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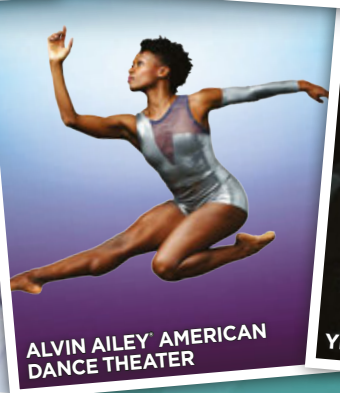
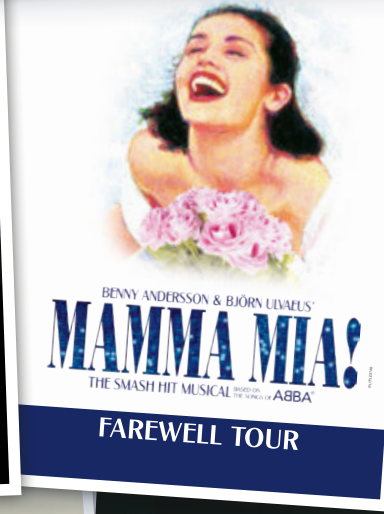
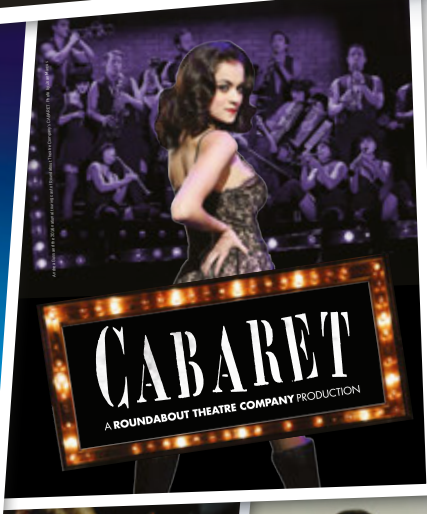
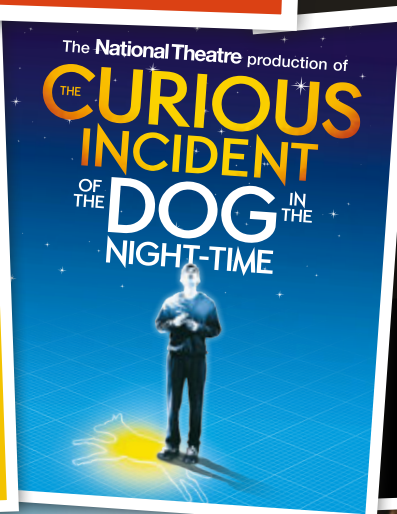
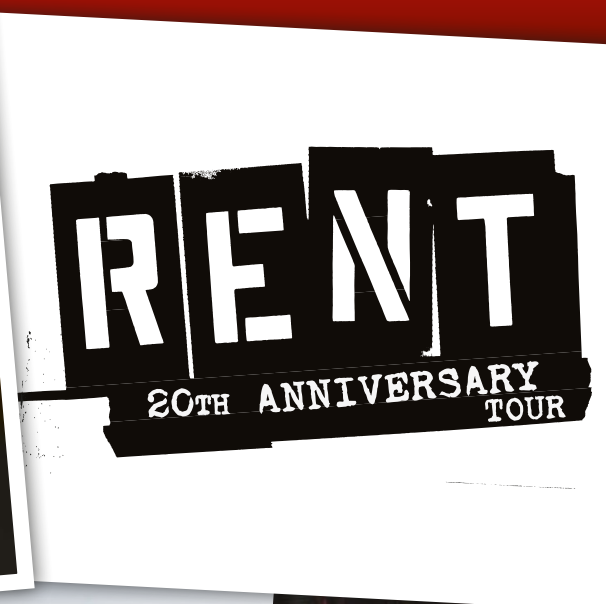
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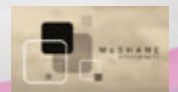
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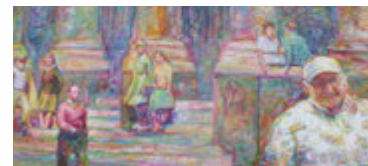
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

Notice is Hereby Given that a Public Hearing of Apportionment for special assessment of costs incurred by the drainage districts listed below will be held at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, in the City of Mason, Michigan, 48854, on **Wednesday, August 31, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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

DRAIN #	DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION
C65-00	CORCORAN INTERCOUNTY DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	3-5, 8-10
C66-01	COON CREEK, WILLIAMSTOWN ESTATES BRANCH DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	26, 27, 35
H22-00	HILL DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	23, 24, 25, 26
J03-00	JEFFRIES DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	1, 11-14
		WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	5, 8, 9, 17
L30-00	LINN DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	2
		WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	2, 3, 10, 11
		CITY OF WILLIAMSTON	2
O13-00	OAK LEAF HILLS NO. 2 DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	26
O14-00	OAK LEAF HILLS NO. 3 DRAIN	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	26, 35
P14-00	PRIMEAU DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	1
		MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	36
		WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	5
		WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	31, 32
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		WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	29, 31, 32
R01-00	RABY DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20
		CITY OF EAST LANSING	7, 8, 9, 17
W06-00	WEST AURELIUS DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	3-5, 8-11, 14-23, 26-35
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Proceedings conducted at the Day of Review are subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the apportionment may appeal to the Ingham County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the Day of Review.

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

August 3, 2016

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SAY RUSSIA, IF YOU'RE LISTENING, WHY DON'T YOU HACK INTO HILLARY'S COMPUTER NETWORK IN SEARCH OF DAMAGING INFORMATION THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION! HA HA!

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I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS DISABLED!



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Fundraiser fallout

State probing donations to Eaton sheriff's campaign

Thousands of dollars' worth of corporate campaign donations to the reelection campaign of Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich are being investigated by the secretary of state for potential violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

At issue is whether Reich's campaign accepted "prohibited" contributions from corporations. The Democrat's campaign finance filings list thousands of dollars in goods as donations from dozens of businesses in the state.

Reich's campaign committee was notified that a complaint related to two golf outing fundraisers had been filed with state elections officials. The complaints were filed by State Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, a major supporter of Reich's Republican challenger, Fred McPhail, in the Nov. 8 election. Jones served as Eaton County sheriff from 2001 to 2003. McPhail was his deputy.

"We did make an error, and we're trying to rectify it," Reich said in a phone interview Tuesday morning. "It's something that happened, so shame on me."

Michigan law makes it a felony for a corporation or business to "knowingly" make donations to a candidate committee. Violations are punishable by up to three years in prison or up to \$5,000 in fines, or both. Regulations also allow the state to fine a treasurer of a campaign committee that accepts a contribution written on a corporate check. Violating that regulation could result in a \$1,000 fine per violation, plus three times the amount of the improper contribution.

Fred Woodhams, a spokesman for Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, confirmed by email the complaint had been filed and was being investigated. Reich's campaign has until Aug. 20 to respond in writing to the complaint. Jones will then be provided with an opportunity to respond to Reich's responses, if any, and then the department "will determine whether 'there may be reason to believe a violation' has occurred, according to a letter sent to the campaign by Lori Bourbonais of the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

Theresa O'Dell, an administrative assistant to Reich at the county, serves as treasurer for his reelection committee. In a phone interview Tuesday morning she confirmed she had served as the campaign

treasurer for former Eaton County Sheriff Patrick Hutting. That campaign committee also ran into some troubles with campaign contribution violations, she confirmed, but she could not recall the exact nature of the campaign issues.

Records from the 2000 campaign races in the county are not available online.

O'Dell noted that she did not sign the campaign reports, although she is listed as the treasurer for the campaign. "The sheriff's campaign report was done by an accountant," she said, adding that she "did not" review the report before it was filed. "I figured they knew what they were doing."

The records reveal that for his 2015 and 2016 golf outings, Reich accepted corporate donations as gifts to distribute to golf-

The campaign complaint is only the most recent salvo in what is turning into a bitter fight for the top cop job in Eaton County. McPhail was the undersheriff, or the second in command, for Reich until he retired.

Reich has come under withering criticism for the fatal shooting of an unarmed 17-year-old Grand Ledge teen, Deven Guilford. An investigation by the Michigan State Police cleared the officer involved in the shooting of any wrongdoing and no criminal charges were filed in the case. However, Guilford's family is suing the county and the Sheriff's Department.

A City Pulse investigation revealed that months before Guilford was shot and killed, another Grand Ledge resident had been the subject of an improper arrest by Eaton County Sheriff Deputy Greg Brown. Brown appeared to have filed a false police report and failed to turn on his body camera for the interaction with Todd Michael

Donations in question



secretary of state is examining:

2015 Golf Outing Corporate Donors (Selected)

One night at the Radisson Hotel Downtown Lansing	\$125
One night at the Hyatt Hotel Lansing	\$125
Golf Package at Charlotte's Maplebrook	\$150
Golf items from Pro-Golf	\$114
Golf Package Grand Hotel	\$400
Golf and Motel package	

Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich, who is running for reelection, admits his campaign should not have accepted gifts from corporations to give away at his annual fundraising golf outings. Among those the

Bay Mills Casino Brimley, MI \$285
 One night stay at the Residence Inn Lansing \$100
 Two \$50 Gift Certificates to Ukai \$100
 Other corporate donors included gift certificates from Applebee's, Fazoli's Art's Bar, NCG Theater, Edible Arrangements, Texas Roadhouse and others.

2016 Golf Outing Corporate Donations (Selected)

Weed trimmer from Bobcat of Lansing	\$150
Leaf Blower from D&G Equipment of Charlotte	\$150
Golf for four and cart at El Dorado Golf Course in Mason	\$120
Four gift certificates to Mongolian Grill in Okemos	\$100

Other donations included oil changes and flashlights.

Source: Campaign Finance Filings Eaton County Clerk online database

ers. Advertising for the 2016 outing shows it cost participants \$75 an individual and \$300 for four players to participate.

Campaign finance filings show 145 people attended the 2015 golf outing, which raised \$18,521 for Reich's reelection bid, and the committee spent \$7,584 to put the fundraiser on. The 2016 golf outing was attended by 140 people, and raised \$25,321 for the campaign, and cost it \$4,907.

Brenizer. Video shot by Brenizer showed Brown responded with vulgarities to questions from the motorist and then arrested him. Brown later resigned after facing a disciplinary hearing which would have likely resulted in his firing. Months after his resignation, Brown was hired by the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department.

— Todd Heywood



Property: Downtown Okemos, Okemos

Gertrude Stein is credited with coining the phrase "There is no there, there" to describe the pervasive anonymity of our built environment. This state of "placelessness" is frequently used to describe the modern suburban fringe. Urbanists apply the pejorative description to the nearly endless string of strip malls, office parks and residential subdivisions that mark our towns and cities.

Rarely can this the lack of identity be applied to a city's main crossroads. Rather, the central core is the very place where a town's identity is created. However, if the "four corners" of Okemos and Hamilton roads ever provided an identity for Okemos, they do not now.

The former Travelers Club International Restaurant & Tuba Museum sits vacant, awaiting demolition for the past few years. Shrubbery and vines have overtaken the building since its closure, which was accepted to make way for business relocation. One block south of the intersection, at 4675 Okemos Road, the shuttered MARC building (pictured above) sits in a state of semi-demolition, covered with weathered plywood panels and surrounded by Jersey barriers.

Downtown Okemos is small, so even minor flaws are magnified. The current situation, with vacant spaces and deteriorating buildings, projects an unacceptable municipal image.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

"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 Berl Schwartz at 999-5061.

Sunken Garden's significance affirmed

State preservationists call substation site historical

State historic preservation officials have weighed in on a big part of the controversy over the Lansing Board of Water & Light's plan to replace Scott Park with a power substation. Their verdict? The Scott Sunken Garden, which would have to be relocated, is historic and moving it would "make it ineligible for historic designation."

