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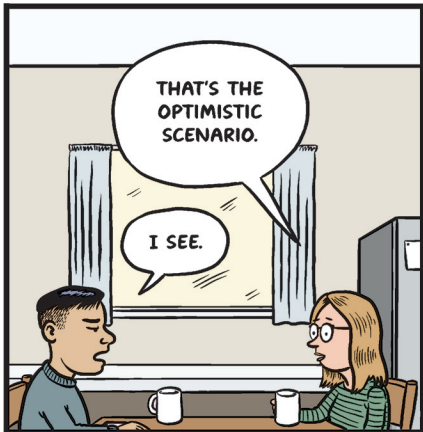
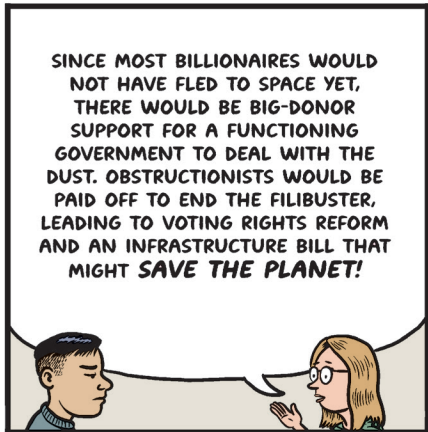
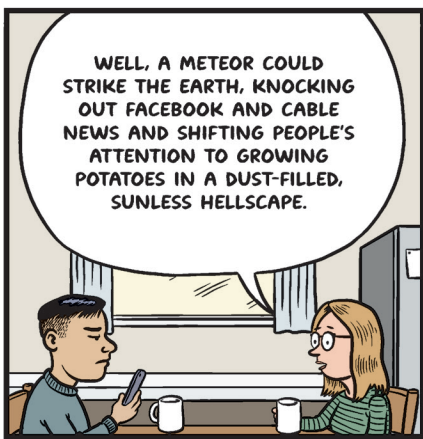
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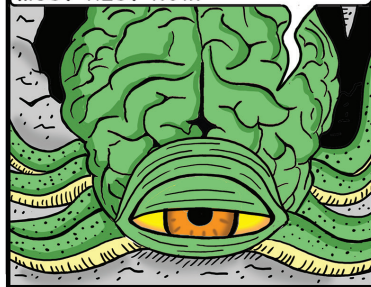
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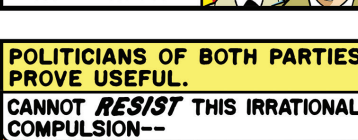
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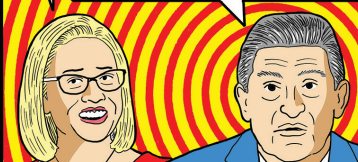


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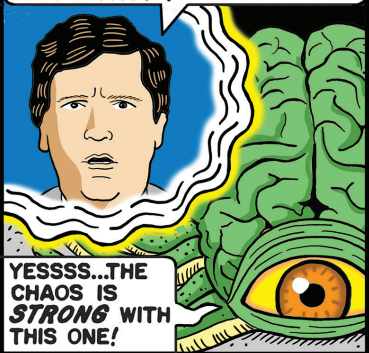
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NEWS & OPINION

Lansing Twp. sidesteps prosecutor with federal gun charges

Police chief avoids 'uphill battle' with Siemon — who eyes retirement

In late July, Tyrun Williams, 35, of Grand Ledge, was arrested in Lansing Township. He was stopped for speeding, but the investigation led to the seizure of about a dozen guns and about 200 grams of cocaine.

But rather than turn the case over to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office, police sought and were granted federal charges against Williams.

Lansing Township Police Chief John Joseph told City Pulse on Monday that he'd much rather skip the procedural headache of dealing with Prosecutor Carol Siemon's new policies on felony firearm charges by instead taking as many of those criminal cases involving guns as he can into federal court. Siemon announced the reform because she finds such charges are "overtly racist."

"This isn't really a workaround," Joseph said. "Whenever you have a case that has the potential for federal charges, you can always submit them through any federal agency. It's not new. In some cases, those agencies will even take over the investigation, which can be helpful for smaller departments. Federal attorneys also don't have those same rules on firearm charges."

And because the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives took over the case, Siemon has no jurisdiction.

"These guns are being floated around, and this ensures that people are being held responsible for them," Joseph explained to City Pulse last week. "It would've been an uphill battle with the county to get this guy charged with something that matches the significance of the incident."

He added: "I think all we can do at this point is voice our displeasure with these policies and continue to do our jobs. I just don't see how these changes are going to make anybody safer."

Siemon said it's "well within the discretion" of local cops to take cases elsewhere.

Joseph is one of two Lansing Township officials who have spoken out against the new policy. The other is Supervisor Dion'Trae Hayes.

As a Black woman, Hayes recognizes that the criminal justice system (both locally and across the country) has "not been kind" to Black and brown people, she told City Pulse last week. She also recognized a need for reforms — as well as the incongruous appearance of opposing a policy shift designed almost exclusively to curb discrimination against Black people.

But her decision to oppose then policy was ultimately an easy one, Hayes explained.

"I reached out to the Prosecutor's Office twice. I still have not received a return phone call from her," Hayes said this week. "That can make it difficult to support. It would've been nice to have a discussion about this as a community, because this is really a communitywide issue."

Hayes was the last of 22 signatures from various mayors, township supervisors and village presidents on a petition from County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth last month, which pushes back against Siemon for rolling out a policy that prevents prosecutors from pursuing felony firearm charges against suspects — except only in "the most extreme circumstances."

A conviction on that particular felony charge carries a minimum two- or four-year prison stint and can only be leveled as a companion charge to other (often much more consequential) criminal offenses like burglary or assault. Siemon labeled the gun charge "overtly racist" largely because about 80% of those serving a sentence for that crime in Ingham County are Black.

Wriggelsworth's petition asks Siemon to "reconsider" the recent changes, largely because he thinks the



Hayes



Siemon



Joseph

reduction in criminal penalties could serve as a catalyst for continued gun violence — which has only continued to climb from a record-breaking 21 homicides in Lansing in 2020.

Only two people refused to sign the petition: East Lansing Mayor Jessy Gregg and Williamstown Township Supervisor Wanda Bloomquist. Hayes was the only Black person to sign the petition.

"I know the justice system has not been kind to Black and brown people. We are charged more frequently. We get treated more aggressively by the police. But on that same token, I know that people obtain illegal guns for illegal purposes," Hayes explained.

"The prosecutor's intent is honorable and I appreciate her looking at ways to combat structural racism, but I'm just not quite certain this is the right way to go about it," she said. "I know what it's like to be a scared little Black girl growing up in the inner city of Detroit with bad people using illegal guns for illegal purposes. The prosecutor will never know what that is like in that respect."

Hayes added: "I just don't know if this policy will help or hinder."

Siemon told City Pulse last week that she had no records of missed calls from Hayes. Officials at Siemon's office have since reached out to Hayes after learning of the issue from City Pulse.

"It's possible, although I would be disappointed if my staff failed to pass on messages," Siemon said. "I may not always respond promptly, but I would not ignore communications of this nature."

Hayes added: "Maybe this policy will help in some regard, but we need

to have a discussion. I just wish the people who wanted to be allies in the Black and brown communities would actually have a dialogue with those communities. It's too easy to make decisions from the outside."

The public clash between prosecutor and sheriff has stirred controversy since the policy shift was announced by Siemon's office in August. Lansing Mayor Andy Schor has contended that the change only serves to give people a "free pass" to bring a gun to a crime. Mayoral challenger and City Councilwoman Kathie Dunbar has labeled Schor a hypocrite for denouncing the changes while simultaneously trying to mitigate racial discrimination in the city.

Schor said officers at the Lansing Police Department will continue to investigate crimes as usual, including sending up felony firearm charge requests for Siemon's inevitable denial. Wriggelsworth has also said that his deputies have no plans to deviate from business as usual.

"I have said my piece. The prosecutor has said she will not apologize for what she is doing, and these policies are only the beginning," Wriggelsworth told City Pulse last week. "I will not apologize for continuing to fight for victims of violent crime, and will do our jobs to try and hold suspects properly criminally accountable for victimizing our community armed with a firearm."

Wriggelsworth scored more political donations than any other candidate in a countywide race last November with a campaign war chest of more than \$98,000. Siemon, on the other hand, racked up about \$50,000 in campaign debt. Both still secured another four-year term last year.

And it'll probably be Siemon's last.

"It is quite unlikely that I will run again since I hope to enjoy retirement someday," said Siemon, who would be 68 if she were to run again in 2024.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

Lansing Schools triage solutions to special ed ‘emergency’

Record backlog pushes district out of state compliance — and into overdrive

After only about three months on the job, Superintendent Ben Shuldiner said he has identified three “emergency issues” facing students and staff at the Lansing School District this year. The obvious first is the COVID-19 pandemic. The second is a major shortage of bus drivers, he said.

And the third is a backlog of hundreds of written evaluations for the district’s nearly 2,000 special education students — a problem that has brewed for several years and came to a head after the state put the district into corrective action mode in 2020, district and state officials said.

“I’ll try to be brutally honest. The Lansing School District has not served its special education population well, to put it bluntly. For years, there were specific things that were not done — and this was stuff that was just not acceptable,” Shuldiner told the Lansing City Council last month.

The Michigan Department of Education requires public school districts to complete initial evaluations within 30 days for all special education students in need of an individualized education program — or IEP. Those written plans help to tailor instruction for students with learning disabilities, emotional disorders, cognitive challenges and many other impairments.

When Shuldiner arrived in July, at least 158 of those evaluations had not been completed on time for what amounted to 9% of the district’s total population of special education students — pushing the district into what the Department of Education defines as “corrective action” mode.

Spanning all grade levels, those late evaluations could have led to a wide range of state consequences if left unchecked. Under state law, the district could lose authority to operate special education programs altogether if the issues persisted. It could also lead to state and federal funds being withheld or warrant direct intervention from state officials.

A Michigan Department of Education spokesman declined to comment on the magnitude of the special education issues in Lansing this week. A records request showed that three complaints were filed within the last year over late initial evalu-



Lansing School District Superintendent Ben Shuldiner speaks at a Lansing City Council on Monday, Sept. 13.

ations for special education students, triggering two corrective action plan notices to the district in January of both 2020 and 2021.

Beyond state compliance, however, those students without initial evaluations could be left in a state of educational limbo while district officials scramble to write up their specific learning plans.

Without initial evaluations, students are unable to begin coursework within their specific Individual Education Program. And it wasn’t until late last week that district officials finally finished catching up on the backlog.

“If you don’t have enough speech pathologists or physical therapists, then you fall behind,” explained Sergio Keck, deputy superintendent for special populations. “And when you fall behind, the paperwork also falls behind. Then, IEPs aren’t completed on time, and we end up not being able to provide an adequate level of service for students who need these IEPs.”

He added: “Issues turned into more issues. Those turned into bigger issues. It awoke this giant.”

As of last week, however, the school district appears to be sailing toward smoother waters.

All 158 of those late initial evaluations have been completed within the last three months — and it’s the first time that slate of backlogs has been fully wiped clean in years, Keck told City Pulse.

“We opened up a shuttered school and hired a triage unit to just work through the literal hundreds of reports

that should’ve been done in the last four or five years,” Shuldiner added, noting that a former school building on Pleasant Grove Road has housed the latest work. “Over the summer, we probably did more reports than in the last two or three years combined.”

To help tackle the issue while keeping staff focused on this year’s learning plans, the district leaned on a team of outside contractors to evaluate special education students for specific learning plans. About 200 three-year evaluations are still in the process of being finished.

Once those evaluations and learning plans are finished, Keck said officials will meet with parents and create a schedule outside of school hours to catch students up on lost time — perhaps before or after regular school hours, on weekends or over holiday breaks.

“The goal for us was to catch up without making the people that are working in the school district do all of that work, plus the work they’re supposed to be doing for this school year,” Keck said. “That can be overwhelming, and we know that COVID-19 has already overworked everyone in the school system. We wanted our staff to give all their effort for this school year.”

District officials couldn’t provide the costs associated with hiring outside expertise to catch up on the paperwork backlog this week. Legislation in July, however, increased per-pupil funding for districts, which provided the Lansing School District with an extra \$4 million this school year.

In addition to the stress of the pandemic, Keck also blamed a staffing shortage for the backlog. Fully staffed, the district employs 260 professionals for its special education programming. This week, at least 28 of those positions — which span across all grade levels — are still vacant.

“Special education can be difficult to recruit and have staff working in this area,” Keck added. “It was just an inability to access people, a shortage of staffing and many, many years of poor supervision of this program. It can be really difficult to stay on top of compliance in this area.”

The pandemic also hasn’t helped students stay in tune with classwork, Keck explained.

And in Lansing, the issue has only been exacerbated. State data shows the district maintained a timely initial special education evaluation rate of only about 75.5% for the 2019-20 school year — far below the statewide average of all districts, which was about 99.4% during the same year.

As a result, special education students in Lansing also haven’t graduated at the same pace as the rest of the state. The graduation rate for students with IEPs in Lansing was only 41.8% for the 2019-20 school year, also below the state average of 64.3%, according to state records.

Still, Keck and his staff are confident that the course can be corrected, particularly under the leadership of a new superintendent like Shuldiner who can stay “laser focused” on solutions.

“The district is working on several measures to shore up instruction and provide additional supports to students as they return from 18 months away from the school,” Keck added.

Shuldiner also told the City Council last month: “Special education is something the district really needs to be working on. That’s why we’re going to be doing a lot of meetings, partnerships, and hiring. My hope is that by Jan. 1, 2022, we’ll be in complete compliance.

“I like to always think that any organization — whatever it is — should really judge itself by how it supports its most disenfranchised kids and at-risk kids. One could make a pretty strong argument that our special education population is that, so we need to judge ourselves by that.”

— KYLE KAMINSKI

Morgan plots return to Ingham Co. commission

Former Ingham County Commissioner Thomas Morgan is seeking to stage a comeback in 2022. Morgan was narrowly defeated after his first term last August in a primary matchup against challenger and fellow Democrat Bob Pena for an eastside Lansing seat.

Morgan's political resurrection plans, however, don't involve another faceoff with Pena.

Last week, the County Apportionment

Commission redrew Commission district boundaries — renumbering them to add a 15th seat to the Board of Commissioners. Under the new maps, Morgan's home will shift from what is located in Pena's 10th District into a newly renamed 7th District. And that seat will be decided at the polls next August and November.

Morgan, 41, a communications consultant with the Michigan Education

Special Services Association, issued a statement on why he is running:

"I grew up in a working-class home, floating right around the poverty line, so I know what it's like to need the kind of help that the county government can pro-



Morgan

vide. I'm proud of my work as a county commissioner in expanding mental health services for the poor, strengthening Meals on Wheels for seniors and increasing transparency in county government. I'm running because there are too many hardworking people out there struggling to make it, and they need more representation at all levels of government. I'm encouraged by the early support my campaign has already received from numerous community leaders, and I can't wait to get back to work."

