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## Possible cut to Pell Grant President Trump proposes his 'safe guard' plan

BY SUNI JO ROBERTS  
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President Donald Trump just released his 2018 federal budget blueprint. Among his intentions is one to “safeguard” the Pell Grant program. He will do this by taking out \$3.9 billion from its current \$10.6 billion surplus to use in other parts of the budget.

Critics argue this wouldn’t safeguard the Pell grant program. Instead, it is argued that the entire surplus should be reinvested into the program so it could expand into offering students year-round Pell grants.

A year-round Pell Grant program would allow students to use money from future awards to pay for a summer semester if they have already used their maximum award amount. This would allow students to get through school faster.

What is the Pell grant and how many students use them?

Pell grants are one type of federal financial aid awarded to low-income students. Unlike student loans, Pell Grants do not have to be paid back. The annual maximum award amount is \$5,815 for the 2016-17 award year.

This number changes yearly and Claire McCann, senior policy analyst with New America’s Education Policy, points out that President Trump’s budget proposal says nothing about maintaining funding or keeping this maximum award amount secure for years to come.

The number of Pell grants awarded to students have gone up substantially in recent years. Alongside rising tuition of an 11 percent increase in the last five years at Community Colleges, according to College Board, the percentage of Pell grants awarded to students over the period of 2007-08 to 2011-12 increased from 22 to 33 percent for dependent students and 33 to 48 percent for independent students, according to a report by the National Center of Education Statistics.

What about at Washtenaw Community College?

WCC has been observing an opposite trend: the reliance



James Leonard, an Early Childhood Education major, has received a pell grant to assist with tuition at Washtenaw Community College in 2015 and then denied in 2016.

on student financial aid has decreased since 2011, according to a report put out by the Office of Financial Aid at WCC.

The number of pell grants awarded decreased along with all financial aid given to students. During the 2011-12 school year, 31 percent of students at WCC received a pell grant compared to 24 percent of students that received one during the 2015-16 school year, according to the report.

The report also states that WCC has seen a 21.6 percent reduction in the last 5 years of the amount of financial aid received by students.

The average amount of students receiving aid across all institutions in the United States differs drastically than the number of students receiving aid at WCC.

During the 2013-14 school

year 83 percent of students received some type of financial aid (including loans and grants) at all institutions. That number is only 33.1 percent at WCC.

The Financial Aid report from WCC credits the economic recovery in Washtenaw County, making fewer students needing financial aid, and the high number of students that work while attending college.

On student at WCC received a Pell grant during the 2016 Winter semester but was later denied for the grant. He hopes to be awarded it again in the future.

James Leonard is in his second semester at WCC and is studying

Early Childhood Education.

He was awarded a Pell grant which helped to cover his tuition costs for the Winter 2016 semester and also allowed him to visit his family, because of the refunded money he didn’t use on tuition.

When Leonard re applied in the fall he was met with an unfortunate surprise.

“I reapplied in 2016 and was denied, Leonard said. “I didn’t get any scholarships and had to pay out of pocket.”

Leonard, claimed as a

dependent, said that his household income did not change but the subsidies his mother received from the Affordable Care Act increased her income so as to make him ineligible.

Leonard plans to go to Eastern Michigan University after WCC to pursue a teaching degree.

“I will be applying every semester,” Leonard said. “I hope to get it again. I hope to become less dependent on my mother. I know EMU is more expensive than WCC so hopefully I get a Pell grant.”

Helping Leonard with his goals to become more independent is his position with the 82 percent of Pell grant recipients that work either full or part-time, this number according to National Center of Education Statistics.

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## Hearings planned on security changes

BY IVAN FLORES  
Staff Writer

Public hearings for a police department at Washtenaw Community College could begin as early as this month. Scott Hilden, chief of public safety, presented a proposal to implement a fully certified police department at WCC to the Board of Trustees during their annual retreat. Michigan law requires that at least two public hearings be held before a binding vote is taken, and an oversight committee be established before a school police department is implemented.

The hearings are tentatively scheduled for March 28 and April 25. However, Larry Barkoff, a lawyer for the school, said nothing is set in stone.

Hilden’s proposal calls for four police officers at an annual cost of \$367,000 with an additional one-time startup cost of \$93,000 for equipment and training. No mention was made about the cost of insurance.

Hilden said the officers would be handpicked from retired law enforcement. Their training would be specific to a college environment and would include training to deal with implicit bias, and interaction with students with disabilities.

Unlike other Michigan universities and community colleges of similar size, WCC does not have its own police department or armed guards.

Hilden was hired in January after retiring from the Canton Police Department, where he oversaw the School Resource Officer program for 15 years. He cited a number of incidents during his tenure at WCC which have led him to believe the school is not prepared to deal with emergencies. Among those incidents Hilden cited were an armed robbery outside of the Business Education building and threats made by mentally unstable students.

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## EPA FUNDING CUTS COULD IMPACT MICHIGAN

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE  
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In the first days of March, plans for drastic budget cuts to many programs were either announced or leaked from the Trump administration. These proposed cuts, according to an EPA budget document, could include:

- Up to a 97 percent cut to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Great Lakes Restoration funding.
- A 30 percent cut to state grants for water pollution control and the complete elimination of state grants to beach water quality testing.

These cuts could heavily impact current projects by the Michigan Department for Environmental Quality (MDEQ) according to Richard Hobrla, who works for MDEQ’s Office of the Great Lakes. “Since our state work is completely dependent

on federal funding, this would result in the elimination of the state program. We would no longer be able to provide funding or staff support for the areas of concern identified under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, an adviser for the environmental science program at WCC. She formerly served as WCC’s representative for the water collaboration project, which paired colleges and programs, like MDEQ, to work on quality of life projects.

“Most of the work of protecting and restoring the Great Lakes would likely fall to non-governmental organizations working on a volunteer basis,” Hobrla said.

### BEACH SAFETY

Emily Thompson is an instructor at Washtenaw Community College, an adviser for the environmental science program at WCC. She formerly served as WCC’s representative for the water collaboration project, which paired colleges and programs, like MDEQ, to work on quality of life projects.

“The state’s DEQ is in charge of testing water for e. Coli, and

post whether or not it’s safe to swim,” Thompson said. “The e. Coli comes mostly from ducks and waterfowl who, well, foul up the water, and that can cause skin infections, possibly worse.”

Thompson mentioned no federal funding for beach testing leaves two main choices: local tax hikes, or going without testing entirely. Without this testing for e. Coli, algae or bacterial plumes, swimmers could risk picking up illnesses associated with these.

### HELP WITH POLLUTION

Thompson also expressed a worry that, if the funding cuts go through, it will make it difficult to find funding for Washtenaw County’s 1,4 dioxane plume. The former Gelman Sciences discharged 1,4 dioxane, a carcinogen, into ponds on the company’s property in Scio Township between the 1960s and the 1980s. The chemical has seeped into Washtenaw County’s groundwater in a plume that beneath Ann Arbor’s west side.

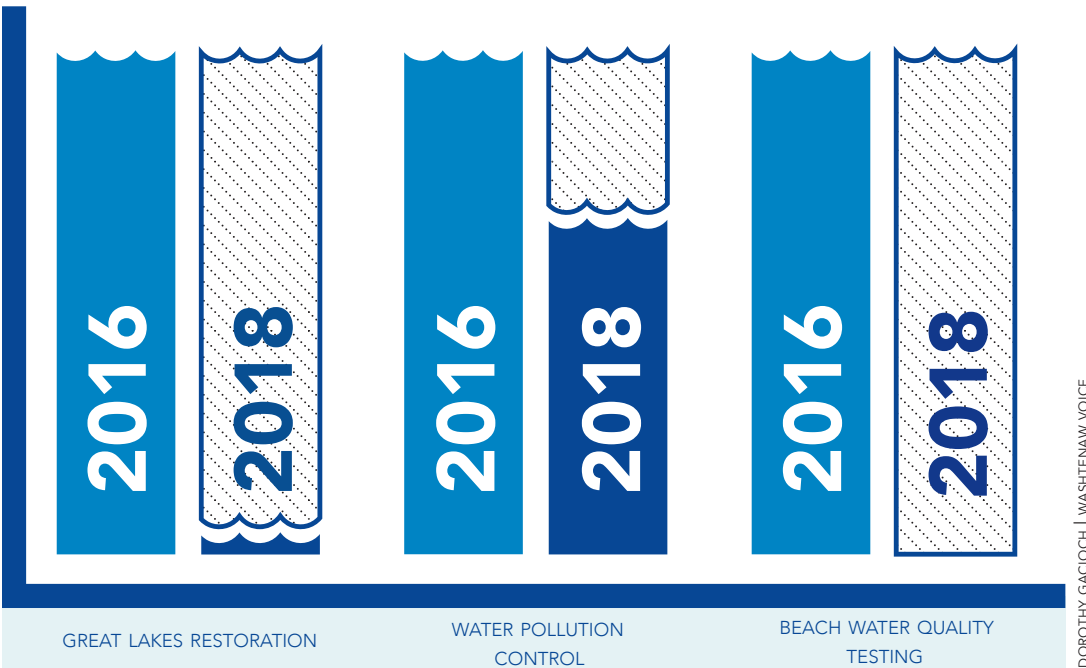
In early February, the EPA reported that it would assess whether the contamination might be

eligible for money from the agency’s Superfund, a fund set up for cleaning environmental damage.