"The early twentieth landscape design is unique to Lansing and should remain in its original orientation and context," Amanda Reintjes, greater Michigan field representative for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, wrote to the Lansing City Council in a July 14 letter.

"Furthermore, the National Register Coordinator at the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office has preliminarily determined that the gardens are historically significant and eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Dismantling the stone walls and recreating the gardens in another location would cause a loss of integrity, making the gardens ineligible for historic designa-

tion and destroying their in situ authenticity."

Those views are one more factor the Lansing City Council will likely take into consideration as it weighs a decision on the BWL's proposal. The Council holds a public hearing on Monday.

The BWL announced in February that to make room for the proposed Cental Substation, it wants to remove the nearly 100-year-old Scott Center building and move the 86-year-old sunken garden, both of which are in 6-acre Scott Park at Malcolm X Street and Washington Avenue. The substation would take up four acres. The utility proposes reconstructing the garden on the southwest corner of the two acres of Scott Park that would survive along with making it handicap accessible and adding a fishing platform, Rivertrail access and art-covered walls that would partially block the view of the substation.

Bob Christensen, National Register coordinator for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, explained in an April email that while the Scott Center, formerly the Jenison House, would not qualify for National Register designation, the Scott Sunken Garden would.

"The garden was designed for the specific spot where it has stood for the past eighty or more years," Christensen wrote to Parks Board members and preservationists. "Moving the garden to some new location



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Jim McClurken, Lansing Parks Board Member, and Joe Vitale, president of Preservation Lansing, share a laugh before a rally protesting the potential loss of Scott Center and Park to a proposed power substation.

would rob it of its historic context as part of the property historically owned by the Scott family — and given by them to the city as a public park. The garden would lose too great a measure of its historic integrity through a move to be eligible for the national register. The garden with its adjacent trees and its setting on high ground overlooking Lansing's primary scenic resource, the Grand River, should be left in place."

Christensen is uniquely situated to make such determinations if the city, which owns the property, were to seek historic designation for the garden. His recommendation would be forwarded to keepers of the federal register, who would review the property for historic significance and determine whether it qualified for listing. Historical designation does not impact what can happen with the property. If the garden were moved, as BWL plans, the federal designation would be withdrawn.

Dale Schrader, vice president of Preservation Lansing, called the letters and support from state officials "important."

He said it shows that Lansing is "about to lose another historic place."

This news comes after 75 people rallied in the garden Sunday to protest the BWL plan. That rally has since garnered national news attention through an the Associated Press story.

Protesters gathered with homemade

signs, including Joe Vitale, president of Preservation Lansing. His sign has pictures of former BWL officials removed from office under a cloud of scandal and Mayor Virg Bernero under the headline "No Alternative Sites. Trust Us." The Bernero administration is backing the BWL plan.

Jim McClurken, a Parks Board member who opposed the loss of the park, was also there.

"I have been saying that the BWL has a trust issue," he said. "I think that clearly shows here."

BWL has said Scott Park is the only viable location primarily because of cost. It has said that building it elsewhere would cost ratepayers \$70 million over seven years.

But it has also said that a location near its headquarters in REO Town would cost ratepayers \$13 million more than Scott Park, which BWL has said would cost \$26 million.

Asked to explain the discrepancy between \$13 million and \$70 million, the BWL's spokesman, Stephen Serkaian, declared a moratorium on answering any more questions before Monday's City Council public hearing. Efforts to contact General Manager Dick Pefley directly were blocked. Through Serkaian, Pefley declined an invitation to appear on the "City Pulse Newsmakers" TV show to discuss

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CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDINANCE NO. 1375

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 44-191 OF CHAPTER 126 - TRAFFIC - OF TITLE X OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOL IN COMMERCIAL QUADRICYCLES.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

That Sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4 of Chapter 126 - Traffic - of Title X of the Code of the City of East Lansing are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 44-191. - Transportation or possession of alcoholic liquor in container open or uncapped or upon which seal broken; violation as misdemeanor; nonapplicability. (5.16b)

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a person who is an operator or occupant shall not transport or possess alcoholic liquor in a container that is open or uncapped or upon which the seal is broken within the passenger area of a vehicle or commercial quadricycle, as defined by MCL 257.7b, upon a highway, or within the passenger area of a moving vehicle or moving commercial quadricycle in any place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles, in this city.

(2) A person may transport or possess alcoholic liquor in a container that is open or uncapped or upon which the seal is broken within the passenger compartment of a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles in this city, if the vehicle does not have a trunk or compartment separate from the passenger area, the container is in a locked glove compartment, behind the last upright seat, or in an area not normally occupied by the operator or a passenger.

(3) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(4) This section does not apply to a passenger in a chartered vehicle authorized to operate by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) "Glove compartment" means a recess with a hinged and locking door in the dashboard of a motor vehicle.

(b) "Passenger area" means the area designed to seat the operator and passenger of a motor vehicle while it is in operation and any area that is readily accessible to the operator or a passenger while in his or her seating position, including the glove compartment.

Marie Wicks
City of East Lansing
City Clerk

CP#16-195

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, September 8, 2016** at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from M&M Schechter, for the property at 928 Cresenwood Road, to install a guard and handrail to the front porch.
2. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Mark Terry, for the property at 343 M.A.C. Avenue, to install a guard and handrail to the front porch steps facing M.A.C. Avenue.
3. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Community Resource Management Company, for the property at 125 Fern Street, to add handrail spindles located on the front steps.

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

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

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#16-194

America is losing battle of the bulge

The lazy hazy days of August are in full force here in Michigan, filled with trips to the lake, drives Up North and the consumption of burgers, beer and all things high in calories.

Unfortunately, obesity continues its hold on Americans: 35 percent of men and 40.4 percent of women nationally are obese. In Michigan, the news is a bit less grim, but still troubling, with the latest government data showing that our obesity rate is 30.7 percent, the 17th highest in the nation.

Now, some of you might be saying, "So what, Dr. Rosick; being a little overweight is just fine and besides, that just means people in the U.S. are eating better than ever!" I'd have to politely disagree on that statement. Numerous studies link obesity with a number of life-threatening diseases.

While the report in JAMA is filled with enough data and statistics to make a physician trained in preventive medicine and public health like myself quite happy, the report's discussion section left me scratching my head, with the authors stating, "Data are lacking to show the causes of these [obesity] trends" There are some significant factors driving the current 21st century obesity epidemic that should be quite clear to anyone — or at least to anyone who isn't wearing political or medical blinders.

First off is our sedentary lifestyle, both at work and play. Just a few generations ago, a significant portion of the adult population worked either in agriculture or at some type of physical labor. Today, more and more of us fill our eight (or 10- or 12-) hour workday sitting behind computer screens. As for play, not many of us sat in front of our 12-inch black and white TV screens for hours watching three channels; today, the 72-inch HDTV with hundreds of channels as well as doubling as a screen for our Xboxes and Playstation's keep many of us, especially the young, almost permanently glued to the couch.

Next is our selection of food. Cheap food. Unhealthy cheap food that is fast, convenient and filled with a witch's brew of chemicals, sugar and salt and has, for all practical purposes, no nutritional value whatsoever, yet eaten by many daily. Humans are evolutionarily drawn to foods high in sugar and salt, and that basic biological fact hasn't been lost on multinational food corporations that pour billions of dollars a year into advertising those products. This is added to the fact that the government spends tens of billions of our hard-earned tax dollars a year to subsidize

farmers to grow corn — or sugar on the cob — which is then fed to our livestock or made into high fructose corn syrup that's in a significant portion of processed foods.

The mainstream medical profession isn't blameless either. For decades, all carbs were touted as good and fats as bad; unfortunately, from a scientific point of view, that's wrong. Humans need both saturated and unsaturated fat for optimal health. Of course, too much fat can be a problem, at least in terms of calories, but giving people the idea that replacing fats with carbs from grains such as corn and wheat has definitely poured fuel onto the obesity fire. Finally, add in other possible villains such as endocrine-disrupting chemicals now unfortunately ubiquitous in our environment, chemicals that play havoc with our hormones that help regulate weight, and voila! — you have the perfect storm for an obesity epidemic.

So what can we do?

For one, we can make our voices heard. Writing and calling your congressional delegates about things like farm subsidy bills CAN make a difference: If there's one thing politicians both fear and respond to, it's an active, engaged public.

Individually, take the time to learn what foods are the most healthy and read food labels before you buy, then make the choice to eat as healthy as your paycheck allows you to. And then, put down your TV remote control and get outside to move and exercise, which can be anything from playing a game of pick-up basketball to taking a nice long walk. It's still summer in Michigan, so take advantage of our long days of sunshine, not-freezing weather and endless outdoor activities in order to avoid becoming another statistic in a medical journal.

(Dr. Edward Rosick, who heads the Family Medicine Practice at Michigan State University, is the author of "Optimal Prevention.")



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the plan before the Council hearing.

Meanwhile, in a related development, the Bernero administration's plan to move the Scott Center house to another city-owned location is up in the air after Habitat for Humanity withdrew its cooperation.

At the end of May, Bernero announced a plan to sell the Scott Center to Habitat for Humanity for \$1. Under the proposal, BWL would pay to move the building to an empty city lot on the far west side of downtown Lansing on Martin Luther King Jr. Boule-

vard. That lot was also to be sold to Habitat for \$1. In return, Habitat would rehab the house into condos and as the center piece for a larger housing development.

The sale of the house requires approval by Lansing voters, which the City Council voted last week to put on the Nov. 8 ballot.

But as the Council was preparing to approve the ballot measure, leaders were notified by Habitat that it had withdrawn from the proposal due to financial considerations. Voters will still get to determine if the house should be sold, but no offer for sale is currently on the table.

— Todd Heywood



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS
Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann

Notice is Hereby Given that a Public Hearing of Apportionment for special assessment of costs incurred by the drainage districts listed below will be held at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, in the City of Mason, Michigan, 48854, on **Tuesday, August 23, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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

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M39-00	MILLIS DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	14, 15
M40-00	MIRY CREEK DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	8, 9, 16, 17, 21
M51-00	MCCREERY DRAIN	BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP	26, 27, 34, 35
M54-00	MCCLUSKEY NO.2 DRAIN	BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP	25, 26, 35, 36
N04-00	NEU DRAIN	BUNKERHILL TOWNSHIP	16, 21, 22
N12-00	NILSON DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	21, 28
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Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

August 2, 2016

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RETURN OF THE CHEAP ISSUE

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Welcome to the Cheap Issue, City Pulse's third annual ode to saving money in the Lansing area.

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You will find those 30 money saving coupons for Lansing-area businesses spread throughout this issue, so when you're finished reading the paper, grab those scissors and get ready to save some cash.

This year's Cheap Issue features a trio of stories about local thrift shops. Ty Forquer talks to local thrift store shoppers, Lawrence Cosentino runs down his top 10 thrift store treasures and Todd Heywood tells the story of Cleetus, a skeleton-turned-fashion model rescued from the MSU Surplus Store.

POPPIN' TAGS

Local shoppers scour thrift stores for savings, style

By TY FORQUER

Shopping at thrift stores is a good way to save a few bucks, but it can easily become more than that. The thrill of the hunt can become an addiction. One good score can lead to a life of shopping



Courtesy Photo

Sarah Williams shows off a white dress purchased at a local Goodwill store for just \$1.99.

at thrift stores. Just ask Amy McMeeken.

"I got a pair of Guess jeans in sixth grade for like \$10," she said. "I thought, 'I can get these jeans that girls in school are fighting over at the thrift shop?' I've been hooked ever since."

McMeeken, 37, now makes a living off of thrift. She owns Vintage Junkies, a nearly 2-year-old REO Town shop that specializes in vintage clothing and home décor.

"I've been thrifting since I was really young," she said. "My mom was a single mom, so we got a lot of stuff from thrift shops."

But for McMeeken, thrifting goes beyond saving money.

"It's mainly a cost thing," she said. "But it's also a consumerism thing. Why would I buy something new if I can find the same thing gently used at a thrift shop? It's almost a hippy thing."

