychiatrist Dr. Emily Deans in one of my previous columns, biochemical options for dialing down turbo PMS include the 24-day or three-month birth control pill; the anti-depressant bupropion; magnesium malate supplementation (500 milligrams at bedtime); and cycling from a low-carb diet to a higher-carb, low-protein diet three days to a week before your period starts.

At the moment, you're married to escaping your problems. Addiction treatment specialist Dr. Frederick Woolverton writes in his very helpful book, "Unhooked," that at the heart of any addiction is avoidance of suffering. Instead of feeling uncomfortable feelings and dealing with them, you hold their little heads down and drown them in a pond of cheap gin. And instead of doing the grown-up thing and working to overcome your addiction, you decide that the "power greater than yourself" will be the groom. But, only when you don't need a man to feel whole are you healthy enough to choose one for the right reasons. Then you see, over time (a year, at the very least), whether you and he make sense together. Marriage is a lifetime commitment, not a lifeboat to rescue you from your troubles already in progress: "Do you take this woman...to have and to hold, and to hold her hair back as she's driving the porcelain bus? Okay then! You may now detox the bride!"

Q: My friend is constantly dragging me to parties to be her wing woman. She's in her late 40s but hits on hot young guys in their early 20s who never reciprocate interest. Guys her age or older approach her, but she blows them off. I'm sick of these depressing evenings and of accompanying her to the mall so she can get "hipper clothes." Is there a kind way to tell her she needs to rethink who she's pursuing?

—Disappearing

A: How uplifting, spending your weekends watching Generation Y getting hit on by Generation Why Are You At This Party? Of

course you want to clue in your friend, "You could wear head-to-toe Forever 21, and you'd still look 49 and counting." And you could gently suggest she expand her dating horizons to include men who are actual possibilities. But her persistence in the face of failure suggests she's pretty attached to believing that the answer to her datelessness can be found at the mall. What you can control is how you spend your time. Extending yourself to make a friend happy is nice; subjecting yourself to regular misery is too nice and leads to bubbling resentment. The next time she tries to drag you along, tell her you're party-weary and tired of the mall...but how about lunch or a hike? Granted, out on the trail, you could still witness the uncomfortable sight of a cougar stalking its prey — but not by changing out of its mom jeans.

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OUT on the TOWN

Wednesday, May 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Community Yoga. Power yoga class. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

Grande Paraders Square Dance Club. Round dancing and alternating and more. 7:30 p.m. \$4 members; \$5. Holt 9th Grade Campus, 5780 Holt Road, Holt. (517) 694-0087.

Learn Bike Repair. Help maintain the MSU Bikes' rental fleet and earn time to work on your own bike. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Demonstration Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. www.bespartangreen.msu.edu/happenings.html.

Capital Area Michigan Works. A legislative breakfast; community members and business leaders will discuss the Capitol Caucus. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Price varies. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St. Lansing. www.grandriverconnection.com.

EVENTS

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. Grand Ledge Baptist Church, 1120 W. Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954.

Practice Your English. Speaking and listening to English in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Youth Service Corps. East side youth grow food, and develop leadership skills. Ages 11-17. 3:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community Garden House,

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MAY 30

Gerald Gould lectures on American Indian gaming

Okema Son-Non-Quet — also known as Gerald Gould — an American Indian lecturer, will answer questions regarding American Indian Gaming in his talk, “Everything You Wanted To Know About American Indian Gaming But Were Too Afraid to Ask,” presented by the X Foundation’s Paper Tigers Book Club/Lecture Series. Gould, a Lansing Community College professor, has been teaching American Indian studies at a university level for nearly two decades. He is Okema (chief) of the Swan Creek Black River Confederated Ojibwa Tribe of Michigan. Topics include the legal definition of American Indians tribes, 20th-century tribes, the California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians Supreme Court case and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988. 6-8:30 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Library 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. malcolmxlansing.org

JUNE 2

Take me out to the bookstore

Schuler Books & Music present a signing with All-Star pitcher John Smoltz, a graduate of Lansing’s Waverly High School. Smoltz is one of only two in baseball history to reach 20 wins and 50 saves in single seasons, and he is considered one of the greatest major league pitchers of the late 20th century. In his book, “Starting and Closing: Perseverance, Faith & One More Year,” he shares the story of his life, career and his love for the game. “When Smoltz talks about baseball, the book comes alive,” noted a Kirkus Reviews critic. “Whether he’s discussing the differences between starting pitching and relief pitching and the difficulties of switching from one to the other, as Smoltz did more than once, or why power pitching wins in the postseason, or why the Braves won only one World Series, it all has the ring of authenticity and wisdom.” The event is ticketed and reservations must be made by contacting Schuler Books & Music. Photography is permitted; however, Smoltz will not sign memorabilia. Noon-2 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books and Music, Eastwood Towne Center, 2820 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495. www.schulerbooks.com.

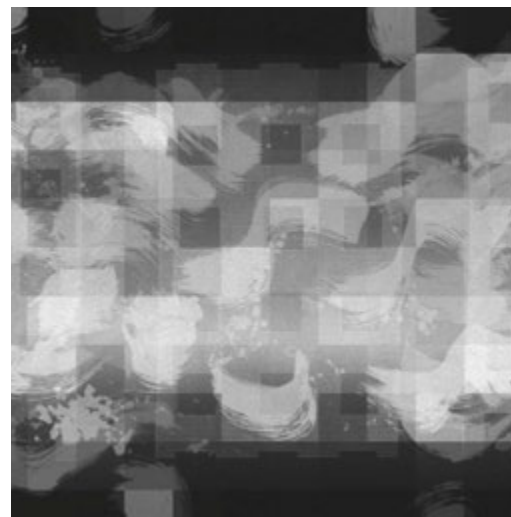


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JUNE 3

Mixed up in art

Italian-born artist Mohammed “Mobe” El Ramly started off as an engineer, but never lost sight of his passion for art. In fact, he says, his engineering background has helped in selecting the blend of colors in his work. “My art has never left me,” he said. “I’ve always had my art.” El Ramly is preparing for his first gallery showing in the United States; he’s part of a group of 14 artists — including Pat Burch, Bruce Stewart, Wendy Banker, Luke Pline, Mike Scieska, Ernesto Espinosa, Toby and Sheri Teneyck, Delores Clark, Tracy Mick, Sandy Wilkinson, Joan Pardee, Douglas Thayer, Catherine Wesley-Ottarson, Pam Carle and Patty Sairl — whose work will be shown this month at the Turner-Dodge House. The show includes photography, mixed media installations, paintings, metalwork, silk and glass floral arrangements, jewelry and sculpture. The Sunday afternoon reception will feature music by jazz saxophonist George Howard. A portion of the proceeds from art sales benefit Friends of Turner-Dodge House, a volunteer organization aimed at restoring the historic property. Noon-5 p.m. FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100 East North St., Lansing. (517) 483-4220. www.lansingmi.gov/parks/tdodge



