



BOB CONRAD THE WASHTENAW VOICE
Editor Ben Solis, right, interviews Dennis Coffee at the Majestic Cafe in Detroit, while working on his award-winning profile of the legendary guitarist.

Voice editor hospitalized, faces long recovery

BY **ADRIAN HEDDEN**
Interim Editor

Ben Solis, award-winning editor of *The Washtenaw Voice*, has been hospitalized in an intensive care unit following a stroke.

After complaining of headaches on Aug. 31, the 24-year-old Canton resident was taken to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, where doctors discovered severe clotting in his brain.

Solis was withdrawn from his Fall semester classes; he faces weeks of hospital care and months of recovery at home, according to his father, Ben Sr.

Just starting his third year on staff at *The Voice*, Solis had been promoted to editor after serving as managing editor last year. He put out his first issue as editor on Aug. 27 and was working on several pieces this issue when he was hospitalized.

He will remain on the newspaper's masthead as editor.

"We fully expect him to fight through this thing, make a full and complete recovery and return as our editor. I'd expect nothing less of Ben," said Keith Gave, adviser to *The Voice*. "He's not getting out of it that easily. We need him."

Solis has won multiple state-wide awards for news, features and critical reviews during his collegiate journalism career.

"Ben is destined to become a star in our business," Gave said. "I can easily envision him as a

music critic for *Rolling Stone*, telling stories of rock stars and other music legends that would make Hunter Thompson – and the rest of us – proud. He's got the chops."

For now, his absence has left a big hole on campus.

"Ben is the heart and soul of this newspaper," Gave said. "He fills our newsroom with love and laughter, and it's too damned quiet around here without him."

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WTMC student Haijar Habbas-Nimer, 15, of Ypsilanti celebrates a successful throw in the cup toss.

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BY **NATHAN CLARK**
Managing Editor

After months of waiting, the first floor of the Student Center reopened with a grand celebration last Thursday, turning it into a beehive of activity.

Students partaking in the festivities were handed a "passport" that they could get stamped at every SC office.

Finished passports were used in a drawing for one lucky student to win a Kindle.

Every office had its own table, full of goodies and information.

At the Garrett's station, students were given a separate handout to get stamped by the other stations that the college's fine-dining restaurant was running. Completing their handout earned a reward coupon worth \$2 at Garrett's.

Subway and Edibles were giving out free cookies, samples of pizza and smoothies.

The bookstore was handing out free chalk bags, and Club Sports was looking for student-athletes to sign up for play.

Student Activities ran a photo booth, where students could take silly pictures and then see them online at the

WCC Facebook page.

Inside the Community Room, students enjoyed root beer floats, played Wii games on the projector and enjoyed other table games for free.

While work on the rest of the SC will be finished in another month, some pieces of equipment haven't arrived yet. But it's hard to tell with so much life flowing through the heart of WCC's campus.

College moves to secure 'toys' in new game room



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Aminah Ali, 16, and sisters Nina Baxter, 18, and Alaina Baxter, 22, take a series of photo booth pictures with help from engineering student Alex Brode, 20.

BY **NATHAN CLARK**
Managing Editor

A state-of-the-art security system has been installed to secure the nearly \$10,000 worth of gaming tables and high-tech gaming systems in the new Community Room.

The room, open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., is part of the \$1.7 million renovation of the Student Center's first floor. It's designed as a place where students can relax and unwind between classes with a game of pool, Ping Pong, air hockey or play a variety of games on two Wii terminals, two Xbox terminals or two PS3 terminals.

With so much equipment located in one place, people entering the room will be a controlled process.

"There will be someone working the desk in the room while it is open," said Student Development and Activities Director Peter Leshkevich. "There will also be a card system in place. Only students currently enrolled in classes and school employees will be able to enter the room and use the equipment."

People wanting to check out equipment or use games must go to the desk and have their ID card scanned into a computer system. Their ID card will

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And the verdict is...

Renovated SC starts off to rave reviews

Low enrollment but lots of jobs

BY **AMANDA JACOBS**
Staff Writer

For many college students, finding employment in their chosen careers after graduation can be challenging.

Not so for students training to become dental assistants.

Dentists everywhere are looking for certified and registered dental assistants to hire. With just one year of study and certification at Washtenaw Community College, students can find reliable, well-paying jobs as they advance further in their careers.

"It can be up to \$15, \$18, or even \$20 an hour," Jodi Neuman, a clinical instructor for the Dental Assisting program at WCC said. "These jobs can also be with or without benefits."

Although there is a high demand for dental assistants, the Dental Assisting department at WCC is experiencing a decline in enrollment for the Fall

semester. The program, which usually takes in about 24 students, has only 14 enrolled this semester.

"Enrollment was down during the Spring semester," Kathy Weber, program director of the Dental Assisting department said. "And enrollment is down again."

"The worst part is, the job level is astronomical – there's a shortage of dental assistants, especially, which is good for our students," Neuman said. "About 75 percent of last semester's class had a job offer immediately after receiving a certificate. Some had a couple job offers before they completed the course."

Dr. Paul Lawrence, a former WCC instructor and recently retired dental surgeon, had his own office in Saline for 37 years. He said that employers are typically looking for people who are fully trained in programs like the one at Washtenaw.

"The demand for good dental

assistants is tremendous," Lawrence said. "For people who come out of good programs, ones where they receive good education and put effort into students, the opportunities are fantastic."

There are two separate programs for dental assisting at WCC: Pathway I and Pathway II.

Pathway I is a program for students who are not employed in a dental office. Students who are just starting their careers can start with this one-year program, and become eligible to be a certified or registered dental assistant.

Pathway II, however, is for dental assistants with two or more years of experience. Applicants must be certified, and courses are offered online only for one term. WCC is the only school that offers this program.

"Our program has been popular over the years,

VOICE BOX

Washtenaw Community College's newly renovated student center is up and running. After the start of the Fall 2012 semester brought a flood of students, new and old, into the redesigned area, we asked them for their impressions of the change and if they had any lingering suggestions.



TABARK ALSHEEMARY
17, Detroit, WTMC

"It's a lot cleaner, more comfortable and home-like. You can sit on the carpet. I like that. And it smells better."



BILL HALL
67, Ypsilanti, Video Production

"It's very, very professionally done. It doesn't seem too extravagant, I think this is better. Good planning, good execution."



CHRISTINA CHRISTMAN
32, Belleville, Medical Administration Assistance

"I like it because it does separate the people who are BS-ing and ordering food from the people studying."



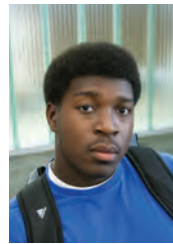
KEVIN WHITE
19, Ann Arbor, Education

"They did a great job. I was surprised when I got here. Last year's was kind of janky. It was like a feeding circle. These renovations are very futuristic."



TODD JERDON
36, Bellville, Cultural Studies

"Definitely a good update, but it also seems to have confused certain groups. I wonder if it is welcoming to different social and cultural groups looking for a place to gather."



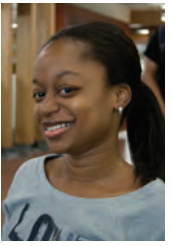
MAURICE YOUNG
18, Ypsilanti, Exercise Science

"There are a lot of places to sit and chill. In high school, the food is terrible. It was hard to relax. In here, the food is better and it's easier to relax."



CAREY CHRISTIAN
40, Radiology, Canton

"I'm glad. It looks really nice. I like the open floor plan. You can stand in one spot and see everything it has to offer. Very open."



SIMONE DILES
27, Detroit, Liberal Arts

"You can't see everyone. I feel sectioned off. And the door is too high-tech. People get stuck. We thought there would be a new restaurant. They should have added one."

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be scanned again when they return the equipment.

If someone doesn't return the equipment when it is due back, the individual will be notified to bring it back or be billed for the missing equipment through their student account. Play time is limited to 30 minutes. The desk worker keeps track of the time. Students will also be given a timer so they know how much time they have left.

"Rules for the room will be posted. Anyone who violates the rules can have their Community Room privileges

temporarily suspended," Leshkevich said, adding that the policy for how to have privileges reinstated is a work in progress.

Equipment inside the room is secured at all times. The game systems are in locked boxes, secured to the tables and the room is monitored 24 hours a day.

"I have full faith in Pete and his department," said Campus Safety and Security Director Jacques Desrosiers. "I don't foresee any security problems happening."

The room is fitted with a

360-degree camera that is monitored by Campus Security at all times.

"The video will always be recording, so if anything does happen in the room or if something goes missing, the video file can be pulled," Desrosiers said.

To further discourage theft, the front of the room is locked nightly with a metal gate and the doors to the outside are fire escapes with built-in alarms, preventing students inside the room from letting in others without checking into the room at the front.

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“For people who come out of good programs, ones where they receive good education and put effort into students, the opportunities are fantastic.”

Dr. Paul Lawrence, former WCC instructor and recently retired dental surgeon

because we are accredited by the American Dental Association," Weber said. "Only graduates of American Dental Association accredited programs are eligible to become registered in Michigan."

Only 10 schools in Michigan offer programs accredited by the ADA aside from Washtenaw: Baker College, Grand Rapids Community College, and Northwestern are among these schools.

Laura Koski, a student in the Dental Assisting program at WCC, worked at a dental office for a year. She said that the program teaches a lot of useful background information

to students.

"We get good lab experience," said Koski, 22, of Chelsea. "Having smaller classes is a good thing, we get a lot of one-on-one time."

"Washtenaw has one of the better programs in the country," Lawrence said. "People who come out of the Washtenaw community are generally well-paid."

The Dental Assisting program has experienced slight changes since Fall 2011, including receiving new dental equipment, adding more rooms to its clinic, and the elimination of the program, Pathway I Option B, which was for

students who were employed by a dental office for fewer than two years.

"Pathway I Option B was dropped this semester," Weber said. "It was unpopular, because students were trying to go to school full-time, work full-time, and study for classes."

With the demand for employment increasing, employees of WCC's dental program encourage interested students to pursue a career as a dental assistant.

"We can't make any promises," Weber said. "But we'll do whatever we can to hook them up with a job."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Day

Tuesday, September 11
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Community Park
Food! Fun! Freebies!

Ticket: Henry Ford Museum – Titanic Exhibit

Friday, September 28
\$12 includes: college-van transportation, museum/exhibit admission and a boxed lunch!

Ticket: Museum of African-American History and Holocaust Memorial tours and RUB BBQ!

Friday, October 19
Only \$15! Ticket includes admissions, college-van transportation and lunch!

Ticket: Cedar Point—on sale soon!

Saturday, October 13
\$35 buys admission, motor-coach transportation, and a drink wristband!

Biggest Loser Competition Launch

Monday, September 17, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SCB Community Room
FREE!

Talent Show Auditions!

Showcase your skills at this annual event. Wednesday, Oct 10 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in Towsley Auditorium.
Sign-up:
<http://tinyurl.com/WCCtalentShow2012>

Ticket: Social Night Zap-Zone

Thursday, September 20
5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Meet new friends while you show off your mad laser-tag skills!
\$10: 2 games of laser-tag, 1 game of bumper cars, and pizza/pop!

Had fun at event?
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Hash Tag it!

Purchase tickets at the Cashier's Office, 2nd floor SCB, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Intramural Dodgeball

Registration: Sept 17-25
Game Dates: Sundays, Sept 30-Oct 21 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Health and Fitness Center
Sing-up in person at the WCC Sports office: SC 116

UPCOMING SPORTS

Club Ice Hockey Tryouts

Monday, Sept 17
9:20-10:20 p.m.
Veteran's Memorial Ice Arena
Bring WCC Student ID and hockey equipment. The team will practice on Mondays and Thursdays, with games on the weekends.

Club Wrestling First Practices

Tues, Sept 18 & Thurs, Sept 20
7:00-9:00 p.m. ML 110
Bring your WCC ID and a wrestling singlet with you. The team will practice on Tues and Thurs and matches will be on weekends.

Women's Club Basketball Drop-in and Meet and Greet!

Thurs, Sept 20
6:00 p.m.
WCC Outdoor Basketball Court (near Health and Fitness Center)
Bring your WCC Student ID Card. This is your chance to play basketball, meet the coach, and meet other players prior to the season. The team's first practices will be held in October.

Men's Club Basketball Drop-in and Meet and Greet!

Wed, Sept 19 6:00 p.m.
WCC Outdoor Basketball Court (near Health and Fitness Center)
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New marketing director aims for fresh look

By: ADRIAN HEDDEN
Interim Editor

Annessa Carlisle wakes up every morning with only one iron-clad goal: to write.

Newly appointed this year as the executive director of Public Relations and Marketing at Washtenaw Community College, the Dearborn native has never struggled to craft her daily dose of words.

“Once I decided to be a writer, I never changed my direction,” Carlisle said. “My goal was

always to be a print journalist, a newspaper writer.”

The college hopes she will revitalize WCC’s Marketing Department.

“I’m completely pleased and excited,” said Wendy Lawson, vice president of Advancement who served as interim director of marketing while the position was left vacant. “She comes to us with huge experience. She has worked in environments with very high pressure.”

Carlisle was one of six candidates to interview for the

position, she said.

“It was very competitive, but the committee agreed,” Lawson said. “She had the skills we needed and hit the ground running. She has done a great job getting to know the college and its players.”

Replacing former Director of Public Relations and Marketing Catherine Smillie, Carlisle is looked on by officials as a rejuvenating push to expand the scope of the school’s marketing initiatives online and through mobile technology.

“They’re very different (Smillie and Carlisle),” Lawson said. Catherine had about 30 years of experience, very seasoned. Annessa knows the technology and understands social media. It’s a fresh look.”

Lawson has already begun to witness Carlisle taking a leadership role in the Marketing Department as planning initiatives have begun moving to the Web. Carlisle has experience in developing and maintaining websites as she did during her tenure at the Detroit

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Washtenaw Community College commemorated the contributions of Henry S. Landau by dedicating a building on campus in honor of the former trustee. The naming of the Henry S. Landau Skilled Trades building was celebrated on August 26 and approximately 53 family members and friends attended.



(Left To Right) Will Shoenberger, Lilly Iriarte, Faniel Perrin, Jaramys Mosley, Zaeem Zafar.

STUDENT ORIENTATION COURTESY PHOTO

Student Ambassadors help ease transition from high school to college

By NATHAN CLARK
Managing Editor

Going to college fresh out of high school or transitioning from the workforce can be a tough journey. To help new students adapt to the college environment, Washtenaw Community College has launched the brand new “Student Ambassadors” program.