NOTICE OF HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Supervisor has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by her related to all properties listed above, and that are within the Street Lighting Special Assessment District, and are benefited by the street lighting improvements generally described as follows:

The acquisition, construction, installation, maintenance and operation of luminaires, standards, and other equipment, wiring, cables, and appurtenances related to street lighting generally, but not necessarily limited to, along Lake Lansing Road from US 127 west to the City limits, and Wood Street from David Street north to county line.

The special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the annual cost of the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the street lighting improvements and work incidental thereto within the special assessment district. Information regarding the street lighting improvements is on file and available for public examination with the Township Clerk at the Township's Administration Building, 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, within the Township. The total assessment is \$116,517, which amount will be assessed to the properties within the special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Supervisor has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within the special assessment district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to such parcel bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in the district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet on Tuesday, the 26th day of October, 2021, at 7 o'clock, p.m., at the Township's Administration Building, 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48917, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may further be examined at the hearing.

Appearance and protest at the hearing, in person or in writing, are required in order to appeal the action of the Township Board in approving the special assessment roll, and/or the amount of an assessment, to the state tax tribunal. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment proceedings or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter and his or her personal appearance will not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of a special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days of the date the special assessment roll is confirmed by the Township Board.

Maggie Sanders

Maggie Sanders, Township Clerk

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REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



Arts & culture board forms in Lansing

The City Council adopted an ordinance amendment that creates a new permanent Arts and Culture Board for the city of Lansing. The 12-member board will include two representatives from each city ward, will replace Mayor Andy Schor's existing Arts and Culture Commission and is designed to make recommendations regarding all arts and cultural activities within the city.

Parents pissed over library cards

Plans to give library cards to students at Williamston Community Schools caused some parents to raise concerns about certain books on the shelves — including a graphic novel with non-binary characters. District officials have no plans to change course, though parents will still be able to opt their kids out of the new library program. *Read more at lansingcitypulse.com.*

Nonprofit eyes repaint for Beaner's mural

The Mikey 23 Foundation plans to recruit local artists next spring to paint over a large brick wall overlooking Grand Avenue in downtown Lansing that features a dated "Beaner's Coffee" mural. Beaners was the name of a coffee shop franchise business in Lansing that changed its name to Biggby because of the offensiveness of its original name to Mexican Americans. Plans include an artistic tribute to the more than 80 people killed in decades of unsolved murders across Lansing. *Read more at lansingcitypulse.com.*

Gun violence program on pause

Ingham County officials tapped the brakes on plans to roll out a gun violence prevention initiative that was initially planned to launch in Greater Lansing this week. Only two nonprofit organi-

By KYLE KAMINSKI

zations applied to operate the Advance Peace initiative. As a result, officials said they plan to push the project back out for more bids this week. *Read more at lansingcitypulse.com.*

Lansing woman arrested in thefts

An unnamed 21-year-old Lansing woman is expected to face several felony charges after she helped orchestrate a string of thefts from cars in several neighborhoods across Delta Township, authorities said. The woman and a 17-year-old boy were detained following a brief chase in a stolen vehicle that was filed with stolen property last week. The boy was released to his parents.



Cops arrest Lansing man in burglary

Casharie Zachary Lamb, 18, of Lansing, was arrested Wednesday morning following reports of a burglary in progress at a home on the 900-block of West Lapeer Street in Lansing. Cops said Lamb and another man could be heard rummaging through the home when they arrived. Both ran from the scene. Officers were only able to keep up with Lamb, who has since been charged with second degree home invasion, illegally carrying a concealed weapon and resisting police. The other man escaped. Tips can be called into the Police Department at (517) 483-4600.

MDOT requests noise waiver in Lansing

The Lansing City Council will consider a request this month to waive the city's noise ordinance and allow a construction project on I496, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and St. Joseph Street to continue all hours of the night beginning in January and continuing through 2023. Officials said the overnight work will help expedite the overall timeline of the project.



Council makes board appointments

Dusty Horwitt was appointed to the Board of Commissioners at the Lansing Board of Water & Light. Horwitt is a lawyer, former reporter and former U.S. legislative staffer who touts a wide breadth of experience in climate and bioenergy. He has written for City Pulse and The Washington Post. Defense Attorney Andrew Abood was also appointed to the Board of Police



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Before



After

This month's Eye Candy is in the center of a residential neighborhood on Lansing's north side. The building was constructed in 1913 as a bakery, then later as Lansing Lithography for 60 years before falling into disrepair. The 1913 origin date is consistent with the building's façade of rusticated concrete block. It was a look that was common in the early part of the twentieth century due to innovations in cement making, which allowed builders of that era to be able to press the concrete blocks directly at the building site rather than having to ship them to the site. The textured appearance of the concrete blocks was made to resemble natural stone. The featured Eye Candy

was redeveloped by Kincaid Building Group in partnership with Studio Intrigue Architects a decade ago. The Ingham County Land Bank facilitated the abandoned building's sale as a brownfield redevelopment project. The exterior improvements included keeping the unique concrete block; however, it was given a facelift with new, lighter colored paint. The windows were replaced with energy-efficient, period-appropriate looking ones in a contrasting black frame. The entrance became a focal point with its two-story glass entry; the steps were reoriented to create a larger landing pad at the top. Sputnik chandeliers glow from behind the glass windows, further drawing one's gaze inward.

"Eye Candy of the Week" is our look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates with Eyesore of the Week and Eye for Design. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Berl Schwartz at 999-5061.

Commissioners. Although he handles police misconduct cases professionally, Abood said he doesn't anticipate a conflict of interests. He also said that he's willing to recuse himself from votes as necessary.

Student apartments full at Red Cedar project

The Red Cedar Development project is chugging along on Michigan Avenue with construction underway on two hotels, senior and market-rate housing and several restaurants and retailers, reports the Lansing State Journal. All student housing units are reportedly full at University Edge. Both senior and market-rate apartments are expected to be ready to lease by 2022.

Football player sues MSU over sex assault probe

An unnamed sophomore on a full ride football scholarship to Michigan State University is suing the university for allegedly violating his rights and leaving him on indefinite suspension while it drags its feet on a sexual assault

complaint filed against him, reports the Lansing State Journal. The player is reportedly still suspended from the team following a sexual assault complaint filed against him in January. MSU has not made any final decisions on how to handle the issue.

DeLuca's Restaurant for sale

Colliers Lansing has listed the iconic DeLuca's Restaurant on Willow Street for \$895,000. Owners John, Thomas and Charles DeLuca announced plans to close up shop this year after more than 60 years in business — first as Willow Bar, a neighborhood spot for factory workers.

Lansing mayor kicks off coat drive

For the third year, Mayor Andy Schor and the city of Lansing are collecting new and gently used adult-sized coats to give away to homeless people and others in need across the Capital City. Donated coats will be collected through Nov. 10 at Lansing City Hall as well as several drop-off locations at the Foster, Gier, Schmidt and Letts community centers.

We're for Dunbar

In three weeks, Lansing voters who haven't already returned their absentee ballots will head to the polls to elect Lansing's next mayor. We've carefully weighed the choice between first-term incumbent Mayor Andy Schor and his challenger, 16-year City Councilwoman Kathie Dunbar, and are now prepared to proffer an endorsement.

We're backing Kathie Dunbar.

As we have previously noted, both candidates have profound shortcomings that make each of them a less than optimal choice to lead Michigan's capital city. In the end, we have to honor our deeply held core principles rather than following the path of least resistance by supporting the likely winner. We harbor no illusions about Dunbar's prospects to beat Schor. Her chances fall somewhere between slim and none. Yet we cannot bring ourselves to endorse someone

who so cavalierly casts his principles to the wind for little more than political expediency.

What's irrevocably stuck in our craw — the proverbial last straw — is Mayor Schor's unseemly alliance with Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth and his rural rabble of Barney Fifes, who have spent the last few months demonizing Prosecuting Attorney Carol Siemon for her recent policy changes with respect to felony firearm charges. Siemon, you will recall, is making a serious and laudable effort to reduce racial disparities in our judicial system by refusing to tack on the mandatory two-year sentence that usually comes along with possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony. She will continue to prosecute the underlying felony but will forgo the additional charge except under extraordinary circumstances. Research shows that 80% of those charged with the extra felony are Black, which she takes as incontrovertible evidence of racial bias. We concur.

Unsurprisingly, Sheriff Wriggelsworth, whom we consider a Democrat in name only, doesn't see it that way. In fact, he is completely oblivious to the manifest racial biases in current policing practices and, as a result, he



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couldn't care less about doing anything to fix it. He'd much rather grossly misrepresent Siemon's new policy and engage in abject fear mongering to scare white people into thinking that crime will spin out of control if Siemon gets her way. We have news for the sheriff: Violent crime is already out of control in Lansing and sticking Black people with an additional felony firearm charge hasn't done — and won't do — a damn thing to stop it.

But this editorial isn't about Sheriff Wriggelsworth. It's about whether we can in good conscience recommend a vote for Andy Schor, who, in aligning himself with Wriggelsworth, evidently prefers the pandering appearance of looking "tough on crime" during an election year rather than acknowledging that structural racism permeates modern policing. His willingness to attack a fellow Democrat who is genuinely trying to do something about

it is a disconcerting demonstration of his shallow motivations and his ongoing failure to comprehend the realities of racial injustice. Instead of being the thoughtful, progressive leader Lansing deserves, he's opted to score cheap political points that burnish his appeal to older, white voters and improve his chances of winning an election he's ostensibly already won. In so doing, he's also squandered the opportunity to earn our support.

Adding insult to injury — and despite his perfunctory public condemnation — Schor has acquiesced to his dark money allies' pathetic, low rent efforts to savage Councilwoman Dunbar over her support for reducing police funding and retooling the city's approach to public safety by shifting resources to community-based intervention strategies that target the root causes of violence. We've

long believed it was a mistake for Dunbar to embrace the "defund police" mantra — probably the most poorly branded social movement in modern history — and her recent efforts to walk back her previously stated position leaves us yearning for leaders who actually think before they act. Nonetheless, Dunbar's passion for and commitment to social justice is genuine and we can't imagine a scenario under which she would throw her progressive principles out the window. It's just not in her character.

We concede that elevating Dunbar to the Mayor's Office is a risky move for Lansing. Her foibles are well documented and her capacity to effectively manage the city's far-flung operations is a major question mark. Yet we're willing to take the chance because we believe city residents deserve a mayor who is honest, principled and committed to transparent, inclusive leadership. Sadly, we're not getting any of that from our current mayor.

So, for all of the foregoing reasons, and at the risk of suffering whatever petty retribution Schor has in store for us for backing his opponent, we choose to stand on our progressive principles and endorse Kathie Dunbar to serve as Lansing's next mayor.

Have something to say about a local issue or an item that appeared in our pages? Now you have two ways to sound off:

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**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, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing, MI, 48823:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Lori Proctor for the property at 427 Grove Street to install tempered glass on the second and third story center windows.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider a request from John Baynes for the property at 249 University Drive to construct an addition to the west wing of the home.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelhistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com.

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 must contact the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6930 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777).

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Dated: October 7, 2021
East Lansing, MI 48823

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

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With new Lansing district likely, Rep. Slotkin would run in it

It's looking more and more likely the Lansing area will anchor a new Mid-Michigan congressional district and U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin would run in it, even though her current residence isn't in it.



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This new Lansing-based "District 5" would be a competitive district, and I'm being told Republicans in Washington are already talking to state Sen. Tom Barrett, R-Charlotte, about running in it.

Barrett's interest has certainly been higher as of late because it looks like he's getting drawn right out of his state Senate district.

Barrett has another term, but the commission seems stuck on the idea of taking a cleaver down Pennsylvania Avenue and Aurlieus Road through the city of Lansing.

All three draft maps adopted for public comment have Lansing's east side and Michigan State University in with Haslett, Williamston, Clinton County and Shiawassee County, while the city of Lansing, Delhi Township and most of south Ingham County would be in a Senate district with Eaton County.

Barrett would never win a one-on-one battle with Anthony if those are the lines, and he knows it. Eaton County is a 50/50 county while the Ingham County portion of the district would be at least 60% Democratic, likely more.

The East Lansing district, however, would be more a 50/50 district, and Singh — if he were the Democratic nominee — would likely face a competitive challenge from a Republican.

Earlier indications are Rep. Ben Frederick of Owosso is a possibility, as is Rep. Graham Filler from DeWitt.

Over in the state House, all three maps are, again, the same. Rep. Julie Brixie looks like she'd have an East Lansing/Meridian Township district. Rep. Kara Hope has a district that includes the south half of Lansing.

Lansing north of the Grand and Red Cedar rivers would be grouped in with Waverly and Delta Township. Rep. Angela Witwer, D-Delta Twp., could run in that district, but could always face a primary from the Lansing section. Grand Ledge would get roped in with Clinton County and most of the rest of Eaton County would get pulled in with Mason to make a new Republican district with Barry County.

Nothing is set in stone, yet, but with the clock ticking and the commission having bigger fish to fry in Metro Detroit, these maps are looking more and more firm.

(Email Kyle Melinn, of the Capitol news service. MIRS, at melinnky@gmail.com.)

Also, it's looking like Lansing and East Lansing are getting split apart in the state Senate maps, meaning it's more than possible that

OPINION former House Minority Leader Sam Singh and state Rep. Sarah Anthony could both serve in the state Senate.

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission kicked out several different maps for public comment this week, and a few things are consistent.

First, on the congressional side, all four proposed maps have Eaton, Ingham and Livingston counties grouped together with varying amounts of Ionia, Clinton and Shiawassee counties.

The commission, clearly listening to the public comment from the Mid-Michigan area, made the conscious decision to separate the Lansing area from Oakland County and Southeast Michigan, which would cut us off from Slotkin's family farm in Holly.

Now, the rules for members of Congress don't require that someone actually live in the district she or he seeks to represent. They need to live in the same state, but not in the actual district. Doesn't make much sense, but that's the rule.

It doesn't look like that's going to be a factor, though. The two-term member of Congress told The Oakland Press recently, "If the district moves and is a Lansing-based district, and that is the district that is more natural for me to run, then I will move and live in the Lansing area and run in the Lansing district."

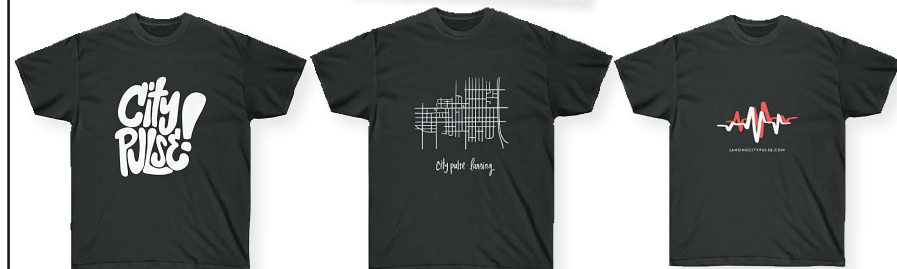
U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, is loving what the commission is drawing because it is creating a much-sought southern Michigan border district that would likely keep him in Congress for at least the next 10 years if he wants.

