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President Barack Obama delivers a speech on jobs to union members on the Detroit Riverfront on Labor Day.

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FOR THE PEOPLE

President Obama gives hope to Detroit, bolsters union support, promises jobs

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

DETROIT — Lawrence Roehrig stood on the corner of Woodward Avenue and Petersboro Street, a hard-scrabble intersection dividing I-75 and the city's Midtown, shaking the hands of labor supporters outside his union's addition to the Labor Day motorcade that would precede

President Barack Obama's address to the city.

And while a scene like this happens every year in the Motor City, Roehrig's message had renewed vigor: Jobs are dying, but labor and unions aren't going anywhere.

"We express this every single day in the work we do, but today is a culmination of our work," Roehrig, secretary-treasurer and international vice president of AFSCME Council 25, told *The Washt-*

enaw Voice. "But today is different and our statement is this: Labor is not dead."

With that, the stage was set for President Obama to convey that same message with the same fervor, and according to the crowd's enthusiasm, it was well-received.

"The time for Washington games is over. The time for action is now. No more manufactured crises. No more games," Obama told a crowd of several thousand stationed

near Atwater Street on the city's River Walk. Despite a chill in the air and sporadic raindrops, the crowd erupted into immediate applause after those words.

"Now is not the time for the people you sent to Washington to worry about their jobs," Obama said to more applause. "Now is the time for them to worry about your jobs."

For Natalie Mosher, 60, images and words such as

these are exactly what supporters of Michigan's unions – and staggering numbers of unemployed workers – wanted and needed to hear.

"It is important for our president to be strong now," she said before Obama's speech. "He needs to have that fire in his belly here as he did in 2008. The other side is trying to distract the American public from the real problem."

"We need jobs, and we need them now!"

Of course, the "other side" Mosher spoke about is the Congressional Republicans who, according to the Canton resident, "aren't focused on the real issues."

"The disrespect is absolutely toxic. I think it's racial. When he was voted in, the Republican machine went into overdrive."

No matter what opposition Obama has faced, his speech helped to re-energize

OBAMA CONTINUED A6

Enrollment takes big dip

MATT DURR
Editor

If your classroom seems a bit less cramped, it's because enrollment for the Fall semester at Washtenaw Community College is down. Way down.

Total headcount is down by 9.8 percent and credit hours are down by 9.5 percent compared to last Fall semester, according to Linda Blakey associate vice president of student services.

"Certainly the fact that Fall 09 and 10 were record highs, we can't continue to keep growing," she said. "I don't think I can say we expected this much of a drop."

WCC was expecting enrollment to remain flat or have a slight decline, but nothing like the nearly 10 percent that it has fallen. Blakey offered a few reasons other than record highs from previous years as a cause of the drop.

The state funded program, "No worker left behind," which gave many people an opportunity to return to school, has ended. Also, when local automotive companies bought out thousands of employees a few years ago, many of them were given educational incentives as part of their retirement packages. Many of those benefits have been exhausted.

The number of high school graduates in the surrounding areas has dropped over the last

couple years, which has a direct effect on WCC's enrollment, Blakey said.

And because employment numbers are up in Washtenaw County, WCC naturally has fewer students taking courses, she added.

"This is a trend across the state," Blakey said, noting that when employment numbers are high, community colleges usually see lower enrollment.

While the numbers gathered by WCC are preliminary, early counts had 12,719 students enrolled taking 112,407 credits. The official count won't be taken until Oct. 15, for many reasons, including late registration.

The goal now, Blakey said, is to examine the demographics and how they changed. Which age groups are affected? How many new students are there this year, compared to last? How many students graduated?

While the numbers are down in classrooms, the overall budget might not change too much, however. Because there are not as many students, there were not as many sections of certain classes offered, which can save the school money. With fewer sections, WCC doesn't have to hire as many teachers and staff to run them.

Blakey said that just because enrollment is high or low doesn't mean the financial numbers directly correlate with them.

Students deny need for computer literacy course, but administrators unconvinced

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Staff Writer

Last year, Washtenaw Community College implemented mandatory computer literacy classes as a requirement for all degree programs starting in 2010. Although many students oppose the class' mandatory status, administrators maintain that the classes are essential in order to maintain high educational standards amidst tech-

nological advancements in education.

"Every school you go to will have some form of online classroom management," said Linda Blakey, associate vice president of student services. "We're not sending students out there without some form of computer literacy."

Despite continued efforts from school administration to formally train students to use computers, many students still believe the requirement

to be unnecessary due to their modern-age upbringings.

Majoring in business at WCC, Cha views the program

POINT OF VIEW



We already learned about this growing up. It wouldn't be a bad thing, but we should choose if we have to pay.
DONG HYUN CHA
20, Ann Arbor

as a useful tool for students in need of a refresher, but is determined that they should be optional. Claiming the inevitable increase in tuition payments resulting from mandatory enrollment in the class to be unfair, Cha believes students should be allowed to choose.

Cha is not alone in his demands for students' rights to decide whether computer literacy training is necessary

COMPUTERS CONTINUED A3

Student health care: WCC lacks coverage

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

For Kris Kehrer, not having health insurance is a daily pain in the neck – literally and figuratively.

"I've been carrying around my books for a week already and my back is killing me," Kehrer said. "I'd love to see a chiropractor, but I can't afford to see a chiropractor."

In 2006, the 29-year-old Washtenaw Community College student from Ypsilanti was in a car accident, which has given him major back problems since. When the crash happened, he had to sign a waiver with emergency medical services saying that

he willingly denied medical services. The emergency room bills would have cost him a fortune.

His situation was a bigger strain on his wallet than it was on his back.

Two years ago, Kehrer caught a particularly vicious strain of the swine flu. Hard as he tried to not see a doctor, eventually he had to buckle. After a two-minute doctor's visit and three prescriptions later, Kehrer was stuck with nearly \$300 worth of medical bills.

Stories like these can be heard from the mouths of thousands of WCC student without healthcare.

Nearly 35 percent of young-adults ages 21-26 years

old in Michigan are without medical coverage, according to current data collected by the United States Census Bureau. Many of these young people are also enrolled in college.

And while students like Kehrer know firsthand the struggles that accompany not having an insurance policy, many students are unaware that several southeastern Michigan universities and community college offer some form of in-house healthcare coverage and services.

But not Washtenaw Community College.

Among colleges that provide policies and services: University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus, Eastern

Michigan University, Wayne State University, Concordia University and Oakland University. For schools like EMU, U-M and Oakland, service is provided right on campus at health centers, like Snow Health Care Center, University Health Services or Graham Health Center.

These services include everything from care for acne, allergy injections and common sprains and breaks. Each of these three colleges house pharmacies that carry over-the-counter and prescription medications.

And while most community colleges do not offer health services, Schoolcraft College

INSURANCE CONTINUED A3

FIVE-YEAR ENROLLMENT TRENDS					*preliminary number
Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	*Fall 2011	
12,068	12,912	14,202	12,068	12,719	

New computer lab to ease Writing Center volume

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

Students seeking a solution to the congestion in the Writing Center computer lab can now look no further than right down the hall, according to Carrie Krantz, chair of the English Department.

“The department has wanted a second computer lab for a long time,” Krantz said.

“There are so many classes that get scheduled in there, students are frustrated because they can’t work on their English assignments or get help while they are on the computer.

“Instead, they have to go to one of the other computer labs, complete their work and then return to the Writing Center to have it checked in.”

With the new lab, housed in room LA 378, students do-

ing homework for English and a host of other program areas can work with new-found comfort.

“Many of our instructors want to have students using computers for various writing-related and research activities,” she said, “but the department doesn’t have the capacity to accommodate every instructor’s computer needs.

“This will alleviate some of those issues.”

The room has been re-wired to accommodate the lab’s electricity and Ethernet needs and the data projectors in the room needed to be re-oriented.

Krantz said she wasn’t sure when the lab would be fully operational, though some instructors have already scheduled use of the room.

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A math class where even a ‘zero’ has a chance

NATHAN CLARK
Contributor

Students with marginal math skills, or none at all according to their COMPASS test, finally have hope with a new class.

Unless students transferred to Washtenaw Community College from another institution or had valid ACT/SAT scores, students have to take the COMPASS test to enroll in courses. The test grades students’ proficiency in math, reading and writing on a scale from zero to six. Students who scored a one or two in math were required to take one of the foundation math courses, 067 or 097, to bring their math proficiency up. If a student scored a zero, there were no options for them until now.

Beginning this Fall, WCC now offers Foundations of Numeracy, Math 034. Any student who scores a two or below on the COMPASS test or for students who score a zero, the course offers a chance they never had before.

“You had to have a Level I in order to get in our lowest math class, even though we had a level zero,” said Jason Davis, a math instructor and creator of Math 034. “If you were a level zero, we didn’t have a place for you.”

“If you scored a zero on the compass, you couldn’t do anything. Where do people go?” asked Mark Batell, a math instructor and co-creator of Math 034. “We are the place people go when they don’t know where else to go, when they can’t go anywhere. The University of Michigan won’t teach this kind of stuff.”

Math 034 is a course that not only teaches numerical skills such as adding fractions by hand, but also addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions, integers and decimals along with some other skills like prime factorization.

“It’s really not about just doing math, it’s about understanding math,” Davis said. “If students understand why a particular rule works, they are a lot more likely to re-

member it rather than forgetting things weeks after they learned them.”

The course is for anyone that needs it: From students fresh out of high school, to adults that have been out of school for years, Davis said.

“Math 034 is a good refresher for someone who has been out of school for 25 years,” said Natosha Camara, a 44-year-old graphic design major from Ypsilanti. “Going over the basics again is also helping me help my kids with their school work.”

“We were finding a lot of students in what was currently the lowest level class we had, who weren’t succeeding. They weren’t quite prepared,” Batell said. “There were some things that the textbook, and by default, that we were assuming they knew and they didn’t.”

Math 034, 067 and 097 are called foundations courses for a reason, Davis said. They build a foundation in mathematics that students can then build off of in their college level courses.



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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	\$2,813 / annual \$1,877/ winter \$947 / spring/summer No fall options.	\$15 generics \$30 brand-names	Covered medical – 80 percent when seeing preferred provider/ When not seeing a specified provider – \$50 co-pay/. Preferred doctor's visits – \$15/ others – baby care, allergy care, physical therapy, chiropractors, maternity expenses, abortions, alternative therapies, and unlimited mental health visits to preferred providers.
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY	\$1,356 / annual \$113 / monthly	\$5 generic \$20 brand-names	Services on a per expense basis. Eligible expenses include doctor's visits, acne treatment, and allergy testing/ 80 percent of the bill is covered – \$100 co-pay for emergency room visits.
WASHTENAW C.C.	\$600 / annual \$250 / term extra for major medical \$995 for students over 30 years old.	\$15 dollars 30 day supply per incident.	Doctor's visits covered 100 percent up to \$100 per visit/ in-patient hospital visits, including room and board – 100 percent up \$1,000 per day. Anything exceeding is considered an out of pocket expense/ Additional premiums apply with major medical benefit.

