

# WCC club celebrates international diversity

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LA 138 was filled with high energy, happy voices, and world pop music when students gathered to have their photos taken for the International Student Association photoshoot on October 11. Club members represented Brazil, Ethiopia, Jordan, and more.

“We try to make each meeting a unique event,” said club president Kristina Lewis. The semesterly photoshoot is just one of many meetings that happen for the ISA.

Smashing piñatas, playing charades, apple picking, and karaoke are many of the activities that the ISA enjoy.

Club members lead presentations and discuss their various international backgrounds.

The ISA is a place meant for students to express their cultural roots and showcase the diversity of WCC.

Photos of their last shoot are

on display for everyone on campus to gaze at over on the second floor of the LA building next to the bridge.

For those who haven’t seen their display, the students of the club posed for photo portraits of themselves with a quote of their native language at the bottom of the portrait; some wore their culture’s traditional clothing.

15 percent of the student population is made up of international students, according to the advisor of the ISA, Devin Streur.

International students often face a culture shock when arriving. The ISA aims to provide “a home away from home,” said Streur.

“Even though there are people here that are from different cultures, it feels like home you know?” said Julio Roque-Buenrostro “we share one thing in common, we come from [a different] country”

Roque-Buenrostro is a student from Mexico who found out about the ISA through



ISA welcomes all students from various backgrounds.



Vice-president of ISA, Daniela Rives-Balanta, poses for photo.

another club member, Daniela Rivas-Balanta.

Rivas-Balanta is a student from Colombia. Like Roque-Buenrostro, she also believes that “there’s a piece of your home here.” She found out about ISA from a fellow Colombian student. He encouraged her to join the club two years ago.

The club is a way for students to meet peers of similar and differing cultures and ethnicities. The club isn’t just for

internationals students, any student can join.

“I just want to help create a fun and welcoming space for those who want to share or learn about other cultures, or for those who just want to meet new people and have a fun time,” said Lewis.

International Students Association meets on Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in room LA 138.



Javarney James dances during the photoshoot.

## Study tips to get you exam-ready

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Final exams are on the horizon for most students. That means it’s time to break out the books and get to work. WCC students lead busy lives and balancing a full load of course information can be tricky. We talked to local psychologists about the best ways to get your brain ready for exams.

**1) Over-study:** read your chapters two the three times. Review your notes a few times. The brain retains more information when it is repeated.

**2) Sleep and eat:** Get a good night’s sleep, at least six hours but ideally eight. Eat a healthy breakfast or lunch before your exam. These things seem like no brainers, but for those who like to burn the midnight oil before an exam, switching up this behavior might prove beneficial to your grade.

**3) Use study breaks:** After 45 minutes, your brain will struggle to focus and make retaining information harder. Take a 15-minute study break once an hour during your study sessions.

**4) Priming:** Write about some the

of subjects you studied on the test. Writing a few lines of the most important information will help connect the information in your mind. Priming is best used right before an exam.

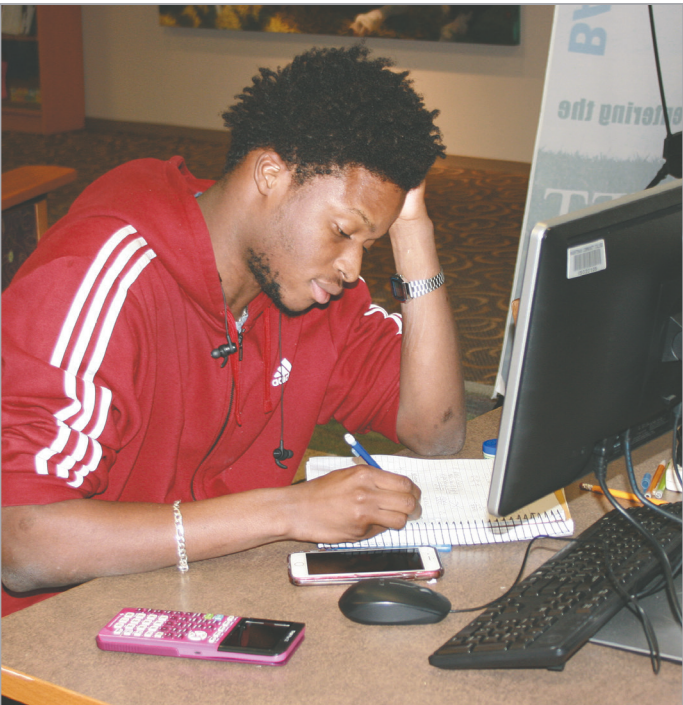
**5) Mnemonic Devices:** Most people remember “Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge”. Create your own acronyms for your study material.

**6) Keep a positive attitude:** A positive attitude towards math created a better performance in the subject of math, according to a recent study from Stanford Medicine. Apply this to your own

test taking. The researchers found that the positive attitude acts directly on the memory and learning systems in one’s brain.

**7) Interweave subjects:** The American Psychological Association recommends mixing up your subject material, instead of sitting down night of just one subject. Making connections between the material can be very helpful for memorization.

**8) Practice Chunking:** create a group of words you need to memorize, then create groups (or chunks) of words from the list to quiz yourself. Write them down without looking back. Chunking is a great way to memorize a large group of words or terms you need to memorize for an exam.



Civil engineering major, Sheick Traore, studies for exam.

## Career Fair means business



Over 250 students and 70 companies attended the Career Fair at WCC on Oct. 9.

NICHOLAS KETCHUM  
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More than 70 companies and at least 250 students attended WCC’s biannual Career Fair, which was held Oct 9, in the Morris Lawrence Building lobby.

Organizations of all sizes—some boasting an international presence—provided materials, spoke with students, held interviews, and traded information. The event was managed by Washtenaw Community College’s department of Career Services, which hosts several events and career fairs each year.

David Wildfong, a member of the Professional Services Faculty at WCC, helped organize the event. He said that the career fairs have seen a consistent turnout over the last 10 years from employers and job seekers, and has continued diversifying meanwhile.

“[The fair] is a service to the community; we want to help

as many people as possible,” Wildfong said. He added, “Along with the usual suspects, we’ve also seen more diversified industries, such as in I.T. and healthcare.”

Wildfong also said that even during the years following the 2008 financial crisis, the Career Fair still saw consistent employer interest.

The fair saw a comprehensive range of employers from across the region. Represented industries included automotive, human resources/staffing, healthcare, medical supplies, real estate management, advanced manufacturing, information technology, sales, entertainment, and many more.

Jobs on-offer ranged from internships and part-time work to full-time entry level career positions.

Advanced manufacturing was particularly in-demand, with companies such as American Broach & Machine Co. demonstrating how lucrative careers in skilled trades can be.

“Some students do think longer term and knows there is good money in manufacturing; especially as the older cohort leaves,” said Evan Gress, a manager representing American Broach & Machine Co.

A few employers expressed this year was more of an “employee’s market”—a sense there was more competition for workers among companies.

“With [a] 3 percent unemployment [rate] you can really feel the desperation on our side of the table.” said Natasha Doan of Excel Employment.

Some students confirmed high levels of employer interest. One WCC computer science student, who wished to remain anonymous, was “confident a well-known local company would be calling back to discuss a full time hire.”