If the EPA’s funding is cut, and Superfund appropriations are not maintained, this could keep funding from helping with the problem.

Despite the proposed cuts, Hobrla remains hopeful. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative program has had substantial popular and Congressional support, he said. “A number of senators and congressional Representatives have expressed opposition to the proposed cuts. A number of non-governmental organizations have declared opposition to the cuts,” Hobrla said. “We are optimistic that Congress will listen to these voices and restore funding for the program.”

## PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS





# Taking action for women of color

BY CHANEL STITT  
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The month of March is where America celebrates women. There are many events all across the world honoring women and multiple in the city of Ann Arbor talking about how to take action as an activist for women.

The 35th annual Women of Color Task Force conference held by Center for the Education of Women, which took place earlier this month, discussed race in the media and how to take on careers as women of color.

Members who were first time attendees, to 35-year attendees had their time to stand and be recognized for attending this tradition.

The keynote speakers were Jane Elliott and Roland Martin. Jane Elliott’s work on activism began after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. where she created the “Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes” exercise. The exercise put people through the test of experiencing situations as a minority.

Roland Martin has been in the media business for a long time and he currently is the host

of a show called Newsone Now where he discusses any stories that are about black people and politics.

Both of them have received death threats and more based upon their work over the years. They have been known to most people as civil rights activists but Martin prefers otherwise.

“I do not consider myself to be a civil rights activist,” Martin said. “I am a journalist, but as a journalist, I am a journalist in the pursuit of truth and justice.”

Martin mentioned that many people are living lies on a daily basis by saying being prejudice

is nonexistent within oneself but there is still a separation when going about the day by day routine.

“I’ve worked in mainstream media and I’ve worked in black press,” Martin said. “The reason, in black press, that’s critically important is because that’s where you’ve seen the most truth. Black press has forced mainstream media to do its job when it comes to these issues.”

Martin explained how those of the black press use certain terminology with each other, but when it is brought to mainstream media, it can sometimes scare

off viewers.

For example, he discussed when he was talking to a senator of the same race. He used the phrase “brotha” which is commonly said between persons of the black race. Based on the connotation of the word, the ceo of CNN came to him and said be careful using the word.

When having conversations about prejudice statements in the workplace, Jane Elliott advises people to look at her website, [janeelliott.com](http://janeelliott.com), to find information about what is and is not appropriate to say. There are materials about the statements

used, how they are perceived, and helping to decide whether action has ever been taken before or not.

Elliott mentioned both races are prejudice because most have learned the same social studies, explaining that racism is taught in schools. Beginning with early education, many history books start off with slavery being the beginning but there is an extensive amount of history before that took place she mentioned.

“Skin color does not indicate intelligence or lack of it,” Elliott said. “It doesn’t indicate ability or disability.”

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“I completely believe that Pell grants are important,” said Leonard. “The Pell grant especially is a significant amount of money and it’s a huge deal, it’s very important.”

President Trump’s 2018 proposal, “Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again” is only a proposal at this point, but anyone interested in education policy will be closely tracking these priorities laid out before us.

**FROM SECURITY, PAGE A1**

Trustees Dave DeVarti and Ruth Hatcher said they would oppose the plan unless they are convinced the oversight for a police department is adequate. Hatcher said her son had been intimidated by campus security and was not eager to see them armed.

The administration can present a detailed plan to the board of trustees at the request of McKnight, who is the chair. Barkoff, the college’s lawyer, said that request has not yet been made.



Hilden mentioned the officers would be handpicked from retired law enforcement. Their training would be specific to a college environment and would include training to deal with implicit bias, and interaction with students with disabilities.



Trustee Dave DeVarti, who voted against the measure, vowed on Friday to delay the process on grounds that the public was not adequately informed about proceedings.



Trustee Hatcher had concerns about the checks and balances on the police force. The law requires an oversight committee made of two staff members and two faculty, which she said was insufficient.

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*Speakers to include:*  
State Representative Yousef Rahbi  
Emily Woodcock from Clean Water Action  
Mariah Urueta from Food and Water Watch  
Melissa Mayes from Flint Rising

“The objective of the summit is to educate the public on the ongoing attacks and threats to our water here in Michigan,” said Joe Chapman, president of Students for Sustainability.

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**CIVIC SUMMIT**  
Brought to WCC by The Democracy Commitment group. The reason for the summit is to, “advance democracy in the community college,” said Kristin Good, dean of arts & sciences. Introduced by a faculty member, the tour stop at WCC is following a presentation at Delta College in Saginaw.

The goal of Democracy Commitment is to ensure, “that every student of an American community college graduates with an education in citizenship and democracy,” according to their website.

Dean Good sees the workshop as an opportunity to learn about the democratic process, “how to find your voice and how to be able to advocate for yourself,” she said.

*Current Initiatives and projects:*  
Joining the American Democracy Project; Civic Learning and Engagement; Democratic Learning and Engagement. Community Learning and Engagement initiative coming this Spring 2017.

**BRAVO AWARDS**  
The third annual Bravo Awards are accepting nominations until March 22. The Bravo Awards are meant to recognize an instructor of Washtenaw Community College who show a commitment to helping students. According to Rachel Barsch, the coordinator of student activities on campus, all people nominated will receive a certificate, be treated to a lunch and a surprise gift. The ceremony will be held on April 12.

**FUNDING AWARDED**  
A joint hearing of the Senate and House appropriations subcommittees on community colleges was held March 13, at Washtenaw Community College where Rose Bellanca announced \$42,000 award from The Michigan Strategic Fund to help further support workforce development at WCC’s Advanced Transportation Center.



STUDENT OPINION QUESTIONNAIRE

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN  
Editor

Washtenaw Community College is updating the Student Opinion Questionnaire (SOQs), first online this Winter 17 semester, then on campus this fall. A pop-up window will appear to alert students to fill out the SOQ, notifying students of a Blackboard lock-out if they fail to do so by the deadline associated with their course.



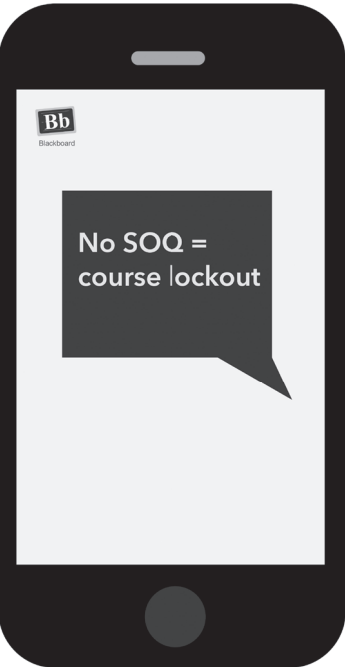
“The software will allow the college an opportunity to get information from all students regarding their online class experience. The college and individual instructors value the input from their students and our current system has not provided that opportunity,” said Kristin Good, dean of arts and sciences.

WCC holds value in students’ evaluations of courses and instructors. Distance Learning, online only classes currently have a 15-percent SOQ return, according to WCC.

“As an institution whose mission is focused on teaching, it is important for us to receive feedback on the classroom experience for all students, regardless if it is online. The goal to increase response rates in our online classes is based on our desire to provide students with an effective learning experience,” said Kimberly Hurns, Vice President for Instruction.

Student feedback allows WCC to enhance the college experience for students, some instructors making it personal goal to hear from their students.

