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(Otherwise known as the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry)

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BLSA performs at the APALSA MLaw Culture Show, 2011
Photo by Charlie Quigg
By Sarah Zearfoss  
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Note from the RG: Dean Z assures us that none of the lol-worthy personal statements featured in this article were submitted by any new MLaw students. After all, you’re here, aren’t you?

I used to write a once-in-a-while column for the RG devoted to ridiculing the personal statements of hapless applicants. But then I got a blog, and, although that format doesn’t accommodate any personal-statement mockery, it does suck all the writing energy out of me. At the urging of RG’s graduating Web Editor Tomek Koszylko, though, I have agreed to cooperate in his vision of producing “the most amazing, insightful, funny, soul-healing issue the RG has ever seen.” Because, as he rhetorically queries, what is more soul-healing than making fun of Law School outsiders? Indeed. Yet another example of the famed Michigan Law collegiality moving me to tears. I present a melange of mocking—a smattering of tips on what to avoid should you ever again be in the unfortunate position of writing a personal statement.

Tip one: Never, ever, ever begin by quoting Robert Frost. While Frost has an extensive oeuvre, the sole quote that I ever see is from The Road Not Taken—and it’s virtually always, fatally, an epigraph. You can get away with quoting something trite, but not if you think it’s momentous enough to set up your entire piece. In any event, law is not actually the road “less traveled by” in any meaningful sense. What exactly would a law school applicant be choosing between where law school is the less obvious path?

This year, my favorite use of the quote preceded a description of how law school trumped the lifestyle chosen by the applicant’s friend, who became a drug addict despite their alleged third-grade pact that neither “would drink alcohol, use drugs, or succumb to any other negative influence.” I have done no research, but is the number of people who become hopeless drug addicts actually larger than the number who become lawyers? Isn’t “drug addict” really the less traveled path? If less-traveled-ness were truly important to me, I should have admitted the friend.

Tip two: Have a point. I am often called upon to reassure applicants that it is not necessary to explain why exactly you want to go to law school; indeed, unless your reason is more captivating than most, you’re better off not addressing it. But that should not be understood to mean that you do not need any theme whatsoever. Likewise, while I am often very fond of the format that relays some compelling life vignette, ideally the vignette will illustrate something relevant to why I might want to admit you to law school.

One young man who failed to meet that test this year devoted almost 700 words to his first experience of naked group bathing in Japan. That was it. It was purely descriptive; no point was being made. The concluding sentence read simply: “In that moment, I felt more comfortable with myself and my surroundings, even in the presence of thirty naked Japanese men, than I had since arriving in Japan.” Okeydokey, but since we don’t have group bathing facilities in Hutchins Hall, I just didn’t care.

Tip three: For the love of all that is decent, write in the first person. A lovely law school admissions director, earnest and hard-working, spends lots of time reading law school applications, and she really reacts negatively to the third-person device.

People employ this device out of discomfort with writing about themselves, and I’m sympathetic. Nonetheless, whether in first or third person, you’re still writing about yourself; in the third person, though, you’re sounding ridiculous when you do it. And something about the device seems to set loose the inner narcissist; that sense of discomfort might have been an excellent check on intolerable bragginess. Example:

Once upon a time on top of a mesa... there lived a young girl named [Mary]. She lived an idyllic...life...[Mary] absorbed the cultural richness that surrounded her, almost without realizing it...[Mary] loved to read, and her most feared punishment was having her book taken away. Fortunately, she was rarely punished...She learned to lead at a very young age, and she fell naturally into leadership roles throughout her youth.

Blah blah blah. Suffice it to say, she excels in sports and plans to save the world. She’ll just have to do it without a Michigan Law degree.

Alternatively, the desire for distance can lead to complete weirdness. Read the following, knowing that the last paragraph gives the big reveal that E and the author are one and the same:

Everything in E’s life changed in an instant [on the day he was diagnosed with diabetes]...He told me his plans, his goals, his dreams...[but] his future seemed to have vanished in one second...I tried my best to reason with E, but to no avail...I knew, and he knew, that inside he was always different...[But] I told E that he was not the only person in the world with diabetes...Despite my frequent interactions with E, it took him a long time to accept and move on.

