

CRIES TO LEGALIZE

Medically
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In honor of our 4/20 issue, *The Voice* canvassed 100 students and asked,

Should marijuana be legalized?

Fully
legalized

77%

Not at all
legalized

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ERIK MORRIS | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY SOFIA LYNCH
Features Editor
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Contributor

Ann Arbor's annual Hash Bash always creates a buzz, but this year, among an estimated 6,000 attendees, there was more than just smoke in the air – there was excitement.

At the April 4 event, State Rep. Jeff Irwin (D–Ann Arbor) announced that he was drafting legislation that would legalize marijuana

for recreational use in the state. If it passed, Michigan would follow in the footsteps of Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, which have all legalized the drug in the past two years.

Marijuana is currently legal in the state of Michigan strictly for medical use under qualifying conditions and classified by the Drug Enforcement Administration as a Schedule I drug.

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Three images from the student showcase at Kerrytown Concert House. From left: 'Deluxe Hotel Redux' and 'Deluxe Hotel' by Barbara Tozire, 'Blue Moon Rose' by Valarie Lewis and 'Huron River Views' by Pamela Guenzel. SOFIA LYNCH | WASHTENAW VOICE

WCC students showcase photography in Kerrytown

BY SOFIA LYNCH
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The bridge between the Crane Liberal Arts and Science Building and Gunder Myran building is adorned with the photographic work of the college's Alternative Processes class.

The class is not a typical photography class, explained the current instructor, Timothy Householder.

"Most of the processes we do in this class are things that have

been around since the mid-1800s forward," Householder explained. "But by modernizing, we're using both film and digital negatives. So we go in with a color image, go into Photoshop, do some manipulations to it and turn it into a black and white negative."

Barbara Tozier, one of the students in the class, said that the course is particularly interesting because everyone has their own perspective and can do their own thing.

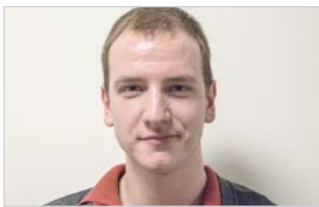
"We've worked through a

lot of issues, like with some chemistry and how to do things, how to make things work better," Tozier said. "Everybody has a thing they're interested in that is slightly different from everybody else, but we're all learning together."

"It's a fantastic class. I know it hasn't run a lot the last few years, but take advantage of it when you see it," said Brandon Howell, a

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Inequalities in tuition are just a form of discrimination



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The recent statement that we – the international students – are provided with extra resources just does not ring true in my mind, or minds of many other international students I encounter daily as the president of the International Student Association at this college.

This claim was made by the college's CFO to justify a 3 percent increase in international students' tuition.

My family paid for the following: the internet I used to apply to the college, for obtaining my visa and all the fees that came with it, the plane ticket I used to come here and my tuition. No limo, red carpet, personal guide – nothing.

I paid with my nerves to get an on-campus job (since I am

unable to get one off-campus due to my visa regulations), to do just as much work as any other student domestic or otherwise.

I paid with hard work to see the club I am currently leading grow without the extra resources it used to have: the International Student Center lounge.

Well, the International Student Center (and its lounge) is only yet another lounge now. It is accessible to everyone. It co-exists with the Women's Resources Center, which is why it's still there, although it does not serve its intended purpose.

What are the resources international students are provided with that justify an upping of three percent to our tuition?

Is it the well-structured and thorough advising that did not exist last semester? Is it the availability of tutors that teach different academics in foreign languages that also does not exist? If these resources existed, the argument might be valid.

International students are to pay taxes (at least the ones on F-1 Visa are), and there are no resources that bring the

outrageous cluster of information and forms closer to the students. Not to mention the discrimination that led to a delay in informing students of their obligation to pay taxes. Some may, in fact, miss the deadline. Google what may be the consequence because I do not dare to.

The tuition is already high enough. I remember applying to Washtenaw in 2013 because I was impressed by the affordable tuition and flexible and amiable staff. As the days go by, I tend to stress more over simplest things that for a possible new student would be a sign not to join the community of Washtenaw.

Is this what the college is trying to do with the three percent upping? Is it trying to lessen diversity of the student body?

International students already pay about three times the in-state student's tuition. There is also no financial aid available for international students.

In my eyes, different upping percentages scream discrimination, because there are currently no extra resources that satisfy the drop in my bank account.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Traverse City Trip

We're packing our bags and traveling to Sleeping Bear Dunes and Traverse City, and we'd like you to be our guest!
Tickets: \$125 –going on sale soon!
Includes:
- Motor-coach transportation
- Lodging at Northwestern Michigan College
- Hiking at Sleeping Bear Dunes
- Tubing on the Platte River
- Fun at Pirate's Cove
- Dinner on Friday, brunch on Saturday & Dinner on Saturday.
When: 7 a.m., June 26th – 8 p.m., June 28th

Stress Free Day

Unwind, recharge and enjoy refreshments courtesy of Student Activities
Where: 1st, floor of Student Center
When: April 28th, 2015
Time: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Sundae Day!

We supply the YUMMY you bring the TUMMY
Where: 1st floor Student Center
When: April 30th, 2015
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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Free Mouth Guard Clinic!

The dental assisting club is running a FREE mouth guard clinic. Impressions will be taken and then you will receive a time and date to pick up your free mouth guard
Where: OE 106
When: April 21st.
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Campus Connect

Introducing the new social network for student life at WCC! Login to win 2 free tickets to the Student Activities Annual Cedar Point trip.
Deadline to enter for tickets:
Thurs. April 30th, 2015
Contest Rules: Must be enrolled for Winter 2015 classes. Drawing is May 1st. Visit the URL above**

Word up!

Word up is a guest-speaker event hosted by the Political Science Club, Black Student Union and Outspace. There are a number of guest speakers speaking on a number of topics Thursdays at the java spot.
Where: Java Spot-1st floor SC
When: 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

SPORTS

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3v3 Basketball:

Want to shoot some hoops on the court? Our 3v3 Basketball starts on Monday, April 13 at the basketball courts next to the baseball field. We will start at 5 p.m. and play until 7 p.m. Other game dates: April 20 and 27.

Ultimate Frisbee:

Frisbee will begin on Friday, April 10, 4 pm - 6 pm on the soccer field. Other game date available is April 17. Please sign up by April 3.

Club Women's Softball:

Our women's softball team is looking for more players for the team! To be considered for the team, come to a practice on the softball field next to the Health and Fitness Center on April 9th, 13th, or 14th from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm –please register in the Sports office.

Interested in Other Sports Offerings?

check out the new WCC Sports portal on Campus Connect: <https://orgsync.com/108999/chapter> take a few minutes to register your profile and have instant access to everything going on with sports on campus. Starting today, the 10th new sign-up for our sports page will receive a free t-shirt!

Tickets for shows, trips and events are available in the Cashier's Office, 2nd floor of the SC building!



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PAM HORISZNY



Now splitting her time between treasurer of the college's board of trustees and CFO of the Ann Arbor YMCA, Pam Horiszny explored various paths before identifying her aptitude and affinity for accounting.
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THE FIFTH
IN A SERIES
OF TRUSTEE
PROFILES

BY PAULETTE PARKER
News Editor

Washtenaw Community College board treasurer, Pam Horiszny, is a self-described “work hard, play hard” type of person. She plays hard while staying physically active, enjoying golfing, biking, rollerblading and working in her yard. She works hard as chief financial officer of the Ann Arbor YMCA and commits to her role as a WCC trustee.

However, Horiszny’s career in finances is not the path on which she originally started.

Growing up in Lansing, she attended Michigan State University, where she earned an undergraduate degree in social science with a minor in political science. She also had a teaching certification and a desire to teach high school.

After graduation, she moved

to Cleveland, where she was a stay-at-home mom to her two daughters. She decided to work on a Master of Education degree while she was home. The master’s program changed the course of her life.