Walberg likely isn't going to be representing Eaton County after next year, but that doesn't mean Eaton County won't be represented by a Republican in Congress.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ingham County Land Bank will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Land Bank Office or virtually via Zoom. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering the fiscal year 2022 budget. See the meeting agenda packet posted at www.inghamlandbank.org for more information and the Zoom link, or call 517-267-5221. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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ON PROPOSED 2022
INGHAM COUNTY BUDGET**

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2022 Ingham County Budget on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Fairgrounds of Ingham County, 700 East Ash Street, Mason, Michigan 48854 and virtually by accessing the following link.
<https://ingham.zoom.us/j/86246962326>

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed budget prior to its adoption. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The proposed budget may be examined on on-line by accessing the following link.
http://cms3.revize.com/revize/inghamcounty/departments_and_officials/controller/index.php
Questions on the proposed budget may be addressed to
Gregg A. Todd, County Controller/Administrator,
P.O. Box 319, Mason, Michigan 48854.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 1, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing, MI, 48823:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from GTW Investment Properties, L.L.C. for the property located at 215 River Street in the East Village zoning district for a variance from the following requirement of Chapter 50 – Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

Section 50-816(4) – Parking and driveway setbacks. In no case shall a parking space or driveway be placed closer than eight feet from a rear lot line.

The applicant is requesting to construct a parking lot 4 feet from the rear property line in conjunction with the development of a sorority house.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coelzba@cityofeastlansing.com.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE
2021 POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANSING, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, the owners of the land described below within the 2021 Police and Fire Protection Special Assessment District, and any other interested persons:

All lots and parcels of land within Lansing Township

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Supervisor, or a designee thereof, has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll related to all properties within the 2021 Police and Fire Protection Special Assessment District, and that are benefitted by the proposed police, fire, and emergency services improvement project generally described as follows:

one or more ambulances; fire engines/vehicles/apparatus; building/facility upgrades, improvements and/or repairs; computer hardware, software, and related technology and equipment; police patrol vehicles and related equipment; cameras, recording equipment, and related police and/or fire equipment; police and/or fire operating costs; and other police and/or fire equipment, apparatus, and operation costs (the "Project")

The special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of Project within the 2021 Police and Fire Protection Special Assessment District, as more particularly shown on the plans and estimates of costs and expenses for the Project that are on file and available for public examination with the Township Clerk at the Township Administration Building, 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan. The total annual assessment is \$1,522,415.01.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet on Wednesday, the 27th day of October, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., at the Township Administration Building, 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48917, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed special assessment roll and the proposed distribution of the special assessment levy, and hearing any objections thereto. The proposed special assessment roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may further be examined at the hearing.

Appearance and protest at the hearing, in person or in writing, are required in order to appeal the action of the Township Board in approving the police, fire, and emergency services improvement special assessment project, the special assessment roll, and/or the amount of an assessment to the state tax tribunal. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment proceedings or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter and his or her personal appearance will not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of a special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 35 days after the date the special assessment roll is confirmed by the Township Board.

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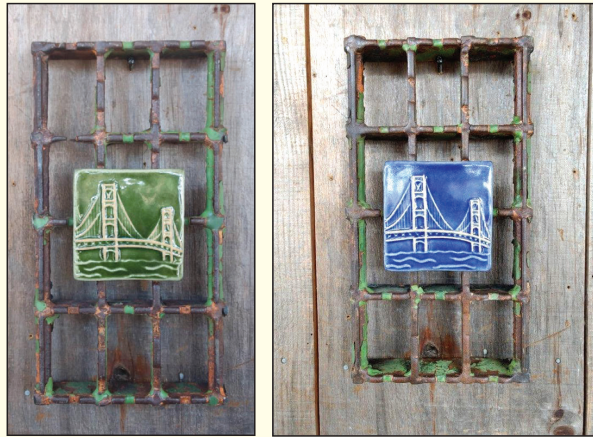
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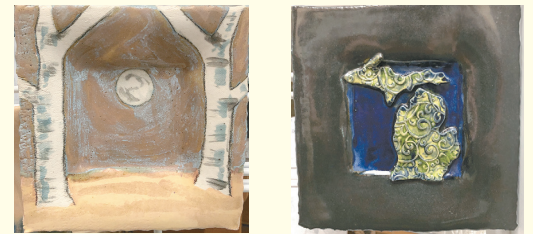
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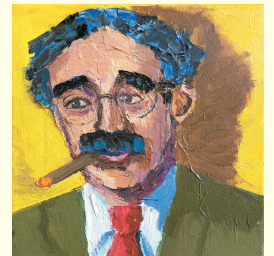
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Megan Meyer gets her dream role in Owosso's 'Evita'

By DAVID WINKELSTERN

Taking on the role of a play's titular character can be daunting. "It definitely adds an element of excitement and nerves at the same time," Megan Meyer said.

In the Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts' production of "Evita," Meyer is Evita. The Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice musical can be seen from Friday (Oct. 15) to Oct. 24 on the Lebowsky stage in downtown Owosso.

"It's a dream role," Meyer added. "I've always wanted to play Evita."

Patti LePone assumed the lead role when the musical opened on Broadway in 1979 after "Evita" debuted in London's West End in 1978. "I've always loved her attitude," Meyer said. "I also love Elena Roger, the first Argentinian to play the role, so I've taken bits of inspiration from her and Patti."

Playing Evita requires a mezzo-soprano voice. Meyer calls her singing "adaptable."

"I adapt to every role," she said. "That's what I like about my voice."

Meyer said Evita was an easy role to learn because it's all singing. "It's easier to memorize music than dialogue," she said.

Her favorite song to sing isn't the more famous "Don't Cry for Me Argentina," which was recorded by stars like Karen Carpenter, Olivia Newton-John and Petula Clark. Meyer prefers singing "Rainbow High" — a song sung with Evita's dressers.

Her favorite costume is the elaborate ball gown she wears for the "Don't Cry" number she sings from an actual second-story balcony on the Lebowsky set. "It's stunning," Meyer said of the gown.

"Evita" was first released as a double album — much like Weber and Rice's "Jesus Christ Superstar." Eva Perón, the actress, political activist, charity worker and First Lady of Argentina from 1946 until her death in 1952, fascinated Rice.

He heavily researched Perón — including a trip to Buenos Aires to do so. The efforts add authenticity to the musical. Rice was so enthralled with Perón that he named his first daughter after her.

Meyer was last seen onstage as part



Courtesy Photo

Megan Meyer as Evita.

of the Lebowsky Players' "Icons" outside at Fortitude Farms. This will be her first inside show since playing Sally Bowles on the Lebowsky stage in "Cabaret" and as Mrs. Wormwood in "Matilda." Meyers won a 2020 Pulsar award for "Best Actress in a Musical" for her performance in "Cabaret." Her hilarious portrayal of Matilda's evil mother was also memorable.

Besides achieving a dream role, Meyer said she will always remember the "Evita" play experience. "It was the first time we were able to unmask and be on the stage together," she said.

The cast, crew, staff and ushers are required to be vaccinated. Audience members — and everyone inside the theater except the cast during shows — are obliged to wear masks. Full seating is allowed.

Meyer is a graduate of New York City's American Musical and Dramatics Academy. She returned to Michigan to earn a theater degree at Saginaw Valley State University. Meyer is also involved in a Michigan feature film called "The Followers."

"I am coproducer with my boyfriend, Chris Krause, the director who wrote it a couple of years ago," she said. "I've done costuming, props and I've acted in it. We are in post-production now, raising more funds for the movie to do stuff with editing and sound composition."

"The Followers" is a horror film about how easy it is to track people on social media and kill them. "I've always loved scary movies," Meyer said. "I like the fact you can use metaphors in them to explain bigger issues."

Time to think

Symphony's post-pandemic return plumbs mixed emotions

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

To get a handhold on the first live concert the Lansing Symphony Orchestra has done in a year and a half — an event freighted with a thousand mixed emotions — let's plunge straight into the heart of the program, Roger Briggs' mysterious orchestral poem, "Gathering Together."

Charged with capturing the queasy, hopeful and elusive spirit of the times, maestro Timothy Muffitt nailed it perfectly when he pulled this 1985 work from obscurity. These are not simple times.

A grand, clanging chime promised celebration of a high order, only to darken into a churning sea of ominous throbs.

The pulsations rolled into each other, frontally, diagonally and sideways, generating a hypnotic pattern of crosscurrents. When the ominous undertow subsided, the low brass, woodwinds and strings fell away, like the Earth receding in the porthole of a spacecraft, leaving only tinkling percussion and nebulous sweeps of violin — a beautiful, but terrifying, isolation. Before long, only a dit-dit from the piano was left.

This was more than a simple celebration of gathering together. The music gave you the time, and the space, to reflect, whether you wanted to. When the sections of the orchestra started gathering again, the results were ambiguous. Naked shards of thought — ascending and descending figures from the strings and brass — coalesced and dissipated in the void. Again and again, the violins rose up, as if to consummate the joy of the occasion, only to bend downward under some unseen

weight.

In 2021, this nearly 40-year-old music stands out for its freedom from the pressure to manufacture happy endings. Muffitt and the orchestra seemed to be pulling, pulling, pulling at some unseen rope with all they had, but there was nothing on the other end. Instead of a big finale, the music just died away.

Around the country, and the world, the people who plan orchestral concerts many months in advance faced a hopeless task programming this fall's return to live performance.

A solemn and sad meditation, raising more questions than it answered, "Gathering Together" was a daring choice, but perfect for the moment.

There was nothing routine about this concert. Even this review, owing to the reviewer's sexagenarian age and asthmatic lungs — not to mention the number of friends and acquaintances who have been visited with late-inning

COVID cases — is based on Friday's dress rehearsal, in an empty Wharton Center, and not on Saturday's performance.

According to the symphony's executive director, Courtney Millbrook, nearly 800 people attended Saturday's concert, "about 60% of what we would have seen in the past for a season opening concert."

Sometimes, having time to think is a mixed blessing. The frantic, pseudo-jazz diversions and dance bombs of Leonard Bernstein's "On the Town" suite took the opposite tack — dance it away, as frantically as possible.

The orchestra delivered the circus beats and pseudo-jazz tableaux with aplomb, but really shined in the suite's Copland-esque middle section, a passionate meditation amid lonely streets bathed in moonlight and neon.

The evening's blockbuster,

Favorite Things

Charron McRae and her stuffed bear

Charron McRae is a crew member for restaurants in town such as The People's Kitchen. Her favorite thing is a childhood keepsake that helped keep her safe from stress and sleep extra peacefully.

My favorite thing is a stuffed bear named Bear Bear I got when I was just a 1 year old from my nana on my father's side. I've slept with him pretty much my entire life. The only reason I'm still not using him as a sleepy-stuffy is because I have a new dog, so now he is safely tucked away.

My nana was hugely important to me. That's my father's mother. She was an artist and fashionista and had a very free spirit. Though she passed away when I was very young, I still feel very connected to her and the way that she passed down her characteristics onto me both hereditarily and through social interaction when I was younger.

Most of his stuffing is gone at this point; he's kind of a shell of a bear. He's got a lot of holes in him that were stitched up by mother when I was younger. He's got plastic eyes and a nose that I used to chew on nervously. He's been a tissue when I needed something to wipe up my tears or my snot. I left him at a couple spots when I was younger, and my parents would have to call them to have Bear Bear mailed back to me.

Something exciting that happened to me and Bear Bear was back in 2018 on a trip to Costa Rica to sit in on some ayahuasca sessions. We were supposed to bring something sacred to us, so I brought Bear Bear because he reminds me so much of not only my nana, but all my ancestral ties. It also reminds me of the Grateful Dead dancing bears. I held him while I was tripping on



ayahuasca, and I had these visions of bears. That memory has always been a very comforting thing for me. We've traveled a lot together.

It doesn't matter how worn down he is, sometimes I'll still put him on top of a pillow when I make my bed. Keeping a sentimental object like that for so long can feel important. Bear Bear is probably the one thing I've owned for the single longest time in my life. Even if I lose him physically one day, like how we lose people in our lives, I will still carry on the spirit of Bear Bear and it will still be comforting for me.

I love Bear Bear because he has been with me during the hardest and best times of my life. He reminds me of the beautiful love that has been passed on in my family from generation to generation that I have carried and will pass on myself someday.

Interview edited and condensed by Skyler Ashley. If you have a suggestion for Favorite Things, please email Skyler@Lansingcitypulse.com

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Tchaikovsky's grandiose piano concerto, had it both ways. Packed between the grand gestures and angsty crescendi were a lot of sweet and playful ballet bits, a Tchaikovsky trademark, and guest soloist Michael Brown clearly relished such moments.

Brown seemed to be eagerly awaiting what might come next (even though he, of all people, should have known) and that made him extra fun to watch.

Muffitt had a few tricks up his sleeve as well. Deep into a fitful cycle of Tchaikovskian mood swings, one of those lilting ballet melodies suddenly morphed into glowering power chords. The maestro's athletic, flexible form sclerotized into a tower of gristle, veins and sinew, a la Iggy Pop, and the orchestra delivered a series of bruising body blows, all the more shocking for their sudden appearance.

The music's fierce demands included jangly caffeinated passages in which Brown seemed to undergo mitosis and play about three inches beside himself. He pivoted seamlessly from roman-

tic languor to steely strength, and the orchestra stuck with him, enrobing him in timpani tantrums and creamy effusions from the violins and violas that promise new heights in future performances.

It must be hard to bring music this familiar to life. (It's hard just to listen to it with new ears.) Whenever the musicians seemed to be dutifully hitting the required marks, Muffitt would find some way to goose them out of it, or Brown would toy happily with a little ballet figure and bring everyone back into the moment.

But — this thing is a warhorse, and I can't help wondering how much more interesting it would have been to have Brown play his own new piano concerto, or some other piece that Vivian Pickles didn't swim the backstroke to in "Harold and Maude."

That's the trouble with these meditative movements that give you time to think. Questions start to bubble up about the role of the symphony orchestra in 2021 and beyond, but we'll save those for another day. For now, it's more than enough to celebrate the Lansing Symphony's survival and undiminished high musicianship and wish it a bright future.

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Horror must-reads in time for the Halloween season

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Long before Stephen King's prestigious body of horror, men and women have faced their fear of the dark and the unknown. Understandable, since you could become a predator's meal if you weren't fearful.

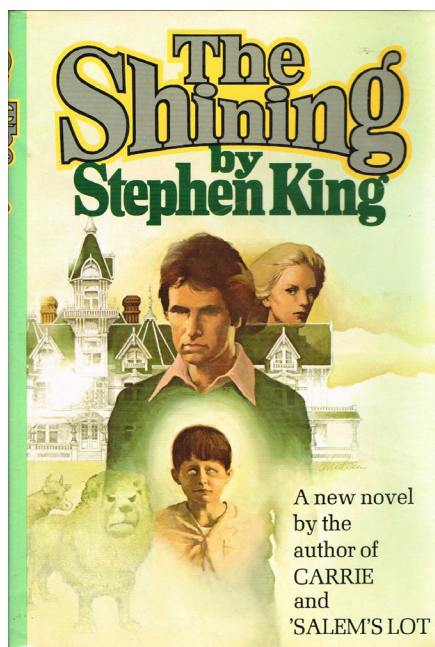
The fear of indescribable creatures is so real that it was passed down through generations. First through storytelling and cave drawings, and then through written and printed word. After all, vampiric mythology was the only way medieval shepherds could rationalize what would possibly eat their sheep at night.