Career fairs are usually held twice each year. The next fair has not yet been scheduled.





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# Entrepreneurs: Your attention please

By NICHOLAS KETCHUM  
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Where are the entrepreneurs at WCC? They could be meeting behind some campus pine trees.

The Damon B. Flowers Building, or Plant Operations and Facilities, might be the most nondescript building on campus. It's obscured, too, since the building—just west of the Gunder Myran building—is mostly hidden by large pine trees in front.

However, once you find it, the “Entrepreneurship Center” sign above the building’s entrance indicates that more than just plant operations occur here.

Claire Abraham, the Entrepreneurship Center coordinator, has worked with students, entrepreneurs, and businesses at the center since its inception in 2014.

“We really try to distribute the idea of entrepreneurship across campus,” she said in an interview. “We don’t just serve students; we also serve entrepreneurs and small businesses in the community.”

According to its website, the Entrepreneurship Center is “a meeting place and resource hub open to the public. . . . to help

entrepreneurs bring their ideas to market.”

The Center offers comfortable and contemporary co-working space, replete with fluffy seating, wifi, desk space, whiteboards, and of course, computers. The space is open and free for students and non-students alike.

Hot tea and coffee are offered on-site—also free.

Twice monthly, the center also has a business librarian on-staff to help answer questions, guide research, or connect people with helpful tools. The center also offers two-week loans of its collection of business-related books for anyone in the community.

Around campus, the center helps organize a variety of free, expert-led workshops and events. “All of our workshops are based on client questions,” Abraham said.

“We’re open to any questions from students and non-students,” she said.

On its website, the center periodically features one of its clients in its EC Entrepreneur Spotlight, where a particular entrepreneur’s story also serves as inspiration for others thinking about making the plunge. Current (and past) features can be viewed at [ec.wccnet.edu](http://ec.wccnet.edu).

edu/spotlight.

Annually, the center puts on “Pitch @ WCC”, where individuals and businesses pitch their ideas for a chance at winning

cash prizes. Last year, Alicia Myers won \$1,000 in the contest after pitching her idea for custom English-as-a-second-language tutoring. She is also

currently showcased in their Entrepreneur Spotlight.

The center is open Monday–Thursday: 9-4:30 pm and Friday: 12-4:30 pm, in the Damon B. Flowers Building (behind the pine trees), in Room PO120. You can also get more information at [ec.wccnet.edu](http://ec.wccnet.edu).



# Mind Matters Club

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The Mind Matters Club at WCC aims to educate and engage students in topics relating to mental health.

Each meeting has a theme and the group often holds events and activities to encourage active learning.

The recent meeting focused on Mental Health Awareness Week. Members participated in games designed to dispel myths

about mental illness and encourage reevaluation of the labels commonly ascribed to emotions and behaviors.

Mind Matters founders, Abigail Biehl and Cassandra Stewart, started the club after they saw a need for such an organization at WCC.

“We felt the need for a community or an outreach, specifically for people who go to community college. The club fulfilled that need for us, and our goal is to do that for others as

well,” said Stewart.

Biehl said that struggling with mental health can be a lonely experience.

“You can’t see depression or anxiety like you can see a physical illness, so people usually don’t know that you are suffering,” said Biehl, noting that mental illness is often misunderstood.

“We hope that starting a conversation around mental health can help lessen the stigma around it and that people won’t be afraid to seek help,” she said.

The group strives to create a safe environment.

“We have one person leading the meeting and another participating and setting the groundwork for others to feel comfortable,” said Stewart.

Biehl said, “We know people have varying levels of education about mental health and that is totally OK.”

Mind Matters meets on Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in LA 254.



# Gerrymandering on the ballot

Proposal could put power to redistrict in citizen’s hands

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This November’s ballot has three key state-wide changes up for a vote: cannabis legalization, expansion of voter access, and gerrymandering eradication.

Proposal 2 presents the issue of gerrymandering, a practice used to establish a political

advantage for a particular party by manipulating voting districts. Michigan is one of the most gerrymandered states, according to New York University’s Brennan Center for Justice. State districts are currently redrawn by politicians every 10 years, with no input from voters.

“Students today know our system is broken. Politicians and lobbyists rigging our election maps are a prime example of that,” said Elizabeth Battise, an organizer for Voters Not Politicians, the group responsible for creating Proposition 2.

In 2016, Michigan Democrats won over half the votes for the

House, but Republicans obtained most of the seats, according to a study by the Brennan Center for Justice.

If passed, Proposition 2 establishes an independent citizen redistricting commission. The commission would be made of 13 independent citizens and would meet every 10 years after the federal census to determine districts that are politically competitive.

The 13 members would be made of four republicans, four democrats, and five independent voters. The Secretary of State would be placed in charge of overseeing the committee, choosing applicants at random, and

enacting the commissions decisions. Over 10,000 applications would be mailed out to random registered voters and applications to be on the committee will be available.

“We believe proposal 2 will bring more transparency to government at every level, and will help restore more confidence in our elected officials and the democratic process,” Battise said. Proposal 2 has seen some opposition. Michigan’s Chamber of Commerce filed a lawsuit to try to take the proposal down in July of this year, but the Michigan Supreme Court dismissed the lawsuit.

## BI-WEEKLY BRIEFING

Preetam Shokar | Editor

### Planning for the winter semester?

*Apply for scholarships today*

Many scholarship opportunities await, but apply early. Numerous scholarships at WCC can cover tuition payments, loans, book fees, or anything else that is needed. For a complete list of scholarships that can be awarded, visit the WCC website under the financial aid tab, or visit the financial aid office located in the Student Center second floor.

### Register for Winter classes on November 7

Winter class schedules are now available. Meet with a counselor through the WCC gateway to find out what classes you need for your degree. Choose from over 70 subjects and don’t miss out on registration on Nov. 7. If you have 45 credits or more, you can register starting at 8:00 a.m. If you have 30 or more credits, register at 11 a.m. 15 or more credits, register at 1 p.m. Less than 15, register at 3 p.m. If you are a new student, you will not be able to register until Nov. 8.

### Quiet Lunch and Study Space

*Reflection room now open*

On the first floor of the Student Center Building, the Quiet Lunch and Study Room (SC 110), and Reflection Room (SC 111) are now open. The new additions can be accessed via the hallway between Career Services and Student Activities and Organizations Offices. The areas will be open Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Friday’s from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## SECURITY & NOTES

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### Larceny/Theft from motor vehicle

Campus authorities were alerted to an incident of larceny/theft from a vehicle in the Health and Fitness Center located across the street from campus on Oct. 5. Theft was reported at 2:51 p.m.