She took a philosophy of education course and was the only student in the class not actively teaching. She recalls a 20-page paper she had to write.

“I read 10 books and wrote the paper and got an A. I didn’t really feel like I knew really any more about what my philosophy of education was because I didn’t have any practical experience,” Horiszny said. “All the other people in the class were currently teaching, so they probably sat down in one night and wrote their paper. They were very comfortable in the class and had a lot to add.”

The next series in the master’s program was a statistics

course.

“We got in there, and I’m loving it,” she said. “I hadn’t had any statistics for decades. And (the other students) were dying, just panicked, couldn’t do it.”

Horiszny had the realization that she might have been pursuing the wrong field in going into education. She then took an accounting course.

“Accounting’s the kind of thing, either you get it or you don’t. You get an A, or you get a C,” she said. Horiszny set out to work on a Master of Business Administration to become a certified public accountant. She and her family moved back to Michigan where she enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. Once there, she learned that she didn’t need a master’s degree to become a CPA.

She took the courses required to take the CPA exam. “They even got me an

internship with a firm here in Ann Arbor, and I was off and running,” she said. “So I’m indebted to Eastern for what they did for me professionally.” After working in public accounting for 23 years, including having her own firm for 10 years, Horiszny became the executive director of the Red Cross of Washtenaw County for four years.

“There again was a big change because when I was in public accounting, I did a lot of nonprofit audits, and I served on a lot of nonprofit boards. So that became my passion,” she said. “I wanted to go into the nonprofit arena when I was done with public accounting. So that’s what I did.”

After the Red Cross, she moved on to the YMCA, where she is today. Cathy Duchon, chief executive officer of the Ann Arbor YMCA, knew Horiszny when she was an

accountant and enjoys working with her now.

“First of all, she’s incredibly smart. She also very thorough, and she’s always looking for ways to make us better,” Duchon said. “And she’s a really good teacher.” Horiszny gladly shares her experience to help people better understand the financial aspects of their professions.

“I love having the knowledge that I can help people and I can add value to an organization,” she said.

“She’s very engaging and friendly, and she’s fun,” Duchon said. “We have a very good time as a staff team.” Horiszny also feels like her experience well-equipped her to be an asset to the WCC board of trustees.

“I enjoy being able to share the knowledge that I have, the experience that I have and to try and help other people

to understand it,” she said. “I think that’s been the most satisfying part of my role as a trustee, is, I think, that I have helped the other trustees gain a better understanding of the finances of the college and have helped them hopefully to make better decisions for the college.”

Horiszny’s college experiences directed her to where she is in her life, and she hopes today’s college students can realize that it is okay to have a change of plans.

“It’s important for young people to not think that there’s only one critical decision that you’re going to make about your education or your profession,” she said.

“As long as you get that four-year degree, then you have a foundation that you can easily move in other directions as your life develops and your philosophy changes and your passions change.”

SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTED ON CAMPUS

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 8, faculty, staff and students received emails and text messages warning of a possible sexual assault on Washtenaw’s campus.

Commander Marlene Radzik of the Washtenaw County Police Department reported on the situation.

“There was an allegation that criminal sexual conduct occurred,” Radzik said. “None of the information can be corroborated because the alleged victim is not cooperating with the police investigation.”

The alleged assault took place in a wooded area near the Golfside and Clark Road intersection. Although no other information has been released,

police continue to search for answers.

While some students were shaken up by the alert, others still believe the campus is safely protected by security.

Global studies major Madison Pasciak, 19, of Whitmore Lake, expressed concern after receiving the email.

“I don’t think this happens [near] a lot of college campuses,” Pasciak said. “It does make me feel a little iffy, but I’m usually fine because there’s usually another person with me most of the week.”

17-year-old Juliana Awrey, of Brighton, is a medical student at WCC. This is Awrey’s first year at the college, and she thinks that campus security does a good job protecting students and the surrounding

area of campus.

“Honestly, I don’t feel any different,” Awrey said.

Even though there are mixed emotions about the possible sexual assault, raising awareness of risks can help people stay safe.

According to a report published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in December 2014, females age 18-24 had the highest rate of rape and sexual assault between the years of 1995-2013. The statistics also show that 80 percent of victimizations of students go unreported while 67 percent of victimizations of nonstudents go unreported.

Recently, it has become widely known that colleges also underreport these statistics, said Sara Gregory, a representative of the Student Press

Law Center.

“No college wants to be number one in campus rape,” Gregory said.

Whether the victim is male or female, student or nonstudent, these offenses occur on and near college campuses across the United States, and the best protection is awareness.

To keep safe on campus, WCC security recommends that students, faculty and staff stay alert and aware of their surroundings, avoid isolated areas and avoid walking alone at night. The department also suggests that people trust their instincts and notify security immediately if something seems wrong.

If you feel unsafe and would like an escort to your campus destination, call campus security at 734-973-3411.

IN BRIEF

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY CONCERT
BAND TO PERFORM SPRING CONCERT

On Thursday, April 23, the Washtenaw Community Concert Band will be performing a concert titled “Into the Joy of Spring,” starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Towsley Auditorium. The event will feature selections that capture the warmth and joy of spring and will be conducted by Christopher Heidenreich. Refreshments will be served. Students interested in being a part of the Washtenaw Community Concert band can enroll in classes MUS 112: Washtenaw Community Concert Band and MUS 122: Washtenaw Community Concert Band II to get involved.

-Sofia Lynch

DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS STUDENTS
PREPARE FOR ANNUAL GALA

The Digital Media Arts program will show off the work of its students at the annual DMA Student Gala on Wednesday, April 29, in the ML building from 4:30-7 p.m. Video students will showcase their films at the gala in the auditorium from 5:30-10 p.m.

-Paulette Parker

It’s not what you know, but who you know

BY PAULETTE PARKER
News Editor

At times, landing that first big job out of college or that new position at work is more about who you know than what you know. Washtenaw Community College’s Student Resource and Women’s Center recognizes this and aims to give students a leg up with the Mentoring for Success program.

The program holds an annual event that allows participating students to meet professionals in the community with various backgrounds and positions. Students can network, talk to them about the types of positions they hold, what they hope to do in the future and hear about their companies and organizations.

Three years ago, it was a women-to-women mentoring program with approximately three participating students and a couple of mentors. Today, all students can participate,

and it has expanded to approximately 186 mentors and students.

This year’s event will be held on May 5. It will have a three-tiered structure with a presentation, panel discussion and mentoring fair.

The presentation will cover topics including how to build a professional network, ways to do informal and formal mentoring and the best way to find a mentor outside of the event.

“We’re bringing it to you. But most people have to go out and find it,” Leslie Neal, a case manager at the SRWC, said. “So in the interim periods, you want to have as many mentors and professional network connections as you can.” The panel discussion will center around specific topics such as how the mentors knew they had the right major and how many actually work in the field they went to school for.

“Now, because of financial aid situations, you need

a major,” Neal said. “Those courses that you’re taking need to be going toward that major.” The mentoring fair will be structured like a job fair, with mentors having tables set up for participants to visit.

The most important highlight is that each of the professional mentors comes up with a planned experience that students can sign up for, Neal said. These experiences include going to the mentor’s company, taking tours and job shadowing.

“The professionals come up with their own activities because we don’t like to pressure them into what they’re doing,” Neal said.

Through the program, students have had the opportunity to tour the American Red Cross and Ford Motor Company and have taken trips to the state Capitol to sit in on meetings. Mentors meet for a brainstorming session ahead of the event.

“Once they hear from other people on what they’re capable

of doing, then they realize, oh, it really matters what I bring to the table,” Neal said. “Nobody wants to be the person that doesn’t have any students that want to come see what they do.” Neal qualifies students and mentors who are interested in participating.

