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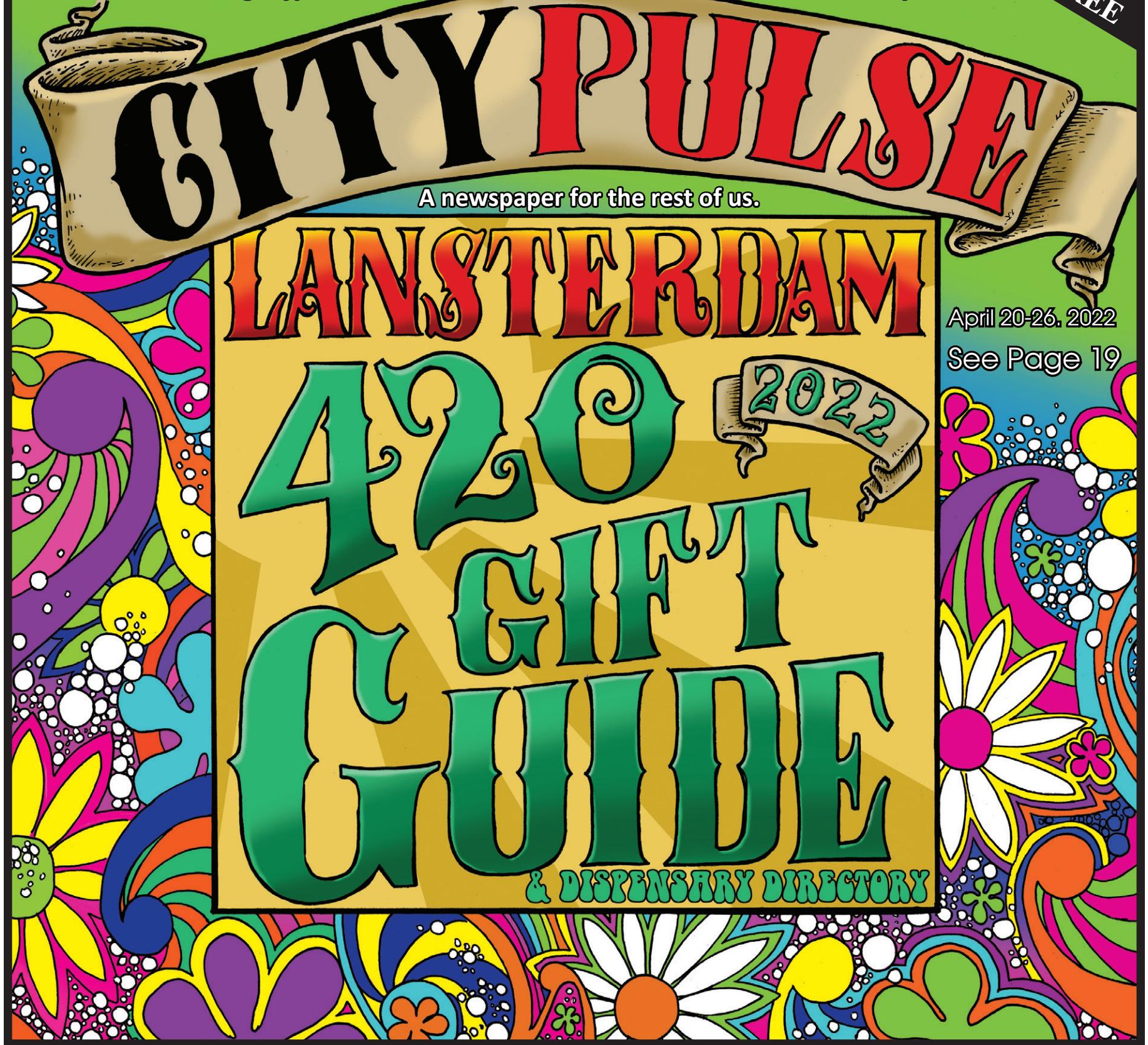
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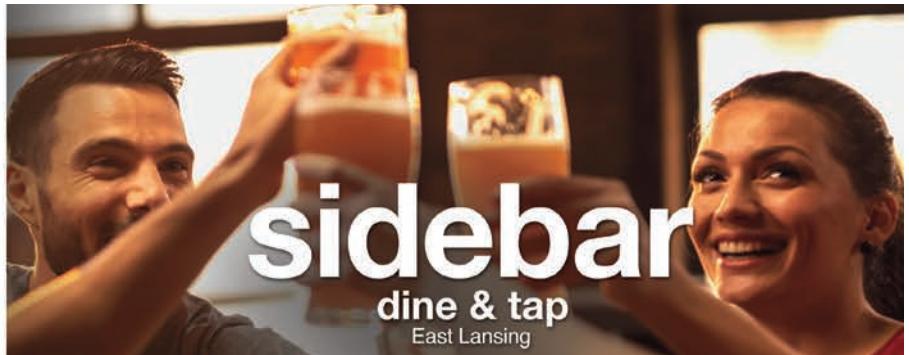
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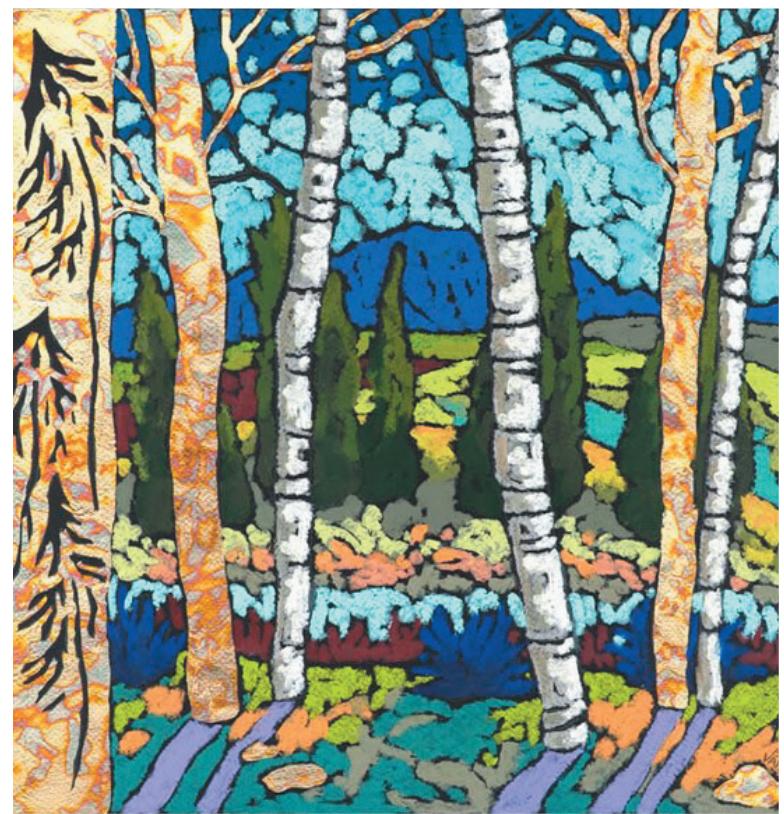
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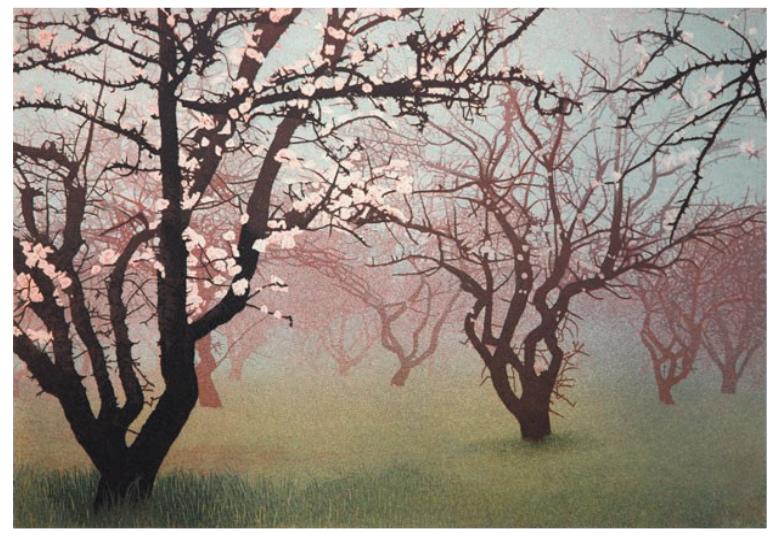


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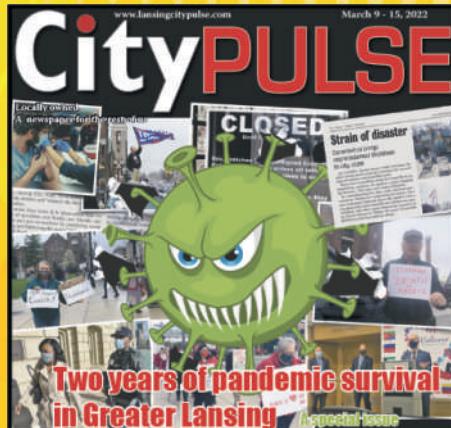
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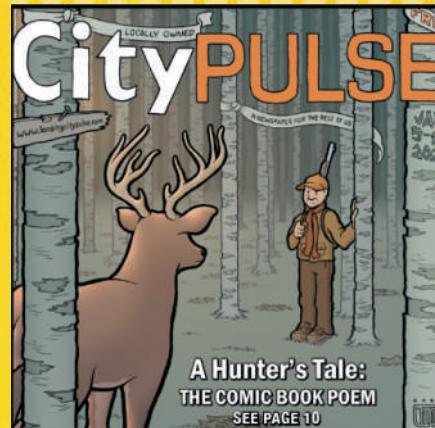
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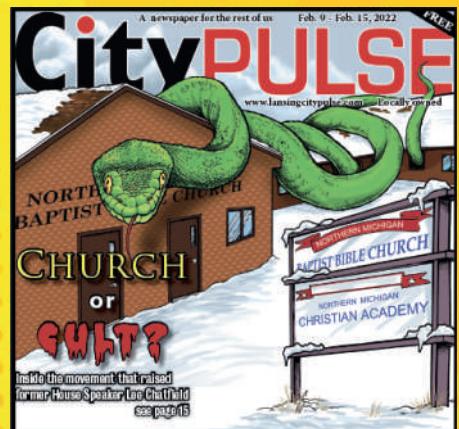
- Made in Lansing. A look at the wide range of manufacturing, from cheese to organic farming to the Internet of Things.



- "Two years of pandemic survival" – a special issue on how Greater Lansing is dealing with COVID-19.



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- Former House Speaker Lee Chatwell's sister-in-law accuses him of sexual assault. Todd Heywood broke the story online, then followed up with a look at the Up North church – or cult – that produced Chatwell.



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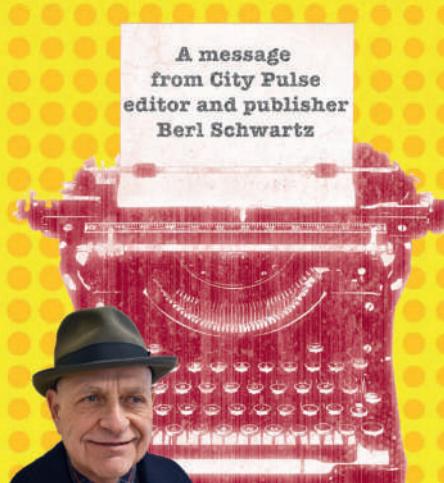
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Sincerely, **Berl Schwartz**
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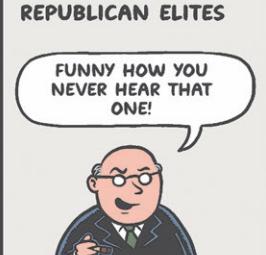
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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

AFTER DECADES OF GIVING UP IMAGINARY THREATS, REPUBLICANS SUDDENLY REALIZE THEY HAVE RUN OUT OF IDEAS.

WE'VE DEMONIZED TRANS PEOPLE, GAYS, IMMIGRANTS, MINORITIES, WOMEN, TEACHERS, WOKE LIBERALS--WHAT DO WE EVEN HAVE LEFT?

WE MUST BE OVERLOOKING SOMETHING!

CONCERN IS SOON WIDESPREAD AMONG RANK-AND-FILE REPUBLICAN VOTERS. THEIR VERY PRESENCE THREATENS TO UNDERMINE OUR TRADITIONAL, NON-LEPRECHAUN VALUES!

IF YOU ASK ME, ANYONE UNDER FIVE FEET TALL IS PROBABLY A LEPRECHAUN IN DISGUISE!

I, FOR ONE, HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THEIR PROPENSITY FOR HIJINKS AND TOMFOOLERY!

BUT THEN, A NEW CONSPIRACY THEORY BUBBLES UP.

ACCORDING TO THE Q-ANON BOARDS, THERE ARE LEPRECHAUNS HIDING AMONG US!

THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE, PLOTTING THEIR NEFARIOUS PRANKS AND MISCHIEF!

AND THEY'LL NEVER SHOW US THE POT OF GOLD! THEY SAVE THAT FOR GEORGE SOROS!

DEMOCRATS, AS USUAL, ARE FLUMMOXED. WE COULD USE THIS TO HAMMER HOME THE FACT THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS COMPLETELY LOST ITS MIND! BUT THAT WOULD BE MUCH TOO DIVISIVE.

WE MUST FOCUS ON OUR MIDTERM MESSAGE: VOTE BLUE--BECAUSE REASONS!

IT IS QUICKLY EMBRACED BY REPUBLICAN DEMAGOGUES.

OUR HOMELAND HAS BEEN INFILTRATED--BY SHORT, DECEITFUL CREATURES WITH AN UNSEEMLY INTEREST IN COBBLING SHOES!

WHY ARE DEMOCRATS CONSPIRING WITH THESE DIMINUTIVE MENACES IN WHIMSICAL GREEN HATS?

AND ON AND ON IT GOES. DEMOCRATS ARE IN LEAGUE WITH DREAD CTHULHU! THEY WANT RIVERS OF BLOOD AND MOUNTAINS OF HUMAN SKULLS!

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NEWS & OPINION

Afghan refugees lodged in uncertified rentals across Lansing

Catholic Charities struggles to find housing that's 'safe and affordable'

Dozens of refugees who fled Afghanistan with U.S. troops last summer are living in uninspected rental properties across Lansing, according to documents obtained and verified by City Pulse.