I am endlessly entertained by the part about how E and the author have “frequent interactions.” Really? Only frequent? Not, like, constant? Thank you very much for your application, Sybil, but we’re going in a different direction.

When she is not collecting awful personal statements, sharing morsels of wisdom on her “A2Z” blog, http://www.law.umich.edu/connection/a2z, admitting law students, convincing disheartened admitted law students like me that no, their admission was not a mistake, and managing all her family affairs, Dean Zearfoss enjoys tearing up pictures of kittens while sipping a nice Cabernet.

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Are You Geographically Confused?
Commonly Asked Questions At Michigan Law

By The RG Staff

Q: I thought I was in the Reading Room, but I’m surrounded by undergrads talking on cell phones trying to put the moves on each other. Where am I?

A: You are actually in the Reading Room which, in addition to being the pick-up place for course packets and examination numbers, is another sort of pick-up place entirely if you’re into that kind of undergraduate extracurricular activity.

Q: Okay. I don’t get it. If I’m inside the Law School, standing in front of 100 Hutchins, how do I get to the Reading Room?

A: 1) It’s complicated. 2) Go outside, and feel your way back in. Use the force, which is with you always. 3) Go down the stairs and wander through the entrails of the basement until you happen upon the stairs leading up to the Reading Room or the glass doors leading to the underground library. It’s that simple!

Q: Why is it so hard to find an unlocked door to Hutchins after school hours?

A: Reverse psychology. Some years ago, a brilliant administrator figured out that denying simple access to law students would be a great way to trick them into thinking they actually wanted to be inside all the time. When you get that itch to check your pendaflex at 1:32 AM, try going in through the Reading Room. The door is located… oh, forget it.

Q: Why is the elevator in Hutchins so slow?

A: It isn’t. Digestion in the stomach takes 5-6 hours. Also, the gestation period for humans is 9 months. Besides, Michaelangelo once said that “Genius is eternal patience.” So there.

Q: Why does sub-2 seem like sub-zero?

A: The underground library is where the Law School refrigerates its students to keep us crispy, fresh and alert - a process originally developed to preserve our professors. Don’t ask about the “Giant Fresh Vegetable Drawer.” Some things are better left unknown. Just realize it has a lot to do with “tenure.”

Q: What happens if I don’t have my ID verifying my law student status when I reach the Sub-I checkpoint?

A: They put you in the “Giant Fresh Vegetable Drawer.”

Q: Are there any other places I can go if I want to be really cold?

A: Try the basement Snack Lounge where your body temperature will drop several degrees upon entry, or stand outside virtually anywhere during the winter.

Q: What is “Legal Research?”

A: Legal Research is the building where the law school stores some of its oldest library materials and professors. Watch out for the tricky floor numbering; the Reading Room is located on the third floor (not the first), and all even floor numbers are seemingly inaccessible unless you never want to see the light of day again. (Ever.) Legal Research rivals the “Giant Fresh Vegetable Drawer” as the proverbial Law School Bermuda Triangle.

Q: What happens if I find myself in a dark void where nothing makes sense?

A: Most likely, you have fallen asleep for the first time in class. Carl Jung would say that your subconscious is taking this time during your Torts class to express collective racial unconscious memories and instincts shared by all people. Which means you’re not alone in this. Now wake up – they’re calling your name. Just say “respondeat superior” like you know what the hell it means.

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Monday, August 29th
Hospitality Area
10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Student Lounge (200 HH)

Preparing for Class/Time Mgmt
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
EFGH: 250 HH; IJKL: 236 HH; MNOP: 120 HH

Campus Tour/Lunch
RSVP: marilyng@umich.edu
12:45–2:00
Leave from 120 HH

Book Buying Trip
2:00–3:00
Leave from 120 HH

Law Student Life: What to Expect
3:15–4:45 p.m.
120 HH

Walk to the Arb
5:00 Meet at Hutchins Hall Quad doors near the bike racks (Northwest side of bldg.)