“I try and meet with all the students and make sure that they’re in their core classes, that they’ve been here over one semester and that they are at the point of being able to really develop with a professional mentor,” Neal makes sure that the mentors have information that they want to give and that they are willing to give back.

“This doesn’t cost them anything, and we don’t pay them; it’s just giving of their time,” Neal said. Anne Preston, a retiree from the University of Michigan business school, has been a mentor for five years.

“For me, it’s just a matter of giving back,” Preston said. “I love the idea of sharing my

experiences, the transfer of advice, knowledge, insights. It’s also getting to know students and developing friendships and relationships.”

WCC dietetics major, Alexandria Judkins, 26, of Ypsilanti, was one of Preston’s mentees.

“She helped me become the person I am today and helped me make the decisions I’ve made along the way and helped me grow into a more focused and organized person,” Judkins said. “I couldn’t have done it without this mentorship program.”

Preston mentored Judkins for about two years. While they don’t meet in person like they used to, due to hectic schedules, their mentor-mentee relationship has blossomed into more of a friendship.

“She gave me some hard love, and that’s what I needed. And she still gives me that hard love,” Judkins said. She is eager to encourage other students to

participate in the program.

“Anytime somebody asks me about the program, I’m like, you need to do it,” she said. “It is so much help. I can’t thank Leslie enough, and I can’t thank Anne enough for this opportunity they’ve created for WCC students.” Neal’s goal for this year’s event is to recruit 50 to 60 mentors.

“I recruit all the way up until the day of the event,” Neal said. “I look at it like a business, so I’m always recruiting. I recruit when I’m at the doctor’s office; I recruit when I’m at a restaurant.” Neal calls the program a win-win situation for all those involved.

“There is no other way you can build a professional network without meeting professionals,” she said. “This program gives students a real-world view of what they may want to do – or never knew existed.”

Students can sign up at: www.wccnet.edu/mentee

EDITORIAL

Did you cringe at the front page?

The topic of marijuana law reform has been beaten to death – especially in the arena of student discourse. When public speaking teachers introduce persuasive speeches, most will include it in a list of taboo, overdone topics. “We get it. You want to get high,” they must think.

Every possible argument has been wringed of every drop of evidence as to why the drug should be legalized. We could list these arguments; we could list the reasons, but everyone’s heard them already, right?

We could explain that, from a health perspective, marijuana does not damage the body nearly as much as alcohol, nor does it impair inhibitions as much. It is rare to hear about someone going on a violent rampage or causing a deadly car accident while high – though these are both fairly common occurrences among the drunk.

We could cite the actual health benefits of

marijuana for both curative and pain management purposes. We could repeat stories from cancer survivors who say that the drug saved their lives or has allowed them to enjoy the life they have left.

We could compare the war on drugs to alcohol prohibition and explain that making relatively harmless substances illegal only propagates violence and makes dangerous criminals out of those who would otherwise just sit on their couch, high, staring at the TV.

We could provide you with numbers that show how much taxpayer money is wasted jailing children and young adults for possession and sale of the drug. And we could include the numbers that show most of them are black men from inner city areas, despite marijuana use being just as common among rich white people.

We could rant about this racist system and how drug laws are used to keep those living in dangerous, impoverished situations from getting out.

And we could tell you that legalizing marijuana will

have enormous economic benefits, as Colorado has shown us, by providing an influx of new tax money that can be funneled into areas that desperately need it – like the education system.

We could argue these points, we could quote experts and cite numbers – but would it help the argument? You’ve heard it all before.

So why isn’t it legal yet?

It seems that we are finally heading in that direction at a steady pace. State Rep. Jeff Irwin (D–Ann Arbor) announced at this year’s Hash Bash that he will be introducing a bill to legalize marijuana for recreational use, in the same vein as the laws in Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

It’s time that this country sees the light – state by state. Let’s legalize it.

When the time comes, and the bill inevitably reaches the Michigan ballots, vote, because everyone wants this played-out discussion to be over already.

When the villages stop raising the children



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Stephen Gage Berry, 9, and Stoni Ann Blair, 13. Two children with faces, personalities and dreams. Tortured, murdered, their bodies stacked in a deep freezer for two and three years, respectively, just inside the front door of the place they called home.

Two surviving siblings, left to bear the burden and scars, mental and physical, of living through the horrors inside the small townhouse in the Martin Luther King Apartments in Detroit.

Their mother, Mitchell Blair, 35, was arrested and charged with felony murder, premeditated murder, torture and child abuse.

As the saying goes: It takes a village to raise a child. So where was the village as these children suffered abuse at the hands of their mother? Have we let the notions of “not my business” and “not my problem” get in the way of our better judgment and cloud our concern for others?

Immediately following the discovery of Stoni’s and Stephen’s bodies, their fathers and extended families spoke to news outlets about the hurt they felt over this tragedy and their past efforts to see the children.

Neighbors spoke of how they used to see the children outside all the time, and how, suddenly, they didn’t. Blair’s next door neighbor lay claim to being her best friend and told of babysitting the surviving children and coming inside her home. She passed the freezer each time, unaware.

She was “very protective,” and “loved her children.” Sentiments that found their way onto the pages of the Detroit News and Free Press. How could she uphold this illusion? How could no questions have been raised?

The fathers admitted to not seeing their children for years, far longer than they lay cold and lifeless in the freezer. She wouldn’t let them see them, they said. They owe back child support and were afraid to take legal action, they said.

As a parent, you don’t let back child support be a reason for letting your parental rights go un-exercised. Better yet, you pay your child support and remain an active part of your child’s life so you aren’t afraid to question when your child disappears. Be pursuant.

It’s hard to empathize with their tears or even believe that they tried to see Stoni and Stephen when they were alive. This implausibility must be felt by the courts as well, as not only Blair’s parental rights are up for termination in June, but also the rights of the fathers.

Why were red flags not raised to the grandparents, aunts, uncles? Not hearing from family, estranged or not, especially when there are children involved, would have to

warrant a welfare check at some point, right? A grandparent being denied even the right to speak to their grandchild should raise an eyebrow.

And what about the people living closest to them? Anyone who has ever lived in an apartment or townhouse would likely concur that at times it’s as if the walls are made of rice paper. The statements given by Blair’s surviving 17-year-old daughter detail vicious acts of gory-horror-movie proportions executed upon the children. How could adjacent neighbors not hear children being beaten and burned?

Have we become such a “mind your own business” society that we aren’t seeing things that are in front of our faces? If you see children often and then not at all, be curious. If you hear something that doesn’t sound right, be nosy and listen harder.

Hindsight seems to be 20/20 for everyone involved. There have been questions of what could have been different if only they had done this or that. “If only” and “what if” won’t bring back Stoni and Stephen, who should be laughing, playing and living children. “I should have” and “why didn’t I” won’t undo the atrocities that the surviving children suffered in the years following Stoni’s and Stephen’s deaths.

These children were let down on many levels, but hopefully it is a lesson to all to pay attention to what is going on around you, to be concerned for others and to be that village because lives can depend on it.

Should government surveillance continue to infringe on privacy?



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Anyone remember when Justin Bieber got arrested in January of last year? How about when MSNBC considered it “breaking news”? The station was in the middle of an interview with former congresswoman Jane Harman before being rudely interrupted by Bieber’s bad behavior. But what was Harman talking about?

On June 1 of this year, section 215 of the Patriot Act will either expire, be reformed or be renewed. Section 215 states that the government can seize “... any tangible things (including books, records, papers, documents and other items) for an investigation to protect against international

terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities ...”

During the interview, Harman clearly articulated opposition to Section 215, though she didn’t get very far.

“We should seriously consider discontinuing Section 215 and getting the–” Harman said before she was cut off.