In addition to clothing, McMeeken finds most of her home furniture and décor at thrift shops. Her favorite thrift store purchase is a giant owl lamp for her home, which she paid just \$5 for.

McMeeken also "upcycles" items in her shop, taking beat-up or discarded items and repainting or otherwise rehabbing them. Her shop regularly features repainted picture frames, decorative flowers made from neckties, hand-painted bags and other revamped items.

McMeeken's love of upcycling started with a table she found at a thrift store



Courtesy Photo

Andrea Kerbuski repurposed some decorative brass and glass pieces as planters for her home.

while she was still in high school.

"I got a cool end table, the two-tiered kind from the '50s," she recalled. "I painted it black and then Mod Podge-d images of celebrities all over it." The biggest image was a photo of Dolly Parton in a bathtub.

Upcycling is another way McMeeken

embraces a less-waste lifestyle.

"It's the repurposing of something — saving it from the trash," she said. "I don't like things to get thrown away."

Andrea Kerbuski appreciates the value of thrifting but also looks to thrift

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stores to find one-of-a-kind items you can't get at retail clothing stores.

"I love the idea of finding something unique," she said. "I've found some good fur coats. I like to feature these things on my blog."

Kurbuski, 30, is an account executive at Martin Waymire by day, but she also runs a fashion blog, blondebedhead.com, which features a mix of clothing from boutique shops, local retail outlets and thrift store finds. Like McMeeken, she also scours the local thrift stores to furnish her home.

"It's so affordable," she said. "I'm about to buy a house, so any furniture I can get from the thrift store to fill it is a good thing."

Her favorite finds are decorative glass and metal cups she has repurposed as planters and a pair of mid-century chairs she picked up for just \$90 at April's Antiques.

"They're beautiful and great quality," she said. "You would pay much more for chairs like this (at a big box store), and they would be lower quality."

For serious thrifters, Lansing is a treasure trove of vintage value. Kurbuski has friends from Chicago, where the vintage clothing scene is much more competitive, who dig through Lansing thrift shops in search of items to resell.

"They leave with garbage bags full of stuff," she said, adding that prices for vintage clothing in Chicago are higher "because people know what things are worth."



Courtesy Photo

Amy McMeeken, owner of Vintage Junkies, shops thrift stores to furnish her home. She picked up this owl lamp for just \$5.



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Fashion blogger Andrea Kurbuski models a vintage suede jacket she picked up from a thrift store.

One friend in particular has an eye for in-demand items.

"She'll pull out a dress that doesn't look special, and she knows she can clean it up and resell it for \$200," Kurbuski said.

Kurbuski hits several spots in town but also has a favorite spot for local thrifting. "I always hit the Mega Mall," she said.

The antiques-meets-thrift-meets-craft outlet, located in a former grocery store on Lansing's north side, features over 200 vendors in its 40,000-square-foot space. The Mega Mall's booths range from tastefully arranged retro furniture booths to spaces jammed to the gills with vintage tableware and cooking items.

"I dedicate half a day to combing through the booths," Kurbuski said. "I try to have a list of things I'm looking for so I can be prepared and not get overwhelmed."

Sarah Williams, 38, is a health consultant with the Michigan Department of Education and an avid thrift shopper.

"I probably go three times a month," she said.

Williams also has a favorite thrifting spot.

"I don't think Volunteers of America can be beat," she said. "It's huge. You have to have a plan or you'll be there all day."

Volunteers of America operates two Lansing thrift shops, one on South Cedar Street and one on the west side near the corner of Waverly Road and Saginaw Highway. Both stores are large, with a vast collection of clothing, furniture and home goods.

"Big stores can get overwhelming," Williams said. "You have to commit to

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FINDING CLEETUS

The anatomy of a deal

By **TODD HEYWOOD**

I have no idea what possessed me, but when I saw the online notice that the MSU Surplus Store had a full human skeleton for sale, I knew I had to own it.

There is no logical reason for me to own a skeleton. None. There are some socially constructed reasons — it would be cool, all my friends would be envious (and they were), I could take really cool artsy photos — but ultimately, it was one of those must-have-because-I-can-have things.

I presumed a full human skeleton — complete with hanging display rack, by the way — would be a hot ticket item at the MSU Surplus Store. So I was up by 5 a.m. to be at those doors when they cracked open at 7 a.m.

But here's the thing — if you have never been to the MSU Surplus Store, it can be an overwhelming jumble of insanity. That Tuesday morning I stumbled in, sleepy eyed and anxious, and realized I had no earthly idea where the skeleton might be hiding in the space. So up one aisle and down the

next I went, like one of those speed walkers in the mall before the shops open.

I wandered past the wall of used computer monitors and the mountains of discarded dorm furniture. Then found it. Cleetus the Great, I dubbed it. I admit there was a soundtrack playing in my head upon the discovery, like one of those movie moments where the hero reaches the goal, swelling celebratory music and all that. And Cleetus was cheap — I mean, for a skeleton. I paid \$125. Online medical supply stores offer similar models for as low as \$350, with some asking nearly \$2,000.

Cleetus came home with me. I took photos using Cleetus' skeletal hand holding a bottle Truvada, a drug that had recently been approved as an HIV prevention treatment, for some educational programming. Then Cleetus hung from the rack in the corner of my living room with nothing to do.

Then my friend Kirbay Pruess, of the

Pruess Pets Pruesses, noticed a post about Cleetus on social media and asked to use it in her yoga classes. How could I say no? I gifted Cleetus to her.

She took Cleetus to the pet shop to show some friends and coworkers, and it soon became clear that Pruess Pets was his natural home.

"I left him out for a few days, and so many kids loved him I couldn't take him away," Pruess said. "It's amazing how many parents use it as an educational opportunity to show their kids that they have bones inside like that. I hear it all the time."

Cleetus the Great now greets visitors of the Old Town pet shop, usually sporting a Pruess Pets T-shirt.

Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Right: Cleetus the Great, a full human skeleton, was rescued from the MSU Surplus Store and has taken up residence as a clothing model at Pruess Pets.



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the process. You have to give yourself an hour and a goal, like 'I'm going to find a dress.'"

Williams is always on the lookout for items that family members or friends would enjoy.

"I have bins of things I've thrifted so that when Christmas time or birthdays come along, I already have gifts," she said.

Like McMeeken, Williams started thrifting early with her family.

"I don't remember not thrifting," she said. "Growing up, we weren't the most well-to-do family."

That early thrifting instilled a sense of value she still carries today.

"I have a great wardrobe, and I hardly paid anything for it," Williams said. "I have friends who go to the mall and spend \$400. I can't even understand that."

And while it started as a money-saving activity, Williams grew to love the search for thrift store finds.

"I love the hunt," she said. "There's like 80 pieces that are crappy, but then you find the one perfect thing."



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St. Vinnie's finds like this \$49 recliner and \$5 cartoon owl blankie are what make life great.

FEAST OF ST. VINNIE'S

Bountiful thrift store sits you down and heats your pizza

By **LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

It's hard to believe we almost lost the surprisingly cozy 23,000-square-foot St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store to a fire in 2011. In spite of the imposing, almost-too-nice-looking 2013 rebuild, the shop at 1020 S. Washington Ave. in Lansing's REO Town district is still my favorite place to find clothes, furniture and unexpected treasures I didn't know I needed. Here are my 10 favorite finds of all time:

1. Slightly soiled childhood-comfy reclining chair that is perfect for reading, doesn't look like a reclining chair, made my house twice as homey and miraculously reversed an aneurysm suffered after looking at the four-figure price tags at Pilgrim House: \$49

2. Bright red, brand new

pizza warmer, still in the wrapper from restaurant supply store, not issued to civilians but unfailingly draws a conspiratorial smile every time I pick up a deep-dish at DeLuca's: \$2

3. 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting 100 exquisite species of beetle and without a single missing piece: \$0.50

4. Cozy yet rugged Ernest Hemingway-ish hide-a-bed, brand new looking, decorated with caribou heads: \$200

5. Vaguely oriental, square-paneled Frank Lloyd Wright-on-the-cheap floor lamp: \$39 marked down to \$29

6. Strangely comforting cartoon owl blankie: \$5

7. Lead-pipe-heavy leather jacket with detachable fake fur collar, lined with satiny antique-looking world map (also detachable), i.e., the least cool leather jacket ever made: \$49

8. 2XL, red and black vertically striped Mafia shirt, no top button, all synthetic material: \$3.50

9. Soap bubble gun that lights up (a big hit at campfires): \$0.50

10. Swooshy black ceramic fruit bowl that looked as if the late Zaha Hadid designed it so the tiniest grape would resist its embrace and roll onto the floor, but amazingly turned out to hold a lot of fruit: \$7

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'Community Heart' mural reifies REO's racial history

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

"Community Heart of REO" is an unintentionally provocative name for the 56-by-28-foot mural that fills the north side of a Quality Dairy building, 1400 S. Washington Ave., in Lansing's post-industrial REO Town.

Which community? The segregated, company-town enclave created by Ransom E. Olds or the diverse South Lansing of today? Out of 32 lovingly rendered people in the mural, from pigtailed, bouncing kids to kindly, graying elders, all are white.

One year after it went up in August 2015, people still react to the mural in two ways: Either they love it and see no problem with its all-white cast, or the whiteness of the wall is the first thing they notice.

Jose Flores said the mural is "beautiful, but by far it doesn't represent the community."

Flores is the owner of J. Bruno's Salon and Barbershop, tucked into a tiny historic building at 1501 S. Washington Ave., less than a block away from the mural. He has run his shop there for about six months and has been a barber in South Lansing about two years.

"There's nothing but — I'm sorry, but there's nothing but white people up on that wall," Flores said. "To me, it points out a specific time in history that was all white."

He regularly hears from clients of color who are disappointed because their parents or grandparents worked at REO all their lives, but nobody in the mural looks like them.

"It's a beautiful mural, but to them, it reminds them of a different time, a racist time," Flores said. "There aren't any African-Americans; there aren't any Latinos."

The mural may look like a small town idyll straight out of a Norman Rockwell collection, but it's grounded in reality. Grand Ledge artist Tony Hendrick assembled a cast of actual ex-employees of REO Motor Car Co. and its successor, truck manufacturer Diamond REO, for a photo shoot before he started work, and based the mural on the photos.

"To the extent that it's representing the labor force that existed at REO for most of its history, it's not all that inaccurate," said Lisa Fine. A Michigan State University historian, Fine is author of "Reo Joe," an extensive study of the REO plant's history and culture.



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

"Community Heart of REO," a large mural on the Quality Dairy building in Lansing's REO Town, has been criticized for lacking diversity.

"(REO) was a much more white dominated plant than many other auto plants through the 20th century," Fine said. "Until the late '60s, any kind of minority worker was quite rare."

Fine's book quotes from Lansing native Malcolm X's autobiography: "Do you remember REO? It was manufactured in Lansing and R.E. Olds, the man after whom it was named, also lived in Lansing. When the war came along, they hired some Negro janitors."

The mural harks back to a vanished era, but it's not a sepia-toned historical vignette. Hendrick blurred the period by painting his models in modern dress, socializing and schmoozing in the shadow of the defunct REO Clubhouse. The building, constructed in 1917 and razed in 1979, was the social hub for employees of the auto manufacturing giant that dominated the district south of downtown Lansing for much of the 20th century.

"Obviously, the clubhouse isn't here any more, but the people look like they could walk off the picture and onto the streets of Lansing," Fine said. "These are like the people I interviewed."

To enhance the effect, a few arms and legs even reach out of the frame, as if the people really are walking off the wall.

The use of modern dress and the word "community" in the mural's title shifts the painting's center of gravity from past to present. The result is a mixed message.

"It looks like a certain segment of present-day Lansingites in a historical setting," Fine said. "Very strange."

