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## Return to relevance

Fitzgerald has pedigree to revive MSU football, but support must be there



Michigan State takes the field before the football game against Penn State on Nov. 15 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. PHOTOS BY NICK KING/LANSING STATE JOURNAL



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EAST LANSING — When you picture the best of Michigan State football, what do you see?

I see Denicos Allen tackling Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller on fourth down in the 2013 Big Ten championship game. I hear Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom’s audible gasp in the press box as the Spartans’ defense engulfed Michigan QB Devin Gardner repeatedly a few weeks earlier.

I picture Connor Cook in 2015 at Rutgers, completing pass after pass while taking hit after hit behind a battered offensive line. And that offensive line, finally healthy, bullying the Buckeyes in Columbus a month later,

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Michigan State’s new football coach Pat Fitzgerald, right,, talks during his introductory press conference on Dec. 2 at the Tom Izzo Football Building in East Lansing. At left, MSU Athletic Director J Batt and MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz, center, look on.

## Schor bans private filming after fire station video controversy

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LANSING — Weeks after a music video was filmed at a Lansing fire station, prompting a two-month internal investigation, Mayor Andy Schor signed an executive order banning private, commercial filming on city property.

The music video for female singer P.B. Yanna was posted to YouTube on Sept. 13, nearly two weeks after the city began “fielding questions and concerns” about it from residents and city employees, including some “present at the time of filming,” according to a memo summarizing the investigation that the city provided to the State Journal.

However, it’s unclear who sanctioned the filming. The internal investigation found that someone in the Lansing Fire Department approved the use of Fire Station 1, but does not include the name or rank of anyone involved in the decision. Scott Bean, a spokesperson for the city, did not answer the State Journal’s question about who specifically signed off.

The four paragraph, 274-word summary indicates that “LFD leadership” sanctioned the use of city property on Aug. 31. That approval came four days after Lansing Fire Chief Brian Sturdivant went on personal leave from the department, which the city has not explained. Sturdivant returned on Nov. 11, two weeks after the internal investigation ended.

The memo adds that the fire department approved the filming “without the knowledge or support of other departments of the municipal government.”

The investigation also found that “LFD’s senior leadership did not adequately foster a climate that could have encouraged dissent and critical analysis of the proposed event and did not have mechanisms in place to properly review and plan events of this type.”

In a statement on Tuesday, Dec. 2, Bean said fire department approved

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