“I do believe that (the SOQ) adds to the college experience to know that the College really does care about students’ opinions. If I want your opinion, I will in some way motivate you to give it. And, for now, this is the tool we have to get that done. I hope that students will see it in a positive light, especially if individual instructors personally encourage



their students to fill them out in a warm, caring, and positive manner,” said Lisa Rhombes, dean of mathematics.

SOQ’s will first appear in Blackboard on March 26 for students who started their online courses at the beginning of the semester. Students in later starting courses will receive notifications as the semester continues.



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Voice Box

Is the current Student Opinion Questionnaire effective in fairly and completely critiquing a course and instructor for the betterment of the students?

BY HEBE ORMSBY  
Contributor  
BRITTANY DEKORTE  
Deputy Editor



“Yes because it covers everything, and if it doesn’t, there’s a comment section on the back where you can add your opinions and ask questions.”  
**Serena Palmer**  
20, Dexter, radiology



“I think it’s a good critique, and you still get to leave comments on the back, so it’s a good and effective way to view teachers.”  
**Chika Uwanda**  
15, Ypsi, General Studies in math and science



“They are important because it makes sure that students are getting the best education they can get, and teachers do actually take into consideration what the students think about their classes.”  
**Taylor Heinrich**  
19, Plymouth, radiography



“Yes because SOQs can help students whether or not the teacher is good or not, and whether they should take their class again or recommend them to other people.”  
**Estheo Lee**  
20, Grass Lake, photography



“They seem fine, I just like that it is easily accessible, the online ones mean I don’t have to drive to campus to deal with it.”  
**Kelsey Roke**  
23, Pickney, radiography



“The online ones seem comparable to the SOQs that we take in our physical classes. The questions seem fair, but I only really pay attention to SOQs if I have really strong good or bad feelings towards a professor.”  
**Zaynab Elkolaly**  
15, Ann Arbor, math and natural sciences

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— COLUMN —

# Better than Christmas



BY IVÁN FLORES  
Staff Writer

Christmas is the most visible Christian holiday in the secular world, but it is hardly recognized as a religious day in popular culture. Many Evangelical Christians and Catholics take offense to the politically correct term “Happy Holidays.” But that saltiness is misplaced and unnecessary because, as far as Christian holidays go, the Christmas season has paled in importance to the Lent and Easter for the past 1600 years. The time between Mardi Gras and Easter Sunday is largely ignored by mainstream culture.

Protestants and Catholics place varying degrees of emphasis on it. But for Orthodox Christians, Lent is the most important time of the year and Easter is even better than Christmas.

Consider this. How do you get ready for a wedding, a birth, a family gathering, a long trip, a party, a football game, a performance, or even a test? We rarely go into these things without at least trying to prepare in some way. Even procrastinators cram the night before a test. But there are some things that we just can’t do without getting ready. We can’t run marathons, climb mountains, or get perfect ACT scores without dedicating significant amounts of time and effort.

For Eastern Orthodox Christians, Lent is that period of preparation. It goes beyond praying more than usual, giving up something we enjoy, or abstaining from meat on Fridays. We do pray,

and we go to church during the week. We give up enjoyable things, and we forego fish, meat, animal products, alcohol, and even olive oil for the duration of Lent. But as St. John Chrysostom said, “what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes, but bite and devour our brothers?”

Lent is about ridding ourselves of habits harmful to ourselves and the people around us: cheating, lying, complaining, jealousy, stealing, gossiping, overeating, laziness, selfishness, lustfulness, intolerance, anger, among other things. But it is also a time for trying to earn virtues like patience, discipline, love, honesty, humility, commitment, and faith. And all of this has a purpose: getting ready for Easter.

The Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. It is what we celebrate on Easter. After 40-something days of praying, fasting, and hopefully becoming better people,

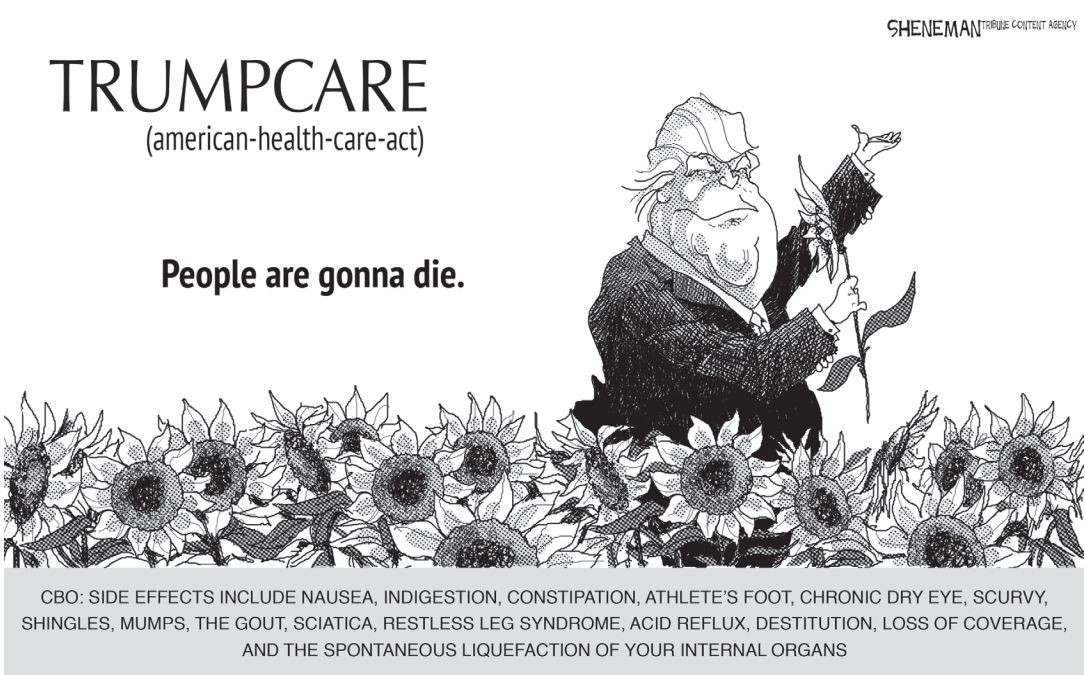
we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. At midnight, all the lights go out in our churches, and the priest emerges with a single candle. The flame is shared with everyone in the church, until there sanctuary is full of light. This tradition has remained unchanged for over a thousand years. The Lenten fast has been around for even longer, since the very inception of Christianity.

Although more emphasis has been placed by Protestants on Christmas in recent years, long before Protestantism was thought of and Pope declared himself infallible, the Christian calendar revolved around Easter. What makes Easter great, apart from the religious implications is the food. Why is it better than Christmas? Because no one makes you go more than a month without pizza or chocolate before Christmas, that’s why. You get sick of almond milk and tofu after a while.



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor

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# MOVIE REVIEW

**“GET OUT”**  
Genre: Horror, Mystery  
Run time: 1 hour, 44 minutes

BY DOM DAUGHERTY  
Contributor

Jordan Peele’s directorial debut with his new movie, “Get Out”, has been an absolute success in delivering a thrilling dramatization of the very real and covert racism that thrives today in even the most liberal places.

The movie dives right into the provocative with the opening sequence which has an African-American man (Lakeith Stanfield) wandering lost in an upper middle class suburban area looking for a friends house. At some point, a white sports car pulls up next to him and begins to stalk him as he walks down the road. Eventually a masked assailant emerges and the man is kidnapped and dragged back to the car.

The scene seemed eerily reminiscent of so many videos we’ve seen of police violence within black communities and undoubtedly sets the tone for what is a racially charged thriller that leaves

you on the edge of your seat in suspense.

The movie stars Rose Armitage (played by Allison Williams of the HBO series Girls) and her photographer boyfriend Chris (played by Daniel Kaluuya, a British national of Ugandan descent who are getting ready to embark on a trip to meet Rose’s parents.

The inherent uneasiness Chris feels over dating a white woman becomes clear almost immediately when he asks Rose if she told her parents he was black, revealing an awareness of the negative feelings many white parents have their daughter’s black boyfriends. She assures him that, despite her never telling them she’s dating a black guy, her parents wouldn’t mind; going so far as to say her dad would have voted for Obama a third term.

His unease continues even after meeting her parents, brain surgeon Dean (Bradley Whitford) and his hypnotherapist wife Missy (Catherine Keener) who don’t even bat an eye at the color of his skin. Peele does a great job with this scene by choosing to shoot it

in a single shot from afar, capturing the subtle body language of the characters somewhat awkward introduction.