Without intending a pun on REO Town, Fine said it's not always easy to honor history without "reifying" it, or dragging it back into present-day reality. Hendrick's mural confuses the issue further by pulling the segregated community of the past onto today's streets.

"Welcome to the world of the historian,"

Fine said. "How can we be true to the past in a way that's not glorifying it? It's not easy."

Paul Trowbridge, another gregarious REO Town barber — is there any other kind? — opened Cuttin' Up barbershop in REO Town in 2012. Trowbridge gladly takes all comers, but many of his customers are African-American and Latino.

Trowbridge said the mural comes up frequently in conversation at the shop.

"We're talking about diversity, but you're not making everybody feel comfortable," he said. "I get all walks. I got Latino dudes saying, 'Hey, there are no brown people in that picture.' I thought maybe the artist would figure that out but — ahhh."

He shrugged.

Trowbridge was surprised when he saw it go up in final form.

"I went home and told my wife, 'This ain't right,'" he said. He brought it up at a meeting

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of the REO Town Commercial Association, of which he is a member.

"My wife said, 'Don't go in there being the angry black dude,'" he recalled. "I didn't want to do that, but I had to say something."

Nothing came of it.

"It was a done deal, and the artist wasn't going to go change anything," Trowbridge said.

But Hendrick said he has given the question a lot of thought. He knew the mural's lack of diversity wasn't going unnoticed before it was even finished. As he worked on the wall, a carload of teenagers drove by on Washington Avenue.

"One of them yelled out the window, 'Great mural, put some black people in it!'" Hendrick recalled.

He found that reactions to the mural were divided, usually by age. Shortly before the incident with the car, an older lady drove by with her son as Hendrick worked on the wall.

"She made her son come back and stop so she could take a look at it," Hendrick said. "She was in tears because she remembered the times she had at the clubhouse."

Hendrick was fascinated by the difference between the two encounters. "I thought at the time that this mural, and any art, offers a reflection of what happens inside the



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Left to right: Artist Tony Hendrick, R.E. Olds Transportation Museum staffer Kristi Schwartzly and Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero at the mural's unveiling in August 2015.

viewer," Hendrick said.

Hendrick said the question of racial diversity came up during planning for the project.

"We attempted to get somebody who could represent some racial diversity, but they were no longer alive," he said. A Native American was present at the photo shoot but didn't end up in the mural for artistic reasons, Hendrick said.

Toward the end of REO's reign in the area, the company made an effort to hire mi-

nority workers.

"I understand (Hendrick's) difficulty, but it's not true that there were no black people in REO," Fine said. "Not in any great numbers, or perhaps in equal types of positions, but he could have done one."

Flores wasn't sure that a piece of art is worth the fuss, but conversations with clients convinced him otherwise.

"At first, I was like, 'Oh, it's a mural, leave it alone,'" Flores said. "But as I heard why it upset them, it began to make sense to me."

Flores is related to the owner of longtime REO Town restaurant Ramon's South, formerly located on the corner of South Street and Washington Avenue.

"For years it was the only thing that brought people to REO Town," Flores said of the restaurant. "There's not one Mexican on that mural."

Fine gives Hendrick credit for trying to find people of color but suggested that more could have been done.

"Artists don't have to abide by the same set of rules historians do," she said. "Think about the smash hit 'Hamilton.' It is possible to be true to history but also push the envelope a little bit and include, in a rendering of the past, populations that have been excluded."

The problem, to Hendrick, is that many nods to diversity in public art come off as forced or phony. Hendrick had his heart set on using real people. He feels that painting new faces or fictitious people into the scene would "dishonor the artwork."

Hendrick feels that his approach "opens up a more realistic door."

"Now we are having a conversation," he said. "Maybe somebody else is having that conversation."

They are indeed. After several conversations with customers, Flores, the barber, is planning to put a little mural on the back of his tiny barber shop as an answer to the pallid panorama across the street.

"To be honest with you, I don't look at it anymore," he said.

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Marissa Tawney Thaler recently finished her first children's book, "Gertie Lives on Ginkgo Street." She has not set a release date for the book.

Meet the Artist

Marissa Tawney Thaler encourages art for everyone

By CALLIE OPPER

Marissa Tawney Thaler, this week's Summer of Art artist, was a late bloomer, artistically speaking.

"I learned a lot about art in high school," Tawney Thaler said. "But it wasn't until college when I realized I was actually good at it."

She started taking classes at Grand Rapids' Kendall College of Art in Design, where she started to dig into the stories behind the art she loved.

"I used to come home and tell my family everything I was learning about the stories in art history," Tawney Thaler said. "Through advice from my mom, I realized that I might be interested in art education."

Tawney Thaler credits the faculty at Kendall College with recognizing and encouraging her talents.

"They saw potential in me," she said. "They are the ones that taught me how to draw."

Exposure to different styles of art allowed Tawney Thaler to find her voice as an artist.

"I strive for a line between fine art and illustration in my work," Tawney Thaler said. "I use narrative and humor, and I try to not take myself too seriously."

She hopes that her work goes beyond an initial impression.

"It's not just a visual," Tawney Thaler said. "I want people to think about the narrative, the story, the possible implications and remember that feeling."

Tawney Thaler, 31, teaches art to elementary school students at Waverly Community Schools, as well as studio work and tutoring classes.

"Teaching has taught me many things, but mostly about myself," she said. "I've learned the importance of making time for art, because when I don't, when I'm just a teacher, I lose a big part of myself."

Tawney Thaler is looking forward to a

batch of new projects coming up in the next couple of months.

"I finished my first children's book recently, and now I'm working on ArtPrize," Tawney said.

This will be her second year competing in the Grand Rapids art competition. This year, her work will be displayed at the City Water Building in the Cherry Street District.

"I'm a little out of my comfort zone in the piece I'm working on this year," Tawney Thaler said. "I'm working on an installation piece and told myself to just go for it."

While big time art competitions like ArtPrize may not be for everyone, Tawney Thaler encourages amateur artists and non-artists to explore creative outlets.

"People need to understand that art and creativity is attainable, for everybody," Tawney Thaler said.

But even those who will never practice art can still learn a lesson from it.

"My biggest piece of advice I can give anyone is to be intentional, artist or not," Tawney Thaler said. "Be intentional about your progress — sit down, figure it out, be proactive and most important, push yourself — and you'll succeed."



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Marissa Tawney Thaler hosts an artist demonstration at this year's East Lansing Art Festival.

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Sandra Brown on ditching romance to write thrillers

By BILL CASTANIER

In the late 1980s, Sandra Brown had a difficult decision to make. Brown was a successful romance author writing under three pseudonyms, as well as her own name, when her crossover thriller, "Slow Heat in Heaven," landed on the New York Times best-seller list for five weeks.

"That five weeks changed my life," Brown recalled. "My publisher said in order to grow my career, I could not write any genre romance. I had to get rid of my safety net."

Leaving romance writing behind proved to be the right decision for Brown, who has written 68 New York Times best-sellers and has more than 80 million copies of her books in print.

Her latest novel, "Sting," which hit bookstores yesterday, is one of those thrillers that grabs your attention and keeps you reading late into the night.

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Brown, speaking with City Pulse from her home in Texas, said "anything goes" in today's publishing world, and authors no longer feel restrained to just one genre. Brown started as a romance writer, she said, because "that's what people were buying at the time." Romance writing was very lucrative, but Brown, who studied English at Texas

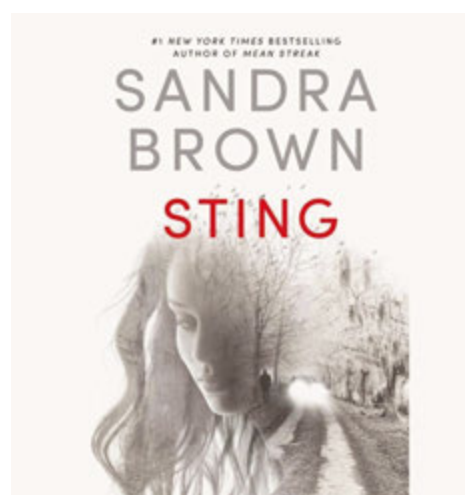
Christian University and holds an honorary doctorate from the school, started looking for something else.

"It was great discipline writing romance," she said, "but I had my eye on painting a larger canvas."

To be fair, Brown hasn't totally put her romance pedigree behind her. Her books still include sensual sex scenes and bad boys — like the protagonist in "Sting."

"Everybody loves a bad boy," she said. "I don't want to write about an accountant. You want a flawed character, and you want redemption for them."

Brown attributes her writing skills, in part, to the influence of her parents. Her



Courtesy Photo

"Sting," the latest thriller from best-selling author Sandra Brown, features the author's signature twists and turns.

mother was a storyteller, especially of fairy tales, while her father was an editorial writer for a newspaper.

"He had a deadline every day," she said.

Brown's books are characterized by numerous switchbacks and cliffhangers, which put readers on edge of their seat. Just when you think you know what comes next, you are left shaking your head. It is difficult to write in any details about Brown's books without giving away some of those incredible switchbacks. "Sting" starts with a story of two hit men, but it evolves into a kidnapping/extortion plot. There are plenty of surprises but no "cheap tricks," Brown said.

Brown admits that she doesn't know

exactly where the book will go when she begins writing.

"I didn't see the twists coming — they happen without my knowledge," she said. "I'm not a writer who outlines everything. Once the story is written I lose interest."

Instead, Brown writes an 8 to ten page synopsis — mostly for her publisher — and proceeds from there. While she mostly lets the story unfold on its own, there are some guideposts along the way.

"I know where there is going to be conflict," she said. "And I know what I call the 'aha moment' is going to be. I know how the book ends, but I don't know exactly how I'm going to get there"

This constant insecurity, the sense that anything could happen, is what Brown uses to pull readers in and keep their attention.

"I love scenes that represent, 'What if this happens or that happens?'" she said. "I put a question on reader's minds, and it hangs subconsciously there."

Many authors have a ritual they go through before starting a new book. Some clean their office or repaint their writing room, while others retreat to a cabin in the woods. Brown has her own ritual. She re-reads "The Writer's Journey," by Christopher Vogler, before she starts a new book. Then she cleans her office, lights a scented candle and starts typing. Vogler's book, Brown explained, distills writing into the basic elements of successful storytelling.

"It breaks it down into the classic myths of novel writing," she said. "The hero, the shadow, the shapeshifter, the trickster — all the elements are there."

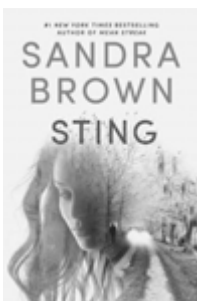
Vogler's book, which was originally written as a screenwriting primer, is based on the writings of mythologist Joseph Campbell, especially "The Hero with a Thousand Faces." Campbell's book, which outlines twelve stages of successful storytelling, helps Brown fill in the gaps in her basic story idea.

"A good writer never considers that they are quite there," Brown said. "There is a constant striving."

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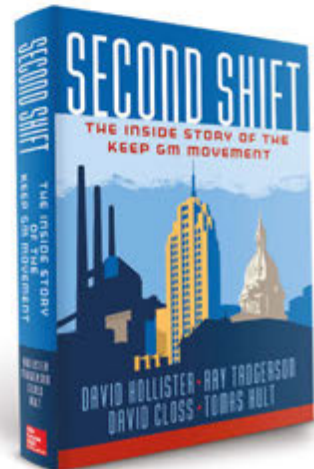
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Little bugs and harmonicas

Photo by Matthew Dae Smith

The Springtails, led by husband-and-wife duo Andy and Julianna Wilson, release a new album Sunday at the Robin Theatre.

Sunday, Aug. 21

Whether it's an obscure song from the 1980s or a Billie Holiday tune, the Springtails will take it and make it into something new. The local Americana four-piece band, led by husband-and-wife duo Andy and Julianna Wilson, is preparing to release its second album, "Rain or Shine." The group formed as an ad hoc ensemble to cover a gig, but the Wilsons quickly realized it had potential to be something more.