But who are the student

ambassadors and what do they do?

Eighteen students applied for the position, only five were chosen: Lilly Iriarte, Jaramys Mosley, Faniel Perrin, Will Shoenberger and Zaeem Zafar.

The ambassadors were hired in May and worked through the summer; training and working at student orientations.

“We wanted to have someone in orientation that can give a student perspective,” said

Student Orientation Manager Christen Buzas. “We were looking for good role models, leaders, students with good verbal and written communication skills and students with lots of energy.”

To be an ambassador, applicants needed to have 12 credit hours completed, a minimum grade point average of 2.5, write a 250 word essay, references from two WCC staff members and be a student

while they serve as ambassador for the entire academic year.

This is the first year of the program. The ambassadors maintain a Facebook page and a blog where they talk about the WCC experience and answer any questions. To learn more, visit Facebook and search “WCC Student Ambassadors,” or check out their blog at washtenawambassadors.wordpress.com.



LILLY IRIARTE
20, Ann Arbor, Math and Science

Lilly Iriarte, a citizen of Mexico here on a student visa, has been going to school in the United States for two years. Being an international student, she can only have a job on campus.

“I saw the job opening and it sounded like fun and a great opportunity to help someone,” Iriarte said. “I thought we were just going to be working for orientation, but I was excited when I found out we would be doing so much more.”

Iriarte says she loves the experience of being an ambassador and the opportunity to help students.

“It feels like I’m training for a future job,” Iriarte said. “Just helping out new students feels really good.

In her free time, she loves cooking, hanging out with friends and dancing.



FANIEL PERRIN
26, Ann Arbor, Construction Management

Another international student, Perrin came to WCC from Haiti a year ago.

He was pursuing a degree in computer science while he was in Haiti, but came here one year after the catastrophic earthquake in 2010. His school collapsed and he was unable to continue his college program there.

He decided to change his major so he can go back to Haiti to help rebuild it.

“Being an ambassador is being a leader,” Perrin said. “If I help a student transition to WCC smoothly, I’m contributing to something really great.”



ZAEEM ZAFAR
22, Canton, Political Science

Originally from Chicago, Zafar stayed in a hotel on the weekdays, and commuted back to Chicago on the weekends during his first year at WCC.

“It was a wild year last year, but now I’m settled in Canton,” Zafar said.

At first, Zafar was interested in journalism because his grandfather was a journalist. He ran his own newspaper in Chicago called “The Pakistani Daily.”

“He was involved with politics in Chicago. Not a politician, he just knew everyone,” Zafar said. “He is friends with Harold Washington, Chicago’s first African American mayor.



JARAMYS MOSLEY
16, Ypsilanti, Math and Natural Science, Occupational Studies, Health Care Foundation

Jaramys Mosley, the only ambassador in WTM, is a student who is going places. She is seeking two associate degrees and one certificate. She was only 14 when she came to Washtenaw and even then was already a step ahead of her peers. Her lifelong goal is to be a pediatrician and one day, a hospital administrator.

Being a student ambassador is her first job.

“I always told myself I would never work in a cubicle,” Mosley said.

Mosley loves to write on her blog, not just to give information about the school, but to make it interesting and fun for students to read.



WILL SHOENBERGER
19, Hartland, Math and Science.

Will Shoenberger, known as “the awesome guy” to the other ambassadors, is an enthusiastic student who loves to play ultimate Frisbee and go mountain biking.

“I love talking to new students, they laugh at all my jokes,” Shoenberger said. “I’m really excited to be mentoring new students and helping them out.”

Shoenberger has an academic passion for bioscience and is planning to transfer to U-M to continue studying biology.

“I want to help students,” he said, “but I also thought being an ambassador would look good on a transcript.”

IN BRIEF

RAISING MONEY WITH SOFTBALL

Club Sports is looking for softball teams to play for charity. Washtenaw Community College is hosting “Strike Out Cancer,” a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, on Sept. 29, starting at 9 a.m.. Registering a team costs \$150, roughly \$15 per player. All money raised goes to the ACS For more information, visit Erica Lemm in SC116.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL SCREENING

The Student Resource & Women’s Center will host a confidential drug and alcohol screening Monday, Sept. 17 in the Student Center, Room 287, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.. Students can complete a short screening tool, talk with a case manager and be provided community referrals. Free brochures and handouts on alcohol and other drugs will be available.

FRIENDS OF BILL

“Friends of Bill” is an Alcoholics Anonymous group for WCC students. Share your experience, strength and hope with other students on the path to recovery. Meetings are held every Wednesday in the LA building, Room 274, from noon-1 p.m.

PREPARE TO VOTE

Student Activities is registering people to vote every day in the Student Center. Simply fill out a form and Student Activities does the rest. Oct. 9 is the last day to register to vote in the presidential election.

TALENT SCOUTING

Show the community what you can do by signing up to audition to be in the WCC Talent Show. Auditions will be on Oct. 10, from 5-9 p.m. in

Towsley Auditorium.

The show will be on Nov. 15, from 6-9 p.m. Students can sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/wcctalentshow2012> or visit Rachel Barsch in SC 112.

WRIGHT AND WRONG

Tour the Charles Wright Museum of African-American History and the Holocaust Memorial Museum on Oct. 19 for only \$15.

Tickets are on sale now in the Cashier’s Office. Tickets include admission to museums, van transportation and lunch at R.U.B. BBQ.

For any additional questions, visit Rachel Barsch in SC 122.

MORE WATER FUN

Tickets for a relaxing day at the Kalahari Water Park on Nov. 2, in Sandusky Ohio, are on sale now in the Cashier’s Office. Tickets cost \$30 a piece. The ticket price includes transportation to the park, admission, food and drinks.

‘HALLOWEENKEND’ PLANNED

Fifty tickets for Cedar Point’s “Halloweenkends” on Oct. 13 will be on sale soon. Tickets will cost \$35 a piece.

The ticket price includes transportation to the park, admission and a wrist band that allows wearers to have free drinks anywhere in the park, all day. Watch for word from the SDA Hub regarding when the tickets are available.

U-M FOOTBALL TICKETS CHEAP

Student Activities will be selling U-M football tickets for the Nov. 10 game against Northwestern and the Nov. 17 game against Iowa.

Tickets will cost \$35 a piece. Tickets will be announced on the SDA Hub when they are available in the Cashier’s Office.

SECURITY NOTES



Missing student found safe at the mall

A Washtenaw Intermediate School District student was found safe at the Briarwood Mall six hours after he disappeared from the Washtenaw Community College campus, prompting security officials to send out an emergency alert bulletin.

The student was unaccounted for on Sept. 4 when the his mother arrived at 2 p.m. to pick up her son in front of the TI building. He was nowhere to be found.

At 2:15 p.m., WISD staff notified Campus Safety and Security, which called the Washtenaw Sheriff Department and immediately began searching campus.

Washtenaw County sheriffs arrived on campus at 3 p.m. to

aid with the search.

The sheriff’s department activated an alert that included a description of the student at 4:58 p.m.

The college sent out an alert through the WCC alert system at 5 p.m.

Authorities said they did not suspect foul play in the disappearance of the boy.

Stolen bike

A bicycle was reported stolen near the OE building on Aug. 30. The owner of the bike told campus security he parked it in front of the building at 4 p.m. When his class ended at 9:30 p.m., the bike was gone.

The bike is described as a silver, blue and purple Mongoose brand.

EDITORIAL

Renovating a community can be risky business

The Student Center was once a wide open terrain on which eager students could graze on conversation, relaxed in a setting that always appeared to have room for everyone, even on the busiest days of early fall. Not so anymore.

Claimed as engineered to encourage conversation and to strengthen a sense of community, the new design only makes traversing the complex and daunting social atmosphere of college life that much more difficult.

Let's remember that this is a commuter campus and that a large number of our students come and go only a few times a week. They need a Student Center that is short on frill and easy to get through, to escape.

On first impression – and we acknowledge that with a lot of furniture still to be placed it remains a work in progress – is that the overly complicated “delineation” of the walkway is confusing and appears to be arranged in sacrifice of many essential seats and tables.

But fluidity and ease of passage aren't the only things that concern students.

No new food options were offered, despite student outcry, and the Club Sports office was moved to make more room for an expanded work area behind the counter at Bakuzio's. Few additional seats appear to have been added for customers at the café.

The new architecture has stifled the student community with hip designs and excessive use of materials. It is overthought and overbuilt. There are way too many theories and ideas at play in the space allotted, which now seems dwarfed by its past openness.

This social fissure has raised concerns by some, aware of the traditional and natural grouping of various groups in the Student Center. A few already have voiced concerns that officials appear to be fracturing their comfort zones, trading social ease and familiarity for their own experiments.

Long counters with attached seating, which were once densely populated, have been replaced by an information desk. We're left to wonder whom the redesign was meant to accommodate. It looks fine, but what was its purpose, really?

It all seems to fall in line with the WCC's new, image-obsessed strategies in bettering itself. If it looks good, that's all that really matters.

As students, we are proud of ourselves as we learn, and we're less interested in glitzy decorations and design. We're here because this is a premier learning institution, not because of how it looks. We're more concerned with function over esthetics.

We'll reserve our final judgment of the Student Center for when it is completed, sometime in October when all the furniture arrives. For now, though, we fear that our administrators have become social puppet masters as they indulge their curiosities for crowd control and architectural psychology, using students as their guinea pigs.

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Interim Editor

Nothing in my short newspaper career can compare to the shock and anxiety I felt upon hearing that my editor, boss and jokingly self-proclaimed big brother, Ben Solis would not be with us at The Voice for the rest of 2012.

On a Saturday night, just one week ago, we learned that Ben, the newsroom leader we needed and deserved, had withdrawn from his classes and would be gone on medical leave for the duration of semester.

On top of suddenly shouldering the intricate responsibilities of leading an award-winning college newspaper, I was absent a mentor and a friend. And I was lost.

As the copy piled up before me, there were no knowing

chuckles through black-rimmed glasses at my anxiety. There was no stress-relieving smoke break across the street after a tough meeting, where we would pontificate anything from our jobs to our latest, screaming thoughts on music.

All I had was copy, a mountain of copy.

Ben and I were always naturally in disagreement from the beginning, and shockingly passionate. We battled over stories and how they were reported and written, standing our grounds and eagerly competing for the position he has now been forced to vacate.

We pushed each other's buttons, easily mocking one another's work half-heartedly, but not without respect and the awareness that the war would only make us stronger.

Ben is a leader who leads by sharing that zeal, allowing whatever strength and charisma he can spare to flow through the air and join the psyches of any fellow students who'd join him in conversation.

Propelled by his iconic laughter all throughout last year, we went on to dominate award ceremonies and truly cover our campus like a glove. As managing editor, sort of a second in command here at The Voice, Ben didn't have the final

authority to make decisions, but he left his signature on us nonetheless.

I learned more than I thought possible last year. I learned to the point of intellectual masochism, I neared emotional and psychological collapse many times as Keith Gave, our adviser, performed his intangible, but ruthless brain surgery like he does on all who willingly walk through our doors.

But Ben had been there too. He knew Keith well from the year prior, when he broke his way into the newsroom as a contributor, then staff writer and then to where I met him, as managing editor, as mentor and friend.

Ben developed many compelling story ideas for himself and others throughout last year. Most notably for me, he challenged me to dig deep into the motives behind the use of all African-American figures on campus gun-range targets.

It was his fearless creativity that drove and directed me to raise the specter of racism among school officials. Thanks to Ben's nose for news, I took home first place in the state for news reporting.

Education doesn't come easy. Many students make the tough decision at some point

in their lives, better late than never, to move forward and better themselves through knowledge and responsibility. And that decision is never easy. It wasn't easy for Ben and it wasn't easy for me.

For me, the difficulty of transition was all about the people around me. They were burnouts, losers satisfied with their meager lifestyles and in no way looking to learn and build upon their lives.

At The Voice, I began to make a new kind of friend. These were friends who were learning along with me and also loving every minute of it.

Our ravenous conversations were built upon an eagerness to express and share the perils and victories of our deliciously difficult field. Moving forward this year, it's tough to envision those same joys without Ben's cackling wit.

Our only thought is for the future of Ben and The Voice, a future where he will return to take on the world, to uncover its secrets, tell his wonderful stories and ingeniously toy with words in the process.

He'll return, resume the position I had occupied (and enjoyed) in his absence, and then drag me by the collar again into pure, literary freedom.

Get well soon, big brother.

Hey Dad, I think I've got it figured out

recorder? Did I have 15 pens? My notebook? What if they don't let me in?

When I finally arrived, I went through to the press entrance and was instantly patted down by police. My camera bag, which was busting at the seams, was essentially ransacked.

They opened my lenses, took pictures with my camera, and when they finished, left everything out for me to pack up again.

I was good to go. I was handed a small orange and white badge. On it printed, "Trip of the Vice President" and "Press" underneath in big orange letters...

And then it hit me, like an epiphany I've read so much about but never experienced: This is what I want to do. This is my future.

Inside were several tables where the reporters from the big newspapers and other news outlets and organizations set up laptops. The press stage had a lower level for TV news cameras and a higher level for photographers.

I was a small fish in a giant press pond. But I was there, among them, and I felt like I'd made it. I was reeling with excitement and full of young journalistic enthusiasm. I took it all in and enjoyed the moment.

Vice President Joe Biden finally arrived at his podium, and I shifted into work-mode. I took more than 1,000 photos in the three hours I was there. I recorded the entire one-hour speech.

And when it was all over, I felt euphoric. It's not every day

you realize what you're doing is what you want to do for the rest of your life.

A mere two days later, I attended another event. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his running mate, Paul Ryan, were visiting Michigan. I got a free ticket a day before, but missed a deadline to apply for a press pass.

I arrived at the event at an apple orchard in rural Oakland County. Despite the extreme heat that day, the rally was packed with enthusiastic Romney supporters, fanning themselves with their Romney signs and printed tickets.

Armed with just my camera bag and school press pass, I attempted to find someone who would be persuaded to let me, an ordinary student journalist, enter the press area.

I spotted a man receiving two press passes for himself and his camera man, but when his camera man showed up, he already had his own pass. Looking at the extra one, I immediately said, "I could use it!" and the volunteer let me have it. (If I've learned anything in my journalism program here at Washtenaw, is that enterprising reporters get their stories.)