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INSURANCE FROM A1

does offer a school-endorsed, second-party healthcare plan. Schools like Oakland Community College and WCC do not. The policies are provided by three carriers: United Healthcare Student Resources, Maksin Management and Aetna Student Health, each of which are supported, endorsed and encouraged by the colleges. Unlike EMU, however, UM students must pay a health-services fee as a part of their tuition, much like the technology services fee paid at many other schools. This is on top of the fees associated with the medical coverage offered. Unlike the universities mentioned, WCC, Schoolcraft and OCC do not offer in-house medical services; they have no on campus health facility. And while Schoolcraft does work closely with United Healthcare, WCC and OCC do not offer school-endorsed insurance policies. Both colleges use the third-party provider Student Assurance Services, which offers health benefits underwritten by Columbia Life, a brand-name provider.

In the case of WCC, said Linda Blakey, associate vice president of Student Services, the college in no way “supports or endorses” the insurance policies of Student Assurance. The only reason the insurance providers brochures and enrollment forms are displayed around the school, she said, is because some programs require students to have medical insurance. An example of such a program would be the various medical courses offered at the college. If students are not insured, they will not be able to participate in the course programs, Blakey said. At that point, WCC encourages those students to look into the Student Assurance policy special designated for Washtenaw students. These kinds of requirements are not uncommon. Oakland University's medical programs necessitate that a student have some form of insurance. With that in mind, why doesn't Washtenaw offer these kinds of services? With the college's suggested plan, how does Student Assurance stack up against providers like United and Aetna? What about the mainstream companies, like the policies of Blue Cross-Blue Shield?

THE PRICE OF LIVING HEALTHY

Prices in healthcare programs vary widely, and in turn so do student programs. EMU's annual health care program costs \$999 per policy year. This term runs from generally from Sept. 1 of the current year to Aug. 31 of the next. Policies can also be purchased per semester at a price \$333. Each of these policies offers the same coverage, just with

different policy periods. U-M's annual coverage plan costs \$2,813 per policy year, which runs from Aug. 24 to Aug. 23 of the next year. Semester term prices vary by season: the Winter policy costs \$1,877 while the Spring-Summer policy costs \$947. There is no fall semester option on the Aetna-UM plan. Oakland University's plan is no different in its annual coverage, which is priced at \$1,356 per student, yet there is no option for per semester coverage. Instead, the college offers a monthly payment plan of \$113. All of these plan prices listed are for only one student. To add on a child, a spouse or any other dependents, subsequent fees are attached. Compared to a Blue Cross-Blue Shield policy, even the most basic plan for a single, young-adult under 30 years old with a healthy medical history, the monthly rate starts at \$93.27. Added all together, the Young Adult Blue Max policy comes to an annual price of \$1119.24. That is without dental, vision or any other auxiliary health coverage. The policy owner also cannot attach dependents.

THE COVERAGE SAYS IT ALL

Dollar amounts like these are one of the primary reasons students like Kehrer do not seek health insurance. “It becomes pricey very quickly,” he said. “If I had the money to spend, I would spend it on going to see a doctor. Not health insurance.” If a plan was moderately priced, Kehrer said, a student plan would be something he would be strongly interested in.

Yet the price of a policy means nothing without satisfactory coverage. Not surprisingly, in an informal survey of about 60 students by The Washtenaw Voice that asked students about what they feel is more important, affordability or coverage of their health care, only 35 percent of students said that amount of coverage is the most important factor, while 50 percent said whatever was affordable was best for them. The remaining 15 percent said that either both were important or had no opinion on the matter. But it's important to note that the type of coverage decides exactly what kind of services a policy holder can receive. As one student who participated in the survey put it, when you're looking to buy a car, do you look at how low the price is, or do you look underneath the hood? A car is only as good as how far it can take you, and insurance is no different. EMU's coverage offers one annual wellness exam per policy. When treated at Snow Health Center, students can have access to regular office visits, lab tests and X-Ray's. A patient may still use their preferred physician and their

hospital of choice can participate as well, meaning students who wish to continue seeing their family doctor, if his practice takes the providers coverage, can do so accordingly. If a student is treated by Snow physicians, the co-pay comes to only \$10. If students want to visit their family doctor, a whopping \$100 co-pay is required. If he or she visits an emergency room, that co-pay must be paid and only 80 percent of the bill is covered. Co-pay for prescriptions cost \$10 for generic drugs and \$20 for name-brand medicines. The Snow Pharmacy may even special order a prescription if the pharmacy does not have it in stock. These are all by a per-incident basis. With Oakland's plan, all out-patient care at Graham Health Center costs absolutely nothing when covered by the insurance provider. Yet these services are on a per-expense basis. Eligible expenses include doctor's visits, acne treatment, and allergy testing. The student using this policy for prescription drug coverage will incur a co-pay of \$10 for generic drugs and \$20 for name-brand medication.

For emergency room visits, the same rules apply as that of EMU's plan: 80 percent of the bill is covered and a \$100 co-pay is incurred. U-M's plan is seemingly lackluster in terms of coverage compared to the others on a basic level. Covered medical expenses, such as those provided by the other schools, are met with 80 percent covered and a \$2,500 out of pocket maximum limit, yet only when the student visits one of the policy providers specified preferred physicians. When a student does not visit one of those specified physicians for an office visit, a \$50 fee is incurred. Preferred doctor's visits cost \$15. Prescription drugs cost \$15 for generic drugs and \$30 for brand-name medications. Yet what U-M's plan offers that the others don't, include: Infant-care services, allergy care, physical therapy, chiropractors, nutritional counseling, maternity expenses, abortion, discounts at participating health clubs, special rates on alternative therapies, discounted health-related products such as vitamins and unlimited mental health visits to preferred providers.

WHERE DOES WASHTENAW STAND?

WCC's plan is administered by Student Assurance Services and is underwritten by Columbia Life. Like the other plans, Washtenaw's third-party insurance provider is a student accident and sickness plan. In terms of price, the SAS plan is cheapest overall: one student buying into the plan must pay a \$600 annual fee to enroll. Buying into a major medical plan, much like the standard services provided by EMU and U-M, would only

cost another \$250 per person. Adding a dependent is when the plan becomes pricy: each dependent costs \$1,300. That is of course only for students under 30 years old. Non-traditional students over the age of 30 have different costs. The annual fee is bumped up to \$995, and each dependent costs \$2,485.

In terms of prescription drug coverage, the cost is at a medium compared to other schools: prescriptions are covered on a per incident basis with a co-pay of \$15. All prescriptions are filled with a 30-day-supply. Injuries, as opposed to sickness, are covered with \$100 dollar deductible. Doctor's visits are covered 100 percent up to \$100 per visit and in-patient hospital visits, including room and board, are covered 100 percent up to \$1,000 per day. Anything exceeding these amounts is considered out of pocket expenses. Additional premiums apply when using the major medical benefit. Unlike other universities, WCC does not have an on-campus health center, and provides no in house care to its students. When asked why the college does not provide those services, Blakey said that being a community college, WCC does not have residential students nor do they charge a health-services fee, like that of U-M.

Certain red tape does apply, to which Blakey was unable to comment on since the school does not offer the service. But she did say she believed a couple things would have to be considered, like what kind of staff would need to be hired, what kind of space is required and what the cost would be to implement such a service. “U-M has a large building, and a clinic and they staff that,” she said. “But they also have a huge health system on their campus that they can draw the staff from. We're not really equipped to offer something like that with the cost involved and the space. “I can't say we've had students asking for that service, but the cost would be prohibitive.”

In the case of universities, she said, some parents require that their children are taken care of when put up in student housing. That would give the universities a liability issue that would force the school to offer such services. That said, EMU has entertained and welcomed the idea of community colleges like Washtenaw partnering with their health insurance provider as a way to offer services, according to Amanda Lefeld, director of business services for EMU. In response, Blakey said that is something that, to her knowledge, has not been presented to either the college or the board. For students without insurance, options are available. And for those like Kehrer, the liability and cost will be critical determining factors. Without insurance, some just try to adhere to a certain lifestyle. “When I'm driving now, I'm really careful,” Kehrer said. “And I haven't looked into any other plan because any other money I have to spend is already being used.”

WHO WINS?

All in all, students attending EMU have the best coverage and price when it comes to school-endorsed programs. In terms of the services offered on-site and the willingness to work with students to get insured, stay insured and continuation of services while they are students, EMU's health center is the most equipped overall. Additionally children and spouses are covered and encouraged to sign up as well.

IN BRIEF

CONSTITUTION DAY

Student Activities is holding its annual “Constitution Day” Friday, Sept. 15 in the Student Center cafeteria from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Test your knowledge of the of the Constitution and win prizes. Refreshments are provided. For more information, visit Student Activities, SC 112, or phone (734) 973-3500.

BELLANCA TO DINE WITH LUCKY DONOR

Elaine Wilson, a studio art instructor, has won an on-the-house dinner with new Washtenaw Community College President Rose Bellanca. Wilson won the honor when her name was selected among donors to the WCC Foundation, which funds scholarships, textbook vouchers and assistance with childcare to students, according to Krissa Rumsey, major gifts officer for the foundation. Rumsey and the college had a goal of achieving 30 percent participation rate from faculty and staff. To date, 31 percent of all employees have made a donation. For more information on the WCC Foundation or to make a contribution, visit SC 306 or online at <http://wccnet.edu/foundation>.

‘MOVING PLANET DAY’ SET TO HAPPEN

The Environmental Committee and Student Activities will host Washtenaw Community College Moving Planet Day on Sept. 22. Students, staff and faculty are challenged to leave their vehicles at home and either bus, bike or walk to campus. In an attempt to minimize fossil fuel usage for one day, students, staff and faculty who live 10 or more miles away from campus are encouraged to carpool or combine riders into work commutes. Student Activities will be conducting sign-ups in person in the following ways: -Student Activities Office (Student Center 112). -Welcome Day, Sept. 13 at the Student Activities table or Environmental Committee table. -Moving Planet pledge table in the SC food court area on Sept. 14-15 and Sept. 19-21 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. -Online at <http://tinyurl.com/wccmpd2011>. For those who pledge, email reminders will be sent out the day before on Sept. 21. For more information, visit Student Activities in SC 112.

CAMPUS EVENTS

SEPT. 13, WELCOME DAY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Welcome day is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Community Park between the Business Education and Gunder Myran buildings. There will information about trips, clubs and organizations as well as airbrush tattoos and food samples from local vendors.

The Board of Trustees meeting is at 4 p.m. in the Morris Lawrence building.

SEPT. 14, FIELD DAY

Field Day will be from noon-4 p.m. at the athletic fields. There will be food, giveaways and entertainment.

SEPT. 15, WELCOME WEEK OUTDOOR MIXER

The Welcome Week Outdoor Mixer will be from 7-10 p.m. in Community Park. There will be dancing, games and snacks.