St. Vincent Catholic Charities, which serves as a refugee resettlement agency in the city, has been paying to house some refugees in 18 hotel rooms in a southside hotel for months. The others are staying in at least 19 other properties across Lansing — including 11 that have had their rental certifications placed on hold and are in various stages of renewing their city certificates.

City Pulse obtained the addresses of the local Afghan refugees in a document provided by an unidentified source who was familiar with the situation. That information was cross referenced with county property records to verify whether each had valid rental certificates.

Of the 19 homes identified in the documents, 11 of them lacked valid rental certificates this week. Lansing Planning Director Brian McGrain said those certificates were put "on hold" because they were awaiting finalization of permits or rental inspections, or recently became due for renewal.

Rental properties must be registered with the city. In order to do that, a landlord must fill out paperwork, pay an initial fee and then have the property inspected. If the property passes the inspection, it is issued a rental certificate. Reinspections are then required every three years.

If any severe code or safety issues are found, the city requires property owners to fix them.

Landlords then sign documents attesting to the repairs, but code compliance officers rarely reinspect the properties. Instead, they're held accountable

by the honor code, McGrain said. Corrective orders also put the property up for recertification in two — rather than three — years.

McGrain said that system has been bogged down over the last year, in part due to the pandemic and staff turnover, which has pushed some of those 11 properties into an "on hold" status where they can still legally be rented while awaiting re-inspection. It's like a rental certificate limbo.

Judi Harris, the director of refugee services at St. Vincent Catholic Charities, said prospective landlords are vetted when they volunteer their properties for use by the agency. The agency, however, does not revisit the status of those rental certifications or subsequent inspections.

"Just getting safe and affordable housing has always been a challenge," Harris explained.

When the agency was warned it would receive an influx of Afghan refugees as part of the U.S. pullout

in Afghanistan last year, St. Vincent immediately raised concerns about housing stock. Complicating the problem was just how quickly the families were arriving in Greater Lansing.

"We would get a notice on a Friday night that you're getting a family of four on Monday," Harris told City Pulse last week. "There was no way we could find them housing right away."

Harris said temporary housing in hotels helped to start solving the logistical



Kyle Kaminski/City Pulse

St. Vincent Catholic Charities runs one of the most active refugee resettlement programs in mid-Michigan, welcoming at least 278 Afghan refugees to Greater Lansing within the last year.

problem. She said those staying there this week should be moved into more permanent housing by May, but another 50 Afghan refugees (and more from Ukraine) could be arriving soon, she said.

Harris said St. Vincent — which is one of the most active refugee resettlement programs in Michigan — has struggled since late August to find housing for those fleeing Afghanistan. The agency welcomed 278 Afghan refugees through its program and into the Greater Lansing community this year. City Pulse is not identifying their addresses to protect them from potential of violence or harassment by anti-immigration organizations who have a presence in the area.

In 2019, the Lansing State Journal reported that 38% of known rental properties in the city did not have valid rental certificates. Nearly half of its residents lived in a rental property at the time.

McGrain also mentioned concerns about affordability and availability in the housing market.

"That's why this administration has supported affordable housing options at each opportunity," he said. "Unfortunately, only like one in five of the proposals we support for affordable housing gets that approval from the state of Michigan. So, of course, we want afford-

able housing. We want high-end housing as well. We need that mix to move forward as a community."

The average fair market rent in Lansing this year is \$936 for a two-bedroom apartment — higher than last month's median price of \$791, according to a recent Lansing State Journal report.

More than half of the housing stock is owner occupied, and the booming real estate market is also putting additional economic pressure on rental properties as taxes and assessments climb.

The Lansing State Journal reported last month that rent had skyrocketed by an average 20% since 2017. That's far above the rate of inflation currently hitting American wallets for items like groceries, household cleaning supplies, automobiles and more. Gasoline prices have also jumped dramatically since the invasion of Ukraine and subsequent limits on Russian oil imports.

The struggle to inspect and enforce rental compliance has been an ongoing problem for city officials. In 2015, City Pulse uncovered a host of issues with the rental process in the city.

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor's administration has wrestled with the issue since 2018. A fatal fire at the Lansing Housing Commission's LaRoy Froh Townhouses that summer resulted in an aggressive inspection regimen on all commission properties.

Schor said he has proposed hiring an additional code compliance inspector to increase rental inspections for the coming budget year. That budget has to be approved by City Council and wouldn't go into effect until July 1 — the beginning of the fiscal year. He said that city officials are working to make sure Afghan refugees are welcomed to the community with safe housing.

"It has been a priority for Lansing to accept and resettle Afghan refugees," Schor said. "We want the agencies doing this work to get them in safe, permanent housing, but understand there are times when they need to temporarily put them in hotels until this housing can be found. Overall, we want to make sure they are taken care of and loved by our community."

— TODD HEYWOOD

Just getting safe and affordable housing has always been a challenge. — Judi Harris, refugee services director, St. Vincent Catholic Charities


**FOR
DESIGN**


The last Eye for Design (below) was not identified by our readers. The detail — a sheet metal clad window extruding from an exterior wall — belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department building on North Washington Avenue in Lansing. This window design blocks direct light as the sun sets on the western facade of the building while the two perpendicular windows provide indirect light throughout the day.

This week's Eye for Design (above) can be found along the Grand River. If you know where, send an email to knarianj@mail.lcc.edu and you could win an Eye for Design mug!

— JAMES KNARIAN



"Eye for Design" is a monthly contest that features distinctive fine points of architecture in Greater Lansing. It rotates with Eyesore and Eye Candy.

REWIND

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST 7 DAYS

By KYLE KAMINSKI



Murals raise awareness for mental health

Michigan State University students installed seven murals across downtown East Lansing (all done by local artist Mila Theroux) that are designed to bring awareness to mental health issues.

Lansing man found dead on Beal Ave.

No arrests have been made about a week after Alan Lavon Jackson, 27, of Lansing, was found shot dead at a home on the 2000 block of Beal Avenue early Thursday (April 14) morning. Police are searching for clues as the investigation continues. Call 517 483-4600 to report tips.

Local lifesavers earn recognition

Lansing Community College Police Sgt. Tim Davis and student Jazlynn Trevino were the latest recipients of the college's "Life Saving Awards." Davis talked a person down off the ledge of the Saginaw Street Bridge last year. Trevino helped to find urgent medical treatment for an older man who had collapsed from diabetes-related complications last May.

School board appoints new member

MSU Assistant Professor Caitlin Cavanagh (who recently applied but was turned down for a First Ward appointment to the Lansing City Council) was appointed to the Lansing School District's Board of Education to fill a seat that was recently vacated by Nathan Burroughs. The appointment lasts six months. Cavanagh must run in November to retain her seat.



Vaccine clinic opens at Breslin Center

Officials at MSU and the Ingham County Health Department have partnered to open another COVID-19 vaccine clinic from 2-7 p.m. April 25 at the Breslin Center. Schedule appointments online at hd.ingham.org/coronavirus. Walk-ins are also welcomed. Park in Lot 63.

Potterville to see population boost

The small city of Potterville, population under 3,000 residents, is set to see some significant growth next year after developers announced plans to build a new 80-home subdivision on the north side of the city called Cambria Ridge, reports FOX 47 News.

Yard waste season begins in Lansing

Curbside collection of yard waste begins on Monday (April 25). Bagged yard waste should be placed on the curbside or driveway only on scheduled collection days — and not any earlier. View the yard waste calendar online at lansingmi.gov/CARTschedule to find collection dates.

Library announces 'Books, Baskets & Bids'

The East Lansing Public Library is hosting an online auction fundraiser through Monday (April 25) where residents can bid on dozens of gift baskets donated by local businesses and patrons. Visit 32auctions.com/elpl to place a bid. Proceeds will go toward enhancing youth programs.

Federal cash aids public housing

The Lansing Housing Commission will fix roofs, repave parking lots, install new appliances and air conditioning units and make various other fixes at four apartment complexes — LaRoy Froh, Waverly Place, Capitol City and Hildebrandt Park — after the commission netted \$60 million in federal tax credits, reports FOX 47 News. The renovations are set to be done before next June.

'Luxury' lodge to open at Red Cedar

A new five-story "luxury" senior living housing complex called Red Cedar Lodge announced plans to open this summer at the Red Cedar redevelopment project. Officials there said they expect the place to fill up rather quickly as more and more Baby Boomers retire every day.



Schor sets plan for federal COVID-19 cash

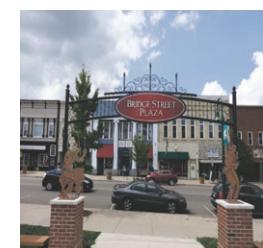
Lansing Mayor Andy Schor announced plans to spend nearly \$49 million that was appropriated to the city through the American Rescue Plan Act. Highlights include \$4 million for the Equitable Economic Development Program to assist local minority-owned businesses; \$3.2 million to upgrade several parks and recreational facilities; \$1.4 million to various community groups as recommended by the NAACP and another \$2 million for the City Council to spend as it wants.

MSU settles age discrimination lawsuit

Gerald Skeltis, a former farm manager for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, received a \$106,000 settlement from MSU after alleged in a lawsuit he was fired because of his age (69) and as retaliation for reporting illegal pesticide use, reports the Lansing State Journal.

Developer to build apartments on plaza

City officials in Grand Ledge are in talks with developers who want to construct a 50-foot-high apartment building at the vacant chunk of land that is Bridge Street Plaza, reports FOX 47 News. The city has already approved about \$30,000 to facilitate the redevelopment project.



Celebrating 420

On the occasion of this year's 420 Week, the annual celebration of all things cannabis, let's take an especially savory moment to reflect on the astonishing progress we've made in Michigan toward normalizing our favorite herb. As our region's legal cannabis economy continues to blossom, transforming vacant storefronts into growing concerns and sprouting thousands of new jobs, we really are quite pleased with where things stand today.

Nonetheless, there is always room for improvement as Michigan's cannabis industry moves from infancy to adolescence. Let's begin by acknowledging that the war on drugs has taken a devastating toll, especially in communities of color. Prosecution of low-level marijuana offenses has put scores of people in county jails and state prisons, disrupting families and ruining countless lives. Hundreds if not thousands of Michigan residents remain incarcerated for marijuana-related offenses — and, not surprisingly, they tend to be people of color.

Before 2018, Black Michigan residents were 3.6 times more likely to be arrested than whites for marijuana possession, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. And yet, among people with an ownership interest in a licensed recreational marijuana business in the state, only 3.8% are Black and 1.5% are Hispanic or Latino, according to the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency. That needs to change so a larger share of the benefits of commercial cannabis accrue to those who suffered the most from criminal persecutions.

The business of recreational cannabis is delivering tremendous economic benefits to the communities that host dispensaries and grow operations. Last year, City Clerk Chris Swope estimated that licensed pot shops in Lansing invested more than \$85 million in property improvements and employed more than 2,400 people — all with jobs that pay at least \$16 an hour and include healthcare benefits and retirement savings.

Local governments across the region also have good reason to celebrate, considering the substantial financial windfalls they're getting due to the explosive growth of Michigan's cannabis economy. Last year, the state distributed nearly \$10 million generated from marijuana excise taxes to more than 100 counties, cities, villages and townships; and deposited \$11 million each into the state School Aid Fund and State Transportation Fund. Just one year later, local governments received \$42 million, while schools and roads got nearly \$50 million each. As the industry continues to mature, we expect to see those numbers escalate.

Mid-Michigan's biggest winner was Ingham County, which pulled down a cool million. The city of Lansing scored nearly that much because most of the region's cannabis facilities are located within the city. Some of these revenues, combined with local fees, will help offset the administrative costs associated with licensure and regulation. The Lansing City Council recently granted a pay raise for Swope and previously authorized him to hire additional staffers due to the increased workload associated with marijuana licensure.

But state law doesn't require these resources to be spent in any particular area. Most recipient communities appear to be supplementing their general fund for

basic city functions like police and fire services. We prefer to see a more targeted approach that invests local cannabis revenues in ways that advance racial equity within the industry. This is especially true for county governments, which have virtually no costs associated with licensing, regulation or enforcement of cannabis enterprises yet receive as much or more money than the cities that do bear these costs. In any event, especially in the wake of a pandemic that disproportionately impacted communities of color, there is no better investment than using these revenues to help create pathways to prosperity through the commerce of cannabis.

One practical step that local leaders could take in this regard is to expand the number of licenses available for grow operations. There's still plenty of empty commercial space in Lansing and no shortage of growers raising their hands to fill it with tax-generating businesses. City Council could use some of its excise tax windfall to provide more support for microbusinesses with an eye toward racial equity.

The city has also carved out a handful of licenses for microbusinesses, all of which are still unfilled, like pretty much everywhere else in the state. Clerk Swope's new cannabis staffers should try to figure out why and work with the Lansing Economic Area Partnership to fix the problem.

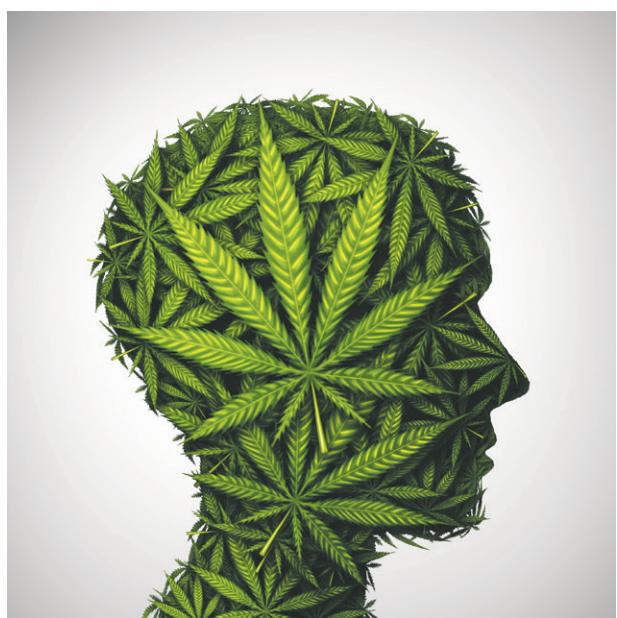
Of course, for every upside there's bound to be a downside. But we're happy to report that problems associated with Michigan's booming marijuana biz appear to be few and far between. Most concerning, perhaps, is the apparent rise in marijuana abuse. We surmise that this trend has something to do with the ease of buying pot making it harder to resist. Although cannabis is not thought to be physically addictive, for some users it can amplify underlying psychological struggles and lead

to significant disruptions in their daily lives. We think it's actually a good sign that there is now a Marijuana Anonymous meeting in Greater Lansing so people with a serious problem can get the help they need. State and local officials, though, need to put more emphasis on education, counseling and treatment for those who struggle with cannabis-related problems.