Today, horror thrives during the Halloween season and takes on special manifestations.

As the ghoulish holiday approaches, let's look at some of the most enduring and popular horror books. It's likely that most of us base our knowledge of scary stories on movies and television shows, but horror movies are often inspired by actual books.

Mary Shelley, barely out of her teens, wrote "Frankenstein" in 1818, while on a weekend getaway with friends. Soon following was Washington Irving's "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," written in 1820 and famously recreated as an animated special in 1958 for Disney. Even in charming, animated form, it was scary, giving boomer pre-teens had nightmares for a week.

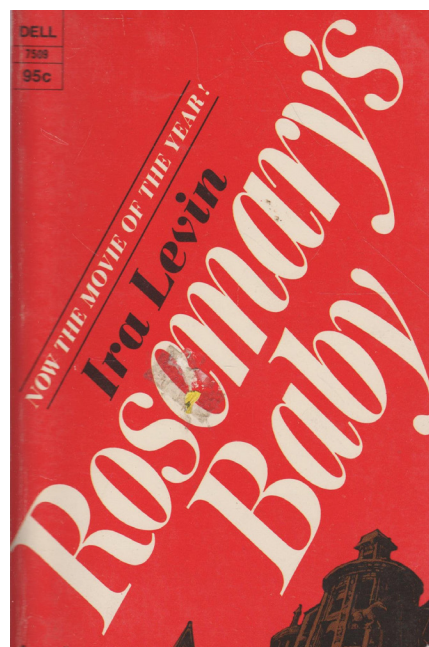
In the '60s, Saturday reruns and mid-night horror specials, featuring shock hosts like Elvira or Sir Graves Ghastly, helped fans rediscover classics like "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," written in 1886 by Robert Louis Stevenson, and made into a black-and-white film in 1931. The 1932 movie "Freaks" is one scary and politically incorrect movie that frightened the hell out of viewers, especially



the revenge scene that ends the flick. Today, the film still generates active debate about disabilities and physical perfection. Oddly, the movie "Freaks" has inspired a plethora of circus freak books.

Reaching back in time, numerous other authors and their books inspired the horror genre's growth — including Daphne du Maurier's short story, which became the basis for Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." Henry James' "Turn of the Screw" was made into the movie "The Turning" in 2020, and H.P. Lovecraft's 1926 story "Cool Air" helped create the modern zombie tale.

Perhaps the grandfather of macabre writers is Edgar Allen Poe, whose short stories inspired numerous horror movies. The Internet Movie Database attributes at least 15 movies to Poe's influence — including "The Raven," "House of Usher," "The Masque of the Red Death" and "The Pit and the Pendulum."



Both Hitchcock and Lovecraft said they were inspired in their careers by Poe's writing.

One precursor of the modern horror story might be Ray Bradbury's "Something Wicked Comes This Way" — which, unsurprisingly, is set in a traveling circus. Its title is based on Shakespeare's "Three Witches," proving that horror tropes are indeed hard to kill.

Fifty years from now, readers and movie-goers alike will be watching films based on King's massive output of horror novels.

Perennial favorites are "Carrie," "Pet Sematary" and "The Shining" — which, based on personal experience, I don't recommend reading at an old northern Michigan resort.

One early horror book that is often overlooked is "The Haunting of Hill House," which inspired hundreds of other haunted house books and movies.

The author, Shirley Jackson, read hundreds of traditional ghost stories before tackling her own in 1959. Although it has been made into two feature movies, it found its most infamous afterlife streaming on Netflix.

Other books that should be on your horror reading list are "Psycho," by Robert Bloch, "The Exorcist," by William Peter Benchley, "Rosemary's Baby," by Ira Levin, and "Harvest Home," by Thomas Tryon, which later became a 1978 NBC mini-series. I had the pleasure of watching it in an airport terminal with hundreds of other fans while we waited for a flight.

Thomas Harris' "Red Dragon" and "The Silence of Lambs," which became box office hits and introduced the world to Hannibal Lector, should also be on any reading list of horror books.

Two more modern horror books that will keep you up late are "The Bird Box," by Michelle Magorian, and English author Neil Gaiman's "Coraline," which has an opening that is drop dead. And then there are John Bellairs' books, which are deftly illustrated by Edward Gorey, a master of horror cartooning.

Bellairs' books are considered an entry-level read for young people before they move onto King's horror tales. Bellairs was born in Marshall, Michigan, and his childhood home was the prototype for his successful 1973 children's thriller "The House with a Clock in its Walls."

Bellairs attributes his inspiration for his children's novels to his hometown. "It's filled with old Victorian mansions and history and would work on the creative mind of any kid," he said.

I'd like to hear more about our readers' favorite and scariest horror books. E-mail me at castanier@sbcglobal.net

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By **KYLE KAMINSKI**

Fwaygo Extracts is the reincarnation of True Labs, a cannabis processing company which rebranded itself in 2017 and now operates its packaging department at the old Roma Bakery building on Cedar Street. Last week, its co-founder Antal Zambo sent me an email with a tantalizing subject line: "I want to get you high, Kyle." Obviously, I couldn't turn him down.

Fwaygo doesn't cultivate its own plants or sell any products directly to consumers. Instead, it partners with cultivation companies like Freedom Green Farms and stocks the shelves at several local pot shops like Pure Options, Bazonzoes, Pure Canna, Gage, Jars and Arcanna.

Zambo emphasized that his company isn't at all associated with the popular soda brand Faygo. The name Fwaygo, instead, "just kind of popped up one night and the rest is history," he said.

The company has a roster of about 25 employees and primarily specializes in hydrocarbon cannabis extraction, meaning that a chemical solvent is used to extract specific compounds (like THC and THCA) from cannabis plant material. And its newest products pack a real punch.

Among them: Frosted Flower, a sort of upgraded version of a "moon rock" that involves handpicking buds, coating them with a layer of high-THC shatter and then rolling them around in 99.9% THC isolate. The end products are sold as both bags of flower and in pre-rolled joints — both of which were included in a sample package that Zambo dropped off for me at City Pulse.

"We like to pride ourselves on our innovation," Zambo added. "The management team are all medicinal patients, and we all use the products we sell, which gives us a better connection to the products we're selling."

Fwaygo x Freedom Green Farms — Strawberry Guava Frosted Flower
Price — \$80/3.5g
THC — 30%

These deep purple buds were sticky and absolutely covered in a white, sugary layer of THCA distillate — or tetrahydrocannabinolic acid — which is a cannabinoid with a distinctly different chemical composition from THC, known to enhance the medical benefits found in cannabis.

The flower itself was mild, sweet and fruity with mild hints of strawberry and banana. Combined with concentrated globs of shatter, this stuff was a real powerhouse. I found myself coughing a bit more than usual.



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Fwaygo x Goldkine Cannabis — Mimosa Preroll (infused with Wafflez THCA)
Price — \$30/1g
THC — 30%

Mimosa is a relatively new hybrid strain in Michigan that crosses Purple Punch with one of my all-time favorite sativas on the local market: Clementine. Like the Frosted Flower, this pre-rolled joint was also infused with a hefty dose of THCA crystals and had a THC content pushing 30%.

This is the pairing with Saturday

morning coffee for an energetic and uplifting sort of high. Just a few puffs had me ready to mow the lawn, vacuum the house and tidy up the garage. After those chores were finished, however, I took a two-hour nap.

Fwaygo Extracts — London Pound Cake Vape Cartridge
Price — \$40/1g
THC — 80%

Fwaygo prides itself in producing vaporizer cartridges made entirely from full-spectrum cannabis oil with no artificial additives or Vitamin E acetate, which is known to cause health problems. And that's great, because I mindlessly sucked down at least 20 hits of this indica-dominant strain after dinner

on Sunday and fell asleep at about 9 p.m. Couchlock was an understatement.

I tried this cartridge on four different pens; vapor production was sort of weak. The mildly lemony flavor makes the name sort of obvious, but this cartridge also carried some fruity and creamy notes. Overall, it was a tasty pick and among the more affordable options in the Fwaygo lineup.

Kyle Kaminski is a City Pulse staff writer and cannabis enthusiast who has been smoking marijuana just about every day for the last decade. Every week, Kaminski samples some of the best cannabis products available in Greater Lansing, gets real high and writes about them.



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Where to get scared this Halloween

Is there a better way to get into the spirit of Halloween than by subjecting yourself to a few good scares? There's no easier method for the perfect spooky date or a ghoulish night out with some friends and family than by visiting a haunted house or corn maze. If you need help deciding where to head, here's a handy guide to get you started.

Best Maze Trail of Terrors

Best Maze offers a massive labyrinth of horrors that will be a spooky blast for you to find your way out of. 3803 Noble Road, Williamston Friday & Saturday, Ticket sales end at 10:30 p.m. (517) 521-2378 Bestmaze.com

Breakout Escape Rooms Zombie Roadhouse

Do you think you have what it takes to survive a zombie apocalypse? The Zombie Roadhouse at Breakout Escape Rooms will put your horror movie aptitude to the test. 2722 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing Daily, 10 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. (586) 359-6944 Roombreakout.com

Jackson's Underworld

Jackson's Underworld is a massive house of horrors that will leave you terrified and satisfied. It isn't one of those rip-off haunted houses that just spits you right out, it's dense and will take you a good chunk of time to get through. 1318 Wildwood Ave., Jackson Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. (517) 936-5834 Jxunderworld.com

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Terror On 27 takes the U.S. 127 highway and turns it into a hellscape plagued by the undead. This location offers a terrifyingly unique take on the haunted house formula that will leave you chilled and thrilled. 8691 S. Bagley Road, Ashley Friday & Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Oct. 17 & 24, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. (989) 838-2562 Terroron27.com

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Riverwalk reopens positively with 'Doubt'

By DAVID WINKELSTERN

Throughout Riverwalk Theatre's offering, a single word is repeated. Each time, it takes on a new meaning. And each time it makes us think.

REVIEW

"Doubt"

Oct. 14, 15, 16, 17
Tickets start at \$10
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"Doubt" is the first indoor production for Riverwalk since the March 2020 pandemic shut the world down. Only half of the main auditorium's seating is being offered for the play, which continues through Oct. 17. Audience members are distanced and required to wear masks.

From his opening appearance as Father Flynn at the pulpit lecturing about the bonding qualities of doubt, Adam Woolsey is convincing. His masterful portrayal of Flynn earns our affection and our mistrust. Woolsey's performance skillfully reinforces our doubts about Flynn's guilt or innocence.

Because Amy Rickett's portrayal of Sister Aloysius Beauvier seems so real — and the character's lack of doubt is so unwavering — it's easy to doubt the Beauvier's motives.

Rickett shines the most when — as

the principal of the St. Nicholas School — she expresses her stern convictions. That helps make us have doubts whether she or Flynn is the true villain.

Gay Oliver as Mrs. Mueller strongly depicts a mother who wants the best for her son. Oliver's standing up to the principal is a highlight of the 90-minute-with-no-intermission play. Her impressive forcefulness makes it clear that Mueller won't accept claims based solely on doubt.

Sister James — played with realistic compassion by Cassie Little — is wracked by myriad doubts. The good-hearted, yet inexperienced teacher questions her teaching, loyalties, character judgments and more. Although Sister James is so unsure of herself, there is no question about Little's performance.

Creating genuine suspicion, dislike, admiration and doubt about characters onstage is a sign of good playwriting. Shanley does that. Bringing those characters to life (as the cast does) is a sign of good acting — and of good directing. Bob Robinson does that.

Robinson keeps the intensity simmering instead of overpowering. His direction mixes mature themes with humorous moments. The blocking and deliveries never get in the way of the potent script.

Having a detailed set Robinson helped design with Leroy Cupp adds class to the Riverwalk version of "Doubt." Four different sections provide perfect and unique backgrounds.

Precise and effective lighting by Ted

Daniel and substantial sound effects by Tim Daniel add to the quality of the production. So do authentic and sophisticated costumes by Kris Maier

and Ashley Hampton.

Robinson says in his director's notes that "Doubt is not inherently negative or positive. Its influence is how we respond to it." Since Riverwalk's "Doubt" in its entirety stimulates our eyes, ears and minds, our response can only be positive.

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You've faithfully submitted your nomina-

tions, and now we've taken them and guillotined all but the Top Five. Hopefully, the forlorn spirit of those that did not make the cut don't linger about town like the specter of the Headless Horseman. Or, even more foreboding, the ghost of the Meijer giraffe. So long as it remains perched atop its resting place on the gas station roof,

we are all safe from the worst 40,000-year curse imaginable.

Woven into this comprehensive list of the top vote-getters are comments submitted by you, the public. As you flip through the following pages and see who has captured the soul of Lansing, take notice of what your fellow City Pulse readers have to say.