Game Night at the Union
8:00 pm 2nd floor Billiards Room

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Tuesday, August 30th

Law Student Life: What to Expect
10:00-11:30 a.m.
120 HH

Campus Tour/Lunch
RSVP: marilyng@umich.edu
11:45–1:30
Leave from 120 HH

Preparing for Class/Time Mgmt
2:00-3:30
EFGH: 250 HH; IJKL: 236 HH; MNOP: 120 HH

Walk to the Arb
4:00
Meet at Hutchins Hall Quad doors

Campus-Quad Scavenger Hunt
7:30-10 p.m.
Lawyers Club Lounge
If possible, bring a digital camera or camera phone

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Case Notes!
Guess this famous Con Law case concerning commerce power:

By Eric Mao

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Organization of Public Interest Students at Michigan Law invites you to meet and talk to prospective and current students interested in public service.

event: Kickoff Event

time: Thursday, September 1 @ 7pm

location: Dominick's (on Tappan, right behind the Law School)
By Nate Kurtis

I’m not sure about the rest of you, but I didn’t have a clue what I was getting myself into when I applied to the University of Michigan Law School. Honestly, two years in, I’m still not 100% sure what I’m doing, but a few recent survey results have certainly helped make me feel quite good about my choice of law schools (the weather of recent weeks notwithstanding). I’m not talking about the US News & World Report rankings — though we do rather well there, too. No, it is two other, highly scientific, polls which have filled me with such pride.

The first is 2006’s Above the Law poll, which ranked our own Dean Evan Caminker as the ‘Hottest Male Law School Dean’ (See “Caminker ‘Hottest’ Dean In The Nation” on page 8 of this issue of Res Gestae). The second, more recent result was from a survey by Harris Interactive for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) — published in the Wall Street Journal — which ranked the University of Michigan Law Library 94th on a list of best loved American architecture. This places our Law Library on a list that includes such treasures as the National Cathedral and the Lincoln Memorial, and ranks us above Radio City Music Hall, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Camden Yards, the Corning Museum of Glass, and the Astrodome, to name a few.

There is some confusion as to just which building the AIA meant to honor, since the architect and photograph are of the Reading Room, but the survey listing is of the Law Library, a name that has been associated with the Smith Addition for over twenty years. Margaret Leary, Director of the University of Michigan Law Library, was quick to point out that “it doesn’t matter, because both are buildings. Legal Research was designed by York & Sawyer, who designed the entire Law Quad, as well as the Martha Cook building. They were considered at the time (1920s and early 1930s) to be a preeminent firm. They were strongly influenced, and pushed to even better design work, by William W. Cook, who paid for it all. The Smith Addition, designed by equally renowned ‘international style’ architect Gunnar Birkerts, has won awards from the AIA and the ALA, and is probably one of the very best underground buildings (buildings, not just libraries) in the world.”

Leary added, “the fact that we ranked above buildings that I would have guessed would be better known (how many people come to Ann Arbor, compared to those much larger sites?) is quite amazing, and a tremendous tribute to the architects, and to the wisdom of the Law School over the years in investing in such fine buildings.”

Though unexpected, our ranking among the most beloved building in America should come as no surprise to those who’ve spent time on our Quad. “Everyone who has ever visited the University knows about this absolute gem of a building and space, both stunning for its appearance and inspirational for its statement about the majesty of the law,” beamed Dean Evan “Hotness” Caminker. He added, “[it’s] wonderful that the WSJ survey will bring greater awareness of this gem to the entire country.”

Sarah Zearfoss, Dean of Admissions, echoed Dean Caminker, noting that while “Michigan Law doesn’t generally put much stock in rankings — except, of course, when Evan Caminker was named ‘hottest law school dean’ via a rigorously scientific and methodologically sound survey — we’re nonetheless pleased that the world has recognized what all of us and our 19,800 alumni already know: that our Law Library is an extraordinary edifice and its Reading Room is, by any measure, an exquisitely beautiful and inspiring setting for the study of law.”