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JUNE 7

Dapper dads for women’s health

Who is the most dapper dad in mid-Michigan? The Sparrow Foundation: Women Working Wonders gives Lansing residents a chance to decide at the third annual Dapper Dads challenge. With 34 contestants, ranging from Michigan State University basketball head coach Tom Izzo to Gov. Rick Snyder’s Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore, this year’s competition is set to be stiff. Supporters vote for their favorite dad online and then are invited to attend the fashion show at Kositchek’s featuring the contestants. All funds benefit Women Working Wonders’ effort to improve equipment and research on women’s health at Sparrow Hospital. 5:30-8 p.m. \$25. Kositchek’s 113 N. Washington Square, Lansing. dapperdads.sparrow.org/dapperdads.

TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE
BY RICH TUPICA

VAUDEVILLE-LOVING BANDS AT MAC'S

Another Roadside Attraction, which plays Mac's Bar Thursday with The Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle, is a Virginia-based band with a love for nostalgia and the carnival. The band members not only co-write songs; they also create costumes and band merchandise together. Along with guitars and drums, the band also features fiddle, cello, viola, tenor banjo, kazoo, and ukulele players — plus a bunch of other oddball instruments, such as the spoons and “the clockworks.”

Thursday, May 31 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over. \$10, 9 p.m.

PATCHOULI PRIDE AT MAC'S MITTEN JAMFEST

Break out your hacky sacks! A two-day festival dubbed Mac's Mitten Jam hosts a long list of jam bands from across the state Friday and Saturday at Mac's Bar. The opening night brings in North Shore, Burton's Garden, Electric Jug Band, Theo Batzer Band and the Tony Lajoye Trio. The second night features Secretary of Space, Sticky Fut, Pleasant Drive, Kung Fu Rodeo and The Full Velvet Band. Aside from Jerry Garcia-inspired tunes, there will be food provided by Aladdin's of East Lansing, as well as prize raffles, including a chance to win free weekend passes to the Hoodlidoos Music and Peace Festival.

Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, 18 and over. \$10, 7 p.m. macsbar.com

PUMP HOUSE HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL PUMPSTOCK

Pumpstock, an annual family-friendly American/alt-country music fest, happens



Courtesy Photo

Martine Locke

Saturday at the Bailey Community Center Park in East Lansing. Hosted by the Pump House Concerts, the third annual event features a long roster of acclaimed artists, including Martine Locke, an Australian singer/songwriter who has self-released four solo albums and four discs with The Velvet Janes, her duo. Passionate about her DIY ethos, Locke has continued to book, manage, promote, produce and perform over 100 shows a year in three countries. She has toured as opening artist for such acts as Ani DiFranco, Cowboy Junkies and Arlo Guthrie. Also performing is the Tommy Womack Band; USA Today called Womack's songs “insightful, funny, and penetrating.” The Telecaster-toting songwriter is an award-winning Nashville musician who's developed a loyal following since his early days growing up in Kentucky.

Another out-of-town band taking the stage is Harpeth Rising, a group of young Nashville up-starts that mix the banjo and fiddle with cello and hand drums. Rounding out the list of headliners is Bill Bynum & Company, a Detroit-based band that plays a mix of country and rock, mixed with bluegrass.

Saturday, June 2 @ Pumpstock – Bailey Community Center Park, 300 Bailey Street, East Lansing, all ages, \$10 suggested donation (kids free), doors 2 p.m., ends around 8 p.m.



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It Lies Within

CAPITAL CITY CHAOS III HOSTS 12 METAL BANDS

Another annual fest happening Saturday is Capital City Chaos III at Blackened Moon Concert Hall; doors open at 1 p.m. The all-day, all-ages event features sets from The Plague Years (2 p.m.), Failed Society (3 p.m.), Society Kills (4 p.m.), Dead Against (5 p.m.), Hillside Barrier (6 p.m.), Dozic (7 p.m.), Hokori (8 p.m.), One Without Reason (9 p.m.), The Devastator (10 p.m.), All Ends Black (11 p.m.), Genocya (midnight) and headliners It Lies Within will close the show around 1 a.m. It Lies Within has a new album, “Chrysalis,” coming soon on Luxor Records. Along with a hefty dose of head-banging, there will also be 50/50 raffles throughout the show, offering prizes from My Little Needle Tattoos and Vivid Ink.

Saturday, June 2 @ Blackened Moon Concert Hall, 3208 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, \$10, 1 p.m. to 2 a.m.

ADORED DOORMAN TJ JACKSON BENEFIT AT GREENDOOR

Timothy “TJ” Jackson, doorman at the Green Door, was recently admitted to Sparrow Hospital with a blood clot on his left lung. Due to complications he was transferred to the Cardiac Intensive Care Units. Jackson has moved to the Cardiac Step Down Unit and is facing a month of physical and occupational therapy on the rehab floor before he can return home. The Green Door Blues Bar & Grill has arranged for 10 hours of live entertainment



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Timothy “TJ” Jackson

on Sunday to help raise funds for Jackson and his family. Performers include Frog & the Beeftones, Smooth Daddy, Jen Sygit & the Lincoln County Process, Steppin' In It, The Burnsides, Global Village, Those Delta Rhythm Kings, The Hooties, Root Doctor and more. The show is family-friendly until 9 p.m. There will also be a silent auction from 3 to 9 p.m., plus periodic merchandise auctions. Organizers are accepting tax-deductible donations, silent auction items and gift certificates. Items may be dropped off at the Green Door, or you can call manager Jennifer Costigan at (517) 482-6376.

Sunday, June 3 @ Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, \$10 donation at door.

UPCOMING SHOW?

POST IT AT
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LIVE AND LOCAL

To be listed in Live and Local, e-mail your information to liveandlocal@lansingcitypulse.com by Thursday of the week before publication.