Also on our list: Federal lawmakers must remove marijuana from the Schedule 1 controlled substances list as soon as possible. That pot is still illegal under federal law remains a significant restraint on the cannabis industry, especially when it comes to commercial financing and banking.

Finally, our state lawmakers should spend some time drilling down on the issue of what constitutes drugged driving. It's utterly ridiculous that a responsible cannabis user can be convicted of driving under the influence merely on the presence of cannabinoids in his or her blood, which has no relationship to that person's level of incapacitation. A more sensible standard should focus on behaviors that demonstrate impairment, in the fashion of the roadside agility tests used to determine if a person is too drunk to drive safely.

Despite some unfinished business, the future of cannabis in Michigan is bright indeed, at long last taking its rightful place both as effective medicine and as a socially acceptable form of adult recreation.



The CP Edit

Opinion

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**CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF ELECTION
FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022
SPECIAL ELECTION**

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Delhi Charter Township, Delta Charter Township, DeWitt Charter Township, and Watertown Charter Township:

Please take notice that a Special Election for the Lansing School District will be held in City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Delhi Charter Township, Delta Charter Township, DeWitt Charter Township, and Watertown Charter Township on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. **Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.**

For the purpose of voting on the following ballot proposal:

**Lansing School District
Bonding Proposal**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Lansing School District, 519 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48933-2080, telephone: (517) 755-1000.

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Pct. 3 – Post Oak School
Pct. 4 – Grand River Head Start
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Pct. 9 – Board of Water and Light
Pct. 10 – South Washington Office Cplx.
Pct. 45 – Foster Community Center

Lansing Ward 2

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City of East Lansing

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Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

Under a Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit to receive a ballot.

Anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at their local clerk's office at the following locations and times:

Jurisdiction	Address	Phone	Email	Regular Business Hours
Lansing City Clerk - City Hall	124 W Michigan Ave Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 483-4131	city.clerk@lansingmi.gov	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Lansing City Clerk - Election Unit	2500 S Washington Ave Lansing, MI 48911	(517) 483-4485	city.clerk@lansingmi.gov	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm Wednesday 8am - 7pm
East Lansing City Clerk	410 Abbot Rd East Lansing, MI 48823	(517) 319-6914	cityclerk@cityofeastlansing.com	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Delhi Township Clerk	2074 Aurelius Rd. Holt, MI 48842	(517) 694-2135	evan.hope@delhitownship.com	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Delta Township Clerk	7710 W Saginaw Hwy Lansing, MI 48917	(517) 323-8500	clerk@deltami.gov	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
DeWitt Township Clerk	1401 W Herbison Rd DeWitt, MI 48820	(517) 668-0270	aframton@dewittwp.org	Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
Watertown Township Clerk	12803 S Wacousta Rd Grand Ledge, MI 48837	(517) 626-6593	cbrokob@watertownmi.gov	Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

Additional times outside of the above listed regular business hours are as follows:

Jurisdiction	Address	Additional Hours
Lansing City Clerk -Election Unit	2500 S Washington Ave Lansing, MI 48911	Saturday, April 30 10am - 4pm Sunday, May 1 12pm - 4pm
East Lansing City Clerk	410 Abbot Rd East Lansing, MI 48823	Saturday, April 30 8am - 4pm
Delhi Township Clerk	2074 Aurelius Rd. Holt, MI 48842	Saturday, April 30 8am - 4pm
Delta Township Clerk	7710 W Saginaw Hwy. Lansing, MI 48917	Saturday, April 30 7am - 3pm
DeWitt Township Clerk	1401 W Herbison Rd DeWitt, MI 48820	Saturday, April 30 8am - 4pm
Watertown Township Clerk	12803 S Wacousta Rd Grand Ledge, MI 48837	Saturday, April 30 8am - 4pm

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

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Those registering to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, May 3, 2022, are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot at their local clerk's office, locations referenced in the above table.

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Lansing City Clerk

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10 GOP gubernatorial candidates: who's the cream of the crop?

Michigan's Republican Party is lining up a record-breaking 10 candidates for governor this year.

I could say any one of the 10 will become Michigan's next governor, but that's not realistic.

Only one of the candidates has any widespread name ID in Southeast Michigan.

Only two candidates have any money to spend to bolster their name ID.

So, who is the cream of the crop, as "Macho Man" Randy Savage once said? And what are their chances of winning the nomination?

— Perry Johnson: 50%. In a field deprived of candidates with resources, Johnson has the most, and he's spending it. The self-described "quality guru" has already put \$3.2 million in TV ads, boosting his name ID to frontrunner status in some areas. Now, he's going after former police chief James Craig in the Metro Detroit media market.

Also, Johnson's consultant, John Yob, has maneuvered himself into possibly scoring Johnson with Donald Trump's endorsement for helping put Trump candidates in a position to win convention races.

The only question for Johnson is if he connects with voters. So far, the words I hear from regular people about his ads are "funny-looking," "weird," "creepy," and "arrogant." That's not great.

Rick Snyder in 2010 was a rich guy, too, but enough people found his self-deprecating humor authentic and charming. Johnson isn't that. But if it's the name you know

— James Craig: 23%. He should be at 50%, but the former Detroit police chief squandered his front-runner status as the chief who didn't let Detroit burn. He blew too much money and became mostly invisible since his wild Belle Isle rollout.

Craig is the only candidate with instant name ID and he's still leading in Southeast Michigan polling. Can his third campaign manager help him turn it around?

— Kevin Rinke: 18%. The Southeast Michigan business executive is wealthy but not Perry Johnson

wealthy. He doesn't want to get into a spending war, but he may not have a choice.

Rinke is on network TV with a dreadfully boring ad. His old GTO v. Yugo ad caught him flak, but it made him look cool ... for those who remember it.

— Tudor Dixon: 5%. If you lined up all 10 candidates in a room full of conservatives, had each candidate speak for five minutes and had the audience pick a favorite based only on that, Dixon would win. She's that good on the stump.

Sharp. Articulate. Convincing. Strong. Attractive. That's not the way this is playing out, though.

Dixon blew all of her early money on the costs of raising money and hasn't raised enough to earn her the confidence of people who REALLY want to endorse her. Trump and the big Republican funders in West Michigan have been holding back until Dixon can show she's viable on her own.

She's good enough on TV that if she can put something together in the next month or two, she could still pull it off, but the clock is ticking.

— Garrett Soldano: 3%. If this field of candidates didn't include Ryan Kelley, Donna Brandenburg and Ralph Rebandt, the Kalamazoo-area chiropractor and anti-COVID mandates leader would have the grassroots/forensic audit conspiratorial wing of the party to himself. He'd have a solid shot at winning the nomination with 25% of the vote.

With all four of them in the race, though, he's going to struggle to get past 15%. In his latest press release, he suggested Governor Whitmer and the FBI cooked up those criminal charges against her alleged kidnapping plotters to drum up sympathy votes for her reelection.

Why bothering connect with mainstream voters when you can take a sharp right turn into the deep weeds of conspiracy? No wonder he's broke.

— Anyone else: less than 1%. It's possible Michael Brown, Michael Markey, Rebandt, Brandenburg and Kelley could do something to catch fire. Right now, though, they are more likely to flame out.

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



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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE 1510**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR OPERATING MOBILE FOOD VENDING UNITS IN THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

The City of East Lansing ordains:

ARTICLE III. PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, MOBILE FOOD VENDORS, TRANSIENT FOOD MERCHANTS AND TRANSIENT RETAIL MERCHANTS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 8-131. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Concessionaire means any person, whether a resident of the city or not, or any firm, partnership, corporation, whether organized for profit or not, or other business entity, who receives a license under the provisions of section 8-133(7) to sell or offer for sale goods, services, or merchandise from a temporary or portable structure or fixture at a specified location within the downtown business district.

Mobile Food Vending means vending, serving, or offering for sale food and/or beverages from a mobile food vending unit.

Mobile Food Vending Unit means any motorized or nonmotorized vehicle, trailer, stand, cart, or other device designed to be portable and not permanently attached to the ground, from which food is prepared onsite and vended, served, or offered for sale.

Operate means activities associated with the conduct of a mobile food vending business, including setup and take down and/or actual hours where the mobile food vending unit is open for business.

Mobile Food Vendor means any individual engaged in the business of mobile food vending; if more than one individual is operating a motorized or nonmotorized vehicle, trailer, stand, cart, or other device designed to be portable, then "vendor" shall mean all individuals operating such motorized or nonmotorized vehicle, trailer, stand, cart, or other device designed to be portable.

Peddler means any person, whether a resident of the city or not, or any firm, partnership, corporation, whether organized for profit or not, or other business entity, who travels by foot, wagon, cart, motor vehicle, or other conveyance, from place to place, carrying, selling or offering for sale, goods, services, or merchandise, or who without traveling from place to place, sells or offers the same for sale from a motor vehicle, wagon, trailer, railroad car, or other vehicle, or conveyance, or from a cart, stand, booth, display case, or other temporary portable structure or fixture. The term "peddler" shall include "hawker" and "huckster" and shall include route salespersons selling randomly to customers along a fixed route, but not route salespersons supplying only prior customer orders.

Solicitor means any person, or any firm, partnership, profit or nonprofit corporation, or other business entity who travels by foot, motor vehicle, or other conveyance from place to place seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, services, or subscriptions for future delivery or performance, or who, without traveling from place to place, solicits the same from a motor vehicle or other conveyance or from a stand, cart, booth, or other temporary or portable structure or fixture, but not wholesalers or jobbers supplying only retail establishments.

Transient Food Merchant means any motorized or nonmotorized vehicle, trailer, stand, cart, or other device designed to be portable and not permanently attached to the ground, from which prepackaged food is vended, served, or offered for sale.

Transient retail merchant means any natural person, or any firm, partnership, profit or nonprofit corporation, or any other business entity engaged in the retail sale or delivery of goods or services from any lot, premises, building, room, or structure on a temporary basis where such person does not have a permanent business location within the city that is subject to the city's real or personal property taxes for the current year.

(Code 1994, ch. 73, § 7.51)

Cross reference(s)—Definitions generally, § 1-7.

Sec. 8-132. Conduct of business generally.

- (a) Mobile food vendors and transient food/retail merchants must be licensed or obtain a permit to operate within the city of East Lansing.
- (b) All persons licensed under this article and each of their agents or employees are required to exhibit their licenses, upon request, to any private citizen or police officer.
- (c) Any licensee using any cart, wagon, motor vehicle, or other conveyance, when stopping upon the streets or public places of the city for the purposes of conducting business shall draw up to and parallel with the curb line and in such a manner so as not to obstruct vehicle or pedestrian travel.

(Code 1994, ch. 73, § 7.55)

Sec. 8-133. Prohibited practices.

The following conduct by any licensee shall be considered in violation of this Code and, in addition to the penalties provided by section 1-12 of the Code, may result in the suspension, revocation, or denial of the holder's license:

- (1) Entering a private residence under pretense other than for soliciting or peddling.

- (2) Remaining in a private residence or on the premises thereon after the owner or occupant thereof has requested any such person to leave.
- (3) Going in and upon the premises of a private residence to solicit or peddle when the owner or occupant thereof has displayed a "no soliciting" or "no peddling" sign on such premises. Such signs shall be conspicuously displayed at or near the main entrance to the premises, but shall not exceed one square foot in surface display area.
- (4) Soliciting or peddling at a private residence prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m. unless by prior invitation of the occupant.
- (5) Soliciting or peddling on a street or within an area which has been closed by council resolution for an art fair, street fair, or other special event, except where special permits are issued in accordance with standards established by city council.
- (6) Shouting, or calling wares, or using a public address system, horn, bells, or other noisemaking device to call attention to the licensee's business in such a way as to disturb residents or adjacent businesses.
- (7) Occupying any space for the purpose of peddling, soliciting, mobile food vending, or as a transient merchant on any public place, streets, or adjacent public rights-of-way within business districts, except as follows:
 - (a) A mobile food vending unit license may be granted by resolution of the city council or by the city manager pursuant to guidelines approved by city council within appropriate areas of the public rights-of-way or other city-owned property located in zoning districts B1-General Office Business, B2-Retail Sales Business, B3-City Center Commercial, B4-Restricted Office Business, B5-Community Retail Sales Business, OIP - Office Industrial Park, C-Community Facilities, and any other property owned by the City and used as a public park regardless of zoning district. Mobile food vending units shall be limited to locations and times, as established in an approved mobile food vending unit license application, and a fee shall be paid by each mobile food vendor in an amount to be established by council by resolution.
 - (b) If a registered neighborhood association has received a permit for a block party under Section 38-37, then the neighborhood association may allow two or fewer mobile food vending units to operate for up to four hours during the block party. A neighborhood association may only have mobile food vending units at 12 block parties during each calendar year. A mobile food vending unit operating under this subsection must first receive a special event mobile food vending permit from the City and pay any applicable fee established by resolution of the City Council but is not required to obtain a mobile food vending unit license under subsection (a) above.
 - (c) A special event mobile food vending permit may be granted by the city manager or their designee to operate a mobile food vending unit at a City sponsored event. Special event mobile food vending units shall be limited to locations and times established in an approved special event mobile food vending unit permit application, and a fee shall be paid by each mobile food vendor in an amount to be established by council but is not required to obtain a mobile food vending unit license under subsection (a) above.
 - (d) A transient food merchant permit may be granted by the city manager or their designee pursuant to guidelines and fees approved by city council.
- (8) No licensee shall sell or offer for sale any goods or services in any city park unless he/she shall first obtain a license as required in chapter 28, article II of this Code, pertaining to use of parks, or a mobile food vending unit license for any city park pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

(Code 1994, ch. 73, § 7.56; Ord. No. 1315, 11-6-2013)

Secs. 8-134—8-150. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. MOBILE FOOD VENDING LICENSE

Sec. 8-151. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of a peddler, solicitor, transient food merchant, or mobile food vending unit within the limits of the city, except as provided at subsections (1) through (5) of this section, without first having obtained a license therefor issued by the city clerk.