Believe me, I want the U.S. protected from a terrorist attack just as much as the next person, but the renewal of this document should be stopped. It’s one thing for the government to protect its citizens, but it’s another to infringe on the privacy of the vast majority who have nothing to do with such attacks.

In 2011, when the Patriot Act was extended for another four years, hardly anyone noticed. Neither did I.

“If people have nothing to hide, then what’s the big deal?”

That’s a common argument defending these kind of surveillance laws.

That’s just it. Especially if you don’t have anything to

hide, why should the National Security Agency be intercepting phone calls, emails and more? That might just be enough to make a people think they are doing something wrong despite complete innocence.

Just two years ago, Edward Snowden obtained and released numerous documents to the American public. These documents concerned government surveillance activities. Now, Snowden is exiled and living in Russia, wanted in the U.S. for espionage.

So what does that show people? It shows that if a person stands up against parts of the government and exposes information about government surveillance of American people, that person becomes an outcast.

I find the timing of the interruption of the MSNBC interview ironic. What’s a better way to deflect from a serious topic concerning all American people than to plaster a “big story” about Bieber in front of a judge?

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HEALTHY VOICE



An unappreciated weed



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Whether your weed is wild or cultivated, it is overlooked by many for its health value or considered a suburban nuisance. Highly recognizable by its serrated dark green leaves and bright yellow flowers, the dandelion packs a punch of vitamins, minerals, protein and fiber.

Wild food instructor Mark Angelini of Eat Here Now based in Southeast Michigan is a professed dandelion muncher. His website offers foraging classes, educational blog posts and recipes for all kind of weeds, but prefers to call them “wild food.”

Dandelion seems to be an old-timer favorite to eat, but it is now becoming readily available in grocery stores and menu options.

Angelini, true to his passion to educate, stated that most dandelion greens sold in supermarkets or in restaurant dishes are most likely not true dandelion, as many organic farms are growing chicory and marketing as dandelion greens. Not necessarily a bait and switch as dandelion belongs to the chicory family. The back-yard garden-er will notice the availability of chicory versus dandelion in seed catalogues.

The dandelion has other talents beyond culinary.

Children find the dandelion useful as a chin-tickler to measure someone’s love for butter or to fashion the hollow stalks into bracelets and necklaces.

The dandelion has its roots in Eurasia, but everyone knows it will readily make a home in

the most unhospitable conditions, such as a crack in a hot sidewalk. It may be considered a nuisance, but its role in the ecosystem is important as it renews compacted and depleted soils.

Until his death in 1947, Henry Ford worked with the likes of George Washington Carver, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone to explore using the milky sap of dandelion for rubber products due to the shortages created by the two world wars. In the last few years, Ford Motor Company has renewed its interest in the ubiquitous weed and has partnered with Ohio State University’s Ohio Agricultural Research on what this sunny yellow flower that evolves into wispy white globes of fluff can do for the auto industry.

Visitors of Greenfield Village, part of the Henry Ford Museum conglomerate can enjoy the dandelion post R&D.

An online recipe for dandelion stew is attributed to Greenfield Village. Although it will not be on this season’s menu at a Taste of History restaurant, executive chef Mike Trombley released that dandelion greens will be part of a featured salad.

A 2003 study published in Plant Foods for Human Nutrition analyzed the nutritional quality of dandelion. Researchers cite the high amount of vitamin C and that it can be consumed in a normal diet, but cautions on its laxative properties.

Angelini stated dandelion greens have the potential to be a popular trend.

“We are already seeing an increase in high-end restaurants and juice bars,” said Angelini, who is also the co-founder of Roots to Fruits, touting edible and ecological landscapes.



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More people are recognizing bitter as important to the culinary experience, according to Angelini, noting that kale, another bitter green, has had a massive resurgence.

Some will espouse on the medicinal qualities of dandelion based on the suggestions of scientifically studied results or worse yet, unfounded tabloid claims. The best bet is to eat a variety of veggies, maximizing the intake of nutrients and minimizing the detrimental effect of toxic build up.

As the social norms are broken down to accept eating lawn weeds, those eager to try it may find the costs for a fine dining experience will likely be in the double digits or in an undisturbed patch, free.

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Put your best foot forward this spring



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Everyday when we encounter new people, we make split-second assessments about them. As much as people may like to deny it, we all do it. For those who keep a keen eye for fashion, one of the first things one might notice about a person is their shoes.

Shoes can tell a lot about a person. No, they don’t really portray the depth of someone’s personality, but there are some general things you can surmise about people from their shoes.

The preconceptions that people pair with certain shoe styles usually stem from their own personal experiences. If your crappy ex-boyfriend wore Jordans, you might write off every guy you meet wearing the same shoes.

There are always exceptions to the rule, but there are some things you can assume about certain shoe types and their owners. Someone wearing New Balances is someone more focused on the functional

rather than the material – e.g., the kid you cheated off of in Physics. Boater shoes, like Sperry’s, usually signal someone more preppy, so on and so forth.

One thing that can’t seem to be agreed upon is what time of the year is the proper time to switch to sandals. In Michigan, the first sign of sun can have people trading in their thick boots for flip flops in March, despite temperatures barely breaking sixty on a nice day.

Instead of going right for your favorite open-toe shoe, try switching to a more spring-appropriate shoe.

April showers bring puddles and mud, so light shoes like Toms, Keds and Vans are more functional and better for keeping your feet dry. If you’re interested in staying on trend with the high fashion world: gladiator wedges, statement flats and lace up sandals were popular at New York Fashion Week, according to Glamour.



Karolina Kocovska
20, Garden City, photography



Rachel Dollinger
16, Ypsilanti, WTMC



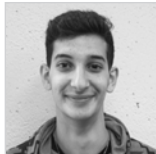
Lydia Steele
15, South Lyon, WTMC



Nathan Walsh
19, Brighton, transfer



Hunter Muirhead
19, South Lyon, liberal arts



Mohamad Issa
18, Ann Arbor, undecided



Voice Box

If you lived to be 100, what would you tell people was the cause of your longevity – just to mess with them?

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOS BY SOFIA LYNCH, FEATURES EDITOR



Do a marathon every month.
Sophia Russell, 19, Clinton, liberal arts transfer



Do a lot of armed robberies ... fights, assaults — a lot of prison to get your hard shell.
Alex Patten, 22, Ann Arbor, psychology



Watch two hours of Netflix a day.
Matt Berardi, 16, Milan, WTMC



Do whatever you want at the moment.
Nina Tsang, 14, Ann Arbor, WTMC



I ate McDonalds everyday. I’d say a chicken nugget a day did it for me.
Mike Randolph, 17, Ann Arbor, WTMC



Eating a gallon of ice cream every night.
Denise Osofisan, 22, Ann Arbor, social work



I licked to the center of a Tootsie Pop.
Zack Denny, 20, Pickney, video production



Say I killed all the tyrants.
Fadwa Ashur, 18, Ann Arbor, liberal arts transfer



Not masturbating, because that would, like, ruin people’s lives.
Andrew Hornyak, 18, Ann Arbor, general education



Always swallow your gum.
Shawna Lloyd, 20, Ypsilanti, nursing



I would chalk it up to, like, weird sexual practices or something like that. Like, the trick is seven times a week, different positions ... You guys have to experiment constantly. It balances your shakras and s---.
Susanna Miesel, 20, Ann Arbor, transfer



Hope Donaldson, 20, Ypsilanti, liberal arts transfer

What do your shoes say about you?

They’re cute, but they’re functional too. I usually wear sneakers. I wear Chucks and things like that, but it’s wet, and it’s cold, and I think these are functional. Docs are just really, I think, in culture, they’re like hardcore, punky, and I wouldn’t consider myself a hardcore person but I feel like other people would. I do like that; I’m into that. I mean, I think they’re cool. I didn’t want plain black ones; I wanted it to be a color, something different.

Do you think that shoes say something about other people?
I feel like this is so horrible. I’ve had this conversation before. I do a little bit. Definitely with guys.