You can sense a tinge of suspicion from Chris over the eagerness of the Armitages to make him feel comfortable, but it seems to dissipate as Dean shows him around the home. The house looks like a kind of Upstate New York plantation, complete with a black maid and groundskeeper who have the social ability of a stuffed animal. It becomes clear early on that there is something sinister under the surface of this seemingly-perfect liberal family.

So many questions arise from the tour of the home, and the initial meeting of Chris, Dean and Missy. Why is the basement door locked? Why do they seem so eager about Chris’s arrival? Why do they need a groundskeeper? Why does the maid seem like she’s on auto pilot?

All these questions are answered, when the main plot is revealed as the movie enters its second act; a rollercoaster of emotion, suspense, and plot twists, which Peele so artfully

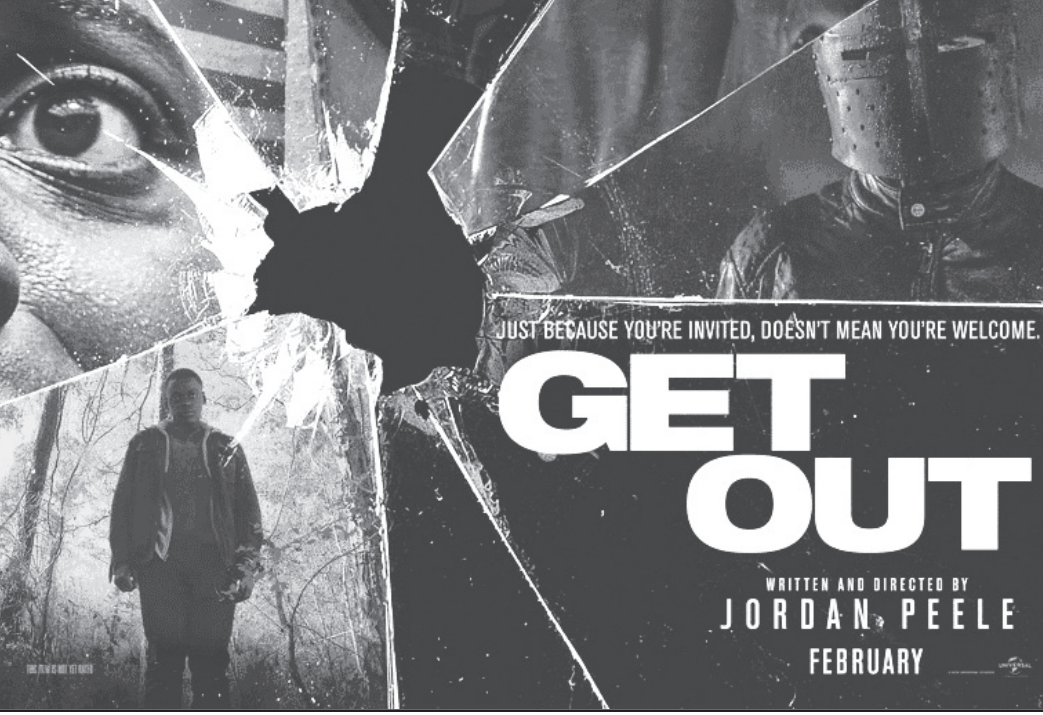


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pulls you into. The way Peele so effortlessly paces the film with it’s perfectly timed comedic moments tucked between the most thrilling is an impressive feat for anyone, let alone a sketch comedian from Comedy Central.

In it’s entirety, this movie is so successful because it delivers a fresh interesting take (something

hollywood lacks these days), on old, often ignored issues many minorities face every day by doing things like bringing everyone in on what it’s like to be afraid to walk alone at night in an affluent neighborhood. This movie is an absolute win for Jordan Peele, and anyone who understands the subtle signs of racism that typically exists beneath the surface.



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# FEATURED TEACHER



BY ABIGAIL BICKEL  
*Contributor*

INSTRUCTOR: JOHN DINSLER

SUBJECT: PHOTOSHOP

GRAPHICS

**Q: How long have you been teaching at WCC?**

**A:** 25 years I think, since 1993.

**Q: How did you come to teach at WCC?**

**A:** I went to WCC right after high school, and then I transferred to the Kansas City Art Institute in Kansas City, Missouri. I

graduated and came back to visit and popped in, and one of the instructor said, ‘hey, I’m going on sabbatical. Do you want to fill in for me next semester?’ And I said sure, and I’ve been here ever since. I was subbing for what used to be my favorite class—I don’t think they teach it anymore. It was Airbrush.

I’ve taught other stuff before, but in the last few years, it’s been Photoshop.

**Q: What did you do before coming to WCC?**

**A:** I was just a highschool student, and I went to WCC because I didn’t really know what I wanted to do. I figured that was a good place to kinda see what was up. I kind of wanted to work at Hallmark. It kind of ended up that way because I went to Kansas City which is where Hallmark is. I interned at Hallmark for 5 months.

**Q: What is the most satisfying part of your job at WCC?**

**A:** The freedom to come up with projects, and no one is breathing down my neck about meetings or anything. I can basically just make up whatever projects. And the students are fun, of course.

**Q: What was your dream job growing up?**

**A:** It was to be an artist. I’ve always wanted to be an artists since I was 5-years-old. I really can’t understand when people are like, ‘oh, I don’t know what I want to do.’ I’ve never not known what I wanted to do. And in ways, it has been a lot harder and a lot easier than I ever thought it was going to be. I mean, I’ve worked on crazy projects that I had no idea how one would even get this project. You just gotta have faith, and stuff works out or it doesn’t.

But mostly it’s been working out.

**Q: What kind of freelance work do you do?**

**A:** Right now I’m doing a wine label, but I’ve done all kinds of stuff. I do portraits sometimes for people. I do cards, gift bags and stuff for products. I’ve done everything from hospital spreads to gift bags and CDs. All kinds of stuff.

**Q: What’s the most interesting job you’ve ever taken on?**

**A:** The most interesting job is probably a poster I did for the NRDC benefit show in Los Angeles. The poster was not one of my favorite things I’ve ever done, but I went out to the event and got to go to the after-party with the celebrities. It was kind of like the Academy Awards except I was there wondering how the heck I got there. I’ve done so many [jobs], and they each have their own interesting thing about them at the time. A lot of the time, the current one is the most interesting one because it’s in front of me. You tend to forget about the bad parts of the job: how long it took and how many changes there were. It’s all fun in the long run. I did a lot of reissues for EMI which is a record label. And I did the reissues for the first 4 CDs for The Red Hot Chili Peppers. I’ve done local acts as well for 60 Second Crush, a local Detroit band.

**Q: Who is your favorite artist (Photoshop or other medium)?**

**A:** Of course, I like all kinds of painters and artists, but my biggest influence would be Matt Mahern because, when I started, he was interested in doing images that had an idea behind them. That’s what I really wanted to do, too. Not so much technically-based images like great paintings, but images that were about ideas.

**Q: What is the most inspiring movie you’ve ever seen?**

**A:** Right now there’s a documentary on Netflix called “Abstract: The Art of Design.” And one of my other favorite illustrators, Christoph Niemann is profiled in the one of the first episodes. That one is pretty awesome. But there’s a ton of documentaries, one called “Life is Beautiful.”

**Q: What kind of music do you listen to while you work?**

**A:** I listen to all kinds of music. I like, of course, dance music. I like old school hip-hop, Michael Jackson. But then again, I like all kinds of other stuff: Bruce Springsteen. It varies.

**Q: What is your favorite snack?**

**A:** Recently, it’s white cheddar popcorn and caramel corn mixed. I have a little bit of a problem with it.

# Video Boot Camp

Washtenaw’s Community College’s Entrepreneurship center put on a digital business boot camp on March 10. The camp, which is the third in their series “The Business Of...”, featured industry speakers. At the boot camp, attendees were given advice on marketing their businesses, finding jobs, time management and networking. The event was free to WCC students, and the public tickets sold out.



Roshaun Akeem Page, is an award winning short film maker, and also the founder and President of his own video production company "It's a R.A.P. Production".



Process of the speeches was being recorded by professional devices.

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Audiences enjoy the practical and interesting experience sharing from the speakers of Digital Video Business.



WCC videography student Steven St.John raise a question response to Garrett Sammons's speech.