- (1) Any person engaged in the retail sale of goods, wares, merchandise, or services at a permanent location in the city and subject to the city's ad valorem real or personal property taxes shall not be required to obtain a license or permit to sell as a transient merchant at any other location within the city, but shall be required to comply with every other provision of this article regulating such activity.
- (2) Any individual engaged in the business of mobile food vending at a city sponsored special event, the East Lansing Farmers Market, East Lansing Art Festival, or any other special event or program facilitated by or sponsored by the City of East Lansing must obtain approval by the city manager or their designee per Policy Resolution 2021-18.
- (3) A mobile food vendor license is not required for mobile food vending units from which only pre-packaged food is vended, served, or offered for sale. The Transient Food Merchant Permit program will administer mobile food vending units from which prepackaged food is vended, served, or offered for sale per Policy Resolution 2021-18.
- (4) A transient retail merchant is not required to obtain a license or permit for the retail sale of goods, wares, merchandise, or services at a city sponsored special event, including the East Lansing Farmers Market, East Lansing Art Festival or any other special event or program facilitated by or sponsored by the City of East Lansing. A transient retail merchant shall be required to obtain approval from the city manager or their designee for the retail sale of goods, wares, merchandise, or services at a city sponsored special event, including the East Lansing Farmers Market, East Lansing Art Festival or any other special event or program facilitated by or sponsored by the City of East Lansing.

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- (5) Any person under the age of 18 years of age, except that person under age 18 peddling or vending from a motor vehicle shall be required to obtain a license.
- (6) Those persons granted temporary use permits for the display and sale of products used for seasonal decoration pursuant to section 50-151 of this Code shall not be required to obtain a license, but shall be subject to all other provisions of this article.
- (7) Any person having credentials representing any recognized religious or charitable organization that has been granted a current license by the Michigan Attorney General under the provisions of the Charitable Organizations and Solicitors Act, Public Act No. 169 of 1975 (MCL 400.271 et seq.).
- (8) Those persons having credentials representing any locally established religious organization or school and which states that the entire proceeds of sale shall be paid over to said school or religious organization, or representing any newspaper of general circulation.

(Code 1994, ch. 73, § 7.52)

Sec. 8-152. Requirement of State License

Prior to issuance of a mobile food vending unit license, an applicant shall submit evidence of a license issued by the Ingham County Health Department or other regulatory public health authority. The evidence must be included as part of the mobile food vendor application.

Sec. 8-153. Requirement of Safety Inspection Certification

Prior to issuance of a mobile food vending unit license, an applicant shall submit evidence of a safety inspection certificate issued by the East Lansing Fire Marshal and Electrical Inspector. The safety inspection certificate must be included as part of the mobile food vendor application.

The electrical inspection shall conform to the current NEC in order to reduce shock hazards. An annual safety inspection must be conducted by the East Lansing Fire Marshal and Electrical Inspector and a safety inspection certification submitted to the City Clerk's Office as part of the mobile vending unit license renewal application.

Sec. 8-154. Safety Inspection Fee.

A safety inspection fee shall be paid by the mobile food vendor or operator for each mobile food vendor unit license or annual renewal in an amount to be established by council.

Sec. 8-155. Applications Fees.

An application fee shall be paid for a mobile food vendor license application or annual mobile food vending unit license renewal application in an amount established by city council. There shall be no proration of fees. Fees are nonrefundable once a license is issued by the City Clerk's Office.

Sec. 8-156. Application.

Applicants for a license under this article shall file a verified application on a form prescribed by the city clerk per Policy Resolution 2021-18.

Sec. 8-157. Bond and fees required.

A financial assurance deposit in the amount of \$500.00 must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office prior to issuance of a mobile food vending unit license. Financial assurance will be reserved for any environmental cleanup required as a result of mobile food vending operations, including, but not limited to, the cleanup of grease, trash, paper, cups, cans, and any other environmental contamination associated with the mobile food vending operation.

A licensed mobile food vendor may submit a request to the City Clerk's Office to release the financial assurance deposit at any time. The City will conduct an inspection of the mobile food vendor location to determine site conditions, including, but not limited to, the cleanup of grease, trash, paper, cups, cans, and any other environmental contamination associated with the mobile food vending operation. The amount of financial assurance reimbursed to a mobile food vendor is contingent on the site conditions upon termination or expiration of the mobile food vending unit license and shall be determined by the Building Inspector.

A mobile food vending unit license is automatically terminated upon request to the City Clerk's Office to release the financial assurance deposit.

(Code 1994, ch. 73, § 7.54)

Sec. 8-158. Exemptions from fees and bonds.

The following persons, if not otherwise exempt from the license requirements under section 8-151(1) through (8), shall be exempt from the payment of license fees and the bond of this article, but shall be required to apply for and obtain a license and shall comply with all other provisions of this article:

- (1) Farmers or truck gardeners selling any products grown, raised, or produced by them.
- (2) Persons selling handicrafts, merchandise, or books or publications of their own make, construction, or authorship.

(Code 1994, ch. 73, § 7.57)

Secs. 8-159—8-180. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. SPECIAL EVENT MOBILE FOOD VENDING PERMIT

Sec. 8-181. Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of a peddler, solicitor, transient food merchant, or mobile food vending unit at any City sponsored event or neighborhood association block party without first having obtained a permit therefor issued by the city clerk per Policy Resolution 2021-18.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

CP#22-090

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **East Lansing Hannah Community Center**, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823:

- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Donald Fenton for the property at 119 Kensington Road to modify the front porch and move an original window on the north side of the house.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Joshua Walker for the property at 934 E. Michigan Avenue to install new windows, two new garage doors and a fence.
- A public hearing will be held to consider a request from Aron Sousa for the property at 621 Sunset Lane to replace the front door.

For more information on the request please contact Darcy Schmitt at (517) 319-6941 or dschmitt@cityofeastlansing.com. Materials related to the request are available for viewing at the Department of Planning, Building, and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or on the City's website located at www.cityofeastlansing.com/currentapplications. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Historic District Commission, City of East Lansing, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823, or by email to coehistoricdistricts@cityofeastlansing.com.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon request received by the City seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services must contact the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI, 48823, (517) 319-6920 (TDD Number: 1-800-649-3777) or via email at nmostel@cityofeastlansing.com.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and published in compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 P.A. 110.

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

22-091

CITY OF LANSING PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 SPECIAL ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Delhi Charter Township, Delta Charter Township, DeWitt Charter Township, and Watertown Charter Township:

Please take notice that the public test of the program, which will be used for tabulating the results of the Lansing School District Special Election to be held Tuesday, May 3, 2022 in the City of Lansing, will be conducted at the Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

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The local clerk must have an application to issue an absent voter ballot. Applications are available at your local clerk's office or by visiting www.Michigan.gov/vote.

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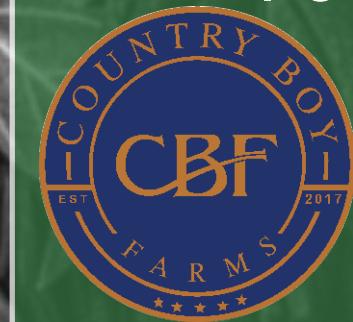
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CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

An Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan, to Amend the Lansing Codified Ordinances by Amending Chapter 1060, Section 1060.09, to add specific requirements that an applicant for a waste hauler license must provide to the City and to create a reporting requirement for the applicant to provide the Public Service Department every six (6) months.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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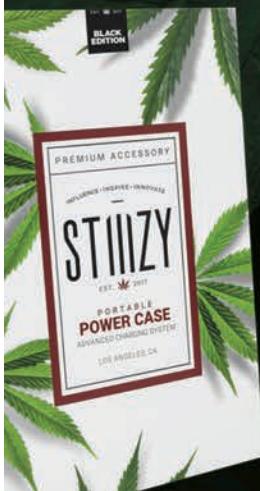
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LANSTERDAM 420 GIFT GUIDE

It's the biggest stoner holiday of the year.

Celebrate 420 with dozens of dank cannabis products.

City Pulse has long embraced cannabis culture. Over the last several years, our staff has watched closely while the legalized market has bloomed (in a big way) across Greater Lansing and much of Michigan. For almost two years, we've dedicated at least a full page to my weekly cannabis column: "Lansterdam in Review." And this week, I've managed to take over the cover.

The following pages contain some of the dankest cannabis products that you can smoke, chew, vape or otherwise use to get blasted for the holiday. How do I know? I've tried most of them.

KYLE KAMINSKI

- FLOWER -

Bubble Hash Infused Pre-Rolls by Glorious Cannabis Co.

Glorious' extensive preroll lineup grows larger this year with a new "420 Peach" flavor. And these aren't your grandpa's joints: They're all infused with premium bubble hash, a specific type of concentrate made with only ice and water — no harsh solvents. Each hit is like taking a dab.

\$20/g

at First Class Cannabis Co.



Big A\$\$ Joint (and other Big A\$\$ goodies) by Skymint

\$75/10g

at Skymint



The single biggest joint on the market — a whopping 10 grams — is new this month from Skymint, along with a Big A\$\$ gummy for \$20 and a mind-melting 5 gram bucket (or Big A\$\$ Baller Bucket) of concentrate for \$175. This baseball-bat-sized joint might not be the most practical way to burn up a quarter ounce of weed, but you'll surely be a big hit at the 420 party.

517 Hippie Cologne by Premier Cannabis

\$35/3.5g

at First Class Cannabis Co.

An unusual and relatively unheard-of strain from Lansing with pungent, lemony citrus notes and just the slightest hint of cheese. These buds are coated in trichomes, delectably smooth hitting and carry a mild, peppery mango flavor with a quick-hitting, jazzy and heady type of high.



Spiked Punch by Redemption Cannabis

Spiked Punch is a cross between Larry OG and Purple Punch from Skunk House Genetics. With firm, green and purple nugs shining with trichomes, this limonene-dominant strain offers a sweet, grape-like aroma with a taste to match. Uplifting. Euphoric. Creative. Totally baked.



\$24.50/3.5g

at Local Roots Cannabis

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Simpler Daze by Glorious Cannabis Co.



\$125/oz

at 3Fifteen Cannabis

Sesh Weed is a throwback to the '60s and '70s — a time when potheads weren't obsessed over celebrity brands and THC levels, but rather just wanted to kick back, light up and smoke down with friends. This isn't Glorious' best weed, but it's priced right and it'll still get the job done.

Apple Fritter by Simply Herb

\$90/oz

at Ascend Cannabis



Ascend is set to open an East Lansing dispensary in May. Simply Herb is billed as its "value brand" — which is designed to cater to bargain-minded smokers (like me) who don't necessarily want to break their banks to replenish their stash. It's decent, no-thrills weed for any occasion that'll still get casual smokers plenty high. And if not, smoke another. At least you can afford it.

\$9/100mg

at First Class Cannabis Co.



THC Gummies by Tommy Chong's Edibles

One of the founding fathers of cannabis culture is sharing his wisdom with Michigan this year with the release of a line of fast-acting gummies infused with THC distillate. Unlike other cannabis edibles, you won't have to wait an hour for these fruity snacks to do their job.

THC Seltzers by Wynk



\$20/100mg

at Pure Options

These low-dose seltzers are designed largely as an alcohol alternative and as a way for people to unwind after a long day without necessarily having to deal with a hangover in the morning. With only 2.5 mg of THC per can, they're a session sipper. Just don't expect to get too high.

\$5/2.5mg

at Ascend Cannabis

- FLOWER -

Fruit & Fuel by Pincanna

\$25/3.5g

at Pincanna



Pincanna's new premium inhouse brand is all about the terpenes. The "Fruit" lineup (featuring strains like Runtz, Sundae Driver, Ice Cream Cake and Kush Mints) focuses on the fruitier and gassier dessert-like flavors. The "Fuel" side — including Carbon Fiber and Chem 4 — features much spicier, skunkier, herbaceous strains with more complex woody, peppery and pine notes.

Wedding Pie, Lava Cake and Amarelo by 710 Savant

\$35/3.5g

at Local Roots Cannabis



This Warren-based brand was just licensed last year for recreational sales, but you'd think they've been doing this forever. Head grower Shawn Merry is a former caregiver with eight High Times' Cannabis Cup awards under his belt — and for good reason. This was some of the most potent (and stickiest) pot I've ever smoked. Top picks: Wedding Pie, Amarelo and Lava Cake.

Iverson '01 by Viola Cultivation

\$50/3.5g

at Bazonzoes



This indica-dominant hybrid from Detroit growers is a cross between F1 Durban Poison, Gushers and Runtz and carries distinct floral and pine notes with a sweet, hoppy, orange flavor — like Oberon. Expect a euphoric high that uplifts the mind along with a balanced body buzz.

- EDIBLES -

Squeeze by Select Cannabis

This tangy, fast-acting drink enhancer is infused with cannabis oil, dissolves evenly in just about any beverage and allows THC to be rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream. One container makes several servings. Pack it in your beach bag and discreetly get stoned all summer long.



THC Elixirs by Dixie

\$24/100mg

at Pincanna



These refrigerated drinks are another tasty option for stoners who'd prefer to sip their way through 420. Either use the dosing cap for smaller servings, or glug down the whole bottle and strap in for one mind numbing ride. Pot brownies are starting to seem pretty boring nowadays.

Infused Gummies by Wyld



By far some of the tastiest gummies on the market, these are carefully crafted into eight flavors for every type of pot-head adventure. Some are enhanced with CBD, CBG and CBN; Others (like raspberry) are enhanced with sativa-leaning terpenes for a euphoric and energizing experience.

\$12/100mg

at Bazonzoes

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Dr. Death Skunk
by Real Leaf Solutions & Scout Cannabis Co.

\$20/g**at Local Roots Cannabis**

This skunky, sappy shatter extract of a legacy strain has roots in Lansing that date back to the caregiver market. It was a runner-up in the 2018 High Times' Cannabis Cup and reportedly helps users with pain management, stress and sleep. Its Myrcene-dominant terpene profile also gives it a spicy, earthy and musky scent that lends to a mildly sweet and sugary flavor profile.



Pink Cookies
by Scout Cannabis Co.

\$35/g**at Local Roots Cannabis**

Scout's concentrates are so dank, we had to feature them twice. Pink Cookies (or Wedding Cake) is a cross between Girl Scout Cookies and Cherry Pie, another delectably sweet and tangy flavor profile. It's also a feel-good weed: Scout and Real Leaf Solutions are donating \$1 for every \$25 in products sold statewide this month to plant trees through The Canopy Project.