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
621 The Spot, 621 E. Michigan Ave.	Phil Denny, 8 p.m.	Ray Potter, 8:30 p.m.	Flipside/DJ Radd1, 9 p.m.	DJ Leeky, 10 p.m.		DJ Leeky, 10 p.m.	
Connxtions Comedy Club, 2900 N. East St.	Comedy Open Mic, 8 p.m.	Kris Shaw, 8 p.m.	Kris Shaw, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.	Kris Shaw, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.		Kris Shaw, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.	
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.		DJ, 9 p.m.	Straight Up, 9 p.m.	Straight Up, 9 p.m.		Straight Up, 9 p.m.	
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Mighty Medicine 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.		Karaoke, 9 p.m.	
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.		Tryst Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, Midnight	Avon Bomb, Midnight		Avon Bomb, Midnight	
The Firm, 227 S. Washington Square		DnW Sound DJs, 9 p.m.	Various DJs, 9 p.m.	DJ Donnie D, 9 p.m.		DJ Donnie D, 9 p.m.	
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.	Driver & Rider Show, 7 p.m.	Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Karaoke with Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	Gold Rush, 8 p.m.		Gold Rush, 8 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.		Hooties, 9:30 p.m.	Mix Pack, 9:30 p.m.	Soulxpress, 9:30 p.m.		Soulxpress, 9:30 p.m.	
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.	Ron Pope, 7 p.m.	Chris Bathgate & Sacred Strays, 8 p.m.	Goat Machine, 8 p.m.	Hometown Rock Crown, 6:30 p.m.		Hometown Rock Crown, 6:30 p.m.	
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	O' Death, 9 p.m.	Another Roadside Attraction, 9 p.m.	Mac's Mitten Jam, 7 p.m.	Mac's Mitten Jam, 7 p.m.		Mac's Mitten Jam, 7 p.m.	
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Jen Sygit open mic, 9 p.m.	The Burnsides, 10 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 10 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 10 p.m.		Smooth Daddy, 10 p.m.	
Rick's American Cafe, 224 Abbott Road	DJ Dan, 10:30 p.m.						
Rookies, 16460 S. US 27	Sea Cruisers, 7-10 p.m.	Water Pong DJ with Ryan, 9 p.m.	Karaoke with Bob, 9 p.m.	Karaoke with Bob, 9 p.m.		Karaoke with Bob, 9 p.m.	
Rum Runners, 601 East Michigan Ave.	Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 9 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.	Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.		Dueling Pianos & DJ, 7 p.m.	
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.		Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.	
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive		Blues on the Grand, 7 p.m.	Joe Wright, 7 p.m.	Brad Maitland, 7 p.m.		Brad Maitland, 7 p.m.	
Ull's Haus of Rock, 419 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.			SXX, 10 Gauge Rage & Sevin 7:30 p.m.				
Zepplin's, 2010 E. Michigan Ave.		Industrial/Hip Hop Night, 9 p.m.		Ten Paces, Fire, 9 p.m.		Ten Paces, Fire, 9 p.m.	

Sunday Open Jam with Bad Gravy, 9:30 p.m., Green Door; Karaoke, 9 p.m. Drag Queens Gone Wild, 11 p.m., Spiral Dance Bar; DJ Mike, 9:30 p.m., LeRoy's Bar & Grill; Open Mic, 5 p.m., Ull's Haus of Rock.
Monday Steppin' In It, 9:30 p.m., Green Door; Easy Babies funk trio, 10 p.m., The Exchange. Open-Mic Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Michigan Brewing Company-Lansing.
Tuesday Tommy Foster & Guitar Bob, 9 p.m., The Exchange; Neon Tuesday, 9 p.m., Mac's Bar. Jazz Tuesday Open Jam, 9 p.m., Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave.

Out on the town

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1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

Relay for Life Silent Auction. Items include gift certificates for local restaurants, jewelry, gift sets, as well as sports collectables. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Jimmy's Pub, 16804 Chandler Road, East Lansing. (517) 324-7100. relayforlife.org/eastlansingmi.

Lansing Walkability Audit. Need volunteers. 3-5 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 292-3078.

Allen Street Farmers Market. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, crafts, activities and more. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 485-4279. www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

MUSIC

Jazz Wednesdays. Featuring the Jeff Shoup Trio. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracies Place, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

Joe Wright. Live music. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Riverhouse

Inn, 310 W. Grand River Ave., Williamston. (517) 655-4300.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Baby Time. Books and songs for ages 2 years and younger, with a parent/caregiver. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 x3.

Lansing Area Science Fiction Association Meeting. New location. Informal dinner and lively conversation every week. 7 p.m. FREE. Buddies Grill, 2040 Aurelius Road, #13, Holt. (517) 402-4481.

Paper Tigers Book Club Lecture. "Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About American Indian Gaming, But Were Afraid To Ask." 6-8:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300. www.malcolmmlansing.org.

Thursday, May 31 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Yoga 2XL. Learn to move with confidence. 7:15-8:15 p.m. \$8 suggested donation. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

Eating Disorders Anonymous Meeting. A group of people recovering from eating disorders who talk about recovery. 7-7:45 p.m. FREE. CADL Mason Library, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. (517) 899-3515.

EcoTrek Fitness. Outdoor group workouts for all fitness levels. Meet at back of parking lot. 5:45-7 p.m. \$12. Lansing River Trail, Grand River Access Point, Corner of Grand River Ave. and Turner St. Lansing. (517) 243-6538.

Controlling Pests and Diseases. Learn strategies to dealing with common pests organically. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 374-5700.

Lowe's South Side Cruise-In. Open to classic cars and trucks, hotrods and classic motorcycles. 6-11 p.m. FREE. Lowe's, S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 699-2940.

EVENTS

Morning Storytime. All ages welcome for stories, songs, rhymes. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014.

Karaoke. Every Thursday night with Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar and Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St.,

Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

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

Mid-day Movies. Watch recent releases on the big screen. 2 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363. www.cadl.org.

Kids Time: Ages 5-11. Help the Eastside youth to grow food, develop leadership and life skills. 4:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community Garden-House, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

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

South Lansing Farmers Market. Locally produced food, youth activities and educational opportunities. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd. Lansing. (517) 482-5750.

Jerry Seinfeld. Standup comedy. 7 p.m. \$45-75. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (800) WHARTON. www.whartoncenter.com.

MUSIC

Jazz Thursdays. Various artists featured each week. 6:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. Mumbai Cuisine, 340 Albert St., East Lansing. (517) 336-4150.

Sound & Sights. Various performances at multiple spots throughout downtown Chelsea. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Downtown Chelsea, Chelsea Manchester Road & Middle St., Chelsea. www.chelseafestivals.com/soundsights.

The Williamston Summer Concert Series.