# CULTURE

## CAREER FAIR RECRUITING

*A total of 225 students and 92 employers built face-to-face relationships at Wednesday's career fair*

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN  
Editor

The lines were long, the attitudes positive and the smiles were abundant at last Wednesday's Career Fair.

Students attending the career fairs held twice per year on Washtenaw Community College's campus can expect to find employers looking to hire and tools to help them with their career goals.

"We have a lot of companies that we regularly partner with and so this is the best way for us to connect our students with those companies. The businesses know we have these twice a year. We fill up our registration for companies within 2 weeks. Today we have over 90 employers here who are looking to hire," Cheryl Harvey, assistant director of Career Services said of the event held in the ML atrium on March 15.

The career fair's atmosphere was alive with students lining up to speak with employers, directly negotiating their possibilities with the businesses lining the room.

"We strictly let the companies work directly with the students," Harvey said. This is to facilitate all of the differences employees offer, from experience to education and special skills she mentioned. "We let the students and employers negotiate just like anybody else would while looking for a job outside of here."

Career fairs have been around over 20 years, on average WCC would have about 200 students come to find jobs. "But today,

from the looks of things I think we are going to exceed our typical goal," Harvey said. The lines for pre-registered and walk-in students were equally long and stretched to the main doors of the building, before the 5 p.m. start time.

Two full circles of opportunity awaited students after they endured the wait and anticipation in line. Those students who had business attire to wear came dressed as young professionals, looking to start or advance their careers.

A nice suit, or professional appearance was a recommendation for attendees. This can help create an image a student would like future employers to see when looking at them as their next team member. Services are available for those who need assistance in getting ready for their career.

"We are able to showcase our community partners that we work with regularly," Harvey said.

One of the community partners WCC works with is Dress for Success, an international, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is helping people prepare for the professional world.

The number on thing that Dress for Success can do for a student at WCC starts prior to the interview day.

"Building their brand and their image," GPN Coordinator, Karen Wagnon said. "You have about 15 seconds, for someone to see you and already develop an opinion."

At Dress for Success they help get the look together for the interview because Wagnon

believes, "Once you have the look done, you gain the confidence and you are free to go get that job."

The organization located in St. Joesph Mercy Hospital Towsley Health Building is open four days per week, walk-in and appointments are accepted.

Besides a new suit and confidence, Dress for Success offers opportunities to gain experience and build a stronger resume.

### Business Hours:

Monday 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Tuesday 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Thursday 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Friday 12:30–6p.m.-by appointment

"I have had some of my girls finish school and realize they don't have the experience that is requested for the job they want. We get them in the office and started on an internship to help them," Wagnon said.

"Two times a year we are able to get all our people together to help our students. Getting the students here and getting the community here, so the community feels the campus is theirs also. Harvey said. "This is a chance for the community to come into the campus and really benefit from it."

### See smiling facesB2



Many equal opportunity employers, like Great Expressions Dental Centers spoke to potential candidates to fill their open positions at Wednesday's Career Fair.



Cheryl Harvey (above), was "an integral part of the day's event," said Karen Wagnon of Dress for Success.



Main Street Motors Owner, Max Williams (left) Standing next to 30-year experienced technician Richard Torough, "We are looking for entry level automotive technicians. We can offer them to place to gain experience," Williams said.



Last minute attendees were able to use laptop computers upon their walk-in entry at the career fair on Wednesday, March 15. Career fairs have been held at Washtenaw Community College for over 20 years.



Mateo Piper (left), receives the compliment, "Nice suit! It just jumped out," from Tim Bristle of Primerica before discussing a possible future with the company.



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Jamie Coulombe is representing Life Ways CMH. Life Ways is the CMH for Jackson and Hillsdale. Life Ways is currently hiring for multiple positions including social work, IT, and clerical.



Dianne Champion, a WCC alumna and human resources coordinator of Nuro Restorative in Michigan. Nuro Restorative is hiring a variety of positions including part time entry level positions for students.



Christopher Landau is 23 and majoring in computer networking technology. He is seeking a career in networking technology.

TOP 10 PLACES HIRING FROM WCC

Rainbow Rehabilitation Center

Nexient

Robert Half

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System

BPI Information Systems

Toyota

Thomson Reuters

University of Michigan

Evangelical Homes of Michigan

Homewatch CareGivers



Mohamed Madry is 22 and majoring in health care administrating. He is seeking internships in health care.



Deonte Conners is 23 and majoring in HVAC. He is seeking a career as in HVAC, or as an electrician or journey man.



Shannon Lige is 21 and majoring in human resources. She is seeking a career in direct care.



Abby Smith and Amy Dunwood representing Go! Ice Cream from Ypsilanti. Go Ice Cream is hiring part time positions for Customer Service, Management Positions.



LeeAnn is 19 and majoring in resource management. She is seeking a career in human resources management.

SOURCE: CHERYL HARVEY

Co-op movement in Ann Arbor

BY CHANEL STITT  
Staff Writer

Walking into a large house in Ann Arbor, one might find a total of 150 people living there. Cooperatively-run homes give students the chance to rent a place to stay at an affordable rate. Ann Arbor has 16 co-op houses for students to live in. They are located in central, north and south areas of Ann Arbor. Each renter holds a responsibility within the house to keep it running. The rates for a room range between \$550 to \$610 a month. There is a board in each house, along with cooking and cleaning teams. Some students at Washtenaw Community College have utilized this opportunity and are members of the board at their houses. Julia Selig, the board representative of her house at Mich-Minnie's, has grown from being a part of the co-op movement over time. This is her second year being a part of the organization. "We share work hours and everyone owns the place. It's for students by students," said Selig. As a house, they buy things in bulk for everyone to eat. By doing this, Selig says they create less waste. They also support and listen to each other which helps them grow as individuals she mentioned. It is possible to live in the

non-profit co-ops just for a summer, which has a rate of \$200. The same accommodations will take place and everyone will still have to work four hours a week to keep the house running. Students are able to earn scholarships living in these houses as well. The scholarships are geared towards monthly rent, which would be lowered if all tasks as a leader are completed. They could be earned from opportunities coming of being a board member. Being a part of a co-op can look good on a resume as well. The whole system is education based where students can learn about management and building skills together to keep their houses running. The Vice President of recruiting and marketing, Alexandra Friedman, has been living in the co-ops for three years. She is also a student at WCC who was passionate about the co-ops and worked her way to becoming the vice president of her committee. "I really enjoyed being able to join something I care deeply about," Friedman said. Friedman believes that the co-ops are very supportive, affordable and they have a good use for all resources. Local stores such as People's Food Co-op (PFC) are cooperatively ran. PFC was

created for people to buy foods from local farmers and businesses. "It is more community based than some businesses that have their headquarters elsewhere," said David Hall, Outreach and education leader of the store. "In cooperatives, our money stays right here. No one gets rich in cooperatives." Going back into history, the cooperative movement in Ann Arbor started when people were upset at the cost of rent in the 1920s and 1930s. The original price was two dollars a week which included a place to live along with meals for the week. Michigan House is the oldest co-op in North America and it is still running today. To find out more information about the co-op movement, visit [www.icc.coop](http://www.icc.coop).



Julia Selig, student at WCC and board representative of the co-op house combination of MichMinnie's.