### Vandalism

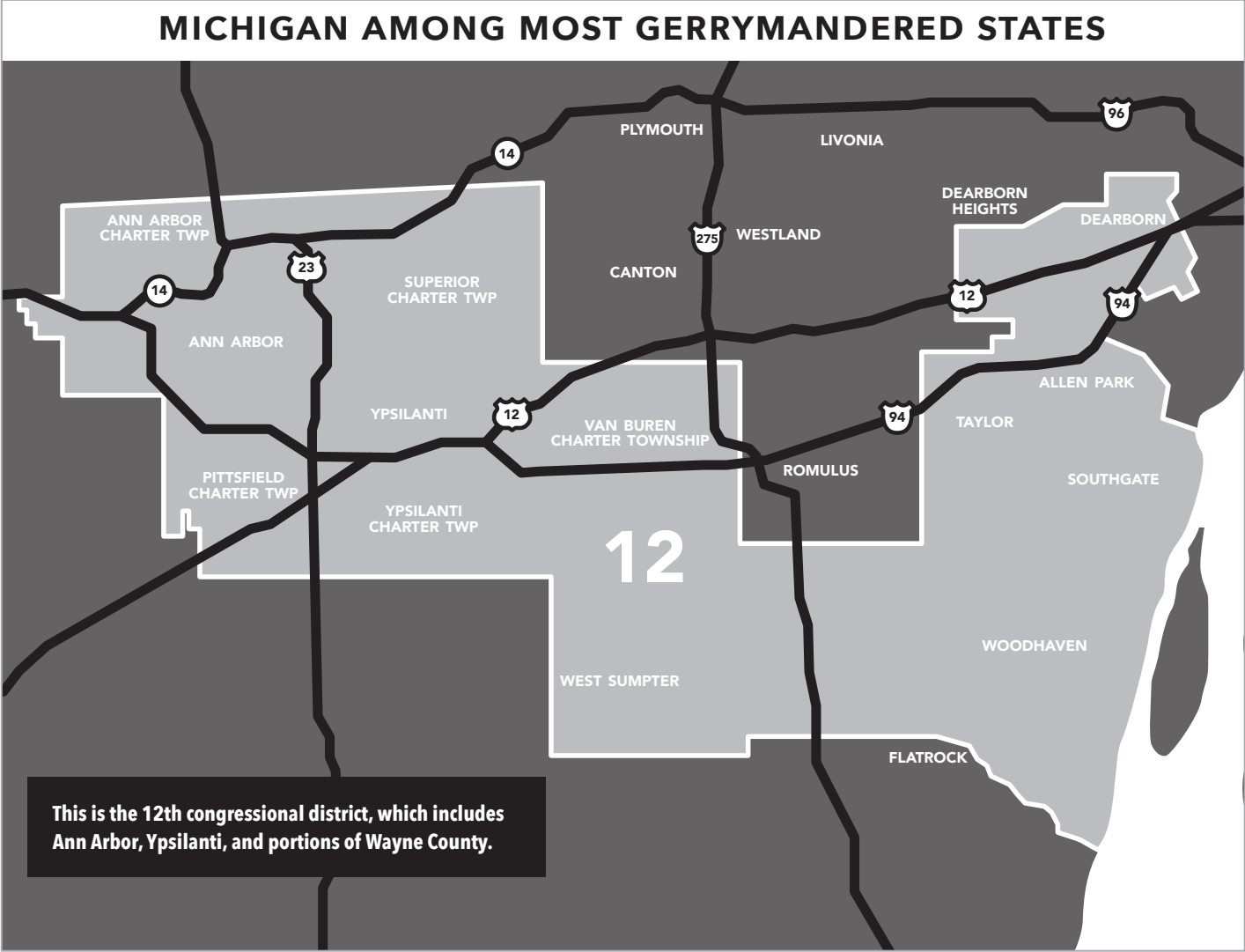
Authorities attended to an incident of vandalism in lot 6 at 8:08 p.m. on Oct. 15.

### Larceny/Theft

Police and campus authorities investigated an off campus incident of larceny/theft at 3:01 p.m. on Oct. 16.

### Reminder

Campus safety and security asks faculty, staff, and students to report any suspicious activity or incidents that occur on campus. Campus safety and security is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Call 734-973-3411.



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Reducing the carbon footprint: One step at a time



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When it comes to global warming, the terms greenhouse gases and fossil fuels are what first come to mind for most of us. Many people believe that they have no impact on a situation and it is up to the leaders of their respective countries to solve this problem. Those who don't believe that global warming exists claim that the Earth will sort itself out, and it's "just a phase". This false

belief is the reason global warming should not be taken lightly. If everyone took the initiative to reduce, reuse, and recycle, the trend would shift to help, not hurt, the Earth.

Every few years, the U.N. conducts a study called the "fifth assessment report", which tracks greenhouse gases, sea levels, snow falls, droughts, and more. The report released vital, saddening news. Nations that utilize the most fossil fuels and create the most greenhouses gases have 12 years to make a full change to policies they have created, or suffer an irreversible path towards global disaster.

Carbon Offsets to Alleviate Poverty, also known as COTAP, is a private organization working towards reducing greenhouse gases in our atmosphere through an interpersonal approach. One of their goals is to empower individuals and organizations to

address climate change through learned knowledge and information. They believe that there are three main categories for which people can reduce their carbon footprint: Driving, air travel, and home energy.

The first category seems like a simple one to address; just drive less. But in fact, there's more to it. If possible, walking, riding a bike, carpooling, or public transit are cost-effective options and help save the planet, but if those types of transportations aren't feasible, invest in a low- carbon or electric vehicle. Switching to these types of vehicles will save you money and help the environment, a true win-win.

Air travel may seem unavoidable when traveling long distances, so here are a few ways to help the environment while 20,000 leagues above the sea. Travel economy class when flying. Similar to carpooling or public

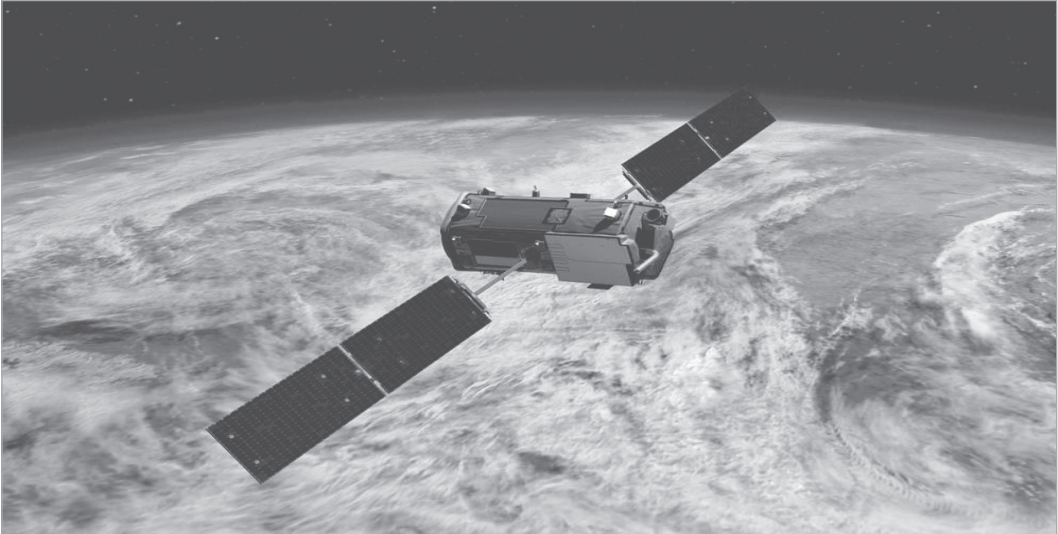
transportation, carbon emissions will be reduced since the energy is spread amongst more people.