See LAW BEAUTY CONTEST, page 11
The Pursuit of Happiness

By Melissa Narus

‘Sup all, I’m the new beer guy—well, gal, because you don’t need a Y chromosome to enjoy a good brew. I’ve dabbled a bit with brewing but am mostly an enthusiastic beer drinker. I’ll mostly review beers, breweries, and bars I enjoy, but I’d also be happy to answer any questions about brewing.

First and foremost, if you’ve never attended one of Arbor Brewing Company’s (ABC) monthly beer tastings, go. Twenty-five bucks will get you all the beer you can drink (several dozen different selections from various breweries centered around a monthly theme) and all the food you can eat (from a beer-appropriate buffet featuring perogies, wings, and soft pretzels). And no, ABC is not sponsoring me—it’s just that good. So you should all get your butts over to the next one.

On that note, the recent ABC beer tasting’s Michigan theme presented me with the opportunity to try (and retry) many amazing, and some not so amazing, local beers.

Best beer:
Bell’s Oracle, hands down. This wasn’t my first experience with the Oracle but there was no way I was going to pass up the opportunity to try it again. I actually tried it for about 15 minutes straight, for research purposes, of course.

The Oracle is a Double India Pale Ale (DIPA) which means it’s an IPA that contains a lot more malt and up to 2x the hops of a regular IPA. As a result, DIPA’s often contain 7%+ abv and 70+ IBUs. (If you don’t know what abv and IBU stand for, google it.) Often, DIPA’s taste less bitter than regular IPA’s because the malt adds almost a caramel-y sweetness that masks the bitter hop-character.

The Oracle is no exception. With 10.4% abv and 105 IBUs it’s actually towards the far end of doubles and flavor-wise is leaning in the direction of a triple/barely-wine.

I find the Oracle very drinkable, but it’s not a beer to take lightly. The color, light amber, is a bit deceiving given the beer’s complexity and high abv. The aroma and foretaste is an odd but delicious combination of citrus, honey, and pine. The aftertaste has a definite hop-presence but it’s not overpowering. I wouldn’t recommend this beer for the beach or for chugging at a frat party, but it’s perfect for relaxing during these cool fall days.

Worst Beer:
The North Peak Archangel Summer Wheat really doesn’t have much to offer. The Archangel is over-carbonated and under-flavored. It tastes like soda-water with cherry syrup, so basically like a subpar Shirley Temple.

Beer that tastes the least like beer:
The Mt. Pleasant Coal Stoker Ale tastes like syrupy blackberry juice. If you like beer, I wouldn’t recommend it, not because it’s completely terrible but because there are literally hundreds of beers which I would suggest trying before it. However, if you’ve ever non-ironically bought Smirnoff Ice, this beer might be perfect for you.

Other beers of note:
The Arcadia Cocoa Loco is very good for a chocolate beer, which I find is actually hard to do well. There’s a decent amount of coffee taste, but, as the name would suggest, the chocolate taste is the most prominent. I wouldn’t say this is one of my top favorite beers of all time, but I would definitely consider ordering a pint, especially around the holidays.

The Dark Horse Scotty Karate is a 9.75% abv Scottish Ale with a smooth and balanced yet surprisingly complex flavor. However, don’t drink this beer too cold. When I was first served, it was ice cold and had almost no flavor. After I held my glass a few minutes and allowed the beer to warm, it really opened up with a lot of delicious malty caramel flavor.

There were twenty-six beers at the tasting, and I would love to review them all, but that would take far too much space and far too much of my time (this law school thing is really cutting into my beer drinking time). So, you guys should go and try some beers for yourselves. The next ABC beer tasting is November 11th and the theme is Belgians. If that’s not your style, wander down to the nearest liquor store and buy something new to try. Coors Light is for undergrads; it’s time to grow up.

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Overheard in Hutchins:
2L to 1L: “If you can’t list who the gunners in your class are, then it’s you.”