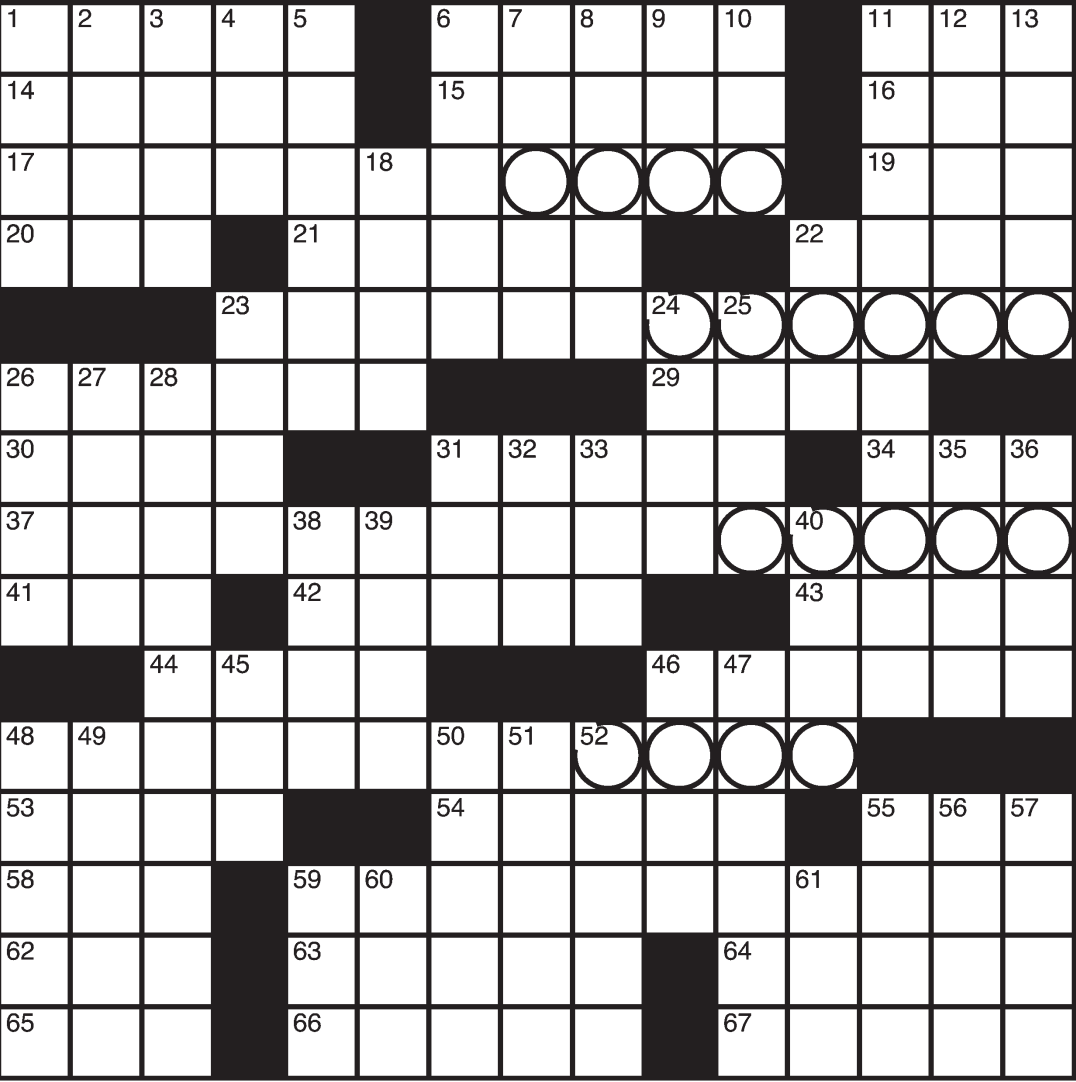
Michigan House Co-op, located at 315 N State St, Ann Arbor



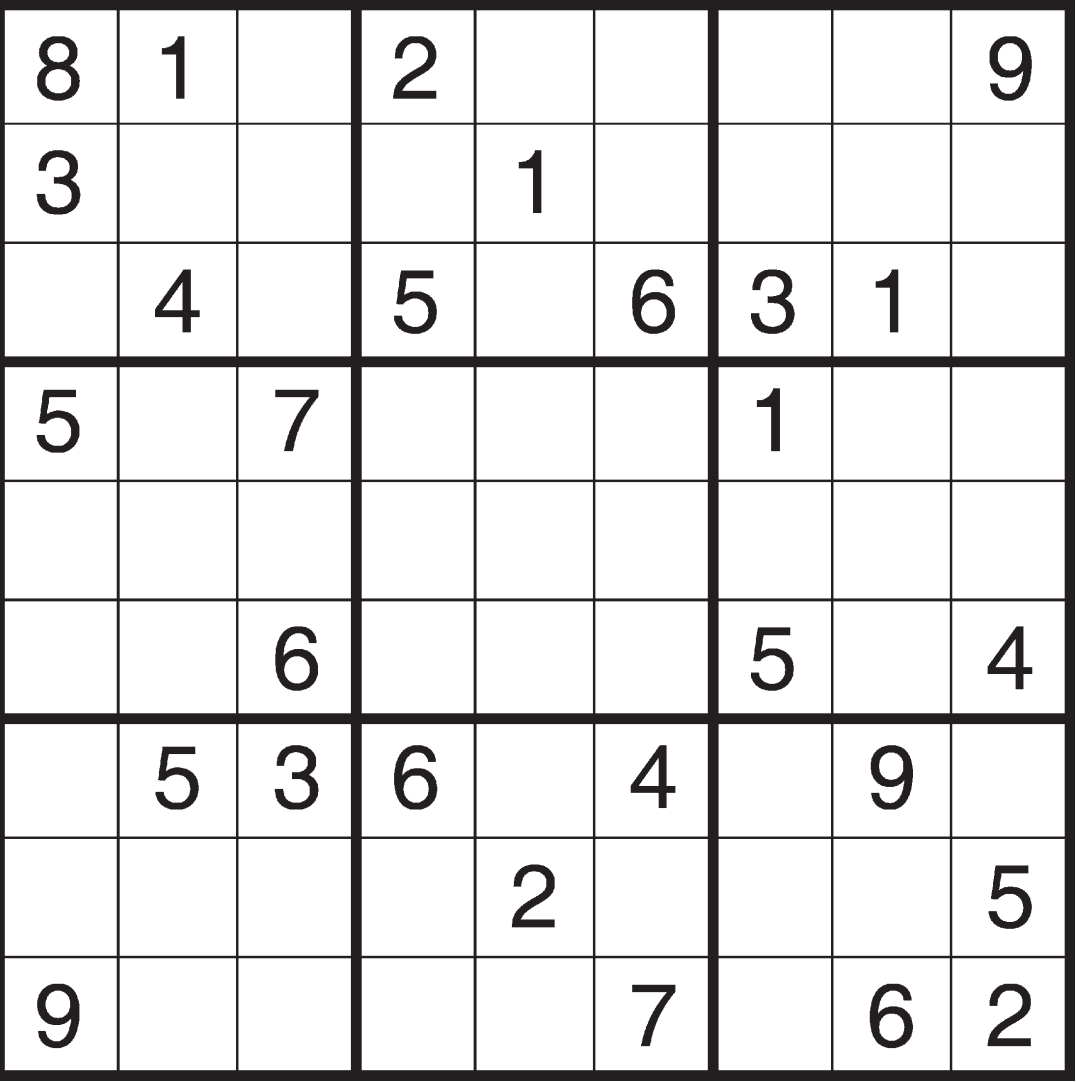
People's Food Co-op & Cafe Verde located in Kerrytown.

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1 Negative attention from the press, briefly

6 Deep-voiced opera singer

11 "I knew it!"

14 Blazing

15 Gossip spreader

16 Abu Dhabi is its cap.

17 Change one's route to avoid heavy traffic, say

19 Org. for marksmen

20 "You \_\_ here"

21 Pipe-cleaning brand

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23 Likely successor to the throne

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29 Epps of "House"

30 Have no doubt

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34 Soda

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44 "Me neither!"

46 Sacred river of India

48 Sprained ankle, often

53 "Peter Pan" beast

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1 The Crimson Tide, familiarly

2 In the distance

3 Storied water barrier

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9 Good name for a lover of hearty meals

10 Paddle

11 Gut feeling at dinner time?

12 Packers quarterback Rodgers

13 EKG organ

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23 Previously cut, as timber

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47 Whistler, but not his mother