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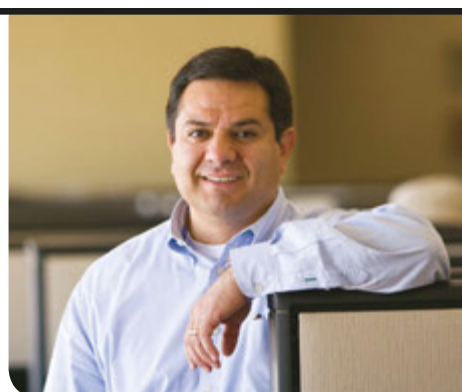
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Old Town SCRAP FEST

8,500 lbs of metal. 17 teams. 2 weeks. 1 scrap facility. Yeah, it's intense. Scrapfest is a unique event where teams have an hour to collect up to 500 pounds of scrap from the Friedland Industries scrapyard on Saturday, June 9. During the next two weeks teams must execute their masterpiece. The unique sculptures will be put on display at Festival of the Moon on Friday, June 22 and auctioned off at Festival of the Sun in a silent auction on Saturday, June 23. This unique event is not only Old Town's coolest art events, it is one of Lansing's greenest. This year we are incorporating Artisan Booths and Scrappy Bike Racks into Scrapfest. All artists are invited to apply for an Artisan Booth by contacting the OTCA office at 517-485-4283. For more information on Old Town Scrapfest, Artisan Booths or the Scrappy Bike Rack Project please visit www.iloveoldtown.org.

FESTIVAL OF THE MOON

Make the most of one of the shortest nights of the summer at the 7th annual Festival of the Moon on Friday, June 22 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Enjoy delicious food from Grand Grillin and Mark's Gourmet Dogs, great music from national bands and the best handcrafted beers supplied by Bell's Brewery! Tickets are just \$12 in advance or \$15 at the gate. For the best value purchase our \$25 weekend pass to both Festival of the Moon and Festival of the Sun.

FESTIVAL OF THE SUN

Join us at the 13th annual Festival of the Sun on Saturday, June 23 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. and enjoy fine wines paired with tasty tapas, cold brews and Lansing's best local entertainment. The festival will feature wine tasting, local food sampling from Restaurant Mediteran, Purple Carrot, and Trailer Park'd, and live music from: Those Willows, Sabertooth Fiancee, Empty Orchestra, Elliot Street Lunatic and Frontier Ruckus. Tickets are just \$17 in advance or \$20 at the gate. For the best value purchase our \$25 weekend pass to both Festival of the Moon and Festival of the Sun.

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

June 1-----Wake Up Old Town

At Favorites Cafe
Friday 9AM to 10PM

June 2-----Chalk of the Town

Throughout Old Town
Saturday 10AM to 3PM

June 3-----Farmers Market

Corner of Turner and Grand River
Sunday 10AM to 3PM

June 3-----First Sunday Gallery Walk

Sunday Noon to 5PM

June 9-----Scrapfest Collection Day

At Friedland Industries
Saturday 1PM

June 15 and 16-----Michigan PRIDE

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June 22 -----Scrapfest

Showcase in Lot 56
Friday 6PM to 11PM

June 23-----Scrapfest(cont.)

Showcase & Auction In Lot 56
Saturday 2PM to 11PM

June 22-----Festival of the Moon

In Lot 56
Friday 6PM to 11PM

June 23-----Festival of the Sun

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March kickoff at 11:00 am
Commitment Ceremony at the Capitol Steps 12:00 pm
Speakers from 12:20 to 1:00 pm
Festival in Old Town beginning at 1:00 pm
God-des & She on the Main Stage at 2:00 pm
Chris Willis on the Main Stage at 5:00 pm

Friday June 15th

Saturday June 16th
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Join LanSINGout Gay Men's Chorus for an evening of song and dance.

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GALA CHORUSES

Out on the town

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Featuring a variety of different genres. 7 p.m. FREE. McCormick Park, located at N. Putnam and High Streets, Williamston. [www.facebook.com/williamstonconcerts](#).

THEATER

"Apartment 3A." Jeff Daniels' comedy about a TV executive whose life is shaken up by a series of changes. 8 p.m. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 students. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579. [overtheledge.org](#).
"Follies." Two couples look back at a reunion in a crumbling Broadway theater, scheduled for demolition in Stephen Sondheim's musical. 7 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors, students and military personnel. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700. [www.riverwalktheatre.com](#).
"The Understudy." Egos collide when a star meets his seemingly underqualified understudy in a comedy from "Smash" writer Theresa Rebeck. 8 p.m. \$20. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam, Williamston. (517) 655-SHOW. [www.williamstontheatre.org](#).

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Michigan Notable Books Author Tour. Author Bruce Kopytek visits to discuss "Jacobson's: I Miss It So." 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. [www.dtdl.org](#).

Friday, June 1

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Cork and Canvas. An instructional art class. We provide the canvas, paint and instruction. You are welcome to bring a beverage. 6-8:30 p.m. \$25. 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212.
Yoga Classes. Workplace Yoga, noon-1 p.m. and Partner Yoga, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 per class. Center for Yoga, 1780 East Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Contact Carolyn Ojala for details (517) 388-2049.

EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous. Open meeting for family and friends with American Sign Language interpretation. 8 p.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.
Storytime. Stories, rhymes and a craft for ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.
Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed women's meeting. 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. (517) 882-9733.

Howl at the Moon. Bring your best friend, 2-footed or 4-footed, and walk through the moonlit woods. 9 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866.
Golf Outting. To benefit Housing Services for Eaton County. 8:30 a.m. Donations, Price Varies. Centennial Acres Golf Course, 12485 Dow Road, Sunfield. (517) 542-1180.
Lansing Christian School Graduation. Family, friends and alumni to attend the commencement ceremony for class of 2012. 7 p.m. FREE. Lansing Christian School, 3405 Belle Chase Way, Lansing. (517) 882-5779. [www.lansingchristianschool.org](#).
Land Use Lunch: Smart Commute. Talk about new and emerging issues in land use. Noon-1 p.m. \$5. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. [www.midmeac.org/events](#).
Art by the River. Discover the rich beauty of the Grand River while enjoying Lansing Art Gallery's open-air gallery, open all summer. All day. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 374-6400. [lansingartgallery.org](#).
"When Everyone Shopped Downtown." An exhibit about shopping in downtown in the mid-20th Century. 5-7 p.m. FREE. Creyts Building, 831 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. [www.lansinghistory.org](#).
Flamingo Fest. Also a car night with Caribbean type music and more. 4 p.m. FREE. Downtown Williamston, Grand River Ave., Williamston. (517) 655-1549. [info@williamston.org](#).
Michigan Girls Water Polo Championship. Okemos is the two-time defending state champion. Features the top eight teams. 4 p.m. \$7, \$5 students. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. [okemoswaterpolo.org](#).

