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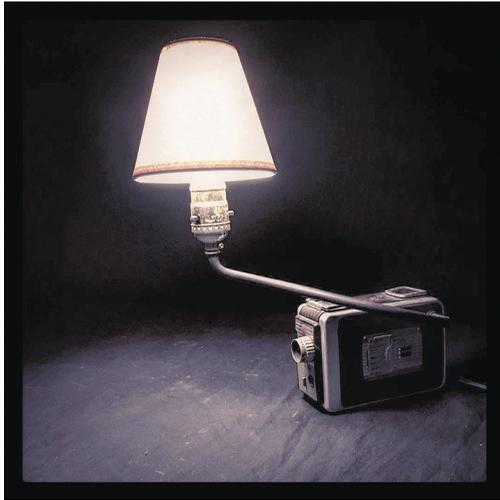
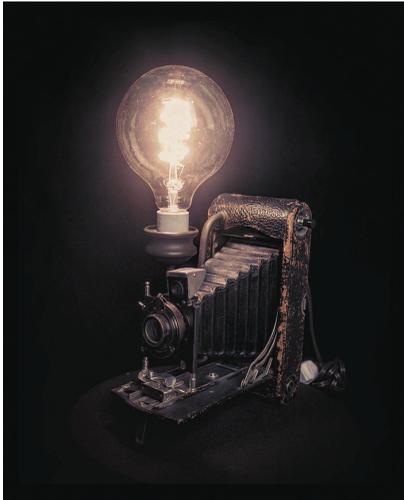
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NEWS & OPINION

Emails reveal undercover police operation at Lansing sex club

Illegally taken photographs trigger secretive investigation at Club Tabu

Unknown to patrons of Club Tabu, a sex club in south Lansing, a person was secretly taking pictures of them engaged in consensual sexual activity in November 2019. Those photos were sent to City Councilman Adam Hussain, attached to an email filled with breathless and unsubstantiated allegations of prostitution, nonconsensual groping, public sex in the parking lot and illicit drug use in the club.

Yet that email — and the photographs — unleashed a whirlwind of law enforcement activity and email communications between top city officials that remained under wraps until now.

Hussain forwarded the email and photos to then-Police Chief Daryl Green, who ordered undercover operatives with LPD's Special Operation Section to launch an investigation.

In December 2019, undercover officers prowled the adult, members-only club in search of criminal activity. They found none. But police records won't show how many officers were detailed to the scene or what they discovered or did during the secret surveillance. In fact, without internal communications about the investigation, there are no records of the probe at all.

"No report was completed as is the practice of LPD undercover unit when an investigation has no criminal aspect," LPD spokesman Robert Merritt explained to City Pulse in a recent email.

A spokeswoman for Mayor Andy Schor also said the city does not have enough cops to write reports for each individual investigation, particularly those that don't meet prosecution guidelines set by the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. And for some, that's a real transparency issue.

The lack of reports related to the expenditure of public dollars in the name of public safety doesn't sit well with Lisa McGraw, public affairs manager for the Michigan Press Association.

"Transparency equals trust," she said. "But if there is no transparency how can

trust be there? It's like body cameras. We spent all this money on body cameras so there would be more accountability, but where is the accountability if we — the citizens — can't see that footage? Here, you have officers working for us — the taxpayers — and whether they found evidence of criminal activity or not, there should be a report."

Matt Sexton, executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, declined to discuss the policies at the Lansing Police Department specifically, but said when he served as the sheriff in Calhoun County, he would "expect my staff to file a report" regardless of the outcome.

Even Hussain, who triggered the undercover investigation, is now calling for a policy review.

"I believe in-depth and transparent reporting is critical for myriad reasons," Hussain wrote in an email. "I would implore the mayor, chief of police, and Board of Police Commissioners to consider reviewing and potentially enhancing internal policies related to logging and reporting complaints, investigations, and findings."

The latest budgets show that Lansing spends just over \$6.9 million on criminal investigations. City officials were unable to provide a specific budget for the department's Special Operations unit, which operates the undercover teams used in various investigations throughout the city.

City Pulse obtained emails related to the undercover operation and the complaint through the Michigan Freedom



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

Club Tabu, which caters to a gay male crowd, is attached to Fantasies Unlimited, 3208 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. A sign on the door bans photos and videos.



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

of Information Act. City officials refused to release the photos, arguing they constituted a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. In response to an appeal to that denial, Lansing City Council President Peter Spadafore called the release of the photos "among the most unwarranted invasions of privacy imaginable." He also said that he was disturbed the photos were disseminated in the first place, calling the photos a "gross violation of privacy."

Spadafore also went a step further. He argued that sharing the photos may be criminal.

Taking pictures of unclothed people without their knowledge in a place like Club Tabu where they have an expectation of privacy is a felony in Michigan. Distributing those photographs is also grounds for a felony charge. Taking the photos and sending them using a computer, including a smartphone or tablet, is also a felony — using a computer to commit a crime. Sending photos known to be, or thought to be, taken in violation of the law is also a crime.

Despite this concern, Hussain

sent the photos to Sherrie Boak, City Council's office manager; Lansing City Councilwoman Carol Wood, who chaired the body's Public Safety Committee; Green, the chief of police; and an unknown number of people from the City Attorney's Office. Green also sent them to Lt. Michelle Spoelma in LPD's special operations division.

Hussain said he forwarded the email and photos out of concern that human trafficking or prostitution might be occurring on the premises — only adding to a wide collection of "nefarious" activities near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Holmes Road.

In a response to the initial email, Hussain called the allegations "very troubling indeed."

Club Tabu requires a cash cover charge. The doors are buzzed open elec-

NOTICE OF HEARING**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT,
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE
2021 BOGUS SWAMP DRAIN IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT****TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES IN THE PROPOSED
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lansing, acting on its own initiative, proposes to cause the following generally-described drainage improvements to be made with respect to the proposed 2021 Bogus Swamp Drain Improvement Special Assessment District:

the construction and installation of certain drain improvements within the Bogus Swamp Drain Drainage District within the Township, specifically for the benefit of properties within the area bordered by Timber Drive to the north, Gould Road to the east, Bon Air Road to the southeast, Sylvan Road to the southwest, and Morris Avenue to the west, which drain improvements will generally involve constructing and installing an outlet drain and related infrastructure and appurtenances to connect the property to an existing stormwater drain system (the "Project").

Plans and cost estimates for the Project have been prepared and are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER 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 proposed special assessment roll related to all of the properties listed above, and that are within the proposed 2021 Bogus Swamp Drain Improvement Special Assessment District. The proposed special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the above-described Project and work incidental thereto within the special assessment district, as more particularly shown on the plans that are on file and available for public examination with the Township Clerk at the Township Administration Building, 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48917. The total assessment is \$29,000.

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, the 14th day of September, 2021, at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., in the Township Administration Building, 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48917, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed Project, reviewing the proposed special assessment district, and reviewing the proposed special assessment roll, 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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, written appearances, protests, objections, and/or comments may be submitted to the Township Supervisor via email to dhayes@lansingtowship.org or at the following address: 3209 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48917. Appearances and protests submitted in writing must be received by the Township at or before the time of the public hearing. Comments submitted will be read aloud during the public 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 drainage improvement special assessment project, the special assessment district, 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 of the date the special assessment roll is confirmed by the Township Board.

Dated: August 26, 2021

Maggie Sanders, Clerk

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Club Tabu

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tronically. Several signs warn customers that photography, solicitation and drug use are not prohibited inside.

Additionally, both entrances are clearly marked as "private." Dark corners and sofas are scattered inside the club, as well as BDSM equipment and gloryhole booths. Signs are also posted throughout the building that explain how consent is required for any physical contact.

Spadafore wrote that he hoped the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office would determine if a crime had been committed by the person who took and sent the illicit photos to Hussain.

But Merritt, the LPD spokesman, said there was no investigation of the source of the photos.

"There was no investigation by LPD of the photographer because the only information obtained was an email," Merritt said. "The name of the reporting female did not exist in any Lansing Police Department records or other databases."

Merritt and the mayor's spokeswoman did not respond to additional questions, including why LPD had not emailed the person, done an IP and email trace or mined the metadata embedded in the photos — all basic law enforcement tools used to investigate email communications. An IP (Internet Protocol) address can be used to trace a particular device.

The email was signed "Anne N. Amos, A very concerned citizen and registered

voter of Lansing." Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum also confirmed that no one in Ingham County with that name appeared in the Qualified Voter Files, a statewide database of registered voters.

Hussain said if the person broke any laws, then he expects law enforcement to act.

Mike Naughton, an attorney for Club Tabu, declined to comment for this story.

Councilwoman Patricia Spitzley, who has not seen the email or the photos, said she believes that the privacy rights of the people photographed without their knowledge or permission should "be protected." And that means an actual criminal investigation.

"I think we should find out who that person is, for sure," she said.

In the complaint to Hussain, the author opined that they witnessed drug and sexual activity in the parking lot of the business and claimed "unprotected sex" was occurring inside the building.

LPD records show that police responded to 10 calls to the business between January 2019 and July 2021. Four of them were related to violations of COVID-19 mitigation orders after the business was ordered shuttered early in the pandemic. One call, which did not result in a police report, also alleged prostitution. The others were related to unwanted people inside the building.

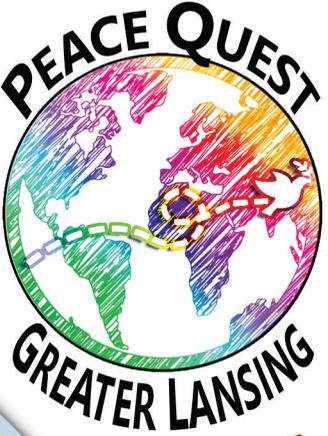
None of the calls were for public sex or drug use. Ingham County Health Officer Linda Vail said she is made aware when businesses or individuals are tied to outbreaks of reportable diseases, including sexually transmitted infections. No outbreaks have been tied to Club Tabu, she said.

— TODD HEYWOOD

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Developers pitch plan to renovate shuttered West Jr. High School

Officials lean on \$3 million tax break to finalize renovation of 'historic asset'

Out-of-state developers want to renovate the shuttered West Junior High School in Lansing into a three-story apartment building. But first: They want tax incentives to get the project going.

Lansing Housing Commission Director Doug Fleming pitched a plan to the City Council last week in which developers aim to collect about \$2.9 million in tax breaks over 40 years to kickstart a \$15 million renovation of the school into 75 apartments for seniors and people with disabilities, as well as creating new community spaces in the auditorium and gym.

If all goes as planned, contractors hope to finish construction by 2024, according to early plans.

"Other potential uses? Truthfully, they're very minimal," Fleming told the Council. "It takes a significant investment to use that. I think the building has been empty for 15 years. If there were a lot of things that could've been done to this building other than what we're proposing, I think it would've already been proposed by someone — probably people smarter than us. We think this is a really good use of the potential site and for the maintenance of a historic asset in the city."

The request before the Council is for a PILOT (or payment in lieu of taxes) that would allow developers to forgo an estimated \$96,000 in annual property taxes, instead only paying an estimated \$25,000 annually, or 4% of the total rental income collected for the next 40 years.

City officials cautioned that those early projections are still only "estimates with a capital E." They also emphasized that the property, in its current form, is generating no tax revenue at all.

Built in 1919, the iconic 150,000-square-foot building is bordered by Kalamazoo Street to the north, Chestnut Street to the east, Lenawee Street to the south and Pine Street to the west, adjacent to the school district's administration building. And some of Lansing's most noteworthy residents went to West there before it was closed in 2008. Among them: Malcolm X, Earvin "Magic" Johnson Jr. and City Assessor Sharon Frischman.

"It can be much more expensive to rehabilitate an old building like this



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

Built in 1919, the iconic 150,000-square-foot West Junior High School building is bordered by Kalamazoo Street to the north, Chestnut Street to the east, Lenawee Street to the south and Pine Street to the west.

rather than to build on green space somewhere else in the city," Frischman added. "Generally, if the market recognized that this was worthwhile to do without tax incentives, then it would've been done by now."

The project — a partnership between the Lansing Housing Commission and Wisconsin-based General Capital Development LLC — heavily relies on the tax break, Fleming emphasized. The Council held a public hearing on the PILOT on Monday and is expected to vote on it this month.

In the meantime, the concept is garnering plenty of early support from officials at the Lansing School District and at Lansing City Hall, many of whom are eager to repurpose the building, get it back on the city's tax rolls and create more affordable housing opportunities within the city.

Only those over age 55 or with disabilities would be eligible to live there, Fleming said. He also noted that 57 of the 75 units would be limited to those with annual incomes at or below \$50,000. Exact rental prices weren't immediately available upon request from the Council or City Pulse.