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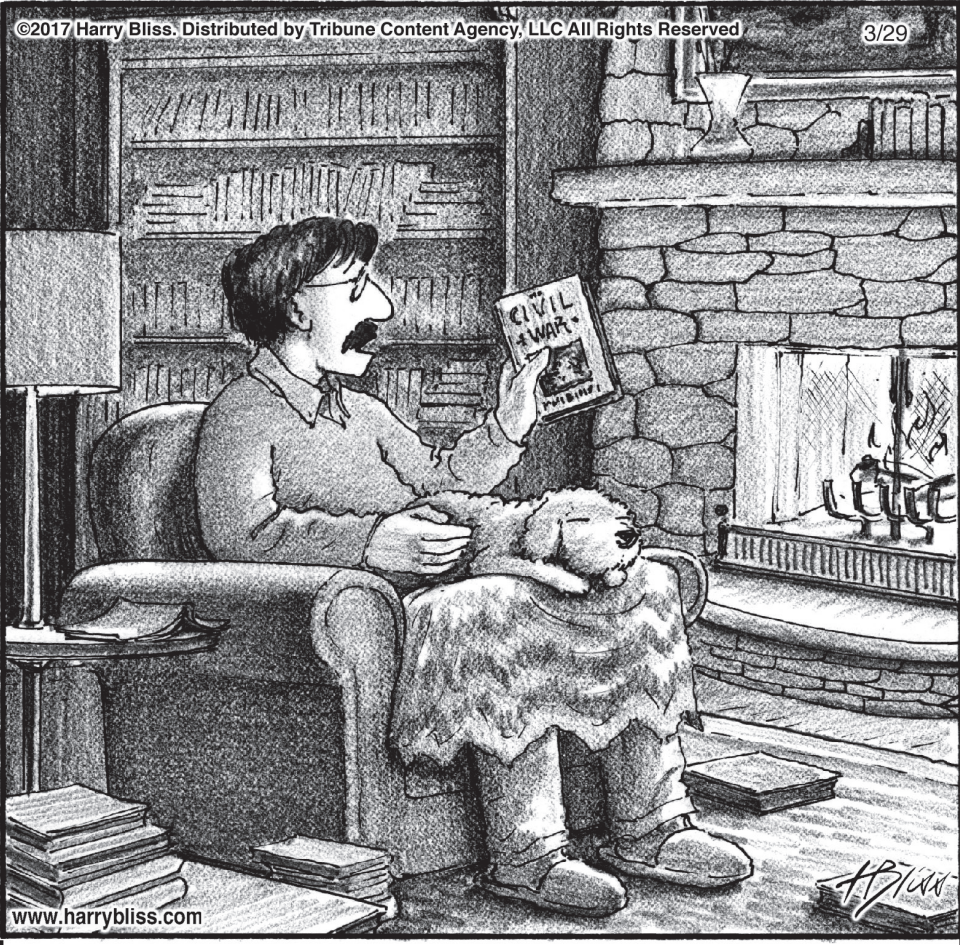
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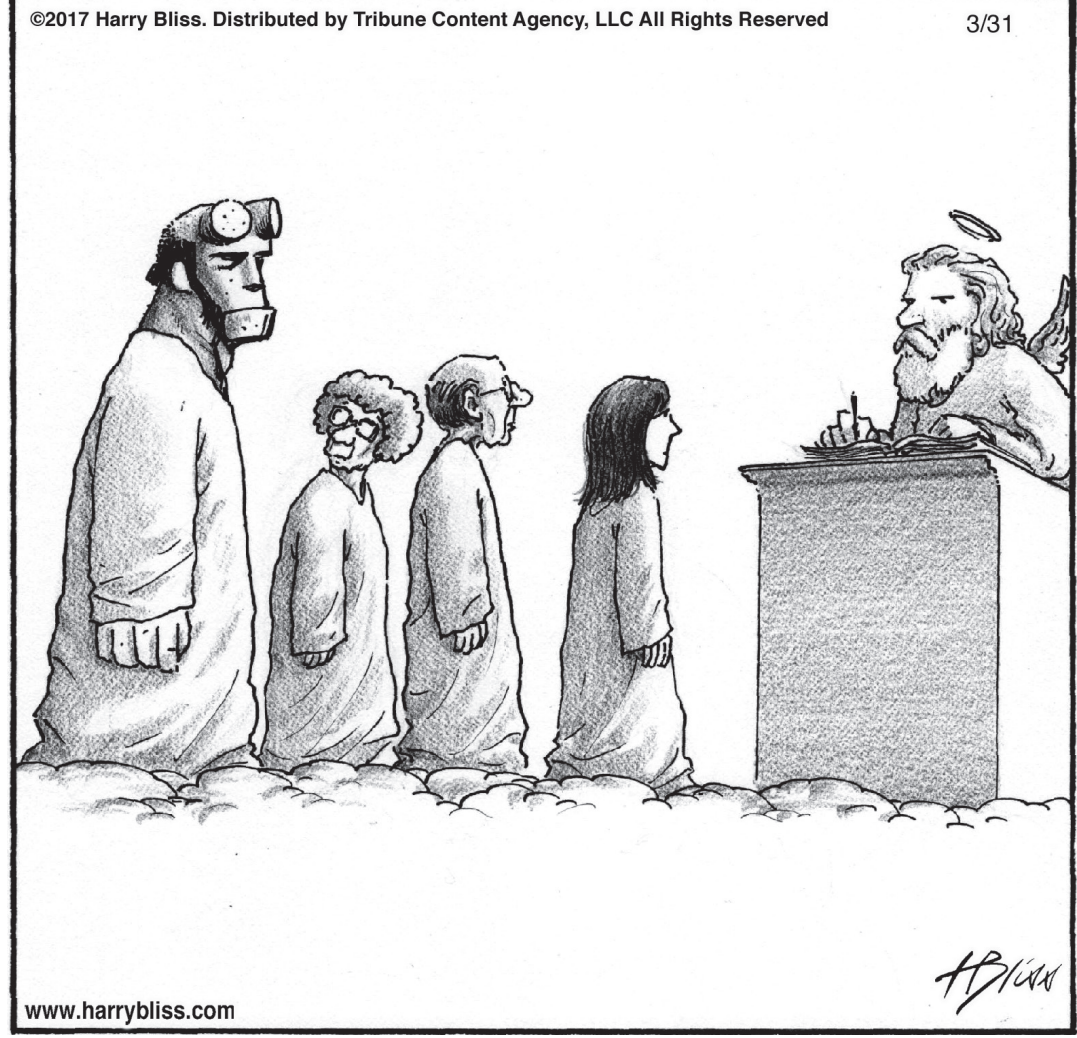
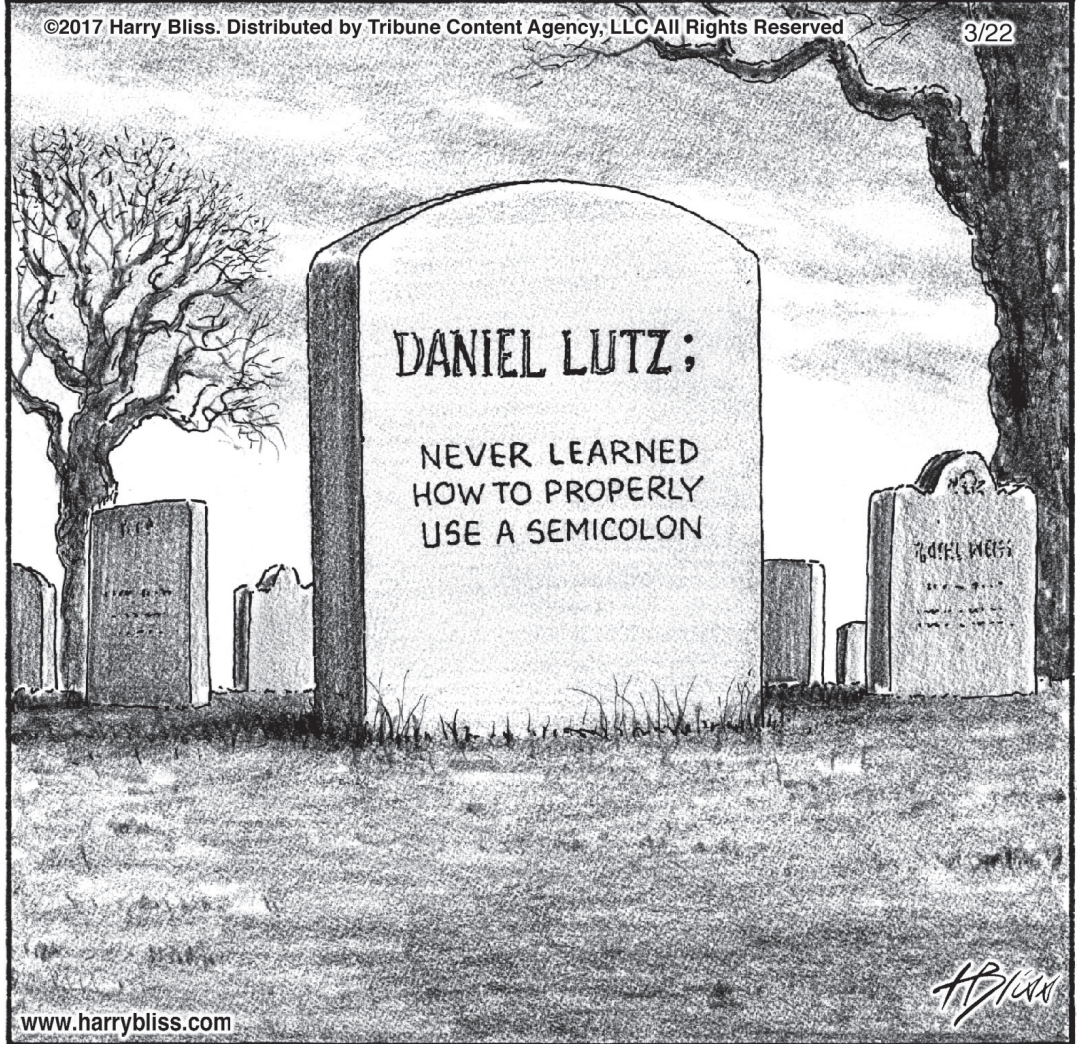
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**Audio Video I.T. Technician**  
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editing and video streaming units for our professional client base.