Home energy savings! Saving on the gas or electric bill can also help save the environment too. Insulating homes, making sure appliances are up to date and are

energy efficient, turning off light bulbs, and adjusting the thermostat are a few ways that can make the difference in the bills and in the atmosphere.

These tips for saving the environment are just a few ways that you can do your part

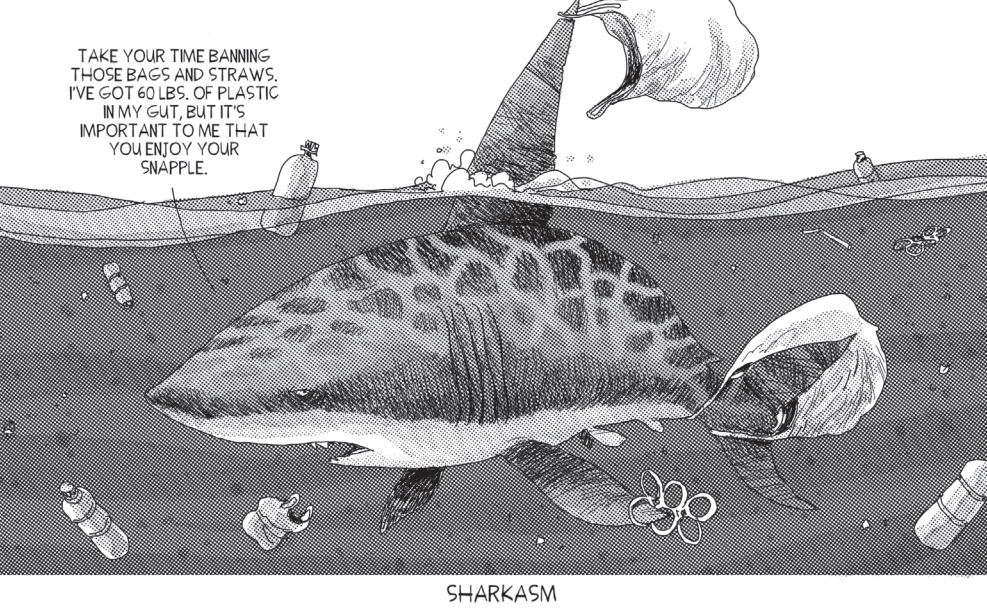
in making the stride towards reducing greenhouse gases, and your carbon footprint. If everyone does what is necessary, those who lead may see what we do, and follow suit before we head in an irreversible direction towards global calamity.



One of the many satellites tracking carbon dioxide levels.

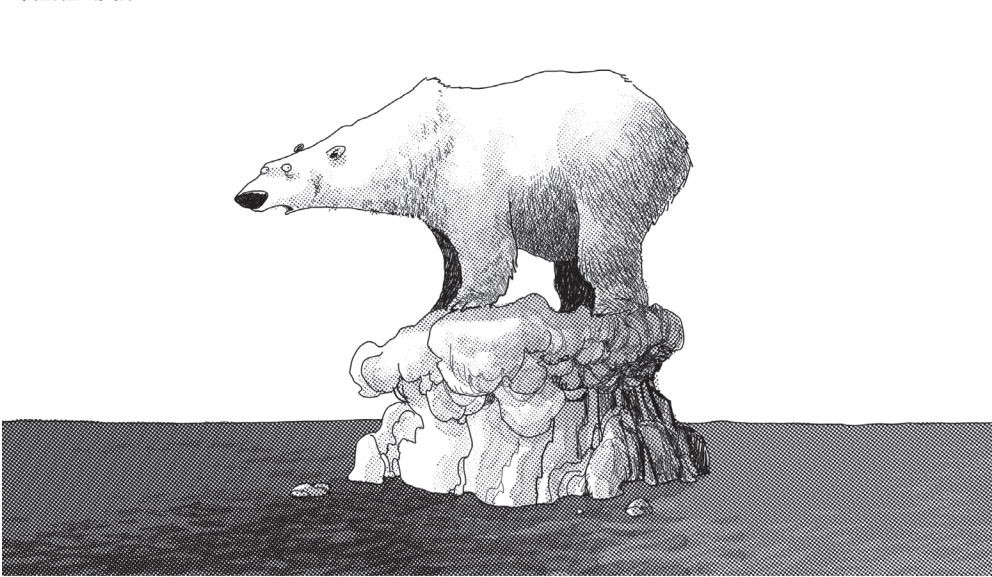
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VOICE BOX

Q: Halloween is coming soon. Are there certain costumes you believe are culturally inappropriate?

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I line more on-- it's a costume. If you take it-- like there are some costumes that are blatantly made to offend, but I think traditional costumes like, cowboys and indians, nobody is dressing up as them to go out with the intent to offend. And people who go out of their way to try and make it something that it's not are part of the problem.

Marat Fahrner, 19  
Broadcast Communication

Personally, I really don't mind, like, the inappropriateness; but of course there are other people I would-- I'd mind for other people like the teachers who wouldn't want to see that, but me I don't mind. I mean, if you want to do what you want to do, go ahead. I wouldn't do it myself because I'm insecure. That's my opinion on it.

Hunter Sexton, 16  
GED

I think if students are dressing up as another race, that's pretty much crossing a line. Stereotypes are generally offensive.

Kate Mink, 20  
Health Science



I do not have issues with any halloween costumes in general. I do believe when children dress up as something, it's because they admire the culture, the person, the icon, whatever it may be and I am 100% ok with sharing my culture.

Jessica Medina, 25  
Electrical Engineering



Off limits can mean a few things, obviously people have the legal right to express themselves however they want. However there are some costume to try to think would cause harm to people and upset people, therefore I would advise against them.

Julian Stockton, 21  
Liberal Arts Transfer



I would say it's inappropriate in certain circles, you know? I wouldn't think you wouldn't want to bring something skanky to school.

Joel Rabaut, 17  
GED



When people are like-- not even like native American and they're wearing the feather hats and stuff like that and like people who just like use face paint and paint themselves black and red lipstick and stuff like that same goes if you paint your face white, you know? Painting over your skin to look like a race you're not, I say that's kind of offensive.

Kevin Gant, 15  
Graphic Engineering



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Students and members of the public getting waxed hands in the Community Park on campus.



The hood ornament of Tim Eaton's "Rat Rod" makes the vehicle Halloween ready.



Siblings Lauren, Kaitlyn and Jason Rich (pictured left to right) examine items made in WCC's Advanced Manufacturing Department.



Welding Instructor Nathan Oliver displays items made in the Welding and Fabrication Department.

# FREE COLLEGE DAY

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Twice a year WCC hosts Free College Day, an open house event where community members can get an inside look at what the school has to offer.

WCC teachers offer classes for guests and there are demonstrations in welding, videography, advanced manufacturing and other programs.

The open house included a tour of WCC's Health & Wellness Center, and offered guests a chance to enroll with a discount. WCC librarian, Jennifer Mann lead a storytelling forum in the Community Park for participants, and a mini carnival was also held in the park. The day also included music, dance, poetry, and theatre performances from students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The event aims to cultivate community involvement and showcase the talents and academics on WCC's campus. It was held alongside the college's 15th Annual Cars and Bikes on Campus, a car and motorcycle show.