"Older buildings are really challenging to develop," said Brian McGrain, the city's director of planning and economic development. "A lot of times, these older buildings take some sort of incentive. These old schools are also wonderful assets. They were built to last. They

have these big auditoriums and big gyms, but they can be expensive to rehabilitate. Nothing lasts forever."

School Board President Gabrielle Lawrence also said the district is supportive of the concept.

"We're working out the terms of the purchase agreement, so we're not prepared to make extensive comments," she added. "If the purchase is complete, we'll be happy to talk about it."

Fleming said a signed contract with developers for site control and the eventual sale of the school building depends

on the Council's approval of tax credits. Without them, construction costs would rise to the point of putting the project's "feasibility in question," he explained.

"There's a very high environmental risk," Fleming said. "When you're dealing with an old building, you don't know what you're getting into until you get into it. It's like the old story: You don't know what you know until you know it, and we just don't know what we don't know."

And with an estimated 13,000 of the 24,000 tenants living in Lansing spending more than 30% of their annual income on monthly rent payments, the project fills a housing void, he said. He also said opening up the auditorium and gymnasium could also be a boon for Lansing.

"The intent is to work with community groups in terms of long-term use of these facilities. We've talked to the school for the use of the school for musicals and plays. We've had conversations with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and athletic groups who could use it," Fleming said.

Developers also plan to pay about \$10,000 annually to the Housing Commission for wraparound services for residents — including assistance with health and wellness, food security, financial education, educational development and employment skills. A food pantry would be on site, as well as monthly distributions to residents from local food banks, Fleming told the Council.

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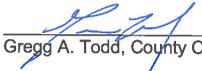


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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO
INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted amendments to the Ingham County Animal Control Ordinance to clarify the standards for criminal liability, by adding certain definitions to Article II, and to revise provisions in Article V as to confinement procedures and in Article IX as to strict liability and costs; and to repeal Article VIII as to the prohibition of keeping livestock and poultry in the non-agricultural areas of the County and provisions permitting and regulating the keeping of chickens in the non agricultural areas of the County.

A copy of the Ordinance Amendment is available for public inspection in the office of the Ingham County Clerk.


Gregg A. Todd, County Controller

CP#21-196

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021**

TO: Citizens of the City of Lansing

PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

The City of Lansing Department of Economic Development and Planning (EDP) is preparing its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 pursuant to Federal Community Development Program rules and regulations. Before submitting its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval. The City must, after appropriate public notice, make the report available to the public for examination and comment for a period of 15 days. The comment period is September 2, 2021 – September 16, 2021. The EDP Office must receive any comments regarding the CAPER for this time period in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

A summary of public comments received as a result of the public participation process will be submitted to HUD as part of the CAPER.

Notice is hereby given that the CAPER for the time period noted above for the City of Lansing is on file and available for review at the city's website at www.lansingmi.gov/development. Information regarding the CAPER may be obtained by contacting Doris M. Witherspoon at (517) 483-4063 or at doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov.

CP#21-193

**NOTICE OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM KICKOFF
TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (TRI-COUNTY)**

NOTICE is hereby given that development of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Greater Lansing region has begun. The TIP includes all federally funded projects for four years and will invest over \$150 million in our transportation infrastructure within the tri-county region. Projects that improve our roads, highways, bridges, safety, bikeways and walkways, public transit services, and congestion throughout Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties are included.

The TIP works toward meeting the goals of Tri-County's long-range transportation vision for the region, or the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, titled Moving Mid-Michigan. Local and state government agencies, road departments, and public transit providers are invited to submit suggested projects to Tri-County by September 15, 2021. Following the call for projects, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed TIP projects in October.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Lansing region since 1973, Tri-County channels all federal funding for transportation projects into our local communities. This is your time to encourage your local government agency to submit a transportation improvement project for consideration.

Learn more about the TIP, how it's developed, and how to get involved at mitrcpc.org/tip. Tri-County relies on public input to make our region a more prosperous community as we plan for a strong economy, reliable transportation, and sustainable infrastructure and natural resources.

Tri-County is committed to open and accessible information. Contact clerk@mitrcpc.org to request interpretation services, accommodations for persons with disabilities, and assistance with additional needs.

CP#21-198



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

Developers plan to reopen the auditorium at the old West Junior High School in Lansing.

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Council members Patricia Spitzley, Peter Spadafore, Brandon Betz and Adam Hussain each voiced varying degrees of support for the potential project as the proposal for tax incentives heads to the Council's Committee on Development and Planning.

"You have a building that has been empty for years. They pay no taxes because it's owned by the Lansing School District. And it's offering clean, safe, affordable housing," Spitzley added. "I had some initial questions when this was first explained to me, but I plan to support this project."

Betz and Councilwoman Kathie Dunbar both expressed concerns about only one elevator included in the site plan to service potentially hundreds of disabled people and adults with mobility concerns. Fleming said he plans to take those concerns back to the project developers.

The payments for resident services give the Lansing Housing Commission a clear financial stake in the project's success. In addition to serving as LHC director, Fleming also told the Council that he would be paid \$75,000 by the developers to serve as a project consultant. The appearance of conflicting interests quickly raised eyebrows among members of the Council.

"You're making more money on a side gig than anyone who can afford to live

in that place, and I'm concerned about that," Dunbar said. "It's really concerning to me that this is a partnership with the LHC, but the director is making money off the partnership independently of the LHC."

Fleming told Dunbar that he speaks to developers daily to hash out deals in Greater Lansing, and this project is "really no different than the way I've acted for the last three or four years."

In response to questions from City Pulse over the potentially conflicting interests, Fleming said he has since decided to resign as a paid consultant for the project altogether "because of the distraction."

"I believe strongly in the revitalization of this historical asset for all the reasons outlined in the proposal to the Council. There are no current agreements between the developer and LHC and no money has changed hands," he added. "LHC board and staff do believe that a partnership with the development would enhance the lives of the residents and continue our mission to bring clean, safe and affordable housing to the city and support it with robust resident services. I hope going forward that the conversation will return to the City Council's support of an important development to the school district, the community, and most importantly low income seniors."

The Council's Committee on Development & Planning next meets at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 7. Check back at lansingcitypulse.com for continued coverage as the proposal advances.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

Betz breaks silence to minimize Black Lives Matter movement

Councilman paints police divestment as 'niche' cause

After he was censured by the City Council, stripped of his committee assignments and fired from his job early this year for insulting a Black Lives Matter activist, Councilman Brandon Betz is back with a message for those who still want to defund the police:

"I am no longer tied to a particular movement or ideal," Betz wrote on Facebook this week in his first public post since he disappeared from social media in February. "I will use my knowledge, skills and experience to focus on the issues of the day with rationality and keen economic precision. I will work to ensure that our city is better than when I came into this position."

Betz faced a deluge of public criticism— including hundreds of calls for his resignation — after he sent a series of profane text messages in which he called Michael Lynn Jr., the coleader of the Lansing chapter of Black Lives Matter, a "dickbag troll who no one listens to" and

a "weak ass bitch" who only wanted more political clout. Lynn repeatedly asked Betz to stop sending him messages. Betz kept going, later telling Lynn that he doesn't "represent assholes."

In the weeks that followed, Betz and his wife departed to Alaska to visit family and "take care of personal affairs," he said. Meanwhile, he was formally censured by the Council, fired from his job at the Michigan League for Public Policy and widely criticized by political groups, including the Ingham County Democratic Party and the Lansing Democratic Socialists of America. Both of them — as well as Black Lives Matter



Betz



Lynn

— have echoed calls for Betz to resign from the Council.

After returning from Alaska in March, Betz appeared ready to get back

to business as usual. He also got a new day job as a legislative consultant with Eversheds Sutherland law firm. But his enthusiasm for reducing police funding has vanished altogether, he told City Pulse this week.

"I came from the perspective that I'm a socialist and that I needed to do everything in my power to achieve that ideal of socialism, but that's just not the right way to be doing things," Betz said. "It's not about idealism. It's about making sure that my neighbors have their voices heard."

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Betz said he let that sense of socialist idealism — which included calls to defund the Lansing Police Department — cloud his judgment. This week, he said city governance is about more than kowtowing to groups like Black Lives Matter and the Democratic Socialists of America.

"I also naively believed that the people behind those voices were my allies and that we were working together to achieve the same goals," Betz wrote. "I entrusted my time, energy and efforts to them, expecting them to respect my limits as your representative and as a person. I also wrongly trusted that those people and organizations would have my back because I risked my political career to achieve what I know now to be their own special interests."

Betz went on to label Black Lives Matter, among other groups, as "niche" organizations run by a "small group of activists" that don't necessarily represent the interests of the city or the safety of its residents. And those sentiments aren't sitting too well with dozens of

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First Ward constituents, many of whom claimed that Betz is only backtracking on the political ideals that got him elected. The comment sections below Betz' recent Facebook posts are filled with continued criticism.

"Your first foray into politics has revealed you as spineless," one local resident commented. "You chose (for whatever reason) to become a member of the status quo. Apparently it's more important to you to genuflect the leadership of Lansing than to represent the people."

Added another First Warder: "No one needs or feels represented by you at this point. Time to resign and give the city you claim to care for representation willing to work with and for the people — many of whom built whatever political career you think or thought you had."

Betz said he doesn't plan to read those comments as he charts out calmer political waters.

"I'll still fight for issues. I'm still a

socialist. I'm still going to take a stand on certain things, but I'm not going to get wrapped up in this polarizing rhetoric," Betz explained. "I represent 25,000 people who live in my ward, and this is about taking a step back to see the bigger perspective."

He added: "Causing a ruckus on the City Council is not going to get anything done and it's not going to be productive. I started out in the beginning with bombs of drama. Now I'm sitting in this place where there are things my constituents have asked me to achieve, and I can't just make enemies to make those things happen. I needed a shift in perspective to get these things done."

Betz told City Pulse in February that he would resign "if that's what my constituents want." He stood by those remarks this week, but said he doesn't think the majority of the First Ward wants him to quit. He also said the last few months have been "full of reflection and reconciliation."

"I had a vision that I would achieve by shaking up the status quo and by representing the people over the interests of the elite. I saw my job as a battle for the soul of the city. I was more than willing to make enemies to affect change," he wrote on Facebook. "The system had to

be disrupted drastically and with considerable risk to achieve a world where we all feel safe."

That "vision" led Betz to become a leading advocate for police divestment in the wake of George Floyd's death alongside Black Lives Matter. He and Councilwoman Kathie Dunbar spearheaded a Council resolution that called for a 50% police budget cut over the next five years. With most of the Council against that concept, however, that resolution never made it to an actual vote.

And Betz isn't ready to pick back up where he left off — especially after his feud with Lynn.

"From roads and development to public safety, my decisions should be based on the wellbeing of every person in the city. It is my fiduciary responsibility as your representative to ensure that our tax dollars are protected and spent for the betterment of our community, not for private financial interests," Betz wrote. "I will admit that at times I can be irritable and impulsive."

Lynn filed a complaint with the city's Board of Ethics over the profane text messages. That body ruled in June that Betz' remarks were discourteous but didn't violate the city charter or warrant consequences beyond being censured and stripped of his committee roles.

In his recent remarks, Betz apologized and said those messages were "at most unprofessional."

Betz said he's still interested in public safety reforms, but he now knows that reducing funding to the Police Department without further research "would put our city in danger of spiraling out of control." As a result, he didn't take any action or cast any votes that would've actually reduced the size of the police budget. In fact, he voted for a \$3.4 million increase in the latest budget — largely out of a desire to hire another police social worker and upgrade police radio systems.

"I stand by my vote because it would be extremely irresponsible to put my neighbors at risk of increased crime without having a clear way to mitigate the effects of reducing the police budget," Betz wrote. "The official actions I took were meant to stimulate a public discussion on public safety in Lansing and also to solicit positions from my

colleagues on Council to see what work was politically feasible. In that effort, I feel that I accomplished my goals."

Betz labeled his calls to defund the police as "rhetoric" designed to "create a sense of urgency" and garner flashy headlines from the press — not necessarily a literal interpretation of his goals to actually reform police practices. That would instead require more police investment, he said.

"Not only would a reduction require changes to our charter through ballot initiative, state law stymies transformation. State law would need to be changed significantly for us to be successful," he wrote. "Though I subscribed to efforts to reimagine the functions of police and to seek alternatives to an armed response, I would never and have never put the citizens of this city at risk of increased violence or property crime. I support efforts to transform our systems with proven methods that protect all of our residents and I also support efforts and will continue to hold our police department accountable for the specific incidents of violence."