**Mechanical Designer Intern.**  
Develop detailed design drawings and specifications for mechanical equipment, dies/tools, and controls, using computer-assisted drafting (CAD) equipment. Layout, draw, and reproduce illustrations for reference manuals and technical publications to describe operation and maintenance of mechanical systems.

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All candidates with a year or more of experience will be reviewed with

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**Business Support Summer Intern.**  
Answer customer's questions on how to use our software and troubleshoot problems. Talk with accountants and tax practitioners from all over the globe. Discuss complex issues with senior members of our staff. Attend

meetings relevant to your product. Develop industry knowledge and how to operate in a corporate working environment  
Express Tool & Die. Seeking skilled machinists responsible for setting up, programming, and operating CNC Mazak lathes to manufacture steel tools and machine parts used in various industries. Candidates must be familiar with Mazatrol programming.

**Creative Design Specialist.**  
Focus heavily on our online and print marketing materials used by our front line team members to connect with our customers. Helping people find the right

home is incredibly important work and we take our responsibilities seriously. We demand excellence from our team because our customers and residents deserve the best experience looking for and living in their home.

**Dental Assistant.**  
Responsibilities include chair-side dental assisting for the following procedures: Endodontics, Orthodontics, Restorative, Cerec, Cosmetic, Sleep medicine, Surgery, CNC Turning Machinist. Seeking skilled machinists responsible for setting up, programming, and operating CNC Mazak lathes to manufacture steel tools and machine parts used in various industries. Candidates must be familiar with Mazatrol programming.

**Project Management Position.**  
Independent thinker- Someone that can problem solve. Excellent computer skills- Must be well-versed in Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Power

Point, Word), Will train on custom database and tracking. Able to manage email communications and navigate the Internet effectively.

**Wedding Concierge.**  
Act as hostess for bridal party on event days, welcoming upon arrival, gathering amenities as needed, and assisting with loading/unloading personal items. Set up, serve and clean up after bridal party snacks, lunch and "getting ready" beverages. Refresh beverage station - brewing coffee, restocking coffee drink supplies, emptying trash.

**After School Nanny**  
(Ann Arbor - Mon-Fri 3p-6:30p). The nanny's main responsibility is to provide transportation assistance for elementary and middle school students. The nanny will need to have a good driving record to pick the children up from school each day. The nanny must be a self-starter, patient, educationally focused, assist with homework, and provide safe transportation from school and after school commitments.



# events

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**ENGAGING WITH ART**  
Guided tours in the University of Michigan Museum of Art based on a theme.  
*UMMA | 525 S State St, Ann Arbor*  
**Apr 2 1 p.m.-2 p.m. | Free**

**DRAWING FOR ADULTS**  
This week consists of creating pastel landscape drawings for all skill levels.  
*Ann Arbor District Library | Westgate Branch*  
**Mar 26 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | Free**

**BRONZE ELEGANCE FASHION SHOW 2017**  
This is the 39th annual charity fashion show put on by local and national designers.  
*606 E Hoover St, Ann Arbor*  
**Apr 1 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | \$15**

**ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL**  
The 55th annual festival of six days of film screenings, discussions, and celebrations.  
*Michigan Theater*  
**Mar 21-Mar. 26 | \$12 per show, \$100 entire festival**

**THE IMMIGRANTS' MARCH IN ANN ARBOR**  
A local march to unite together against the attack on immigrants. The idea is based off of the march coming up in D.C. in the spring.  
*Federal Building | 200 E Liberty St, Ann Arbor*  
**Mar 25 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | Free**

**POINTLESS IMPROV SHOWS AT POINTLESS BREWERY & THEATRE**  
Every Friday and Saturday evening comedic improv performed by experienced local performers.  
*Pointless Brewery & Theatre, Ann Arbor*  
**Tickets: \$12, 8 p.m. & \$10, 10 p.m.**

**URBAN TREES DAY**  
Learn more about the vital role trees play in our urban environment at events held throughout the day.  
*Morris Lawrence Building Atrium*  
**April 22 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. | Free**

**COOL CAREERS IN WRITING**  
Get the chance to meet with writers and explore the different careers in writing.  
*Student Center | Community Room*  
**Mar 22 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**VOLUNTEER FAIR**  
Various non-profit organizations available to give information about volunteering in the area.  
*Student Center*  
**Mar 28 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**



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# Voice Box

## What is your position on organizations such as Girl Scouts and why?

BY ABIGAIL BICKEL  
Contributor



“I think it’s a good organization for building character.”

**Liam McBain**  
19, general studies



“I think it’s good, and I think it’s good that they’re able to sell cookies up here at the school. A lot of the time, people do want Girl Scout cookies, and they don’t know where to find them. And bringing them up here, they’re probably going to get a lot of sales for whatever they’re trying to raise money for. But I do think it’s a good thing, and I think they should be able to keep coming.”

**Sunit Carter**  
31, nursing



“I think it’s good because it helps them collaborate as a group, and it’s team building. And [the cookies] taste good. I like the thin mints.”

**James Kempainen**  
18, business management



“I guess I’m not really a big fan of giant organizations that sort of feed kids ideas. But it’s also a good thing to do. So I’m torn in that sense. Girl Scout cookies taste great. I don’t totally know their political agenda, but from what I do know, I don’t totally agree with it. So to that end, I’m not the biggest fan of the Girl Scouts. Definitely not a big fan of the Boy Scouts. I don’t know. Large organizations that are influencing children’s minds can often go astray, and that would be my worry with the Girl Scouts because there are people with agendas that are behind the scenes pushing things that an innocent child might not know about until years down the road.”

**Matt Wilken**  
38, video production



“I just like buying the cookies. They have the cookies, and I like them.”

**Jamaal Ingran**  
15, WTMC



“I do support the Girl Scouts. I mean, I like Girl Scouts. The only thing I have a problem with the Girl Scouts is that I’m pro life, and they support Planned Parenthood and all that. So I don’t like that.”

**David Lamberjack**  
17, English



“I actually really like the Girl Scouts. I think it teaches girls a lot of etiquette and things to be able to support themselves and be independent. Plus, they raise money for good causes like Planned Parenthood, which I fully support. [...] I think we should keep them here on campus. We’re college students—we’re broke, but we love cookies. We get sugar rushes, and it will help get us through classes.”

**Natasha Gibson**  
21, photographic technology



“I think the Girl Scout organization coming to campus is perfect, especially with all the diversity in the students. They can learn and see the college campus and get an idea of what a college campus looks like. Not to mention, they can sell their product with no interference and actually have a more profitable experience on a college campus than at most places such as Walmart and other grocery stores due to the fact that there’s such an influx of people, a constant flow of people coming to campus. So yeah, I do enjoy the organization being on campus.”

**Matthew Smith**  
21, culinary arts/hospitality



“I feel that it’s a great way to start team bonding and team skills at a young age and teaches them how to work together. I think it’s a good way to raise money, and it’s good that they found something they can benefit from. It teaches them how to get out more and be a people person since they have to talk to people to sell them.”

**Zach Lefevre**  
19, business management



“I think the organization should be allowed to have access to various public entities like this because these entities are not for profit. They’re funded by tax dollars, and I believe that those organizations bring forth and cultivate outstanding youth programs towards the betterment of our children. So, that being said, since these are publicly funded institutions, I believe that the organization should have access to them to promote and fundraise for their individual entities.”

**Jim Abraham**  
48, nursing

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