SEPT. 21, MAKE IT TAKE IT ICE CREAM SUNDAES

From noon-2 p.m. in the Student Center cafeteria, there will be an ice cream bar. If the weather permits, it will be moved to outside the entrance of the Student Center.

SEPT. 23, MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP

From 8-10 p.m. at the Power Center for the Performing Arts there will be a dance lead by artistic director Mark Morris. Tickets are \$20 at the cashier's office on the second floor of the student center.

SEPT. 23-25, PELLSTON WEEKEND TRIP

Students can enjoy a long weekend filled swimming, hiking, fishing and a visit to Mackinac Island at the University of Michigan biological station in Pellston in the northern Lower Peninsula. Tickets are \$88, and students attending will meet on the first floor of the Student Center on 7:30 a.m. on Friday, and return at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

able at the testing center for \$75. Costin Dumitrache, 36, a physical therapy major from Bucharest, Romania sees computer literacy as an important part of his education, and had no problem with the test. “If you don't have basic computer skills, you're out of the picture,” Dumitrache said. “If you pay attention and are well rested, they are really not asking that much. Just go take the test.”

POINT OF VIEW



They all know how to use Facebook, but they don't know computers. If you don't know how to use it, you will struggle in the workplace.

MOHAMED NUH 24, Network Security

Working as a teaching assistant in CIS classes, Nuh has first-hand experience with students' misplaced know-how generated by tech-based trends, and predicts the crippling effect it may have on students' futures. “They all know how to use Facebook, but they don't know computers,” Nuh said. “If you don't how to use it, you will struggle in the workplace.” Recommending computer literacy training for new students, Nuh believes the program should be required across the board to ensure its success. “They should standardize it and have everyone learn this,” Nuh said.

Corrections and Clarifications

In the Aug. 29 issue of *The Washtenaw Voice*, the story “Financial Aid changes reduce some to tears” should have said a student enrolled

for a liberal arts degree may only attempt 90 credits, instead of *complete* 90 credits. Also, to clarify, Satisfactory Academic Progress has al-

ways been measured at WCC and was not a new part of the financial aid process. To report errors, phone (734) 677-5405.

EDITORIAL

Memo to the president: Students are tapped out

The new president at Washtenaw Community College has been very clear about what her focus will be as she begins her new job: Students.

Dr. Rose Bellanca has used the phrase “student success” to describe her goals for WCC at almost any chance she gets.

So if students truly are the focus, Bellanca and her administrators must begin working with the college’s board of trustees to keep the cost of our education down. Students have many advantages at WCC that many community colleges cannot offer. However, just because we are privileged to have great facilities doesn’t mean we should bear the brunt of the cost of building them.

WCC has seen record enrollment over the last few years and a surplus in the budget. Now that enrollment and the surplus have taken a dip, students are the first resource WCC has tapped into, when really they should be the last.

Last spring, it was forecast that tuition will continue to rise for the next three years. Among the reasons for this rise were decreased tax revenue, increased cost of education and a lack of state aid. These reasons are certainly valid; no one is arguing that. But why do our costs have to increase while the school continues to spend money and hand out raises to employees? And even though some of us at *The Voice* were fortunate enough to receive those raises, it still bothers us that they were awarded at least in part at the expense of our fellow students.

On top of tuition increases, textbooks continue to cost more now than they did the year before, and gas prices aren’t coming down anytime soon. Add on supplies and contact hour fees and the cost of education isn’t affordable to many students, which could be one of the reasons why enrollment is down nearly 10 percent this Fall.

But for those of us who can afford to make it to class, we’ll at least have a place to park! Of course, if enrollment continues to fall we’ll have an \$11 million parking structure with no cars in it.

We understand that maintaining WCC’s elite status among community colleges isn’t cheap, and bills have to get paid. But in these economic times when very few are thriving, WCC cannot continue to ask students whose income usually falls in the lowest demographics to foot the bill.

Bellanca wants students to be successful; there is no doubt about that. But in order to be successful, students need to be able to pay their own bills, not WCC’s.

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Ren Fest looks back while sci-fi looks forward



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Fantasy and Renaissance geeks are absolutely beyondmycomprehension.

Don’t get me wrong; we can learn a lot from the Renaissance. Like how not to use capital punishment on our incarcerated citizens, how not to treat our women like dirt and the importance of staying sober in public.

What constantly amazes me and other science fiction nerds is how a festival that glorifies such social morass

draws so many people in each year.

Maybe it’s because I grew up on a healthy diet of “Star Trek” and “Lost in Space” and didn’t have time to read enough Shakespeare – I haven’t to this day – to fully dumb myself down with overtly sexist vulgarities.

That proud leather vest they sell, the one that symbolizes the knightly spirit, is often placed next to the female equivalent; a corset and a skirt that might as well be a pair of underwear. You don’t need to be a Rhodes Scholar to get my drift, and apparently no one outside the philosophers and

mathematicians that made the Renaissance what it was were either.

I can take the hits. “What of your beloved ‘Star Trek’, their sexy uniforms and Captain James T. Kirk’s blatant horny nature?” you ask.

Point taken, now on to points served. You see, while “Star Trek” had its fair share of beautiful, buxom and endlessly leggy blondes, “Trek” showed off what society could be. It’s the type of utopianism most social progressives look forward to.

And all of those women who decided to sleep with the good Captain were first offi-

cers aboard an intergalactic vessel for peace. If they wanted to do it up, it was clearly their decision, and they didn’t lose their jobs when they smacked Kirk in the face.

Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy a beautiful woman as much as the next guy, but what I don’t enjoy is when my fiancé is harassed by the pickle vendor on an almost yearly basis.

Do I want to punch the pickle guy and go medieval on him? For sure.

But I never do, because I have dignity. Of course I do; I’m a “Star Trek” fan.

With Facebook, who needs high school reunions?



NATHAN CLARK
Contributor

High school is a time burned into everyone’s memory. Some students have

memories of good times being with friends, having fun and enjoying what little time remained of their childhood, while others have the bad memories of being picked on and pushed around for being different.

Good or bad, there was often one thing students had on their minds near the end of their senior year: The reunion.

Someone decided a long time ago that a decade after graduating is the perfect

time to get back together with classmates and play a game of “my life is better than yours.”

But as time rolls on, society changes and traditions are forgotten or abandoned.

With this in mind, I ask: “Do we even need high school reunions anymore now that we have Facebook?”

The point of a reunion is to reestablish contact with long-lost friends and to laugh at your enemy’s downfall shortly after they entered the real world. With the power of Facebook, you never really lose contact with your friends, and your enemies are merely a friend request away.

It has gotten to a point now that nearly everyone who has

graduated in the past 20 years has a Facebook profile.

If I want to see what my old high school crush is up to, I can find out on Facebook instead of waiting for a reunion or becoming a stalker.

Instead of mingling with a bunch of old classmates you barely remember in a moldy gymnasium, you can organize your own get together with the classmates you know and love at any location desired.

Maybe some people don’t have a Facebook profile and never plan on getting one. That is completely understandable. There are times I wish I could drop off the grid, but I can’t.

If I needed any more proof

that the high school reunion is fading away, invitations for my reunion were sent out through Facebook, and the response was tepid.

Weeks before the reunion, all I heard from my friends on Facebook was “I’ll go if you go.” And all I could say back was, “why go when I’m talking to all my friends around the world right now?”

Maybe I’m saying all this in vain. Maybe reunions will continue forever and Facebook is just another fad that will dissolve in time.

But at least on Facebook, if I poke someone, I don’t get sent to the principal’s office.

Pedaling our way past parking problems



JOSH CHAMBERLAIN
Staff Writer

The same parking problem faces us again, but this time

the students of Washtenaw Community College are fight-



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Costin Dumitrache bikes six miles to get to school.

ing back.

It’s immensely gratifying to see a rack full of bikes in front of the Student Center and Gunder Myran buildings.

In contrast to last year’s empty rows of locking hoops, the rows now, are packed, and cyclists are sharing the space. Throughout the day different bikes come and go, which means that there is a huge amount of people who regularly save money on gas, time on parking, and calories with the workout.

Many students also arrive daily on the shuttle system that links WCC’s front drop-off area to the Rynearson parking lot less than two miles away.

Each bike that occupies a space on campus reduces the load on our parking lots and the environment by one car per day.



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Bikes parked in front of the Gunder Myran building.

Several students commute via the public bus system each day, out of necessity or convenience. In the cold months of the Winter semester when many students will forgo bicycling to school, it is a reliable way to cut down on parking

and walking times.

Hopefully, there will always be dozens of bikes parked around campus all year, even through the fast-approaching snowy season, to fight the transportation and parking issues our campus is facing.



Bikes parked in front of the Student Center.

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VOICE BOX

QUESTION: What would you like to tell Washington about the job situation?

INTERVIEWS BY ALLIE TOMASON
PHOTOS BY JARED ANGLE AND ALLIE TOMASON



“Quit attacking each other and try to focus on why we have lost jobs in the first place. Stop buying outsourced goods. At this rate, the only sector that is growing is the healthcare sector, and eventually we might have to outsource that as well.” - **TRISTAN LEIGHTON**, 24, Ann Arbor, Hospitality Management



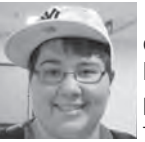
“I haven’t really thought about it much. I am not an expert in any field relating to it, to be able to offer any advice to correct the problem.” - **SAM KAUFMAN**, 25, Northville, Network Security



“It sucks. Would you like me to elaborate on that? I have been unemployed for over five years. It used to be that you could get by on your experience. Now you need to have a bachelor’s degree, and then a master’s, and still be working while you are trying to find a job, before they will hire you. It’s like a catch-22.” **REMO WILLIAMS**, 59, Ann Arbor, engineering transfer



“Obviously it’s not good. I’m on my third career change in hopes to find something where I can make money.” - **KARI CRONIN**, 36, Ann Arbor, Internet Professional



“I think it’s ridiculous that they keep laying off people, and then they expect us, the younger generation, to want to do something. Every job now is a minimum-wage job. It’s not really equal opportunity unless you have a bachelor’s or a master’s (degree).” - **BRITTANY RIVERA**, 19, Ypsilanti, undecided



“Oh, what jobs? There’s not a lot of jobs to go around. There aren’t any jobs for us teenagers except fast-food, and I don’t want that. Not a lot of good jobs for college students who need it right now.” - **KENESHA NELSON**, 19, Ann Arbor, nursing



“I don’t even want to go there. That’s touchy for me. I’m a business owner and there is no work in Michigan right now.” - **CHAD TIMM**, 42, Irish Hills, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management



“They need to find more jobs and stop procrastinating. And help our auto industry where our jobs used to be, and stop wasting money on the war and bring our troops home.” - **ERICA GOBLE**, 22, Ypsilanti, Radiology

Latest court ruling does not affect local pot shop

3rd Coast Compassion Center in Ypsi still thrives – legally

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Staff Writer

Undeterred by police raiding and the voluntary closings of several medical marijuana-providing compassion centers across Michigan, many centers remain confident that their practices are protected by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

Jamie Lowell, co-owner of 3rd Coast Compassion Center in Ypsilanti, isn't discouraged by the raids. Despite 3rd Coast remaining open, Lowell perceives the importance of awareness for the case as a possible future affront to the rights of his clients.