I was in. I attached the large laminated pass to my student one and headed for the media stage. When Romney and Ryan arrived, the same adrenaline I had seeing the vice president, made its way through my veins. It felt the same eagerness to cover such important news.

The whole experience was a glimpse into what hopefully

would be a typical day in my professional life.

I interviewed people attending the event, got some quotes, recorded the speeches, took another 1,000 photos and went back to The Voice newsroom on campus. I felt really accomplished and ready to write.

I called my dad, who has supported my journalistic aspirations since Day One, and shared my experiences with him. I could hear the pride in his voice. He said to me, "I don't know how old I'm going to be... but I know that one day, I'll be turning on CNN or opening the newspaper and see you covering the news."

My dad has always supported my pursuits. When I got into photography, he believed I would shoot for National Geographic someday. When I told him I wanted to be a journalist, he truly believed I'd be sitting side by side with Anderson Cooper in the future. He has always believed in me and after I called him, he knew – we both knew – that I would be okay.

I still have a really long way to go, but these two events, however insignificant they may seem to others, have given me a taste of what's to come as a journalist. I will cherish them and use the experiences to push me further and get to that point where I can call up my dad again, and let him know to read page one of the paper, or perhaps tune in to CNN at 8 p.m., so he can get the news from a familiar face.

This is really what I am meant to do.



BY JAMAAL HARMON
Contributor

Two candidates for the highest office in the land desperately want your vote, but the futures they promise are very different.

Which one – incumbent President Barack Obama or his GOP challenger Mitt Romney – has your best interest at heart? If you were paying attention to the party conventions over the past couple of weeks you would know – but, since you were not, we're here to help.

With the candidates in a

dead heat less than eight weeks before the Nov. 6 election, the parties are pulling out all the stops, and spending billions of dollars in the process, in pursuit of college students, female and Latino voters. But their approaches couldn't be more disparate.

The clearest difference between the conventions was the energy. Republicans gathering in Tampa, Fla., looked like employees who had been ordered to attend a co-worker's funeral – a co-worker they did not like. The delegates seemed more interested in protesting the president's record and policies than they were to support and promote their own candidate.

People seemed angry. Republicans paraded out female and minority speakers to give the appearance of ethnic and gender diversity, but they couldn't seem to find many buyers. The only time there was spontaneous applause was when a speaker made an attack against Democrats, or

when Clint Eastwood scolded an empty chair.

Democrats, on the other hand, looked like fans cheering for their home team at the Super Bowl. The "enthusiasm gap" was nowhere to be found in Charlotte, N.C. People were dancing, laughing and crying in equal measure to show their support for a president they adore and vowed to re-elect.

First Lady Michelle Obama gave a speech that set the Twitter world ablaze, setting new records for the social media network. It was so effective that even the talking heads on Fox News couldn't criticize it.

Each convention showcased a very different American Dream. Republicans seemed willing to stretch the traditional limits of who they include in their vision, however, it was just that – a stretch. The party's platform took a very harsh stance against women's rights, immigration and same-sex marriage.

Congressman Paul Ryan,

Romney's running mate, supported the platform and claimed that his budget will solve the country's economic problems. These plans include cutting federal funding for student loans and Planned Parenthood, something you really do not want.

Former President Bill Clinton, conversely, made the case for why Obama must be re-elected when he gave one of the best speeches in his iconic career.

In it, he described the Democratic Party's definition of the American Dream and how it plans to extend prosperity to those who have not had an opportunity to achieve it. Clinton addressed concerns about Obama's performance with the nation's economy when he said, "No president could have fully repaired all the damage he found in just four years."

Two months remain before you decide whom you will vote for.

Two very different paths. Which is the one forward for you?

Message to students: Read the fine print, or it could cost you



By MATT DURR
Staff Writer

Guess whose back? Back again. Matt Durr’s back. Tell a friend. Okay so maybe my career as a rapper isn’t going to take off. Kinda like my career in journalism. Let me explain. Back in May, I wrote a “goodbye” column for The Washtenaw Voice. Since I was graduating later that month, I was expecting to ride off into the sunset, happy with what I accomplished in my time with this fine publication. I wrote about how great

Washtenaw Community College was and how the people here have made my life better. I said goodbye to those who I expected would become former colleagues. Yes, I was finished with WCC. And then I was shocked to find out that even though I successfully completed the requirements for my degree, I missed a lab-based science course that is required to fulfill the MACRAO agreement to transfer credits. As someone who spends

an awful lot of time reading and writing, you’d think I would have caught that little requirement long ago. Maybe if I had actually taken the time to meet with an academic adviser, I could have prevented this not-so-little inconvenience. Alas, I overlooked those details, and so I am back, for one more semester to pester the people on this campus. But let this be a lesson to all students that it is extremely important to take the time to sit down with an adviser and

make sure you are on the right path to not only graduate, but to doing everything you can to take the next step when you leave WCC. I know the lines at the Counseling Office seem like they take days to shrink. And we’ve all heard horror stories of students insisting they got “bad advice” – or more likely didn’t pay full attention to what they were told. I can assure you that none of those headaches are as painful as thinking you’re all set to

start working towards your bachelor’s degree, only to find out you’re missing one class from your community college transcript. Like I wrote back in May, Washtenaw is a great place. The people who make up this institution are among some of the finest I have ever known. But as great as this place is, most of us are looking to move on someday. If you’re not careful, though, that day may be further down the road than you think.

To google, or not to google—yourself

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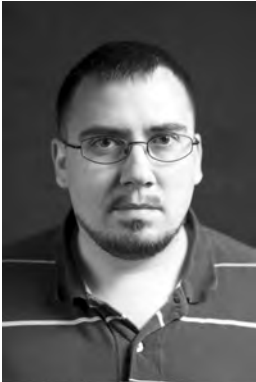
Google your goodies; it’s healthy for you

By ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

When I went on the job hunt in June, I reopened my Facebook and cleaned out all the videos, photos and posts on my wall that I wouldn’t want prospective employers to see. Out of necessity to connect, Facebook became my way to network with people in my field to find a job. About every two weeks, I obsessively search Google to

make sure there are no images or content displayed that I wouldn’t want seen. Everybody should do this. My name is Anna Fuqua-Smith, so a Google search would place me on the first page of the search results due to the distinction of my name. If you’ve never “Googled” yourself, chances are, you’ve been Googled several times. People crave information about each other – and you. Google has almost become a dating site in some respects. Once information about you is put online, there is little control over who sees it, how it’s used or how long it’ll be available. It’s good practice to know what’s going on with your online reputation to ensure you can answer questions about it in case it comes up in future situations. I once found out an ex-boyfriend was in prison because of a Google search. Thanks for the update, Google. Some couples have even

resorted to Googling possible child names to ensure prominent placement in a Google search when their child grows up. My parents named me with two last names because they eventually knew they would come to hate each other. Obviously, distinction didn’t matter in 1985. The world’s largest professional network, LinkedIn, guarantees its customers to be placed high in Google search results. While Nathan Clark is over there, twiddling his thumbs not caring about his online reputation, he should care about his conventional name, especially if he’d like to be a grown-up journalist some day. At least I can find myself on Google, with a good reputation, while Nathan Clark might be blindly waiting in the unemployment line for years to come because he doesn’t know what exists on the Internet about him.



Dead man talking: Get over yourself!

By NATHAN CLARK
Staff Writer

I like being me, don’t you? Of course you don’t. You’re not me. You’re you, and you need to stop looking yourself up on Google. I know we live in an integrated society where everything we do is recorded, cataloged, seen, forgotten and later found again. I get that. A

little paranoia is natural. But when you look yourself up on Google all the time, you’re not practicing a good habit; you’re being a narcissistic [expletive]. Searching for your name on the Internet is a pastime reserved for egomaniacs, infuriated that the world is or isn’t talking about them, and escaped convicts trying to stay one step ahead of local law enforcement. Unless you are already famous, looking yourself up isn’t even effective. When I type Nathan Clark on Google, the first thing that pops up is an obituary for an old man who made shoes. I’m not a cobbler and I’m fairly certain I’m not dead. Then again, Google is pretty smart. There’s no need for a regular person to be combing the Internet for information on themselves. When did we become so narcissistic? What happened to humility? Have people forgotten that the world does

not revolve around them? Since the rise of reality television, ego has become America’s biggest export. Hordes of Americans strive to be in the spotlight, regardless of why they are there in the first place. Whether it’s “American Idol” stardom or random acts of stupidity seen on “Tosh.0,” Americans will do anything to get noticed. Why? Even if you do find yourself on the Net, it’s usually something you put there in the first place, like your Facebook page. Good job; you found yourself! Perhaps after singing beautifully on national television or being hosed with bear mace on YouTube, looking for yourself online would be a wise decision. But if you’re just a regular person, there are better things to waste your time on. Then again, maybe I am a dead man, like Google says. I could be wrong.



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Linda Blakey, vice president of student and academic services is an avid Tigers fan.

BY MATT DURR
Sports Editor

Vice President of Student Services Linda Blakey is not your average Detroit Tigers fan. Aside from her addiction to sports-talk radio, Blakey has made a trip to Florida each of the last two years for spring training. Having been a fan for more than 40 years, Blakey says that pitcher Mickey Lolich’s performance in Game 7 of the 1968 World Series is her most memorable moment as a fan. “Unbelievable,” Blakey said, reflecting on the game. “It was like: ‘That is just awesome.’” Ask her about the current team and she is quick to point out her disappointment with

pitcher Joaquin Benoit’s recent performances. While baseball is her primary sport, she also follows pro football – rooting for the Detroit Lions and New England Patriots. “The Lions were so crappy for so long,” Blakey rationalizes. “I liked (quarterback) Tom Brady because he came out of Michigan, and I’ve pretty much followed his career.” Although she enjoys watching others compete, Blakey doesn’t hesitate to get in on the action. Blakey is a catcher for a Washtenaw Community College co-ed recreation team. In fact, she proudly displays a championship trophy the team won in 2008 in her office. “I play catcher because,

knock on wood, my knees are OK and we have a little bit of an older team,” Blakey jokes. Unfortunately for her, she did not play softball in high school because Title IX – the federal law that paved the way for equal opportunities for girls and women in sports – didn’t exist. That didn’t stop her from playing, however, she joined local recreation leagues along with helping her brother develop his skills. “I had a younger brother who pitched in junior high and high school, so I caught for him,” Blakey said. “We lived out in the boonies, so we didn’t have neighbors to play. We just kind of made a baseball field in our front yard.”

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College invests in solar-powered trash compactors

PHOTOS AND WORDS
BY NATHAN CLARK
Managing Editor

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, and to save money on waste disposal, Washtenaw Community College has purchased a handful of environmentally friendly trash compactors that are powered by the sun. During the summer, the school purchased five compactors from Big Belly Solar at \$2,500 a unit. “The compactors will have paid for themselves within two years,” said Damon flowers,

associate vice president of Facilities Management. “We’re planning on purchasing solar-powered recycling compactors in the near future as well.” Flowers said the school will save money by lessening the amount of times trash cans have to be emptied on campus. “The school is charged every time waste is picked up. The compactors make it so the bins don’t have to be emptied as often. And since they are powered by the sun, the school doesn’t have an electricity bill for them,” Flowers said. The only problem so far that has been noticed about

the compactors is that people have been throwing recyclable items in them. “People throwing trash that can be recycled in the compactors just takes up room that could have been used for trash. That’s why we are looking into getting the recycling compactors soon,” Flowers said. WCC is monitoring how well the compactors perform on campus and plans to purchase more compactors based on the results. The compactors can be found near main entrances throughout campus.



A solar-powered trash compactor in front of the Student Center



Another compactor near the Gunder Myran building.

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CHARLES MANLEY THE WASHTENAW VOICE

New Executive Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Annessa Carlisle is flanked by posters from the college’s recent ad campaign.

Medical Center. “Instead of faculty, you have doctors. Instead of students, you have patients,” Carlisle said. “The foundation of communication is the same. We were selling knee replacements, not credit hours, but the pace was very much the same.” Carlisle worked at the

DMC, successfully creating campaigns that appealed to a wide audience served by the hospitals. Renee Shimmel, a co-worker and director at the Sinai Grace Hospital in Detroit, was impressed with Carlisle’s determination and her way with words. “When it comes to

marketing writing, there has to be that creativity – that spark,” Shimmel said. She had that interest. She was very successful and a great colleague. The college is really lucky. Absolutely, we will miss her.” Carlisle was born in 1968 and raised in Royal Oak in what she describes as a normal, middle

class upbringing. Her mother is a nurse, while her father owned various printing companies over the years. “It didn’t really influence my choices,” Carlisle said. “But it helped having that knowledge.” After studying journalism in high school, Carlisle was the first student at Kimball High School, now known as Royal Oak High, to be offered a co-operative position at a local paper at the time, The Daily Tribune. “It was great getting to know the industry,” Carlisle said. “It really solidified what I wanted.” After graduating from high school in 1986, Carlisle went on to Wayne State University to study journalism and graduated with her bachelor’s degree. During college, Carlisle said, she did freelance work for as many local papers as she could find. Finding employment in 1990, right after college, for the Tech Center News of the metro-Detroit area as an automotive reporter, Carlisle eventually found that her goal for daily, literary bliss was being threatened by an evolving industry. “I knew I wanted to keep writing,” Carlisle said. “But the industry was changing.” In 1993, Carlisle took a

position at Oakland County Community College as the coordinator of communications. She earned a master’s degree in marketing from Michigan State University in 1995, and continued working part-time when she began having children. Carlisle has continued to consult the marketing department at OCC for the past 17 years. Her first son, Austin, was born in 1995 and his younger brother Bryce came by in 1997. Austin is a senior in high school and looking to be recruited into Division I fencing, the same sport his mother played in college. As Carlisle’s family began to stabilize, she began taking on more and more responsibility at OCC, consulting the Marketing Department and teaching marketing classes. “I found that I could still be creative in marketing, still write every day,” Carlisle said. “That (OCC) was really where I fell in love with community colleges. It really gave me the knowledge and the feel of community colleges.” In 2005, Momentum Books, an affiliate of magazine Hour Detroit, published Carlisle’s first book, “Bob-lo: An Island in Troubled Waters.” Carlisle describes the book

as creative non-fiction as it tells the tale of Detroit’s Bob-Lo Island, a popular tourist location and small island community whose inhabitants were ruthlessly bought out of their homes by land developers. After going on several regional tours, Carlisle describes the book as her greatest personal achievement of her career despite the editing process, which she said was the hardest part of putting out the book. “To be a published author and to tell her story, it became very personal,” Carlisle said. “It was a tough process, but it was OK, we got it out. Every journalist wants to write a book.” Carlisle’s goals at WCC are to drive the school’s advertising campaign into second gear, she said, and to increase the school’s presence online and, on mobile technology, into the digital age. “Part of my priorities is where we go from here,” Carlisle said. “We need to continue – and continue communicating.”