What time of year do you think is appropriate to break out the sandals?

When we break seventy degrees, that’s when you can break out the flip-flops.

How many pairs of shoes do you own?

I have, like, a solid 20.

What’s your favorite style of shoe?

Right now, I’m gonna say booties, just, like, ankle boots.



Ameera Hassan, 18, Ann Arbor, chemistry

Do you think your shoes say something about you?
Well, I actually chose to wear these shoes today because I thought boots would be too. I don’t know, easy.

Do you judge others by their shoes?
Well, it depends on the type of shoe. If it’s, I guess, poor quality, I’d think, “Well they don’t care much about their appearance.” Shoes, not so much other clothes, but shoes, I think they show where you’ve been and stuff like that.

When do you think is the appropriate time of year to wear sandals?
Right now, I guess.

How many pairs of shoes do you own?

Probably like five

When you get dressed do you choose your shoes first or last?
I pick them last, but I am really choosy with the ones I wear.

What’s your favorite style of shoe?

I like sneakers.



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MARIJUANA ARRESTS
BY THE NUMBERS

640,000

people are arrested nationwide every year for the sale and possession of marijuana. Of those, 88 percent (609,000) of people are arrested only for possession.

2013 arrest reports from Colorado and Washington show that after legalizing marijuana, less than

16,000

people were arrested for crimes related to the drug in both states combined.

The cost of the arrests to taxpayers is around

\$10 million

a year.

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Source: National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

MARIJUANA, From A1

Every year, 640,000 people are arrested nationwide for the sale and possession of marijuana, costing taxpayers approximately \$10 million. 2013 arrest reports from Colorado and Washington show that after legalizing marijuana, less than 16,000 people were arrested for crimes related to the drug in both states combined, all according to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Irwin’s proposed legislation would let users grow and smoke marijuana in the privacy of their homes, but wouldn’t allow for smoking in public areas. Along with Irwin, three other groups – MINORML, the Michigan Cannabis Coalition and the Michigan Comprehensive Cannabis Law Reform Initiative Committee – have plans to push for full marijuana legalization in Michigan by 2016.

Although a much disputed topic, many Michigan residents now have marijuana on the mind, especially considering the recent decriminalization of the drug in Alaska.

At Washtenaw Community College, the conversation is just as alive.

Out of 100 students surveyed, 77 believed that the drug should be fully legalized, 21 believed it should be legal for medical purposes and two believed it should not be legal at all. Of those students, 64 admitted to smoking marijuana in the past, and 36 said they hadn’t.

Some pointed out that they don’t really see the need for controversy.

“I don’t think it’s a problem to legalize it because it’s not terribly addictive or dangerous as much as other drugs, like heroin or cocaine – or even alcohol, which isn’t as regulated,” said 19-year-old broadcast arts student, Tierney Isaac. “It just seems rather superficial to argue about, since, again, it’s not as dangerous as other drugs.”

Others cited more political reasons.

“I’m a teacher, and I think about the tax revenue that could be put into the public school system. You can just look at Colorado’s school system,” said a WCC instructor who wished to remain anonymous.

Some students believed full

legalization is unnecessary with the existing medical legalization.

“I think it should be able to be used in very specific cases, like morphine and cocaine are used for medical use,” said an anonymous student.

However, the skepticism and controversy is also still alive and well.

“People view it as something that is not harmful to the body, but it can be harmful in many other ways,” said one student who wished to remain anonymous.

“For example, if you smoke and then drive your judgment is clouded – whether you want to admit it or not. It puts the person who is high in jeopardy, as well as making them a hazard to other people.”

With WCC students and Michiganders alike falling all over the spectrum of the debate, it is too soon now to tell the fate of marijuana in Michigan. Although the topic has gained new momentum, Michigan citizens will have to wait until 2016 to see if the tides have really changed.

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THE ORIGIN OF 420

There are many theories as to how those who smoke marijuana became enthralled with the number “420.” The most popular theory starts in the 1970s, in San Rafael, California, where a group of high school students called the “Waldos” set out to find abandoned cannabis crop.

The group used to meet at 4:20 p.m. in different places on the San Rafael

High School grounds to get high. The Waldos began to use the term “420” as a code word for every time they were smoking or wanted to smoke marijuana. The code spread and was quickly picked up as a term used by many teens in the area.

The Grateful Dead started out in the nearby Palo Alto, California and had been touring for several years. The band performed at festivals and

events around the area, quickly forming a fan base of “Deadheads,” including the Waldos.

The Waldos managed to use their connections with the Grateful Dead and the Deadheads to get 420 trending in the state. Throughout the decade, as the Grateful Dead toured, the code continued to spread around the country.

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION STATUS

Washington state legalized marijuana in Dec. 2012. It is legal for residents 21 and older, however it is still illegal to grow in one's household.

Oregon state legalized in Nov. 2014. It's legal for residents 21 and up and residents can grow up to four plants out of window view in their home.

Colorado legalized in Nov. 2012. It's legal for residents 21 and up and they can grow up to six marijuana plants in a locked space in household.

Alaska legalized in Feb. 2015. It's legal for residents 21 and up to posses and grow up to six plants. Alaska is the first Republican state to legalize marijuana.

no laws legalizing marijuana

medical marijuana legalized

marijuana legalized for recreational use

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MEET THE CLUB

The furrries



Furry Club members collect and gift various badges during trips to local conventions. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE



Fuzzy tails worn by members of Washtenaw's Furry Club. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY ERIN FEDESON
CONTRIBUTOR

Bugs Bunny and Mickey Mouse are beloved cartoon characters seen on TV and in movies, but few might know that they are known as “anthropomorphic animal characters.”

Anthropomorphic characters, while not being human, act as humans and share physical attributes with humans that their animal counterparts do not have.

A fan of anthropomorphic characters is known as a “furry,” Andrew Cook, of Chelsea, explained.

Every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m., Cook meets with fellow furrries in TI 116 for the

Furry Club, where they do crafts or play games, like Cards Against Humanity.

“I thought (the club) wouldn’t go, but it had gone further than I expected,” Wesley Wafter-Turner, the club’s president, explained.

Wafter-Turner founded the club in the Winter 2014 semester because he wanted a place for furrries to meet and where others can learn more about the fandom. The club now has about 10 members, Wafter-Turner said.

Some furry members identified themselves as a character based on their personality, Cook explained.

The character is known as a “fursona,” a furry persona, according to Wafter-Turner.

“It’s a way of expressing yourself,” Wafter-Turner said. His

fursona is a red wolf named Alister. Wafter-Turner identifies with the wolf’s pack mentality and leadership qualities.

A fursona can also be a hybrid, as Matthew Gleason, a 32-year-old Washtenaw Community College student in the automotive program, has a tiger-husky fursona.

Gleason grew up with Disney and other anthropomorphic animal characters, which is where his interest started.

“I always view animals as being more human than most humans,” Gleason said. He explained that when someone adopts a pet from the shelter and brings it home, the pet is more accepting of a stranger than a human would be.

SHOWCASE, From A1

29-year-old photography student from Ypsilanti.

The work of the class recently caught the eye of Washtenaw Community College drawing instructor and art director for the Kerrytown Concert house, Nancy Wolfe.

“When I saw that work, I just loved the idea of having them here in Kerrytown,” Wolfe said.

Wolfe contacted Jennifer Baker, a full time photography instructor, to see if the work from the LA-GM bridge could be shown at the Kerrytown Concert House. Baker relayed the message to Householder, who had already been exploring ways to show the students work, he said.

“But at that point in time, we had only been in class for three weeks, and we only had three weeks until then to get all new work up and ready for the show,” Householder said.

When Kim Hurns, dean of business and computer technologies, heard about the possibility of the show, she got behind it immediately and funded the whole event.