Black Lives Matter posted a Facebook post of its own in response to Betz, labeling him a liar that refuses to take accountability, in turn only causing further harm to the Black community.

"What do Andy Schor and Brandon Betz have in common? They both use Black people to further their political ambitions," BLM posted to Facebook last week. "It's not about doing what's right for either of them. It's about winning. It's about holding onto power they believe they are entitled to while never acknowledging how violent they are in their abuse of that power."

Lynn declined to comment about Betz remarks: "I have no thoughts on Brandon's word vomit."

Betz added: "I'm really sorry that BLM seems more interested in attacking people than trying to get the work done. I'm here to represent my constituency and I'm here to work with my constituency. I'm not a fan of these ad hominem attacks. I had no intention of minimizing them at all. They can continue to do what they're going to do and if they get the support, that's great."

— KYLE KAMINSKI

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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS



By KYLE KAMINSKI



Foreclosure auction generates millions

Last week's foreclosure auction in Ingham County was "the largest single auction" in history and a real "barnburner" that generated sales in excess of \$2.2 million, said Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing. A total of 84 properties — comprising 73 bidding lots — were up for grabs to the highest bidder, including four commercial buildings, 45 homes and 24 vacant lots. Schertzing said 41 properties were sold. Almost all of the leftover lots are vacant land, he said.

Volunteers donate backpacks in East Lansing

AT&T donated 200 backpacks filled with school supplies to students in need at Red Cedar and Donley elementary schools in East Lansing. Another 2,000 backpacks will be distributed across Michigan this fall in partnership with volunteers from AT&T's "Michigan Pioneers" program.



Burning car found in Leslie Twp.

Ingham County Sheriff's deputies are looking for leads after they found an empty car burning near the intersection of Kelly and Scofield roads on Sunday evening. Cops suspect the driver got into another vehicle and left the area. Those with details are asked to call 517-676-8231.

Six arrested over Welcome Weekend

The East Lansing Police Department arrested six people between Thursday and Sunday (Aug. 26-29) — all of them "directly related" to Welcome Weekend festivities, authorities said. Cops also issued eight appearance citations in what was a relatively calm weekend.



Shots fired in East Lansing

The East Lansing Police Department is investigating reports of an alleged assault and gunshots fired into a home on Saturday evening on the 800-block of Beechlaw Court. One person was found with non-life-threatening injuries. Nobody was hit by gunfire. One person was arrested. No

additional details were released as the investigation continues.

Students head back to school — with masks

The majority of school districts across Michigan went back to offering in-person learning. And most of them are also wearing face masks. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer applauded the 179 districts statewide — which cover more than 674,000 students — for requiring face coverings this year.



'Gift of Life Day' declared in Lansing

At a ceremony, Mayor Andy Schor declared May 31 as the Amaia Alyse Edmond Gift of Life Day, a tribute to recognize and honor all families whose loved ones donated organs. The Amaia Alyse Edmond Memorial was founded in 2010 by her father, John Edmond, after her death. The month of August has also been named as National Minority Donor Awareness Month.



Body found in Red Cedar River

Authorities pulled a dead man from the Red Cedar River near the intersection of Kalamazoo and South Clippert streets on Sunday evening. The man has not been identified. The incident is under investigation. Those with any details about the death are asked to call 517-485-1700.

Extreme heat hits Greater Lansing

Heat indices topped 100 degrees across much of lower Michigan last weekend, triggering cooling stations to open at three community centers in Lansing. The Michigan State Police also urged residents to cover their windows, stay hydrated and crank up their air conditioning units.

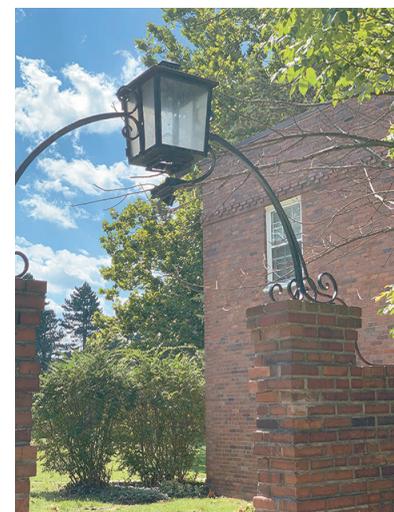


Solar panels installed at MSU

About 100 square feet of transparent solar glass was installed on the roof of the Biomedical and Physical Sciences Building at MSU, generating enough electricity to power lights in its atrium. Indistinguishable from traditional windows, the installation of the glass panels marks a major technological advance and the first deployment of this equipment at any building in the world.

Lansing to boost up youth programs

The city of Lansing is now accepting applications for its Community Youth Programming Grants. Registered civic organizations can apply for cash to use toward projects, events and programming that are aimed to help prevent gun violence and involve youth up to age 24. Visit lansingmi.gov/387/Building-Neighborhoods for more information or to submit an application.



The first person to correctly identify the last Eye for Design was Anne Dimick. That detail featured the tall windows of University Reformed Church, 841 Timberlane St. in East Lansing (pictured below). The angled muntins on each side of the window mimic the sweeping slope of the building's roofline. Furthermore, the way these elements come together creates an effect that looks like an arrow pointing to the heavens. The window glass captures the sunrise of the eastward-facing building.

This month's Eye for Design (pictured above) can be found at the other end of East Lansing, near the city's border with Frandor. If you know where this design detail is located, send an email to carriesampson@micourthistory.org. The first person to do so will win an Eye for Design mug. — CARRIE SAMPSON



"Eye for Design" is our look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates each with Eye candy of the Week and Eyesore of the Week.

Whitmer's mandate hesitancy

More than a century ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that mandatory vaccination is a permissible exercise of governmental authority in response to a public health crisis. Writing for the majority in *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, Justice John Marshall Harlan explained that “the rights of the individual in respect of his liberty may at times, under the pressure of great dangers, be subjected to such restraint, to be enforced by reasonable regulations, as the safety of the general public may demand.” In other words, the Court found it well within the purview of the government — in this case the city of Cambridge — to enact and enforce a vaccine mandate to curb a smallpox outbreak that killed hundreds of Massachusetts residents between 1901 and 1903.

The high court's 1905 opinion set a precedent that largely remains in force today. In fact, lower courts have cited the case a number of times during the COVID-19 pandemic in rejecting legal challenges to mask mandates enacted in several states. Last week, in a case brought by a Catholic elementary school here in Lansing, the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the authority of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to issue a statewide mask mandate. Although the appeals court didn't explicitly cite the *Jacobson* precedent, they reaffirmed the core principle that a mask mandate is a reasonable response, grounded in science, to the continuing dangers of the pandemic.

Which brings us to the matter of a mask mandate for public and private schools in Michigan and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's reluctance to enact one, despite a recommendation that she do so from Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. Although the Michigan Legislature in its infinite wisdom repealed some of her emergency powers, the governor retains the ability to issue health-related directives through the statutory authority held by DHHS. Whitmer's mandate hesitancy is understandable given the extreme and even violent backlash against her previous orders, but it is also inconsistent with the philosophy that has guided her approach since the beginning of the pandemic. We will follow the science, she said, repeating the mantra at every opportunity, especially when legislative Republicans pushed back, trotting out their usual bloviating nonsense about freedom and governmental overreach.

Has Whitmer seen the light? Does her new emphasis on containing the pandemic through “personal responsibility” constitute a change of heart? We don't think so. We're more inclined to believe she's reading the tea leaves for her reelection prospects next year and has calculated that



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the more people she angers with new mandates, the less her chances of winning four more years. Already, polling shows her in a dead heat with former Detroit police chief James Craig, a virtual unknown outside of Republican party circles. Some 15 months before the election, it's far too early to draw any meaningful conclusions based on polling data, but no doubt it's a disconcerting sign for Team Whitmer.

She may also be setting up Republicans for an “I told you so” moment as the inevitable COVID outbreaks are now pushing exposed students and teachers into quarantine across the state, forcing recalcitrant school districts to adopt their own mask mandates. If the current trend continues, some schools could even be forced to shut down or bring back their dreaded virtual instruction models.

The governor's game of chicken with her Republican adversaries makes for high stakes political drama, but we're not persuaded it's worth the potential costs. The prevailing delta variant is far more contagious than previous iterations of the coronavirus and children under 12 are still ineligible for the vaccine, so it is may just be a matter of time before an unvaccinated child gets seriously ill or transmits the virus to a vulnerable relative after being exposed at school. Only time will tell if it was a political gambit worth taking.

Whatever happens, history will surely remember our nation's refusal to set aside partisanship and come together to defeat the coronavirus as one of the great failures of our allegedly enlightened society. When polling shows that 80% of Democrats support mask mandates and 70% of Republicans oppose them, it goes well beyond a philosophical difference over the proper role of government; it is the poison fruit of a dangerous game being played by the Republican establishment, which has unleashed a veritable tsunami of propaganda to con their followers into believing blatant falsehoods about COVID.

Angling for cheap political points even as the death toll continues to rise is sad and pathetic, to say the least, but we're not surprised: The party of Trump has become a sickening joke of historic proportions, deeply damaging the psyche of a nation that yearns for real leadership in a time of crisis. It will take years, if not decades, to reverse the polarization of the American body politic. While it persists, we will continue to be vulnerable to yet more Trumpian demagogues who crave power over statesmanship, that elusive quality capable of uniting us around a set of shared values and interests and that puts the well-being of the American people above petty partisan politics.

As much as we want her to be reelected, we wish Whitmer would rise above the fray once again and order not only a statewide mask mandate for schools, but — following the lead of President Biden — a vaccination mandate for state employees. It's the right thing to do and the surest way to save lives.

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

1.) **Write a letter to the editor:** E-mail: letters@lansingcitypulse.com or mail: City Pulse 1905 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912
Fax: (517) 371-5800 • lansingcitypulse.com

2.) **Write a guest column:** Contact Berl Schwartz for more information publisher@lansingcitypulse.com or (517) 999-5061.

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

Excessive speeding rockets public safety as prominent political issue

I'm letting out the dog for the night in our west-side home and what do I hear?

Birds? A train? Silence? Fireworks?

No. It's the roar of an engine. A motorcycle or a car is blasting down the Saginaw

Dragstrip ... er, Saginaw Street.

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This isn't a one off. It's night after night, as if the autobahn has been lifted out of Germany and plopped a block from my house.

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor said he hears them blowing down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, too. The people at the doors Schor is knocking hear the cars and they're not happy about it. It's quickly becoming the top issue at the doors.

He's not alone. Rep. Sarah Anthony, D-Lansing, proposed a bill that would allow cities to hang cameras at intersections to nab the license plates of cars specifically to cut down on "reckless speeding."

Whether the cars have license plates is a separate matter. The fact is speeding is becoming a political issue in Lansing along with the broader public safety issue and candidates such as Schor are having to respond to it.

"Of the 4,200 doors I've knocked, I can probably count on two hands the number of people who told me I need to cut the police," Schor said. "The people I'm talking to tell me they want more officers. They want to feel safe. This is what they want."

The COVID lockdowns bottled up a lot of pent-up energy. The Black Lives Matter blowback made police more hesitant to patrol streets. It's created emboldened aggressive drivers who risk their lives and the lives of others by turning their vehicle into a runaway bullet down some of Lansing's busiest streets.

The city is putting in traffic circles and speed humps and traffic islands in some spots to "calm the traffic." Good luck doing that on Cedar or Larch.

It comes to enforcement. Nobody wants to see Black men targeted and harassed by police for a burned-out



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taillight or not using a turn signal to make a lane change on an empty street.

The charge "Driving While Black" should be archived into the annals of history as something not to be repeated. Surely, we can all agree on that?

Police patrol streets for a reason, though. They make people think twice about doing something really stupid. Like going 70 in a 35 or casing out a house or driving an un-plated, non-street legal four wheeler on residential street.

This isn't anecdotal. An Aug. 20 Lansing Regional Chamber poll of 300 likely Lansing voters showed that a 30.5% plurality listed public safety as their top issue. That's a change from years past.

Public safety has always been in the mix — third or fourth, maybe fifth in the list of voter priorities. This year, it's ranked over the economy, roads, jobs or infrastructure.

Schor recently supported a grant that brought five more officers to the city of Lansing. When he took office, Lansing had 201 officers. Now it's up to 211. More are being hired to replace expected retirements as under-appreciated law enforcement check out earlier for retirement.

"Defund the police" sounded good after we watched Derek Chauvin choke the life out of George Floyd. A year removed from that? Face it, we're all interested in No. 1 and don't you feel a little better when a police car rolls through your neighborhood street every once in a while?