MUSIC

Craig Hendershott & the Indulgence Faction. Live and eclectic music. 9 p.m. FREE. Irish Pub and Grill, 1910 W. Saginaw, Lansing. (517) 482-3916. [www.irishpubfest.com](#).
Grand River Radio Diner. Featuring Matt DiMambro. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 483-1000. [www.lcc.edu/radio](#).
Grand River Radio Diner Concert. Featuring Commodore Cosmos. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 483-1000. [www.lcc.edu/radio](#).
Avon Bomb. Live music. 9 p.m. FREE. The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 319-4500. [www.lansingexchange.com](#).
Mac's Mitten Jam. Presale tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through any of the bands. 8 p.m. \$12 advance, Day Pass: \$7 advance, \$10 door. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. [www.macsbar.com](#).
Dragon Wagon. Bluegrass music. 8 p.m. FREE. Romas Back Door, 200 Comstock St., Owosso. (989) 725-5767.

Joe Wright. Live music. 6-10 p.m. FREE. Waterfront Bar and Grille, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing.
Matt Bliton & the Kedzie Street Choir. Music ranging from folk to rock to blues. 7 p.m. \$5. (SCENE) Metrospace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832. [www.scenemetrospace.com](#).

THEATER

"Apartment 3A." 8 p.m. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 students. (Please See Details May 31)
"Follies." 8 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors & students. (Please See Details May 31)
"The Understudy." 8 p.m. \$25. (Please See Details May 31)

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Music & Movement Storytime. Dance and sing to music, and learn to play with instruments and more. 1 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3.

Saturday, June 2

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Beginner Tai Chi. Can build strength and reduce stress. 8-9 a.m. \$8. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.
Tai Chi in the Park. Meditation at 8:45 a.m. followed by Tai Chi. 9:30 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Contact Bob Teachout (517) 272-9379.
Overeaters Anonymous. 9:30 a.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-6003.
Parenting Group. Lecture and group discussion each week. 10-11 a.m. Call to register. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.
Relics of the Big Bang. 8 p.m. \$3, \$2.50 students & seniors, \$2 kids. (Please See Details May 25)
Occupy Lansing. General assembly meetings. 1 p.m. FREE. Reutter Park, Corner of Kalamazoo & Townsend St., Lansing. [www.occupylansing.net](#).
Farm to Table. On raising backyard chickens, 2 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021. [www.cadl.org/farm](#).
Stream Monitoring & Monitoring Training Session. Will monitor 8 sites, and need volunteers to help. 8 a.m.-Noon. FREE. Biggie Munn Park, Aurelius and Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 292-3078.
Gardening with Native Plants. On landscaping strategies for discouraging deer from over-browsing your yard. 10-11:30 a.m. \$10, \$15 non-members. Mid-Michigan Stewardship, 6162 Oakpark Trail, Haslett. [www.stewardshipnetwork.org](#).

EVENTS

Beer & Wine Tasting. Try free samples. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Vine and Brew, 2311 Jolly Road, Okemos. [www.vineandbrew.com](#).
Salsa Dancing. DJ Adrian "Ace" Lopez hosts Lansing's longest standing weekly salsa event. Singles welcome. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$5. Gregory's Bar & Grille, 2510 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 323-7122.
Filthy 5k Michigan. The Filthy 5K incorporates the entire family in obstacle course running. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$45. Grand Woods Park, 4500 W Willow Hwy. Lansing. [www.Filthy5k.com](#).
Chalk of the Town. Create an art piece or wander through Old Town to see the drawings. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Avenue and Turner St., Lansing. (517) 485-4283. [www.iloveoldtown.org](#).
Golgotha Cycles Grand Opening. Ribbon-cutting at 11 a.m. Food & drinks, give-aways, discounts on tires and accessories and more. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. FREE. Golgotha Cycles, 610 N. Creyts Road, Lansing. (517) 977-1752.

Survival Flight Poker Run. Registration at 10:30 a.m. First bike out at 11:45 am, last bike out at 12:30 pm. 10:30 a.m. Price Varies. Eagles Club, 835 High St., Williamston. (517) 655-6510.
Project Pride. An annual community cleanup and recycling event. Need volunteers. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Abbott Center, 1500 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-3247.
Visit the Farm Day. Tour the farm, get information for membership and have brunch. 10 a.m. FREE. Appleschram Orchard, 1300 Mt. Hope Hwy., Lansing. (517) 230-5821.
Be a Tourist in Your Own Town. Purchase a Greater Lansing passport and visit over 60 places like Potter Park Zoo and museums. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$1. Downtown Lansing, Washington Square between Michigan and Washtenaw Avenues, Lansing. (517) 487-6800. [www.lansing.org/batytot](#).
Be a Tourist Exhibits. Walk through Michigan history and explore 26 permanent exhibit galleries. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$6, \$4 seniors, \$2 kids. Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-3559.

MUSIC

Live Music at Altu's. Featuring Temesgen Hussein, playing traditional instruments from Ethiopia: the Krar and the Begena. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine, 1312 Michigan Ave., East Lansing. (517) 333-6295. [www.eatataltus.com](#).
Mac's Mitten Jam. 8 p.m. \$12 advance, day pass: \$7 advance, \$10 at door. (Please See Details June 1)
Pumpstock 2012. A day of American roots music with Tommy Womack, Harpeth Rising and Bill Bynum & Co. 2-8 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Bailey Community Center Park, 300 Bailey St., East Lansing. [www.facebook.com/pumpstock](#).
Great Lakes Harmony Brigade. An a cappella extravaganza, male chorus with men from all around the U.S. and Canada. 7:30 p.m. \$15, \$10 for Groups of 10 or more. Okemos High School, 2500 Jolly Road, Okemos. (616) 485-7819 or (919) 332-8185.
Jam Session. Bring your instruments, singing voice, some food/drinks. 6-9 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

THEATER

"Apartment 3A." 8 p.m. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 students. (Please See Details May 31)
"Follies." 8 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors & student. (Please See Details May 31)
"The Understudy." 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$22 matinee, \$25. (Please See Details May 31)

LITERATURE AND POETRY

John Smoltz. All-Star pitcher shares his book, "Starting and Closing: Perseverance, Faith and One More Year." 2 p.m. FREE. Schuler Books & Music, 2820 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495. [www.schulerbooks.com](#).

Sunday, June 3

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. Meets on the third floor. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300. [www.cadl.org](#).
Overeaters Anonymous. 2 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-8789.
Young Artisan's Workshop. Ages 10-18 explore set design, costuming, and acting and audition for "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." 7 p.m. Call for price. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 316-6471. [www.riverwalktheatre.com](#).