“When the faculty said it was something for students and it kind of got their work out there, I thought it was a great idea,” Hurns said.

Of the 16 students in the class, 14 were able to produce two pieces each for the show called, “Modernizing Archaic Processes.”

The students were able to bask in the excitement of the show during the artist reception on April 8 at the Kerrytown Concert House. That evening, the house was packed with community members and WCC faculty and student artists.

The students’ art, featuring 10 different types of processes, adorned the walls, framed with price tags.

Making this show come to life was a group effort on the part of the entire photography

department, Householder said.

“I keep telling the students they were pampered because when you do a normal show on your own, you’re doing the matting, the framing, the advertising, the promotion,” he said. “They just got to hang out and do work.”

But the experience has allowed the students to see firsthand all that goes into putting on a show.

The exhibit is open for viewing Monday–Friday 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., during public concerts and by appointment until April 28.



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Keeping the Earth in shape

BY ERIN FEDESON
Staff Writer

People flowed back and forth between tables, which prompted ideas for saving the Earth.

During Washtenaw Community College's 14th Annual Earth Day celebration on April 9, students and staff browsed displays in the Student Center that gave ideas for how to reduce waste and how to volunteer to help keep the earth in shape.

Stationed just inside the revolving door entrance to the building was Sarah Archer, the president and CEO of Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc. Her job is to help businesses with their recycling program.

"It's the whole gambit of starting the program and how to run it properly," Archer explained.

Sitting on her table was a green bin filled with wet newspaper, a banana peel, a tea bag, a recyclable napkin, red worms and worm poop.

This bin is an indoor organic compost, in which the worms eat anything that can be degraded and poop out fertile nutrients that can be used for gardens and plants.

"There are benefits in a small

handful," Archer said. She added that it is usually best in six to nine months, but three months is enough to get something useable.

Archer handed out flyers on how to make a worm bin and offered gummy worms to those who stopped by.

Among the ones who visited Archer's table was Judy Bonnell-Wenzel, of Ann Arbor, who wore a light green shirt that announced "I love clean air." She came to campus just for the Earth Day event.

"We need people, especially young people, to be aware, to protect the earth. We don't know how much longer till we're extinct," Bonnell-Wenzel explained.

At the other end of the building was WCC's Biology Department with its table answering the question, "Are planets intelligent?"

Sitting on the table was an orchid plant with a note explaining orchids deceive instincts to pollinate for them.

The orchid, *Chiloglottis trapeziformis*, lures the thynnine wasp by producing a scent similar to the one given by the female, it said.

"The plant glues pollen to the insect's butt," biology instructor David Wooten explained. "When the insect

moves on to a different plant, it cross-pollinates."

Wooten also presented the information about a new plant discovered in South Africa called the *Boquila trifoliolata*, which changes the shapes of its leaves to match the tree it hangs on.

The Leslie Science & Nature Center also had a display at the event, with a live barred owl and kestrel, birds native to Michigan.

Sarah Gilmore, of Tecumseh, answered questions from passersby while she held the owl in a gloved hand.

The owl does not have a name because it's not a pet, Gilmore said. They do not name the birds because the center does not want children to think they can have owls for pets.

Those passing the table could see the wing and talon-foot of a great horn owl as well as the wing of a red-tailed hawk.

All of those presenting at Earth Day shared hopes that they could inspire and teach others to take care of the planet we call home. Knowledge is power, and everyone who attended the event walked away with a little more knowledge about how to take care of the planet they call home.



Clockwise from top right: An American kestrel was on display at the recent Earth Day event. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE. Sarah Archer, president and CEO of Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, showcases composting benefits at the Michigan Recycling Coalition table. BRANDON HOWELL | WASHTENAW VOICE. Ypsilanti Food Co-op representative Lisa Bashert, of Ypsilanti, educates Earth Day attendees about offerings at the co-op, which has served the community since 1975. BRANDON HOWELL | WASHTENAW VOICE. Sarah Gilmore, 28, a core educator and raptor specialist from Tecumseh, shows a barred owl to onlookers. BRANDON HOWELL | WASHTENAW VOICE



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SPRING FEVER HITS RUNNERS



Emily DeBono, a 19-year-old nursing student from South Lyon, enjoys running after the seasons change. Photo illustration. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

5 APPS TO HELP YOU RUN

1. Runtastic
2. Runkeeper
3. Zombies, Run!
4. Map My Run
5. Social Star: Strava

5 THINGS TO DO PRE-RACE

1. Get at least two full nights of sleep before race
2. During race week, train lightly, saving most of energy for race day
3. On morning of race, eat at least two hours before. Eat something easily digestible and high in energy, such as a banana or protein bar
4. Warm up, stretch
5. Remember that it gets easier each time you do it

5 THINGS TO DO POST-RACE

1. Eat small meal with protein and simple sugars
2. Start hydrating after about an hour
3. Eat a full protein-focused meal along with carbohydrates and healthy fats
4. Take a nap; sleep is one of the most important recovery tools
5. Go for a walk or do some light exercises

Washtenaw runners are ready to train outdoors

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
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The sun is out, and temperatures are rising, and people are breaking out the running shoes, foregoing treadmills for paths in parks and picking up workout programs to finally get that summer body they've always wanted. 5ks, 10ks and marathons are popping up all over the state.

Spring fever has hit the campus of Washtenaw Community College as well. Robert Klemmer, full-time math instructor, has been running consistently for 15 years. No stranger to racing day, he has run 10 marathons and participated in the Ironman Triathlon in 2008.

Klemmer comes from a running family. His mom ran a marathon at the age of 50, and Klemmer remembers saying, "Oh, that's silly. I'm never going to run a marathon."

Close with his uncles and cousins, they've challenged each other and competed against one another in races of all lengths.

"The whole running community is awesome. That's one of the huge reasons why we all do it," Klemmer said. "It's just so positive and uplifting and energetic. A lot of people who are trying to live a healthy lifestyle and at the same time support each other. It's really cool to be a part of that."

Because of Klemmer's experience in training, he's learned a lot about himself as a runner and what works best for him, including having to push himself so he continuously improves his times.

"It's important as a runner to switch things up a bit," Klemmer said. "You can't just always do the same thing."

Robert's wife and fellow WCC math instructor, Nichole Klemmer, runs with him as well.

Though many die-hard runners must stick to a rigorous routine to participate in races, some enjoy a more casual relationship with their running shoes.

Rachel Sakowski, 21, a pre-med and dietetics major at WCC, has been running since the sixth grade after joining an after-school group called Girls on the Run.

The Dexter native ran cross-country from seventh to ninth grade and track through high school. She still runs, though more casually now.

"I'm a fair-weather runner," Sakowski said. "In the summer, I'll go a couple times per week. In the winter, forget it."

When it comes to adding running into a fitness routine, hitting the pavement takes a lot more knowledge than one would think.

"Start off slowly and build to your goal over time. Depending on the shape you're in, you need to set a realistic goal," Sakowski said.

Warning that overdoing it can cause injury to muscles and ligaments, she stresses the importance of stretching before and after a run.

"Even if you start slowly, you'll still have pulled muscles, and you'll need to use ice," Sakowski said.

She also advises to those who are apt to dive in headfirst to pace themselves and to not run every single day. Instead, she says it's best to start with just a few days per week, lightly jogging and then slowly build up the duration and mileage.

Sakowski emphasizes the difference between pushing oneself and overdoing it. Running and not being able to talk at the same time is a red flag, along with unintentionally tearing a ligament or tendon. Her final advice is simply this: Know your body.

"Everyone's different. Don't be too hard on yourself if it takes you longer to get to your goal than it takes for your friend to get to theirs," Sakowski said.

Whether running competitively or just for fun, Robert is in agreement.

"The cool thing about running is that it's never about a distance. It's never about you being better than someone else," he said. "It's really just about being out there, enjoying being outside and pushing yourself a little bit."

