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## Cannabis is legal, now what?

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### Cannabis legalization pushes state response

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Michigan voters approved the legalization of recreational cannabis this month by over 55 percent, making Michigan the tenth state to legalize recreational cannabis.

Cannabis is still illegal on a federal level, and because Michigan is an at-will employment state, employees can still be fired for consuming cannabis if their employer has a no drug policy or tests for drugs.

Medical cannabis will stay the same.

“Medical will be slowly phased out, but in the interim

remain available for patients” said John Payne, a medical marijuana transport professional in Ann Arbor.

Cannabis will be taxed the lowest of the 10 states that have already legalized it, with a 10 percent excise tax to be paid by the retailer and 6 percent tax to be paid by the consumer. The tax revenue will cover education, infrastructure, and municipalities that have approved marijuana businesses.

In some of the other states where cannabis was legalized, such as California and Oregon, the law prompted exoneration for those who were convicted of marijuana possession crimes in the past. As of yet, Michigan lawmakers have not introduced such efforts; however governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer and attorney general-elect Dana Nessel have

stated their support for exoneration during their campaigns.

For campus life, policies will remain the same: marijuana consumption, including edibles, and alcohol consumption is still prohibited on campus.

“We are a Title IV school, which is federally funded, so we must follow federal law here,” said Linda Blakey, vice president of Student & Academic Services.

Students, staff and faculty received an email with the policy promptly after the ballot measure passed.

The University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Michigan State have also said “no” to pot smoking on campus.

Landlords are still legally allowed to prohibit smoking in rentals and deny requests to grow cannabis in rentals as well.

In many ways, cannabis will be regulated very similarly to alcohol. Retailers and growers will be licensed through the state.

“Buying legal weed that has been grown and tested by professionals will be better for everyone in the long run,” said Payne.

Just as drunk drivers are charged for driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated from cannabis can result in the same penalties.

Like alcohol, public consumption will not be permitted, and consumers must be 21 and older to purchase and consume cannabis.

However, as the government hashes out the specifics, these policies remain subject to change.

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory affairs has one year from election night to create and distribute licenses.

### The Basics of Prop 18-1:

- Officially legal 10 days after the election results are certified, or early December.
- 21 and older can purchase, possess and use cannabis and cannabis infused edibles.
- 10-ounce limit for residences
- Any amount over 2.5-ounce must be secured in locked containers
- Should be sold commercially by early 2020
- No public consumption (you can’t smoke it on the street)
- No consumption on federal land (national parks and forests)
- No driving with it (penalized like a DUI)
- People can grow up to 12 cannabis plants for personal consumption
- Landlords can still prohibit smoking and growing
- Employers can drug test and maintain zero tolerance drug policies
- Plants cannot be grown in public spaces
- 10 percent excise tax on top of 6 percent sales tax

## Campus furniture upgraded

DANNY VILLALOBOS  
Staff Writer

There will soon be more places to sit and open a book or a laptop in lobby areas across campus – about 50 percent more. As part of a project to replace old furnishings, WCC has expanded total number of seats in lobbies and common areas.

The college spent \$210,000 on the new furniture, said Charles Smith, director of design and construction services at WCC. Money came from the college’s capital furniture fund. The new furniture comes from KI of Green Bay, Wis.

Smith said the old furniture will either be going to inventory, disposed of, recycled, sold on eBay or be repurposed for further use in a different building.

The investment is due to insufficient seating and the condition of furniture nearing the end of its life-cycle, according to a report presented to the Board of Trustees last May.

In areas where the new

furniture has been installed, the change seemed welcomed.

“The vibe kind of made me feel like I was in a prison – I don’t know how to describe it – but now it feels comfortable and inviting,” said student Alyssa Licavoli, 21.

Licavoli’s friends Ashley Piepsney, 20, and Mary Logsdon, 21 agreed.

“I feel like it’s a lot more inviting and I like how there’s a lot more tables instead of just chairs so you can study,” Piepsney said.

Before the change, the

students said they would usually go back and study at their homes, but the new additional seating gave them the opportunity to stay on campus.

“I’ll probably be going to the Student Center a lot more often rather than going back to my apartment to study,” said Licavoli.

All floors of LA and BE will have new furniture, while only the first floor of TI, second floor of the Student Center, and third floor of the GM building get new furnishings.



JOSH MEHAY | WASHTENAW VOICE

Workers unpack and set up new furniture in the T.I. building.



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New couches in the T.I. building are just one of the many new furniture installations at WCC.



JOSH MEHAY AND VARDEN SARGSYAN | WASHTENAW VOICE

Anthony Moore surrounded by some of his graphic design work.