PREZEMEK OZOG THE WASHTENAW VOICE

BY ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
Staff Writer

Victoria Pebbles can finally breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that her three children can get to school and back without having to worry about all the questionable characters living at a nearby homeless camp.

On June 22, the Michigan Department of Transportation evicted the homeless residents from “Camp Take Notice” in Scio Township, less than 200 yards from Pebbles’ home. About a month earlier, about 70 fed up residents and business owners appealed to the township to evict the campers.

In the neighborhood closest to the camp, an Elizabeth Street resident recalled finding human feces, drug paraphernalia, toilet paper and trash in the front of her yard.

“It wasn’t just the church people but it was taxi-cabs and pizza delivery people,” she said the resident, who asked that her name not be used. “It’s a nice quiet neighborhood, and then all of a sudden between 300-500 cars turning around in my driveway every day because of this camp.”

So she built a two-foot barricade at the end of her two driveway entrances to keep strangers from turning around in her driveway.

“At first, I was patient. I’m a teacher by trade and so when it started, I thought I would educate whomever I saw turning around,” she said. “I would explain and then ask for it not to happen again. Over time, it just became out of control.”

Brian Durrance, 50, of Dexter, vice-president of Michigan Itinerant Shelter System-Interdependent out of Necessity, or MISSION, said depending on the night at least 35 of the campers could be found sleeping in a shared parking lot off of First United

Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor located near Washington Street downtown.

Out of the 19 houses located on Elizabeth Street, more than half found ways to barricade their driveways, sometimes with flowerpots, especially for the busy Sunday church deliveries.

Beginning of the end
In mid-May, a petition started circulating among residents and businesses in the neighborhood, calling for CTN’s removal. Rounding up 114 signatures, the campaign was led by a nearby resident who also asked for his name not to be used.

“Every business from Kmart to West Gate has signed the petition,” he said, adding that a nearby car dealership complained that the homeless would break into cars to stay warm during the winter.

“The only reason I didn’t get more (signatures) is because, unlike the campers, I have a job and a life,” he said. “I bet that if I had a little more time, I could have easily gotten 500 signatures.”

More than two years ago, when CTN sprouted up on MDOT property located off of Wagner Road, between Jackson Road and Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, residents generally favored helping those in need.

“At first, I didn’t have a big issue,” Pebbles recalled. “When I first learned about it, the economy was tanking, and a lot of people lost their jobs and homes.”

As the surrounding roads began to line up with cars for Sunday supply deliveries to the camp from its 19 supporting churches, some residents recalled being snubbed and harassed.

One resident said she couldn’t let her dogs out. Another one feared for the safety of her grandchildren.

In addition, Pebbles would also have to watch her kids get on the bus every morning and then have them call home once at school, to ensure they were OK.

“There were ex-campers who were using drugs living across the street on the gravel portion of the road,” she said. “So I would watch my kids before they got on the bus. My dogs would also bark at every movement across the street because they thought someone was in our driveway so that with the bus situation and the dogs, it became a nuisance.”

Durrance agreed that an encampment like CTN would attract campers who are not from Washtenaw County.

“When people show up at the Delonis Center to find that it’s full, they send them with a blanket and then refer those folks to the camp,” he said. “Some stay, some go, but sometimes those folks find that we’re the community they crave.”

As the camp grew, and the nuisance worsened, sanitation became another concern. There was no running water on the land and defecating on the property over a prolonged period of time became a public health issue.

Safety concerns also began as campers had reportedly crossed M-14 to access the camp and neighbors and drivers feared being unable to see transients walking along

Wagner Road at night.

But those concerns didn’t stop Durrance from protecting and funding the camp through donations.

“I will say that we sympathize with the neighbors, and we are not at war with them,” he said. “We improved that site.”

Durrance said that when CTN was opened, the campers took out 800 bags of garbage just to create a place they could live in. They continued to remove trash up and down Wagner and Elizabeth Road weekly, he added.

“As a community, we took that auxiliary area across from Elizabeth Street, which had homeless people in it, and we cleaned it up,” he said. “We also have a zero-tolerance for pan-handling within two miles of the camp.”

Ending homelessness

Of the 40 former CTN campers who were approved for subsidies to pay for one year of rent, 32 have been housed according to the Washtenaw Housing Alliance. But those numbers vary depending on who’s speaking.

According to Durrance, there were 70 at the camp at the time of eviction on May 29. As of Aug. 28, 25 of the 70 had been housed.

“Their promise was to house 50, but they’ve only housed 25,” he said. “There are 40-50 still on the street, and we’re finding them in various places.”

According to Executive Director of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance Julie Steiner, 20 of the campers who wanted help on May 29 vanished from the area, four of the campers were illegal immigrants and five had incomes that proved to be enough to find housing. Steiner said that if the five campers that had enough income needed help finding housing, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance would have been able to help.

“Every two weeks, all of the case managers who are working with folks on helping them find

housing meet together and share where people are at and help each other,” she said.

The five organizations in Ann Arbor that are aiding in the housing of the campers are The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, Home of New Vision; an organization dedicated to supporting people with substance abuse, Michigan Ability Partners, PORT; Project Outreach and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance.

“When we were faced with not enough housing for all of the campers, we looked at our local resources to see what we could do. We added to the pot of money,” Steiner said. “Of the people who are currently housed, those 32, nine of them are housed with our resources in Washtenaw County, not money from the state.”

Steiner also added that Washtenaw County is challenged because of all the students.

“Landlords can get bazillions of dollars from the students and the landlords get the parents to cosign on these apartments, so there’s really no incentive for them to rent to people who have challenging housing histories,” she said. “And this isn’t new. This isn’t just CTN, this is homeless people across the country.”

She added that at any given time during the year, there are more than 200 people living outside – in the woods – in Michigan.

“There just isn’t enough affordable housing in Washtenaw County,” she said.

As for Durrance, he’s not going to stop planting homeless encampments.

“I know that the crime in our community can be managed just like in any other community,” he said. “I am committed to serving for that small niche of folks who don’t have anywhere to go when the system can’t provide assistance.”



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Obama revs up students at Toledo visit



Mitt Romney, with running mate, Paul Ryan addressed supporters during a campaign speech in Commerce Township.



Vice President Joe Biden takes to the podium at a campaign stop in Detroit.



Barrack Obama waves to supporters at a stop in Toledo, Ohio

PHOTOS AND WORDS
By KELLY BRACHA
Staff Writer

TOLEDO, Ohio – At the spur of the moment, Chelsie Kopfman rushed to a Labor Day rally where President Barack Obama talked about the value of a higher education – among the typical holiday topics like the importance of the American worker, the auto industry and its role in a recovering economy.

But Kopfman, a 23-year-old student at nearby Bowling Green State University, was more concerned with another issue she feels is getting precious little attention from the candidates in this election cycle: women’s rights.

“It’s just kind of scary that no one is backing us up,” said Kopfman, who arrived just in time to see Obama’s motorcade leave Scott High School, where more than 3,000 gathered to catch a glimpse of the president.

“I don’t need a bunch of old white men telling me what to do with my own body. . . I’m not a fan of (Mitt) Romney. His stance on women’s rights is really upsetting.”

Kopfman was among several college students who spent part of their holiday at the president’s campaign rally.

“I feel great about it. I’m glad he came to Toledo,” said Hunter Carnes, 19, who also attends Bowling Green.

Obama’s frequent visits to this all-important swing

state that many pundits say will decide this presidential election appear to be having the right effect on students – young voters who were instrumental to the president’s election four years ago.

“It’s amazing. I didn’t start getting politically involved until this past year,” said Sophie Postich, 19, a BGSU student. “I was seeing a lot of people bashing Obama online and didn’t know why, so I started researching. I realized it was a lot of arrogant people that didn’t even do their own research. I’m so excited to vote.”

“Romney – he’s a character, he’s a piece of work. I respect him as a person, but I don’t agree with his views. Especially his really conservative views on

women. It’s really hard for me to see how it’s OK that people don’t have a choice regarding birth control or abortion. The ignorance is insane.”

Obama also had his issues with Romney, who earlier suggested that it is “time to get a new coach. It’s time for America to see a winning season again, and we’re going to bring it to them.”

Continuing the sports theme for football-crazed Ohioans, Obama said: “I have advice for the Romney-Ryan game plan: Punt it away, it won’t work. It won’t win the game. You don’t need that coach. That’s a losing season.

“The problem is everybody’s already seen his economic playbook: On first down, he

hikes taxes by nearly \$2,000 on the average family with kids in order to pay for a massive tax cut for multi-millionaires. Sounds like unnecessary roughness to me.”

Not everyone in the crowd was on Obama’s team, though.

David Haase, 72, of Monclova Township, wants a coaching change.

“I think in terms of the economy, president Obama has not performed,” said Haase, who was holding an anti-Obama sign behind a border of Romney-Ryan lawn signs.

“There are plenty of folks that have been hurt by this economy,” said Martin Brown, 59, of Maumee. “It’s time for a change. Regardless of his

(Obama’s) good intentions, there haven’t been good results.”

Back in the crowd of Obama supporters, Major Smith III, 17, of Toledo, was thrilled by what he heard heading into his first presidential election.

“I loved it. It opened my perspective on everything,” said Smith, who attends Northwest State Community College. “The things Romney is saying... he’s not with us. Saying that we need to ask our parents to go to college, which we did. College is becoming more expensive. He needs to look at reality and ask if people can afford college.

“I have faith in Obama – and faith in people doing what’s best for the people.”



Romney



Biden



Obama



SPOTLIGHT

THE WASHTENAW VOICE • SECTION B



T. Casey Brennan relaxes outside of Espresso Royal on South State Street.

PHOTOS AND WORDS
BY ADRIAN HEDDEN
Interim Editor

Editor's note: Language in 12th paragraph may offend some readers.

At rest coolly among the storefronts, puffing on hand-rolled cigarettes and waving gleefully at the few passersby who do recognize his mythos, Terrance Casey Brennan, or T. Casey as he is known locally, has a long and tumultuous career in comics weighing on his mind.

Brennan spends his days homeless in Ann Arbor, reading, smoking and chatting outside with anybody who will listen.

"If they're too strict, they'll come out and yell at me, but if they're too nice, all the winos will be hanging around," Brennan said. The majority of people look at me and think I'm a regular homeless guy. They don't know my back story; the only way is if I show them."

In his heyday, Brennan estimated that his stories printed by Warren Publishing, out of New York, had a worldwide readership of hundreds of thousands per release. He

said that his stories have been translated into more than 20 languages.

Stuffing his pockets and a large, canvass grocery bag, is the evidence as Brennan described... of his legend.

Paperback singles, leather-bound archives and various comic-industry magazines are carried in the arms of the transient 64-year-old native of Avoca, a small town about two hours northeast of Ann Arbor. As he moves about Ann Arbor, he relies on friends, he said, for housing and financial support.

Brennan also collects social security funding and enjoys daily free meals at the Delonis Center.

"I have a pretty good support system here," he said. "Various girls send me money from time to time, but that can't be counted on."

Local knowledge of Brennan is built primarily through the grapevine. As his legend persists, workers and residents of Ann Arbor are made aware of his story by word-of-mouth.

"I never knew who he was until about the third or fourth time that I came across him," said Rachel Douchene, 22, who works at Espresso Royal

on South State Street, where Brennan is often found smoking and reading at an outdoor table. "My friend asked me 'Do you know T. Casey Brennan? He's a famous comic book writer. I had no idea! It's really impressive to see this huge body of work.'"

Employees at local eateries often witness Brennan relaxing outside on the concrete, most carry on unabated as they see no threat from the aging writer, his nose buried in some volume or archive but always happy to greet and explain his literary history.

"He's just a stereotypical, old Ann Arbor man," said Jason Wisely, a 29-year-old dishwasher at The Fleetwood Diner. "He seems like an intelligent dude, though. He did get a comic made; he did a good job, so not all he says can be bullshit."

'Just not welcome'

After he was struck by a car, on foot at the intersection of Washtenaw Avenue and Oakwood Drive in Ypsilanti on Feb. 1, 2003, Brennan's mannerisms and personal outlook were drastically altered by his injuries.

"It changed my personality,

how I talked," Brennan said of the accident. "When I got hit I felt like I was 15 again. That's why I talk funny. This is now my lifestyle: I go to parties, get high and dig on hot chicks."

Brennan said that when he first resurfaced among the Ann Arbor college party scene after about two years of recovery from the accident, he was accepted by the youngsters. Soon, new generations of party-age youths became unaware of Brennan's story and he was made to feel unwelcome, he said.

"I'm just not welcome," Brennan said. "They don't seem to understand. I had just been making my comeback, using my position to generate publicity. They didn't know I was making positive strides."

After only his third submission to Warren, Brennan's "On the Wings of a Bird" was printed in the publisher's "Creepy" series, No. 36., in 1970.

"My name was on comic books across the country," Brennan said. "But even the biggest geeks only care about art, not the writer. I was a national celebrity, but it took until the 21st century for me

'Comic' relief

Ann Arbor transient –
and Kennedy assassination
suspect? –
sheltered by words



Rachelle Douchene, left, frequently waits on Brennan at Espresso Royal.



Brennan keeps magazines and publications of his work on him at all times as proof of his career in comics.

to convey that. That's what's so amazing."

Writing for Warren throughout the 1970s and '80s, and publishing works in renowned series' Vampirella, Eerie and Creepy, many of Brennan's most renowned works have been made available at the Ann Arbor District Library. The archived volumes of the three series sell publicly for upwards of \$50, Brennan said.

The first volume of the

Vampirella archived editions, in which Brennan said he had many pieces published, was ranked No. 1 in 2011 on the New York Times' graphic novel bestseller list.

"The best anyone I know can do is check it out or read it in the back," Brennan said. "They might look a little creepy hiding back there, but no one at the library has ever questioned me."

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Pianos 'Round Town

BY ANNA FUQUA-SMITH
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Every autumn, Korin Hancherlian-Amos can walk out the front of her downtown Ypsilanti store and bask in the sound of her own creation.