"It is something we need to be aware of because it is people against us," Lowell said. "They may use the ruling as a basis to cause problems."

His primary concern for patients in need, Lowell sees the ruling as representative of political pressure mounted against state-provided rights for registered individuals to acquire and transfer cannabis for medically prescribed purposes.

"3rd Coast Compassion Center is a space provided for licensed medical marijuana patients and care-givers to use to act within the law," Lowell said.

Maintaining that 3rd Coast's practices are within patient rights, Lowell challenges the constitutional morality of the verdict and the actions of law enforcement.

"Through intimidation, they were able to cause centers to close," Lowell said. "This is a civil rights issue."

Hopeful that compassion centers like his will continue to provide for patients despite inappropriate and hostile pressure from law-enforcement,

"The raids that have actually happened involved non-medical-related charges, They had nothing to do with medical marijuana."

—Aaron Bedell

that any legal problems for 3rd Coast can be solved in court, if necessary, rather than a police SUV.

"If someone wants to challenge us, let's do it civilly," Lowell said.

Continuing as a non-profit organization and avoiding accusations of illegal business practices as it has since opening, 3rd Coast is appreciative of the forward thinkers in his hometown for their continued backing.

"We're so fortunate to be in such a progressive town," Lowell said. "The constituents here usually support us like 80 percent."

To continue to operate within the law, many dispensaries have adapted closed membership policies and are dedicated to strictly medical intentions.

"We're not illegal," said Aaron Bedell, chief executive officer of The Health Club in Owosso. "We're a legitimate, private club aimed at helping patients get the meds they need."

Convinced that raids in Mt. Pleasant and Chesterfield Township were the result of ongoing investigations into the business practices of centers in those areas, Bedell believes them to be unrelated to the legal provisions of the Michigan



Co-owner Darrell Stavros displays some of the strains available at 3rd Coast Compassion Center.

Medical Marihuana Act.

"The raids that have actually happened involved non-medical-related charges," Bedell said. "They had nothing to do with medical marijuana."

Citing a coincidence in the correlation between the court's ruling and the raids, Bedell fears that marijuana's past reputation may be responsible for the current opposition.

"The stigma is still in their minds," Bedell said. "They're trying to portray medical marijuana as a public nuisance."

Meanwhile, the Ypsilanti Police Department also has yet to feel any pressure resulting from the ruling. Still waiting for instructions from the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office, the police department has not taken any actions in regards to medical marijuana.

"Right now we're waiting in limbo to see how they will

advise us," a sergeant who refused to be named said. "We haven't done anything."

Despite the inactivity of the police in some jurisdictions, Bedell felt compelled to motivate the owners of closed compassion centers to re-exercise their rights.

"I want to urge all the clubs that have closed to open up again," Bedell said. "We need to stand up collectively as a community."



JARED ANGLE WASHTENAW VOICE

The Occupational Education building has a new look, with new color schemes for each hallway and transparent graphics on the building's interior lighting.

The 'green' czar

Former Building Services manager gets new title, cuts waste, recruits 'Recyclemaniacs'

BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

When students are in a rush to get to their next class, throwing a bottle or can in the proper receptacle may be the last thing on their minds.

But for Barry Wilkins, the newly coined Recycling Operations Manager for Washtenaw Community College, putting waste in its place is in the forefront of his consciousness.

As of the beginning of this academic year, Wilkins has put down his old job as Building Services manager for a greener path, adding new focus to the already successful waste management programs at WCC.

"This is nothing new to our organization," Wilkins said. "We've been recycling for a number of years now, but we are trying to put more emphasis on the area. Hopefully we can increase our numbers in terms of amount recycled and not the amount of wasted created."

That waste, he said, can be taken down by increasing the

types of things recycled, like cardboard, hard and paper-back book covers, Styrofoam and batteries. Even through new measures such as composting and collecting food materials to create "vegimatter," the school can continue its obligation to the President's Climate Commitment, which was spearheaded by former college President Larry Whitworth.

"We're hoping we can generate a little bit more excitement about recycling on campus," Wilkins said. "The students and staff already do a good job at it, but we're going to put a list out there of all the different things we can recycle. Maybe get some student organizations involved in the process."

And with WCC placing well in the international "Recyclemania" competition, that hype is already being built.

"We placed 5th in the nation against about 182 different colleges and universities," he said. "For the past couple years we have held that place in the Waste Minimization category."

Aside from promoting environmental stewardship, Wilkins explained that WCC can benefit from a boost in recycling programs with another kind of green – added revenue.

WCC sends out its recycling to two different organizations, Wilkins said, the third party NPR Recycling and Recycle Ann Arbor. The amount varies per type of material, but as far as paper goes Wilkins can collect anywhere from \$800-\$1,000 in gains from just going green.

Yet even with dollar signs supplementing his vision, Wilkins knows that his goals for reusing more materials can only go as far as the current leadership will allow.

"I've got a lot of different things churning around in my head, some new ideas," he said. "I've got to make sure that the things I'm considering will be considered by our leadership."

"Without support it's hard, but our leadership here has a commitment to recycling. I'm sure we are going to see that commitment continued."

Remembering 9/11 through action

BOB CONRAD
Staff Writer

Out of tragedy some good may come. Ten years ago many Americans were galvanized to a new sense of civic responsibility in the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center.

A 9/11 tribute movement was started in 2002 by two men from New York to keep the spirit of community service alive. Those desiring to honor 9/11 victims, first-responders, clean-up crews and soldiers can log on to the tribute site, 911day.org, and complete the sentence, "I will..."

I will... help at a homeless shelter, collect food for the needy, tutor a child, help with elder care, clean up neighborhood parks, assist disabled veterans, join Americorps... Any act of community service honors the lives of our American heroes, according to the movement.

As a part of the bipartisan Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009, Sept. 11 was established as a National Day of Service and Remembrance. This 10th anniversary of the tragedy is a good time for Americans to recommit themselves to making a difference in their community.

Individually, one person's contribution may be small. Collectively, mountains can be moved.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world," said Margaret Mead, "Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."



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U-M marine ROTC student in formation.

Volunteer 'breaks down' for local charity

BOB CONRAD
Staff Writer

One day, as Denise Leonard brought a contribution to SOS Community Services in her hometown of Ypsilanti, she became concerned about an unsightly pile of cardboard boxes she saw outside. "So I thought, well, I'll come and break down boxes, but they kept saying, 'you know there is a training that's starting,'" she said.

"I thought I had to have training to break down boxes. I don't know. I thought it was a little strange, but it worked out."

Her training was an intensive 21-hour series of classes making real the problems of the needy and demonstrating how to help. Instead of breaking down boxes, Leonard, 58, became a counselor and all around helper at the charity.

Leonard had had an early retirement.

"I was trying to find a purpose, she laughed, "I needed to be needed."

Volunteer Coordinator

Cheryl Majeske from Livonia enjoys having Leonard around.

"She is amazing, one of our best volunteers," Majeske has a paid staff position, recruiting volunteers for the many-faceted mission of SOS.

SOS began at Eastern Michigan University as a 24-hour crisis hotline for troubled students. The letters stood for "Students Offering Support." SOS eventually morphed into a community-wide charity serving all of Washtenaw County.

The goal of SOS, broadly, is to address the problem of homelessness. This not only means assisting those who have lost their homes, but also helping people avoid loss of homes by meeting their other needs, like food and child care. Counselors interview aid applicants to assess any deeper needs that may underlie the one for which they came in.

SOS has more than 400 volunteers a year, but this number includes many who help on only one occasion.

"We can never have enough volunteers," Majeske said

For Leonard, volunteering at SOS has been life-changing.

"You know they say that you get more out of volunteering than you give," Leonard said. "You really do!"

People are needed for crisis counseling, tutoring, food distribution, daycare, driving and many other services. SOS works out of several locations including its administrative headquarters at 101 S. Huron St. and the Housing Crisis Center at 114 North River St., both in Ypsilanti. The Time for Tots day care center is at 1819 S. Wagner Road in Ann Arbor.

Meanwhile, SOS may still need someone to break down boxes.

For more information about SOS Community Services, visit soscs.org

To see a brief video about the food assistance program at SOS visit youtube.com/watch?v=pTTHg8EUaf4

To contact Cheryl Majeske about volunteer opportunities, visit volunteer@soscs.org or call (734) 961-1210.



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Dawn Luecke, 50, of Ann Arbor, sorts fresh produce for packaging and distribution at the SOS food pantry.

OBAMA FROM A1

his union base. In a turn to bolster that support, the president, who has been known for his unwavering pragmatism, issued a clear ultimatum to those who openly oppose him.

“I’m going to propose ways to put America back to work that both parties can agree to, because I still believe both parties can work together to solve our problem,” Obama said. “But we’re not going to wait for them. We’re going to see if Congressional Republicans will put country before party.

“We’ll give them a plan, and then we’ll say, ‘do you want to create jobs?’ Show us what you got.”

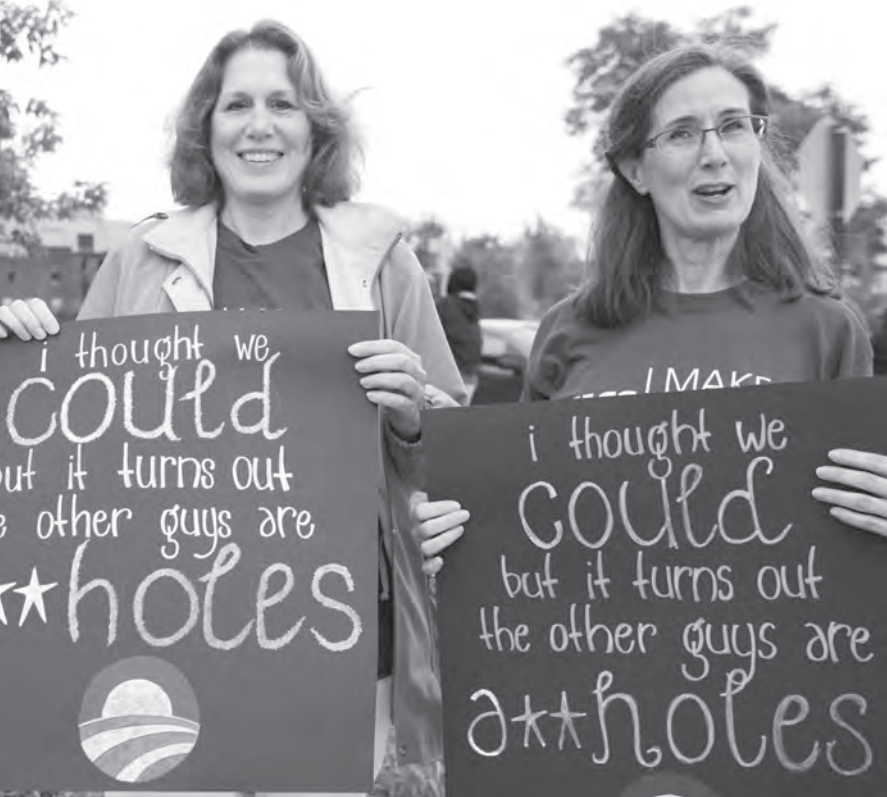
Yet for Roehrig, the president needs to stop reaching – and start pushing back.