Clearly, money needs to go to address the root causes of crime. Homelessness. Poverty. Mental illness. Idle time. Lack of recreational programs.

A concentrated effort needs to divert the energy of over-rambunctious youth to something more positive. Adequate mental health services has been unattainable for far too long.

But any decrease in patrols need to come naturally ... because we don't need the police presence.

Political figures who argue the contrary may be walking a rough road.

(Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS may be emailed at melinnky@gmail.com.)

Working for peace is a team effort

By LYNN BARTLEY and TOM OSWALD

(Lynn Bartley chairs the 2021 PeaceQuest planning committee and is past president of the Greater Lansing United Nations Association. She also serves as the Great Lakes representative, United Nations Association-USA National Council. Tom Oswald is a member of the 2021 PeaceQuest planning committee and a former board member of the Peace Education Center.)



Bartley



Oswald

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It was 40 years ago this month that the United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared Sept. 21 to be an International Day of Peace, a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

It was six years ago that United Nations Association - Greater Lansing (GL-UNA) invited area organizations to join in its recognition of this day. PeaceQuest Greater Lansing (<https://PeaceQuestGreaterLansing.org/>) was formed, beginning with a half-day event that has grown into a month full of activities that promote peace and, more importantly, encourage all of us to get involved in this world-saving effort.

PQ activities are many and varied, including talks from leaders of the peace movement on such issues as militarism and climate change; panel discussions; a poetry reading; a peace hike followed by yoga; and training in de-escalating violent situations.

PQ also lets area residents of all ages tap into their creative energies.

- The Art Challenge 2021 calls on students to produce art based on the theme "Challenges, Feelings and Takeaways from COVID-19."

- Create Your Own Peace Pallet calls on folks to design and create a work of art from wooden pallets.

- One of the more popular events is the Peace Pole Pursuit, in which area peace lovers seek out peace poles and have their pictures taken with them.

For a full list of PQ events, visit <https://peacequestgreaterlansing.org/events-schedule/>.

We all know that our involvement in promoting peace in our community and our world can't be limited to one day or one month. It's imperative that each of us makes the commitment to work for peace and justice all year long.

Easier said than done, right? Here are a few suggestions for things we all can do once September's PeaceQuest events come to a close.

Perhaps first and foremost, VOTE. Support candidates at all levels who will work to support the rights of all citizens, strive for justice and equity, and embrace the diversity that blesses our community and country every day.

CONTACT. Stay in touch with your representatives at all levels of government to tell them what you as their constituent want them to support. Don't be shy. It's a cliché but true: They work for us.

JOIN: Get involved and support organizations that are involved in peace efforts. There are many to be found in the Lansing area, including the Peace Education Center (<https://www.peacedcenter.org/>), the Greater Lansing United Nations Association (<https://gluna.org/>), the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence (<https://michigancoalitiontopreventgunviolence.org/>), as well as churches and other faith-based organizations.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "There is no way to peace. Peace is the way."

Now, more than ever, we have to find that path to peace. But we can't do it alone. Working for peace is a team effort.

Please take advantage of the many and varied events that make up PeaceQuest 2021. And once September turns into October and beyond, continue to be involved. We're depending on you. The world is too.

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

September 1, 2021

City of Lansing
316 N. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 483-4040

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lansing, MI.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 17, 2021 the City of Lansing, MI will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383) as amended and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C 12701), to undertake the following projects:

Tier 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships

Purpose: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funding for community revitalization purposes and activities must meet at least one of the three National Objectives: Benefit to persons of low and moderate income, elimination of slum and blight, urgent community need. The HOME program provides funding for down payment assistance, new construction and housing rehabilitation.

Location: The City of Lansing

Project/Program Description:

CDBG Single-Family, Owner occupied Rehab Program/Public Improvements

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

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

Proposed funding amount: \$1,345,447

CDBG Rental Rehab Program

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

Proposed funding amount: \$1,000

Acquisition

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

Proposed funding amount: \$100,000

New Construction/HOME Rehab/Development Program

Includes funds for loans and grants for housing construction and rehabilitation with non-profit and for-profit developers, including CHDOs.

HOME funds allocated for housing developed in partnership with the city, including Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Acquisition, Development and Resale (ADR) activities. Projects may include new construction and rehabilitation activities with non-profit and for-profit developers, including CHDOs. Funds may be used for staff time associated with these activities.

Proposed funding amount: \$527,853

CHDO Set-aside (15% minimum required)

Reserved for housing developed, sponsored or owned by CHDOs in partnership with the City. 1 Proposed unit.

Proposed funding amount: \$ 115,254

Level of Environmental Review Citation:

CDBG Single-Family, Owner occupier Rehab Program/Public Improvements - 24 CFR Part

58.35(a)(3)(i)

CDBG Rental Rehab Program - 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i)

Acquisition - 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1)

New Construction/HOME Rehab/Development Program - 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(4)(i)/24 CFR 58.36

CHDO Set-aside (15% minimum required) - 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(4)(i)/ 24 CFR 58.36

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i), 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(1), 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(4)(i) / 24 CFR 58.36

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lansing, MI has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City of Lansing, Department of Economic Development and Planning, 316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, and may be reviewed on the City of Lansing's website at www.lansingmi.gov/development

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lansing Department of Economic Development and Planning, 316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, Attn: Doris Witherspoon, Senior Planner, or e-mail to doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov. All comments received by September 16, 2021 will be considered by the City of Lansing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lansing certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Andy Schor, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lansing to use HUD program funds.

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Andy Schor, Mayor, City of Lansing, Certifying Officer

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East Lansing 101: Your guide to surviving the fall semester at Michigan State University

BACK TO SCHOOL

If absence really does make the heart grow fonder, then Greater Lansing should be just about head-over-heels in love this week with the thousands of students who reconverged on Michigan State University for the first (almost normal) Welcome Weekend since before the pandemic.

By Friday afternoon, Grand River Avenue was once again filled with moving trucks, trailers and expensive SUVs — many with families parting ways with offspring who have studied remotely since 2019. Teenagers shuttled boxes, books and beer bongs into new dorms and apartments.

Beneath plumes from fruity disposable vape pens, troops of girls in white sneakers and high-waisted denim shorts marched alongside boys with short

shorts and backwards caps — many also sporting MSU lanyards, t-shirts, drawstring bags and their favorite Greek letters. The sound of a single die could be heard rattling off tables that their parents used for beer pong. Lines around Harpers Restaurant & Brewpub, of course, stretched more than a full city block.

College students, for better or for worse, have returned in full force to East Lansing. And to help them navigate the fall semester, City Pulse has put together this guide to the best spots to turn up, turn down and generally make the most of the fall semester on campus. Enjoy.

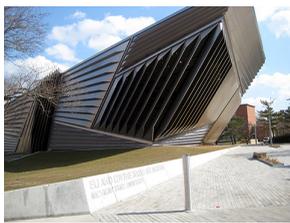
— KYLE KAMINSKI

Top 10 hangout spots in and around campus

By COLE TUNNINGLEY

1. MSU Broad Art Museum

Cutting-edge yet relaxing and serene, the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum is a great place for wandering. It has a constantly shifting collection of art that spans all eras, styles and mediums. On any given day, you can zone out watching a video art piece or find yourself in the middle of a modern art installation the size of an entire room. Right now, it features pinhole photography, the work of Art Nouveau artist Alphonse Mucha and more.



2. Pinball Pete's

The sensory overload of Pinball Pete's is enough to drive thoughts of term papers and upcoming exams straight out of your skull. It has everything you want out of an arcade: classic fighting games, Skee-Ball, immersive shooters and, of course, tons of pinball machines. East Lansing resident and MSU alum Jaydn Tur said, "Every time I come here, I start to wonder why I don't come more often." Pinball Pete's recently returned to pre-pandemic hours.

3. Meridian Mall

I have to admit, the Meridian Mall can be kind of eerie. These days, it can seem like a liminal space, a location "between one space and the next." And that's exactly what makes the Meridian Mall a perfect place to explore with your friends. Of course, you can still get your fair share of consumer bliss there or grab a bite to eat at the food court. But wandering through the more deserted parts of the mall, not another soul in sight, is just delightful.

4. Patriarche Park

Want to know if you can best your friends on the

court? Buy a cheap basketball and head on down to Patriarche Park. You can also rent out a picnic table or pavilion for a birthday party or spontaneous feast. Grills come included with the price.



5. The pool at your friend's apartment complex

While the summer sun is still burning, pester one of your friends for access to the pool at their apartment complex. "I love swimming, but I don't have a pool," said MSU grad student Miranda Owen. "I just find someone who lives at an apartment complex and go there." They're often dirty and often only five feet deep, but when the temperature rises above 90 degrees, there's nothing better.

6. Dorm lounges

Sometimes, the best place to hangout is staring you straight in the face. Especially as a freshman, the lounges in residence halls are an invaluable resource. You get comfortable couches and chairs, free wifi and a place to charge your phone. Often, that's all you need, especially if you're dealing with a stacked schedule. From an armchair in Sny-Phi, MSU student Landen Sahouri told me, "I chill in any spot I can between classes."

7. Harris Nature Center

The Harris Nature Center offers an escape from the noises and lights of East Lansing. It's a small oasis tucked away in Okemos, not too far from campus. You can walk the trails through 200 acres of forest or picnic on the banks of the Red Cedar. As the leaves begin to change color, Harris Nature Center will just get more beautiful. It also just announced that its Music in Nature series will return this September.

8. Ranney Park

Located conveniently right next to Frandor, Ranney Park contains the only skate park in Lansing. It's a free, 20,000-foot facility designed by nationally recognized skate park builders, Team Pain. Local skater Maddy Smith said, "I usually skate in my back lot, but otherwise I enjoy going to Ranney." The park also has tennis and handball courts, plus a full softball diamond. Once softball season rolls around, you can catch the Lansing Community college team playing their home games at Ranney.



9. Beal Botanical Garden

Beal Botanical Garden, situated right next to the library, is an ideal spot to take your college sweetheart on a romantic stroll. It's also simply a relaxing place to crack open that book you just checked out or to go and clear your mind. You'll find more than 2,000 kinds of plants, arranged in such an aesthetically pleasing manner that I wouldn't hesitate to call it the most beautiful location on campus.

10. Flat Black and Circular

For physical media obsessives, Flat Black and Circular is a can't-miss destination. It's easy to spend an hour in there flipping through records, tapes and CDs with your friends. Gathering around a record player with buddies in your dorm room is a classic college activity. FBC has everything you need in order to embody that stereotype. "I bought a record player when I came to college," said Noah Boid. "I've basically built my entire record collection from Flat Black and Circular." The store's laid-back vibes and constantly shifting soundtrack earned it the final spot on this list.



A night at the Graduate — the most meticulous hotel in East Lansing

Ten-story hotel offers 360-degree skyline views from Graduate Rock Bar

By **KYLE KAMINSKI**

I won't quickly forget my one-night stay at the Graduate hotel in East Lansing — and not just because I chose to stay there on a particularly rowdy Friday night during Welcome Weekend.

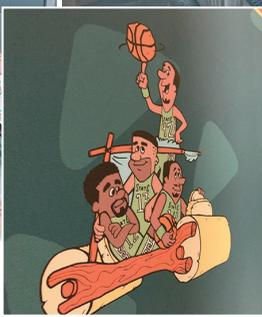
The ten-story, 194-room behemoth on the corner of Grand River and Evergreen avenues in East Lansing is master class in attention to detail. Every room, hallway, fixture — even the carpet — is a tribute to the lasting legacy of Michigan State University, its staff and its students.

In June, the \$50 million hotel became the 30th to open under the Graduate Hotel brand worldwide after more than five years of planning and development from AJ Capital Partners, a Chicago-based team of hospitality and real estate investors with a few local roots of their own. President Eric Hassberger is an MSU graduate, as is the local hotel manager Sarah Gregory.

Gregory, who leads a team of 50 employees, said the hand-crafted collection of hotels help anchor college towns across the country, with each of them celebrating and commemorating the optimistic energy of the local community. There's one more located in Ann Arbor; another just opened in New York on Roosevelt Island.

"You walk into the space and you can tell that it's custom-curated by designers. Every little thing is nodding to MSU, the state of Michigan or East Lansing," Gregory said. "There really isn't another design-forward space like this in mid-Michigan. For us, it's about drawing on that association and experience and just providing the best experience that we can for our guests."

And the place is booming: Rooms



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

The Graduate Hotel in East Lansing opened in June and features a rooftop bar with skyline views of campus. Rooms are booked full through many key sporting matchups scheduled this fall.

were booked full on Saturday. The website also shows no vacancies for several key sporting matchups, including the first home football game on Sept. 11, the football game against Nebraska on Sept. 25, as well as the homecoming game on Oct. 30.