Student A, laughing, to Student B: Before I came to U of M, I thought a wolverine was a baby wolf.

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Caminker “Hottest” Dean In The Nation

By Austin Rice-Stitt

Michigan Law School Dean Evan Caminker fortified his reputation as America’s “hottest” law school dean this month by winning the male division of the prestigious “Law School Dean Hotties Contest” sponsored by Above the Law. Dean Caminker entered this year’s contest as the clear frontrunner and cruised to an easy victory, garnering 32% of the votes in the seven-dean field.

Testimonials posted on the site make it clear that Caminker’s “smoking hotness” is appreciated by both women and men alike. “The Caminkster is a hottie—no doubt about it!” gushed one poster, while another, who claims to get dizzy in Caminker’s presence, labeled him “a god.” Another poster assured readers that Caminker “has the gay vote.”

Caminker took the news of his ascension to the throne of dean hotness in stride and was quick to share the credit for his success: “It was a team effort,” Caminker insisted. “Everyone gave 110% and wouldn’t quit.”

While Dean Caminker’s presence here might make it easy to overlook hotness on the part of other UMLS professors, Steven Croley could not be ignored. Professor Croley, noted for his resemblance to Tom Cruise, finished 4th in this year’s voting, securing 10% of the votes cast. Croley fans praised his ability to showcase his “pretty-boy appeal” one day and his “irresistible masculinity” the next.

A hearty congratulations is in order for both Dean Caminker and Professor Croley. Without these two in town, Ann Arbor winters would be that much colder.

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How to Build a Greener Gothic Fortress

By Lauren Rogal

Recently I had some time to chat with Michele Frasier Wing, Director of Finance and Planning at the Law School, to discuss what sort of green innovations are being implemented in constructing the new building across the street. Here is what she had to say in response to my questions.

LR: How was the plan for green construction conceived and finalized? Whom did the law school consult on this issue?

MFW: The Law School has been working for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) equivalency since the beginning of plans for the current building project. For anyone not familiar with LEED, it is a set of standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council which provide certification of the “green-ness” of a building based upon a set of standards that range from standard to “platinum” certification. It’s truly a complicated process that requires both green design and green practices in the building process. Our architects have in-house LEED experts; we have an outside consultant tracking our process and preparing documentation for us; and our contractors have an on-site expert who monitors and documents the green practices required in the construction process.

LR: What features of the new building are you proudest of in terms of promoting sustainability?

MFW: Well, it’s totally not sexy, but some of the best and most green features of the new building will be the temperature and lighting controls in the building. It is sooooo much harder to create a more sustainable temperature control system when you have such extreme temperatures to deal with (it can be a 100 degree swing in any given year)—much harder than for those in more temperate climates. We have this really sophisticated, chemical-free heating/cooling system and a lighting control system that Lois Harden, our Facilities Director, will be taking a week-long class to learn how to use. The University has also moved to green housekeeping practices, and we are using materials that are low emission. There will be a bottle filler in the basement (and we are, by the way, putting in 3 new ones in LR and Hutchins—I’m on a mission to reduce or get rid of bottled water!). We will also be using native plantings intended to thrive in this environment without much additional irrigation or chemicals.

LR: What is the timeline for obtaining LEED Silver certification?

MFW: Very smooth, Lauren...I haven’t said anything about Silver certification. Yes, we are working toward Silver. It has always been a goal and we’ve planned everything as well as we can to get there, but it’s all in the review process. You can’t ever be assured in this exercise that the way our experts see things is the same way the Green Building Council sees things, so every project, we’re told, loses points in the review. As for the timeline, I think Ross just got their silver certification in January, so it isn’t quick.

LR: How does the building compare to other U-M facilities in terms of sustainability?

MFW: I think all you need to do to answer that question is sit next to the window in any classroom in Hutchins...But, going forward, the University has a requirement that any building with a construction budget over $10M must be LEED Silver certified. Our building was well underway before that requirement was in place.

LR: Will there be compost bins in the new building?