Fall might be in the air, but so are the melodious notes of strategically placed keyboards.

Welcome to the third annual "Pianos 'Round Town, the brainchild of Hancherlian-Amos, a visionary pianist and dedicated teacher.

Hancherlian-Amos, 52, of Ypsilanti, is co-owner of Nelson Amos Studios in Depot Town. Her signature event is scheduled from Sept. 21 to Oct. 9.

PRT was adapted from a multi-city tour event called, "Play Me, I'm Yours," featuring by Luke Jerram. Hancherlian-Amos does most of the heavy lifting in getting this free event to Ypsilanti.

Just about anybody can belly up to the keyboard to play.

"Naturally, it's a draw for pianists to play, but it's also fun for people to try to play who otherwise wouldn't try if they didn't have this opportunity," she said. "Also for kids, sometimes it's their very first time ever touching a piano."

Hancherlian-Amos has been playing since she was 5 years old, and knows how inviting a lonely keyboard can be.

"Whenever I see a piano, I sit down and play, so I want to instill that in other people," she said.

For the event, the eight pianos that will live on Ypsilanti's streets will be on loan from Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit. The Depot Town Association will fund the street permits costing \$60 each.

The Ypsilanti Convention Bureau will donate \$1,000 to deliver and pick-up the pianos. Executive Director Debbie

Locke-Daniel of YCB is excited for the event to return.

"I think it brings a lot of publicity to our area," she said. "I think we have a lot of culture in Ypsilanti and it's drawn to our community."

A former resident of Ferndale, Locke-Daniel can remember a time when that city was "deader than a doornail."

"Now it's this fashionable, funky town that people are attracted to," she said. "I think a younger demographic are moving here, which is changing the face of the community."

During the course of the event, Hancherlian-Amos will provide free piano lessons to anyone while she's working at Nelson Amos Studios. Although there is a lot of logistics involved with the pianos, the demand from each of the local businesses to get one is overwhelming.

"When I go around with

the brochures, each business always asks, 'How can I get one?'" she said. "I have to explain over and over the spacing rule for the pianos and why steps would make it impossible to get the piano in and out of the building each night. The goal of the pianos is for them to be outside."

Café Racer, a motorcycle and coffee shop, is participating for the third straight year. Owner John Craddock, 41, of Ypsilanti thinks it's great for the evenings his shop has bike nights.

"When you can get people to jam out on the piano, it's awesome because you can hear it echoing through Depot Town," he said. "On bike nights, they've got the whole street filled up with bikes and people are outside drinking a little bit and then someone jumps on the piano and everybody starts singing along. They'll even get people from the street to join in."

Facebook family: ‘friend’ or foe

By KELLY BRACHA
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The joy of having a Facebook page for many users is getting a “friend” request.

The agony? It’s from your mother.

Now what do you do?

Like a lot of young Facebook users, Kamyra Cheatham has struggled with that issue – before acting decisively.

“I blocked my mom before,” said Cheatham, 20, an undecided major from Ypsilanti. “I deleted her off my Facebook. I took her off because she kept questioning me about stuff on my page. She got mad and wanted me to add her back.”

Dominic Coppola, meantime, has reached a sort of truce with his parents regarding social media.

“My parents like to question some of the things I put up sometimes,” said Coppola, 19, a liberal arts major from Pinckney. “They know it’s my own personal space. So we kind of leave each other alone. I think they get concerned sometimes, but they leave me alone.”

“I watch what I post. I tend to filter myself. . . it’s fine being friends with them, it’s nice. I think they enjoy being on Facebook more than me.”

But ever-watchful parents may be easily fooled into believing your life is incredibly boring.

Making a separate friends list for your voyeuristic family members can act as a block list for certain photo albums and expletive-filled status updates.

Emily Taylor, 31, hasn’t used the friend’s list feature yet, so she minds what she writes and posts.

“I filter everything I say on Facebook. I’m friends

with both my parents,” said Taylor, an Ypsilanti native studying Liberal Arts. “My stepmother just lurks. She keeps an eye on all the children that way.”

It is understandable that our parents take an interest in our lives, but what about the other randoms we forcefully accept into our personal haven just because of social niceties?

Joey Drake, 20, an English and music major from Dexter, thinks it’s all just a huge waste of time.

“You’re just seeing these walls of people living their life, and you don’t even really care,” Drake said. “I think the downfall of our youth is these social-media sites. We were outside, we were doing stuff... now everybody is just looking at everybody else doing stuff.”

Everybody including our parents.

But Chris Ulrich doesn’t seem to mind.

“I don’t see a reason not to. We’re friendly in real life. I don’t have anything to hide,” Ulrich said. The 21-year-old 3-D animation major from Saline would actually welcome his parent’s viewing his Facebook page, especially the Animators Anonymous page he helps run.

“It’s just another way to interact with a community of people. I use it to organize meetings for the club.”

Facebook’s intended purpose, arguably, is how Ulrich has been using it. But in reality, some people just want to watch the world burn.

“I like to use Facebook for trolling,” said Paul Bembach, 18, a digital arts major from Manchester.

“If there’s drama, I use it for entertainment.”



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There’s an app for that

By KELLY BRACHA
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Buying books, pencils, pens and notebooks is a ritual every student goes through when the Fall semester rolls around. But with smartphones becoming a more common companion amongst students, downloading the right apps can help make college life a little easier. Here are a few suggestions for apps available on both Android and Apple devices.



Dictionary.com
Android and iPhone - Free

Besides the obvious use for a dictionary app, having a dictionary on your phone should be a no-brainer for any student. Often overlooked, the thesaurus is a great tool for looking up synonyms and helping fancy up those in-class essays with some eloquent words. The app has offline access that can be a lifesaver in some areas of the school where Internet access is almost nonexistent.



Dropbox
Android and iPhone - Free

Dropbox allows for its users to bring photos, videos and documents anywhere they go. Whatever you save to your Dropbox is saved and synced from anywhere you access it. When you sign up, you get 3GB of free space. If you worked on a paper from your desktop computer, you can save it to your Dropbox and continue where you left off on your laptop on campus.



STUDYBLUE
Android and iPhone - Free

STUDYBLUE is by far one of the most useful and easy-to-use apps out there for students. The app allows you to create flashcards to study material on the go, whenever you have a break. You can easily create flashcards using text or pictures (like those in your textbook), and brush up on material at home, at the library or even in the classroom right before that big exam. But STUDYBLUE is more intuitive than plain flashcards. The app includes a feature called “Study Filters,” which allows you to choose the material you want to study. For example, you can have the app only show flashcards that you are having trouble with; it keeps track of right and wrong answers.



Wikipedia Mobile
Android and iPhone – Free

Some instructors might frown upon this... but having Wikipedia in your pocket can be really useful, especially when trying to do some last-minute research while waiting for your next class. The Wikipedia app lets you save articles and even read them offline.



Jorte Calendar
Android - Free

Jorte is a wonderful calendar app perfect for students trying to keep track of everything they need to do. The app tries to replicate a real day planner, but its usefulness far exceeds a pen and paper. Jorte makes it easy for you to customize the interface to your liking, and it allows you to use icons to better visualize your upcoming tasks and events. One of the best things about this app is it syncs seamlessly with Google Calendar, allowing you to view your schedule both on your phone or in your computer browser.



Mobile WCC
Android and iPhone – Free

Keep in touch with your school with the Mobile WCC app for Washtenaw Community College students. The app features news, announcements and videos from WCC, as well as providing easy access to information about different organizations and services. The app is still a work in progress, but that doesn’t mean it isn’t quite handy.



Sleep as Android
Android -- 2 week free trial, \$2.50 for full version

Essays and exams aside, often the most difficult thing a student must accomplish is getting out of bed in the morning. Students are known for having sub-optimal sleep patterns, and this can lead to a groggy and tired start to the day. Sleep as Android can help. It’s more than just an alarm clock; it monitors your sleep patterns through your phone’s onboard accelerometer, and wakes you up gently when you are in the lightest point in your sleep cycle. You can even review graphs of your sleep cycles and use that information to plan when you should go to bed and wake up. A two week trial of the app is available for free, and the full version costs just \$2.50



Schedule Planner
iPhone - Free, Pro version is \$5.99

Schedule Planner is...well, exactly what it sounds like: an app to help you plan your schedule. But it’s much more than that. This feature-rich iPhone app has an easy-to-use, Google-syncable calendar and day planner, but what makes this app unique is the way it lets the user create different color-coded categories and evaluate their schedules with features such as pie charts and graphs. Perhaps most innovative is the ability to track your “planned” allocation of time and the “actual” time you spent on things. For example, if you planned to study for three hours and watch YouTube videos for one hour, but actually watched YouTube for three hours and studied for one hour, the app will show that discrepancy, allowing you to rectify it in the future. The basic version of the app is free, and the Pro version costs \$5.99.



Mint.com
Android and iPhone – Free

Perhaps more than anyone, students need to budget their money. Between purchasing books, paying rent, eating and buying gas, money can disappear pretty quickly. Luckily, Mint.com has mobile apps for iPhone, iPad, and Android. Mint.com is a wonderful tool for both creating and keeping track of your budget. The app can sync with your bank account to automatically categorize purchases and organize the data into charts and graphs. Set a fixed amount you want to spend on food, gas, or whatever else, and Mint.com will keep you updated on how you are doing each month. You can even set up alerts for when you have a bill to pay or when your balance gets too low. Best of all, the app is free, so you can manage your bank account without withdrawing from it.



Crystallight Defense
Android - \$2.95

Of course being a student means studying is your top priority, but when you need a little fun time to raise your morale during a late-night cram session, why not play some Tower Defense? Crystallight Defense is a superb combination of class Tower Defense and the gem system from the Diablo series. You build towers with precious gems to stop wave after wave of monsters from making their way to their destination on the other side of your screen. However, in this game, instead of upgrading towers, you upgrade and combine gems in order to give them interesting and unique attributes. The game is a bit more complex than your average Tower Defense, but once you get into it, it can be difficult to get back to studying.

BLU-RAY

'The Walking Dead'

Drama never dies



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Humans are emotional beasts. If the world gets overrun with flesh-eating zombies, that doesn't mean mankind's emotions have changed or have been lost, they aren't going anywhere. There's only one show that has demonstrated that kind of truth: "The Walking Dead" on AMC.

Fresh to Blu-ray and DVD, Season Two of "The Walking Dead" hit store shelves earlier this month. The series is based on Robert Kirkman's popular zombie-infested comic book series by the same name.

Season Two picks up shortly after the events that took place at the end of Season

One. Looking for safety and a stable life, the survivors decide to make their way toward Fort Benning, Ga., a nearby military base. What would normally be a two-hour drive down the interstate quickly turns into a long and dangerous journey dealing with abandoned cars blocking the path, zombie hordes wandering aimlessly and a survivor's child gone missing.

For those who haven't seen the show because you think it's just another gory zombie flick turned into a television series, you are poorly informed and missing out on a great drama.

While the show is filled with plenty of zombie attacks and horrific moments, the characters' personalities

and how they interact with each other is what makes every episode interesting and exciting.

The show has enough heartbreak, fear, love, hate, jealousy and secrets to make all other television dramas look like Saturday morning programming.

After the success of Season One, the show was given a bigger budget which it used to its full extent with fancier visuals, effects and bigger sets.

Unlike Season One, where every episode was relatively fast-paced, the second season progresses slower. The pace may have been irritating when the season was airing on television with commercial interruptions, but the Blu-ray

minimized the irritation by not having any interruptions.

The season consists of all 13 episodes, spanning four disks, with extras like deleted scenes, tons of behind-the-scenes footage, commentary and "webisodes," which are several short videos about how one iconic zombie came to be.

With or without the extras, "The Walking Dead" has the perfect balance of horror, action, suspense and drama that can appeal to any viewer's taste making Season Two a must see.

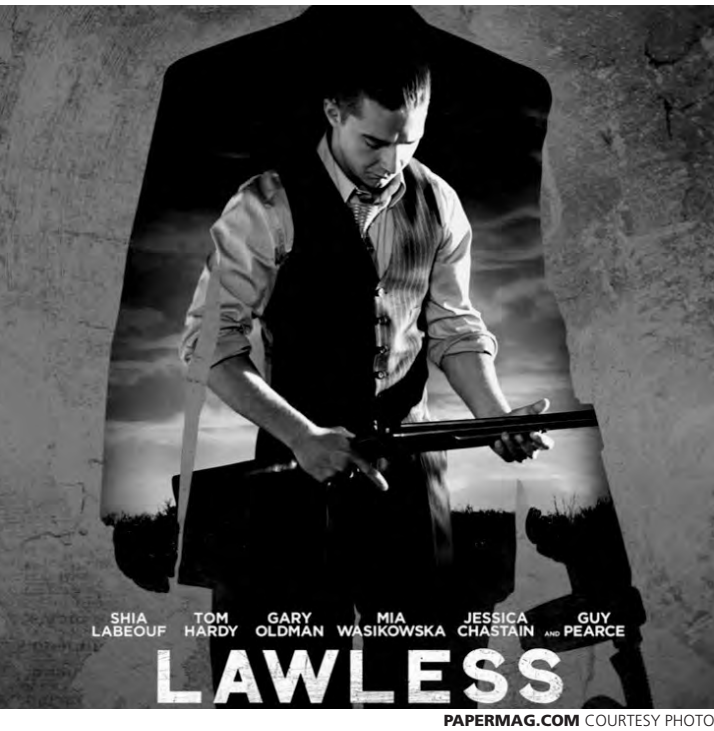
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MOVIES

'Lawless'

A new violence wretched from the American conscience



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BY ADRIAN HEDDEN
Interim Editor

This war isn't about the law; it's about preservation – in a place where liquor rules.

Fifty years before America's war on drugs, the South was choked with hostility. Desperate for cash, their country in a state of collapse, people were driven to organized crime and unspeakable acts of violence as they defended their profits from the law – and other bootleggers.

"Lawless" will terrify moviegoers, but those with strong stomachs for bloody beatings and a passion for history will gladly be led deep into the horrific evil and desperate psyches of the prohibition Era.

Set in Franklin County, VA, along the many riverbeds that provide transportation for the

criminalized liquor, Director John Hillcoat realistically places viewers among the sticks and streams of this humble setting. Harsh, natural realism has marked Hillcoat's recent career since 2005's "The Proposition" and 2009's "The Road."