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Smoke N' Pig BBQ

BREAKFAST

Good Truckin' Diner
Fidler's on the Grand
Soup Spoon
Sparty's Coney Island
Fleetwood Diner

BRUNCH

Soup Spoon Cafe
Good Truckin' Diner
People's Kitchen
Art's Pub
Fidler's on the Grand

BURGER

Crunchy's East Lansing
Dagwood's Tavern and Grill
Peanut Barrel
Olympic Broil
Cask & Company Kitchen & Bar
CHICKEN STRIPS/TENDERS
Eastside Fish Fry & Grill

Culver's
Olympic Broil
Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
Buddies Grill

CHINESE

House of Hsu
Asian Buffet
Little Panda Chinese Restaurant
Chen's Restaurant
Charlie Kang's Restaurant

CIDER

Uncle Johns Cider Mill
Quality Dairy
Phillips Orchards & Cider Mill
Horrocks Tavern
Country Mill

CONEY DOG

Sparty's Coney Island
Cheezy D's Deli & Dogs
Nip N Sip Drive In
A&W Restaurant
Olympic Broil

DELI

Horrocks Farm Market
McAlister's Deli
Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
Westlund's Apple Market
Stateside Deli & Restaurant

DESSERT

MSU Dairy Store
Flour Child Bakery
Everything is Cheesecake
Bake N' Cakes
Arctic Corner

DINER

Good Truckin' Diner
Fleetwood Diner
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Piazzano's
Athena's Diner

DONUTS

Quality Dairy (all locations)
Groovy Donuts
Strange Matter Coffee
Country Mill
Flour Child Bakery

FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

DeLuca's Restaurant
Cugino's
Buddies Grill - Holt
Babe's Corner
Kewpee Sandwich Shoppe

FAST FOOD

Olympic Broil
Zaytoon
El Oasis
Chick-fil-A
Culver's of Lansing

FISH FRY

Eastside Fish Fry
Crack Chicken
Harry's Place
B & I Bar
Log Jam Restaurant

FOOD TRUCK

El Oasis
Bangos Food Truck
Smoke N' Pig BBQ
Pancho's Taqueria
Picnic

FRENCH FRIES

Five Guys Burgers & Fries
HopCat
Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
Cosmos
Meat BBQ

FRIED CHICKEN

Eastside Fish Fry

Lulu's Louisiana Cookhouse
Fresh Fish & Fry - Crack Chicken
Fidler's on the Grand
Smoke N Pig
Bangos Food Truck

GREEK RESTAURANT

Zaytoon Mediterranean
Woody's Oasis
Bell's Greek Pizza
Olga's Kitchen
Zeus' Coney Island

HIBACHI

Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar
Maru Sushi & Grill
Hibachi Grill Sushi Buffet
Sushi Moto

ICE CREAM

MSU Dairy Store
Arctic Corner
Babe's Corner
MOO-Ville Creamery
Dairy Dan

INDIAN RESTAURANT

Swagath Indian Cuisine
Sindhu Indian Cuisine
Ozzy's Kabob
Persis Indian Grill
Sree Saffron

IRISH RESTAURANT

Moriarty's Pub
Dublin Square
Kelly's Downtown

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

DeLuca's
Cugino's
Tannin
Falsetta's Casa Nova
Bravo Cucina Italiana

KIDS EAT FREE RESTAURANT

Cosmos/Zoobies Tavern
Texas Roadhouse
Buddies Grill
IHOP - East Lansing
McAlister's Deli

LATE NIGHT FOOD

Pizza House
Fleetwood Diner
Famous Taco
Conrad's Grill
Crunchy's East Lansing

MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT

Zaytoon Mediterranean
Woody's Oasis
Aladdin's
Sultan's
Bread Bites

MEXICAN RESTAURANT - CHAIN

Cancun Mexican Grill
Fiesta Charra - East Lansing
Los Tres Amigos South Cedar
Fiesta Charra Mexican Restaurant - DeWitt
Los Tres Amigos - Mason

MEXICAN RESTAURANT - NON CHAIN

Pablo's Old Town
El Oasis
El Azteco
Acapulco Mexican Grill
El Azteco - East Lansing

NACHOS

MEAT Southern BBQ
El Azteco
Lansing Brewing Co.
Buddies Pub & Grill - Okemos
Smoke N' Pig BBQ

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WE MADE THE TOP 5 IN

- Bar Food
- Pub/Tavern
- Sports Bar
- Brunch
- Pizza
- Ranch Dressing
- Sliders
- Wings
- Restaurant Waitstaff - Angie!

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NEW RESTAURANT

- One North Kitchen & Bar
- Good Truckin Food
- Babe's Corner
- Ozone's Fire Food Truck (Ozone's Brewhouse)
- BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

OLIVE BURGER

- Kewpee Sandwich Shop
- Olympic Broil
- Nip N Sip Drive In
- Peanut Barrel
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill

PANCAKES

- Sophia's House of Pancakes
- People's Kitchen
- Blondie's Barn
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Soup Spoon Cafe

PHO

- Nola Bistro
- Capital City BBQ
- Asia's Finest
- Cask & Co. Kitchen & Bar
- Taste of Thai

PIZZA

- Buddy's Pizza
- Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub
- Detroit Frankie's Wood Fired Brick Oven
- Detroit Frankies Wood Fired Brick Oven - West Lansing
- Art's Pub

PRIME RIB

- Capital Prime
- Airport Tavern
- Piazzano's
- Texas Roadhouse
- Corey's Lounge

RAMEN

- Ruckus Ramen
- Sapporo Ramen
- Cask and Company
- Noodles & Company
- Bento Kitchen Cravings

RANCH DRESSING

- Jet's Pizza
- DeLuca's Restaurant
- Crunchy's
- Art's Pub
- Cugino's

RESTAURANT BEER LIST

- HopCat
- Crunchy's East Lansing
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Old Nation Brewery

RESTAURANT FOR SENIORS

- Coral Gables
- Flap Jack Shack
- Spud's Family Restaurant
- English Inn
- Flap Jack Restaurant

RESTAURANT WINE LIST

- Dusty's Cellar
- Bridge Street Social
- Beggar's Banquet
- Soup Spoon Cafe
- Bowdies Chophouse

REUBEN

- Stateside Deli & Restaurant
- Mr. Corned Beef
- Soup Spoon Cafe
- MEAT Southern BBQ
- Fleetwood Diner

SALAD/SALAD BAR

- Horrock's Farm Market
- Leaf Salad Bar
- El Azteco
- Better Health Market and Cafe
- Whole Foods Market

SEAFOOD

- Mitchell's Fish Market
- Eastside Fish Fry
- Red Lobster
- Tangy Crab - Cajun Seafood and Bar
- Sansu Sushi and Cocktails

SIGNATURE DISH

- Fleetwood Diner - Hippie Hash
- Zaytoon Mediterranean - Chicken Shwarma
- Cosmos - Trust Us Pizza
- Bangos - Nasty AF Potatoes
- MEAT Southern BBQ - Meat Mountain

SLIDERS

- Green Dot Stables
- Art's Pub
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Side Bar

SOUP

- Soup Spoon Cafe
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Zoup!
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Leo's Outpost

STEAK

- Bowdie's Chophouse
- Capital Prime
- Texas Roadhouse
- Airport Tavern
- Longhorn Steakhouse

SUB SANDWICH

- Jersey Giant
- Mancino's
- Babe's Corner
- King Subs
- Jimmy John's

SUSHI

- Maru Sushi & Grill
- Cask & Company Kitchen & Bar
- Sansu Sushi
- Sushi Moto
- Ai Fusion Sushi & Grill

TACOS

- El Oasis
- Pablo's Old Town
- Famous Taco
- Pancho's Taqueria
- Good Truckin' Diner

THAI

- Bangkok House
- Niang Myanmar Family Restaurant
- No Thai! East Lansing
- Taste of Thai
- New Thai Kitchen

UPSCALE DINING

- English Inn
- Red Haven Farm to Table Restaurant
- Capital Prime
- Soup Spoon Cafe
- Bowdie's Chophouse

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/GLUTEN FREE RESTAURANT

- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- VEG-N
- Soup Spoon Cafe
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Niang Myanmar Family Restaurant

WINGS

- MEAT Southern BBQ & Carnivore Cuisine
- Art's Pub
- Eastside Fish Fry
- Wings Over East Lansing
- Fresh Fish and Fry - Crack Chicken

HANGOUTS

BIGGBY

- 2546 E. Jolly
- 2250 Lake Lansing
- 8741 W. Saginaw
- 1602 Haslett Road, Haslett
- 2002 W. Saginaw

BOWLING ALLEY

- Royal Scot
- Spare Time Entertainment Center
- City Limits - Mason
- City Limits - East
- Wagon Wheel American Grill

CAPITAL AREA

DISTRICT LIBRARY BRANCH

- CADL - Downtown Lansing
- CADL - South Lansing Library
- CADL - Haslett Library
- CADL - Holt-Delhi Library
- CADL - Foster Library

COFFEE SHOP (non-Bigby)

- Strange Matter
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Blue Owl Coffee Old Town
- Blue Owl Coffee
- Horrock's Farm Market

COMEDY NIGHT

- Crunchy's East Lansing
- Robin Theatre
- Mac's Bar
- Ozone's Brewhouse
- BAD Brewing Company

CORN MAZE

- Shawhaven Farm
- Best Maze
- Heidi's Farmstand and Bakery
- Hawk Island - Soldan Dog Park
- Valhalla Park

DOG PARK

- DeWitt Dog Park - Padgett Park
- Northern Tail Dog Park
- Meridian Township Large Dog Park

ESCAPE ROOM VENUE

- Breakout Escape Rooms
- Challenges East Lansing Escape Room
- Escapology Escape Rooms
- EpIQ Escapes

GOLF COURSE

- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Hawk Hollow Golf Course
- Eagle Eye Golf Course
- Meridian Sun Golf Club
- Eldorado Golf Course

HANGOUT FOR SENIORS

- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Coral Gables
- Sam Corey Senior Center

Spud's Family Restaurant

- Lansing Mall
- HANGOUT FOR STUDENTS**
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- High Caliber Karting & Entertainment
- Avenue Cafe
- Crunchy's East Lansing
- Demented Mitten Tours, LLC

HANGOUT SOLO

- Horrocks Farm Market
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Deadtime Stories: True Crime and Other Books
- Avenue Cafe
- Blue Owl Coffee Old Town

HAUNTED ATTRACTION

- Demented Mitten Tour
- Jackson's Underworld
- Shawhaven Farm
- Exit 13 Haunted House
- Sundance Chevrolet, INC.

LOCAL ATTRACTION FOR KIDS

- Impression 5 Science Center
- Potter Park Zoo
- MSU Children's Gardens
- Constellation Cat Cafe
- Edru Skate

MOVIE THEATRE

- NCG Cinema
- Celebration Cinema
- Studio C!
- Sun Theatre - Grand Ledge
- Sun Theatre - Williamston

MUSIC VENUE

- Avenue Cafe
- Robin Theatre
- Green Door
- Mac's Bar
- Moriarty's Pub

See more Hangout categories on page 26



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BEST FRIES

BEST BEER LIST

300 GROVE, EAST LANSING

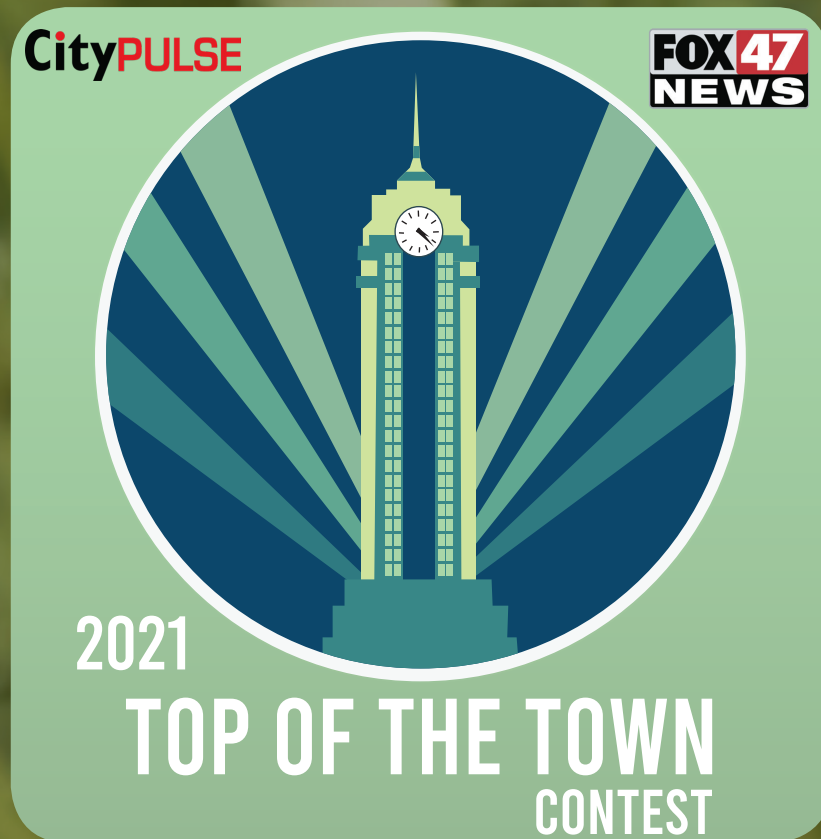
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 Cannabis Flower
 (Indica) - Harambe
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TOP 5



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- NATURE CENTER**
 Fenner Nature Center
 Woldumar Nature Center
 Potter Park Zoo
 MSU Horticulture Gardens
 Fitzgerald Park
- NON-BAR OR RESTAURANT DATE**
 Horrock's Farm Market
 Old Town
 Constellation Cat Cafe
 Old Town Lansing
 Potter Park Zoo
- PATIO**
 Horrock's Farm Market
 Mayfair Bar
 Lansing Brewing Company
 El Azteco - East Lansing
 One North Kitchen & Bar
- PLACE OF WORSHIP**
 Impact Church
 Riverview Church
 St. John Catholic Church
 & Student Center
 St. Gerard Catholic Church
 Peoples Church
- PLACE TO PLAY PINBALL**
 Pinball Pete's
 Grid Arcade & Bar
 Avenue Cafe
- PLACE TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES**
 Avenue Cafe
 Pinball Pete's
 Grid Arcade & Bar
 Spare Time Entertainment Center
 Fyber Gaming & Repair Center
- PLACE TO SHOOT POOL**
 Avenue Cafe
 Pinball Pete's
 LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill
 Bridge & Main
 Green Dot Stables
- PLACE TO SLED**
 Hawk Island Park
 Granger Meadows Park
 John Taylor Memorial Park
 (formerly Dead Man's Hill)
 Fitzgerald Park
 Ranney Park (near Frandor)
- PUBLIC PARK**
 Hawk Island Park
 Fenner Nature Center
 MSU Horticulture Gardens
 Frances Park
 Fitzgerald Park
- SMOKE SHOP/HOOKAH LOUNGE**
 Wild Bill's
 Su Casa
 Campbell's Smoke Shop

- Haven Smoke Shop
 Downtown Smoking Club
- TABLETOP GAMING**
 Summit Comics & Games
 Grid Arcade & Bar
 Avenue Cafe
 Evolution Games
 AFK Games
- TRIVIA NIGHT**
 Constellation Cat Cafe
 Crunchy's
 Avenue
 Sanctuary - Distillery, Brewery & Winery
 Harry's Place

LOCAL ARTS

- ARTIST**
 Stephanie Hogan
 Autumn Hopkins
 Sarah Renee Sanders
 Michelle Robles Henry
 Ryan Holmes
- CHORAL GROUP**
 Sistrum Lansing Women's Chorus
 LanSing Out
 Steiner Chorale
 Lansing Children's Choir
 Peoples Church Choir
- CLASSICAL MUSICIAN**
 Darin Lerner Jr.
 Sarah Wallace
 Ed Fedewa
 Gretchen Morse
 Jeff Kressler
- CLUB DJ**
 DJ Ruckus - Steve Swart
 Capitol City DJs
 DJ Mary X
 DJ Fudgie
 DJ Face
- COUNTRY ARTIST/BAND**
 Shelby & Jake
 Rachel Curtis
 Brenda Loomis Band
 Swift Brothers
 Whiskey Charmers
- COVER BAND**
 Starfarm
 Be Kind Rewind
 Global Village
 Swift Brothers
 Darin Lerner Band
- EXPERIMENTAL MUSICAL ACT**
 Atomic Boogaloo
 Wolf Eyes
 Cavalcade
 Low Graves
 Mr. Denton on Doomsday

- FOLK ARTIST/BAND**
 Creature of One
 Jen Sygit
 Shelby & Jake
 Sally Potter
 Rachel Curtis
- HIP-HOP ARTIST/GROUP**
 Ozay Moore
 Mikeyy Austin
 James Gardin
 Sway Boi
 Packy

- JAZZ MUSICIAN/GROUP**
 Root Doctor
 MSU Professors of Jazz
 Jeff Shoup
 Phil Denny
 Sunny Wilkinson
- LOCAL THEATER GROUP**
 Riverwalk Theatre
 Artist's Umbrella
 Peppermint Creek
 Williamston Theatre
 MSU Department of Theatre

- POTTERY STUDIO**
 Wheel House Pottery
 Greater Lansing Pottery Guild
 Playing Picasso
 Red Barn Pottery
 Clayworks Pottery
- PUBLIC ART/SCULPTURE**
 ART Path
 Sparty
 Old Town mural by Nanibah Chacon
 Muralmatics - You Have a Voice
 (Michigan/Grand Avenue)
 Peckham sculpture by Ivan Iler

- PUNK/METAL GROUP**
 Handsome Pete
 She/Her/Hers
 Goddamn Gallows
 Let It Rot
 Rodeo Boys
- ROCK ARTIST/BAND**
 Starfarm
 Frog & The Beeftones
 Rodeo Boys
 Two-Faced Wilson
 Jimmy Likes Pie

- PEOPLE**
- ADVOCATE/ACTIVIST**
 Gretchen Whitmer
 Melik Brown
 Audra Ellis
 Jerry Norris
 Mike Karl

Well, we can always appreciate honesty:
 "He is just starting out and my nephew, so this is total nepotism."