Tim Eaton's scary rat rod.



WCC grads Russ and Diane Wied pose next to their 2013 Corvette.



WCC instructor Nathan Oliver demonstrates welding.



Demonstration of a remote operated vehicle.



Students and staff stand in front of a green screen in a digital video suite where they offer a look at "movie magic".



Advanced Manufacturing instructor Andy Dubuc (right) demonstrates how a Haas Automation machine works.



The interior of Kurt Michael's '61 Corvette mirrors the car's exterior color and design.



Kurt Michael's 1961 Corvette was among some of the cars on display at the annual Cars and Bikes on Campus, a car and motorcycle show.





## Park tax, land use on A2 ballot

HALEY NAGEL  
*Contributor*

Ann Arbor voters have three major proposals to consider on November 6th. Here’s what we can expect to see on the ballot:

**Proposal A: Designate the library lot as an Urban Park.**

Convert the City-owned public land bounded by Fifth Avenue, William, Division and liberty streets into an urban park and civic center commons.

Supporters of the proposal would like to see Ann Arbor stop the privatization of public land, and convert the library’s parking lot into a park.

Opponents push for the land to be sold to private companies to fund affordable housing in Ann Arbor with earnings from the sale. Private companies would presumably make use of the lot by building more infrastructure.

**Proposal B: Amendment to Alter the Procedure for Filling a Vacancy in Elective Offices**

If approved, this amendment will fill a vacancy by appointment that occurs with more than half of the term remaining until the next election, at which the rest of the term will be contested. The amendment was initiated due to a change in length of councilmembers from two to now four years made in 2016 by voters.

The proposal would act as a safeguard for having someone appointed to serve for more than two years without the vote of the people. Voters would have a time-liear say on who represents them on council.

There is no current opposition on proposal B.

**Proposal C: Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Tax.**

A proposal to renew a tax for Ann Arbor parks and recreation.

Voters will decide on a six-year, 1.1 mill tax renewal. Between 60-80 percent of the millage will be designated for city park maintenance, and the other 20-40 percent will be used for city park capital improvements. The millage will depend on the value each property.

For instance, a taxable value of \$126,600 would be about \$140 a year. The tax is estimated to raise over \$6 million in the fiscal year of 2020. “In accordance with State law, a portion of the millage may be subject to capture by the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority and the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority,” said Sue Smith, president of the Ann Arbor League of Women Voters.

The Ann Arbor League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed participation in government and works to educate the public. More information can be found at LWM.org.



Proposal would renew a tax for Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation.

VOICE FILE FOLDER

## Coming Out Day highlights LGBTQ students

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Oct. 11 marked the 30th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, which aims to bring visibility to and celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning community.

NCOD was created by Robert Eichberg and Jean O’Leary in 1988. The date was chosen to honor the 1987 Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, which occurred on Oct. 11.

The WCC Writing Center had banners and a rainbow Pride flag up in observation of NCOD.

“1987 was the height of the AIDS epidemic, and national leaders weren’t listening and weren’t caring or paying attention. So National Coming Out Day was a response to that and an encouragement to people to be visible, if it’s safe,” said Zachary Baker, a Writing Center secretary.

Baker is openly pansexual and a strong advocate for the LGBTQ community on campus.

Baker said that the social and political climate has improved for LGBTQ identifying individuals, but they still face severe housing and job discrimination.

Some of the most important resources available to the LGBTQ individuals are the campus food bank and counseling services.

Gender neutral bathrooms, a more recent addition, are located

in every building on campus, according to Baker.

Gender neutral bathrooms are designed to offer safety and privacy for individuals of all gender identities.

WCC allows students, as well as staff, to use their preferred name on class rosters, Blackboard, and ID cards. More information about this procedure is available at Student Connection.

“One of the best services, I think, is Out-Space, which is the LGBTQIA+ group on campus,” Baker said.

The Out-Space club’s main mission is to create a safe space for LGBTQ students, said Daniela Page Sander, President of Out-Space.

“Right now we’re more of a social group [and] support group for each other. We have conversations with each other about how to deal with offensive allies, or anybody who disagrees with us. We talk about the differences we have, and how it makes us all equal,” Page Sander said.

According to Page Sander, the club hopes to create more awareness so other students feel like they have a place to go to.

The club works closely with Clarence Jennings, Dean of Student Access, Success, Equity, and Inclusion.

“We don’t have many resources outside of the room, so really you kind of have to come to the club to get the resources. We are



Pamphlet from the first March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

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trying to, hopefully soon, have a resource center at WCC in the Student Center,” Page Sander said.

More information about LGBTQ resources on campus is available from Dean Clarence Jennings, the Student Resource Center, and online at diversity.wccnet.edu.

Out-Space meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in LA 371.



The Writing Center displayed a Gay Pride flag in honor of National Coming Out Day.

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Every year in Michigan, a migration of thousands of Sandhill cranes takes place in the lower peninsula. People travel from all over to catch a glimpse of these ancient-looking birds in Washtenaw and Jackson counties, before they take off to the Southern parts of the United States. Sandhill cranes can be up to five feet tall, are known for their long necks and a six-foot wingspan, and have grey and white bodies with bright red painted heads. Sandhill cranes are thought to look rather prehistoric, and there is a reason for that. “They are one of the living oldest

species left unchanged, it’s been nine million years since there’s been any physical change to these birds,” said Lindsay Cain, the Education Coordinator for Michigan Audubon. In the 1930’s, Michigan only had 16 mating pairs of Sandhill cranes due to habitat destruction. “Sandhill cranes have had really successful conservation recovery in terms of getting population

the next leg of migration, which varies depending on the subspecies of crane. Most of the cranes head south to Florida, Texas, Nebraska, and Utah.

If you want to see a Sandhill crane, all you might need is a pair of binoculars “You don’t want to get too close to the cranes, they are coming in to be safe for the night, so binoculars help if you have them, but they are big birds so you should be able to see them,” said Cain. The Sandhill cranes roost in marshes and usually

land after five in the evening. The Haehnle Audubon Sanctuary in Jackson County is the largest roosting area for the cranes. When water levels are right, you can expect up to eight thousand cranes to be spotted. Kensington Metropark, the Koenn preserve, and Waterloo Recreation Area are all great places to view some of these dinosaur-like birds in action. For more information on sandhill cranes and how to find them, visit <https://www.michiganaudubon.org>



Cranes in Fall plumage.



Adult crane with hatchling in nest.



Cranes in fallow field searching for food.



Crane landing formation.



Crane watchers on the hilltop.



Two cranes dancing.