- CONCENTRATES AND VAPES -

Tropicana Cherry
by Element

\$40/1g**at First Class Cannabis Co.**

An explosion of tropical fruity flavors makes this one of the tastiest ways to enjoy 420. And there's no better way to vape than with live resin, which is made from fresh bud that has been frozen after harvest to preserve that live-plant aroma and the terpenes that go along with it.

Hop Jam
by Redemption Cannabis

\$25/0.5g**at Local Roots Cannabis**

Hop Jam is the perfect option for smokers who also like to drink those hoppy IPAs. With an immediately detectable hoppy aroma and flavor, just a few hits of this pungent and flavorful live resin cart is like a deep brain massage with its powerful headband. Great for total relaxation.

Distillate Cartridges
by GAGE

\$35/1g**at GAGE**

GAGE claimed last month to produce the "best cape carts in Michigan" — and with several new flavors being released for 420 this year, they might just be the bestest. Fresh Mintz, Jokerz, Jungle Cake, Kush Mints, Molotov, Motorbreath 15 and Sunset Sherbert are on shelves now.

- HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES -

The Trident

\$499.99**at hitoki.com**

It's a frickin' laser bong. That's right. Hitoki somehow managed to travel back from the future to create a \$500 water bong that beams down a high-powered laser onto your bowl to light your weed. The basic bongs over at Wild Bill's simply can't compete. In fact, this piece easily takes the title of the most luxurious and high-tech smoking accessory in my personal collection.



Utilian 5 (V3) Wax Pen

\$89.99**at tvape.com**

This newly redesigned wax pen from TVAPE is the only thing I use to smoke my concentrates nowadays. Simply charge it up and use the built-in loading tool to dunk small globs of wax onto coils; click a button and prepare for the clouds to start pouring from the ceramic mouthpiece. Pro tip: Spring for the \$40 bubbler attachment. It makes for much more enjoyable hits.

Zeus Arc GTS Hub

\$239.99**at tvape.com**

This lightweight, dry herb vaporizer is a great way to preserve your stash by only smoking precisely what you need to get high. The gold-plated conduction chamber vapes up loose bud at three heat settings. It also comes with patented pods that hold up to 0.3 grams of herb — a convenient way to prepare, load and transport everything you need to get ripped on the run.

DaVinci Tech IQ 2

\$295**at davincivaporizer.com**

The DaVinci was featured in this column last year, and it's still among the best vapes out there. With all the accessories, it's a bit pricier than the Zeus. But the ceramic chamber and sturdier feel — in addition to the ability to vape concentrates — makes it well worth the extra cash.

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- HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES -

CHAR-COOL Filters & Filter Holders

\$12.99

at bananabros.com



For fancy smokers who want to keep their puffs cool and filter out the nasties, these filters and holders eliminate the harshness and heat of a joint — naturally leading to less coughing. The starter kits come with two reusable silicone holders and a package of four disposable filters.

Cannabolish Odor Removers

starting at \$11.99

at cannabolish.com



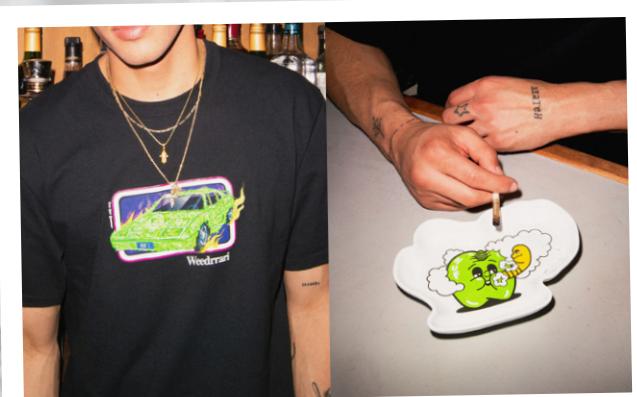
A long day of smoking can leave your house (and your car) smelling skunky. Cannabolish is designed to combat that odor, incorporating natural plant oils into a variety of products including sprays, candles and gels in both wintergreen and lavender scents. And so far, they're the only products I've been able to find that completely neutralize rather than just mask the dank smell.

HUF 420 Collection

starting at \$3

at hufworldwide.com

The legacy skate brand founded by pro skateboarder Keith Hufnagel is taking a trip back to the '90s and rolling out a special "Four for Twenty" collection for the holiday season — featuring nostalgic graphics and counterculture references across a range of apparel and accessories.



Zig-Zag Hemp Wraps

\$18.50

at zigzag.com

Ever want to smoke a blunt without all that nasty tobacco? The most recognizable name in rolling now has the perfect alternative to traditional tobacco leaves in the form of hemp wraps. Each carton comes with 25 packs that each contain two blunt wraps and a packing straw. They always burn evenly and all four flavors — even the regular hemp — are exceptionally smooth.

Neno's Naturals CBD

starting at \$9.99

at nenosnaturalscbd.com



Cannabis isn't just about getting high. The folks at Neno's Naturals instead focus on the non-psychoactive CBD side of the marijuana plant with a variety of products designed to soothe aches and pains and promote relaxation. Its wide range of formulations include topicals, creams, capsules, gummies, tinctures, vapes and transdermal patches. The company was also founded by a woman and donates some of its profits to the Black and Brown Cannabis Guild.



Egho Biogenics CBG Tincture

starting at \$59.99

at eghogenics.com

Compared to other well-known cannabinoids like THC and CBD, CBG (or cannabigerol) is still relatively new to the cannabis market. Like CBD, these tinctures won't get you high but are said to help with a wide range of ailments from chronic pain to simply helping to level out a bad mood. Three blends from EGHO are marketed for three key effects: Power, Focus and Peace.

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arcannausa.com
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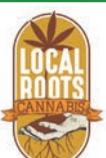
2101 W. Willow St. in Lansing (517 273-3000)
bazonzoesmi.com
 Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.

**LIV Cannabis**

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livcannabis.com
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**The Botanical Co.**

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thebotanical.co
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120 W. Grand River Rd. in Laingsburg (517 881-0585)
localrootscannabis.com
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cannaisseurlansing.com
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116 N. Washington St. in Owosso (989 494-4527)
lume.com
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**Consume Cannabis Co.**

406 S. Steele St. in Ionia (616 765-8300)
consumecannabis.com
 Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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**Oz Cannabis**

117 E. Main St. in Owosso (989 273-6030)
Ozcannabis.com
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**Easton Craft**

1110 W. Lincoln Ave. in Ionia (616 523-6252)
eastoncraft.com
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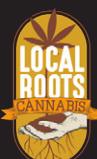
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Old Town impresario honored for decades of jazz support

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Terry Terry is the first to admit he'll never get a prize for his musical skills. He plays flute and drums in a jam band that gathers sporadically at his house, called The Other Band.

"That's as in, 'What's the other band playing?'" Terry explained (if you call that an explanation). He's working on the harmonica, but nobody's heard him play it yet.

"Find one note that fits and go to the next," he said.

So, why is Terry dusting off a spot on his shelf for a lifetime jazz award?

The answer lies in the late summer shadows that darken the orange bricks of Turner Street, the first trumpet licks of JazzFest, the crescent moon rising over the rooftop gargoyles, the people who fill the streets and the music that fills the people.

If you scan JazzFest's swirl of humanity closely, you might spot a serene-looking man with oval spectacles and a salty beard, looking like a 19th century tonorial artist who just stepped out of his shop for a minute to survey the scene.

"The streets transform, crowds come out, you look around and see people smiling, and you say, 'This is good,'" Terry said.

Each year, the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan, or JAMM, honors someone who has made a "significant contribution to jazz in mid-Michigan."

Terry, the 13th JAMM honoree, has spent much of the past three decades bringing jazz, blues, R&B, rock and many more colors of music to the streets of Old Town.

He's the co-founder of Michigan JazzFest (formerly Lansing JazzFest) and heads the board of directors of the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art, or MICA, the nonprofit parent organization for JazzFest, BluesFest and many other ventures in music and the visual arts.

In the past few years, Terry (who declined to give his age) also turned the Urban Beat at 1213 Turner St. into a humming live music venue with a packed calendar of diverse musicians.

Last Sunday, Terry basked in a luminous, energetic set by Pickle Mafia, an



Courtesy
Terry Terry with last year's Michigan JazzFest headliner,
Wyycliffe Gordon.

exploratory jazz-rock-funk-ambient-synth trio from Rochester, Michigan.

"Sundays are usually pretty slow," he said. "It was a small audience, but they played for two hours. I couldn't leave."

Urban Beat is a listening room where the music is respected; JazzFest is a premier showcase for top local, statewide and national bands. But Terry is not a "shut up so I can hear the chord changes" kind of guy. He's up-front about his underlying priorities.

"Others have made the music front and center of what they do," he said. "In a way, the music is a backdrop to the mission here, and that's different. It's to create open spaces in the community where people can come together, in the context of the arts."

Terry is a jazz lover — the first album he ever bought was Thelonious Monk's spiky "Straight, No Chaser" — but he's always been more of an eye man than an ear man. As soon as he could see over

a table, he helped his father, a photographer, work in the dark room.

His love affair with the visual arts is still going strong. The MICA gallery, across the street from Terry's Urban Beat music venue, is currently home to an eye-popping exhibit of Terry's own art, most of it generated by manipulating digital images.

Music got into the mix when Terry met art Professor Robert Weil, a community-minded, grassroots booster of art and music and a pioneering African American faculty member at Michigan State University.

Weil was all about breaking down barriers — economic, educational, racial. At the

welcoming, warm jam sessions Weil and his wife, Julie, hosted in his East Lansing home, Terry felt comfortable enough to pick up the flute and learn to play by ear.

"I didn't know how to play, and they were tolerant of me," he said.

As Old Town embarked on its long, strange trip from gritty Bohemian enclave of the 1990s to boutique-y bustle of today, Terry never forgot the welcoming Weil vibe. He joined an amoeba-like collective that included himself, Weil, artist (and former Lansing Community College administrator) Jack Bergeron and the late, great Creole Gallery owner Robert Busby, the unofficial founders of a series of anarchic art and music "happenings" like Snake Rodeo and Art & Octoberfest.

Their successor events, JazzFest (first held in 1995) and BluesFest (first held in 1994), grew to encompass state and national talent while continuing to give local artists a unique outdoor showcase.

While living up to its name, JazzFest welcomes R&B, pop-rock, world music, fusion, Latin dance music and many other musical brushstrokes. A patchwork of grants, sponsors and donations helps the operation continue.

"We work hard to curate diversity, introduce new talents," Terry said. "We're not a big Newport Jazz Festival, so we have to work harder to find great talent in the price range we can manage with a free festival."

Last year's JazzFest headliner, powerhouse trombonist and composer Wyycliffe Gordon, strolled into Urban Beat and swung the room around his little finger.

Gordon, a former professor of jazz at MSU, has gone on to become the top player of his instrument and a jazz icon. His JazzFest gig was a benefit for a scholarship fund named after another MSU alumnus, drummer Lawrence Leathers, who died in 2019.

"Wyycliffe is a great performer and storyteller," Terry said. Terry introduced Gordon to phenomenal University of Michigan bass student and singer Reuben Stump, whose trio has performed at Urban Beat.

Terry wasn't surprised when Gordon called Stump up on stage, subjecting him to a common trial of fire for younger artists, but he held his breath when Gordon told Stump to seat sing while playing bass.

"Reuben was brilliant. He kept up.

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"The streets transform, crowds come out, you look around and see people smiling, and you say, 'This is good,'"

— Terry Terry, founder of JazzFest

The audience was into it too. It was one of those great moments," Terry said. "I get chills just thinking about it. To be able to have those kinds of experiences, and be a part of it, is so cool."

When the festivals are in full swing, streams of humanity pour down each sidewalk, with a thumping heart of music in the middle, and all is right with the world.

"It's a little chaotic sometimes, but it's nice and friendly, we've never had any issues," Terry said. "People bumping into each other — that's a good thing."



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Suds up with plant-based products from Buff City Soap in Okemos



Chloe Alverson/City Pulse

Buff City Soap specializes in handmade, plant-based bath and laundry products.

By CHLOE ALVERSON

Buff City Soap, which just opened in Okemos, has hundreds of locations — but this is the first one near a college town.

And to celebrate, the chain has produced Sparty On, a festive green and white soap bar.

"We were really, really excited about that," said Madison Shipman, the franchise's area representative. "We also do fundraising, so it's super important that we're immersed in our community. From that aspect, we're excited to be next to a college."

Shipman described her company as the "Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory" of soaps.

"It's not like anything else," Shipman said. "There's color everywhere. There are over 30 scents you can pick from. It's truly such a hands-on experience. It's more than just a retail store."

Buff City Soap, a Tennessee-based brand that specializes in handmade soaps that are free of harsh chemicals, detergents and animal fats, celebrated its grand opening on Thursday (April 14). The bath bombs like Love Potion smell of roses, while the pink and purple Unicorn Soap delivers a fruity aroma.

The store also stocks laundry soap and lip balm (though the lip balms are not made in-house). There are various other lines specifically made for men, children and dogs — with a \$7 pup soap that "smells like a barking good bath time."

Shipman said their chain is important because what we put on our skin is "equally as important" as what we consume. The products at Buff City are plant-based with minimal packaging, so they're good for your skin and the environment.

Buff City has around 200 stores nationwide, mainly in the South, though.

However, Shipman said more are rapidly popping across the Midwest. Michigan alone has locations in Brighton, Rochester Hills and Shelby Township, but locations in Canton and West Bloomfield are coming soon, according to the company's website.

The shop also offers soap and bath bomb parties. Partygoers can make and paint their own bath bombs at the store's workshop bar to take home. Customers can purchase customized products for events like baby showers and birthdays. Shipman said the personalization of soaps and bath bombs is "the best part" about the store.



'Unnoticed and unreported' political ramblings in 'A Distant Rumble'

By BILL CASTANIER

While reading longtime Michigan political consultant G.T. Long's memoir, the name Lee Atwater may pop in your head. Atwater played on the national political stage and was noticed for his aggressive campaigning and political stumping. Long performed a similar role for such Northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula Democratic candidates as Mitch Irwin and Pat Gagliardi in the '70s, '80s and '90s.