MFW: We’re working on that one. Ann Arbor doesn’t have much (or any) infrastructure for supporting composting on campus, and at this point, the campus has no program. We’re trying to figure out how we can do it on our own or in collaboration with another school or college. Currently, the Environmental Law Society is coordinating an effort to have compostables picked up by Wishing Tree Garden, a local organization that grows fresh produce and donates it to Food Gatherers.

LR: Can anyone estimate how much money will be saved in the long run (say, 10-20 years) from the green design?

MFW: I bet there is someone out there who can! Seriously, though, it can be more expensive to build a sustainable building (think how much cheaper it would be if we just threw everything out; sorting, recycling, and properly hauling things away takes money), but you make up the cost over time in energy and water savings.

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Yet, while pleased, Dean Zearfoss does quibble with the fact that the Chrysler Building, Washington Monument, and the Golden Gate Bridge managed to squeak out higher positions. She believes the result is because “most of the 2000 survey respondents have never been to the Quad and are correspondingly clueless about the true beauty of this architectural gem in which we live and work. They’ve also completely ignored the element of function. Where, we might ask, would you rather study black letter law -- in the Reading Room, the Gateway Arch in Saint Louis, or Grand Central Station? The latter two are ranked higher than us, by the way, which proves the point.”

Even with all this recent fame, Dean Zearfoss urges us not to let it all go to our heads: “It’s good to know that we’ve earned some bragging rights, but we urge you to be magnanimous with your peers at Harvard, Yale, and Stanford, as we’re confident the students and faculty of the Golden Gate Bridge and Grand Central Station Schools of Law will be magnanimous to us.”

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The SFF Auction, 2011
Photo by Tim Estep

Kickball Tournament, 2010
Photo by Charlie Quigg

Law Prom, 2011
Photo by Tori Roth

Question on the Quad

The Motor City: Is This What We Do?

How often do MLaw-ers go to Detroit? Not much. Come on now, people. Detroit’s not that bad. This RG writer tells you from personal experience that in the 25 years she’s lived in metro Detroit, she’s only been mugged once. And shot a total of zero times.

Here are some student body reactions to the question of whether or not they ever get themselves down to Motor City:

“Risk death by crime to subject self to death by boredom? No thanks.”

“I love the art museum! I would go more if you didn’t have to pay for it and I wasn’t too busy.”

“I don’t go there without a gun. Or four..”

“I was sure Tijuana is cleaner and altogether more pleasant than Detroit. Dude. Tijuana.”

“I’d be in Detroit a lot more if I had a car. Wish there were some kind of regular transportation between A2 and Detroit.”

“Let’s pool our allowances and buy a few blocks of downtown.”

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MLCC Presents:

The Best of Ann Arbor

These are the venues that the Culinary Club’s members voted for as the best restaurants, pubs, bakeries, and more! Culinary Club Editors’ Choice(s) in bold.

Best Restaurant Around
1) Eve, 2) Zingerman’s Roadhouse, 3) Grizzly Peak, 4) Common Grill

Best Happy Hour Nosh
1) Rush Street, 2) The Earle, 3) Metro Café, 4) Weber’s Grill

Best Breakfast
1) Café Zola, 2) Angelo’s, 3) Afternoon Delight, 4) Frank’s, 5) The Broken Egg (tied with) 5) Northside Grill, 7) Auto Bar (Sundays only), 8) Zingerman’s Roadhouse

Best Burger
1) Red Hawk, 2) Side Track Bar and Grill (Ypsilanti), 3) Crazy Jim’s Blimpie Burger, 4) Ashley’s

Cheap Meals Near Campus
1) BTB, 2) Za’s, 3) Pita Kabob Grill, 4) Potbelly’s, 5) Le Dog, 6) Red Hot Lovers, 7) NYPD, 8) Rich JC Korean

Best Italian
1) Gratsi, 2) Bella Ciao, 3) Palio, 4) Argiero’s, 5) Silvio’s, 6) Paesano’s, 7) Olive Garden, 8) Romanò’s