“He tried to be gentle and he got his fingers chewed off,” Roehrig said.

Obama’s new plan may be a tough sell, and he may face a much tougher election than last time, but with campaigning aside, his main goal should be getting America back to work, Roehrig explained.

With union support, the president has one more group standing close behind him.

“We’re all in this together,” Roehrig said. “If they (Republicans) win, we lose.”



Two women hold signs voicing their opinion.

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During his speech, President Obama calls for bipartisan co-operation for his jobs plan.

Dingell joins President Obama in honoring unions

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Managing Editor

U.S. Rep. John Dingell challenged his colleagues in Washington to act quickly to avert “our nation’s jobs crisis.”

“Today on Labor Day, we welcome the President to Detroit – the home of the American labor movement,” Dingell, a Democrat from Dearborn, said. “We can never forget the hurdles our parents and grandparents had to overcome for fair treatment in the workplace.”

Labor Day should not deviate from its long-standing goal of celebrating union workers and their families across America, Dingell said, emphasizing the Democratic Party’s stance on holding strong against opposition by House Republicans.

“Who (House Republicans) want to dismantle the progress made in this country over the past 70 years, destroying the middle class in the process.

“Things look pretty grim right now. Our nation’s jobs crisis is a national emergency. I call on my colleagues in Congress to join me and to enact several measures that would create jobs now and strengthen the economy.”



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Thousands of union supporters march down Woodward Avenue toward the Detroit Riverfront before Obama’s speech on Labor Day.

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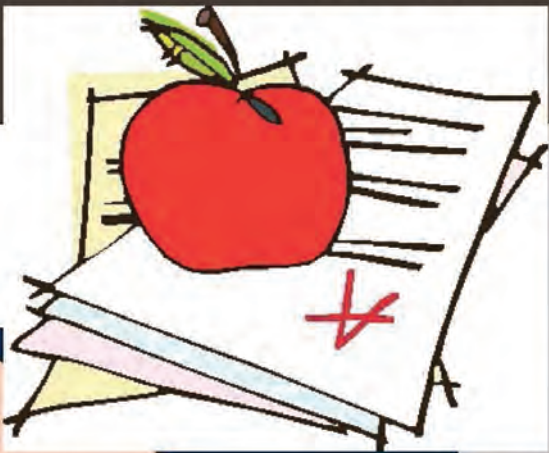
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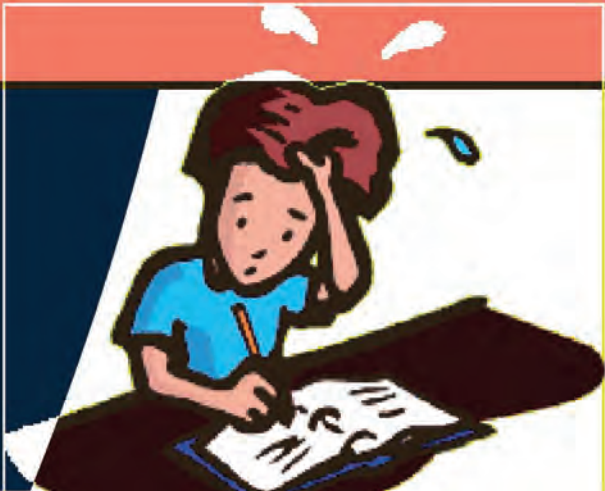
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Unseen by the audience, Ryan Hughes controls one of the puppets from above the stage.



Naia Venturi makes her puppets (below) by hand with paper mache and polyurethane.



Two puppets hang from their wires, waiting for their turn on the stage.



Two puppets created by Venturi.



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All the world's a stage at Ypsi's Dreamland Theater

ADRIAN HEDDEN
Staff Writer

Providing a local sanctuary for artistic expression, the Dreamland Theater of Ypsilanti offers office artists an open stage on which to deliver their designs. Open to public involvement for almost a decade, the Dreamland Theater's diversity of performances and showings gives residents a chance to enjoy and be a part of Ypsilanti's in-

dependent art and music scene. "The Dreamland cultivates as much artistic expression as any artist needs," said Nick Johnson, a volunteer organizer and promoter of events for the Dreamland Theater. Since opening in Ypsilanti's Depot Town in 2002, the Dreamland Theater has been an ongoing artistic experiment created by Naia Venturi, an Ypsilanti resident. At first renting in Depot Town and struggling, Venturi

soon had to make the move to Washington Street in downtown Ypsilanti and commit to the cause even further. "I had to make a decision," Venturi said. "I had to stop renting and give up or spend my entire life savings on a new building." After purchasing the building, Venturi has continued to allow locals to join in. Hoping to create a free, expression-driven environment where artists can create and organize their own events, Venturi has witnessed a

vast array of artistic endeavors take the stage at the Dreamland Theater. "It's really about letting people experiment with their self-expression however they want," said Venturi of the immense assortment of creations that have adorned her theater in the past. One of the Dreamland Theater's longest-running stage shows, the Dreamland Puppet Show, has always

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Shooting Turkey Photo students view millenia through the camera lens



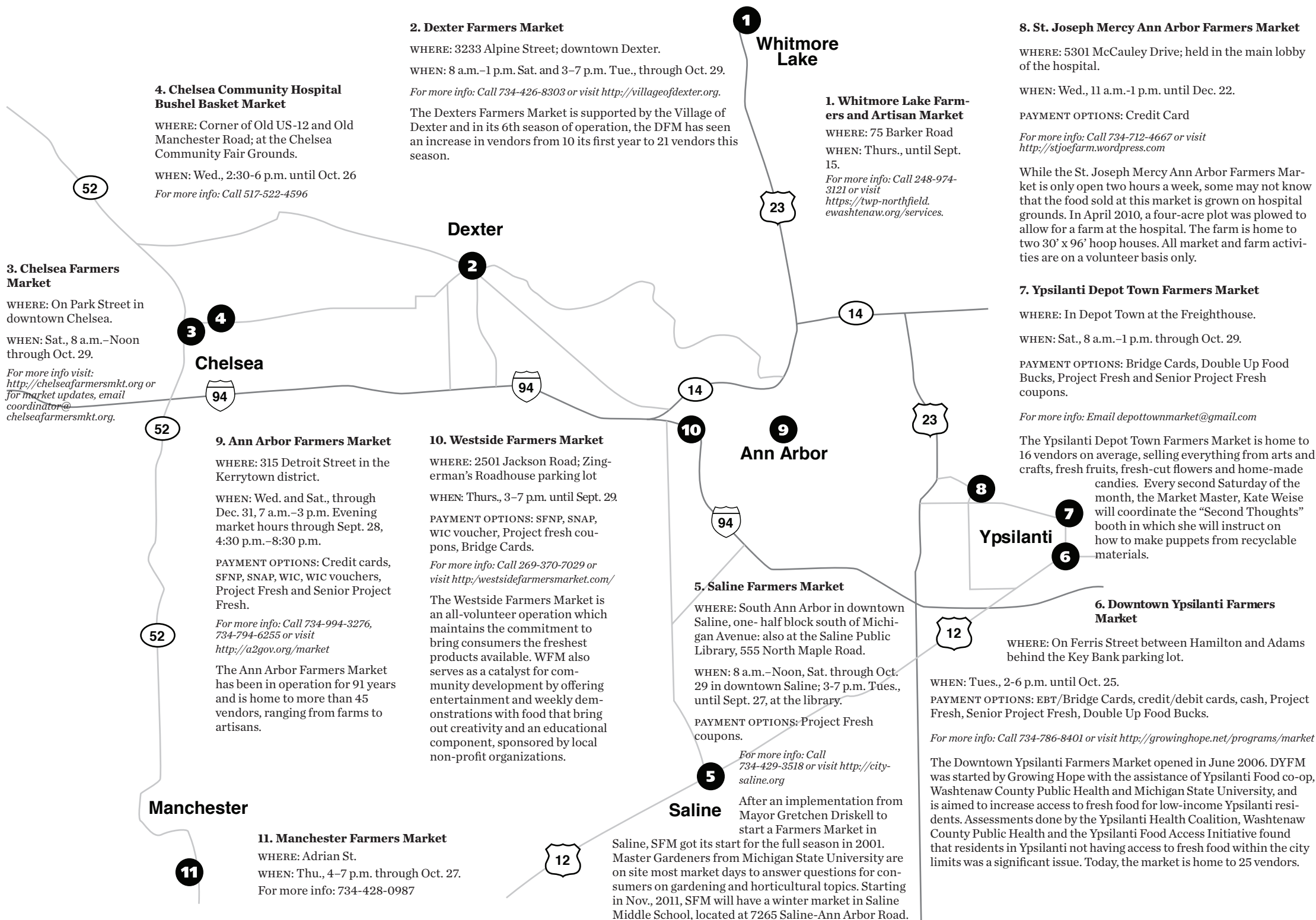
Three men inflate a hot-air balloon in the picturesque region of Cappadocia in Turkey, where WCC photography students visited last Spring.



This large rock in the Goreme Valley is part of a larger network of underground homes that hundreds of years ago housed up to 20,000 people at a time.

For more photos and information about photography students' trip to Turkey, see page B3

Washtenaw County Market Guide



Fresh, fun, local bazaar

Washtenaw County's 11 farmers markets see increase in vendors and patrons

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

For Sally Wendrow, shopping at the local farm has been a tradition of hers since she was a little girl.

“Every Saturday morning, my parents would make us wake early to take a trip to pick our own fruit and vegetables,” said Wendrow, 36, of Dexter “I never thought it would become such an important part of my life.”

Farmers markets are an invaluable resource to purchase the freshest fruits and vegetables straight from the person who grew them. Patrons can converse with the farmers about how their food was grown, talk with the baker about how they bake their items or ask the local butcher about how they raise their cattle.

Add neighbors, an open, friendly atmosphere and it’s

easy to understand why Andrea Mills makes the farmers market in Dexter part of every Saturday morning throughout the season.

“It’s important for me to know where my food comes from, and I love that I can ask questions about the farms’ food integrity,” Mills, of Dexter, said. “More importantly, I’m supporting my local farms so they can stay open and continue to provide me with fresh fruits and vegetables year-round.”

For Brenda Tuscano, of Dexter, going the extra mile to become a Certified Market Manager is essential to the growth of the Dexter Farmers Market. Tuscano was part of the first certification program from the Michigan Farmers Market Association in which 36 market managers were certified in April.