"Three or four years ago, we got offered a wedding gig from a friend of ours, and we needed to put a band together to support us," Andy Wilson said. "We called a few musician friends of mine — this was before Julianna was really playing the ukulele — so we had a guitar player and a bassist and a drummer and Julianna sang and I played harmonica and trumpet. The whole thing went really well, and we decided to pursue it."

The bass player and drummer from that gig, Louis Rudner and Bob Bryan, respectively, still play with the group and are on the new album.

Eventually the Wilsons realized the group needed a name, and that's where Julianna Wilson's background in entomology came into play.

"So I don't know if you've ever Googled springtails, but they're these really tiny insects — well they're not actually classified as insects

anymore, but whatever, that's totally geeky," said Julianna Wilson with a laugh. "What's really cool about them is that if we were able to jump as high as they can (relative to body size), we'd be jumping over the Empire State Building in one leap."

"When you Google our name, you get an interesting combination of photos of us playing music and weird little bugs," added Andy Wilson.

Andy Wilson, along with twin brother Joe Wilson, was a founding member of longtime Lansing folk group Steppin' In It. The band also featured "The Voice" finalist Joshua Davis and bassist Dominic Davis, who records and tours with Jack White, among others.

"Steppin' In It was quite successful," Wilson said. "We were successful without doing the normal things that bar bands do. We didn't feel the need to play cover songs. We played cover songs that no one in the bar knew, most people wouldn't be able to tell if we wrote it or didn't. So that did shape my approach to (the Springtails) to some extent, because I didn't feel the need to do that."

The Springtails released its debut disc, "Because We're in Love," in 2013. The album includes original tunes, as well as covers from the early 20th century. "Rain or Shine" is slated for a Sunday release, and the

band is celebrating with a concert at the Robin Theatre in Lansing's REO Town district. The theme of the album deals with the highs and lows of relationships.

"We've had some things with some close friends in the last few years that have made us think a lot about valuing our time together and farewell-type things," Andy Wilson said. "So Julianna wrote a song about that theme, and we've been interested in songs about that, so it came together for the new record"

While Andy Wilson and Steppin' In It were Monday night regulars at the Green Door for years, the Springtails opted for a more intimate venue to release the new album.

"I've heard a lot of great things about the Robin Theatre but never set foot in there myself," Wilson said. "I know the owners well, and we wanted a venue where people could really pay attention to the music."

The Springtails CD release concert with Jen Sygit

6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug.

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STEEL WHEELS PLAYS DOUBLE-HEADER AT ROBIN THEATRE

Friday, Aug. 19 @ The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$25/\$20 adv./\$15 for children under 10, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.



FRI. AUG. 19TH

Steel Wheels

The Steel Wheels, a Virginia-based band, plays soulful brand of contemporary mountain music. The dynamic four-piece outfit plays two shows Friday at The Robin Theatre in REO Town, one at 7 p.m. and another at 9 p.m. Last year, the band released its latest LP, "Leave Some Things Behind." The double 10-inch vinyl set was released via Bing Ring Records, the group's own independent label. The band describes the album as "a deeply human, emotionally authentic work that interweaves timely songs with timeless sounds." The band formed back in 2004, while the members were attending Eastern Mennonite University. In 2007, the guys released an early effort, billing themselves as Trent Wagler & the Steel Wheels. In the 2010, the group released its first proper LP, "Red Wing." The disc hit the Americana Music Association's Top 40 chart and the track "Nothing You Can't Lose" was named best country song at the Independent Music Awards.

EVERY TIME I DIE AT THELOFT

Thursday, Aug. 18 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$17/\$15 adv., 7 p.m.



THU. AUG. 18TH

Every Time I Die

Buffalo-based metalcore band Every Time I Die headlines Thursday at the Loft; opening the heavy show are Old Wounds, Heartsick and OfVirtue. Every Time I Die is touring the U.S. through November and then travels to the United Kingdom in December and Australia in January. The group, which formed in 1998, released a string of records on the Ferret Music imprint. The band's latest release, "Low Teens," was released last month on its current label, Epitaph Records. Every Time I Die was founded by brothers Keith and Jordan Buckley but has seen multiple lineup shifts and also transitioned from emo-tinged hardcore to punk-influenced metal. All Music describes the band's vibe as "mixing alternative metal, Southern metal and screamo."

AMERICAN WIFI AT THE GREEN DOOR

Saturday, Aug. 20 @ The Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 21+, 9 p.m.



SAT. AUG. 20TH

American Wifi

While the Green Door is mostly known for its blues and cover band shows, this year the venue has been booking more original rock 'n' roll and pop bands. Saturday it hosts American WiFi, a polished West Michigan-based pop-rock trio. The group's self-described "hard driving rhythms" and "oversized '80s-style production" reflects their chart-topping influences, like John Mayer and Maroon 5. After its formation in 2013 — not long after the members graduated high school — American WiFi started playing gigs across the Midwest. The group, which comprises lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist Greyson Bos, lead guitarist Sam Starkie and drummer Levi Lilly, even took home a 2014 ArtPrize honor in the Best Pop/Electronic Artist category. Last year, the band dropped its latest release, the "When the Sun Goes Down" EP.

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT ALLISON@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Open Mic (FREE), 8 p.m.	Little American Champ, 8 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.		DJ Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		Alistair, 8 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road				
Brookshire, 205 W. Church St.			Jacob Ford, 6 p.m.	
Buddies - Holt, 2040 N. Aurelius Road	Reggae Lou, 5:30 p.m.			Chris Laskos, 5:30 p.m.
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.	Karaoke, 8 p.m.	Lee Groove, 7 p.m.		Lee Groove, 8 p.m.
Classic Pub & Grill, 16219 Old US 27			Lee Groove, 8 p.m.	
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		Blue Haired Bettys, 6 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Crafty Palate, 333 S. Washington Square		Team Trivia, 7 p.m.		
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Jackalope, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke with DJ Jamie, 9 p.m.		DJ Fudgie, 10 p.m.	
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Live Blues w/ The Good Cookies, 7 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends, 8:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
Fieldhouse, 213 Ann St.		Reggae Lou, 6 p.m.		
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.	Stagetime, 7:30 p.m.		Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	JGJ, 9:30 p.m.	American Wifi, 9:30 p.m.
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave.,			Taylor Taylor, 5:30 p.m.	
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.	Alistair, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 7 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	Rush Clement, 7 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Every Time I Die, 7 p.m.	GTS Presents: Rock the Mic, 6 p.m.	Captain Boom, 8 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Nervosa, 8 p.m.	Small Parks, 7 p.m.	Milemarker, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	DJ Trivia, 7 p.m.	Good Cookies, 9 p.m.	Spoonful, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Jacob Ford, 7 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 7 p.m.	Ronnie Hernandez, 7 p.m.	The Tenants, 7 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Rush Clement, 7 p.m.	Jacob Ford, 7 p.m.	Lisa B. & the Backbeats, 7 p.m.	Eye 96, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	Brent Burns, 7 p.m.	Dirty Helens, 6 p.m.	Ronnie Hernandez, 6 p.m.
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Hoosier Highway, 7:30 p.m.	Hoosier Highway, 7:30 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	The Kyle Hilton Band, 9 p.m.	The Kyle Hilton Band, 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 8 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Mike Skory Patio Blues, 6 p.m.	Oxymorons, 8 p.m.	Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	

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(517) 999-3911.

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

ICACS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions.

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

Free TruGolf Simulator Sessions. Weekly indoor golf simulator sessions. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. FREE. Leading Edge Golf, 2805 Jolly Road, Suite 260, Okemos. (517) 253-0960, leadingedgegolf.com.

Minute to Win It. Compete in minute-long challenges. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Aurelius, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason. cadl.org.

Joel Tacey's Page Racer Comedy Show. Wacky stunts and dazzling magic. 1:30-2:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324, cadl.org.

Westside Farmer's Market & Grilled Chicken Fundraiser. Artisan vendors, farmers, children's activities and more. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. (517) 999-2894, nwlansing.org.

Thursday, August 18

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lunch at the Senior Center. Call day before to order meal. Noon-1 p.m. \$5.75/\$3 suggested donation for ages 60 and up. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com. **Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice.** All levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfc.com.

Celebrate Recovery. For all hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Duncel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

Orations and Libations. Artist speaks on how visual perceptions shape world view. 7-9 p.m. FREE. American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing. (517) 999-2631, ow.ly/NTGY302HnQ8.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 5:15 p.m.,

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 >> ORATIONS AND LIBATIONS

American Fifth Spirits kicks off a new series Thursday, pairing its upscale cocktails with erudite lectures. The inaugural edition of Orations and Libations features artist and MSU alum Rachel Allen, who will discuss how visual perceptions — and misconceptions — shape our worldview. 7 p.m. FREE. American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing. (517) 999-2631, americanfifthspirits.com.

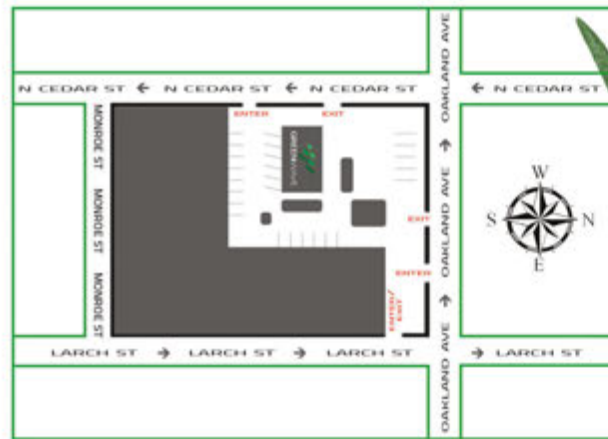
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meeting 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. Haslett Community Education Center, 1090 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 927-4307.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Chipmunk Story Time: Turtle and Friends. Story, nature walk and activities. 10-11 a.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

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Open Mic @ The Colonial Bar & Grill. Weekly bring-your-own-instrument open mic. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. The Colonial Bar & Grille, 3425 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 882-6132.
Summer Concerts on the Square. Weekly concert at historic site. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. 1885 Eaton County Courthouse Square, 100 West Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. charlottemi.org.

Drum Circle. Meditation through drumming. 7-9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Inner Ascended Masters Ministry, 5705 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. lightiam.org.

THEATER

Summer Retreat. Comedy about college buddies reuniting. 8 p.m. \$23/\$21 senior and military/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

EVENTS

Friends of the DTDL Book and Bake Sale. Located in the Elmwood room. 3-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, dtdl.org.
Build-Your-Own-Taco Bar Fundraiser. Proceeds support the eighth grade government trip to Washington D.C. 4-7 p.m. St. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing. (517) 374-5700.
Film Movement Series. Today: Wondrous Boccaccio (Italy) 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021.