"A Distant Rumble," released last year, is a distillation of what he learned from running those election campaigns, along with a self-help guide for candidates and campaign volunteers. The often funny book covers everything from fundraising, petitions and door knocking to yard signs — and yard sign stealing.

Long entered campaigning in 1974, when at 26 he ran for the mayor of Sault Ste. Marie. He was living there while attending Lake Superior State University after four years in the Air Force.

His only experience had been volunteering on the 1972 George McGovern presidential campaign. Long finished fifth in the mayoral race. Undeterred, he ran twice more, in 1992 and 1994, for state political office, unsuccessfully. Long discovered he was much better at getting other people elected, and he settled in as a campaign consultant while working from his home in Horton Bay.

In 1978, Long worked for Irwin's campaign for the state Senate. In the chapter "Kidnapping Ted Kennedy," he describes how the Irwin team was able

to spirit Kennedy away from waiting dignitaries under the guise of "using the facilities" to get the senator to record a voiceover radio endorsement. Irwin won, and he hired Long to work in his Lansing office.

Soon, though, Long moved north to work on Irwin's re-election campaign. Long writes, "I preferred working on campaigns. There at least, I knew what kind of craziness to expect."

Numerous examples of that craziness fill the rest of his book, ranging from the flat-out hilarious to what might be described as dirty tricks, a la Atwater.

One of the funnier moments occurred when Long's candidate dropped in on a Catholic retreat center before finding out it was a silent retreat center, with no talking allowed. The most egregious campaign moment occurred at an Upper Peninsula bar when Long was given an envelope with \$5,000 in cash to be used for campaigning.

In his descriptions, Long often uses pseudonyms to protect politicians. And, despite living in Northern Michigan, Long has kept his hat in the ring, — most recently working for Michael Bloomberg's presidential campaign and



Courtesy

G.T. Long's memoir, "A Distant Rumble," relates his experiences as a grassroots political consultant in Michigan.

Dana Nessel's successful campaign for Michigan attorney general.

Long's book shines as a primer on how to do grassroots campaigning, which despite technological advances in targeting voters is still a staple of political campaigning.

In an interview from his Up North home, Long said, "The book is a perfect primer for candidates who have never run for public office." Long said he paid particular attention in his book to the nuts and bolts of on-the-ground campaigning.

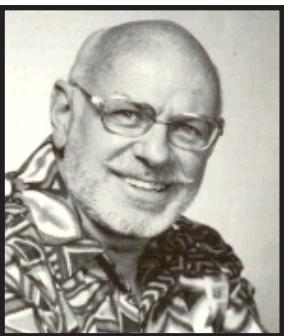
Long's credentials are impressive, having worked for several Democratic politicians and three chairpersons of the state Democratic Party. He shares his thoughts weekly at 11 a.m. Mondays on "Michigan's Big Show" on 1240 WJIM-AM.

For those who don't consider themselves to be political activists, Long said he hopes the book "will open their eyes." As for some of the sleazier topics Long wrote about, he proffers, "People aren't naïve about what goes on in political campaigns, especially after the last four years."

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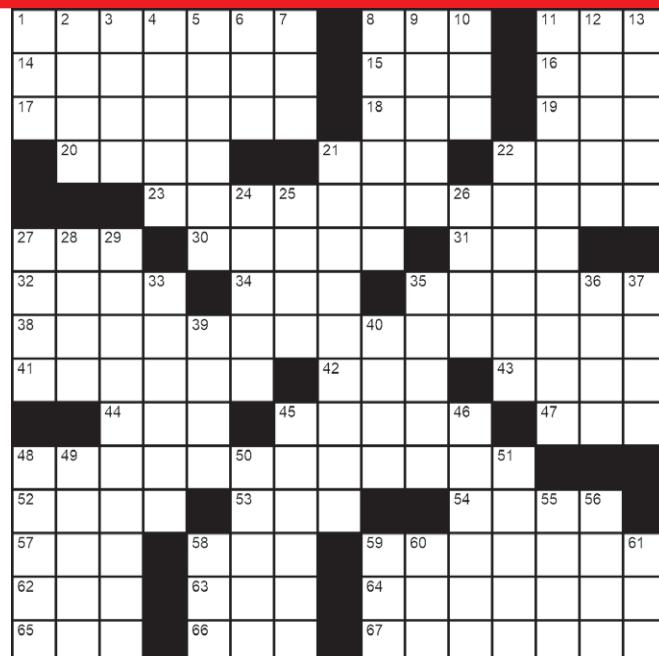
By Matt Jones

"Intro To Puzzles"—the three digits you'd see in college courses.

by Matt Jones

Across

- Equilateral figure
- Crow's call
- "Milk" director Van Sant
- Amalfi Coast's gulf
- "Without any further"
- CN Tower prov.
- Label for some TV jacks
- Litigator's field
- Barracks VIP
- Bulbed vegetable
- Omelet bar option
- A neighbor of Minn.
- Carbon-14 or strontium-90, as used in dating
- Paris 2024 org.
- Some bridge seats
- Record-setting Ripken
- Carson of "The Voice"
- Word often seen after "shall"
- Billiard ball feature, maybe
- 2004 Hawthorne Heights single considered an "emo anthem"
- Luck, in LeUñ
- "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar ____"
- The "E" in QED
- Cage of "The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent", familiarly
- Actress Arterton
- Late Pink Floyd member Barrett
- Hippie-inspired perfume ingredient
- Smashing fellow?
- Coldplay's "Death



and All ___ Friends"

54. Wishes it weren't so

57. Actress Nicole ___ Parker

58. "____ in the Kitchen" (2022 TBS cooking show featuring sabotage)

59. Artificial tissue materials for 3-D printing

62. Pump output

63. Notable time period

64. Secret group in "The Da Vinci Code"

65. Suffix after fast or slow

66. "As ____ my last email ..."

67. "You busy?"

Down

1. Pretoria's home (abbr.)

2. Lug along

3. Ye ___ Shoppe

4. Video game designer behind the "Civilization" series

5. NBC Nightly News anchor for over 20 years

6. Prefix with cycle or verse

7. Sean, to Yoko

8. City near one end of the Chunnel

9. Washington's successor

10. "Amazing!"

11. Venetian boatmen

12. Open, as a toothpaste tube

13. Add fuel to

21. Post-shave amenities

22. What they say to do to a fever, versus a cold (or is it the other way around?)

24. Like coffee cake, often

25. "Time ____ the essence!"

26. Bi x bi x bi

27. Promising exchanges

28. "Hawaii Five-O" setting

29. Salesperson's leads, generally

33. "Alas, poor ____!" (line from "Hamlet")

35. Sports replay speed

36. Religious hit for MC Hammer

37. Abbr. before a founding year

39. Bite result, perhaps

40. Actor Malek

45. Fender offering

46. Freshen, as linens

48. Suffix meaning "eater"

49. Charismatic glows

50. Midwest airline hub

51. Opera star Tetrazzini (she of the chicken dish)

55. Comes to a halt

56. -ball (arcade rolling game)

58. Salesperson, briefly

59. Peaty place

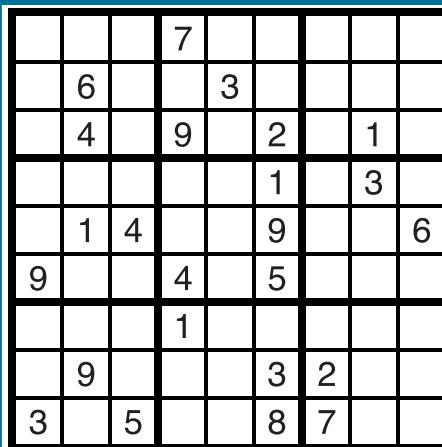
60. 2008 event for Visa

61. Clarifying word in brackets

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Answers on page 36

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezsny

April 20-26, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries author Marge Piercy writes, "I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart, who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience, who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward, who do what has to be done, again and again." According to my analysis of the astrological factors, you'll be wise to be like a person Piercy describes. You're entering a phase of your cycle when diligent work and impeccable self-discipline are most necessary and most likely to yield stellar rewards.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In 1879, Taurus-born Williamina Fleming was working as a maid for astronomer Edward Charles Pickering, director of the Harvard Observatory. Impressed by her intelligence, Pickering hired Fleming to do scientific work. By 1893, she had become a prominent, award-winning astronomer. Ultimately, she discovered the Horsehead Nebula, helped develop a system for identifying stars, and cataloged thousands of astronomical phenomena. I propose that we make her your role model for the duration of 2022. If there has ever been a year when you might achieve progress like Fleming's, it's this one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): For 2500 years, Egypt was a conquered territory ruled by non-Egyptians. Persians took control in 525 BCE. Greeks replaced them. In succeeding centuries, Egypt had to submit to the authority of the Roman Empire, the Persians again, the Byzantine Empire, the Arab Islamic Caliphate, the Mamluk Sultanate, the Ottomans, and the British. When British troops withdrew from their occupation in 1956, Egypt was finally an independent nation self-ruled by Egyptians. If there are any elements of your own life story that even partially resemble Egypt's history, I have good news: 2022 is the year you can achieve a more complete version of sovereignty than you have ever enjoyed. And the next phase of your freedom work begins now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): During the next four weeks, some of the best lessons you can study and learn will come to you while you're socializing and communicating. Even more than is usually the case, your friends and allies will offer you crucial information that has the power to catalyze dynamic decisions. Lucky encounters with Very Interesting People may open up possibilities worth investigating. And here's a fun X-factor: The sometimes surprising words that fly out of your mouth during lively conversations will provide clues about what your deep self has been half-consciously dreaming of.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "Hold on tight, I would tell myself, but there was nothing for me to hold on to." A character in one of Haruki Murakami's novels says that. In contrast to that poor soul, Leo, I'm happy to tell you that there will indeed be a reliable and sturdy source for you to hold onto in the coming weeks—maybe more than one. I'm glad! In my astrological opinion, now is a time when you'll be smart to get thoroughly anchored. It's not that I think you will be in jeopardy. Rather, you're in a phase when it's more important than usual to identify what makes you feel stable and secure. It's time to bolster your foundations and strengthen your roots.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In the latter half of the 19th century, the US government collaborated with professional hunters to kill millions of bison living in America's Great Plains. Why? It was an effort to subjugate the indigenous people who lived there by eliminating the animals that were their source of food, clothing, shelter, bedding, ropes, shields, and ornaments. The beloved and useful creatures might have gone extinct altogether if it had not been for the intervention of a Virgo rancher named Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight. She single-handedly rebuilt the bison herds from a few remaining survivors. I propose that we make Goodnight your inspirational role model for the rest of 2022. What dwindling resources or at-risk assets could you restore to health?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): British Admiral Horatio Nelson (1758–1805) was born under the sign of Libra. He was a brilliant and unconventional strategist whose leadership brought many naval victories for his country. Yet he was blind in one eye, was missing most of his right arm from a battle wound, and was in constant discomfort from chronic seasickness. I propose we make him one of your patron saints for the coming weeks. May he inspire you to do your best and surpass your previous accomplishments even if you're not feeling perfect. (But also keep in mind: The problems you have to deal with will be far milder than Nelson's.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Anti-apartheid activist Bantu Stephen Biko (1946–1977) was profoundly committed to authenticity. The repressive South African government hated that about him. Biko said, "I'm going to be me as I am, and you can beat me or jail me or even kill me, but I'm not going to be what you want me to be." Fortunately for you, Scorpio, you're in far less danger as you become more and more of your genuine self. That's not to say the task of learning how to be true to your deep soul is entirely risk-free. There are people out there, even allies, who may be afraid of or resistant to your efforts. Don't let their pressure influence you to dilute your holy quest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "The artist must train not only his eye but also his soul," said Sagittarian painter Wassily Kandinsky. Inspired by his observation, I'm telling you, "The practical dreamer should train not only her reasoning abilities but also her primal intuition, creative imagination, non-rational perceptivity, animal instincts, and rowdy wisdom." I especially urge you to embody my advice in the coming weeks, Sagittarius. Now is a favorable time to make abundant use of the other modes of intelligence that help you understand life as it really is—and not merely as the logical, analytical mind conceives it to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The language spoken by the indigenous Cherokee people is at least 3,000 years old. But it never had a written component until the 1820s. Then a Cherokee polymath named Sequoyah formulated a syllabary, making it possible for the first time to read and write the language. It was a herculean accomplishment with few precedents in history. I propose we name him your inspirational role model for the rest of 2022. In my astrological understanding, you are poised to make dramatic breakthroughs in self-expression and communication that will serve you and others for a long time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A study by psychologists concludes there is a good way to enhance your willpower: For a given time, say one week, use your non-dominant hand to brush your teeth, wield your computer mouse, open your front door with your key, or perform other habitual activities. Doing so boosts your ability to overcome regular patterns that tend to keep you mired in inertia. You're more likely to summon the resolution and drive necessary to initiate new approaches in all areas of your life—and stick with them. The coming weeks will be an especially favorable time to try this experiment. (For more info, read this: <https://tinyurl.com/BoostWillpower>)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In his book *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist." According to my reading of the astrological omens, you will be justified to say something like that in the near future. Now is a favorable time to honestly acknowledge differences between you and others—and accept those differences just as they are. The important point is to do what you need to do without decreeing that other people are wrong or misguided.

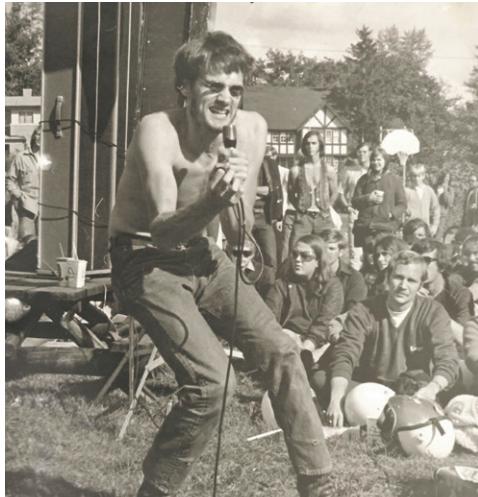
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TURN IT DOWN!