Since the opening of the Dexter Farmers Market, Tus-



JARED ANGLE THE WASHTENAW VOICE
Cherry tomatoes for sale at the Chelsea Farmers Market.

cano has seen an increase in double the size from 10 to 21 vendors. She believes that the vendors are what keep the market profitable.

“We have vendors who have been here since the beginning, and that’s what makes the market busy,” she said. “If the vendors stay, the customers will come back ev-

ery week.”

For Mills, the price can’t be beat either.

“I’m getting the highest quality food at the best prices,” Mills said. “Ever tried a tomato picked the same morning it was picked? Enough said. The taste is just better than your local warehouse grocery store that ships their food in



JARED ANGLE THE WASHTENAW VOICE
Peaches and apples for sale at the Dexter Farmers Market.

from Peru or some unheard-of country.”

Some markets are now accepting Bridge Cards, Project Fresh, and Senior Project Fresh coupons.

New this year, some markets are also participating in the Double Up Food Bucks project with Project Fresh. This program is designed for

patrons with Bridge Cards. Each time the Bridge Card is used for fruits and vegetables at the market, the amount spent is matched up to \$20 to be used toward more fruits and vegetables.

For more information on farmers markets and specific vendors, visit <http://mifma.org/home/>

Local co-ops offer alternatives to processed foods and high prices

JAEL GARDINER
Staff Writer

Linnea Perlman has spent 37 years as a regular shopper at People’s Food Co-op in Ann Arbor for two reasons.

“I’ve been shopping here since 1974. I save some money by shopping here often and I don’t waste food,” said Perlman, 60, of Ann Arbor. “I like to shop here to support local business.”

The People’s Food Co-op in Ann Arbor and the Ypsilanti Food Co-op are small, member-owned stores that offer big choices when it comes to natural foods, such as organic produce. And they offer some unique foods and options to save money.

The Ann Arbor co-op started 40 years ago as a graduate student project at the University of Michigan under professor Al Conner, who remains a member of the co-op today. Now it’s open to the public and bustling with people. It’s located on Fourth Avenue near Kerrytown, and it is open from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m.-10 p.m. on Sundays.

The People’s Food Co-op offers a lot of different organic foods and fair trade items. It also sells a variety of different dry and liquid foods in bulk. It offers plenty of medicinal herbs, supplements, homeopathic products and healing salves. There is a food bar that serves

options like Pad Thai and vegetarian mac and cheese. There is a menu online at <http://peoplesfood.coop/> that lists what foods are offered each day of the month.

“Members can save money with sales and by buying bulk. When there is money left over at the end of the year, we don’t make a profit, it is sent back to the members,” said Claire Fields, 21, a produce stocker from Ann Arbor. “Members feel like they have some ownership in the store and they get to make decisions about what happens here.”

The Ypsilanti Food Co-op offers Guernsey milk and ice cream. There are organic varieties of produce, and there are a variety of bulk food options. Different varieties of wine are available, and there are also many types of coffee and tea. There are books, medicinal options and plenty of chips and crackers. Memberships cost \$200, but many members pay that in installments of \$20 per month.

Owned by members since 1975, it’s located on North River Street in Ypsilanti. It, too, is open to the public.

“Members receive discounts on items. Customers can also save money by buying in bulk and getting deals on special orders,” said Shawn Gancarz, 22, a co-op employee from Ypsilanti.

For more information, call 734-483-1520.

Ann Arborites quick to embrace Mark’s Carts

ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

Mark’s Carts is where people tend to gather on an empty stomach. It’s also a great place for entrepreneurs hungry to learn more about the restaurant business.

“It’s a wonderful place for people who may be interested in a food startup,” said, Dorothy Nordness, of Saline. “It’s a great place to nurture people.”

Nordness has been a frequent visitor to Mark’s Carts since it opened on May 9 in Ann Arbor on South Ashley Street.

The courtyard is the brainchild of Mark Hodesh, owner of the nearby Downtown Home and Garden.

Hodesh’s idea came when trying to figure out what to do with his vacant land behind his business. He also owned a building at the end of the block that had a kitchen from when the building was formerly rented by an architect.

“I had these unused assets that needed to have something done with,” Hodesh said.

After a visit with his daughter in New York, Hodesh saw a pizza oven on wheels and a vendor roasting Mexican corn.

“I didn’t think about it at the time, but all of a sudden it flowed

together in a way to have carts, have one kitchen for them and for them to be associated with the kitchen,” Hodesh said, adding that the county health department officials were helpful in getting this business started. “It gave us good use of the space.”

Mark’s Carts is home to six different carts offering a wide variety of food:

The Lunch Room which serves vegan entrees, sides and desserts
San Street, featuring Asian street food, pork, mushroom and tofu buns

Debajo del Sol, specializing in Spanish paella and tapas

Darcy’s Cart, serving breakfast burritos and other eclectic and local items

Humble Hogs, home of hoagies, braise in a bun and other savory and sweet offerings

Hut K Chaat, with vegetarian Indian street food.

In the initial preparation of Mark’s Carts, 45 applicants applied for space. Some had duplicate menus, some had experience, but Hodesh didn’t think their plans were right. Others had no experience, but had great plans, he said.

All carts pay \$7,500 for the season, March–November. That includes a place to park their

carts and access to the kitchen and utilities.

And some carts have already made a return on their initial investment.

“If you’re willing to work long hours, it will pay the bills. And it is,” said Phillis Engelbert, co-owner of The Lunch Room, which she started with her business partner, Joel Panozzo.

“We kind of had a following of people who liked our vegan food,” Engelbert said. “Then there was an article in the paper that Mark (Hodesh) was going to start this so we applied.”

Andrea Tanner, of Saline, thinks the idea of the food carts is a great idea.

“I like that that cart,” she said pointing to Darcy’s Cart, “lists where their ingredients come from, which I think is really nice because then I know where my food is coming from.”

Some cart owners have dreams of owning their own restaurants or catering services one day.

Mark’s Carts is open from 8 a.m.–10 p.m. seven days a week, but each cart makes its own hours. Every Friday, there is live music from 7–9 p.m. in the courtyard.

For more information, visit <http://markscart-sannarbor.com>.

Picturesque country allows WCC students to shine *from B1*



This sculpture is near the Roman theater in Myra, Turkey.

JAEL GARDINER
Staff Writer

Mike Quigley looked through his camera lens and saw thousands of years of history sunken into the water of the Mediterranean Sea and visible in patches along the shore. “At the Greek and Roman ruins there were thousands of years of history. Photographically, there was so much art,” said Quigley, 61, a retired Great Lakes scientist who joined other Washtenaw Community College students on a photography tour in May. “You’d know where you were because

there would be either Greek or Latin writing.” The Digital Photography Abroad class went to Turkey from May 19-31. The class took beautiful pictures that are on display in the gallery on the first floor of the Student Center. The students enjoyed interesting food, a hot-air balloon ride and even saw a pro-Palestinian march. “My intention in this trip was to bring together people from an American culture with people from a Muslim culture,” said Terry Abrams, the instructor who took the students to Turkey. “Turkey borders Iraq,

Iran and Syria, and to be able to take students there in a safe way meets my goal.” Students said they noticed that people in Turkey were especially friendly and welcoming. They were very good about allowing students to photograph them. They also spent time in a hotel near the Adriatic Sea with tourists from Russia and Romania. The students enjoyed watching them to see how people from those countries spent their time on vacation. “During the pro-Palestinian demonstration, it was just overwhelming with the num-

ber of people and the flags. It was very peaceful, and it was interesting to see a rally in another country,” said Abrams. They had a wealth of unforgettable experiences, such as meeting the whirling dervishes. This is a Muslim group that does spinning as part of their religious meditation. “I got a great picture because I was sitting right in the front row,” Quigley said. “They wear fur hats and pay homage to a fur hat in the middle of the stage. I got a great shot of this.” Of the trip for Dietmar Haenchen, 70, of Ann Arbor he loved the rock formations and



Camel Rock is located in the Cappadocia region of Eastern Turkey.

how unique the underground city here was. Historically, these people would use large rocks to roll over rooms to keep themselves protected from invaders. “The underground city is something totally unbelievable. It’s something different that I’ve never seen before,” said Haenchen. He also loved seeing the uniqueness of photographs that other students on the trip had taken. Despite having all gone on the same trip, he said the pictures are all a little bit different. “It’s interesting that on

these photography trips people get photos of things I didn’t even see. The artistic style is different,” said Haenchen. Other people on the trip felt this trip changed the way that they feel about their lives. Aaron Kline even saw a group of small children protesting in a small village. He was surprised by how outspoken people were in Turkey. “Before I left, I was frustrated with my part-time job, but going to Turkey made me appreciate what I have here,” said Kline, 33, a student lab assistant who accompanied the trip.



WCC Photography students met with renowned Turkish photographer Arif Asci, 53, from Istanbul.



Turkish youths take part in a political demonstration in Istanbul

Locals to ‘step up’ for charity

ANNE DUFFY
Staff Writer

For people who want to donate to a charity they feel strongly about, there is a different kind of charity walk happening these days, one that brings multiple charities together and allows participants to decide where the money goes. Healthy Edge, United Way of Washtenaw County and Be Happier Today are sponsoring a What About You Walk at Gallup Park on Sept. 24 starting at 9 a.m., with family activities continuing into the afternoon. The event will benefit charities of all types and help children, adults in need, families, veterans and the environment. “Every year has been so incredibly different, and it’s building every year. I love how this is coming together,” said Christine Clipper, 42, of Taylor, president of Healthy Edge and the event’s primary organizer. Clipper is also a healthcare facility consultant and wellness coach. She created the walk so people could have an opportunity to live their best life now. Participants can choose to walk, or run, five-kilometer or one-mile trails in the park. There will be a free lunch offered by Damon’s Grill of Ann Arbor, live music by Ken Kozora of Solar Soundscapes, charity presentations

and various activities at the booths, including prize giveaways and an array of health and wellness fair vendors. “It’s a nice walk with good trails,” said Andrea Sullivan, 42, of Saline. She is walking again this year to raise money for the Salvation Army Festive Affair, a live and silent auction held in October that benefits the Ken and Marianna Staples Family Center, helping homeless families get back on their feet. “It was a very well-run event. They took care of the walkers (last year), and we got T-shirts.” “I’m really looking forward to this year. It was good last year and was really fun,” said Jerry Nordblom, 65, of Whitmore Lake. He is the president of Therapaws of Michigan, a canine-assisted therapy



A group of walkers participating in the What About You Walk on September 25, 2010.

program that is dedicated to promoting and fostering the human-animal bond in a therapeutic or educational setting for those in need. Nordblom has three therapy dogs that will be attending the walk. A new charity on the scene this year is the Fragile X Association of Michigan, an organization devoted to assisting families of those afflicted with Fragile X, the No. 1 inherited cause of mental impairment and, according to the association, the most common cause of inherited autism. “I was really gung-ho to raise money for Food Gatherers and recruited a team of walkers from Thompson-Reuters,” said Katy Derezniski, 69, retired, of Ann Arbor, who walked last year. “It was fun being part of and I really enjoyed it. It’s a nice low-key way to exercise as much or as little as you want, and you might as well walk in a beautiful park to raise money.” Individuals, families and teams can walk, run or volunteer to set up the event. To register, or to learn more, visit: <http://whataboutyouwalk.com> or email info@whataboutyouwalk.com. You can also call (734) 751-7618 for more information.