Hillcoat's films dig deep into human fear, drawing up human isolation for the silver screen and conveying the beauty of an environment unconcerned as human disdain seizures to its death. "Lawless" pries eagerly into crime-drama as his most vicious work to date.

The agony and hatred conveyed by "Lawless" cast of desperate, destitute southerners and greedily sadistic lawmen creates a chilling sense of fear and paranoia between characters. Shocking displays of aggression

on both sides of the law are engrossing to viewers interested in the anger of American history with a taste for rebellion.

The town's bootlegging operation is run by three brothers, the middle of whom is played by Englishman Tom Hardy. Hardy leads the gang with a uniquely soft-spoken intensity and foreboding anger that few criminal anti-heroes have ever fought for before him.

The youngest of the three brothers, played by Shia LeBeouf, speaks shortly and with a southern drawl that is surprisingly believable from the typically corny and comedic, former child star.

LeBeouf goes on to be grotesquely beaten into a motionless pulp on several occasions by a vile and greedy detective played by Guy Pearce.

His baby face destroyed from the very beginning and heavily bruised throughout, LeBeouf's performance beat new depth out of the tween movie star, now nearing his 30s in hopes of more dramatic roles.

The optimism and natural beauty present in this film's early stages seemed to toy with audiences unwitting of the bleeding faces of war that would soon populate "Lawless" shuttering, social agony.

It is impossible to know whether more booze or blood was spilled during the film, but their festering mixture will stain Hollywood for years to come.

Runtime: 115 minutes
Rated: R
Genre: Historic drama



TELEVISION

HBO's 'Newsroom'

Where news and politics collide



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BY KELLY BRACHA
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HBO's new show, "The Newsroom," has produced a lot of buzz over its short, but highly

dramatic 10-episode season. The series chronicles the behind-the-scenes at a fictional news channel called Atlantic Cable News or ACN. The show was written by Aaron Sorkin,

creator of the Emmy Award-winning political drama "The West Wing."

The show focuses on anchor Will McAvoy (Chelsea's Jeff Daniels) and his newsroom staff: Jim (John Gallagher, Jr.), Maggie (Alison Pill), Sloan (Olivia Munn), Neal (Dev Patel), Don (Thomas Sadoski) and their boss Charlie Skinner (Sam Waterson).

The series begins with Will participating in a panel discussion at Northwestern University. A student asks the question, "What makes America the greatest country in the world?" Will gives an angry, statistics-filled speech about how America is absolutely not the greatest country in the world, but recalls the days when the country did great things, "because we were informed by great men."

Upon returning to ACN three weeks later, Will discovers his staff is missing, having gone to another division to work for another news show.

Playing the lead female and pseudo interest of Will

is MacKenzie "Mac" McHale (Emily Mortimer). When we first meet Mac, her character is presented as a tough, war-reporting veteran. But she quickly devolved into a wet blanket obsessed over her past relationship between herself and Will. Her bursts of teen angst detract from the enticing and brainy aspect of the show. Mac eventually joins ACN as the new executive producer for News Night.

When not distracted by each other, Will and Mac manage to produce an enticing broadcast with the help of Mac's staff of young and bright content producers that give "News Night" its program agenda.

"Newsroom" begins retelling events starting from early 2010, but with a touch of Sorkin's left-leaning politics. The key news events retold range from the BP Deepwater Horizon rig disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, to the beginnings of Arab Spring and, in one of the most gripping episodes, the killing of Osama Bin Laden.

In the midst of the tantalizing

look into how the news is formed and told, cliché drama and inner-office relationships plague "The Newsroom." A love triangle forms between Maggie, the young quixotic associate producer, her boyfriend Don, who is the show's former executive producer, and Jim, one of Mac's staffers from a previous gig who faithfully followed her to "News Night."

Maggie and Don are seemingly in a constant struggle to keep their relationship intact, especially with Jim giving her the attention that Don keeps neglecting to.

For the most part, the romantic predicaments are more often a distraction from the central theme of the show; women are portrayed as verbose weaklings and the show jumps forward in time by weeks and even months, making it difficult to keep track of some of the characters and relationships.

Even with all that going against it, "The Newsroom" still manages to bring an amazingly intelligent and original look

into the state of journalism and politics today. In its final episode on the eve of the start of the GOP convention a few weeks ago, it dared to take a particularly jaundiced view of the Tea Party, which McAvoy described in a venomous commentary as "the American Taliban."

At times, "The Newsroom" can come off pretentious, smug and pretty cheesy, but it has become one of the rarest shows on television – a show that is passionate about journalism and the pursuit of the truth – even as it is told by a 24-hour cable news network that can't escape its own politics.

"The Newsroom" has been renewed for a second season which will premiere in June 2013.

Channel: HBO



RESTAURANT

Roly Poly offers unique options



CHARLES MANLEY THE WASHTENAW VOICE

The Roly Poly Restaurant on Stadium Blvd., next to Trader Joe's.

BY AMANDA JACOBS
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Most experienced college students will tell you that Ann Arbor has a great selection of places to eat.

Downtown is rich in culture and student attractions, providing hundreds of different food options. The problem for some, however, is that restaurants in downtown are always packed with loud college students and residents and often fail to provide a comfortable, quiet setting.

For students looking for a smaller, less-populated place to eat, Roly Poly's rolled sandwiches are great for sit-down meal or a quick bite. The store is located at 2412 East Stadium Boulevard, in the Lamp Post Plaza by Trader Joes, and is only a few miles from Washtenaw Community College.

Roly Poly is the kind of place where employees remember their frequent customers' names. It's a diner with quick and friendly service, where employees are comfortable working together. Most importantly, it's the kind of eat-in restaurant that is quiet enough for students who aren't looking to party in downtown.

Customers are present, but not overbearing. Mothers with children, stray college students and local employees on lunch break make up the crowd at this diner.

The sandwiches are hand-rolled, offered either cold or hot, and wrapped in a tortilla. Ingredients are fresh, and rolls have unique blends of vegetables, meats and various sauces. Their sandwiches include the Basil Cashew Chicken roll, the Philly Melt and the Spinach Popper. Customers also have the option

of creating their own hot or cold roll.

The diner also offers soups, salads, cookies for dessert, and sides from potato and pasta salad. It also has various types of chips, including SunChips, Lays, Doritos, Cheetos and Miss Vickie's.

Some menu items are pricey, but worth it when you consider quality and quantity. The eatery offers a whole roll for \$6.50 and a half roll for \$3.95. Soups range from \$3.25 to \$12.95, based on size, and salads range from \$6.25 to \$7.25.

This restaurant is interactive online, and provides online ordering for delivery and carry out. Delivery is offered with a \$10 minimum. The sandwich shop also offers catering for party platters and box lunches.

Unfortunately, with the convenience of a place with less business comes the inconvenience of its hours. Roly Poly is only open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, allowing little time for many to enjoy their sandwiches.

Roly Poly

2412 Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor
(734) 677-0686
rolypoly.com

Menu: Rolled sandwiches, soups, salads and deserts
Price: Affordable to most college students



Big Ten 2012

Leaders and Legends face questions, challenges as traditional powers rebuild from the ashes



BY MATT DURR
AND MATT THOMPSON
Sports Writers

What can the Big Ten possibly do for an encore this year? From last-minute, hail-Mary touchdowns to the presumed return of the Michigan Wolverines to the tragic fall of a storied program, 2011 was a banner year for the Big Ten. As teams like Ohio State and Nebraska attempt to make the next step towards restoring their own glory, Michigan State and Wisconsin may be headed toward a rematch in the Big Ten Championship game. Strap yourself in and enjoy the ride. Here's a look at what to expect from the 12 teams that compose the Big Ten, with teams listed in predicted order of finish in their divisions:



Michigan State LeV'Veon Bell is one of the leaders returning to the Spartan's program this year.

LEGENDS DIVISION

Michigan State Spartans

Head coach: Mark Dantonio (sixth year)
Last year: 11-3 (7-1 in Big Ten)
Intriguing matchups: Sept. 29 vs. Ohio State, Oct. 20 at Michigan, Oct. 27 at Wisconsin
Expectations: The Spartans were just eight minutes away from winning their first Big Ten Championship game and earning a berth in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1988 before falling to Wisconsin 42-39. This season, Sparty is again on the hunt for a Big Ten title, but will be doing so with some new faces. Junior QB Andrew Maxwell takes over for Kirk Cousins to lead the MSU attack. Luckily for Maxwell, Le'Veon Bell returns as the starting running back. Bell is one of the top backs in the Big Ten, if not the country, and gives the offense a reliable option as Maxwell develops. The defense will be the strength of this team as MSU returns eight starters including William Gholston and Denicos Allen on the front line. Expect the Spartans to once again be in Indianapolis for the Big Ten Title game and maybe even Pasadena, Calif. on Jan. 1.

Michigan Wolverines

Head coach: Brady Hoke (second year)
Last year: 11-2 (6-2)
Intriguing matchups: Sept. 22 at Notre Dame, Oct 20 vs. Michigan State, Nov. 24 at Ohio State
Expectations: The Wolverines finally knocked off rival Ohio

State and claimed a Sugar Bowl victory in Hoke's first season as head coach. Heisman hopeful Denard Robinson is back for his senior season at QB and leads an offense that averaged 33 points-per-game last season. Backup QB Devin Gardener has moved to wide receiver and running back Fitzgerald Toussaint is expected to carry the load in the backfield. The Wolverines made huge gains defensively last season, but with only five returning starters, defensive coordinator Greg Mattison will have a lot of work to do with some inexperienced players. Expect a significant regression this season as the Wolverines continue the transition out of the Rich Rodriguez era.

Iowa Hawkeyes

Head coach: Kirk Ferentz (14th year)
Last year: 7-6 (4-4)
Intriguing matchups: Oct. 13 at Michigan State, Nov. 17 at Michigan, Nov. 24 Nebraska
Expectations: Iowa took another step back last season, barely reaching the .500 mark. The Hawkeyes' questions at running back continue to plague the offense. With only two backs on the roster with any game experience, Iowa will once again ask QB James Vandenberg to run an offense that is incomplete. The defense returns one of the best linebacking corps in the conference along with some experience in the secondary. Road games at MSU, U-M and Northwestern will be challenges. Expect another .500 season in conference and

a berth in another insignificant bowl game.

Nebraska Cornhuskers

Head coach: Bo Pelini (fifth year)
Last year: 9-4 (5-3)
Intriguing matchups: Sept. 29 vs. Wisconsin, Oct. 27 vs. Michigan, Nov. 3 at MSU



Wisconsin head coach Bret Bielema is looking ot lead the Badgers to their third straight Rose Bowl appearance.

WCC Sports Calendar

Club Wrestling First Practices

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 18 and Thursday, Sept. 20
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Location: Morris Lawrence Police Academy Training Room 110
Bring: Singlet and/or wrestling clothes and gear
Team will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays (7-9 p.m.) and have invitational/matches on the weekends

DROP-IN SPORTS

Mondays

Lacrosse, 4-5:30 p.m. on the soccer field
Basketball, 4-5:30 p.m. on the outdoor basketball court

Tuesdays

Softball, 4:30-6 p.m. on the softball field

Wednesdays

Soccer, 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the soccer field

Thursdays

Sand Volleyball, 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the sand volleyball court

COED INTRAMURALS

Kickball

Game Dates: Sundays, Sept. 9-30
Time: 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Location: WCC Softball Diamond
Bring: WCC ID Card

Platform Tennis

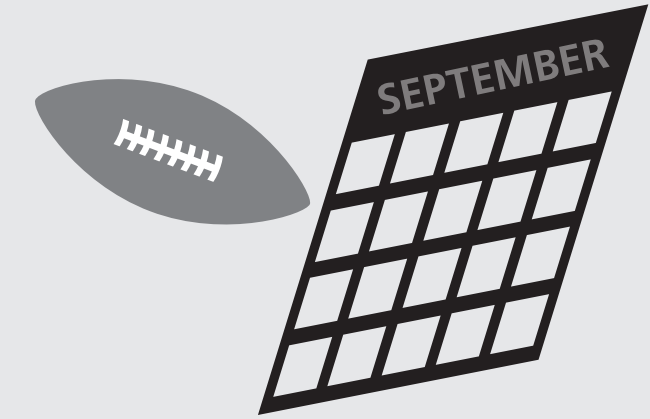
Game Dates: Sundays, Sept. 9-23
Time: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Location: WCC Health & Fitness Center
Bring: WCC ID Card

3v3 Basketball

Game Dates: Mondays, Sept. 10-Oct. 1
Time: 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Location: WCC Outdoor Basketball Court
Bring: WCC ID Card

Intramural 3v3 Soccer

Game Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 2
Time: 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Location: WCC Soccer Field
Bring: WCC ID Card and optional shin guards



Intramural Softball

Game Dates: Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3
Time: 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Location: WCC Softball Diamond
Bring: WCC ID Card

Intramural Ultimate Frisbee

Game Dates: Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3
Time: 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Location: WCC Soccer Field
Bring: WCC ID Card

Intramural Sand Volleyball

Game Dates: Thursdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 4
Time: 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Location: WCC Sand Volleyball Court
Bring: WCC ID Card

Intramural Dodgeball

Registration Dates: Sept. 17-Sept. 25
Game Dates: Sundays, Sept. 30-Oct. 21
Time: 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Location: Health & Fitness Center
Bring: WCC ID Card



Michigan State's Denicos Allen and William Gholston sack Wisconsin's Russell Wilson during first-half action in the Big Ten Championship game last December at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis..

Expectations: Entering its second season in the Big Ten, Nebraska is a dark horse candidate to make it the Big Ten Championship game. Quarterback Taylor Martinez is just as dynamic as Michigan's Denard Robinson, but with less fanfare. Rex Burkhead anchors a strong group of running backs and the offensive line

has two returning starters and two seniors on it. On defense, seven starters return, with the secondary being the strength. Senior Damian Stafford and junior Andrew Green are a formidable pair that can serve as a great last line of defense. If the defensive line can return to the form it showed during its last season in the Big 12, expect Nebraska to finish near the top of the Legends Division.

Northwestern Wildcats

Head coach: Pat Fitzgerald (seventh year)
Last year: 6-7 (3-5)
Intriguing matchups: Oct. 20 Nebraska, Oct 27 Iowa, Nov. 10 at Michigan
Expectations: This is a make-or-break season for Fitzgerald as head coach. After making strides early in his career, Northwestern has fallen back into the middle of the pack of Big Ten teams. The multi-talented Kain Colter will take the snaps at quarterback this year after leading the team in rushing yards and finishing third in receiving, while playing as the backup QB last year. USC transfer Kyle Prater will join the receiving group giving Colter a solid option down field. With an experienced offensive line, the Wildcats could put some points on the board. The defense however, may not keep opponents off the board. With so much inexperience throughout the defense, it's hard to think Northwestern won't be in plenty of shootouts this fall. A great schedule early does set them up to get to another bowl game.