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Beaver leaves it

After a raucous two-year run in downtown Lansing's thriving bar district, the **Wild Beaver Saloon** has swapped its Coyote Ugly-meets-Hooters sensibilities — and eyebrow-raising name and dress code — for a more cosmopolitan look and feel. Meet the new bar on the booming 200 block of south. Washington Square: **Eden Rock.**

The Beav featured female bartenders and waitstaff in barely-there cutoff jeans and lingerie slinging drinks and turning heads in a rustic mountain lodge setting. It had a male-centric, rowdy-ish vibe that was packed on the usual bar nights, but owner/operator Jerome Abood said a desire to be more "accessible" spurred him to drop that motif last month and create something new.

Some of the changes include trading out the picnic tables and carved wood tables for plush sofas and wrought iron patio furniture, and creating a softer color scheme. The upgrade also includes new uniforms, so yes, the servers will now be fully clothed. Other changes include the construction of a new tiki bar next to the roll-up garage-style door and splitting the bar into separate sides, allowing the right half to transform into a nightclub — complete with a new DJ booth — on weekends while the left side can remain laid-back. Abood says a bigger emphasis will be put on the kitchen, which had previously failed to catch on with downtown diners. If things go well at dinner, he may even enter the competitive downtown lunch fray. His new kitchen manager allowed me to try some of her homemade thin-crust pizza, tacos, and chips and salsa, which was quite tasty and seemed very promising.

"There are a lot more people coming downtown now," says Abood. "And I

think the direction we're moving in will fit in a lot better with the crowds."

Famous falafel

The Downtown Lansing facelift continues with the addition of **Aladdin's Express**, a Middle Eastern lunch spot that opened last week at 208 S. Washington. After enjoying success with his Frandor location, owner Ali Elbast has opened a second location in the former location of Geno's Pizzeria.

"We would have customers ask us why we didn't come downtown closer to where they worked," says Ali's sister Deena Elbast, who works at the new location. "We found this store and it worked perfectly."

Word on the street is Aladdin's is a solid hit, filling the void left by Byblos, which shuttered three years ago, and giving the nearby **Sultan's Express** a run for its hummus and tabouli.

"Our falafel is the best in town," says Elbast. "No question."

Fresh eats

A new **Subway** restaurant opened this week at the corner Michigan Avenue and Marshall Street in Lansing near Sparrow Hospital. The popular fast food franchise is nestled into the ground floor of The Gillespie Co's \$1.4 million mixed use project, which will have about a dozen apartments overhead. About 2,000 square feet of additional commercial space is still available on the first floor.

Raising some dough

In the wake of my report two weeks ago about the legal woes for **Korner Krust** (formerly **Great Harvest Bread Co.**), the handwritten note from former owner Drew Klovens is down and a notice of public auction has been taped in the window. According to the post, next Monday, June 4, representatives for Ingham County "will sell at Public Auction all of the right, title and interest in and to" the bakery. It was signed by Gene Wriggelsworth, Ingham County sheriff.

(Allan I. Ross is a contributing writer for City Pulse. His column will appear occasionally. He's at allan@lansingcitypulse.com.)

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EVENTS

Salsa Dancing. DJ Mojito spins salsa, merengue, & Bachata. 7 p.m.-Midnight. \$5 21, \$7 under 21. Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge, 6810 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

Alcoholics Anonymous. Closed meeting for those who desire to stop drinking, with American Sign Language interpretation. 9 a.m. FREE. Alano Club East, 220 S. Howard St., Lansing. (517) 482-8957.

Capital Area Singles Dance. Meet new friends with door prizes. 6-10 p.m. \$8. Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 819-0405.

Hawk-I-Tri. Swim 400m, bike 16k and run 5k. 8 a.m. \$60-70. Hawk Island County Park, E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. (517) 374-5700. www.hawk-i-tri.com.

Old Town Farmers Market. Featuring both produce and artisan vendors. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Avenue and Turner Street, Lansing. (517) 485-4283. www.iloveoldtown.org.

Church of Comedy. Adult show hosted by Melik, with R and S DJz. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River, Lansing. (517) 484-9197.

MUSIC

Like Moths to Flames. All-age metalcore show. 5 p.m. \$10 advance. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. www.macsbar.com.

Benefit for Timothy Jackson. Ten hours of live entertainment and a silent auction from 3-9 p.m. 3 p.m. \$10. Green Door Blues Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-6376.

THEATER

"Apartment 3A." 8 p.m. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors; \$6 students. (Please See Details May 31)

"Follies." 2 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors & students. (Please See Details May 31)

"The Understudy." 2 p.m. \$22, \$10 student.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Poets Corner. Poets of all sort are welcome to participate in an open mic poetry reading. 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Turner Mini Park, Grand River Ave. and Turner St., Lansing. (517) 336-0320.

Monday, June 4

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Divorced, Separated, Widowed Conversation Group. For those who have gone through loss and are ready to move on with their lives. 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272.

GriefShare Seminar. DVD series, with support group discussion. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 490-3218.

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (989) 587-4609. www.stdavidslansing.org.

Chronic Pain Support Group. For those experiencing any level of chronic physical pain. 4-5:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

Proposal Writing Basics. Learn how the proposal fits into the overall grant seeking process, what to include and more. 3 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, 100 Main Library, MSU Campus, East Lansing. www.classes.lib.msu.edu.

Young Artisan's Workshop. Ages 10-18 explore set design, costuming, and acting and audition for "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." 7 p.m. Call for price. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 316-6471. www.riverwalktheatre.com.

EVENTS

Euchre. Play euchre and meet new people. 6-9

p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Social Bridge. Play bridge and socialize. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Monday Morning Movie. Get your film fix. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext.4.

Westside Farmers Market. Get fresh produce and more. 4-7 p.m. FREE. 743 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. www.southlansing.org. sing. www.nwlansing.org/wfm.html.

MUSIC

Open-Mic Mondays. Sign up to play solo, duo, with your band. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan Brewing Company, 402 Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349

CMS Choir Auditions. Prospective singers looking to join a CMS choir should audition. 4-7 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841-B Timberlane St., East Lansing. (517) 355-7661.

Tuesday, June 5

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Beginning Yoga Class. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10. Center for Yoga, 1780 East Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Contact Carolyn Ojala for details (517) 388-2049.

Schizophrenics Anonymous. A self-help support group for those affected by the disorder. 10 a.m. Room 215-F, Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 485-3775.