DREAMLAND FROM B1

been a favorite of Venturi’s. “I’ve been a puppeteer most of my life,” Venturi said. After crafting them by hand in the basement of the theater out of paper mache and polyurethane, Venturi brings her puppets to life every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. on the theater’s main performance stage. Joined by three to five fellow puppeteers, Venturi hopes to use her puppets to entertain the children of Ypsilanti and inspire a deeper analysis of the world around them. “Most of performances are satirical,” Venturi said. “They are often critical of consumerism and modern society, and so some people, and very rarely, have been offended.” With locally written scripts and an open cast of actors and puppeteers, the Dreamland Puppet Show is a

continuous and often educational group effort. One of Dreamland’s newest puppeteers, Jesse Arehart-Jacobs has been working with the Dream Land Puppet Show since July. New to the craft of puppets, Arehart-Jacobs hopes to use the self-expression granted by the show to reach out to Ypsilanti’s youth through his performances with puppets. “I always really dug the vibes here,” said Arehart-Jacobs. “I love doing things for kids, so when they asked me about the puppet show, I was all about it!” With some acting in high school under his belt, Arehart-Jacobs was delighted to be able to pursue the theater and learn a unique trade along the way. “Everyone’s been real nice here,” said Arehart-Jacobs. “Luckily, they were willing to teach me, and we just went

from there.” Although the Dreamland Theater has taken on several projects over the years, lately Venturi has been focusing on more than just entertainment and self-expression. After filing as a non-profit organization in 2009, Venturi plans on giving back to the community through her art. “We now are trying to go out and help the community and work with other non-profits on some projects,” Venturi said. In 2010, the Dreamland Theater applied for the National Endowment of the Arts Challenge America Fast Track grant to begin working with Full Circle, an Ypsilanti-based organization for children with mental illness. The Dreamland’s prepared performance for Full Circle is titled “4 in 1” for the ratio of those afflicted with mental illness and would include

several puppet performances written and performed by locals to raise awareness for the cause and to entertain the stricken youth. “We think it would be really great for all those kids,” Venturi said. “We are still working hard for approval.” Since its creation, the Dreamland Theater’s list of purposes has continued to grow. Treating locals to art exhibits, rock concerts, puppet shows, plays, comedies, local film screenings and burlesque shows, along with involvement in local charities, Dreamland’s open door policy has readily allowed for continued additions. “We want to expand as much as possible,” Johnson said. Johnson, an Ypsilanti musician and frequenter of local shows, was originally attracted to the venue because of its penchant for granting

those involved free reign of the facilities. “I wanted to find a venue that would allow me to do whatever I want, except for breaking things,” Johnson said. Having played many gigs at the Dreamland Theater since 2007, Johnson now organizes concerts in hopes of contributing to the Dreamland’s offerings and bringing in more funding. Although Johnson accepts and encourages donations at his concerts, he enjoys their non-mandatory status and unfixed price. “It’s important to just let people in regardless,” Johnson said. “Without a set price at the door, we bring a lot more people in. And everyone’s got at least a buck or two.” Hoping to bring in donations and drive up awareness for the Dreamland Theater, Johnson is planning a benefit

concert for Sept. 23, featuring local rock acts, Gun Lake and the Amateur Anthropologists. Johnson hopes for high attendance. “Gun Lake is pretty big around here,” Johnson said. “Hopefully, they bring a lot of people.” Regardless of the success of their shows, or the attendance at their concerts, Venturi remains hopeful of the Dreamland Theater’s future through volunteerism. “We will always take volunteers,” Venturi said. “We can find a place for anyone.” Interested citizens looking to volunteer can inquire via email directly to Venturi on the Dreamland Theater’s website. The website also allows visitors to make tax-free donations.

For more information visit <http://dreamlandtheater.com>

CLUB SPORTS CALENDAR

	TRYOUTS	PRACTICES	LOCATION
COED CRICKET	No tryouts being held	Mondays, 4:30–6 p.m.	WCC Softball field
COED GOLF	Sept. 19 and Sept. 21, 5 p.m.	Every Wednesday, 5 p.m.	Huron Hills golf course; tryouts at Miles of Golf
COED RUNNING	Sept. 20 and Sept. 22, 5–7 p.m.	Tuesday and Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.	WCC Athletic Fields
WOMEN'S SOCCER	Sept. 19 and Sept. 22, 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30–7:30 p.m.	WCC Soccer Field
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL	Sept. 19, 6–8 p.m. and Sept. 22, 5–7 p.m.	Mondays 6–8 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday 5–7 p.m.	WCC Softball Field

WCC INTRAMURAL SPORTS

	REGISTRATION	LEAGUE	LOCATION
COED SAND VOLLEYBALL	Sept. 12–16	Sept. 21–Oct. 16 Wednesdays, 5:30–7:30 p.m.	WCC Athletic fields
MENS SAND VOLLEYBALL	Sept. 12–16	Sept. 21–Oct. 16 Fridays, 5:30–7:30 p.m.	WCC Athletic fields
WOMENS SAND VOLLEYBALL	Sept. 12–16	Sept. 21–Oct. 16 Sundays, 4–6 p.m.	WCC Athletic fields
COED 3VS3 BASKETBALL	Sept. 19–23	Sept. 29–Oct. 23 Fridays, 5:30–7:30 p.m.	WCC Athletic Fields
MENS 3VS3 BASKETBALL	Sept. 19–23	Sept. 29–Oct. 23 Sundays, 4–6 p.m.	WCC Athletic Fields
WOMENS 3VS3 BASKETBALL	Sept. 19–23	Sept. 29–Oct. 23 Thursdays 5:30–7:30 p.m.	WCC Athletic Fields
COED 3VS3 SOCCER	Oct. 3–7	Oct. 18–Nov. 13 Fridays 5:30–7:30 p.m.	WCC Athletic Fields
MENS 3VS3 SOCCER	Oct. 3–7	Oct. 18–Nov. 13 Tuesdays 5:30–7:30 p.m.	WCC Athletic Fields
WOMENS 3VS3 SOCCER	Oct. 3–7	Oct. 18–Nov. 13 Sundays 4–6 p.m.	WCC Athletic Fields

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Lightning forces fans to bolt from soggy Michigan Stadium

MATT DURR
Editor

With just over a minute left to play in the third quarter of the University of Michigan's season opener, Michigan Stadium was empty. Fans were filing for the exits, and you could hear a pin drop inside the country's biggest college football venue. At least until the next clap of thunder roared through the skies.

A severe thunderstorm threatened the safety of the more than 110,000 fans inside the stadium as well as players and coaches. As a result, a U-M football game was canceled due to weather for the first time in the school's illustrious history.

"Obviously it's an unusual circumstance to have the weather kind of stop the game when it did," U-M head coach Brady Hoke said after the 34-10 victory. "It ended probably not the way all of us would like it to, but as long as those kids can be healthy, and no one got needlessly hurt, then we're all for it."

What was supposed to be a memorable day for different reasons turned into a surreal

scene that no one would have predicted.

Early in the third quarter, a downpour was met with great enthusiasm from fans inside the stadium who had been sitting in the sweltering heat all day. Cheers for the rain quickly turned into boos as officials had to suspend play because lightning struck within a six-mile radius of the stadium. Players and coaches from U-M and Western Michigan were told to return to their locker rooms. A rainbow would form over the stadium as the sun came back out mere moments after the game was delayed.

Officials ruled that players could re-take the field after 30 minutes passed without another lightning strike.

After a delay that lasted nearly 45 minutes, the players returned to the field and began playing. But only half an hour later the players were being pulled off the field once again, this time for good.

"We just terminated the game early for the safety of the players and the safety of the fans and the reality of the situation with the weather," U-M athletic director Dave Brandon said.

The weather got so rough that stadium officials forced fans to leave their seats and take cover, or they could return to their vehicles. Eventually, the game was called and the Hoke era was off to an unprecedented start.

As far as the actual game was concerned, U-M's much maligned defense forced three turnovers and managed to score touchdowns on two of them. Both by backup linebacker Brandon Herron, who was named national defensive player of the week.

That's not to say the defense was perfect. WMU moved the ball well against U-M and had plenty of opportunities to strike, but miscues would end numerous drives for the Broncos.

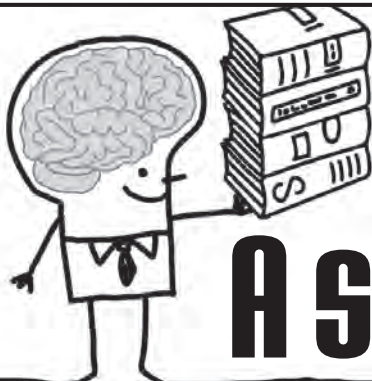
"We got a lot to work on," Hoke said.

Offensively, Denard Robinson didn't put up the gaudy numbers fans were accustomed to seeing last year, but he managed the game well and didn't turn the ball over. Sophomore running back Fitzgerald Toussaint led the offense with two rushing touchdowns, while senior Michael Shaw added one of his own.



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Brady Hoke listens as officials discuss delaying the game due to severe weather early in the third quarter.

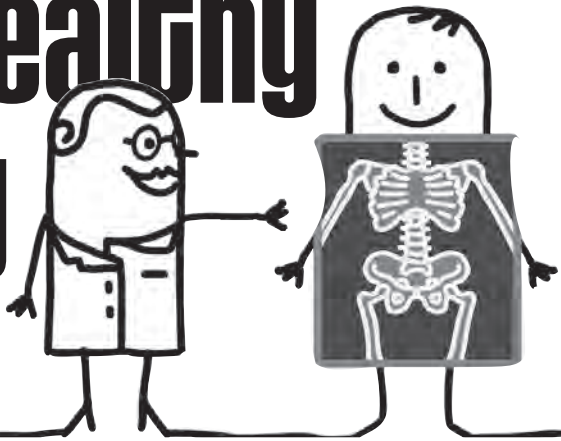


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‘Apollo 18,’ a go for launch ★★★★★

RATING **PG-13**
RUNTIME **86 MINUTES**

MOVIE



NATHAN CLARK
Contributor

Ever since the release of “The Blair Witch Project,” America has shown its desire to go to the theater and watch a fictional snuff film. Witchcraft and shaky camera footage dominated “The Blair Witch Project” and supernatural forces made “Paranormal Activity” a movie to be talked about, and “Apollo 18” goes where no lame filmmaker has gone before – space. “Apollo 18” portrays itself as the recently uncovered, top

secret footage of an 18th Apollo mission that no one was supposed to know about. Its mission, orchestrated by the Department of Defense, was to go to the moon and set up a missile early warning system before the Soviet Union could establish any countermeasures. After the first day on the moon, strange things start happening and the astronauts begin to question what their real purpose is on the moon. The tension in this movie is delivered by unexpected shocks, the suspense of what the audience does not see and

the idea that what you are witnessing is real. The movie makes every attempt to look accurate by periodically mixing in some real Apollo mission footage, adding subtle distortion and deficiencies that would be expected from something filmed in 1974, and by not crediting the actors that played the astronauts. Even with all the effort put in to make this movie seem as real as possible, there are the obvious factors that any movie goer would question, like how would a NASA rocket launch go unnoticed and how exactly

did someone uncover this footage? There are a few boring scenes in the middle of the film that probably could have been cut, but that might have caused the movie to drift from its theme of being uncovered footage. Had “Apollo 18” been an early summer release, it would have gone unnoticed competing against the big-budget features. But for being a late summer release, “Apollo 18” is not that bad. It’s not an amazing film, but it’s worth paying matinee prices to go see.