- ATTORNEY**
 Dustyn Coontz
 Mary Chartier
 Liisa Speaker
 Jamie White
 Andrew Abood
- BARTENDER**
 Kyrie Higgins - Front 43
 KaLyn Wilder - Ozone's Brewhouse
 Ralphe Williams - Avenue Cafe
 Sam Hutting - Watershed Tavern & Grill
 Danielle Smith - Buffalo Wild Wings

- BREWER**
 Dan Malone - Ozone's Brewhouse
 Brian Wilson - Lansing Brewing Co.
 Dan Buonodono - EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
 Jeremy Sprague - Sleepwalker Spirits
 Chad Rogers, Dimes Brewhouse
- CATA BUS DRIVER**
 Ron DeLeon
 Aaron Aikman
 Tod Edmonds
 Jim Search
 Karen Williams

- CHEF**
 Steve Swart - Ruckus Ramen
 Scott - Peoples Kitchen
 Sean Johnson - MEAT BBQ
 Colin Davidoski - One North Kitchen & Bar
 Linda Hundt - Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe
- COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR**
 Brenda Brown - LCC
 Christopher Greene-LCC
 Jeana-Dee Allen - MSU
 Mark Stevens - LCC
 Ava Ordman - MSU College of Music

- COMEDIAN**
 Kat Logan
 Robert Jenkins
 Dwayne Gill
 Pat Sievert
 Nicole Melnyk

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Vote for Crunchy's for BEST in:

- Burger
- Karaoke
- Comedy Night
- Happy Hour
- Pub/Tavern
- Open Mic Night
- Spartan Sports Hangout
- Best Hangout for Students

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COSMETIC SURGEON

- Dr. George Poletes
- Dr. Rick Smith
- Dr. Ahmed Sufyan
- Dr. Andrew Zwyghuizen
- Dr. Douglas Hintzman

DANCE INSTRUCTOR

- Sierra Erskine - The Hive Grand Ledge
 - Jacklyn Taylor -Danceworks
 - Clara Martinez - Everett High School
 - Chloe Gonzales - Happendance
 - Karyn Perry - Karyn's Dance Place
- ### DEVELOPER
- Capital Area Housing Partnership
 - Gillespie Group
 - Brent Forsberg

Joe Gentilozzi

- Eric Hanna - Michigan Community Capital

ESTHETICIAN

- Holly Roth- Pure Skincare and Aene Spa
- Kassandra Coots - Kass Beauty
- Bea Taylor - Gemini Waxing Co
- Lorin Cumberbatch - UnCovered Beauty Studio

JoLee Manson - Tres JoLee Beauty Bar

FOOD DELIVERY PERSON

- Khailea Pond- Shopping with Khai
- Jeremy Hurt-Red Bike Delivery
- April Horton - Shipt
- Jesse Lovejoy - Domino's Pizza
- Jayden Oliver - Doordash

HAIR STYLIST

- Erika Lowe - Eastside Barbershop
- Seth Ortega - The Salon at Ulta Beauty
- Shelby Kenyon- Ulta
- Tiffany- Eastside Barbershop
- Ellie Wong - Holiday Lansing Parlor

HANDYMAN

- Gary Mugnolo - Honey-Do Handyman Service, LLC
- Shawn Lettau- Chip off the Block Construction
- Larry Felphausch - Grossbeck Painting & handyman service

HIGH SCHOOL COACH

- Jaleel Canty - Everett High School
- Brittanie Gilbeaux - Everett High School

- Ben Billings - Everett High School
- Chris Tyler - Waverly High School
- Gary Houghton - Mason High School

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

- Ben Billings - Everett High School
- Danelle Hovenkamp - Everett High School

- Chris Tyler - Waverly High School
- Stacie Forbes - Holt High School
- Anne Russo Holt Sr High School

INSURANCE AGENT

- Pam Lambropoulos - Great Lakes State Agency
- Marlene Bach - State Farm Ins Agent
- Ben Rathbun - Rathbun Insurance

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 BBQ
 Nachos
 Reuben
 Caterer/Catering Service
 Signature Dish
 Wings
 Food

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Dan DeMartin State Farm Insurance
Tom DeVries-State Farm
LOCAL TV NEWS PERSONALITY
Sheri Jones - WLNS
David Young - WLNS
Ann Emmerich - WILX
Mallory Anderson - WILX
Emily Wahls, WILX
MASSAGE THERAPIST
Kate Prouty - Patient Relaxation, LLC
Amanda Tollstam - Holistic Therapy
Massage & Bodywork
Flor De Maria - Holistic Health
& Massage
Anna Faye, Creative Wellness
Bee Queener
PERSONAL TRAINER
Brian Daniels - EmPOwer Lansing
Abdullah Muhammad - AFitnessApp
Ronica Rodriguez - Redemption Fitness
Carolyn Kieft - YMCA
Ted Forrest - Parkwood YMCA
PIERCER
Aaron Wood (Malibu) - REO Town
Tattoo Co.
Alix Mercer - Ink Therapy Lansing
Hollywood (Justin Guttridge) - Ink
& Needle
Renee McKeith - Splash of Color
Andy Knag - Splash of Color
POLICE OFFICER
Aiko - K9 - Bath Twp.
Dillon Royst - Lansing Police Dept.
Kara Freeman, Lansing Police Dept
Anthony Rodriguez - Lansing
Sara Devereaux - Grand Ledge
Police Dept.
RADIO DJ
Melik Brown - Stacks 92.1
Banana Don & Stephanie McCoy -
100.7 WITL
Monica Harris - 99.1 WFMK
Terry Stevens - Q106 WJXQ
K.C. Mc. - Power 96.5
REALTOR
Dani Fairman - Community Real Estate
Amy Jackson - Coldwell Banker
Hubbell Briarwood
Kristen Clisch - Keller Williams
Brecken Terry - Coldwell Banker
Hubbell Briarwood
Team Soderberg - Weichert, Realtors
Emerald Properties
RESTAURANT WAITSTAFF
Alisa "Cheese" Kowalski -
Mitchell's Fish Market
Autumn Weston - Kewpees
Sandy Hudson - El Azteco Lansing
Steve Parmalee - Harry's
Angie Miller - Art's Pub
TATTOO ARTIST
Shawn Farr - Ink Therapy
Shaun Friday - Ministry Ink
Dan Wade - Van Gogh
Dan Yelinek - Van Gogh
Alex Martinez - Ink Therapy
YOGA INSTRUCTOR
Belinda Thurston - Just B Yoga
Deb Hart - Hilltop Yoga
Toni Thomas Salt Yoga
Jen Cousineau - East Lansing Hot Yoga
Allison Spooner - Creative Warrior
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BEST LOCAL POLITICIAN**
Sarah Anthony
Curtis Hertel, Jr.
Chris Swope
Adam Hussein
Andy Schor
WORST LOCAL POLITICIAN
Mike Shirkey


Tom Barrett
Brandon Betz
Carol Siemon
Kathy Dunbar
Andy Schor
BEST STATE/NATIONAL POLITICIAN
Gretchen Whitmer
Donald J. Trump
Dana Nessel
Elissa Slotkin
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC)
WORST STATE/NATIONAL POLITICIAN
Donald Trump
Gretchen Whitmer
Mitch McConnell
Mike Shirkey
Beau LaFave - 108th District Michigan

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Clark Schaefer Hackett
APARTMENTS
Motor Wheel Lofts
Runaway Bay
Westfield Club Apartments
Quarry Apartments of DeWitt
REO Town Apartments
AUDIOLOGIST/HEARING FIRM
Mid-Michigan Ear Nose & Throat
MaryRose Hecksel AuD. LLC
Fluke Hearing Instruments
Advanced Audiology - Linda Wright
Hearing Health Center
AUTO BODY REPAIR SHOP
A & D Repair
Ryan's Auto Care
Jim's Auto Body
Tripps Collision
Liskeys Auto Truck Service
AUTO REPAIR SHOP
Randall Automotive
A & D Auto Repair
Two Sons Automotive
Keefer Auto Repair
Shaheen Chevrolet
Jerry's Automotive
BANK
Dart Bank
Huntington Bank
PNC Bank
Independent Bank
Fifth Third Bank & ATM
BARBER SHOP
East Side Barbershop
Frاندor Barbershop
Jerry's Hairport
Barber/Styling College of Lansing
Good Life Shaving Company
BICYCLE SHOP
Spin Bicycle Shop
Denny's Central Park Bikes
Eric's Bicycle Shop
Lansing Bike Co-Op
Riverfront Cycle
BUILDING DEVELOPMENT
600 Block Michigan Avenue
Cottage Lane - Leslie Street, Lansing
The Hive
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Kwik Car Wash
Fast Eddie's Oil Change & Car Wash
Lansing Car Wash
Mister Car Wash
Spot-Les
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MEAT Southern BBQ
Saddleback BBQ
Smoke N' Pig
Gravity Smokehouse & BBQ
Morton's Fine Catering

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CEMETERY
Mt. Hope Cemetery
Evergreen Cemetery
St. Joseph Cemetery
DeepDale Memorial Gardens
Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE
Rassel-Daigneault Holistic Health Center
Creative Wellness
Craft Chiropractic
Waverly Chiropractic Center, PLLC
Dr. Jeffrey H. Limonoff, DC
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5s Cleaning
Domestic Divas
A to Zen Cleaning
Molly Maid
Len's Carpet Cleaning
CREDIT UNION
MSU Federal Credit Union
Lake Trust Credit Union
Lansing Automakers Federal Credit Union
Astera Credit Union
CASE Credit Union
COVID - CURBSIDE PICKUP
Odd Nodd Art Supply
Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant
Curvaceous Lingerie
Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
Katalyst Art Gallery & Gift Boutique
**COVID - ONLINE ORDERING
(local business)**
Odd Nodd Art Supply
Bad Annie
Sleepwalker
Curvaceous Lingerie
Marco's Pizza
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Hive Dance Studio
Happendance
Karyns Dance
Dance City West
Everett Dance Program
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Patient Relaxation, LLC
Creative Wellness
Bee Queener Massage Therapy
Zoe Life Spa and Salon
Sacred Oasis Massage & Wellness
MOST TRUSTWORTHY BUSINESS
Playmakers
Curvaceous Lingerie
Deadtime Stories: True Crime and
Other Books
Odd Nodd Art Supply
Capellini Salon
Constellation Cat Cafe
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Elderly Instruments
Okemos Music Academy
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East Lansing
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Rapids Oil Change
Big Rays Express Lube - Holmes Road
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Griffin Pest Solutions, Inc.
Bug Man Inc.
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Old Town Tails
Doggy Daycare and Spa
Kelly's Pet Boutique
PetSmart
Amanda's Grooming
PHARMACY (locally owned)
Central Pharmacy
MSU Health Care Pharmacy
Sparrow Pharmacy Plus - Sparrow
Health Center Lansing

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Kaitlyn Narezo Photography
LeMae Photography
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East Lansing
Grand Ledge
Delta Township
Merrill Street Substation
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Opportunity Arts
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DS Huber Real Estate Group
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90.5 WKAR
99.1 WFMK
100.7 WITL
88.9 WDBM
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Artisan Company Salon
Hair and Company
Mirabella Salon
SENIOR LIVING
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Independence Village Grand Ledge
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 Mega Mall

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 Broad Art Museum
 Catalyst Art Gallery
 REO Town Marketplace

ASIAN MARKET

Oriental Mart
 Fresh International Market
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 Lotte Market
 Z Z's Market
 Viet Thai Market

BEER SELECTION IN RETAIL STORE

Horrocks Farm Market
 Mega Bev
 Oades Big Ten
 Vine & Brew

BOOKSTORE (locally owned)

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 Schuler Books

Curious Book Shop
 Bad Annie's Sweary Goods
 Triple Goddess Bookstore

BUTCHER

Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
 Merindorf Meats
 Mert's Meats
 Westlund's Apple Market
 Horrocks Farm Market

CANDY STORE

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 Peanut Shop
 Horrocks Farm Market
 Kean's
 Park Lake Creamery

CHEESE DEPARTMENT

Horrocks Farm Market
 MSU Dairy Store
 Monticello's Market & Butcher Shop
 Whole Foods
 Capital City Market

CLOTHING STORE (locally owned)

Curvaceous Lingerie
 Playmakers
 Grace Boutique
 Metro Retro
 Sweetlee's Boutique

COMIC SHOP

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 Pilgrim House Furniture
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SECONDHAND SHOP

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 Fresh Thyme
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OUTDOOR/CAMPING STORE

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 St Vincent De Paul
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SEX SHOP

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 Cabela's - Lansing
 Sportsman's Warehouse
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 Foxhole PX
PET STORE

Cirilla's
 Lion's Den
 Deja Vu Love Boutique
 Fantasies Unlimited
THRIFT STORE

Preuss Pets
 Soldan's Pet Supplies
 PetSmart
 Pet Supplies Plus
 Joey's Pet Outfitters
PLACE TO BUY MUMS

St. Vincent De Paul
 Metro Retro
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 EAST LANSING BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 54-B District Courtroom 2
 0101 Linden Street, East Lansing, MI 48823

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

Appeal of Bazzi Realty, LLC requesting a variation for the property at 139 West Lake Lansing Road from the following requirement of Chapter 32 of the Sign Code. The applicant is interested in constructing a sign that is setback 25 feet from the curb, 8 feet in height, and 50 sq. ft. in surface area to accommodate his multi-tenant office. This would require a variance of 3 feet for the sign height, and 30 sq. ft. for the surface area.

Sec. 32-105. (b) - Signs permitted for commercial premises, office and professional premises, or located within the D.D.A. district.

32-105 (b) On all premises used or occupied for professional or business offices, there shall be permitted one directly or indirectly illuminated ground sign where there is at least 50 feet or more of frontage on a major street. The sign may not exceed five feet in height and must be set back 25 feet from the nearest existing curb or future curb line, or, in the absence of curbs, 25 feet from edge of pavement. Such signs may be multi-faced and may not exceed 20 square feet in surface display area per face. Buildings containing one or more business or professional office shall be permitted one additional sign. Such signs must be located on the first floor of the building. The sign may be five square feet per tenant; provided, however, in no circumstance shall the sign exceed one square foot per lineal foot of building on the street.