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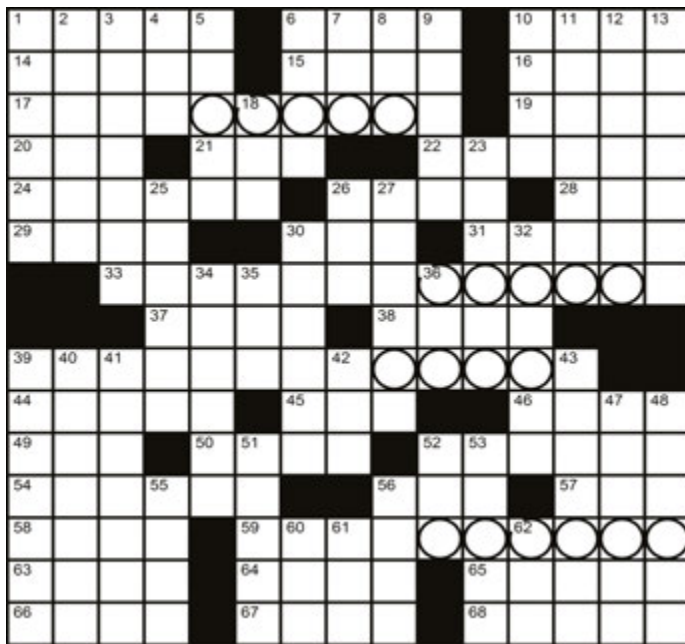
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"Revenge of Inerts"—with an element of surprise, I hope.
Matt Jones

Across

- 1 The Donald's first wife
- 6 Band on Butt-head's T-shirt
- 10 Elementary school basics
- 14 "Say that thou forsake me": Shakespeare
- 15 "The Owl and the Pussycat" poet Edward
- 16 ___ Cynwyd, PA
- 17 Beyond saving
- 19 "The Heat ___" ("Beverly Hills Cop" song)
- 20 Zurich peak
- 21 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 22 It's often done with soil or fish tanks
- 24 Suffer a mosquito attack, say
- 26 Inking
- 28 Snapple stuff
- 29 Hip or Nap follower
- 30 Feline foot
- 31 Admitted as a guest
- 33 He was joint FIFA Player of the Century along with Pele
- 37 Cube creator Rubik
- 38 Bygone auto
- 39 Info
- 44 Martini & ___ (winemakers)
- 45 Plumb of "The Brady Bunch"
- 46 Judith with two Tonys
- 49 1099-___ (bank tax form)
- 50 Michael of "Arrested Development"
- 52 Herb-flavored
- 28-Across
- 54 He'll pour you one



- 56 Slippery fish
 - 57 Frying pan sound
 - 58 It really isn't butter
 - 59 Cellular tissue that makes up all glands
 - 63 More than want
 - 64 "Other" category, for short
 - 65 Recent NFL Hall of Fame inductee Brett
 - 66 Investigators: Abbr.
 - 67 "No question!"
 - 68 11- or 12-year-old
- 11 Binary
 - 12 Surround, with "on"
 - 13 Band with the album "Abraxas"
 - 18 Abbr. after a former military leader's name
 - 23 Attempts, with "at"
 - 25 Boxers alternatives
 - 26 "Unaccustomed as ___"
 - 27 The Rock's real first name
 - 30 Not so well off
 - 32 Aphrodite's beloved
 - 34 Beethoven's Third, familiarly
 - 35 African antelope
 - 36 Costar of Bea and Betty
 - 39 Board game where players guess what three things have in common
 - 40 Puff the Magic Dragon's land
 - 41 Address of the Boss's band
 - 42 Zoologist's eggs
 - 43 Hard to pin down
 - 47 Nutritional supplement brand in cans
 - 48 Flunkies
 - 51 Axis, to the Allies
 - 52 "___ Interwebs" (sarcastic name for online sites)
 - 53 "___ My Heart in San Francisco"
 - 55 Body ___ (piercings, earlobe stretching, etc.)
 - 56 Do art on metal, e.g.
 - 60 Black coffee go-with
 - 61 "Happiness ___ Warm Puppy"
 - 62 Scientist's formulation

Down

- 1 Conventioneers' clip-ons
- 2 One end of the visible spectrum
- 3 Took on
- 4 Abbr. on a bad check
- 5 Centipede creator
- 6 Kelp, for example
- 7 Susan Wojcicki, for YouTube
- 8 Quayle or Marino
- 9 Brunch offering
- 10 Not that much

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Picnic Storytime. Ages up to 6 bring a lunch for outdoor stories and activities. 12:30-1:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Dansville, 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville. (517) 623-6511, cadl.org.

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

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Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Friday, August 19 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Mud & Mug. Pottery course. 7-10 p.m. \$25. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

Gentle Yoga. Relaxing pace class suitable for beginners. 11 a.m.-noon. First class FREE/\$5/\$3 members. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston.

MUSIC

Lansing Flow Fest. Featuring local and nationally known Christian rap artists. 6-10 p.m. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, 531 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. (517) 333-8628, mediamessengers.org.

The Coffeehouse at All Saints. Musical/spoken word showcase. 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. madmimi.com/s/05f514.

The Scratch Pilots Present: Get Busy Fridays. Featuring DJ McCoy, Don Black, and DJ Leeky. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$3, 21+. The RIV, 231 M.A.C.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 >> HOB NOB AT THE BROAD ART MUSEUM

Rub elbows and unwind with local art lovers Friday at the Broad Museum's Hob Nob event. The casual event includes art-making activities, sweet treats and a cash bar. Galleries are open for the event; the museum's current exhibitions include works by Gideon Mendel, Yan Xing and Sam Jury. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

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EVENTS

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Located in the Elmwood room. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, dtdl.org.

Howl at the Moon: Guided Night Walk. Three mile walk. Leashed dogs welcome. 8:30-9:30 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

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ARTS

End of Summer Art Show. Student artwork on display. 4:30-6 p.m. FREE. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

Flight of Obscurity VI Closing Reception.

Reception for artwork on aviation by Nathaniel Foley. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Scene MetroSpace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 432-3961, ow.ly/M83n302ruaQ.

The Hob Nob. Art-making activities, appetizers, sweet treats, and a cash bar. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Saturday, August 20

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lansing Area Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Support Group. Info and support for MS patients. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 393-9747.

Tai Chi at the Park. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 400 S. Holmes St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

MUSIC

Laingsburg Bottom of the Hill Blues Festival. With headliner Twyla Birdsong. 5 p.m.-midnight. \$10. Downtown Laingsburg, 116 E. Grand River Ave., Laingsburg. (517) 881-4840.

Lansing Bless Fest. Concerts, free lunch, raffles, kids activities and Christian networking. 12:30-10 p.m. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, 531 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. mediamessengers.org.

THEATER

Summer Retreat. Comedy about college buddies reuniting. 3 and 8 p.m. \$23/\$21 senior and military/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

EVENTS

Rare Access. Open house for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams. 1-4 p.m. FREE. 640 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 355-9672, frib.msu.edu.

Friends of the DTDL Book and Bake Sale.

Located in the Elmwood room. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, dtdl.org.

Everett High School 50 Year Reunion. Golfing at 11 a.m. Reunion starts 7 p.m. \$30. Wheatfield Valley Golf Course, 1600 Linn Road, Williamston. (904) 524-6453.

Foster Parent Recruitment Fair. Food, bounce house, games, live animals from the zoo and more. Noon-7 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 775-2693.

Harris Nature Center Stewardship Morning. Volunteers help maintain the park. 9-11 a.m. FREE. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

Pour it Up. Tasting featuring sweet and savory beers, wines and spirits. 1-5 p.m. \$20. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, ow.ly/dPa03037wle.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20 >> ART FEAST

Old Town's Art FEAST returns for a third helping Saturday. Launched in 2014, the combination art show and food truck rally provides a feast of metaphorical food for the eyes and literal food for the belly. This year's art fair feature over 30 artist booths, including photography, wood working, leather, metal and more. The food truck rally, which runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes popular Michigan vendors like Good Truckin' Food, Mark's Gourmet Dogs and Shimmy Shack. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Lansing. (517) 485-4283, iloveoldtown.org/art-feast.

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ARTS

Broad Museum at Art Feast. Visitors explore art, food and get a Broad tote bag. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Ave., and Turner St., Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Art Feast. Art fair, sidewalk sale and food truck rally. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Grand River Avenue and Turner Street, Lansing. iloveoldtown.org/art-feast.

HUMANITY. Original theatrical dance production addressing complex social issues. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 485-7705, humanitydance.com.

**Sunday, August 21
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MUSIC

Springtails CD Release Concert. Husband-and-wife musical duo performs. 7 p.m. \$10. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. therobintheatre.com.

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezsny

Aug 17-23

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Can you imagine feeling at home in the world no matter where you are? If you eventually master this art, outer circumstances won't distort your relationship with yourself. No matter how crazy or chaotic the people around you might be, you will remain rooted in your unshakable sense of purpose; you will respond to any given situation in ways that make you both calm and alert, amused and curious, compassionate for the suffering of others and determined to do what's best for you. If you think these are goals worth seeking, you can make dramatic progress toward them in the coming weeks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): As I tried to meditate on your horoscope, my next-door neighbor was wielding a weed-whacker to trim her lawn, and the voices in my head were shouting extra loud. So I decided to drive down to the marsh to get some high-quality silence. When I arrived at the trail head, I found an older man in ragged clothes leaning against the fence. Nearby was a grocery cart full of what I assumed were all his earthly belongings. "Doing nothing is a very difficult art," he croaked as I slipped by him, "because you're never really sure when you are done." I immediately recognized that his wisdom might be useful to you. You are, after all, in the last few days of your recharging process. It's still a good idea for you to lie low and be extra calm and vegetate luxuriously. But when should you rise up and leap into action again? Here's my guess: Get one more dose of intense stillness and silence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): My readers have a range of approaches for working with the counsel I offer. Some study the horoscopes for both their sun signs and rising signs, then create do-it-yourself blends of the two. Others prefer to wait until the week is over before consulting what I've written. They don't want my oracles to influence their future behavior, but enjoy evaluating their recent past in light of my analysis. Then there are the folks who read all 12 of my horoscopes. They refuse to be hemmed in by just one forecast, and want to be free to explore multiple options. I encourage you to try experiments like these in the coming days. The moment is ripe to cultivate more of your own unique strategies for using and interpreting the information you absorb — both from me and from everyone else you listen to.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Have you been drinking a lot of liquids? Are you spending extra time soaking in hot baths and swimming in bodies of water that rejuvenate you? Have you been opening your soul to raw truths that dissolve your fixations and to beauty that makes you cry and to love that moves you to sing? I hope you're reverently attending to these fluidic needs. I hope you're giving your deepest yearnings free play and your freshest emotions lots of room to unfold. Smart, well-lubricated intimacy is a luxurious necessity, my dear. Stay very, very wet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In my opinion, you need to bask in the glorious fury of at least one brainstorm — preferably multiple brainstorms over the course of the next two weeks. What can you do to ensure that happens? How might you generate a flood of new ideas about how to live your life and understand the nature of reality? Here are some suggestions: Read books about creativity. Hang around with original thinkers and sly provocateurs. Insert yourself into situations that will strip you of your boring certainties. And take this vow: "I hereby unleash the primal power of my liberated imagination."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When you were a child, did you play with imaginary friends? During your adolescence, did you nurture a fantasy relationship with a pretend boyfriend or girlfriend? Since you reached adulthood, have you ever enjoyed consorting with muses or guardian angels or ancestral spirits? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you are in a good position to take full advantage of the subtle oppor-

tunities and cryptic invitations that are coming your way. Unexpected sources are poised to provide unlikely inspirations in unprecedented ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When you were born, you already carried the seeds of gifts you would someday be able to provide — specific influences or teachings or blessings that only you, of all the people who have ever lived, could offer the world. How are you doing in your quest to fulfill this potential? Here's what I suspect: Your seeds have been ripening slowly and surely. But in the coming months, they could ripen at a more rapid pace. Whether they actually do or not may depend on your willingness to take on more responsibilities -- interesting responsibilities, to be sure -- but bigger than you're used to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): I suspect that you will soon be culminating a labor of love you've been nurturing and refining for many moons. How should you celebrate? Maybe with some champagne and caviar? If you'd like to include bubbly in your revels, a good choice might be 2004 Belle Epoque Rose. Its floral aroma and crispy mouth-feel rouse a sense of jubilation as they synergize the flavors of blood orange, pomegranate, and strawberry. As for caviar: Consider the smooth, aromatic, and elegant roe of the albino beluga sturgeon from the unpolluted areas of the Caspian Sea near Iran. But before I finish this oracle, let me also add that a better way to honor your accomplishment might be to take the money you'd spend on champagne and caviar, and instead use it as seed money for your next big project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some species of weeds become even more robust and entrenched as they develop resistances to the pesticides that are designed to eradicate them. This is one example of how fighting a problem can make the problem worse — especially if you attack too furiously or use the wrong weapons. I invite you to consider the possibility that this might be a useful metaphor for you to contemplate in the coming weeks. Your desire to solve a knotty dilemma or shed a bad influence is admirable. Just make sure you choose a strategy that actually works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your assignment, if you choose to accept it, is to compose an essay on at least one of the following themes: 1. "How I Fed and Fed My Demons Until They Gorged Themselves to Death." 2. "How I Exploited My Nightmares in Ways That Made Me Smarter and Cuter." 3. "How I Quietly and Heroically Transformed a Sticky Problem into a Sleek Opportunity." 4. "How I Helped Myself by Helping Other People." For extra credit, Capricorn — and to earn the right to trade an unholy duty for a holy one — write about all four subjects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I suspect that in the coming months you will be drawn to wandering through the frontiers and exploring the unknown. Experimentation will come naturally. Places and situations you have previously considered to be off-limits may be downright comfortable. In fact, it's possible that you will have to escape your safety zones in order to fully be yourself. Got all that? Now here's the kicker. In the coming weeks, everything I just described will be especially apropos for your closest relationships. Are you interested in redefining and reconfiguring the ways that togetherness works for you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you're playing the card game known as bridge, you're lucky if you are dealt a hand that has no cards of a particular suit. This enables you, right from the beginning, to capture tricks using the trump suit. In other words, the lack of a certain resource gives you a distinct advantage. Let's apply this metaphor to your immediate future, Pisces. I'm guessing that you will benefit from what may seem to be an inadequacy or deficit. An absence will be a useful asset.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Brezsny's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. The audio horoscopes are also available by phone at 1-877-873-4888 or 1-900-950-7700.