Best Sandwich/Deli
1) Zingerman’s, 2) Amer’s, 3) Ali Baba, 4) Maize and Blue Deli, 5) Potbelly’s, 6) Pita Kabob Grill, 7) Jimmy John’s, 8) Great Harvest, 9) Panera, 10) Così, 11) Quizno’s, 11) Subway

Best Ice Cream
1) Washenaw Dairy, 2) Stucchi’s, 3) Ben and Jerry’s, 4) Kilwin’s

Best Bakery
1) Zingerman’s, 2) Great Harvest, 3) Big City Small World, 4) Panera

Best Donuts/Pastries
1) Zingerman’s, 2) Cake Nouveau, 3) Washenaw Dairy

Best Splurge Dinner
1) Eve, 2) Common Grill (tied with) 2) Real Seafood, 4) West End Grill, 5) Vinology, 6) Chop House, 7) Gandy Dancer, 8) Amadeus, 9) Cherry Blossom

Best Sushi/Japanese Food
1) Sodako, 2) Miki, 3) Totoro, 4) Godeiko, 5) Cherry Blossom (tied with) 5) Makkara, 7) Sushi.Come

Best Thai
1) No Thai, 2) Marnee Thai, 3) Lotus Thai, 4) Savathai

Best Korean
1) Seoul Garden, 2) Bewon, 3) JC Rich, 4) Kosmo’s

Best Chinese
1) TK Wu, 2) China Gate, 3) Middle Kingdom, 4) Dynasty Buffet (Ypsilanti), 5) Asian Legend (tied with) 5) Evergreen

Best Indian
1) Temptations (Ypsilanti), 2) Shalimar, 3) Madras Masala, 4) Raji Rani

Best Latino
1) Pilar’s Tamales, 2) Sabor Latino, 3) Prickly Pear, 4) Chipotle, 5) BTB, 6) Qdoba, 7) Taqueria La Loma, 8) The Burrito Joint, 9) La Fiesta Mexicana, 10) Banditos

Best Vegetarian
1) Seva (tied with) 1) Earthen Jar

Best Middle Eastern
1) Ali Baba’s, 2) Jerusalem Garden (tied with) 2) Ayse’s Café (Turkish), 4) Pita Kabob Grill, 5) Oasis Café,

Best Pub
1) Ashley’s, 2) Leopold Brothers, 3) Grizzly Peak, 4) Arbor Brewing Company, 5) Conor O’Neill’s, 6) Brown Jug, 7) The Rathskeller, 8) Rick’s

Best Wine Shop
1) Morgan & York, 2) Bello Vino Marketplace, 3) Trader Joe’s, 4) Everyday Wine

Write-in: Village Corner

Best Dive Bar
1) Alley Bar, 2) The Rathskeller, 3) Eight Ball

Best Pizza

Bulk Foods
1) Whole Foods, 2) By the Pound, 3) People’s Food Co-op

Best Grocery
1) Trader Joe’s, 2) Busch’s, 3) Hiller’s, 4) Whole Foods, 5) Bello Vino, 6) Kroger, 7) People’s Food Co-op, 8) Arbor Farms

Best Coffee Shop
1) Sweetwater’s, 2) Espresso Royale, 3) Zingerman’s Next Door, 4) Caribou, 5) Café Ambrosia, 6) Beaner’s, 7) Starbucks, 8) Café Verde, 9) Primo Coffee

Best reasons to find a ride to Ypsi:
Red Sea (Ethiopian), Dalat (Vietnamese), Side Track (burgers, Irish spring rolls), Taqueria La Loma or Fiesta Mexicana (Mexican), Tuptim (Thai), Banh Na (Thai and Laotian)

And don’t forget these one-of-a-kind places!
Farmer’s Market: Ann Arbor Farmer’s Market, Westside Farmer’s Market (near Zingerman’s Roadhouse)
Specialty Markets: Hua Xing Grocery (diverse Asian foods in Ypsilanti), Sunshine Mart (Middle Eastern)
Jamaican: Jamaican Jerk Pit
Small-batch Distillery: Leopold Brothers

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