All persons interested in this appeal will be given the opportunity to be heard.

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 Horrocks Farm Market
 BAD Brewing
 Ellison Brewery Co. - REO Town Lansing
 Maes Bar
- DAY TRIP**
 Old Town in Lansing
 Anywhere on Lake Michigan

- Frankenmuth
 Saugatuck
 Grand Rapids
- EYE CANDY BUILDING**
 Deadtime Stories
 Turner-Dodge House
 Preuss Pets
 State Capitol
 English Inn
- FACEBOOK GROUP (LOCAL)**
 Lansing Facts
 517 Living
 Not Your Mother's Networking Group
 Make Lansing Classy Again
 Lansing Foodies
- HIGH SCHOOL**
 East Lansing High School
 Everett High School
 Eastern High School
 Grand Ledge High School
 Holt High School

- HISTORICAL PLACE**
 Michigan State Capitol
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 Moores Park Swimming Pool
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 Bath School Disaster Memorial
- INSTAGRAM (LOCAL)**
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Biggy - all locations
Blue Owl Coffee
Strange Matter Coffee
MSU Library
Avenue Cafe

WORST EYESORE

SkyVue Apartments
Trump House - corner Michigan/Lathrop
Any Garno properties
Broad Art Museum
Old Walter French School

WORST POTHOLE

Kalamazoo in front of Eastside Fish Fry
North on Capitol between Saginaw and Cesar Chavez
500 block of Regent St.

IN MEMORIAM: BUSINESSES LOST DURING COVID

Roma bakery
Loft
Claddagh Irish Pub
Amanecer Mexicano
Maes Bar

CANNABIS BUDTENDER

Kira Dagostino - Skymint East Lansing
Caitlin O'Keefe - Homegrown

Jen Shallman - Pure Options
Corey Lamar King - Pincanna
Spencer Donley - Pincanna

CANNABIS GROWING BRAND

Skymint
Pure Options (Pure Flower Company)
Pincanna
Homegrown
Radicle Genetics

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North Co.

CANNABIS - EDIBLE

Skymint
Homegrown
Pincanna
Bazonzoos
Pure Options

CANNABIS FLOWER - HYBRID

Gelato 33-Skymint
Moonbow 112 - Pure Options/Pro Gro
High Five White Truffle (Pincanna)
Pink Cookies - The Botanical Co.
Flying Elbow - Darren McCarty

CANNABIS FLOWER - INDICA

Garlic Breath - Pure Options
Deathwalker OG - Radicle Genetics
Harambe - Homegrown Cannabis Co.
Platinum OG Kush - Skymint
Holy Grail - Skymint

CANNABIS FLOWER - SATIVA

Citrus Farmer - Pure Options
Tangie Diesel - Radicle Genetics
Clementine - Skymint X DNA Genetics

CBD STORE/BOUTIQUE

Pure Options - 125 N. Clippert
Pincanna

Nuvita CBD
Sweetheart Essentials

Pincanna - East Lansing
MARIJUANA PROVISIONING CENTER - EAST LANSING

Pincanna - East Lansing
Skymint East Lansing
Pleasantrees

MARIJUANA PROVISIONING CENTER

- EAST LANSING
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Pure Options - Lansing East
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By Matt Jones

"Uncommon Bonds"—spy thrillers with something missing.

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Across

- 1 Wheat byproduct
- 6 Australian boots
- 10 Ensemble
- 14 Burj Khalifa locale
- 15 It comes before a fall?
- 16 Italian volcano that has been erupting through most of 2021
- 17 Opinion that the ordinal suffix from 4 onward is the worst of the group?
- 19 They may rehabilitate injured animals
- 20 Turn into
- 21 Songs to Wear ___ To (early 2000s website with humorous music)

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- 48 Figures on some Valentine's Day cards
- 49 Pantone selection
- 50 Added color to white canvas shoes, maybe
- 51 Lounges around
- 52 Formidable
- 54 Leaning type (abbr.)
- 55 Request for Garfield's canine pal to hurry up?
- 59 Self-referential
- 60 Actor Steve of "Superstore"
- 61 Person from Malmö
- 62 Maverick of "Maverick"
- 63 Plays like Diz
- 64 Garden creeper
- 5 Bona ___
- 6 Hoo-ha
- 7 23 so far for Jay-Z, e.g.
- 8 7 to 10, on the Beaufort Scale
- 9 2011 World Series winners, for short
- 10 Degas contemporary
- 11 Like many group renditions of "Happy Birthday," to music students?
- 12 Condescending
- 13 Cup, in France
- 18 Beige-like shade
- 21 Qualifying clause
- 22 Distant
- 23 Capital on the Tiber
- 24 Graph paper pattern
- 26 World capital where parts of "Tenet" were filmed
- 28 Pop music family from Utah
- 29 Daith piercing locale
- 34 "Peanuts" expletive
- 35 Poker Hall of Famer Ungar
- 37 Kill it on the runway
- 38 Treasure hunter's step
- 39 Mister Rogers
- 40 "Try" singer Colbie
- 41 Egyptian considered to be history's first architect
- 43 "___ Road" (Lil Nas X song)
- 44 One making citations
- 45 Still awake
- 46 They might not retain lint as well
- 47 Give the appearance of
- 48 Reach new heights?
- 52 Walt Kelly comic strip
- 53 Mike of Social Distortion
- 55 Apprehend
- 56 "Breaking Bad" org.
- 57 Despot Amin
- 58 Migratory swimmer

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TO PLAY

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

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

October 13-19, 2021

ARIES (March 21–April 19): According to my understanding of the upcoming weeks, life will present you with unusual opportunities. I suspect you will find it reasonable and righteous to shed, dismantle, and rebel against the past. Redefining your history will be a fun and worthy project. Here are other related activities I recommend for you: 1. Forget and renounce a long-running fear that has never come true. 2. Throw away a reminder of an old experience that makes you feel bad. 3. Freshen your mood and attitude by moving around the furniture and decor in your home. 4. Write a note of atonement to a person you hurt once upon a time. 5. Give yourself a new nickname that inspires you to emancipate yourself from a pattern or habit you want to leave behind.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Taurus poet Donte Collins' preferred pronouns are "they" and "them." They describe themselves as Black, queer, and adopted. "A lover doesn't discourage your growth," they write. "A lover says, 'I see who you are today, and I cannot wait to see who you become tomorrow.'" I hope you have people like that in your life, Taurus—lovers, friends, allies, and relatives. If there is a scarcity of such beloved companions in your life, the next eight weeks will be an excellent time to round up new ones. And if you are connected with people who delight in your progress and evolution, deepen your connection with them.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Gemini author Lisa Cron advises her fellow writers, "Avoid exclamation points! Really!! Because they're distracting!! Almost as much as CAPITALIZING THINGS!!" I'll expand her counsel to apply not just to writers, but to all of you Geminis. In my astrological opinion, you're likely to find success in the coming weeks if you're understated, modest, and unmelodramatic. Make it your goal to create smooth, suave, savvy solutions. Be cagey and cool and crafty.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu told us that water is in one sense soft and passive, but is in another sense superb at eroding jams and obstacles that are hard and firm. There's a magic in the way its apparent weakness overcomes what seems strong and unassailable. You are one of the zodiac's top wielders of water's superpower, Cancerian. And in the coming weeks, it will work for you with even more amazing grace than usual. Take full advantage of your sensitivity, your emotional intelligence, and your empathy.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): Leo author James Baldwin told us, "You read something which you thought only happened to you, and you discover that it happened 100 years ago to [Russian novelist] Fyodor Dostoyevsky. This is a great liberation for the suffering, struggling person, who always thinks that he is alone." In that spirit, Leo, and in accordance with astrological omens, I urge you to track down people who have had pivotal experiences similar to yours, either in the distant or recent past. These days, you need the consoling companionship you can provide. Their influence could be key to liberating you from at least some of your pain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Poet Octavio Paz described two kinds of distraction. One is "the distraction of the person who is always outside himself, lost in the trivial, senseless, turmoil of everyday life." The other is "the distraction of the person who withdraws from the world in order to shut himself up in the secret and ever-changing land of his fantasy." In my astrological opinion, you Virgos should specialize in the latter during the coming weeks. It's time to reinvigorate your relationship with your deep inner sources. Go in search of the reverent joy that comes from communing with your tantalizing mysteries. Explore the riddles at the core of your destiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): "We must never be afraid to go too far, for truth lies beyond," declared novelist Marcel Proust. I wouldn't normally offer that counsel to you Libras. One of your strengths

is your skill at maintaining healthy boundaries. You know how to set dynamic limits that are just right: neither too extreme nor too timid. But according to my analysis of the astrological potentials, the coming weeks will be one of those rare times when you'll be wise to consider an alternative approach: that the most vigorous truths and liveliest energies may lie beyond where you usually go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Author William S. Burroughs claimed his greatest strength was a "capacity to confront myself no matter how unpleasant." But he added a caveat to his brag: Although he recognized his mistakes, he rarely made any corrections. Yikes! Dear Scorpio, I invite you to do what Burroughs couldn't. Question yourself about how you might have gone off course, but then actually make adjustments and atonements. As you do, keep in mind these principles: 1. An apparent mistake could lead you to a key insight or revelation. 2. An obstruction to the flow may prod you to open your mind and heart to a liberating possibility. 3. A snafu might motivate you to get back to where you belong. 4. A mess could show you something important you've been missing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): In her novel "We Have Always Lived in the Castle", Sagittarian author Shirley Jackson wrote, "Today my winged horse is coming, and I am carrying you off to the moon, and on the moon we will eat rose petals." I wonder what you would do if you received a message like that—an invitation to wander out on fanciful or mysterious adventures. I hope you'd be receptive. I hope you wouldn't say, "There are so such things as flying horses. It's impossible to fly to the moon and eat rose petals." Even if you don't typically entertain such whimsical notions, the time is favorable to do so now. I bet you will be pleased with the unexpected grace they bring your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 19): Capricorn author Susan Sontag wrote about people who weren't receptive to her intensity and intelligence. She said she always had "a feeling of being 'too much' for them—a creature from another planet—and I would try to scale myself down to size, so I could be apprehendable and lovable by them." I understand the inclination to engage in such self-diminishment. We all want to be appreciated and understood. But I urge you to refrain from taming and toning yourself down too much in the coming weeks. Don't do what Sontag did. In my astrological opinion, it's time for you to be an extra vivid version of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): "I am diagnosed with not having enough insanely addictive drugs coursing through my body," joked comedian Sarah Silverman. Judging from current cosmic rhythms, I'm inclined to draw a similar conclusion about you. It may be wise for you to dose yourself with intoxicants. JUST KIDDING! I lied. Here's the truth: I would love for you to experience extra rapture, mystic illumination, transcendent sex, and yes, even intoxication in the coming weeks. My analysis of the astrological omens suggests these delights are more likely and desirable than usual. However, the best way to arouse them is by communing with your favorite non-drug and non-alcohol inebriants. The benefits will last longer and incur no psychological cost.

PISCES (Feb. 19–March 20): "The truth is," writes cartoonist Bill Watterson, "most of us discover where we are headed when we arrive." I sense this will describe your life during the next six weeks. Your long, strange journey won't come to an end, of course. But a key chapter in that long, strange journey will climax. You will be mostly finished with lessons you have been studying for many moons. The winding road you have been following will end up someplace in particular. And sometime soon, I suspect you'll spy a foreshadowing flash of this denouement.

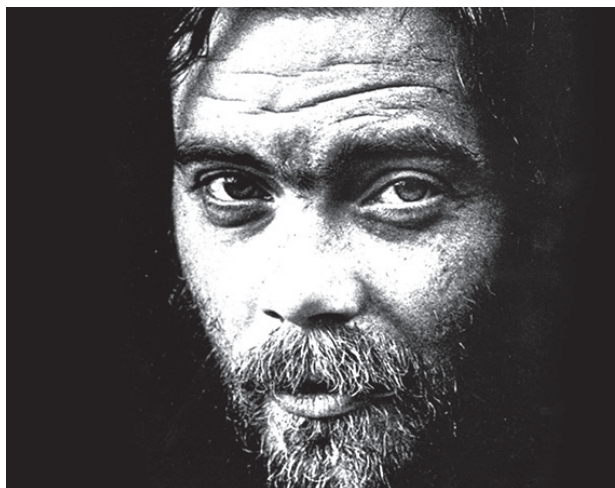
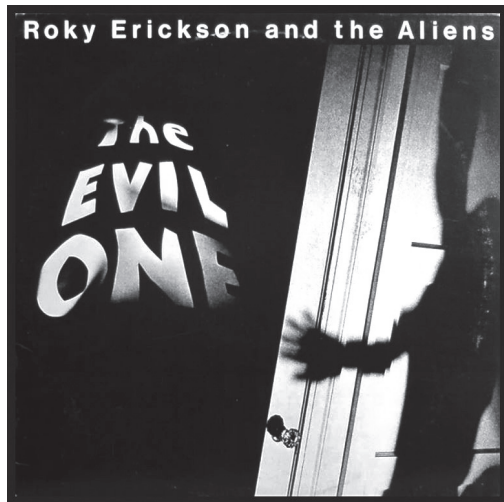
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TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

TURN IT DOWN: HALLOWEEN WITH ROKY ERICKSON



The late Roky Erickson, also known for his work with the 13th Floor Elevators, wrote some of the most disturbing Halloween-friendly songs of all time on 1981's "The Evil One" LP. (courtesy photos)

From the 13th Floor down to hell, "The Evil One" is a demon-ridden journey

It's October, and while Halloween is still weeks away, many enthusiasts use the entire month to celebrate. Some watch one horror movie a day, some dress up in extravagant costumes—some (music nerds) make new Halloween-themed mixes each year. Obvious picks are spooky cuts by The Cramps and Screamin' Jay Hawkins, but also classics like "The Monster Mash."

But, if you're short on time, and don't have time to dig, you can do it in a simple, yet amazing, way. Just throw on Roky Erickson's "Evil One" LP. Released in 1981, as Roky Erickson & The Aliens, it's the debut solo album from the late 13th Floor Elevators front man. Erickson, who died in 2019 at age 71, is perhaps best known for his groundbreaking mind-altering work with the Elevators. After all, his 1996 song "You're Gonna Miss Me" is arguably the blueprint for psychedelic rock.

But as the '60s wound down, the 13th Floor Elevators dissolved as Erickson battled serious mental

health issues. In 1968, he was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and was sent to a Houston psychiatric hospital. There, he involuntarily received electroconvulsive therapy. He was arrested on drug charges the following year, and was on a downward spiral. Through 1974, the pioneering songwriter remained institutionalized. After some heavy periods of musical inactivity, Erickson would pop up with new music occasionally during the 1970s and '80s — and "The Evil One" is one of his best (along with 1995's "All That May Do My Rhyme" LP, which includes another dreamy classic of his: "Starry Eyes".)