Photos by Tom Hodgson



# Students construct high-efficiency strawhouse

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A straw-bale building built by over 20 students was unveiled on the U of M Campus Farm at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens on October 7. The building is both the first off-the-grid and student-constructed building on U of M's

campus. Logan Vear, one of the student builders, said the project was a major undertaking. "We spent over 80 hours a week in May actually building the foundation for the building," said Vear, a senior studying environmental engineering. "And that was after spending an entire

semester planning the project, including writing grants." Joseph Trumpey, an associate professor of Natural Resources and Program at U of M oversaw the construction of the building. He said it was not his first time building with straw. "I built my own straw house in Grass Lake over a decade ago,"

said Trumpey. "Seeing how well it has worked inspired me to lead students in constructing straw houses." The team also built a similarly constructed building last year at U of M's Biological Station in Pellston, Michigan. Most of the raw materials used to construct the building

were from recycled materials, and some came from the Campus Farm itself, Trumpey said. "The straw for the house came from farm waste," he said. "The wood for the post-and-beam roof was milled from dead trees. Golf cart batteries store the sun's energy (through the use of solar panels) to provide electricity for the building." Soil, clay and sand from the Campus Farm were used to mix up the adobe for both the interior and exterior of the building. The straw building's location on the Campus Farm is not a coincidence. The farm and building

both serve a goal of sustainability. "Our mission is to promote sustainability and sustainable living practices, because we need to protect the environment and the world around us. The farm provides space for groups interested in sustainability to gather and learn from each other. The straw bale building is a perfect example of that," said Carly Sharp, a student, volunteer and senior engineering major. The building will serve as a meeting place for farm-to-table dinners hosted by Michigan Dining.



Straw bale building uses solar panels for sustainable energy.

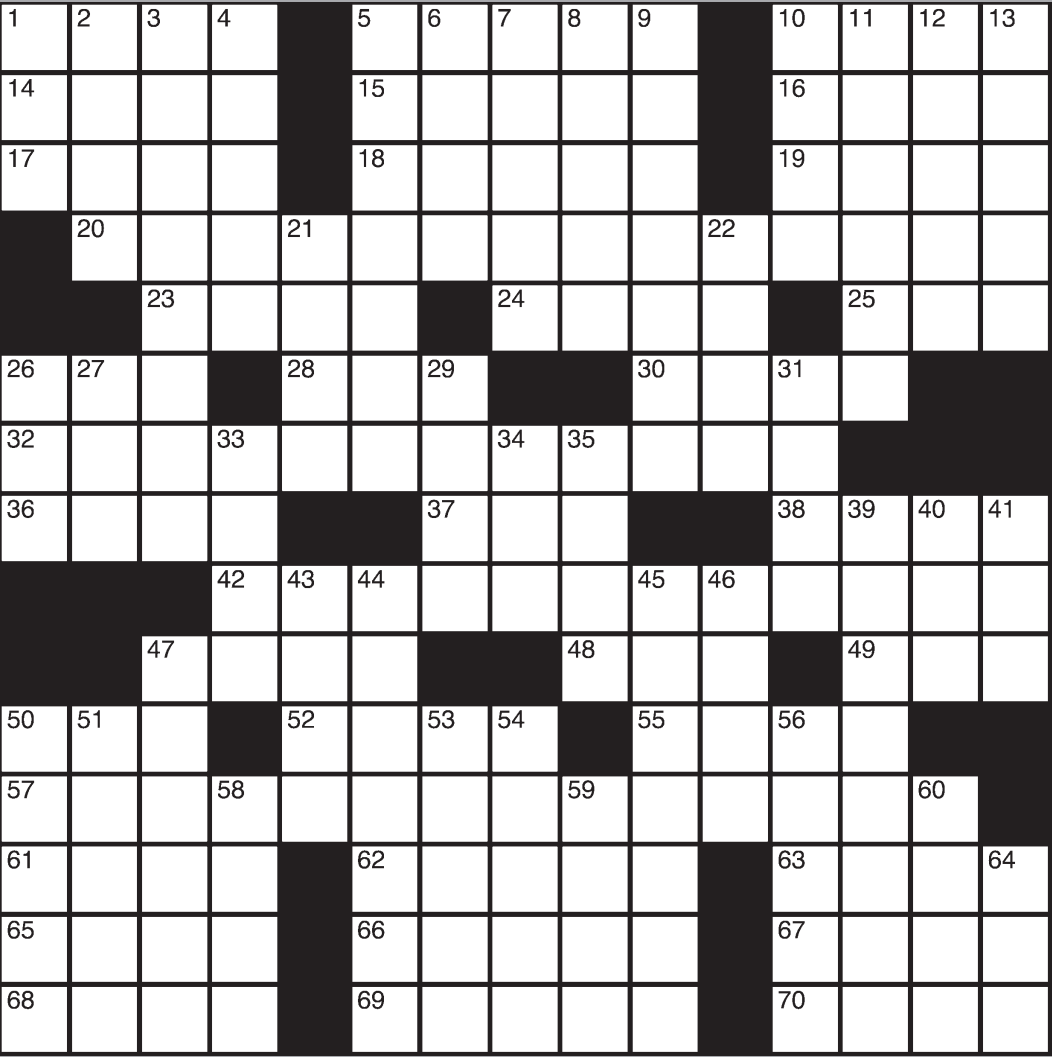


U of M unveils off-grid building.