So, when I was offered a discounted rate to check it all out for myself, I couldn't pass it up. My trip began on Friday evening, just as Welcome Weekend started to kick off in East Lansing. For travelers, there's probably no better place to spend a weekend in the midst of it all. And even for local residents, I'd highly recommend the hotel for a weekend getaway near your own backyard.

A large portrait of Earvin "Magic" Johnson greets guests at the reception desk. A two-story gallery wall of locally made artwork adorns the cafe adjacent to the lobby. The "Shadows Ballroom" is a tribute to the alma mater; The conference rooms are named after athletic and academic legends like Kirk Gibson, Flozell Adams, Ransom Olds and Robert Clark Kedzie.

Pairs of old cleats and a safe from the East Lansing State Bank decorate the lobby. There's a trophy cabinet filled with relics of MSU's past. Even the hallway carpets are dotted with familiar campus iconography like a spartan head, an ice cream cone and a stripe that reads "MAC."

The guest rooms themselves — some of which can run up to \$650 per night during peak rates — have a woody sort of theme, as well as a well designed history lesson on campus culture. The desk lamps are Spartan shields. The dressers are covered in local ZIP codes from Greater Lansing. My room featured a poster that detailed the hockey legend lineage of the Miller family.

Designers even paid attention to the bathrooms with a fun wallpaper of basketball players dressed as Flintstones. And the urinals? Of course they're striped with blue and yellow paint.

Up on the 10th floor is the hotel's crown jewel: the Graduate Rock Bar.

Persian rugs, mounted antlers, and checkered decor give the feel of an Up North cottage — at least until you glance out the floor-to-ceiling windows. A stunning skyline view stretches over the football stadium and across the entirety of

campus. The Boji Tower and the three stacks of the Otto C. Eckert Power Plant are only specks on the horizon.

Bartenders were serving up tasty craft cocktails like the Michigan Mule — a blend of vodka, Vernors, cherries and lime — and Sparty Water, which was essentially a vodka cranberry with basil. A \$9 "adult Capri Sun" also included vodka and blue curacao in a novelty bag container.

Food options include small bites like salads, watermelon and feta skewers, pretzels and cheese dip, small charcuterie boards and fancy, deconstructed tailgate walking tacos called "Frito Pies." Gregory said the rooftop (which is also open to the public) has been packed full since opening night. My fiancé and I spent about \$80 there on five drinks.

Guests can also head downstairs — like me — to sit on the outdoor patio, sip on a few drinks from the nearby 7-Eleven and watch the crowds. The hotel is also a short walking distance from just about every restaurant in East Lansing.

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Bars

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What makes Crunchy's an amazing bar? That's simple: karaoke. This quintessential Spartan bar has regular karaoke nights that are a surefire way to create some golden drunken memories. Crunchy's is also home to delicious burgers; after all, it won Best Burger in the City Pulse-Fox 47 News 2020 Top of the Town Contest. 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing Monday-Wednesday, Sunday 11 a.m. to Midnight Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Crunchyseastlansing.com (517) 351-2506



HopCat

HopCat's selection of brews to choose from is nearly endless. There's also a massive menu of clever cocktails that test out a whole world of different tastes and flavors. The Cosmik Fries, freshly redubbed from Crack Fries, are also widely celebrated across Michigan. 300 Grove St., East Lansing Monday-Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Hopcat.com (517) 816-4300



The Riv

The Riv is home to a popular MSU drinking tradition: Rama. Every Thursday morning students donning their favorite sports jersey will lineup outside of The Riv for a long day of cheap pitchers of beer and burgers and fries. Brush up on drinking games like Quarters and Flip Cup and just try not to get too wasted, or you might find yourself wandering over to Harper's. 231 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, noon to 2 a.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, noon to 2 a.m. Therivel.com (517) 351-5855



Green Dot Stables

Green Dot Stables is home to a great equestrian decorative theme that

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Tin Can

The Tin Can maintains a classic dive bar vibe. If you just want to chill out in a classic dark room and enjoy a few beers while rowdy college kids shift in and out, this is your spot. Considering there are more than 100 different types of canned beer for you to choose from, you're bound to find something you dig. The gourmet stuffed burgers aren't too bad either. 313 E. Grand River Road, East Lansing Daily, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Tinbar.com (517) 331-9309



Restaurants

Peanut Barrel

Peanut Barrel is another classic of East Lansing and is well preserved in the memories of countless alumni. If you want to familiarize yourself with a restaurant that's heavily established in the lore of Michigan State University's campus, this is a great place to start. The outdoor seating section is comfy and an excellent spot to people watch as college kids hustle up and down Grand River. There's lots of tasty food, beer and cocktails that are bound to keep you satisfied. 521 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to Midnight Peanutbarrel.com (517) 351-0608



Sansu

Sansu offers an awesome high-end Japanese dining experience. It's earned high praise over the years for not only having delicious food, but a soothing and classy atmosphere that allows you and your party to sit in a sunken table on the hard wooden floor, which requires you to remove your shoes, in the style



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Woody's Oasis

Woody's Oasis is a local favorite, thanks to tasty Mediterranean food that delicious, convenient and cost effective. Seriously, ditch McDonald's and check out this beloved East Lansing restaurant. It's a great place to pickup a healthy meal to take with you on the go. Woody's Oasis still ranks high nearly three decades into its tenure in the college town 1050 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing Daily, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Orderwoodysoasis.com (517) 351-2280



El Oasis

El Oasis has long been considered the best Mexican dining in Lansing, and it finally has an East Lansing chapter. Note that this is a food truck, not a sit-down restaurant, but here you will find



Mexican dishes that easily outclass the competition. The taco dinner combo is a great choice, as are any of its burritos, quesadillas and enchiladas. You can also venture into Lansing on the No. 1 bus to the equally excellent location on Michigan Avenue.

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Swagath Indian Cuisine

If you're not looking closely, Swagath can be easy to miss. Tucked away in a shopping plaza on Trowbridge Road next to Fresh Thyme, this little spot has seriously great Indian food. If you're a fan of Thai and Chinese food, Indian cuisine is something you must try out. But if you're not accustomed to super spicy food, try going easy on yourself and order your dish mild instead of hot — you'll thank me later. Everybody else, be prepared to indulge in an awesome amount of spice. 1060 Trowbridge Road #3, East Lansing Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Swagathcuisine.com, (517) 763-2277



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(Left) A fraternity party boogies to “Darude” by Sandstorm on one of MSU’s biggest party days, the Saturday of Welcome Week.

(Above) Partying students reasoning with the local police, who eventually let them get back to raging undisturbed.



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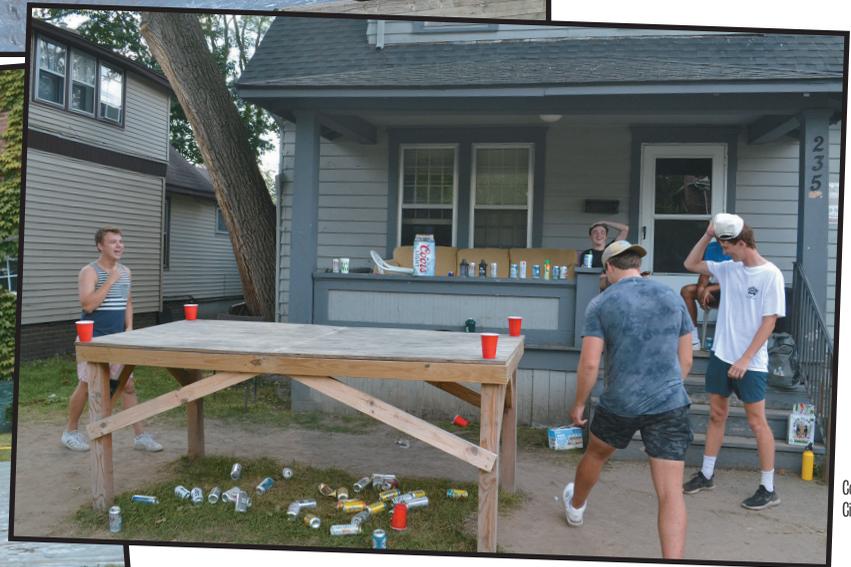


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(Above) Fraternity members enjoying some lawn games, including slip'n slide hockey, on the Saturday of Welcome Week.

(Above right) A small group of partiers showing off their beer pong skills amidst a lawn littered with empties.

(Right) Students begin their Friday night festivities by lining up outside Rick’s American Cafe on Abbott Road.



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High school rivals unite in a Lansing marching band

By SKYLER ASHLEY

When Everett High School's marching band takes the Eastern High School football field Thursday (Sept. 2) for a varsity showdown between the Everett Vikings and the Eastern Quakers, it won't just be Everett students performing on the sidelines to inspire their grid-iron players to victory. This year, Everett's marching band also features a handful of students who have joined its ranks from J.W. Sexton High School and Eastern.

This unique shakeup was primarily caused by low signup rates due to challenges from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Lansing School District spokesman Robert Kolt said.

"The extracurricular marching band was consolidated since the numbers at two of the high schools were low. Still, the Lansing School District wanted to provide any student the experience and ability to participate in this extracurricular activity," Kolt said in an official statement from the Lansing School District.

When Everett High School Band Director Penny Filonczuk was informed that Sexton and Eastern would not be fielding marching bands of their own, she was game for a last-minute plan that involved bringing senior high school students from Sexton and Eastern onboard that were still eager to perform in a marching band.

"We were the only ones fielding a band. The COVID shutdown made our numbers low. Now we have 35 total, five are from Sexton and Eastern," Filonczuk said. "Both Eastern and Sexton have new marching band directors this fall. It's hard to get a program going when you change leadership midsummer."

Dealing with an anemic marching band of her own that needed more players, Filonczuk placed phone calls

to several senior students from Sexton that had signed up for that year's band camp. One Sexton student ended up responding to Filonczuk's call and agreed to join up with the Everett band this school year.

Four other students from Eastern joined after one parent called Filonczuk and asked if the student could join the marching band. That parent later phoned up three families with senior high school students who perform in marching bands and shared the alternative she managed to arrange with Everett and Filonczuk, and those families made the same arrangement.

"She told the others and they said, 'Oh, we want to do it too.' We limited it to seniors, and it was low-key. It was something that just evolved, it wasn't planned," Filonczuk said.

A high school marching band typically has 55 members, Filonczuk said. Though she's getting some much-needed reinforcements from the Everett and Sexton students, the marching band is still considerably smaller than average. Filonczuk said the marching band hasn't been forced to alter songs' compositions or switch any players to different instruments to compensate.

"We've got the right people playing the right instruments. We haven't had to ask anybody to move. We've just made it work and make it as normal as possible for students, especially the seniors," Filonczuk said.

Filonczuk said Everett's students have been very welcoming to the other students coming aboard from Sexton and Eastern. Despite being a rather patchwork group, there is still a strong sense of unity between the marching band's young musicians.

"My kids have been so welcoming. I always tell them, 'No matter where a student is going to school, we all want the same experience in band. We all want to be successful and make memories.' My kids have been wonderful welcoming the kids from Sexton and Eastern. Those kids are wonderful too. It's been really positive all the way around," Filonczuk said.

Returning from 2020, a highly tumultuous year for public school districts and their many extracurricular programs, has been an emotional experience for Filonczuk and the students in Everett's marching band. She said it's a weight off everybody's shoulders to get back to doing what they love most.

"It's amazing to be able to be with the students again.



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Everett High School Marching Band performing at the 2016 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.



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The Eastern High School Marching Band performing at a football game in 2019.

It's a joy to say, 'Hey, we're going to do this' and then go do it. It's a joy to give them the traditions that they've looked forward to since they joined band," Filonczuk said. "I've had some of them since they joined band in seventh grade – I've had them all the way and now they're seniors. Lansing has a lot of great kids."

Though the Lansing School District managed to find a compromise so at least one marching band would be active this year, Kenneth Turner, a Sexton alumnus and a longtime avid fan of the school's marching band, is highly disappointed that Sexton isn't fielding a band of its own.

"It's something that all of us old-timers that grew up in the area can't even believe. I told people this past weekend at a reunion, 'Man, can you believe Sexton doesn't have a band this year?' They were blown away. Back in our day, our band was 100 performers strong," Turner said.

GRiZ makes Michigan cannabis debut at Pure Options in Lansing

Electronic music superstar rolls out pot brand with concert near Frandor

By KYLE KAMINSKI

Just in time for the arrival of thousands of college-aged customers at Michigan State University, Grant Richard Kwiecinski, better known as GRiZ, has rolled out a dank lineup of two new premium cannabis lines that are now available in Michigan:

Astro Hippie and Telescope.