Loud dispatches from Lansing's music scene

BY RICH TUPICA

HAZY, HOMEGROWN BALLADS TO CELEBRATE 4/20



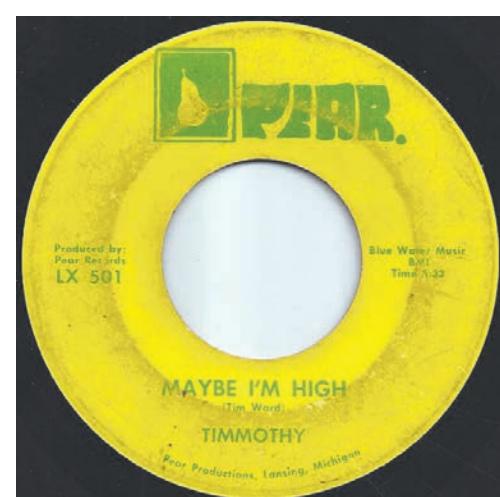
Pete Wittig

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Ormandy's "Sparrow's Corner" 45

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Timmothy's "Maybe I'm High" 45

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Two obscure 'loner folk' tracks from Lansing's smoky past

Since this issue is dedicated to Greater Lansing's still booming marijuana market, this week's Turn it Down! offers up two locally-made 4/20-friendly tracks from our city's folk-rock past. While both songs are beyond obscure, these "private press" records are highly collectible and fetch a pretty penny on eBay — when a rare copy occasionally pops up. Of course, both 1970s-era tracks are streamed for free on YouTube, for those not wanting to fork over hundreds of dollars for the tangible goods. Read on to learn the backstory of these hazy, homegrown ballads ... recorded back when you'd be handcuffed for holding.

Timmothy — "Maybe I'm High" (1972)

"Maybe I'm High," a 1972 45rpm single, stamped with a bright yellow label with a green Pear Records logo at the top, indicates it was produced in Lansing. That's about all that's known about the trippy track and its performer, Tim Ward, aka Timmothy.

Ward, a Bay City native, first appeared in the Michigan music scene as a member of The Ides of March, an Essexville, Michigan-based teen garage-rock group. It was the height of Beatlemania, and Ward — then at-

tending Garber High School — was just getting started. The band would play the teen circuit across the state, Ohio and Indiana.

Later, Ward became the front man for The Blues Company. In its heyday, the group issued typical '60s pop singles like "She's Gone" (1968), but soon stretched out and dropped scorching progressive rock tracks like the epically heavy "I'm Comin."

However, by the early '70s, it seems Ward found a new passion for writing loner-folk songs that seamlessly blended Neil Young-inspired rock with earthy, coffee-house folk vibes. In 1972, under the "Timmothy" moniker, he self-issued his underground classic, the "Strange But True" LP. It's a bizarre trip of an album and is now considered an obscenely obscure psych-folk gem.

On the ethereal "Maybe I'm High," a long, strange trip that extends beyond the five-minute mark, Ward sings, "Oh, I love/at least I think I do. Oh, I know you/At least I think I do." So why is Ward doubting himself so much? He bluntly tells you in his earworm chorus:

*Oh, in the morning
Maybe the afternoon
Oh, in the morning
Oh, I get high
Maybe I'm high
Maybe I'm high*

Pete Wittig "Michigan Gardens" (1975)

In 1970, Lansing musician Pete Wittig was a local rock star. His band, Ormandy, scored a single on Decca Records, the "Good Day"/"Sparrow's Corner" 45, while the band filled venues and outdoor festivals across the state. Wittig, a conscientious objector of the Vietnam War, said the flipside was a reference to Sparrow Hospital, where he worked at the time. It's likely the only reference to the local landmark on a major label record.

"I could not travel with Ormandy because I had to work 40 hours a week," Wittig recalled. "I'd been working there part time, but bumping up to full time kept me from going to the war. There's all this paperwork you had to fill out. You do two years of full time and then they give you a card (giving you) conscientious objector status. There were about 25 of us at Sparrow, mostly janitors. That was right at the time Ormandy was getting big and traveling, so I was caught in 'Sparrow's Corner.'"

With the Vietnam War still lingering, Wittig and the rest of Ormandy, which also comprised a young Alto Reed (of Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band fame), were quick to protest. Ormandy played many of the East Lansing

rallies. "I really did not like that war at all, and I'm an Army brat," Wittig said. "I'm not going over there to kill people. If you come to my country, I'll defend my country with my life, but I will not go overseas and kill. I had to go to my draft board and confront them, which was very fun. Looking each of those old farts in the eye and saying, 'I will not kill for you.' I told them, 'I'll go work full time at the hospital' ... and they approved it."

By 1975, Wittig went solo and toned down his sound, too. The result? A rustic 1975 loner-folk LP issued on Lark Records. Of course, his anti-establishment views still crept into his art. One of the 12 country-tinged tracks, "Michigan Gardens," pays homage to the state as a whole, including the (then-illegal) homegrown weed operations. Over dynamic Americana finger-picking, and a fiery Dylanesque harp, Wittig happily sings:

*Michigan, seems I've planted something
It's growing in the field, right out behind the barn*

*Oh, Michigan, I've got to get on home and pick it
And dry it, and try it
It won't do you any harm.*



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Darin Larner Jr.

Fri., April 22, 7 p.m.

Jamison Livingston

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Miranda & M-80s

Fri., April 22, 8:30 p.m.

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Fri., April 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

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Wed., Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m.

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4722 W. Grand River, Lansing
The New Rule

Fri., April 22, 8-11 p.m.

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1213 N. Turner St., Lansing

Kate Hinote Trio

Thurs., April 21, 7-9:30 p.m.

Beatlemania

Fri., April 22, 7-9:30 p.m.

JAMM Tribute to Terry Terry Concert

Sat., April 23, 4-8 p.m.

Night at the Museums

Friday, April 22, 6 – 8 p.m.

MSU Museum

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museum.msu.edu

The Michigan State University Museum, along with the MSU Broad Art Museum, is hosting an evening of science and art activities at the MSU Museum on campus. The event is in conjunction with the MSU Science Festival, which ends on April 30. The all-ages evening will include activities like guided tours and art-making. MSU faculty, staff and students will be present to demonstrate and oversee the endeavors, all of which celebrate the diversity of life on Earth. Although the event is free, online pre-registration is required.



Auditions: Romeo and Juliet - 4-7 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. 517-483-1122. lcc.edu

Indoors/Outdoors Art Show - through April. Andrea Jeris' art show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Framer's Edge and Gallery, 1856 W. Grand River Ave. Okemos. 517-347-7400. framersedge.net.

Intro to Canva Class - overview of the graphic design platform "Canva" and how to use it. 5:15-6:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

LCC Jazz Band - 7-8:30 p.m. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanner Rd., Williamston.

Pickin' with the Champ: Morel Hunting in Michigan- with Anthony Williams. 6:30-7:30 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Rd, DeWitt. 517-669-3156. dewittlibrary.org.

TPC Art Display Honors People of Ukraine - 12-4 p.m. all month. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing.

Weaving the Web: Mirth - Online or in-person for a discussion of Manifestation. 6-8 p.m. Weavers of the Web, ATC, 809 Center St., Suite 7A, Lansing. 517-657-5800. weaversoftheweb.org.

Thursday, April 21

Art - 7-9 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Chipmunk Story Time - Story time with puppets! 10-11 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Rd., Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

Coffee Hour with East Lansing's Mayor - 5 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

GLPS Art Show Reception - Come see student art! 6-7:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. gladl.org

Wednesday, April 20

Allen Farmers Market - 3-6 p.m. Allen Market Place, 1611 E Kalamazoo, Lansing.

Art Exhibit: This Rebirthing - Coming Alive with Oils. through April. 12-4 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing.

Homeschool StoryWalk Picnic - 10:30-11:30 a.m. Oak Ridge Park, 360 Dexter, Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

Jazz Octets - the sounds of big band with small-group performance. 6:30 p.m. MSU, Murray Hall, East Lansing. events.msu.edu.

Open VR - Try Virtual Reality! - The VR lab is back and in-person! 1-3 p.m. MSU Main Library, East Lansing. events.msu.edu.

Stitch 'n Bitch - Come hang out! 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St., #7, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

Friday, April 22

Art - 8-10 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

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

Chris Coole - Canadian folk musician. 7:30-10 p.m. University United Methodist Church, 1120 S. Harrison, East Lansing. tenpoundfiddle.org.

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Art - 8-10 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

The Babysitters Book Club - discussion on the graphic novel adaptions. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

Better Health Symposium - interact with health providers covering an array of health issues. 12-3 p.m. Lansing Mall, 5330 W. Saginaw, Lansing. againststaloddsfoundation.com.

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

Chris Coole Clawhammer Banjo Workshop - 12-1:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington, Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

Community-Wide Information Gathering Meeting On East Lansing Schools - 7-9 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing.

Courageous Conversations - 5 Saturdays Talking About Things That Matter. 1-3 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Rd., Lansing. 517-371-3010. unitylansing.org.

Dinner Dance and Bake Sale - Dine in or carry out. 5-10:30 p.m. Lansing Liederkranz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. 517-882-6330.

Drum Circle - Bring your drums and instruments! 5-8 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St. # 7, Lansing. manifestlansing.com.

FRIB Countdown - Celebrate the anticipated opening of FRIB in May. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, 640 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. frib.msu.edu.

Growing Green for Earth Day - free seed giveaway and learn about healthy ecosystems. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. gladl.org

JAMM Tribute Honoring Terry Terry - Join the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan) as we honor Terry Terry for his significant contribution to jazz in Mid-Michigan. 4-8 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. 517-323-7122. jazzjamm.org.

Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert - the regional high school band competition. 8 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Rd, East Lansing. 517-355-1855. events.msu.edu.

Jim Antal: Climate Church, Climate World - 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church, 515 Dobie Rd., Okemos.

John Showman Fiddle Workshop - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

LAFCU Shred Day - free document shredding to the public. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. LAFCU, 106 N. Marketplace Boulevard, Lansing.

Lansing Roller Derby - in person or livestream. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Court One, 7868 Old M-78, East Lansing.

eastlansingrollerderby.com

Party for the Planet 2022 - Celebrate Earth Day at the zoo! 12-4 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. potterparkzoo.org.

Race Literacy & Healing 101, A Foundation for Change - workshop. 1-3 p.m. Zoom/in-person, Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 2395 Washington Rd., Lansing. unitylansing.org.

Raks Remix - Habibi Dancers 38th annual Concert. 7:30-11 p.m. East Lansing Hannah, 809 Abbot, East Lansing. habibidancers.org.

Singers on the Grand presents "Yesterday: The 1960s In Song" - 7-9 p.m. Portland Community Theater, 231 Maple St., Portland. portland-civic-players. ticketleap.com.

S'Moves Alive! Concert 2022 - A concert of Modern and improvisational dance. Theme: Times Are Changin'. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol, Lansing. 517-339-0905.

Sounds & Acoustics - AM - 9 a.m. PM 1 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

The Stick Arounds - 2 p.m. The Record Lounge, Inside Reo Town Marketplace, Lansing.

Stoopfest 2022 - 6-9:59 p.m. Lansing's Eastside, Various, Lansing. stoopfest.org

Sunday, April 24

Art - 2-4 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Designer Purse Bingo - Come join us and get the chance to win a designer purse! 11 a.m. VFW Post 7309, 1243 Hull Rd, Mason.

Kids Day - 1-4 p.m. Absolute Gallery, 307 E Grand River Ave, Lansing. absolutegallery.net.

Using Plants and Herbs for Magick with A.C. Fisher Aldag - 3-4:30 p.m. Keys To Manifestation, 809 Center St. #7A, Lansing. 517-974-5540. manifestlansing.com.

With 3D Printing: Phone Stand - 1 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Monday, April 25

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

Connecting to your Needs Workshop - 6-8:30 p.m. Foster Community Center, 200 N Foster Ave, Lansing. parksonline.lansingmi.gov.

Musique 21: Theatre of Music - A diverse and theatrical program. 7:30 p.m. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Rd, East Lansing. 517-355-1855. events.msu.edu.

Poem in Your Pocket - 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Area District Library, 220 S Main St., Eaton Rapids. eradl.org.

Tuesday, April 26

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

Concert Orchestra: The Planets - 7:30 p.m. Info and tickets at events.msu.edu.

DDL Walking Club - explore local parks and trails. 10-11 a.m. DeWitt District Library,

CITY OF EAST LANSING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY FY2023 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of East Lansing is required by City Charter and the State Budget Law; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required under the provisions of the Truth in Taxation Law; and,

WHEREAS, the general appropriations act must set forth the total number of mills to be levied and the purposes for the millage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of East Lansing does hereby establish the date of Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road in East Lansing, Michigan, as the date, time, and place for the required public hearing; and be it further resolved that for the purposes of the hearing it shall be assumed that the total tax rate will be **16.3552 mills consisting of 12.5362 mills for operating purposes, 1.8250 mills for solid waste, and 1.9940 mills for the Library** pursuant to section 1 of 1877 PA164.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The budget is available for public inspection at the East Lansing Library and City Clerk and Finance Office at City Hall; along with the City's website: cityofeastlansing.com under Finance.

The public may attend and participate at all meetings in person. Additionally, members of the public may participate electronically in all meetings. Please contact the City Clerk, Jennifer Shuster, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, jshuster@cityofeastlansing.com, or visit the City's public meeting portal, https://cityofeastlansing.civicweb.net/Portal/, for electronic access information. Written comments or questions for City Council may be emailed to council@cityofeastlansing.com in advance of the meeting.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting upon seven (7) calendar days' notice to the City of East Lansing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should write or call: City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 319-6920, nmostel@cityofeastlansing.com.

This notice is published by Jennifer Shuster, City Clerk, City of East Lansing, Michigan, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6881.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LANSING'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Lansing will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the 10th Floor of Lansing City Hall located at 124 W. Michigan Ave., on the proposed City of Lansing budget and capital improvements. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The proposed budget is available for public inspection on weekdays, in the City Clerk's Office, 9th floor City Hall, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All persons desiring to express an opinion about the proposed city budget, the tax rate, or proposed capital improvements are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments.

If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, MMC/MiPMC
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1310 Schavey Rd., DeWitt. dewittlibrary.org.

Open VR - Try Virtual Reality! - The VR lab is back and in-person! 3-5 p.m. MSU Main Library, East Lansing. events.msu.edu.

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

Sporcle Live! Trivia - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Crunchy's, 254 W Grand River Ave, East Lansing. 517-351-2506. crunchyseastlansing.com.