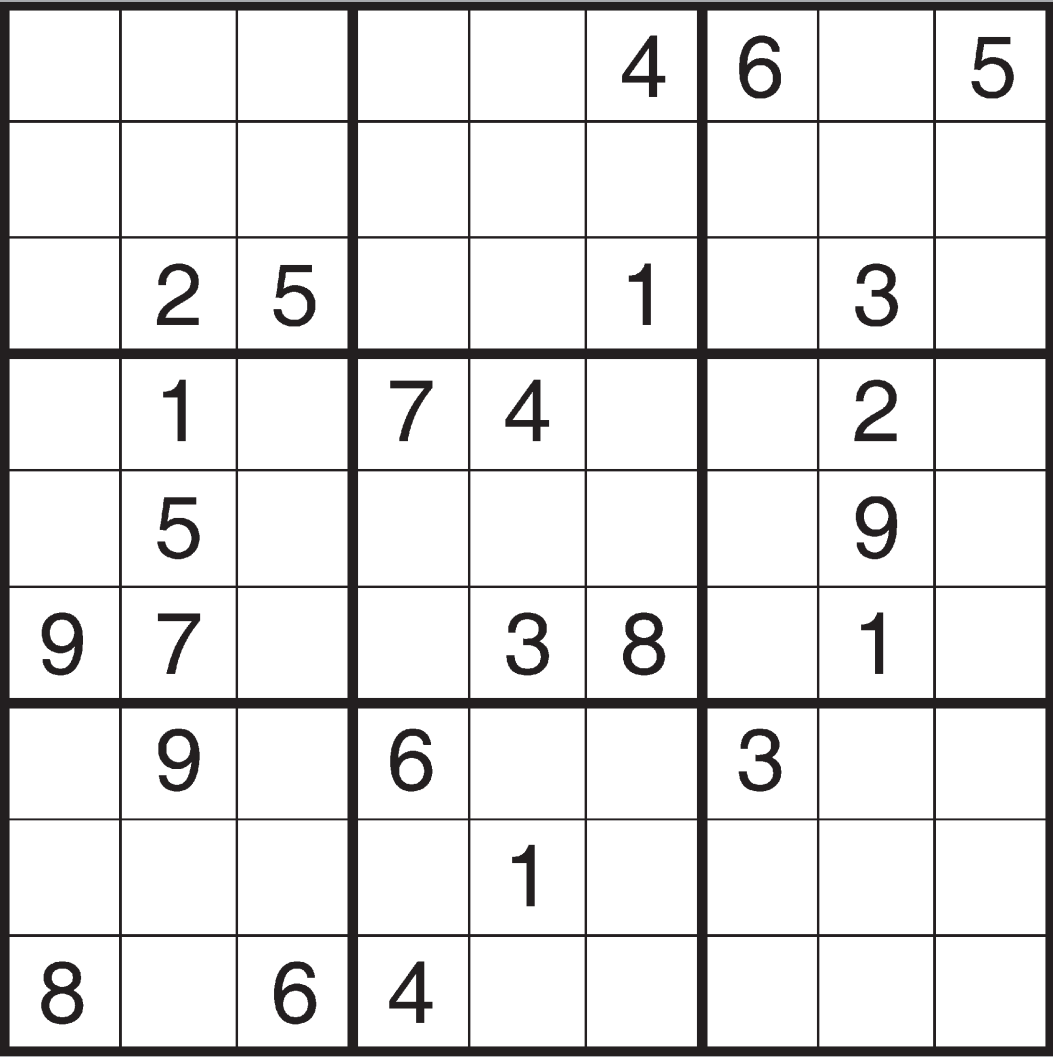
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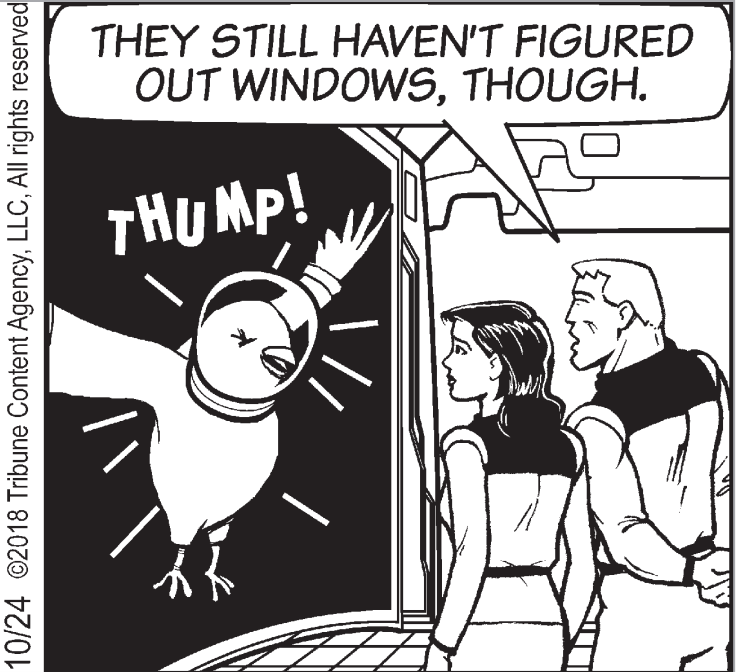
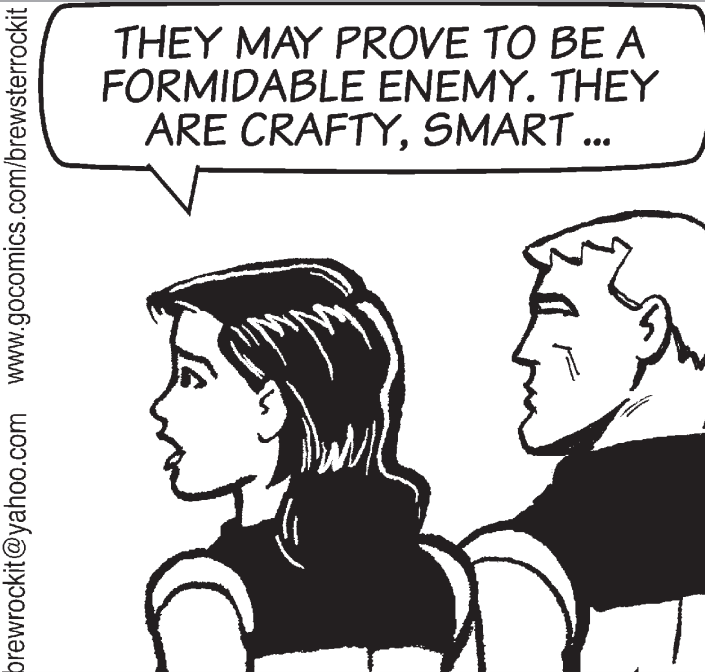
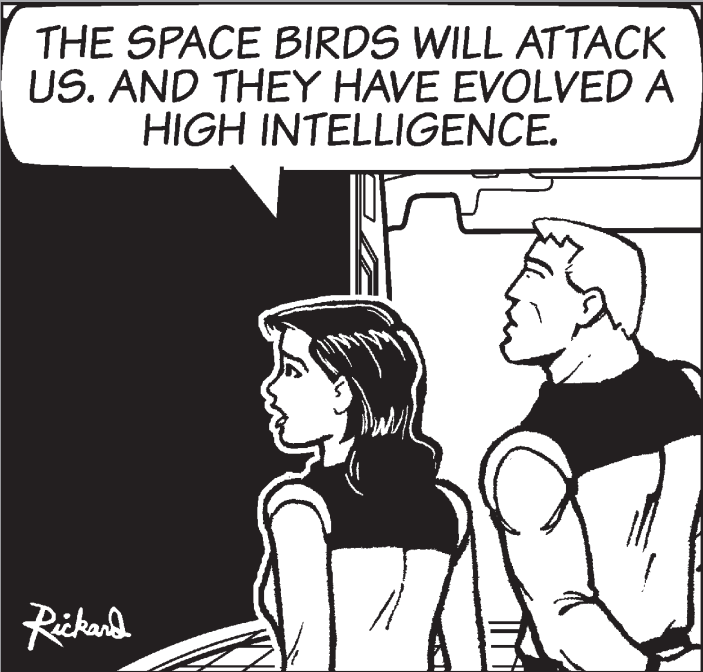
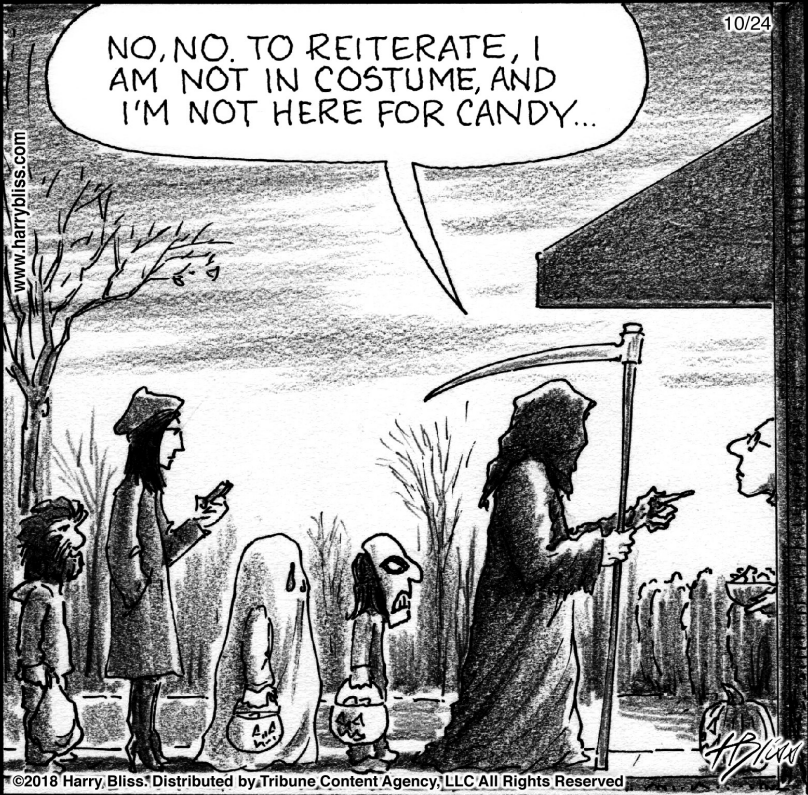
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### Product Sourcing Intern