The multi-instrumentalist electronic music superstar, producer and lifelong stoner from northern Detroit spent his formative years at Michigan State University before permanently abandoning the classroom for the dance floor. And on Saturday evening, he made his way back to East Lansing for a launch party and pop-up concert at Pure Options on Clippert Street to celebrate the official launch of his cannabis brand in Michigan.

GRiZ even helped out with the bud-tending for a few hours. And of course, I got samples.

The Astro Hippie lineup was developed by GRiZ specifically for its “funky, out-of-this-world flavor profiles” and



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includes three distinct strains: G Funk, Mr. B OG and Tie Dye Medusa. All three are hybrid blends grown through an exclusive partnership with Pure Options that boast some of the most potent THC levels available on the state’s recreational market.

And with a price tag of \$55 for 3.5g, it’s also some of the most expensive pot in Lansing.

The G Funk — my favorite of the new GRiZ lineup — tested at a mind-boggling 32% THC.

These incredibly dense buds were coated with a thick, dusty layer of white trichomes and packed a real cerebral punch. A bouquet of flowery, fruity aromas (and a touch of skunk) burst from the bag. Smoking it in a joint brought out

some earthier, grassier flavor profiles.

I couldn’t help noticing similarities between the G Funk and Pure Options’ “Rainbow Belts” phenotype, which has long been one of my favorite strains in Greater Lansing.

As a former drug dealer himself,

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Favorite Things

Sydney Gable and her rock collection

Sydney Gable is a graduate student from Michigan State University who is studying Earth and environmental science as a Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan. Obsessed with Earth science, she has amassed a solid collection of rocks that continues to grow as she travels.

The first rocks I collected were given to by my grandfather. He had a rock collection for a very long time. When I was a little kid, he eventually gave it to me. So, my collection started off with his rocks, which he passed down. I’ve since added a whole lot to it.

My grandfather gave me a lot of little stones that you can get from souvenir stores. The kind you find at tourist traps when you’re on vacation — places like that. Since then, I’ve added ones that I’ve found on class field trips, or when I go out into the field for school or work. If I find cool rocks, I add them to it. I’ve also been looking for nicer, more expensive and rare samples that I can include, so it will become a really nice collection.

I’m an Earth science person, it’s what I study and do for a living. It’s cool to have a hobby that reflects that. Each sample, rock or mineral I have is also connected to a good memory of mine. A lot of the ones my grandfather gave me — he picked them up on vacations that we went on when I was a kid. The others I’ve added come from trips, gifts from other people or nice ones that I’ve bought for myself. They all have a memory attached to them that is special.

The favorite single one that I have is a big olivine crystal. I was hunting for one like that for a very long time. Usually, the ones I find are very small. I finally found a large one in Evanston, Illinois, while I was



on vacation with my mother. I also have a sample of okenite. That one is cool because the individual crystals are so small that it almost has a fuzzy texture when you feel it in your hands. I also have a spinel crystal, which are common in the Earth’s mantle.

I went on a field trip with my class to the Pictured Rocks in Marquette in the Upper Peninsula, which is a great place to look for rocks. Each time we stopped, I picked up a rock from each of the

locations. I have a mini collection of Michigan rocks as well.

Rocks are a record of Earth’s history. So, if you see outcrops of rocks, you can figure out what the environment of the Earth was like in that place hundreds of millions — even a billion — years ago. It’s super neat to be able to touch and collect pieces of history that are so incredibly ancient.

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



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GRiZ

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GRiZ bills the Astro Hippie brand as a “love letter to weed culture” that is geared toward experimenters and tokers who want to “explore life in maximum color” while listening to “music that tickles their ears and blows their minds.”

Growing up in Southfield selling weed while waiting on tables, GRiZ has been proudly getting blazed long before his music career took off and has remained an outspoken cannabis advocate, even after rising from playing small clubs to selling out amphitheaters.

In pursuit of the full Astro Hippie experience on Saturday evening, I smoked two joints back to back while blasting GRiZ’s latest dubstep album “Rainbow Brain.” And I couldn’t think of a more fitting description: That euphoric, giddy sort of high lasted for about three hours before I zoned out into an episode of “Outer Banks” and then crashed on the couch.

Telescope, on the other hand, is a brand developed for those — in GRiZ’s own words — who want “to participate and benefit from this plant without getting on a rocket ship.” The lineup includes three delectable flavors of hemp flower as well as a few different varieties of CBD gummies and tinctures with less than 0.3% THC. Think of it like decaf marijuana.

The Cosmic Candy strain, for example, looks, feels, smells and tastes just like pot and also reportedly helps customers with pain, inflammation and anxiety. I smoked a big tease of a pre-rolled joint on Sunday morning and felt absolutely no psychoactive effects.

Other CBD strains include Milky Way and Astronaut Ice Cream, which still include a total cannabinoid profile of nearly 24%. The sunset sorbet gummies were incredibly flavorful.

Also at Pure Options:

I’ve talked plenty of shit about low-grade distillate products in this column. Often made with the cheapest trimmings and shake on the market, they’ve been known to produce a short-lasting and sterile sort of high that lacks the synergistic cerebral effects of terpenes.

When I came across a distillate-focused company called “The Clear” at a vendor tent at Pure Options on Saturday, I was naturally skeptical. But alas, I was proven wrong again.

The California-based company launched a lineup of 1g vaporizer car-

tridges in Michigan last month that are totally free of filler agents, formulated with food-grade compounds from botanical sources and start at an uncommon potency of well over 85% cannabinoids.

At \$55 each, they aren’t the cheapest vape cartridges on the market, but for those willing to shell out extra cash for purity, I’d recommend the Blue Raz variety, which was awarded with a first place recognition at the High Times’ cannabis cup in Michigan this year.

Kyle Kaminski is City Pulse’s managing editor 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.



GRiZ and three of his Astro Hippie strains.

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Late summer book reviews: Spies, true crime, Vietnam and COVID

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Daniel Silva's new spy thriller, "The Cellist," featuring Spy Chief of Israel Gabriel Allon, will keep you up well into the night. Silva's newest book is about as contemporary as you can get, set against the background of COVID, "Q," Russian election interference and the impact of laundering dirty money. In this book, Allon has enlisted a smart, adventurous young woman who — as a world class cellist — is tasked with infiltrating the world of an art-loving Russian kleptocrat.

Allon is thrown into to the chase when one of his Russian friends (to whom he owes his life) is murdered by the Russian chemical novichok. The chase to bring down the killer and his Russian allies takes Allon and his band of spies to London, Amsterdam, Geneva and Washington for the inauguration of the new president and an

edge-of-your-seat ending, which you likely won't have seen coming.

"The Cellist" has kidnappings, murder and a textbook description of how to launder money to the tune of billions of dollars. I would highly recommend this book for thriller fans.

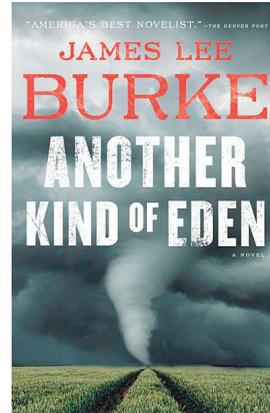
"Another Kind of Eden" will not disappoint James Lee Burke fans. Dysfunctional and disturbed families are a centerpiece of Burke's fiction, and he has found that the American West in the early-'60s is a perfect setting for psychopaths of all stripes. His protagonist, Aaron Holland Broussard, doesn't ride into town on a horse to clean up the criminals who run the city, but nevertheless he does a stellar job in righting wrongs and tracking down a possible serial killer of young women. By no means is this a straightforward mystery, but it is a story that is entangled with fantasy, witchcraft and a bit of romance.

Burke uses his masterful fiction writing to create a time and place that seems to predict the tumultuous '60s and the wandering gangs of flower children who are as evil as Charlie Manson's crew. Burke's 41st novel — although a short 240 pages — will force you to hit snooze after a long night of reading. In this book, both the protagonist and his paramour ride off into the night.

Another book that deserves a look is "Lieutenant Dangerous: A Vietnam Warrior," by the award-winning political cartoonist Jeff Danziger, who served in Vietnam in 1969. In the book, Danziger follows his tumultuous experience of trying to avoid combat in Vietnam. He makes all the right moves to stay behind the lines by learning Vietnamese with the hope of ending up as an interpreter. In pure Yossarian-style, Danziger discovers the incredible absurdities of war firsthand. Tim O'Brien, the award-winning author of "The Things They Carried," has called the book "one of the best personal accounts to emerge from the Vietnam War."

Danziger pulls no punches about his own ignorance of how war is conducted, and even writes his U.S. senator about the absurd things he sees — never a good idea for a grunt. Like most who served in Vietnam combat, he is relieved that he is coming home but fears adjusting to his new life stateside. Danziger had no intention of writing a Vietnam memoir until he had a conversation with young military-aged men and women about serving in Vietnam.

The book, which is available on Amazon, is a valuable addition to Vietnam War literature. It is punctuated by some of Danziger's cartoons showing everyday life in a combat zone. One of my favorites depicts the sign he saw when he exited the troop carrier for his 12-month tour. The cartoon shows a soldier hefting a duffle bag and his M-16 peering at a sign that says: "You have a friend at Chase Manhattan."



I've probably read 50 memoirs from those who served in Vietnam: Danziger adds a valuable perspective to the genre.

I then turned my attention back home to a different battlefield, where medical professionals are on the frontline fighting COVID — itself a dangerously unpredictable enemy. The new book, "A Pandemic in Residence: Essays from a Detroit Hospital," by Michigan neurology resident Selina Mahmood, who works at Henry Ford Hospital, takes us inside her life as a first-year resident, which happens to overlap with the onslaught of COVID. In addition to being a doctor, Mahmood is an intellectual who seamlessly quotes philosophers and other writers in her series of 15 essays in her 135-page book, which is available on Amazon. She certainly paid attention in her history classes at the University of Michigan. In one essay she writes: "I returned to the hospital the next day to learn that a nurse on another floor had died of the virus. She's dead and we went on and are here."

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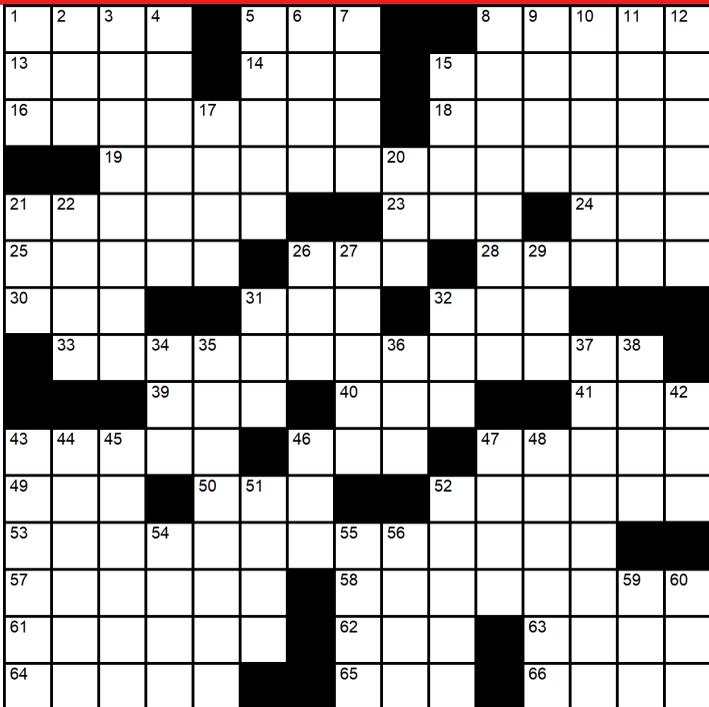
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By Matt Jones

"Locked In"--
in memory of
comedian Sean
Lock (1963-2021)
by Matt Jones

Across

- 1 The "T" of MIT, briefly
- 5 Close friend
- 8 Lumps of dirt
- 13 Cream-filled Hostess cake
- 14 2016 Olympics locale
- 15 Bucks
- 16 Question presented by Jimmy Carr that starts "If you could change ...", part 1
- 18 Grandmother, in Guatemala
- 19 Question, part 2
- 21 Daily news sources, still
- 23 Traveling through
- 24 Back muscle, for short
- 25 Crossword constructions
- 26 Singer ___ Lipa
- 28 Rap duo Kris ___
- 30 Plea at sea
- 31 Comedian's asset
- 32 Kung ___ beef
- 33 Question, part 3
- 39 4, on a phone
- 40 Soccer official
- 41 Spheroid
- 43 "Finding Dory" actor Willem
- 46 "CSI" evidence
- 47 Hindu title of respect
- 49 Cockney's residence?
- 50 Improvise with the band
- 52 Rocky's surname
- 53 Pithy response from Sean Lock, part 1
- 57 "___ to think so"
- 58 Response, part 2