Everyone runs for different reasons and Robert's is for the relaxation and being able to unwind.

"The reason I run isn't for competition or races or times. When I go out on a run, I just zone out, and I feel completely rejuvenated when I get back."

5 RUNS TO CHECK OUT

1. DERBY DASH FUN RUN

WHEN: April 25 9a.m.-1 p.m.
1 mile run 10:30 a.m.
5k 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Gallup Park Ann Arbor
3000 Fuller Road

PRICE: 5k \$25
Mile run \$15

Registration and information:
<http://www.a2derbydimes.org>

2. DEXTER -ANN ARBOR RUN

WHEN: May 31
10k run/walk 8 a.m.
Half marathon 8:30 a.m.
5k run/walk 9 a.m.

WHERE: Races begin at different locations

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To these siblings, tennis represents love of family



19-year-old Lucas Valota, left, has followed in the footsteps of his sister Nicole, 21, to join Washtenaw’s intramural tennis team. TAYLOR MABELITINI | WASHTENAW VOICE

BY TAYLOR MABELITINI
Contributor

Amidst the quiet rhythm of rackets hitting tennis balls and the occasional shout of “heads up!” found at the Chippewa Club on Monday evenings, 21-year-old Nicole Valota dominates the first court like a well-seasoned pro.

Such a description is fitting for the Brazilian native, who, alongside her 19-year-old brother Lucas, has been playing since a young age.

“I think I was, like, 7, 8 when I started. From when I was 11 to 17, I played, like, every day,” Lucas said.

Nicole continued along the same lines, “I used to play in competitions when I was little. I would practice every day.”

The Valotas both attend

Washtenaw Community College. Nicole is studying international business, Lucas, engineering.

Together, the siblings recently joined WCC’s intramural tennis team, which is composed of about 20 students and exists for players of all skill levels to learn and improve their game while still having a good time.

“I more like watching the game. If you watch some of them, they’re really good at it. So watching them play, I really enjoy it,” said Ariana Behm, 20, coordinating assistant for the sports office and student at WCC.

While the siblings share a love of tennis, they differ in their reasons.

“I love the idea of being dependent on you – not anyone

else,” Nicole said, adding that she does not play doubles. “I play soccer; I play volleyball, but with tennis, it just depends on me. If you lose, it’s because you didn’t do well, not because other people.”

Lucas enjoys the thrill of being focused on a game.

“I love the intensity of the game,” he said. “You got to be on the game. Lose your focus for two seconds, and you could lose a game or even a set. That’s why I love it, cause you’ve got to be focused all the time.”

Both of the Valotas attribute their affinity for tennis to their parents, who were successful athletes themselves and introduced the sport to their children at a young age.

“I grew up with it,” Nicole said. “It just reminds me of family.”

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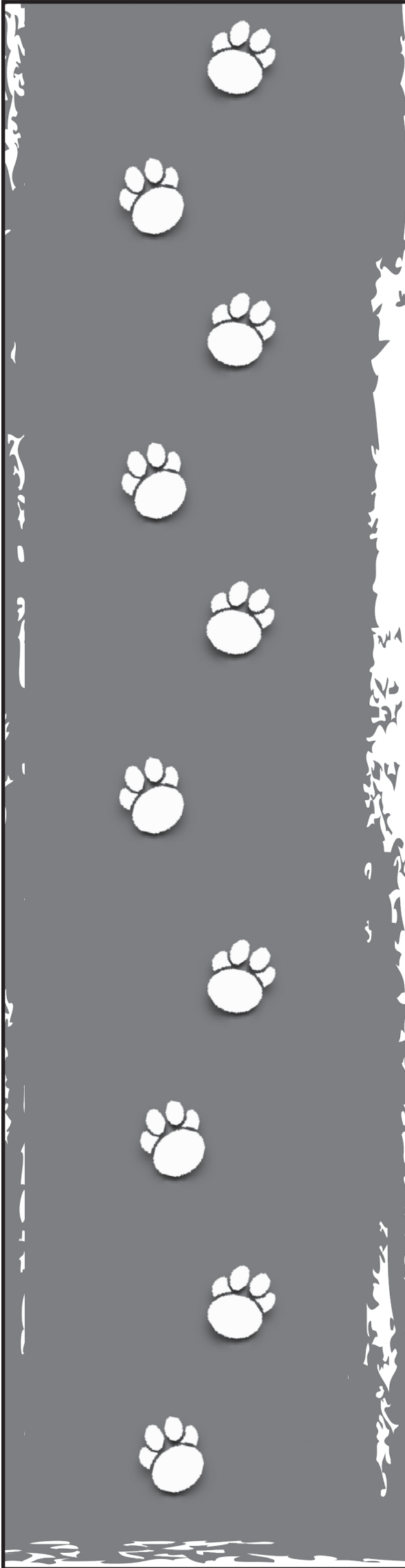
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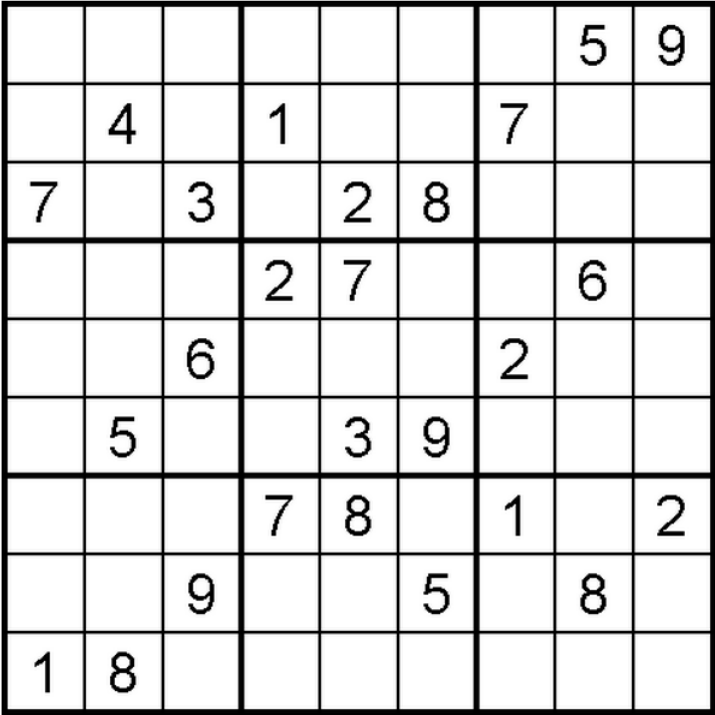
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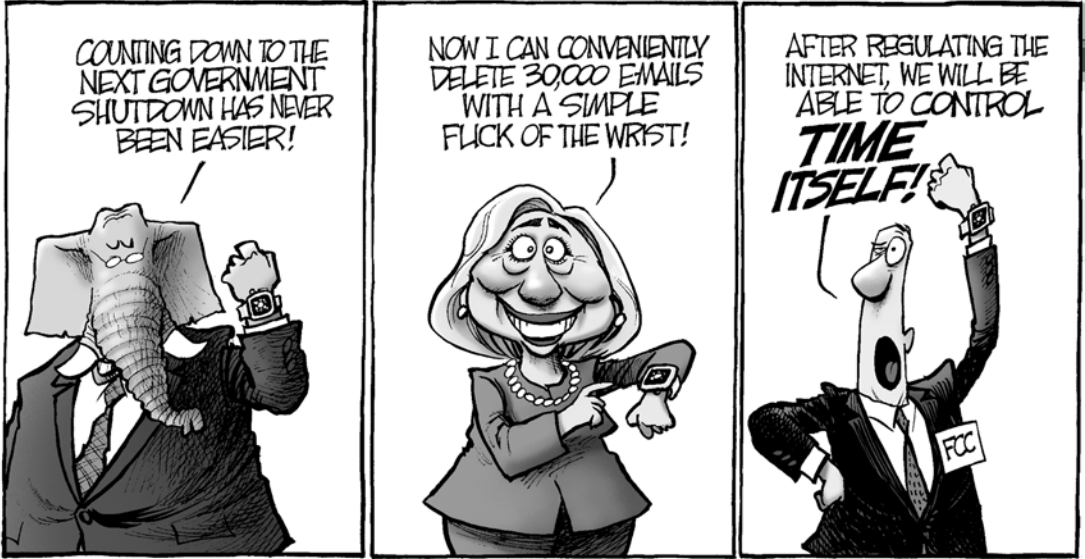