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THEATER

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EVENTS

East Lansing Farmer's Market. Growers-only market with produce, meat, cheese and more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Court, East Lansing. ow.ly/h4zp30329Of.

Free Public Tours. 1 and 3 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Dr., MSU Campus, East Lansing.

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

Monday, August 22

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

5 Elements Qigong. Exercise practice promoting balance and health. 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$10. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

Gentle Yoga. Relaxing pace class suitable for beginners. 11 a.m.-noon. First class FREE/\$5/\$3 members. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston.

EVENTS

Cards Against Humanity Tournament. Earn discounts by winning games. 7-10 p.m. FREE. American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing.

Connect 4 Kids. Hair cuts, medical and educational services offered, fun and more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

French Club. All speaking levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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

Walking Club. Weekly group walk. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, dtdl.org.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Out of This World Book Club. "The Puppet Masters" by Robert Heinlein. 7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

RAM Trails Bookish Walkers. Meet up for a two-mile lunch walk westbound. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt.

Tuesday, August 23

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Course in Miracles. Relaxed and friendly study group. 7 p.m. FREE. Call for location. (517) 482-1908.

Connections: Teen Girls Group. For girls in grades 9-12 to meet and form connections. 5:45-7 p.m. \$10. Come As You Are Counseling and

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

Lansing Area Co-Dependents Anonymous. 5:45-6:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. coda.org. ing. (517) 346-9900.

Overeaters Anonymous. Support for weight loss efforts. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 819-3294.

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MUSIC

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

Jennifer Lewis with Family & Friends. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

The Scratch Pilots Present: Turntable Tuesdays. Featuring DJ's Cutt-Nice, Don Black and Nano Too Hype. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Green Door Blues Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Music in the Park. Featuring Party of 7 playing classic rock. 6 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. 517-323-8555, deltami.gov.

EVENTS

Neighborhood and Business Watch. Rejuvenating South Lansing monthly meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Southside Community Center, 5825 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 393-0317, rejuvenatingsouthlansing.weebly.com.

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

Minecraft Game Night. Ages 8-15 game together. Call or register online. 6-7:15 p.m. FREE. CADL Leslie, 201 Pennsylvania St., Leslie. (517) 589-9400, cadl.org.

Wednesday, August 24

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Gentle Yoga. Relaxing pace class suitable for beginners. 11 a.m.-noon. First class FREE/\$5/\$3 members. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston.

MUSIC

St. Johns Concert in the Park. Capital City Brass Band. 7-9 p.m. FREE. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St., Saint Johns. (989) 224-2429, clintoncountyarts.org.

Sit in with the Band. 8-11 p.m. Reno's East, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 881-8125, kathyfordband.com.

EVENTS

Habibi at Allen Farmers Market. 5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Summer Reading Party. Celebrate reading with fun, games and a book sale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Aurelius, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason. (517) 628-3743, cadl.org.

How to Deal with Neighborhood Problems. City Attorney Jim Smiertka addresses common neighborhood conflicts. 6-8 p.m. FREE Grace

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 >> LAINGSBURG BOTTOM OF THE HILL BLUES FEST

Laingsburg gets the blues Saturday when the Bottom of the Hill Blues Fest returns to Twilliger's Tavern. Blues duo Blind Dog opens the festival with a performance at 5 p.m.; Moss Agate takes the stage at 7 p.m. Local favorite Twyla Birdsong and her band close out the evening with a 9 p.m. set. Guests should bring lawn chairs; food and drink specials are available. 5 p.m.-midnight. \$10. Twilliger's Tavern, 116 E. Grand River Ave., Laingsburg. (517) 651-9911, gordzillasblues.com.

AUGUST 22-26 >> BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

With the first day of school just around the corner, Ingham County offers a variety of health services for kids with one-stop convenience. The eighth annual Back to School Health Fair includes vision and hearing screenings, lead screenings, preschool sign-up and immunizations (Walk-in availability for immunizations is limited; call (517) 887-4350 to schedule an appointment.) 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday; closed between noon-1 p.m. every day for lunch. FREE. Ingham County Health Department Human Services Building (Door 3), 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 887-9400, hd.ingham.org.

AUGUST 24-27 >> 'ERNIE' AT THE WHARTON CENTER

The Wharton Center kicks off its 2016-2017 season with the return of "Ernie," Mitch Albom's tribute to legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell. The play follows Harwell on his last night at Comerica Park after 42 years of calling play-by-play for the Tigers. As he is about to bid farewell to the city and team, he encounters a boy who is eager to know all about him. The boy convinces Harwell to do one special broadcast, a nine-inning retelling of his life. Tigers fans will get a glimpse of Harwell's unmistakable calls, as well as actual footage from historic baseball moments and the stories behind his broadcast of the Tigers' 1968 and 1984 World Series wins. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. \$35/\$70 VIP/\$15 students. Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.

Lutheran Church, 528 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 394-3996, lansingneighborhoods.org

Allen Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

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

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

Emergency Response Dinner. Meal to benefit the hungry featuring guest speaker. 6 p.m. \$20.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-1916.

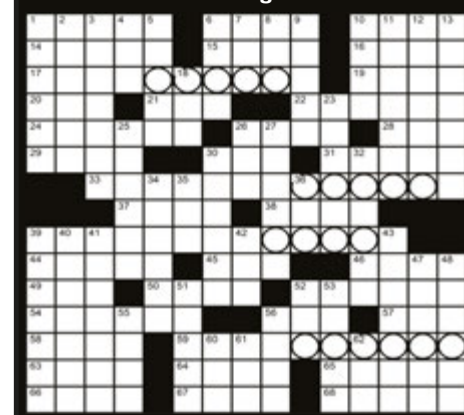
Free TruGolf Simulator Sessions. Weekly indoor golf simulator sessions. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. FREE. Leading Edge Golf, 2805 Jolly Road, Suite 260, Okemos. (517) 253-0960, leadingedgegolf.com.

THEATER

Ernie. Play about Ernie Harwell by Mitch Albom. 7:30 p.m. \$35. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. 1-800-WHARTON, whartoncenter.com.

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THE GALLERY IN OLD TOWN/WONDER WOMEN ESTATE SALES

Courtesy Photo

The Gallery in Old Town is the boutique location for Wonder Women Estate Sales. The store features its own merchandise and holds monthly estate sales on-site.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

Next June will see the release of "Wonder Woman," the most ambitious female-led superhero movie in years. Over the next year, you can expect to see the DC Comics goddess' iconic "double-Ws" insignia on action figures, lunchboxes and T-shirts — as well as on the storefront of **The Gallery in Old Town**. The new boutique in Lansing's historic shopping district is owned and operated by longtime estate sales/antiques professional Barb Jersey. The Gallery deals exclusively in merchandise culled from estate sales, and it's been a long time coming.

"I've been envisioning this space for the last five years, and it looks exactly like it did in my head," Jersey said. "Hardwood floors, brick walls, chandeliers — it's a little smaller than I'd hoped, but there's plenty of room for growth."

Jersey, 65, has been an entrepreneur for 29 years, including owning two antiques malls. The Gallery is a spinoff of the business she's run for the last nine years: **Wonder Women Estate Sales**, the source of that WW in the front window. So what's the association between the Amazonian comic book character and tasteful collections of gently used vintage clothing, furniture, jewelry and home furnishings?

"I wanted a class name that would stick," Jersey said. "Also, it comes up a lot when people do Internet searches.

But there's a distinction. Wonder Women is wherever we are, and the Gallery is the location. It's not a warehouse or even a shop; it's a gallery. I decided to go with (the Gallery) because 'Wonder Women' just seemed (inappropriate) being in the window of an 1885 building."

Under her Wonder Women banner (the name is pluralized because her employees used to be exclusively women), Jersey conducts estate sales throughout Michigan, helping homeowners or the families of homeowners sell their belongings on-site. But Jersey said the industry has undergone a change in recent years.

"People used to stay in houses until they died, and their relatives held the estate sales afterward," Jersey said. "Now people are living longer, and they have the time to downsize their estates by giving away their things to family members or selling them themselves. In recent years, by the time they call me, they didn't have enough to have a full estate sale. I spent a lot of time turning them down."

So Jersey created a new business model. Rather than turn down these smaller sales, she will now combine them with up to four others and conduct a single sale in a separate location — the Gallery. Jersey and her team will spend weeks prepping each sale, which will run Thursday through Saturday one weekend each month. The weekend will change depending on what events or festivals are happening in Old Town that month. What doesn't sell will

be restaged the following weekend for a two-day, half-off blowout before being sold to a liquidator. Then prep work begins for the next month.

"Since I came up with the idea, four other businesses like this have opened in other parts of the country, but they're all doing it on a much larger scale," Jersey said. "There's one 80 miles outside Chicago that's 26,000 square feet. I never envisioned anything that big, but by keeping it (smaller), I'll be able to have a much more personal touch."

Jersey said estate sales are a mostly solitary business, with salespeople ferociously guarding their trade secrets. But in the last few years, she's seen a lot more networking, including the beginnings of a national association. There have even been three national conventions in the last three years, the first of which she served at as a speaker. She's also using the Gallery as the home for the Institute for the Study of Antiques and Collectibles, a two-day training session on identifying and appraising antiques and collectibles. The institute was started in Pennsylvania by her mentor, Harry Rinker, who has written several books on antiques and hosts a syndicated weekly call-in radio show called "Whatcha Got?" He had closed the school, but revived it last year in conjunction with Jersey.

"Harry is a good friend of mine and is the person who inspired me to go into business for myself almost 30 years ago," Jersey said. "I'm very honored that he chose Old Town to restart the institute. It's going to bring a lot of people to the area. The last one brought in 17 people from seven different states."

Rinker will be a featured speaker Aug. 25 at the annual fundraiser for the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, which will be held at the Gallery in Old Town. He'll also lead a live version of "Whatcha Got?" with attendees invited to bring in any small unusual items from around the house — they must be small enough to be held in your hand — to see what they are and what they're worth. The event will double as the launch of the August estate sale at the

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Gallery, which will continue through Aug. 27. Next month, Jersey will hold her official grand opening, one month before Wonder Woman herself makes her U.S. postage stamp debut.

"Harry is also on the national stamp committee, in a position assigned by the postmaster general, and it was his idea," Jersey said. "The rest of the committee approved it because (it's Wonder Woman's 75th anniversary as a character and) the movie's coming out next year, but I know he really did it for me. It's good to have friends in high places."