Yoga 40. For those in their 40s, 50s, 60s and beyond. 7:15 p.m. Suggested \$7. Just B Yoga, 106 Island Ave., Lansing. (517) 488-5260.

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. Contact Judy at (517) 543-0786.

Schizophrenics Anonymous Self-help Support Group. For persons with schizophrenia and related disorders. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-3775.

Seeking Safety. Practice skills and learn about new resources. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Justice in Mental Health, 520 Cherry St., Lansing. (517) 887-4586.

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 505-0068.

Intro to Computers. Professionals from Career Quest teach the basics. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 492-5500.

On the Way To Wellness. Barb Geske provides nutrition and wellness coaching. 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. \$10. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 349-9536.

Computer Class. Learn Excel. 7 p.m. FREE. Community of Christ, 1514 W. Miller Road, Lansing. (517) 882-3122.

Speakeasies Toastmasters. Become a better speaker. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Bldg., 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 1926. toastmastersclubs.org.

Wildflowers. Look for spring wildflowers with a naturalist. 10:30 a.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866.

Health Initiative Workshop. Ingham County Health Department presents on safe sex. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE. North West Initiative, 1012 N. Walnut St., Lansing. (517) 999-2894.

Wainwright School Picnic & Carnival. Food, games and fun. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Wainwright School, 4200 Wainwright Ave., Lansing. www.southlansing.org.

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EVENTS

Compassionate Friends. For grieving parents who have lost a child of any age. 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. Salvation Army Community Center, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 351-6480.

Mid-day Movies. Watch recent releases on the big screen. 2 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

Game On. Play a variety of board and video games. 3-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 x3.

Morning Storytime. All ages welcome for stories, songs, rhymes and fun. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014.

Kids Time: Ages 5-11. Help eastside youth to grow food, develop leadership and life skills. 4:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3910.

Storytime. Stories, rhymes, songs and a craft for ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 a.m. & 6:30-7:15 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Lansing Walkability Audit. Need volunteers. 5:30-8 p.m. FREE. Grace United Methodist, 1900 Boston Blvd., Lansing. (517) 292-3078.

MUSIC

Jazz Tuesdays. Hosted by the Jeff Shoup Quartet with guest artists. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Ashild Rodsaetre-Thompson Recital. Students from the studio of Ashild Rodsaetre-Thompson perform. 6 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841-B Timberlane St., East Lansing. (517) 355-7661.

Wednesday, June 6

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Meditation. 7-9 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

Community Yoga. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

Grande Paraders Square Dance Club. 6:30 p.m. \$3 members; \$4. (Please See Details May 30)

Learn Bike Repair. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

EVENTS

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

Practice Your English. 7-8 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

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Youth Service Corps. Ages 11-17. 3:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

Lansing Walkability Audit. Need volunteers. 3-5 p.m. FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 292-3078.

Allen Street Farmers Market. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

MarketLansing Monthly Luncheon. On the history of Biggby, how the business began. Noon-1:30 p.m. \$25 members, \$15 students, \$35 for non-members. Country Club of Lansing, 2200 Moores River Drive, Lansing. (517) 484-4567.

Liberation Theology. How is the Bible understood by people who are actively oppressed. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

Food Drive for Greater Lansing Food Bank. Collecting non-perishable food items. Donations can also be dropped off at any Greater Lansing RE/MAX Real Estate Professionals Office. 9 a.m. FREE. Greater Lansing Association of Realtors, 4039 Legacy Parkway, Lansing. (517) 492-7810.

Post Polio Support Group. Share information, ideas and support. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 East Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-1039.

MUSIC

Jazz Wednesdays. 7-10 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

Together, Let's Jam! Teenagers and adults of all levels can participate in various music activities. 7:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Community Music School, 841 Timberlane St., East Lansing. (517) 355-7661.

Concert in the Park. Summer music series, lawn seating. 7 p.m. FREE. St. Johns City Park, located off Morton and Park streets, St. Johns. (989) 224-8944.

Trevor Compton. 7-11 p.m. FREE. Mark's Watershed, 5965 Marsh Road, Haslett. (517) 999-7433.

Karaoke by Ryan. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Leo's Outpost, 600 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-7755.

Mike Vial. 6-10 p.m. FREE. Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett. (517) 339-4900.

Dan Middlebrook. 6-10 p.m. FREE. Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-7366.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Baby Time. 10:30 a.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

Lansing Area Science Fiction Association Meeting. 7 p.m. FREE. (Please See Details May 30)

Penn Jillette Book Talk & Signing. To speak on "God, No! Signs You May Already be an Atheist and Other Magical Tales," 7:30-9 p.m. \$15, \$10 for Center for Inquiry Friends. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (616) 698-2342.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsný

May 30-June 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "Let's waltz the rumba," said jazz musician Fats Waller, suggesting the seemingly impossible mix of two very different types of dancing. That's an excellent clue for you to follow up on, Aries. I suspect that in the coming week you will have an unusual aptitude for hybridization. You could do folk dancing and hip-hop moves simultaneously. It will make sense for you to do the cha-cha as you disco and vice versa. You'll have a knack for bringing the spirit of belly dance into the tango, and for breakdancing while you do the hokey-pokey.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Have you been feeling a warm fuzzy feeling in your money chakra? I hope so. The cosmos recently authorized you to receive a fresh flow of what we might call *financial kundalini*. Your insight into money matters should be increasing, as well as your ability to attract the information and influences you need to refine your relationship with prosperity. It may even be the case that higher levels of economic luck are operating in your vicinity. I'm not saying you will strike it rich, but you could definitely strike it richer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your core meditation this week is Oscar Wilde's belief that disobedience is a primal virtue. Be ingeniously, pragmatically, and cheerfully disobedient, Gemini! Harness your disobedience so that it generates outbreaks of creative transformation that improve your life. For inspiration, read this passage by Robert Anton Wilson: "Every fact of science was once damned. Every invention was considered impossible. Every discovery was a nervous shock to some orthodoxy. Every artistic innovation was denounced as fraud and folly. The entire web of culture and progress, everything on earth that is man-made and not given to us by nature, is the concrete manifestation of someone's refusal to bow to Authority. We would be no more than the first apelike hominids if it were not for the rebellious, the recalcitrant, and the intransigent."