Minnesota Golden Gophers

Head coach: Jerry Kill (second year)
Last year: 3-9 (2-6)
Intriguing matchups: Nov. 3 vs. Michigan, Nov. 10 at Illinois, Nov. 17 at Nebraska
Expectations: If MarQueis Gray is healthy, Minnesota can compete. If he misses time like he did last season, forget about it. A duel-threat quarterback, Gray is a game-changer who will frustrate defenses. Aside from Gray, the Gophers will look to re-establish the running game behind the work of junior college transfer James Gillium. An inexperienced line is cause for concern too. Defensively, Minnesota has just as many question marks. The linebackers are solid, but the defensive line is young and looks to be a year away from being effective. If Gray is healthy, this team could get to six wins and a bowl berth.

LEADERS DIVISION

Wisconsin Badgers

Head coach: Bret Bielema (Seventh year)
Last year: 11-3, (7-2 in Big Ten)
Intriguing matchups: Oct. 27 vs. Michigan State, Nov. 17 vs. Ohio State,
Expectations: After winning the Big Ten and going to the Rose Bowl, Wisconsin is not expecting a letdown. With Ohio State and Penn State ineligible for postseason play the Badgers should be able to

WCC culinary student to open new eatery in Dexter

Bits and Pizzas promises ‘good, New York-style’ pies



ALAN TRAXLER WASHTENAW VOICE

BY AMANDA JACOBS
Staff Writer

DEXTER: Robert and Mindy D’Oria dreamed of owning their own pizza place for more than a decade. When that dream finally became a reality, there was only one problem: they had no name for their business. Until a harmless verbal slip-up led them to the perfect name. “We were having a conversation about the restaurant, and instead of saying ‘bits and pieces,’ she said, ‘bits and pizzas.’ I looked at her and said, “That’s it!”” That’s how the D’Orias, of Dexter, came up with the name for their new restaurant, Bits and Pizzas, which they hope to open in January. This will be the eighth pizza restaurant in Dexter, a town with less than 5,000 people, which is located about 15 miles west of Ann Arbor. The D’Orias, however, feel that their pizza place will bring something new to the table. “We’ll make good, New York-style and Neapolitan pizzas,” said Mindy, a culinary arts student at Washtenaw Community College. “We’re making our own dough and sauce, all in a wood fire oven.” New York-style pizza is typically light on sauce and cheese, with very thin crust.

Slices are usually large and wide, unlike other American pizzas. Italian, Neapolitan-style pizzas, are soft and pliable, cooked in a 900-degree oven for only about 90 seconds. Both types are traditionally made with hand-tossed dough, and cooked in a wood fire oven. The restaurant, located at 8099 Main St., will also feature a variety of worldly foods, including Mexican, Indian, South American and Mediterranean. It will offer beer and wine, as well as soft drinks. Mindy is wrapping up her culinary arts degree at WCC. She is studying under a merit scholarship, which is based on academic excellence. “Throughout all of the experience that you get, and the instructors who bring a lot of knowledge to the table, I’ve learned a lot in that program,” she said. “I still have seven classes, but the culinary arts program has given me the confidence I needed to start a restaurant.” The D’Orias’ goal is to have not only the best pizza in Dexter, but the best pizza in Michigan. Robert, who grew up just outside of New York, feels that he has a different view on pizza than that of Michigan residents. The couple hopes to change people’s minds about

pizza. “I don’t particularly care for Classic and Cottage Inn pizzas,” said Robert. “I think the town expects more of the same.” However, employees at Classic Pizza, one of Dexter’s most popular pizza restaurants, are not concerned about losing their customers. “Like any new business in town, we may lose customers for the first week or so,” said a manager at Classic Pizza, who asked that his name not be used. “But we’re fairly well established in town, and we’re certain we won’t lose our loyal customers.” Bits and Pizzas will initially be open as a dine-in restaurant for dinner only, and will not offer delivery or catering choices. Plans for delivery and other choices will be considered once the business begins to grow, the D’Orias said. After two years of living in Dexter, the D’Orias decided that it was the most suitable place for their restaurant, due to all of the visitors from other cities who pass through. “Dexter is under-served, as far as restaurants go. There’s a lot of traffic that comes through our area, from Chelsea, Ann Arbor, and other towns,” Robert said. “We want to bring in folks from neighboring areas, not just Dexter residents.”

OneLove Culture Shop opens in Depot Town

BY AMANDA JACOBS
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What was once known as ‘Dennis’s Music’ in Depot Town is now a cultural head shop - a new business opened this month by a Washtenaw Community College student and her family. With a heavy influence from college students in Depot Town, it’s no wonder that WCC nursing major, Brooke Wilbanks, her fiancé, Jonathan Doyle, and their son, Harper, 3, felt that it was the best place to land their new store. OneLove Culture Shop is not a typical head shop. The place is stocked with handmade jewelry, clothing, glass pipes, glass and wooden, hand-made necklace pendants and hemp bracelets. Many items are made by community members. OneLove is located at 27 E. Cross St., and was Dennis’s Music until late April, 2012. When Doyle and Wilbanks saw that the old store’s location was available, they knew that the 924 square-foot store was a great place for a new kind of business. “There’s a hydroponics store down the street, a dispensary, a tattoo shop; it’s perfect,” said Doyle, a former WCC student. Jewelry is inexpensive, with pendants as low as \$1.50. Items also include posters, handmade hula-hoops, RooR brand glass

pipes, hemp wallets, tam hats, beautiful tapestry, purses, patches, pouches, T-shirts and dresses. Clothing and bags range from \$20-\$40, depending on size and style. “All of our T-shirts, backpacks, and clothing are made with organic dye and are fair trade,” said Doyle. Fair trade items are certified by non-profit organization, Fair Trade USA, to guarantee that farmers and workers who produce certain items were paid fairly and worked in safe conditions. Fair trade seeks to benefit the workers, consumers, industries and the environment. The OneLove Culture shop was completely remodeled by the couple, with the bamboo on the walls and floor-to-ceiling paintings. Wilbanks said that other merchants in Depot Town are friendly and help promote one another’s businesses. The merchants of the area often come together for meetings to help discuss ways to promote everyone’s businesses. “Everybody wants to help each other,” said Wilbanks, of Ypsilanti. “There’s no competition.” Wilbanks and Doyle offer comfort to their guests, something that many other cultural shops in the Ann Arbor area may lack. The family owned business features a

lounging area for guests, and there are plans to offer fair trade-coffee in the future. The owners of the culture shop also hope to feature art from local residents. Involvement of the community is important to the owners of OneLove. “I’d like to find someone who can make chunky hemp necklaces, dog collars, etc. We’re also looking for local artists of any kind, and unique stuff,” Doyle said. “We want people to come here to hang out and get comfortable.” Visitors feel that the OneLove Culture Shop fits right in with the rest of the businesses in Depot Town. “The store has a really nice ambiance,” said Ann Arbor resident Janet Seeburger. “I hope they do well in Depot Town.” An Ypsilanti resident and graduate from Eastern Michigan University, Nadine Clark hopes the new addition will continue to succeed in her hometown. “It’s really neat. It’s a nice edition to Depot Town,” she said. “Especially the fair trade.” Although OneLove Culture shop is already fairly well-stocked, there will be more items in the future, according to Doyle. “Everything is still steadily trickling in,” he said.

COMIC FROM B1

A Kennedy Suspect?

But Brennan’s notoriety is not confined to just one list. In 2007, renowned attorney and writer, Vincent Bugliosi, published “Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy,” a book delving into the murder of JFK and the events surrounding it. He included a list of 82 potential triggermen. Brennan was listed at No. 8. Starting the mid-nineties, Brennan began work on a series of written works, mainly available online, entitled: “Conjurella.” Many of the stories include in the series detail Brennan’s personal accounts of his involvement in the assassination of JFK. He said that, as a child, he underwent hypnosis therapy involved with a government program, “MK Ultra” that ultimately led to his becoming an unwitting shooter in

Kennedy’s murder. “My current work falls under the category of repressed memories,” Brennan said. “I fired a shot (at Kennedy). Put me on the stand. What I like is to have my fans read my stories and think they’re fiction. They’re not untrue.” Locals are left mystified by Brennan’s frank admission of guilt. Most hear his claims with a grain of salt. “I heard he killed Kennedy,” Wisely said. “He did make a pretty compelling argument. I’ve learned to accept it as at least a possibility.” The son of two, nationally published authors and school board members, Brennan’s abilities in comic writing began as a child. He said learned the layout of a comic strip through his parents’ many writing magazines. “I had a good blueprint for magazine layout,” Brennan said.

“Having a background in the industry really benefitted my knowledge in the beginning.” After Warren declared bankruptcy in 1983, Brennan was unable to find work elsewhere in the comic industry – leading him to declare himself blacklisted. “People in the industry told me that they had locked arms against me. It didn’t matter why, only that they were doing it,” Brennan said. “I wanted to tear it down. The comic book industry was of no use to me at that time.” Now couch surfing within the limits of Ann Arbor, and forever chasing women, Brennan feels ready to move on from town and state that has been he has called home his entire life. “I’ll probably surf my way down to Miami Beach for the winter,” Brennan said. “I’ve got friends down there, and I don’t need to hang around if I’m not welcome at the parties.”

BIG 10 FROM B4

walk to Indianapolis for the Big Ten Championship game. If Danny O’Brien, a Maryland transfer, can do a manageable job replacing Russell Wilson at quarterback, and Montee Ball recovers from the fight this offense should be an elite again. Ball – a Heisman trophy finalist last season – tied a three-decades-old record from Barry Sanders at Oklahoma State for rushing touchdowns in a season with 39. If he can continue that production look for Ball to be in New York in December

(Heisman ceremony) and a BCS game in January.

Penn State Nittany Lions
Head coach: Bill O’Brien (first year)
Last year: 9-4 (6-2)
Intriguing matchups: Sept. 15 vs. Navy, Nov. 24 Wisconsin
Expectations: Everyone knows about the scandal that dragged the Penn State program through the mud. With the NCAA dropping the hammer, the Nittany Lions

lost top offensive player Silas Redd to USC as well as other top players. Recruits are not coming in as fast as before without being able to play in a bowl game for four years. New expectations for a storied program that narrowly avoided the death penalty: Somehow get over .500 and win a big game or two at home to give the students, alumni and program something to feel good about. Beating Ohio State before Halloween, or Wisconsin in the last game – both at home – would be huge for Penn State’s

moral. But it’s not likely to happen

Ohio State Buckeyes
Head coach: Urban Meyer (first year)
Last year: 6-7 (3-5)
Intriguing matchups: Nov. 17 at Wisconsin, Nov. 24 vs. Michigan
Expectations: With no bowl game, and no Big Ten championship at stake Ohio State’s goal will be making a statement to the conference and country that the Buckeyes

are back. An undefeated season has been talked about by players, but a tough November will make that hard. Quarterback Braxton Miller seems built for a Meyer offense, but does OSU have the weapons around Miller to be lethal? Goals for the Buckeyes should be just embracing and establishing dominance with Meyer’s offense and scheme to set up for next season. Also, beating Michigan at home to finish the season will mean everything for this team.

Illinois Fighting Illini
Head coach: Tim Beckman (first year)
Last year: 7-6 (2-6)
Intriguing matchups: Oct. 6 at Wisconsin, Nov. 24 at Northwestern
Expectations: Junior quarterback Nathan Scheelhasse will be starting his third year as a starter and coming off a 2,100-yard passing season with six rushing touchdowns too. If Scheelhasse can cut down his turnovers and continue to make big plays, Wisconsin will have to watch out. If they can win in Madison there will be a race for the division. After a 2-6 conference record last year, the defense needs improvement, but the Fighting Illini might be able to contend.

Purdue Boilermakers
Head coach: Danny Hope (fourth year)
Last year: 7-6 (4-4)
Intriguing matchups: Sept. 8 at Notre Dame, Nov. 17 vs.

Illinois
Expectations: Kawann Short creates havoc on the defensive line for Purdue. He will anchor the defense again this season. Last year, inconsistency on defense hurt the Boilermakers. One week, Purdue allowed 62 points to Wisconsin and the next week slowed down Ohio State to win in overtime. Hope should be happy about finding a quarterback last year in Caleb TerBush. He threw for 1,905 yards with 13 touchdowns and six interceptions. If Purdue can build on winning three of its final four games – including OSU and a bowl game – a possible New Year’s Day bowl could be the reward.

Indiana Hoosiers
Head coach: Kevin Wilson (second year)
Last year: 1-11 (0-8)
Intriguing matchups: Oct. 20 at Navy, Nov. 17 at Penn State
Expectations: Indiana will be focused on improving. The first step will be winning Big Ten games. The Hoosiers defense must improve, last season they finished 114 in scoring defense allowing 37 points per game. Those numbers will need to be slashed drastically if they want to win. An easy non-conference schedule to begin with will result in a few early losses against top teams in the conference including Michigan State and Ohio State. Indiana should focus on winning the games it should in non-conference and bounce back for a few conference wins this season.



Penn State quaterback Matt McGloin leaves the field in frustration after a 24-14 loss to Ohio University at Beaver Stadium in State College, Penn., in their season opener on Sept. 1.