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The Product Sourcing Intern's primary mission will be to analyze the internal process and information flow, develop tools and reports to increase organizational efficiency, and

communicate Product Sourcing KPI performance to internal stakeholders. The Intern will work with cross-functional teams within HARMAN to define, manage, and implement projects that deliver process improvements in support of on time launches for new programs including long lead material planning, SAP set up for new BOM items, ensure and coordinate timely supplier tooling kick-off, and follow-up on open supplier PPAPs. In addition, the Intern will provide the Product Sourcing Managers support in collecting and compiling cost estimations and supplier quotations to support customer RFQs and ongoing Program BOM cost evolution activities

### Area Sales Representative-Nestle

Livonia

We are currently seeking an Area Sales Representative to be

located in Livonia and report to the Zone General Manager. Key responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: Prospect Commercial customers in assigned geography utilizing approved offers and ready refresh sales collateral. Leverage entire portfolio to expand revenue and distribution with current customers. Utilize digital selling to capture all new orders. Minimize bad debt write off with credit card capture for all new customers.

### Associate Buyer

Plymouth

Responsible for purchasing and the procurement of supplies and services for one or more respective locations. Prepare RFQs, examine prices, evaluate all quotes that are received, monitor the availability of items, compare specifications, and review alternatives to determine most desirable suppliers. Utilize ERPs or ordering systems such

as SAP, QAD. Locate and evaluate new suppliers (position is the first contact for prospective suppliers). Input, Issue, maintain and store purchase orders for supplies and services for all departments in order to support ongoing site operations. Work closely with involved departments. Maintain supplier relationships focusing on superior quality, competitive price, and timely delivery.

### Dental Hygienist

Sterling Heights

We are looking for a team oriented individual who is outgoing with impressive communication skills, organized, professional, service minded and willing to go above and beyond the basic responsibilities of the job. As a Dental Hygienist, you will be our dental health educators for our patients, you will be utilizing your knowledge and skills to diagnose and treat diseases

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### Bakehouse Assistant-Cake Decorator

Ann Arbor

Zingerman's Bakehouse is hiring an Assistant Cake Decorator to work on the team creating hand crafted, artisan cakes to be enjoyed at weddings, birthdays, and celebrations of all sizes. This is a full-time position assisting our Cake Decorators. Your time will be spent helping the decorators prepare for icing and decorating cakes and then packaging cakes for our customers. You will also make basic decorations and do some of the simpler cake icing tasks. It is a good position to introduce a novice to the world of cake decorating.

### CNC Machinist

Macomb Township

Performs set up, adjustments and operation of CNC controlled lathe equipment with minimal supervision. Must be capable of holding exact tolerances by working from blueprints, sketches, process sheets and verbal/written instructions running stepped diameters, tapers, angles, etc. Has the ability to use computer print-outs for proper sequencing of machine setups, selecting and placing tooling and fixtures, while establishing proper feeds, speeds and cycle of machines. Edits and proofs new program tapes and sharpens their own tools. Familiarity with lean manufacturing and continuous improvement techniques beneficial. Inspection of work utilizing certified operator program. Has the ability to utilize a wide variety of precision measuring instruments to perform checks on parts.



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events

ARTS & CULTURE LOCAL CAMPUS

MY LATINX IS– OPEN MIC

This open mic will be centered around Latinx identities and experiences. The event will feature Omar Aragones, as well as other poetry, musical, and dance performances. A panel forum and discussion surrounding Latinx roles in pop culture will follow. Free and open to the public.

Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library | 913 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor

Oct. 25, 7-9 p.m.

MATANGI/MAYA/M.I.A.

This Sundance award winning film will be shown at the Michigan Theatre. The film features an inside look into the life of popstar M.I.A., best known for her song "Bad Girls". The film details her journey from refugee to critically acclaimed artist. Ticket information is available on the Michigan Theatre website.

Michigan Theatre | 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Oct. 25, times vary, check website

ART IS GOD

An art show centered around honoring energy with a focus on heartbreak, curated by local art gallery The Hosting. The evening will feature artists and musicians. This show is free and open to the public.

The Hosting | 207 N. State St., Ann Arbor

Oct. 31, 5 p.m.-12 a.m.



COURTESY OF CINERACH

YPSIGLOW

Get lit in downtown Ypsilanti with black-lights, art, window displays, DJs, dancing, and street performances. This event was curated by the same people who brought us FestiFools and Fool Moon. Don't miss this free event! Visit @ypsiglow on Facebook for more information.

N. Washington St., Ypsilanti

Oct. 26, 7-10 p.m.

SPOOKY FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Get into the Halloween mood with the beloved free comic book event with a wicked twist. The event will also include a costume contest. Details on the Vault of Midnight website.

Vault of Midnight | 219 S. Main St., Ann Arbor

Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

STRANGER THINGS HAUNTED EXPERIENCE

Get spooked with this haunted house inspired by the Netflix original show, Stranger Things. The walkthrough will include a visit to the iconic scenes, including the Byers' home and Hawkins Middle School. Tickets are \$3-5 and purchasing information can be found through maizepages.umich.edu.

Palmer Commons Great Lakes Room | 100 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor

Oct. 31, times vary



CELEBRATION OF HALLOWEEN 1978

This free concert will feature the 80-piece Washtenaw Community Concert Band. In honor of their 40th anniversary, the theme is 1978, so come dressed in '70's garb, or traditional Halloween costumes. Visit wccband.org for details.

Towsley Auditorium

Oct. 26, 7:30-9 p.m.

STRENGTHEN YOUR CORE SKILLS: BUILDING WINNING RELATIONSHIPS

Speaker Michael Kole teaches how to cultivate healthy relationships with bosses, customers, family, and others in daily life. Register on the WCC website.

Morris Lawrence 105/123

Oct. 23, 3-5 p.m.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK

Walk to raise breast cancer awareness. There will also be dancing and yoga in the Community Park. Register in person day of, or via the Making Strides Ann Arbor website, where you can also find more information about the walk and other fundraisers.

Community Park

Oct. 27, check-in begins at 9 a.m.



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