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "Some people tell me I'd invented the sounds they called soul," said musician Ray Charles, "but I can't take any credit. Soul is just the way black folk sing when they leave themselves alone." I urge you to experiment with this idea, Cancerian. In my astrological opinion, you need to whip up a fresh, hot delivery of raw soul. One of the best ways to do that might be to leave yourself alone. In other words, don't badger yourself. Don't pick your scabs and second-guess your enthusiasms and argue yourself into a knot. Create a nice big space for your original self to play in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "Where's the most convenient place to discover a new species?" asks *The Second Book of General Ignorance*. What do you think the answer is, Leo? The Amazon Rainforest? The high mountainous forests of New Guinea? Northwest Siberia? None of the above. In fact, your best chance of finding a previously unidentified life form is in your own garden. There are hundreds of thousands of species that science still has no knowledge of, and quite a few of them are near you. A similar principle currently holds true for your life in general. It will be close to home that you are most likely to connect with fascinating exotica, unknown influences, and far-out adventures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Now and then my readers try to bribe me. "I'll give you \$1,000," said a recent email from a Virgo woman, "if you will write a sequence of horoscopes that predict I'll get the dream job I'm aiming for, which will in turn make me so attractive to the guy I'm pursuing that he will beg to worship me." My first impulse was to reply, "That's all you're willing to pay for a prophecy of two events that will super-charge your happiness and change your life?" But in the end, as always, I flatly turned her down. The truth is, I report on the music of the heavenly spheres, but I don't write the music myself. Still, I sort of admire this

woman's feisty resolve to manipulate the fates, and I urge you to borrow some of her ferocity in the coming week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes in front of the sun and blocks much of its light from reaching our eyes. On a personal level, the metaphorical equivalent is when something obstructs our ability to see what nourishes us. For example, let's say you're in the habit of enviously comparing your own situation to that of a person you imagine is better off than you. This may blind you to some of your actual blessings, and diminish your ability to take full advantage of your own talents. I bring this up, Libra, because you're in an especially favorable time to detect any way you might be under the spell of an eclipse — and then take dramatic steps to get out from under it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Some secrets will dribble out. Other secrets will spill forth. Still others may shoot out and explode like fireworks. You won't be bored by this week's revelations, Scorpio. People's camouflage may be exposed, hidden agendas could be revealed, and not-quite-innocent deceptions might be uncovered. So that's the weird news. Here's the good news: If you maintain a high level of integrity and treat the brouhaha as good entertainment, you're likely to capitalize on the uproar. And that's your specialty, right?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you go to a psychotherapist, she may coax you to tell stories about what went wrong in your childhood. Seek a chiropractor's opinion and he might inform you that most of your problems have to do with your spine. Consult a psychic and chances are she will tell you that you messed up in your past lives and need a karmic cleansing. And if you ask me about what you most need to know, I might slip you some advice about how to access your untapped reserves of beauty and intelligence. Here's the moral of the story, Sagittarius: Be discerning as you ask for feedback and mirroring. The information you receive will always be skewed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The state of Kansas has a law that seems more confusing than helpful. It says the following: "When two trains approach each other at a crossing, both shall come to a full stop and neither shall start up again until the other has gone." From what I can tell, Capricorn, a similar situation has cropped up in your life. Two parties are in a stalemate, each waiting for the other to make the first move. At this rate, nothing will ever happen. May I suggest that you take the initiative?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Should you get down on your knees and beg for love and recognition? No! Should you give yourself away without seeking much in return? Don't do that, either. Should you try to please everyone in an attempt to be popular? Definitely not. Should you dilute your truth so as not to cause a ruckus? I hope not. So then what am I suggesting you should do? Ask the following question about every possibility that comes before you: "Will this help me to master myself, deepen my commitment to what I want most, and gain more freedom?"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do you know why flamingos have their distinctive orange-pink color? It's because of the carotene in the shrimp and other food they consume. If they change their diet, their feathers turn dull grey. That's a dramatic example of the adage, "You are what you eat." Let's use it as a prompt to contemplate all the stuff you take into the holy temple of your body, Pisces. Not just the sandwiches and chocolate bars and alcohol, but also the images, sounds, ideas, emotions, and energy you get from other people. Is the cumulative effect of all those things giving you the shape and color and texture you want to have? If not, this would be a good time to adjust your intake.

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APPLE JADE —

Traditional Taiwanese and Chinese cuisine served in the Frandor Shopping Center. Featuring beef, chicken, pork, seafood and vegetarian entrées, as well as daily lunch specials. 300 N. Clippert St., Lansing. 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Every day. (517) 332-1111. TO, RES, \$.

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OMI SUSHI —

This sushi bar has a wide variety of sushi rolls, including tempura, spicy or vegetarian. Also features appetizers such as lightly salted edamame or miso soup. 210 MAC Ave., East Lansing. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Sunday (517) 337-2222. WB, TO, SF \$.

PANDA HOUSE —

An enormous menu and lots of lunch specials, from chop suey and sweet & sour dishes to chow mai fun and seafood. 3499 E. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; (517) 333-1818. SF, TO, D \$-\$\$.

RICE KITCHEN —

Whether you've got a craving for late-night munchies or are just in the mood for some fast Chinese food, Rice Kitchen should be a number on your speed dial. The mu shu pork is outstanding, and the restaurant does a mean fried rice, too. 551 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 11 a.m.-4 a.m. Wednesday-Saturday; noon-12:30 a.m. Sunday. (517) 336-5810. D, TO, RES, OM at www.cam-pusfood.com, WiFi, \$

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Saturday's weather forecast looks very chili

'Rockin' the '80s' is the theme of BWL Cook-off

By CITY PULSE STAFF

How many oyster crackers does it take to soak up 1,500 gallons of chili? You may find out if you head over to the annual Board of Water and Light Chili Cook-off at Adado Riverfront Park on Saturday.

Organizers say that's how much chili will be dished out between 4 and 9 p.m. Approximately 50 different kinds of chili are scheduled to be served, ranging from hot to mild to wild. Soft drinks, beer and other alcoholic beverages will also be available, but the popular Duck Derby is not being held this time around.

Last year's winners included Texas Roadhouse (for best restaurant chili and best meatless chili), Jackson National Life (for best corporate chili and hottest chili), Lansing Educators (for best amateur chili) and Red Robin (which won the People's Choice award for best overall chili).

This year's theme is "Rockin' the '80s"; bands were still to be announced last week.

Proceeds from the event benefit Impression 5 Science Center/Adopt A River, HOPE Scholarship Connections Program and the Sparrow Foundation.

BWL Chili Cook-off

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SANSU — This Japanese restaurant offers a wide selection of sushi dishes, from five different kinds of California rolls to sashimi for more adventurous eaters. 4750 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 3-10 p.m. Sunday. (517) 333-1933, www.sansu-sushi.com. FB, TO, RES, OM, \$\$

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