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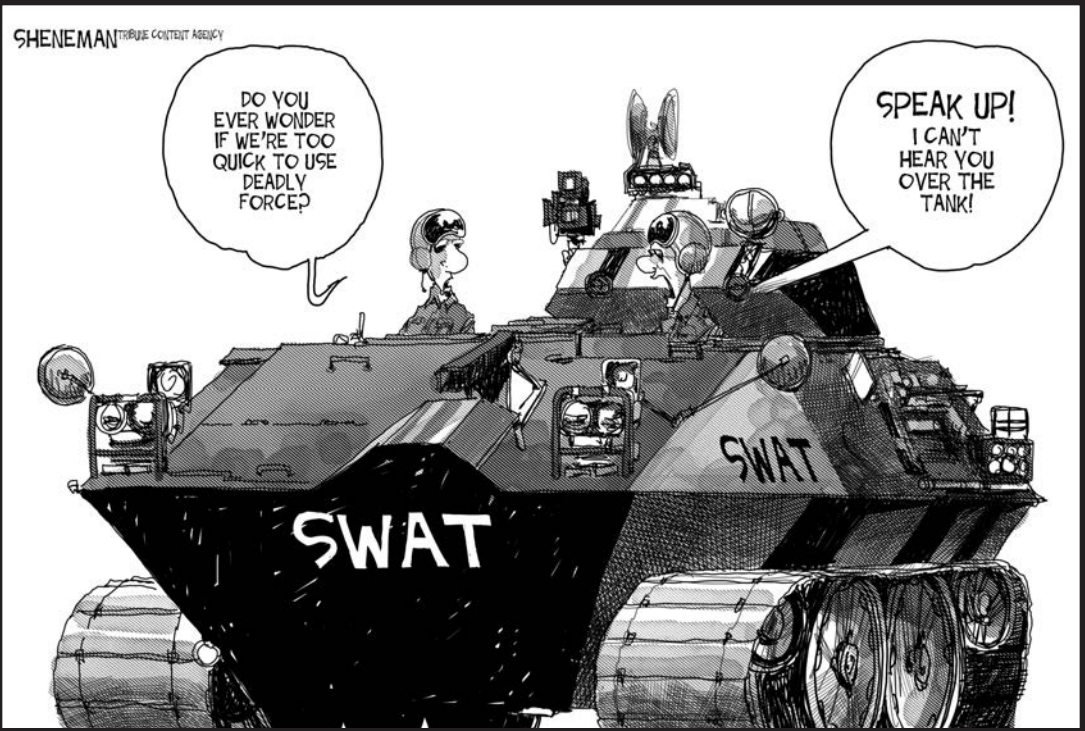
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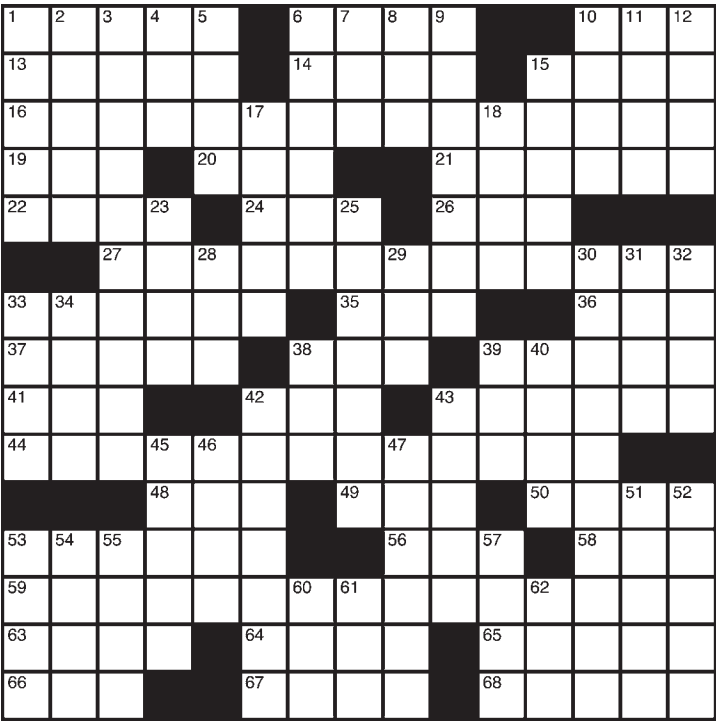


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Konx Cameron serves as both striker and co-owner for Ann Arbor's minor league soccer team, AFC Ann Arbor. EJ STOUT | WASHTENAW VOICE

New soccer league takes off in Ann Arbor

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Staff Writer

After being denied entry into the National Premier Soccer League, the Association Football Club of Ann Arbor joined with teams out of the Oakland and Grand Rapids areas. These three teams began what is known as the Great Lakes Premier League. When other teams would simply have a “let’s try again next year” attitude, Ann Arbor decided to come up with a league of its own.

Matt Altruda works with the Bank of Ann Arbor in their marketing department. After catching wind about a soccer league starting up in the area, he wanted nothing more than to jump on board.

“When I heard about this happening, I knew it’d be an amazing community event and something I would love to be a part of,” Altruda said.

Because of his involvement with various Ann Arbor happenings, such as Sonic Lunch and the street event for the Real Madrid vs. Manchester United game at the Big House last summer, Altruda had the perfect contacts to create a leadership for the team. The management team consists of 10 Ann Arbor locals with different

backgrounds truly showing community engagement.

“Everyone has their own special talents coming together,” Altruda said. “We’re kind of like a transformer all linked together, and it’s been working.”

Rishi Narayan, co-founder of Underground Printing and co-owner of the team has contributed by providing uniforms for the players. Because of his assistance, the team will be looking sharp and professional.

BTB Burrito co-founders Justin Herrick and Adam Lowenstein are part of the ownership group as well. Assisting with the team’s promotion and marketing are Pakmode Media and Marketing co-founders Bilal Saeed and Tim Adkins.

Knox Cameron, former University of Michigan soccer player is co-owner for AFC Ann Arbor and on the roster for the team.

Jamey Amrine also holds co-founder and co-owner positions. Not only does Amrine have experience owning businesses in the Ann Arbor area, he’s a fan of soccer and has experience in the sport.

“We want the game days to be more than a soccer game,” Amrine said. “The soccer game is central, but we want it to be an experience and a festival kind of atmosphere.”

The ownership group wouldn’t be complete without head coach, David Heberstreit and assistant coach, Nate Stovall. For the last 36 years, soccer has been Heberstreit’s sport of choice.

After coaching in the NPSL last year for the Michigan Stars, he thought he was out of that area for the moment.

However, after being contacted by Amrine in late fall 2014, Heberstreit accepted the opportunity. With the team’s first game coming up on May 1, the league has moved quickly in preparation.

“The leadership group is absolutely educated, motivated and unique,” Heberstreit said. “Each one of them has brought something different to the table that has just made this thing move and go and go. It’s really cool to be a part of.”

AFC Ann Arbor has already been contacted by other teams in the area for next year’s season. The league currently consists of five teams and could expand by another 12-15 teams by next year.

Games will take place at Holloway Field across from the U-M stadium.

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