- 61 Joined (up)
- 62 "Ich bin ___ Berliner"
- 63 Sports reporter Andrews
- 64 Insult from Bob and Doug McKenzie
- 65 Holstein sound
- 66 "Curses, foiled again!"
- Down**
- 1 Despite, in poetry
- 2 Long, long, long time
- 3 Not too hard on the wallet
- 4 Place with a lot of activity
- 5 Hybrid hatchback
- 6 It just isn't ... "isn't"
- 7 Sluggish
- 8 2018 series spun off from "The Karate Kid"
- 9 Reed and Bega, for two
- 10 Palindromically titled 1976 album with "Evil Woman"
- 11 Southfork Ranch setting
- 12 Elevator passageways
- 15 The Rock, in "Moana"
- 17 ___ d'oeuvres
- 20 IVF eggs
- 21 Family-friendly film ratings
- 22 Three in ___ (tic-tac-toe win)
- 26 Metal singer Ronnie James ___
- 27 Mid-road maneuver
- 29 Go bad
- 31 "1917" backdrop
- 32 Adobe file format
- 34 Earlier
- 35 1989 Jack Nicholson role
- 36 "Back to the Future" actress Thompson
- 37 Canadian-born hockey legend
- 38 "Switch" attachment
- 42 South American slitherer
- 43 "___ that what you will"
- 44 Painter Modigliani
- 45 "___ that were in the mood" ("Vogue" line)
- 46 Driver's lic. issuer
- 47 Big name in chemicals (and audio tapes and floppy disks, once)
- 48 Activist lawyer Gloria
- 51 Danny Pudi's character on "Community"
- 52 It's good in Puerto Rico
- 54 Zest of ___
- 55 "Unexpected ___ in bagging area"
- 56 Home of Xenia, Youngstown, and Zanesville
- 59 "Boyz N the Hood" actress Long
- 60 Demolition compound

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

September 1-7, 2021

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries poet Anna Kamienska wrote, "I've learned to value failed conversations, missed connections, confusions. What remains is what's unsaid, what's underneath. Understanding on another level of being." In the coming weeks, I suggest you adopt her perspective as you evaluate both past and present experiences. You're likely to find small treasures in what you'd assumed were wastelands. You may uncover inspiring clues in plot twists that initially frustrated you. Upon further examination, interludes you dismissed as unimportant or uninteresting could reveal valuable wrinkles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): After studying your astrological omens, I've decided to offer you inspiration from the ancient Roman poet Catullus. I hope the extravagant spirit of his words will free you to be greedy for the delights of love and affection. Catullus wrote, "Give me a thousand kisses, then a hundred; then another thousand, then a second hundred; then yet another thousand." I'll add the following to Catullus's appeal: Seek an abundance of endearing words, sweet favors and gifts, caresses and massages, help with your work, and fabulous orgasms. If there's no one in your life to provide you with such blessings, give them to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gemini author Elif Batuman writes that the Old Uzbek language was rich in expressions about crying. There were "words for wanting to cry and not being able to, for loudly crying like thunder in the clouds, for crying in gasps, for weeping inwardly or secretly, for crying ceaselessly in a high voice, for crying in hiccups, and for crying while uttering the sound 'hay hay.'" I recommend all of these to you in the coming days, as well as others you might dream up. Why? It's prime time to seek the invigorating release and renewal that come from shedding tears generated by deep and mysterious feelings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A blogger named MythWoven imagines an "alternate universe where I literally go to school forever (for free) so I can learn about art and literature and history and languages for 100 years. No job skills. No credit requirements. No student loans. Just learning." I have longings like hers. There's an eternal student within me that wants to be endlessly surprised with exciting information about interesting subjects. I would love to be continually adding fresh skills and aptitudes to my repertoire. In the coming weeks, I will give free rein to that part of me. I recommend you do the same, my fellow Cancerian.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In 2016, the International Garden Photograph of the Year depicted lush lupine flowers in New Zealand. The sea of tall purple, pink, and blue blooms was praised as "an elegant symphony" and "a joy to behold." What the judges didn't mention is that lupine is an invasive species in New Zealand. It forces native plant species out of their habitat, which in turn drives away native animal species, including birds like the wrybill, black stilt, and banded dotterel. Is there a metaphorically comparable phenomenon in your life, Leo? Problematic beauty? Some influence that's both attractive and prickly? A wonderful thing that can also be troublesome? The coming weeks will be a favorable time to try to heal the predicament.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "I often wonder who I am and where is my country and where do I belong and why was I ever born at all," wrote Virgo author Jean Rhys (1890-1979). I don't think you will be agitated by those questions during the next eight weeks, Virgo. In fact, I suspect you will feel as secure in your identity as you have in a long time. You will enjoy prolonged clarity about your role in the world, the nature of your desires, and how you should plan your life for the next two years. If for some inexplicable reason you're not already enjoying these developments, stop what you're doing and meditate on the probability that I am telling you the bold truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Several states in the

US have statutes prohibiting blasphemy. Saying "God damn it" could theoretically get you fined in Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Wyoming. In the coming days, it's best to proceed carefully in places like those, since you've been authorized by cosmic forces to curse more often and more forcefully than usual. Why? Because you need to summon vivid and intense protests in the face of influences that may be inhibiting and infringing on your soul's style. You have a poetic license to rebel against conventions that oppress you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Everyone dreams at least three dreams per night. In a year, your subconscious mind generates over 1,100 dreams. About this remarkable fact, novelist Mila Kundera writes, "Dreaming is not merely an act of coded communication. It is also an aesthetic activity, a game that is a value in itself. To dream about things that have not happened is among humanity's deepest needs." I bring this to your attention, Scorpio, because September is Honor Your Dreams Month. To celebrate, I suggest the following experiments. 1. Every night before sleep, write down a question you'd like your dreams to respond to. 2. Keep a notebook by your bed and transcribe at least one dream each time you sleep. 3. In the morning, have fun imagining what the previous night's dreams might be trying to communicate to you. 4. Say prayers of gratitude to your dreams, thanking them for their provocative, entertaining stories.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In her autobiography "Changing", Sagittarian actor Liv Ullmann expresses grief about how she and a loved one failed to communicate essential truths to each other. I propose we regard her as your anti-role model for the rest of 2021. Use her error as your inspiration. Make emotionally intelligent efforts to talk about unsaid things that linger like ghostly puzzles between you and those you care about.

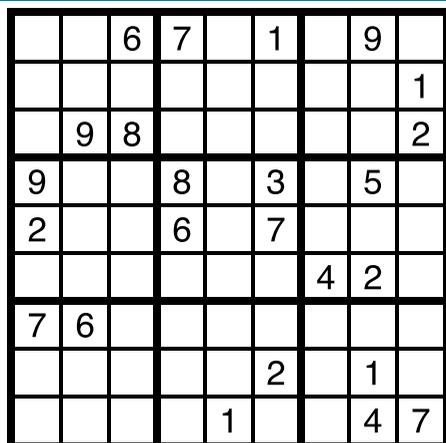
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "I could do with a bit more excess," writes author Joanne Harris. "From now on I'm going to be immoderate—and volatile," she vows. "I shall enjoy loud music and lurid poetry. I shall be rampant." Let me be clear, Capricorn: I'm not urging you to be immoderate, volatile, excessive, and rampant every day for the rest of your long life. But I think you will generate health benefits and good fortune if you experiment with that approach in the coming weeks. Can you think of relatively sane, sensible ways to give yourself this salubrious luxury?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): While wading through the Internet's wilder terrain, I found a provocative quote alleged to have been uttered by the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates. He supposedly said, "My ultimate goal is to look totally hot, but not be unapproachable." I confess that in the past I have sometimes been fooled by fake quotes, and I suspect this is one. Still, it's amusing to entertain the possibility that such an august personage as Socrates, a major influencer of Western culture, might say something so cute and colloquial. Even if he didn't actually say it, I like the idea of blending ancient wisdom with modern insights, seriousness with silliness, thoughtful analysis with good fun. In accordance with astrological omens, I recommend you experiment with comparable hybrids in the coming weeks. (PS: One of your goals should be to look totally hot, but not be unapproachable.)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "If you don't know what you want," writes Piscean novelist Chuck Palahniuk, "you end up with a lot you don't." Very true! And right now, it's extra important to keep that in mind. During the coming weeks, you'll be at the peak of your ability to attract what you want and need. Wouldn't you prefer to gather influences you really desire—as opposed to those for which you have mild or zero interest? Define your wants and needs very precisely.

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TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

A LOOK BACK: DED ENGINE, LANSING HEAVY METAL PIONEERS



During the 1980s, Ded Engine formed in Lansing but grew an international fanbase. (courtesy photos)

1980s head-bangers built international following

During the 1980s, Ded Engine was a fierce driving force in not only the Lansing heavy metal scene, but across oceans, as well. Hell, the band even got to pal around a bit with Iron Maiden during 1982's "Number of the Beast" Tour.

Ded Engine, which comprised Doug Horstman (lead guitar), G. H. Lorimer (drums), Scott Litz (vocals) and Marky De Sade (bass), issued two proper full-lengths in its lifespan: a self-titled 1985 LP and 1988's "Hold a Grudge." While the band would gig at area spots like Rick's, the Marshall Street Armory and the Lansing Civic Center, each of their records steadily garnered more international acclaim. And it wasn't just here in the United States: metal publications across the globe took notice.

One of those old press clippings, a May 1988 band interview with Kerrang! Magazine, includes a lengthy chat with the foursome, even digging back to the band's 1981 genesis. British rock writer Ray Zell questioned why the band named itself Ded Engine when, sonically, they were a "power overload."

"Yeah, I guess it does sound like a contradiction, but then it is meant to be somewhat tongue-in-cheek," Horstman explained. "It's got the humor aspect — like Def Leppard and Led Zeppelin, you know? We had a lot of ideas, but Ded Engine just sounded right. It sounds powerful. But there's no great story behind it or anything. It's no big thing." Horstman also went on record

regarding the Lansing band's many comparisons to metal pioneers Judas Priest. "Sure, it's a compliment, but I think a lot of people look at Priest for their past music," he said at the time. "I don't think there's a comparison to what they're doing now. We're not a Judas Priest copy-band. Ded Engine has its own sound."

That interview was during a press blitz for "Hold a Grudge," and DeSade was quick to mention how the polished album was financed in a DIY manner.

"We put up the money ... \$5,000," DeSade told Kerrang. "We wanted to do the record by ourselves because we had so many problems with management hassles and shit between the last LP and this."

Today, the Ded Engine discography has a lingering cult following, starting with 1983's "Limited Edition EP." The scorching three-track debut, released on cassette by Genocide Records, was a lo-fi demo cut for \$300, but promptly caused a buzz in the metal underground.

From there, in early 1984, the local boys were included on "It's Unheard Of!," a now-collectible British compilation LP that made an exception to include the Michiganders in Ded Engine.

Later that year, in 1984, came the "Two Bad" 7-inch. A limited run of 1,000 copies were issued by Genocide Records and were sold at indie shops like Flat, Black and Circular, but also

at big chain outlets like Recordland, Warehouse Records, and Musicland. The band's fan club allowed for some mail order, as well.

In 1985, Ded Engine's breakout year, the outfit issued its second cassette-only EP, "Till Deaf Do Us Part." Once again on Genocide Records, the release had new tracks like the title track and "Hot Shot," but also a new take of "Reign of Terror," from the first EP.

The self-titled record, also pressed in 1985, hit stores across the globe after critical praise circulated in mainstream metal mags like Circus, Hard Rock and Metal Edge. Music stores fought to keep up with customer demand.

Ded Engine then hit the road and toured parts of the country while scoring national airplay along the way. In December, the group appeared on "Secrets of Surviving," an NBC television special. According to DedEngine.com, the show featured Bill Cosby and addressed a few common teenager problems — including the "moral hemlock" of heavy metal. Obviously, Ded Engine was featured as defenders of metal. Also on the program was fellow head-bangers, Twisted Sister.

"Hold a Grudge," the last LP, was released and promoted from 1987-88, in LP, cassette, and (for the first time) CD formats. The album was released via Grudge Records, an American label formed by former CBS Records employees. But, for some reason, it

proved to be their last gasp on wax.

However, after its 1988 release, Horstman and his mates still seemed optimistic about their future.