‘Shark Night 3D,’ a new depth to Spielberg’s Classic ★★★★★

RATING **PG-13**
RUN TIME **91 MINUTES**

MOVIE



ADRIAN HEDDEN
Staff Writer

David R. Ellis’ “Shark Night 3D” uses Real D technology to submerge viewers into a toothy homage to summer disaster flicks. Set deep in the blood-soaked bayou, “Shark Night 3D” dunks viewers below the surface to be chewed on along with its cast. The film follows Nick, played by Dustin Milligan, and his geeky buddy Gordon, played by Joel Moore, as they enjoy the spoils of the protagonist’s academic prowess: getting invited to go with the jocks to a summer cottage on a swampy, yet scenic lake for

helping the alpha male get a B+. Two local sadists have perverse, shark-related plans for the poor students. As the students enjoy the water sports and bathing suit-clad beauties that erroneously litter Ellis’ campy summer chomp-fest, the youngsters are devoured by hammer heads, cookie-cutters and infamous tiger sharks. Setting the film to a soundtrack of creepy strings and party jams, Ellis has created an appropriately timed and contemporary parody of Steven Spielberg’s “Jaws.” Ellis’ repulsively realistic computer-rendered sharks dine on the poor, faceless

college students as they do their best to establish careers that may be best aimed at the opera stage. Despite the unconvincing glances that sheepishly hint at past and future romances and several disappointingly obscene taunts from the villainous shark-obsessed yokels, the actors in this movie know how to scream. Complimented by the visceral screams, constant boat crashes and shark attacks create a level of carnage that even Spielberg couldn’t stomach. Human body parts, rogue boat parts and torn-up sharks were all thrown into the audience’s face in startlingly rapid

succession and in three, eye-stabbing dimensions. The cliché nature of “Shark Night 3D” creates much of its glee. The characters were entertaining to watch as they represented many dislikable personalities, from jock, to geek, to babe, to hick and all were ignorantly waiting to die at the jaws of the sharks. Despite its obvious plot and lazy eroticism, or the cheesy music and ill-timed montages, true horror fans will be delighted to be visually engulfed in the gore, and to finally defy the cautionary slogan that so many “Jaws” viewers were forced to consider: Don’t go in the water!

‘Jeff Bridges’ a far reach for mainstream music fans ★★★★★

ARTIST **JEFF BRIDGES**
ALBUM **JEFF BRIDGES**
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MUSIC



BEN SOLIS
Managing Editor

Jeff Bridges is undoubtedly one of the finest actors of our time. Whether he’s traversing new digital frontiers as Kevin Flynn in “Tron,” slacking hard and doing right by dudes everywhere in “The Big Lebowski” or channeling the spirit of John Wayne in “True Grit,” Bridges amazes and stuns audiences with his spot-on elocution and heart-felt delivery of some of films greatest characters. And while he played a trou-

bled country singer in 2009’s, “Crazy Heart,” his own music does not have the same mainstream appeal. By no means is Bridges’ self-titled release a bad album; quite the contrary. Bridges finds himself traversing a different landscape on each song, jumping from almost operatic folk to straight honky-tonk. But if you are someone who loved Bridges’ Bad Blake vocals in “Crazy Heart,” you may be sorely disappointed. Bridges only brings any of that twang, swagger and disturbed power on the first track of the

album, “What A Little Bit Of Love Can Do.” The rest falls short considerably, but only on a mainstream level. While some have criticized the rest of the albums tracks harshly, calling it slow and monotonous, Bridge’s other songs deserve an artistic round of applause. The actor finds himself emoting a different kind of torture, than that of Bad Blake. It is a kind of torture that culminates the essence of a man who has grown too old, too fast; a man at a crossroads of sorts, seeing that his better days are behind him.

And while Bridges better days are far from behind him, that emotion has not carried, nor will it, over into mainstream success. The fact that the album’s first track was the only single put out from the album speaks volumes as to even how the public and his own record company view his music. Moreover, the audience was probably expecting a little more epic. The kind of lasting theatrical stamina that Bridges, which until now, has only shown to his fans on the silver screen.

‘Madden 12’ needs to go back to training camp ★★☆☆☆

ESRB RATING **E FOR EVERYONE**
DEVELOPER **EA SPORTS**
GENRE **SPORTS**
PLATFORMS **XBOX 360, PS3**

GAME



MATT DURR
Editor

The best way to summarize “Madden 12” is by comparing it to a diamond-studded garbage bag. The outside looks nice, but once you get inside, it’s still just trash. After years of complaints from the fans of the series, the developers at EA Sports claimed they had finally made the changes fans were asking for. Sadly, none of these changes improved the actual game. Where “Madden 12” shines is in all the off-field areas, especially in the popular “franchise” mode. Teams controlled by the computer use actual logic to build their

rosters instead of the randomness in past versions. This means the Minnesota Vikings are not going to draft a running back with the number one overall pick, because the computer recognizes that they already have Adrian Peterson. The same can be said for free agency, which uses a new eBay-style bidding war to try and convince free agents to sign with your team. The athletes you control now have different traits assigned to them that mimic their on-field performance and abilities. So Michael Vick actually plays differently than Aaron Rodgers. While these changes make

the game more enjoyable, gamers buy games to play them. And on the field, “Madden 12” drops more balls than Brandon Pettigrew. The presentation of games is visually amazing, but the commentators and the various cut-scenes are repetitive after playing a couple games. Once on the field, the same issues that have plagued the series for years still pop up. Defensive linemen can inexplicably leap as high as the best tight ends and catch passes like they’re Jerry Rice. Once again, “money plays” that almost always result in a huge gain, remove the sense of realism. In one game (on the highest difficulty), I ran

for 130 yards with Matthew Stafford by simply calling a few pass plays and then tucking and running up the middle. I thought it may have been a fluke, and then I ran for almost 200 yards the next game. There are many other complaints that I have, but I don’t want waste any more of my time thinking about this game. If you absolutely have to buy this game because you want the updated rosters, be prepared to be disappointed. For the rest of you, don’t waste your money on a game that is nothing more than a pile of trash – without bling on the garbage bag.

Dark vibe makes ‘Resistance 3’ irresistible ★★★★★

ESRB RATING **M FOR MATURE**
DEVELOPER **INSOMNIAC GAMES**
GENRE **FIRST-PERSON SHOOTER**
PLATFORMS **XBOX 360, PS3**

GAME



TIM CLARK
Contributor

The war is over, and we lost. It’s 1957 and the world is being terraformed by an alien race and there is little time left for humanity. Welcome to “Resistance 3,” the long-awaited video game follow-up to 2008’s “Resistance 2.” You play as Joseph Capelli, a soldier-turned-family-man who just wants to live out the rest of his life in peace. Of course things don’t go well for Capelli, and he is forced to leave his son and wife in hopes for a better future.

The story in “Resistance 3” mixes both science fiction and alternate history into a very interesting tale that connects on an emotional level more than the previous installments. It is, however, a shame that so much of the story is told in journals that you find along the way and not through cinema. The tone of the game is very dark and violent, which gives the game a bit of a horror edge. Nothing is more frightening than creeping around a prison and not knowing when the Chimera, the aforementioned aliens, could pop out of any corner.

The gameplay of “Resistance 3” is a standard first-person shooter, but defines itself in the weapons available. A wide variety of human and alien firearms are at use, each with a primary and secondary fire. Take the Magnum, for example. Not only can it fire six shots into your foes, but you can detonate each to cause further destruction. Players will find their favorites and use them to fight in their own unique ways. The whole game is very well-paced and will keep things interesting through-

out its 10–12 hour campaign with difficulties padding these numbers and the option for cooperative play online and off. There is also an online multiplayer mode that takes a few cues from the “Call of Duty” franchise, but has enough leveling and cool kill streaks, such as turning invisible or sending a decoy out, to keep you busy for a long time. “Resistance 3” is a game that doesn’t reinvent how games are played, but reinforces why we love playing them and deserves a chance if you’re looking for a darker shooter.



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Tuck's partner

4 Carpet type

8 Summer brew

14 Stuff to be smelted

15 Grape grower's prefix

16 "It's unnecessary"

17 Word with marked or masked

18 "Typical Valentino roles

20 Declared

22 Itch scratchers

23 Full sets of chromosomes

25 Potpie piece from a pod

26 Western treaty gp.

29 It's up when you're angry

31 Safe and sound

33 Race circuits

35 ___ Mountains: Eurasian border range

37 Mozart's "Cosi fan ___"

38 Med school subj.

39 Cheesecake on a wall

41 Crane component

42 Conveyed, as water through a main

44 Centers of attention

45 Corp. money VIPs

46 Audiophile's setup

48 Bothers persistently

50 Musical ability

51 English channel, briefly

53 Swing by for a visit

56 Former CBS News anchor

58 Response

59 "Cold War symbol

63 Org. for piece lovers?

64 Poses (for)

65 Wheel attachment

66 Aussie runner

67 Pint-size

68 For fear that

69 Free (of)

DOWN

1 Chinese menu assurance

2 Hopping mad

3 "Quaint means of communication?"

4 Like vows

5 "Was in charge of

6 Picnic crasher

7 Enter

8 Taking the place (of)

9 Car radiator need

10 They may be self-sealing: Abbr.

11 Kickoff aid

12 Suffix with musket

13 Spots on TV

19 Cat's pause?

21 Place for Pop-Tarts

24 Letter flourish

26 "To whom "Howdy, stranger" is often said

27 Threepio's buddy

28 What keeps bloomers up?

30 Talked a blue streak

32 Wheel covers

33 Run out, as a subscription

34 Santa ___ racetrack

36 "Star Wars" mastermind

40 Girlish hairstyle (and what the starts of the answers to starred clues are?)

43 Fiasco

47 More than right, in triangles

49 Shakespearean verse

52 Columbus in N.Y.C. or DuPont in D.C.

54 Nuclear pioneer Enrico

55 Hoax

56 Was aware

57 List-ending abbr.

59 Little devil

60 Microsturgeons?

61 Poem of praise

62 Logger's tool

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