Whereas the Elevators were sonically trippy and atmospheric, Erickson's new chapter in music was much fierier and more aggressive. It was tense, and filled with blood, demons, monsters and zombies. At times, the anxious tunes bordered on quirky and theatrical, but he knew how to tap dance on that line and keep things tasteful and smart. What

could have been bone-headed hard rock novelty tracks somehow, when written and performed by Erickson, seem deep and genuine. Each composition on this record is a brilliant slice of his long, strange career. An interesting side note is that Stu Cook, formerly of Creedence Clearwater Revival, produced the tracks over the course of two years (1977-1979) — though these cuts do not echo "Who'll Stop the Rain," that's for sure.

Some of this ghostly era of Erickson's life was documented on film for Swedish television, which aired "Demon Angel: A Day and Night With Roky Erickson." The 1984 documentary showed Erickson performing in an underground creek beneath the Congress Street Bridge in his hometown of Austin, Texas, on, of course, Halloween. It's a must see. His oddball, heavy rock songs are performed acoustically and sound just as powerful without the distortion and explosive rhythm section. Part of that is due to his powerful, signature

voice — one of the best voices to ever sing a rock 'n roll song.

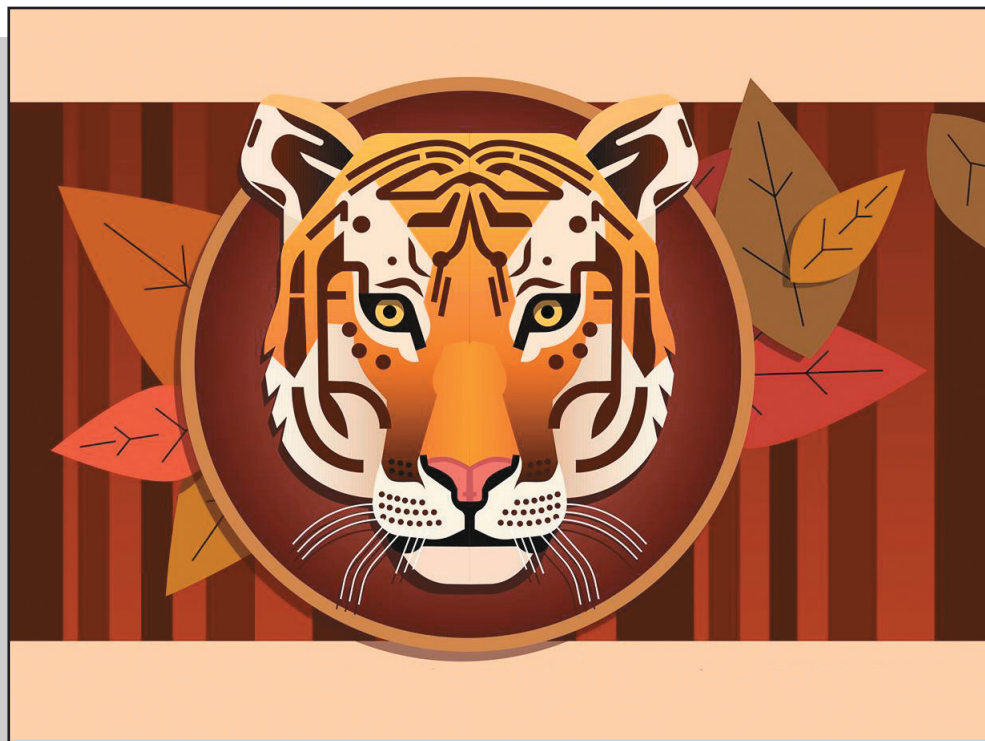
On "Evil One," this persona is in top form. The must play tracks are "Don't Shake Me Lucifer," "If You Have Ghosts," "Two-Headed Dog," "Night of the Vampire," "I Think of Demons," "Stand for the Fire Demon," "I Walked With a Zombie," and "Bloody Hammer." Other songs, like "Creature with the Atom Brain" give an obvious nod to his love of 1950s B-horror flicks, while "Cold Night for Alligators" is just flat out bizarre.

If you're worn out on the usual Halloween tracks, perhaps this year you can dedicate the holiday to Mr. Erickson — who lived the life he sang about in his songs. Light in the Attic Records issued a deluxe two-LP version of the album not too long ago. It's worth the extra coin for the 20-page book and additional songs. An essential cult classic.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

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Wednesday, October 13

Allen Farmers Market - Allen Farmers Market from 3-6:30 p.m. at 2100 E Michigan Ave. 517-999-3911.

Broad Executive MBA - Virtual Program Preview - 12-1 p.m. broad.msu.edu.

Great Costume Swap & Shop! - Costumes accepted Sept. 21 - Oct.10. 6-7:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St, Grand Ledge. gladl.org

Peckham Speaker Series - Hosts Nora McInerney, Award winning author and speaker on grief, loss & trauma. 10:30-11:30 a.m. peckham.org for more info.

Threads of Wisdom: Discussion of the Moon and Sun in-person or on Zoom. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Weavers of the Web, ATC, 809 Center St. #7, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Working Women Artists (WWA) 50.50.50 Art Show - 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge and Gallery, 1856 W. Grand River Ave, Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Wednesday Workdays at CCBS - 9 a.m.-12. Capital City Bird Sanctuary, 6001 Delta River Dr., Lansing. michiganaudubon.org.

Thursday, October 14

Bath Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. James Couzens Memorial Park, 13753 Main St, Bath. shopbfm.org.

Dimondale Farmers' Market - 3-7 p.m. 136 N Bridge St, Dimondale. villageofdimondale.org.

Grand Re-opening Volunteers of America Thrift Store - 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 5411 S. Cedar St., Lansing. voami.org.

Ladies Silver Blades Skating Club - 9:30-11:30 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. Info: ladiessilverblades.org.

October Pagans Night Out - Join us for our monthly Pagans Night Out for food and fellowship. 5:30-8 p.m. Playing Picasso, 300 N. Clippert St. weaversoftheweb.org.

Reach Virtual Meet-up: Arts Incubator for Young People - Sara Gothard. 4-5 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Sara/Eli @ Reach - 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

South Lansing Farmers Market - 3-7 p.m. 800 W. Barnes Ave. 517-374-5700.
Stitch 'N Bitch - Bring your yarn or thread and join the crowd at Keys To Manifestation. 5-8 p.m. 809 Center St., #7, Lansing.

Friday, October 15

Construction Crew - 9:45 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

May Erlewine - 7:30-10 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

MSU Community Club - via Zoom 1-3 p.m. egr.msu.edu.

Spartan Upcycle Fridays: Macrame Plant Hangers - 12-6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Spartan Upcycle x Art Lab Residency: Megan Heeres Opening - 6-8 p.m. MSU Broad Art Lab, 565 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. broadmuseum.msu.edu

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Curbside Sauerkraut Dinner - 4-6 p.m. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing. 517-882-6330.

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Intentional Living Course - Six session course. 2-4 p.m. Foster Community Center,

200 N. Foster, Lansing. 517-483-4290. Intendedbeing.com.

Toastmasters Meeting - Zoom. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Details 5799.toastmastersclubs.org.

Sunday, October 17

Community Drum Circle at Lake Lansing North - 2-4 p.m. 6260 E Lake Dr, Haslett.

East Lansing Farmers Market - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Fall Zoo-tacular - October 16-17 and Oct. 23-24. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave. potterparkzoo.org.

Music for Flute, Oboe, & Piano - 3 p.m. Lansing. www.lansingsymphony.org.

Monday, October 18

Comedy Night - 9-11:30 p.m. Crunchy's, 254 W Grand River Ave, East Lansing. 517-351-2506. crunchyseastlansing.com.

Jump Into Reading - Join Ms. Anna at the Playground of Dreams for stories, songs, and activities. 11-11:30 a.m. 100 Howe Dr., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

Tuesday, October 19

Board Game Meet Up - Ages 18 & up. Everyone welcome! 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Spare

Time Bowling Alley, 3101 E Grand River, Lansing.

"Dear Barack" Book Launch with JMC Alumna Claudia Clark - 7 p.m. JMC, MSU, (3rd Floor Case Hall), 842 Chestnut Rd, East Lansing.

Preschool Family Storytime - for 1-6 year oldS. 11-11:30 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St. gladl.org

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Johnny Appletree

By ARI LeVAUX

Autumn is the time for winding down and relaxing, so they say. It's when we harvest the bounty of summer that was planted in spring and sip our pumpkin spice lattes. This approach is not wrong, but it's only part of the story. Because when the frost is on the pumpkin, wise gardeners get planting.

If you think the growing season starts when the seed catalog arrives in the mail, you're already about four months behind the ball. While you're waiting for the ground to thaw to the point where it can be worked, we fall gardeners planted months ago, when you were sipping on that latte. Now we can relax and do the sipping, as we peruse the seed catalogs calmly, secure in the knowledge that the seeds, cloves and plants we put in the ground last autumn have already begun developing roots.

Garlic is the poster child for fall-plant-

ed annual crops because it refuses to grow any other way. If you wait until spring to plant your cloves, the resulting bulbs will be pitifully small. But many other plants can get a boost from an early sowing.

Especially greens like spinach, kale, radicchio and other cold-tolerant varieties. When you sow your seeds — or plant your cloves — in fall, you are thinking like a plant, because they also plant in fall. Unlike tomatoes or cucumbers, greens are eaten for their leaves. But like any plant, they will eventually flower and go to seed in late summer or autumn.

Those seeds will drop to the ground, where some germinate into little plants that will mostly die off in winter. But a few may survive, and others will germinate in spring, leaving nothing to do in early spring but watch the garden wake up.

A fruit tree is the ultimate fall-planted crop. The roots have a chance to develop and get stable, and the plant has all winter to acclimate to its new home. A cold winter is less dangerous to a young plant than a hot summer, and by spring your



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Apples dehydrated to horrifyingly delicious effect by Ari LeVaux.

little tree will be established and ready to grow. If, by contrast, you plant a tree in spring, prepare for a stressful summer and lots of watering. You'll need to work twice as hard for a tree that's half as happy, while a fall-planted tree gets watered by the rain-fed mud of spring.

A tree will produce a lifetime of fruit, and you'll need to plant it only once. So, you'd better do a good job.

"You need to dig a \$20 hole for a \$2 tree," advised my mother-in-law, years ago. In other words, don't go buy a fancy tree and then slack off when it's time to plant it. You're better off with a cheap tree, planted properly. We took her advice to heart when we planted two red Macintosh trees.

This time of year, they blush dark red, with a piercing flavor that's like an arms race between sweet and tart. I pull the

best-looking fruit for eating. The rest get pressed into cider, cooked into apple sauce, or dehydrated. And a precious few will be turned into apple jack-o'-lanterns, in honor of Halloween.

The drill is to carve an apple like a mini-pumpkin, and then let it dry and shrivel into something that resembles a shrunken head. The added lemon juice serves two functions. It helps prevent the apple from turning brown, and gives a nice bit of tang to the flavor, for when it's time to eat your art.

Apple Jack-o'-Lanterns

If you live in a sunny climate, you can shrink apple heads on a windowsill in about a week. You can also use an oven on the lowest setting, or proximity to a heater. However, a dehydrator with

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shelving you can space widely enough to accommodate an entire apple is the device of choice for making these sweet and sassy skulls.

Ingredients:

Apples, the bigger the better
Lime or lemon juice

Peel the apple, going around its “equator,” while leaving a bit of peel around the stem end and its opposite “pole.” When peeled, look at the apple and decide where the face should be. Then use the coring spoon to scoop out the core from the opposite side, leaving a big hole in the back of the shrunken head.

Scooping the insides allows the apple jack-o'-lanterns to dry more quickly.

Next, carve the mouth. Otherwise, you might not have enough room below the eyes and nose. That is the extent of any artistic advice that I should be giving, other than to make sure the nose is smaller than the eyes.

Rub the carved apple with lemon or lime juice and place in the center of a dehydrator, with the temperature at 135, for about 12 hours. If using an oven, set it on the lowest setting, with convection on if you've got it, and keep a watchful eye on them apples for about 2 to 6 hours, depending on the situation.

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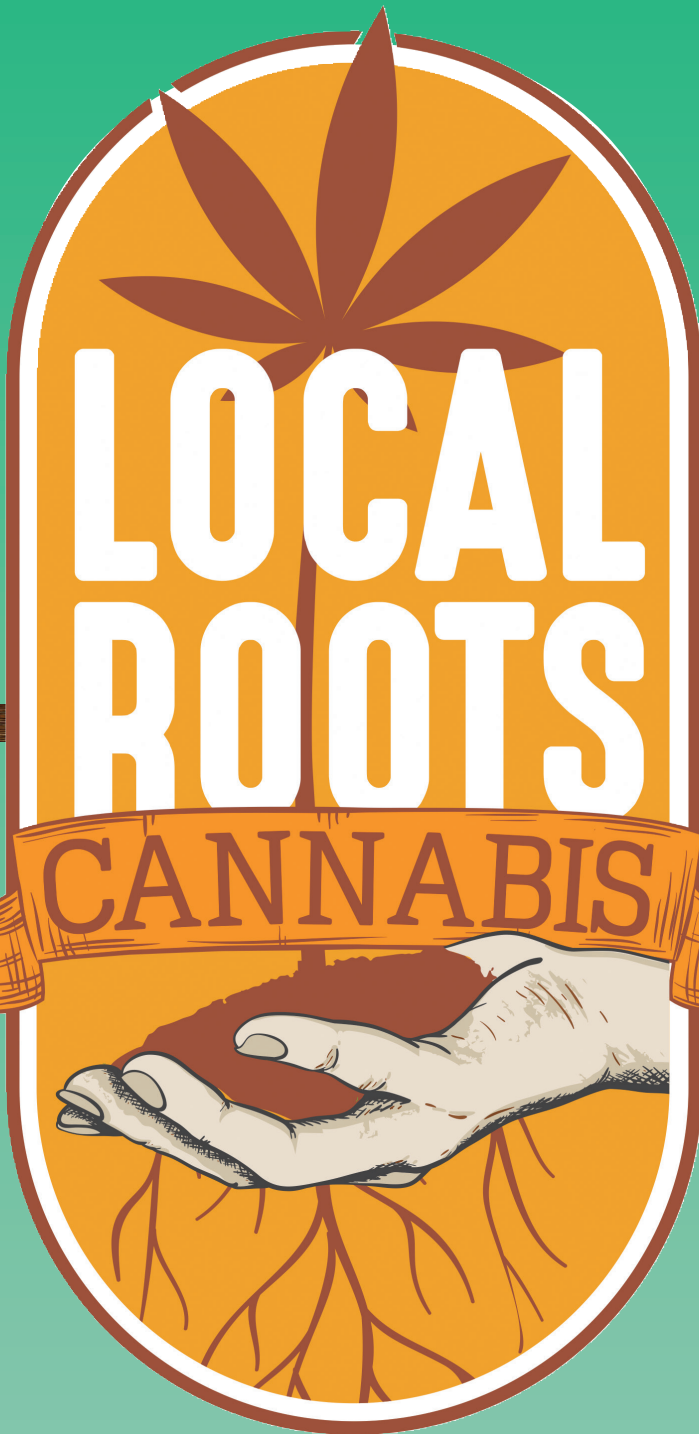


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