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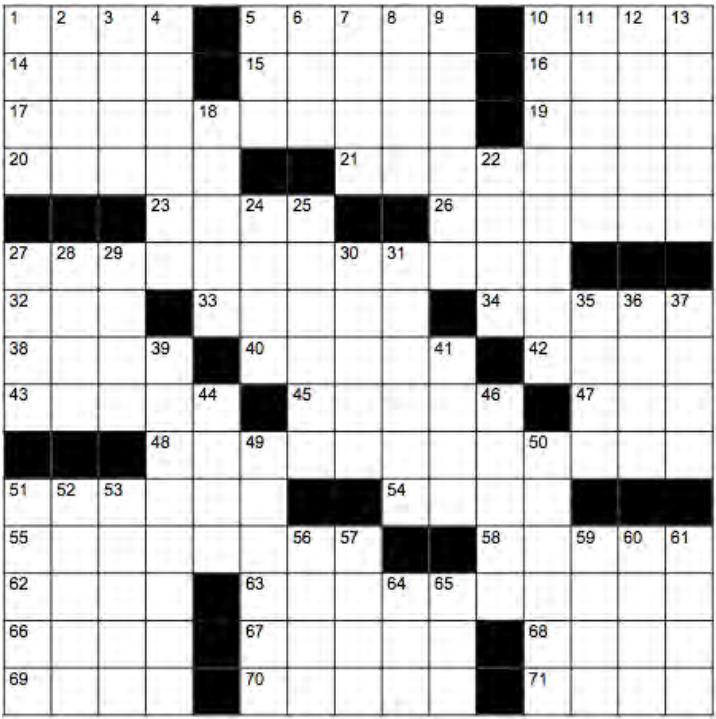
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Crossword



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Across

1. Westernmost Aleutian

5. Bolivian capital that translates to “the peace”

10. Captain Ahab of film 14. Place for an Easter egg hunt

15. Tomato ailment

16. French shelter

17. Biographer of Goethe, Napoleon, et al.

19. Brag about

20. Mythical wish granters

21. Moonlight melody

23. Sgts. and cpls.

26. Blue-penciled

27. Fast food joint

32. Comet’s path

33. Alpine region

34. “Throw ____ From the Train,” 1987 film

38. To see, in Marseille

40. The line $y = 0$, in math

42. Anti votes

43. “See ya,” in Soissons

45. Some immunizations

47. Work at Three Rivers, say

48. Mil. registrar’s branch office

51. Definitely a day for air-conditioning

54. Alter, as a pet

55. Tribal ruler

58. Coach Rockne

62. Mets’ former park

63. Lost consciousness

66. Cut, as wood

67. Land of ancient Samos

68. Hebrew measure

69. Once, at one time

70. CD burner, e.g.

71. Otolaryngologist’s concern
3. Mattress size

4. Detach

5. Romanian monetary unit

6. Recipe word

7. Where hymnals are stored

8. Bordeaux girlfriend

9. Croatia’s capital

10. First Lady, 1969-74

11. WWII patrol vessel

12. Tanker load

13. Wrote fraudulently, as a check

18. Okay

22. Ancient region bordering Palestine

24. Type of agate

25. Paste jewelry material

27. “Joe”

28. Yankee nickname starting 2004

29. 202, to Tiberius

30. Former Albanian leader

31. George and T.S.

35. Hawaiian island east of Lanai

36. Popular computer adventure

37. Late tennis V.I.P. Arthur

39. Echoing

41. Word repeated by a drill sergeant

44. Annapolis institution, for short

46. Allay, as thirst

49. Division of Yugoslavia

50. President before Richard

51. Pronoun with a slash

52. Alter ego

53. Bodily strength

56. Oafish one

57. Worker

59. Italian man

60. One of seven: Abbr.

61. To be, in Picardy

64. A.F.L.- ____

65. Dorothy Gale’s home state: Abbr.
- Down

1. “Break ____!” (“Good luck!”)

2. Barely risque

Crossword

Across

- 1 Not up yet

6 Computer screen symbol

10 Coffee, informally

14 Actress Mary Tyler ____

15 Bubbly buy

16 Secondhand

17 Prove helpful

18 Yankee star’s nickname

19 Cast off

20 “Got it?”

23 Novelist Fleming

24 Caesar’s subjects

28 Annoys

32 Takes care of

35 Second TV showing

36 “Relax, soldier!”

38 Winter Games sled

40 ____ tai (cocktail)

41 “Got it?”

44 Spy’s “covert” activities

45 Lodge letters

46 Without delay

47 Pasture

49 Dull as dishwater

51 Fishing spot

52 Hippie’s “Wow!”

54 Use the microwave on

56 “Got it?”

63 Initial stake
- 66 Get exactly right

67 Unusual trinket

68 New Zealand bird

69 Eye rudely

70 Austrian painter Gustav

71 Tremendously

72 Crumbly cheese

73 Have a feeling
- Down

1 Apple all-in-one computer

2 PBS science series

3 Tub toy

4 Guitarist Clapton

5 New __, India

6 “Uh-uh!”

7 Phone wire

8 Fragrance

9 Low point

10 Modest answer to “Who’s there?”

11 Hardwood tree

12 Flying formation

13 Throw in

21 Imaginary

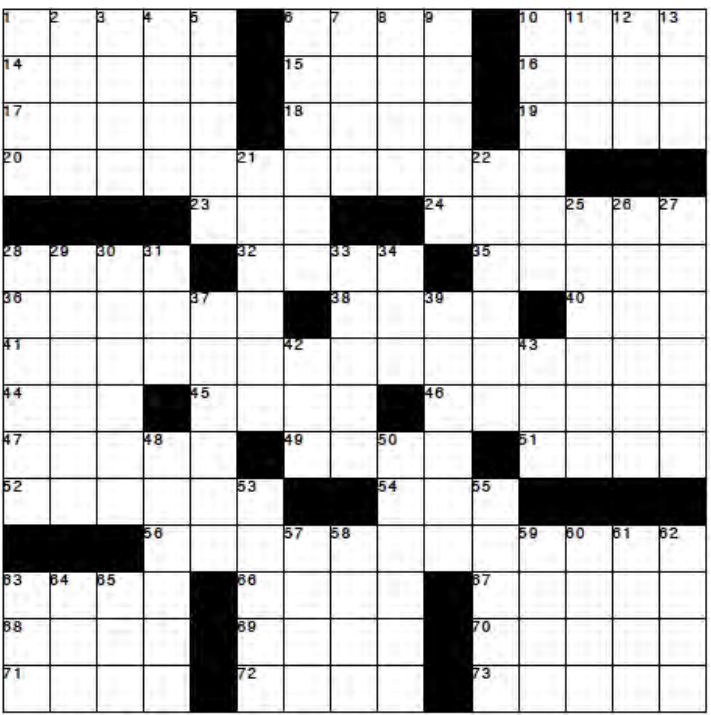
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25 Gucci competitor

26 Subtle difference

27 Baseball great Duke

28 In trouble



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- 29 Ideal place

30 Yellowstone spouter

31 ____ Paulo

33 Tribal leader

34 Seek damages

37 Tame

39 Reach for rudely

42 Drop off

43 High point

48 Fly into a rage

50 Flowering shrub
- 53 Close to the hour

55 Chooses

57 Carry on

58 Dagger handle

59 Backless shoe

60 Emerald Isle

61 Aspirations

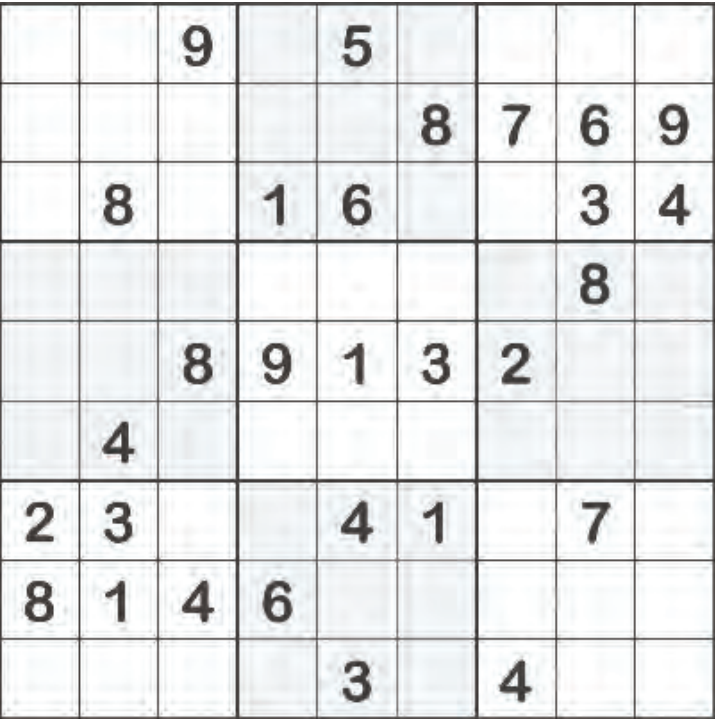
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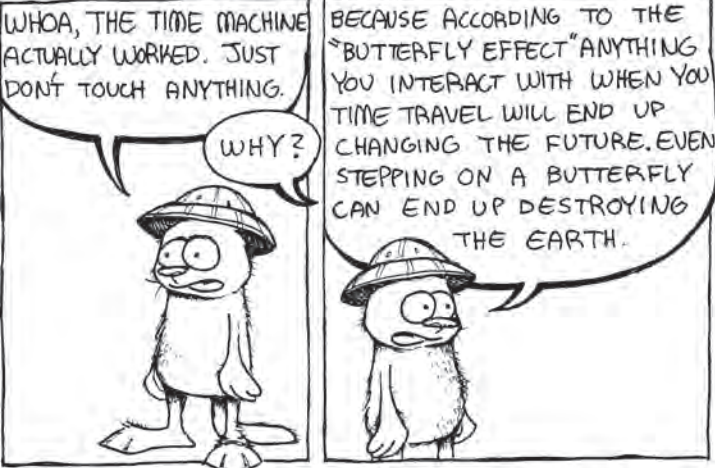
65 Seesaw quorum

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One letter stnads for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letter, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each issue the code letters are different.

B L L X R D A G D P .
R D A G D P D E A G T
Z L F P A H D P L Z
K L L W , H P W D A
R D B B T I T Q Y F Y Y B T
F O , D Z A G L F R D B A
T I T Q W D K .
- N H Q U F E H F Q T B D F E

Classified Advertising

Students and WCC employees: Classified ads in *The Voice* are free.
Local business owners: Looking for help? Post your free help wanted ads in *The Voice*.
Send ads to the washtenawvoice@gmail.com.
Deadline for the Sept. 24 issue is Tuesday, Sept.18, at 5 p.m.

SERVICES

Need Health Care? Are you between the ages of 12-22? Contact the Corner Health Center at (734) 484.3600 or visit online at: www.cornerhealth.org

HELP WANTED

Blue Beacon Truck Wash in Dexter is now hiring. \$9/hour to start, up to \$10.15 with bonus paid weekly. Benefits include flexible hours, paid vacation, medical benefits and a 401k plan. All shifts available. Apply in person at 98 Baker Road, Dexter (Exit 197 off I-94).

Great Outdoors has open positions for

mowing, horticulture, landscape and snow removal. Fax resume to (734) 996-9100, attention Jim, or email to jessica@gogreatoutdoors.com.

U.S. Army is hiring dedicated and motivated individuals to serve and defend. Must between the ages of 17-35, morally and physically qualified for active and reserve duty. www.Goarmy.com or (877) 567-1343)

The following is a sample of recent employment want ads that have been posted with WCC’s Employment Services Center. For more information about these ads, contact Employment Services at (734) 677-5155,

or visit SC287 to review the complete posting.

Help Desk Support (2757680), Must have excellent computer skills, Windows XP, Microsoft Office experience. Willing to work a very flexible schedule in downtown Ann Arbor.

Dental Assistant (2741007). Assist dentist in all aspects of family dentistry, to include but not limited to: ordering stocking, sterilization, assisting doctor, x-ray certification, impressions, models, patient contact.

Customer Service Representative (2745008), Process mail on a high-speed mailing machine, drive company van to pick up mail in Ann Arbor, assist customers, pack outgoing shipments, computer data entry, insert

envelopes, apply labels, etc. Approximately 30 hours per week.

IT Support & Programmer (2729771), Entry level IT specialist with excellent technical and people skills, g to work in downtown Ann Arbor within a smaller, collaborative IT team. Plan and prioritize daily work load, working off of master task-tracking system; write SQL, XML, HTML, etc.; monitor scheduled tasks and database maintenance; provide ongoing progress and deliverables updates to IT director; maintain confidentiality of client data.

Pharmacy Technician (2712395), Under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, works as a member of an intra-disciplinary team responsible for meeting the pharmaceutical needs of our customers. Technical responsibilities include processing and dispensing physician ordered medications; appropriate storage of drugs; packaging of solid and liquid dosage forms; compounding of topical applications, intravenous or irrigation solutions; maintenance of audit trails regarding controlled substance distributions; and performing

patient charging/crediting.

Server & Hosts (2724532). Olga’s Kitchen at Plymouth and Green Rd. is hiring Servers and Hosts.

Customer Support Representative (2721694). Serve as a focal point for sales, marketing, technical support, product development, finance, order control and customers. Position requires in-depth knowledge of processes, systems, business rules, pricing, and other changes affecting orders and customers. The Customer Support Representative manages accuracy and attention to detail amid constantly changing priorities, product attributes, marketing strategies, system migrations, acquisitions, procedures and new products and services, each with their own distinct contractual requirements and systems.

Receptionist/Office Assistant (2749303). Part-time reception and assistant position available for a positive, personable, dependable and organized person. Answering phones, scheduling appointments for up to 12 therapists. Office duties include, but are not

limited to: data entry, database management, assisting in daily maintenance of the facility. Personal assistant to owner, including bookkeeping, managing schedule, errands etc. Problem-solving with staff and clients.

Package Handlers (2721453), Fed Ex is seeking package handlers to assist in loading and unloading delivery vans and trucks.

Electronic Technician (2732240), Product manufacture, final assembly and test to meet customer and internal delivery schedules while conforming to quality requirements. Assist engineering with product development process, establish product sub-assembly and final test processes and in product validation testing. Repair and upgrade of customer product returns. Create and maintain manufacturing documentation. Perform other tasks as required by management.

For more information regarding any of the above employment opportunities, contact Career Services at (734) 677-5155 or email careers@wccnet.edu.

Dahlias delight!

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*WCC hosts the 79th Annual
Midwest Dahlia Conference*

The Michigan Dahlia Association concluded the 79th Annual Midwest Dahlia Conference at the Morris Lawrence Building on Sept. 2. The show featured more than 1,400 dahlias and dahlia displays. The theme for 2012 was “The Great Lakes.” A special competition for heirloom dahlias introduced in 1962 or earlier, was sponsored by Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor. Some of the flowers were made available for purchase by donation at the end of the show.



Vivien Kolb, 29, of Tecumseh inspects a group of dahlias she's selected to purchase.



Leslie Depietro of Ann Arbor carries an armful of dahlias at the close of the event.



Arunas Vaitiekaiyis of Lake Port takes a picture of a dahlia for his wife Aldona, who is investigating new hybrids to grow.