Toastmasters Meeting - In-Person and zoom. 6:30-7:30 p.m. CADL Downtown, 401 S Capitol. capitalcitytoastmasters. toastmastersclubs.org.

Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice Screening and Q&A - one-hour documentary. 7-9 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing.

Yoga in the Park - 1-3:30 p.m. 1301 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing. mandalayogaspa.com.

FOOD & DRINK



DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Edamame: Edible umami

By ARI LEVAUX

For the uninitiated, edamame is a Japanese word for immature soybeans. Edamame beans have not developed to the point where they could be dried and stored as a stable commodity. Instead, they are typically frozen, both shelled or in pods. At sushi restaurants, the whole pods are served, boiled and salted. You eat them like peanuts. The salt on the outside of the pods finds its way onto the edamame inside, and the simple combination is intoxicating, as the sodium, glutamate and other amino acids fill you with umami. Chewy enough to provide texture, but not at all tough, those edamame beans are bright green nuggets of edible umami. One bean after the other, you find the seam and squeeze out the bean, and it becomes something of a high-speed meditation. My son eats them like stolen Halloween candy.

At a sushi restaurant, where we think nothing of paying up for an intricate inside-out roll filled with pieces of animals from far-away oceans, that humble bowl of beans appears out of place. Yet there it was, sharing the table with the rainbow roll, spicy scallop and Hamachi sashimi, and it was winning.

For perspective, remember that a bushel of soybeans weighs about 60 pounds, and it's worth about \$15. Those beans would have weighed around 80 pounds before they were dried and about twice that if they were still in the shells. In other words, 15 bucks, the price of a typical sushi roll, could buy you a year's supply of edamame on the commodities market.

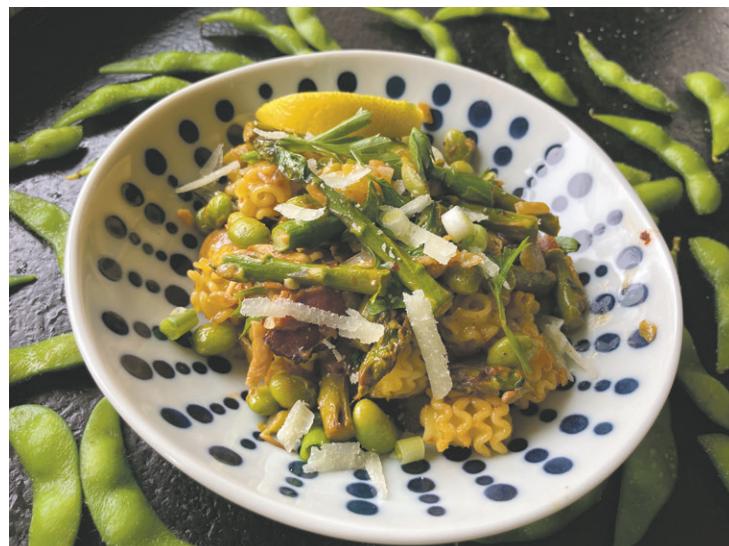
Frozen edamame isn't quite so afford-

able at the store, but at about \$6 per pound, it's cheaper than at the sushi bar. And unlike homemade sushi, when you prepare edamame at home, it tastes exactly how it does at the restaurant.



Christian Van Der Henst

Whole edamame pods are typically served at sushi restaurants.



Ari LeVaux

Edamame can be paired with small, round noodles that match the shape of the beans themselves.

Since that revelation, I've been buying frozen edamame, bringing it home and boiling, salting and serving it to my kids — they always seem ravenous for it. It's made life quite simple. And rather affordable. They'd rather have edama-

me in the morning than bacon. They'd rather have edamame for dinner than whatever delicacy I could spend hours preparing. So why bother?

Early on in my edamame career, I had assumed that buying shelled edamame was a better deal than buying it in pods, because the price per pound is nearly the same and you can't eat the pods. But if you want to reproduce the experience of the sushi bar, you must have pods. It isn't the same to just salt and eat the naked beans.

I found myself experimenting with edamame in other dishes, like edamame hummus. When using edamame as an ingredient in a more complex dish, it makes sense to buy shelled edamame. Not only is it cheaper per bean, but the work of shelling has already been done.

Here's a recipe for edamame pasta primavera. Italian cooks are no strangers to adding whole beans to pasta dishes. Primavera means spring, and this recipe is designed to incorporate any fresh veggies of the day, including spinach, asparagus, parsley, spring onion and practically any other seasonal veg in a white sauce, rather than drown the delicate green flavors in tomato sauce.

While veggies are the point of pasta primavera, I want my edible umami beans to have some savory backup. Diced pancetta, ham or bacon would do the trick. As would a dab or diced anchovies or paste. Because umami loves company.

Edamame primavera

The edamame should be paired with small, round noodles like radiatori, which have a similar shape to edamame beans themselves. Long, skinny noodles



FLASH
in the pan

like fettuccine, by contrast, would have a more difficult time staying mixed with the beans.

Serves 4

One or more gallons of salted water
1 pound radiatori or similarly round pasta

1/4 pound chopped ham, bacon or pancetta (optional)

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup minced onions
1 cup quartered mushrooms
Fresh spring vegetables like asparagus; about a half pound, chopped and prepped for the pan
2 cloves garlic, minced
A pinch grated or ground nutmeg
Red pepper flakes, to taste
1 teaspoon anchovy paste or chopped anchovies or fish sauce (optional)

1/2 lemon, juice and zest
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup cream
1 cup shelled edamame beans
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
½ cup chopped parsley

Garnish: more grated cheese and chopped onions, spring onions, ramps, chives, or similar onion-like vegetable

Boil the water and cook the pasta al dente. Drain and set aside.

While it's cooking, add the olive oil and butter to the pan along with the pancetta. When the meat starts to brown, add the onions and mushrooms. When the onions are translucent, add the asparagus or other veggies, and the garlic. As this simmers, add the nutmeg, the red pepper flakes if using, and the lemon juice and zest. After about five minutes — when the asparagus or other veggies are nearly done — add the cream, milk and edamame.

Simmer for five minutes. Add the cooked pasta to the sauce. Add the cheese and parsley to the pasta. Stir it all together, season with salt and pepper, stir again and simmer for about two minutes. Garnish with raw onion and serve.



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Slice by Saddleback's new legendary Lansing pizza

By CHLOE ALVERSON

Last year, Saddleback BBQ bought Detroit Frankie's two locations. Slice by Saddleback opened late December in a location on the west side of Lansing. Now, that expansion has paid off in the most Lansing fashion.

Last week, Slice by Saddleback announced a collaboration with Quality Dairy: an epic pizza topped with QD's French onion dip. When I saw the official announcement on social media, I knew I would have to give it a try.

Saddleback's co-owner Matthew Gillett said in a Facebook post that the pizza tastes "like you dipped cheesy bacon breadsticks in QD French Onion Dip."

was sold.

The pie is made with a base layer of QD's French onion dip and mozzarella cheese. It's topped with bacon bits, Saddleback's house made chips, a dollop of

French onion dip and chopped green onions.

After I picked up this pizza, I couldn't wait the duration of the drive home before digging in — it smelled and looked too good. I took a bite — and I was in heaven. I thought the chips would throw

off the texture of the pizza, but they only made the bites crunchier and tastier. I won't describe how the French onion dip tasted — if you live in Greater Lansing, you know. If not, you should know. If you love QD's French onion dip, you have to give this pie a try.





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The Quality Dairy French Onion Dip pizza from Slice by Saddleback.

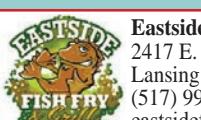
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FOOD & DRINK

DINING OUT IN GREATER LANSING

Everything from A to Z at Williamston's Zynda's

By GABRIELLE LAWRENCE

Throughout the pandemic, I have started to appreciate so many things that I had taken for granted: talking to my grandmother on the phone, walking with my family, baking bread. As we come out of this COVID-19 fog, one of the activities that I'm recommitting myself to is shouting from the rooftops when I find a restaurant that nails it every time. I'm making a more concerted effort to appreciate the rare find that is a restaurant meal that's worth the price and worth finding a babysitter for.



Lawrence

Zynda's is that place and then some. The site of the former Red Cedar Grill has undergone a welcome change and boasts a menu that is eclectic — think burgers, sandwiches, smoked meats, but also tacos — but not disjointed. On our first visit, Mr. She Ate and I started with the Deviled Eggz. Eight deviled eggs were beautifully presented on a bed of shredded kale and cabbage, which, of course, I ate. The filling was well seasoned, with capers giving the perfect salty balance.

My entrée was a platter of three tacos, which came with sides of Spanish rice and black beans. The pork and chicken tacos were loaded with fresh salsa and crema. The tortillas maintained their structural integrity, while many mediocre tortillas crumble under the weight of the filling. The corned beef taco was one of the best and most unique tacos I've ever had. The chopped corned beef brisket was topped with sauerkraut and a Thousand Island drizzle, and while I'd never realized that I was missing a Reuben taco in my life, here we are.

Mr. She Ate chose the macaroni and cheese with smoked pork, because we like to kick the tires on our hypothesis that when people see a gooey, bubbly dish of macaroni and cheese, they convince themselves that it is delicious, regardless of whether the dish has any actual depth of flavor. While I love Zynda's and convinced many members of my family to try it in the past few weeks, the macaroni and cheese was a miss for us. That said, it was the only one.

On our next visit, we started with the Cajun fries with garlic aioli. These were the crispiest fries I have ever had. The aioli was the perfect amount of spicy and

the texture of the fries was earth-shatteringly perfect. I moved on to the Michigan Springtime salad with blackened chicken, which was laden with things I love: fresh greens, julienned carrots, dried cranberries, chopped walnuts, with an extremely generous portion of moist, juicy smoked chicken.

The salad was massive, and while I'd like to tell you that I saved half for the next day, I ate the rest of it as soon as we got home. The aroma of the red wine vinaigrette was irresistible.

Mr. She Ate loves Cuban sandwiches, so he decided to take Zynda's version for a spin. The sweet bread was almost as crispy as the fries and the layers of pork and ham paired perfectly with mustard barbecue sauce and pickles. This rare weekday lunch date was made so much sweeter by having found incredible meals off campus — as I refer to everything not in downtown Lansing — and that we both got to scratch our favorite itches — mine of the salad variety and his, sandwiches.

Service at Zynda's has proven to be attentive, organized and efficient. During a dinner visit before attending that evening's Lansing Symphony Orchestra concert, we were amazed we had so much time to spare after enjoying our meals. Granted, sharing most dinners with our 4- and 2-year-old children has resulted in our becoming well-versed in the art of scarfing, but we try to take our time, and our server's pace was perfect. I can't wait to go back and try the pork gyro, the crispy half chicken and the Southwest salad. If past visits are any indication, these dishes will leave me satisfied and wanting more — my idea of a perfect balance.

By BRYAN BEVERLY

I couldn't deny my enthusiasm about this month's assignment, being carnivore-friendly, given our most recent review focused on vegetarian options. While still very satisfying, it lacked the savory gratification of meat, meat and

more meat. Smoked, braised, grilled, roasted or fried — bring on the meat, whether that's when I'm eating out or if I'm in my personal happy place in front of my smoker.

Enter Zynda's, a Southwestern restaurant that occupies the former Red Cedar Grill (one of my all-time favorite restaurants in the area) in Williamston.

The venue was nicely updated and far more open than I recalled its predecessor being. There are several dining options, including a bar serving craft cocktails, upscale booths for a special night and the Chimney Room, which can seat up to 50 guests. Billed as a barbecue restaurant on some food sites, Zynda's menu is part Tex-Mex, part New American, with some French, Asian, Cajun and Mediterranean elements. I usually subscribe to the theory that restaur-

ants that do a lot of everything rarely do anything exceptionally well. Zynda's had a lot of high notes, to be sure, but a lack of focus was evident on others.

What's really good

I'm a big fan of the ribeye when slathered in the bearnaise sauce. It was aromatic and rich, but not overpowering. Not as thick a ribeye as from most restaurants, but the steak was still cooked perfectly and paired well with the grilled asparagus. The smoked

chicken atop the baked macaroni and cheese's penne pasta was rich in smokiness. The dish had plenty of melty cheesy goodness and benefited from both the creamy béchamel base and the crunch from panko crumbles.

Likewise, the au gratin potatoes were rich and scrumptious with a nice kick from chiles. Can I get some more of this, please? The onion rings were another hit — thick-cut and crispy, the batter

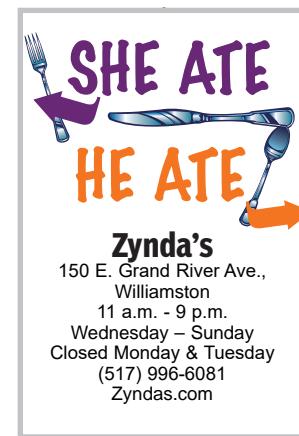
was less greasy than some other area favorites. On lighter notes: the Michigan Springtime salad — with carrots, dried cranberries, walnuts, capers, feta cheese and a red wine vinaigrette — and the Caesar salad with a citrusy punch were both quite good.

What's just OK

The smoked chicken quesadilla was solid but not outstanding. The blending of Tex-Mex and slow smoking is a tricky matter, and the meat didn't shine like it did in the pasta. Further attention to detail could have been paid to several items: The corn chowder was missing the potato and bacon pictured on the menu; the coleslaw lacked creaminess and salt; and while the Southwest pulled-pork eggrolls, jam-packed with black beans, corn and green chiles, were an interesting way to enjoy Zynda's smoked delicacies, the smoked pork seemed at odds with everything else in each bite, rather than enhanced by them. The dipping sauce added yet another layer of taste but offered a comforting cool to the Southwestern brawl.

Best bite

A Southwestern smokehouse will need to bring it in the flavor department when it comes to brisket. Zynda's corned beef brisket was on point. Tender and juicy, the brisket was packed with a depth of flavor from both the corning and smoking processes. The flavor was ramped up a notch when coupled with either the AZ's Sweet & Savory sauce (closer to Kansas City-style tomato base and brown sugar) or the ZBQ sauce (a zester, vinegar-based sauce akin to a Memphis-style sauce). Served with shoestring fries and a delightful jalapeño cornbread, this smokey and hearty plate is what I expect when I think of barbecue.



Courtesy
The Deviled Eggz appetizer from Zynda's, which are made with Applewood smoked bacon, scallions and gherkins.

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