"As I said earlier, Ded Engine has its own sound, and as long as we can go in the studio and have total control, we'll capture the power and energy and achieve the results we were looking for whether it cost us \$5,000 or \$50,000 ... although, I wouldn't mind a couple of million for the next one!"

While their entire discography stands the test of time, according to that 1988 interview, Horstman said (in short) that you had to be there. "As for the album and our live sound — live we're more energetic. We're much better live," he admitted.

Luckily, YouTube has stellar vintage Lansing Civic Center footage and a rare interview with the late Marky DeSade, who passed away in 1994. Since Ded Engine's breakup, Michigan has built a massive metal community. But, back in the '80s, DeSade told the British press it was nothing to brag about.

"We have a problem, in Michigan especially," DeSade scoffed. "The powers that be don't like anything to do with heavy metal. We're very restricted. Many local bars don't encourage bands with original material. It's all wimp shit."

Luckily, since then ... times have changed. Visit dedengine.com for all things Ded Engine.

OUT on the TOWN

Events & Happenings in Lansing This Week

Events must be entered through the calendar at lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesdays for the following week's issue. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Suzi at (517) 999-6704.



A Festival of Oddities

Saturday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Historic Eaton County Courthouse
 100 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte
[Facebook.com/FestivalofOddities](https://www.facebook.com/FestivalofOddities)

A Festival of Oddities, voted one of the top festivals in 2020's Top of the Town Contest, is returning for 2021 with a smorgasbord of spooky activities for you to peruse at the historic Eaton County Courthouse in Charlotte.

It has treats for horror hounds of all varieties: true crime author meet-and-greets, ghost-hunting, a reptile tank, vendors dealing Halloween-themed gifts and much, much more. If you purchase \$5 admission into the courthouse museum, you will experience neat exhibits such as The Sturgill Collection presented by Stimson Hospital. There will even be an appearance by the cat rescue organization Saved by Zade, which will allow you to settle down from all the spookiness with a cuddly kitty.

Wednesday, September 1

Allen Farmers Market - Allen Farmers Market from 2:30-7 p.m. at 2100 E Michigan Ave. 517-999-3911.

Birds of a Feather Art Show by Rebecca Case - through Sept. 27. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Framers' Edge and Gallery, 1856 W. Grand River Ave, Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Josh White, Jr. at The Robin Theatre - 7-30 p.m. 1105 S Washington Ave, Lansing.

Michigan Freedom Trail Commission Heritage Gathering - Annual events for those interested in our state's Underground Railroad, through Oct. 2. 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing. For events go to michigan.org.

Michigan Young Birders Network Virtual Meeting - Zoom. 7-8 p.m. For link: michiganaudubon.org.

PeaceQuest Greater Lansing 2021 - a community-wide celebration in the Greater Lansing area, through Sept. 29. For locations and times, go to peacequestgreaterlansing.org or call 517-896-2834.

St Johns Concert in the Park Series - Matt King brings his amazing 'Elvis Tribute Show'. 7-9 p.m. William E Tennant Performance Shell, 801 W Park St, St.Johns. clintoncountyarts.org.

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

Thursday, September 2

Capital Area Audubon Society September Meeting - Zoom. 7-9 p.m. Visit CapitalAreaAudubon.org for zoom link.

Cristo Rey Church - Food Booth Fundraiser - 3-7 p.m. South Lansing Farmers Market, 800 W.

Barnes St., Lansing.

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

Live Music Thursdays - Weekly live performances outside Nelson Gallery, 113 S. Washington Sq, Lansing.

REACH Virtual Meet-up: Arts Incubator for Young People - Sara Gothard. 4-5 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, 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. SLCDA, 800 W. Barnes Ave, Lansing. 517-374-5700.

Thursday Night Live Courthouse Show (Root Doctor) - Ingham County Courthouse Square, 315 S Jefferson St, Mason. business. masonchamber.org.

Virtual Refugee Foster Care Information Session - 5:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom. 517-449-3270. For link go to Samaritas.org

Friday, September 3

Afterglow Market at Rotary Park - a unique and fun shopping experience. 6-11 p.m. Rotary Park, 305 City Market Dr. (Lansing Center and Shiawassee St. Bridge).

Spartan Upcycle Fridays: Junk Journals - drop in to the Art Lab and create your own custom junk journal. 12-6 p.m. MSU Broad Art Lab, 565 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. broad.msu.edu

TGIF Weekly Friday Dance - All welcome! 7 p.m. Hawk Hollow Golf Banquet Center, 15101 Chandler Rd., Bath. 734-604-5095. tgifdance.com.

Saturday, September 4

2021 Michigan Chicken Wing Festival - 2 days of live bands, food vendors, and more. 2-8 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N Grand Ave, Lansing.

Playful Songs with Lake Effect - Fun with folk music. Refreshments provided. Do your children love to sing? 11 a.m.-12 p.m. The Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

Sunday, September 5

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

2021 Michigan Chicken Wing Festival - 2 days of live bands, food vendors, and more.

2-8 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N Grand Ave, Lansing.

Monday, September 6

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

Meaningful Mondays - 8-9 p.m. Self Realization Centre, Michigan, 7187 Drumheller Rd., Bath

Tuesday, September 7

Board Game Meet Up - Ages 18 & up. Everyone welcome! 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Spare Time Bowling Alley, 3101 E Grand River, Lansing.

Fragmented Place - Place is a location, a feeling, and an identity. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Sq., Lansing. lansingartgallery.org

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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Farm stand corn crepes

By ARI LeVAUX

Roadside farm stands are making a comeback. They have been around forever, more common in some places than others. I saw a lot of self-serve apple stands growing up in New England. Today, some of the farm stands where I live are edging close to becoming one-stop shopping spots, with loaves of bread and balls of pizza dough — delivered to the farm stand by a local bakery — available for sale alongside veggies



and home-baked zucchini bread.

If you have a stocked pantry and live in the neighborhood, a quick stop by the farm stand on the way home might save you a trip to the store. From a farmer's perspective, the potential benefits are also compelling. Selling produce at the edge of the field offers the shortest commute imaginable. You don't have to pack and unpack a truck, or deal with customers at the market, perhaps in the rain and wind. Farmers who do make the trek to market can rely on their farm stands to unload unsold produce. Those who sell their produce at wholesale prices to stores, restaurants and distributors, meanwhile, might find they prefer getting retail prices by letting the produce sell itself.

A close friend built his family's first farm stand five years ago on the road beside his field — long before the virus hit — and they were quite happy with the results. When COVID hit, the farm stand moved from being an experiment to a lifesaver. Farm stand sales shot up 500%, which more than picked up the slack from declining restaurant and market sales.

"People didn't want to go into crowded stores or farmers markets, and the open air, self-serve nature of a farm stand was really appealing," he told me.

It all made sense. But to his pleasant surprise, farm stand sales continued to improve this summer.

"Going into this year, our concern was that our farm stand would trickle. It's no longer going to rage, because people are going back to stores and the farmers markets. In fact, the opposite has happened," he said.

Most of their sales now come from the stand. He isn't looking for new wholesale accounts and quit going to the market altogether.

We were having this discussion in his barn as he trimmed garlic with a team of interns and employees, while a welcome splash of rain rattled the metal roof. Somehow, the conversation



Corn crepes served with fresh salsa and farm stand new potato salad.

Photo by Ari LeVaux

turned to a meal that he had recently made from produce that he had snagged from the farm stand. It consisted of sweet corn pancakes topped with fresh salsa, alongside a fresh potato salad. The general response to the meal boiled down to: "I was like, so full, but I like, needed to keep eating."

My family reached a similar conclusion after a very enjoyable cooking session. I modified his recipe to make the pancake batter thinner, so the finished product was more like a crepe. It's so much fun to work with the beautiful tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, onions, corn and cilantro. It feels like hanging out with friends — old friends who I haven't seen since last year's harvest.

Corn Crepes

These light, delicate crepes will go well with either sweet or savory toppings. For this meal, serve it with salsa and new potatoes, and garnish with meat. Serves six.

1 cup corn meal
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 T oil
4 cups fresh corn, cut off the cobb
2 cups water
2 cups buttermilk
Butter for frying

Mix the corn meal, flour, salt and baking powder. Add the oil, eggs, water, buttermilk and three cups of the corn to a blender and liquify. Combine with the dry ingredients and let sit for about an hour. When it's ready to cook, melt your butter on a hot skillet and pour the small crepes about 4-inches across. Flip

them when they start to bubble — after about 3 to 5 minutes.

Fresh Salsa

This recipe is best with a diverse range of tomatoes that only summer can provide. Serves six.

8 cups chopped tomatoes
2 cups chopped sweet onions
2 cups sweet peppers
Hot peppers or powder al gusto
Chopped cilantro al gusto
1 teaspoon salt plus more to taste
Combine the ingredients and let sit for about an hour.

Farm stand New Potato Salad

A little bit Asian. A little bit German. A little bit of mayo. What else do you need? Serves six.

2 pounds new potatoes
4 cups chopped yellow onions
Three cloves chopped garlic
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons mayo
10 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled

Cut the potatoes to equal size and steam until tender. Meanwhile, sauté the onions and garlic in the oil. When the onions are translucent, add the soy sauce and lemon and simmer for five more minutes. Add the potatoes and stir to coat. Add the mayo and bacon, stir again and serve.

(Flash in the Pan is food writer Ari LeVaux's weekly recipe column. It runs in about 100 newspapers nationwide, nourishing food sections large and small with complete protein for the belly brain.)



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By **COLE TUNNINGLEY**

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Besides smoothies and freshly-squeezed juice, Clean Juice offers a selection of salads, wraps and acai or quinoa bowls to pair with your drink. Also present on the menu are a variety of autumnal options, including pumpkin spiced lattes and a pumpkin smoothie.

Clean Juice welcomes its customers to join a thriving community of devoted cleansers. If you download the Clean Juice app on your phone, you can enroll in a program to receive monthly shipments of cleanses. Each cleanse targets a specific problem you may have. One is anti-inflammatory, while another acts as an energy booster.

The Cleanse Club has two options, "The Beginner Program" and "The Standard Program." After picking which option you would like to go

with, you can choose to receive enough cleanse for either one, two or three days a month.

Clean Juice offers no firm advice for people who are preparing for a cleanse, but it does recommend cutting out dairy and processed foods to more fully purify your body.

The company does double duty as both a chain of restaurants and a lifestyle brand. One champion of Clean Juice is college football star Tim Tebow, who signed on as a brand ambassador.

Kat and Landon Eckles, the founders of Clean Juice, host a weekly podcast called Be Organic. On the podcast, the two discuss wellness and nutrition with a rotation of health influencers, doctors and holistic gurus. In addition to that, the Clean Juice website also hosts a blog with articles that offer health tips and help guide readers through the science behind good nutrition.

Located right across from the Broad Art Museum, Clean Juice

could prove quite handy to Michigan State University students who are simply tired of filling their bodies with Conrad's and pizza every day.



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NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

(In accordance with 1956 PA 40, as amended)

Notice is Hereby Given that a Day of Review will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, 707 Buhl Ave., Mason, MI 48854. At that date and place, the apportionments of benefits will be reviewed for assessment purposes. The Drains and the municipalities subject to assessment are as follows:

DRAIN NO.	DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY
A 03-00	ALAIEDON NO. 3 DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP
B 03-00	BATDORFF DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP
B 04-00	BATEMAN DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
B 32-00	BELL DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
B 51-00	BIEBESHIEMER DRAIN	MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP CITY OF EAST LANSING MSU (ROADS) GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD CSX RAILROAD
C 45-00	CADILLAC AVE. DRAIN	LANSING CHARTER TOWNSHIP
G 22-00	GRANDY DRAIN	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
M 49-00	MCCLUSKEY DRAIN	BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP

Descriptions of lands constituting the Drainage Districts for the above referenced Drains may be found at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office or on its website (dr.ingham.org).

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the tentative apportionments of benefits for each parcel and municipality within the Drainage District. The Drain Commissioner, engineers, and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions to the apportionments where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If Drain assessments are to be collected in installments of more than one year, they may be paid in full with any interest to date at any time to avoid further interest charges. The entities to be assessed at large are the municipalities listed above, as well as Ingham County for benefit to county roads, and the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for those Drainage Districts that include state highways. The lands to be assessed are those generally described as being within the Drainage District boundaries.

Comments on the apportionments of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing at P.O. Box 220, Mason, MI 48854, or via email at drainoffice@ingham.org, or may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the date set for the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395, or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision with regard to the apportionments of benefits for assessment purposes may appeal to the Ingham County Probate Court within ten (10) days after the Day of Review.

August 27, 2021

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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