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Lansing Brewing Co. complements beers with creative menu

Not your (great-)grandfather's brewery

By MARK NIXON

Some restaurants intuit their surroundings. They reflect and respect the roots — the bones, if you will — that define a town. I'll admit to being a bit of a history buff, and it's fair to say Lansing Brewing Co. had me at hello.

Here, just a stone's skip from the Grand River, the brewery pumps out brews that are, as the signage states, "best served cold and often." Lansing Brewing Co. is an homage to Lansing's gritty industrial past — and present. Yawning garage-style doors can be flung open to catch an afternoon breeze. Flights of craft beers are served on steel slabs with the heft of a baby anvil. Wooden floors creak. Reproductions of beer advertisements have the crafted feel of the early 20th century.

None of is this incidental. The original Lansing Brewing Co. closed its doors in 1914, dealt a death blow by national Prohibition and the local temperance movement. A century later, the Gillespie Group has revived the name and co-opted some of the brewery's history — but also added several 21st century twists. Brewers of yore would recognize the hulking fermentation tanks in the adjoining brewing room. But they would certainly be puzzled by brie and pear pizza or something called IPA Cheese Bombs.

I hereby declare Lansing Brewing Co. is what this city has waited for since, well, forever, it seems. It's downtown. It's near the river and the baseball stadium. It has a welcoming, playful vibe. (How often do you get to watch employees on break limber up with a pick-up game of basketball?) And the 12 house-brewed beers on tap are themselves worthy of return visits. There is room for improvement — but more on that in a bit.

The menu is a pun-filled take on pub grub. I love a good pun, but the names over-reach at times — I'm looking at you, Born and Braised This Way Tacos — and the food itself, at times, underperforms.

From what we tried, the best of the bunch was the brie and pear pizza (\$10.99), on the menu under the awkward moniker Please Frugivore Me. The brie and pears pair remarkably well, though Judy, my wife and dining companion, thought it needed a few more pear slices. I was happily surprised by the quality of the soup offerings, since soups in so many places are slapdash affairs. Lansing Brewing Co.'s tomato basil and chicken curry soups (\$3.99 per cup) were rich in both flavor and texture. My suggestion to the chefs: Plop a teaspoon of crème fraîche on the tomato basil soup just before serving.

Our dinner guest, Dennis, raved about the Great White North Poutine (\$9.99). Add my raves to the pile as well. Here's Dennis' mini-review: "Poutine is Canada's own junk food invention, which has evolved into a glorious low art form of culinary improvisation. Lansing Brewing Co.'s version included the requisite fries topped with white cheddar cheese curds, braised pork, amber ale gravy and scallions. The entire lovely mess was topped off with a sunny-side up egg. Heavenly."

On our first visit, I was hankering for comfort food and found comfort in the meatloaf (\$13.99). Named "Ma. the Meatloaf!" Please — a G-rated version of a popular "Wedding Crashers" reference — this dish features horseradish mashed potatoes and amber cream

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Stellar sandwiches, awesome appetizers

By GABRIELLE JOHNSON LAWRENCE

Let's get down to brass tacks and talk about the food at Lansing Brewing Co., because I have a lot to say.

I've previously waxed poetic in this very paper about the brewery's IPA Cheese Bombs, which are lightly breaded, flash fried, drippy, gooey dollops of deliciousness. Seriously, these things are worth the price of admission. (No, there isn't a price of admission, but just go with me.) If I were a "cheat meal" person, these cheese bombs would be it — the entire meal. Instead, I just eat whatever I want and punish myself on the treadmill later.

(That treadmill, by the way, was the subject of our biggest pre-marital argument. "You won't use it!" he said. "Get me a treadmill or I'm never making another yellow cake with chocolate frosting!" I countered.)

Back to the food; let's talk pizza. We chose the Please Frugivore Me pie and upgraded to the family size at the suggestion of a high school friend who was waiting on some other tables. The crust, he explained, is a different recipe and much better than the crust on the personal-sized pizzas. Indeed, the crust was worth writing home about. It was chewy and had a nice heft, but it wasn't as thick as the crust at a restaurant

on Willow Street that people freak out over. Hint: The name rhymes with FeFluca's, and that isn't pizza; it's casserole. Don't @ me.

While the combination of mozzarella and large slices of brie was a bit overwhelming, the pesto and drizzle of balsamic vinegar punched up the flavor. The pizza was a B+ effort, but my favorite pear pizza at Tavern 109 crushes the competition, just like Katie Leducky in the pool. (P.S. How much has the local dining scene changed in the last few years that I now have a "favorite pear pizza?" What a time to be alive.)

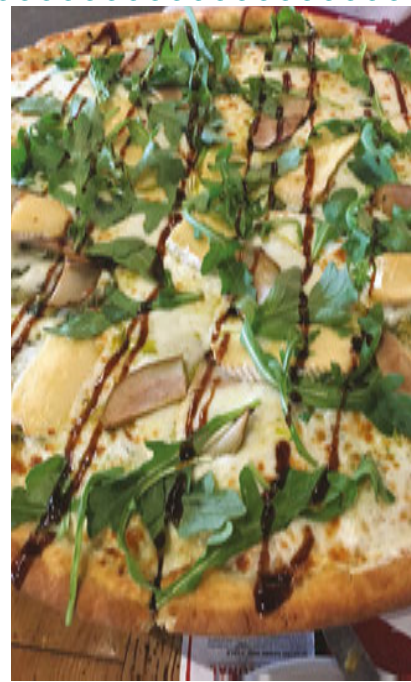
Have you heard of poutine? It's a Canadian thing, a mess of thick-cut steak fries typically topped with cheese curds and brown gravy. To me, that sounds like it's not worth the sure-to-follow indigestion. However, Mr. She Ate convinced me to give it a try, and I've never loved him more — except maybe the time he bought me that treadmill. The fries are crispy and topped with what is, essentially, the best pasta-less goulash you've ever had in your life. Shredded pulled pork is combined with cheese, gravy, scallions and — the crowning jewel — a sunny-side up egg. We had come from golf before taking part in this pizza and poutine bonanza, so the 72 calories we burned on the links were replaced tenfold. Hello again, treadmill.

On a follow up visit I chose the I'm Kinda Doing Atkins Salad, because I'm a sucker for green things and a catchy name. This salad had everything that I want in a lunch — grilled steak, a big ol' plate of non-iceberg salad greens, caramelized fennel, roasted cherry tomatoes, blue cheese and grilled scallions. Pro tip: Roasted cherry tomatoes are so much easier to spear with a fork than raw cherry tomatoes. And they need not be roasted to death, just a few minutes in a hot oven will soften them enough to do the trick.

He had the Jam On It Smoked Turkey Club, which I almost ordered to take back to the office with me as the world's fattest afternoon snack. I don't know which factor

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Left: Great White North Poutine, Lansing Brewing Co.'s take on the Canadian staple, features French fries topped with cheese curds, braised pork, gravy and a fried egg. Right: Lansing Brewing Co. offers a half dozen creative pizza options, including a Please Frugivore Me pie with roasted pear and brie.

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ale gravy ladled on top. Heavenly, as Dennis would say.

Anne, our other dining companion on that visit, tried the Smopoke Sammie (\$8.99), a pulled pork sandwich. She declared it tasty, though the Carolina-style sauce was a bit too vinegary for her taste.

Before we had even reached our table, a friend at a nearby table recommended the IPA Cheese Bombs (\$7.99). I'm generally suspicious of fried cheese, because there are so many god-awful iterations out there. But the four of us shared these deep-fried cheese curds, which are served with an aioli for dipping. Suspicious unfounded; they were terrific.

Less terrific was the Jam On It Smoked Turkey Club sandwich (\$8.50). The bread was over-grilled, as was the turkey. The result? A no-can-taste-turkey flop. Similarly, our friend Bruce had the house-smoked brisket sandwich (\$9.99), which he found overdone. (We agree that Saddleback BBQ sets the local gold standard for smoked brisket.)

On the upside, Judy had the G.O.A.T.

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of this sandwich blows me away most — the Swiss cheese, arugula, apricot jam or chipotle aioli — but all of those things add up to make one of my favorite sandwiches in town. My other favorite sandwich in town, also from Lansing Brewing Co., is the Adam's Short Rib Grilled Cheese, a sandwich that we insisted all members of our wedding party and our British friends sample in the days leading up to our April wedding. This sandwich is a near-religious experience. My Mr. finds it a bit greasy, but we agree to disagree on this and on wheth-

Salad (\$9.99), a goat cheese and arugula salad with dried cranberries and toasted walnuts and topped with balsamic vinaigrette. It was outstanding, and the goat cheese and arugula make a lovely couple.

OK, please permit me a senior citizen gripe. Lansing Brewing Co. is bleepin' loud. Sound doesn't merely bounce off the walls — it ricochets off walls and bruises the eardrums. I see some New York Times reviews rate restaurants' sound level. Not a bad idea for those of us who value hearable dinner conversation.

This is a brewery, so I suppose I should say something about the beer. The best way to tackle the ever-changing beer list is a flight of five different brews (\$8). The Black Velvet oatmeal stout was my favorite (\$6 a pint). Next best was the Amber Cream Ale — a recipe lifted from the original Lansing Brewing Co. — which has a finish reminiscent of maple syrup or caramel.

Other than the clanging din, our experience over three visits was overwhelmingly positive and fun. Judging by the crowds, this place is on track to be the city's coolest watering hole. The reborn Lansing Brewing Co. seems to have already found a spot in Lansing's heart.

er to get another dog (which, by the way, isn't happening).

On another visit we tried the nachos on a recommendation from a coworker. Lansing Brewing Co. replaces the typical tortilla chips with wonton chips, which stay crisp much longer than regular chips. The jalapenos are seeded, providing kick without pain, and the Sriracha sour cream is simultaneously spicy and cool.

We haven't tried any of the dessert offerings, because after every meal we feel like Violet Beauregard after she turns into the giant blueberry in Willy Wonka's factory. But I have a feeling that our relationship with Lansing Brewing Co. is young, and this is only the beginning of a beautiful food friendship.



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The three-buck lunch — Toarmina's Pizza

In honor of the Cheap Issue, I give you my favorite cheap lunch: Toarmina's three buck lunch.

To be clear, the three buck lunch is not on the menu. It's the name I gave to my favorite lunch combination from the Michigan Avenue pizza joint. The three buck lunch comprises three \$1 items: a slice of pizza and a samosa from the self-serve hot bar, paired with a can of soda. Let's break this down by item.

Pizza: There are almost always pepperoni slices and some sort of veggie pizza with peppers and olives. Sometimes there are ham slices, other times sausage, and, on a few lucky days, supreme slices. Is this

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the best pizza I've had? No. But its just \$1 a slice and it definitely beats that \$5 garbage pizza from the tiny Roman dictator's

pizza chain.

Samosa: These delightful little fried triangles, popular in South Asia and the Middle East, are packed with potato, carrot and peas and seasoned with yellow curry. You can think of it as an Indian version of a pastie. Why does an Italian-themed eatery have samosas on its hot bar? I have no idea. But I'm not complaining.

Soda: I usually opt for a Faygo Moon Mist, but Toarmina's recently stopped carrying the Detroit-made beverages. On my most recent trip, I opted for an orange Crush, but Toarmina's also carries Pepsi products. I try to limit my high fructose corn syrup intake, but I make an exception for the three buck lunch.

Tax and deposit are built into the prices, so it's \$3 out the door. No fishing for change, no receipt, just grab and go.

The hot bar also has breadsticks — for, no surprise here, \$1 — so you can experiment and make your own three buck lunch. But definitely try the samosas. They're worth every penny.

—Ty Forquer

What's your favorite dish/drink?

Do you have a go-to dish or drink at your favorite local restaurant? We want to know about it. Email your favorite dish/drink and a short explanation about why you love it to food@lansingcitypulse.com, and it may be featured in a future issue. If possible, please send a photo along with your description — a nice smartphone photo is fine. Cheers!



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