## WCC graphic designer represents USA

Anthony Moore set to compete in Abu Dhabi

BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM  
Staff Writer

WCC graphic-design student Anthony Moore will compete in Abu Dhabi this month as the sole graphic design representative for the United States in the WorldSkills International Asia competition.

After Abu Dhabi, Moore is also scheduled to compete at the main event, which will be held next August in Kazan, Russia.

“It’s really an honor to represent the United States in graphic design. I’m very excited. It’s probably the best chance of life,” said Moore, 19.

When asked to speculate why he was chosen to represent the United States, Moore offered, “I think [the contest judges] saw potential. They also emphasize technical ability, and I think they saw I can learn those.”

Moore found his start in graphic design at his high school, while experimenting by manipulating photos of his friends. He discovered he had a knack for it.

“I started making funny pictures of my friends, and then ‘I thought this is kind of fun,’” Moore said.

“In my high school, I took a graphic design class. I didn’t really know what that was, when I started, but I eventually started to find out that it’s a lot cooler than I thought,” Moore said.

Moore’s high school technology center, at his home district in Lenawee County, encouraged him to compete and helped sign him up for the competition. Then, he competed in regional, state and national events before earning his place on the international team.

Moore is no stranger to travel, however this will be his first

“serious” trip overseas.

Moore said the Asian competition in Abu Dhabi partly intends to provide international experience before the main event next summer in Russia.

Moore is ready for his long flight to the United Arab Emirates, which lies alongside the Persian Gulf in the Middle East.

“The flight is about 12 hours, with a five hour layover in D.C.. Hopefully I’ll sleep through most of it,” Moore said.

Eventually, Moore would like to gain more experience, either as an independent contractor or within an agency.

“I’d like to do freelance work, but I also think it’d be nice to get into a design firm and work with other creative minds,” Moore said.

Some of Moore’s design work can be viewed at his Instagram profile @anthonymooredesigns.



# Beat the babble in the Quiet Study Space

MATTHEW BARTOW  
*Contributor*

Washtenaw Community College unveiled a brand new Quiet Lunch and Study Space for student use.

The new area is located just off the main food court in the Student Center; multiple signs point interested students in the right direction.

To create room for the space, the Office of Student Development and Activities and the Online Bookstore were moved to new locations within the Student Center.

Creating a quiet study spot for students was worth the move, said Peter Leshkevich, director of the Student Development and Activities.

“We gave up a bit of space for a much better utility,” Leshkevich said. “Based on its use so far, students are appreciating the space and it was a much needed addition.”

The new Quiet Lunch and Study Space provides students with something that neither the library nor the food courts do: an environment suitable for both studying and dining, according to Joaynna Cook, a business major at WCC.

“I really like the new study room,” Cook said. “It is a nice place to study and eat lunch at the same time free of all the commotion in the Student Center.”

In fact, the noise and commotion in the Student Center is measurable. Decibel measurements suggest that the Student Center is 25 percent louder than the new space.

As far as the rules go, Leshkevich said that there have been no concerns so far.

“A representative from the Office of Student Activities and Student Organizations checks the study room every 30 minutes or so, and the room is also video monitored by security,” said Leshkevich. “We have not had any problems when it comes to students abiding by the rules.”

The new space is next to a separate Reflection Room, which is intended for personal prayer, reflection, contemplation, and/or meditation in a welcoming,



Mario Gibbons, a criminal justice major, studies in the Quiet Study space, which provides students with an area to study and eat while having accessible charging stations.

inclusive environment.

Any student can gain access to the Reflection Room by showing their WCC identification to a representative in the Office of Student Activities and Student Organizations in SC 108. The student will then receive access to the room for 30 minutes.

Students seeking further information about the Quiet Lunch & Study Space or the Reflection Room or wishing to report a concern should visit SC 108 or call (734) 973-3500.

### Facility Rules

1. Keep noise levels to a minimum - no yelling or loud conversations.
2. Headphones or earbuds are mandatory when using any electronic device with sound.

3. Petitioning, interviewing, canvassing, campaigning, and promotions are prohibited in this space.
4. Cell phone conversations are prohibited.
5. Gaming is prohibited (electronic, cards, etc.).
6. Musical instruments and speakers are prohibited.
7. To allow equal access to this room, please limit your use of the room to one (1) hour.

### Quiet Study Space Hours

SC 110

- Mon - Thurs**  
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Fridays**  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Study Space Noise Level Experiment

### STUDENT CENTER



### QUIET STUDY SPACE



25% quieter at the new study space.

The noise levels in both the Quiet Lunch & Study Space and the dining area in the Student Center were measured using the application “Sound Meter” to compare the difference. Ten samples were collected, each measuring the decibel level over a 30-second interval, in varying spots within each location. Levels were averaged and used to determine the percentage of difference.

DATA BY MATTHEW BARTOW

# Fencing proposals due for parking structure

Top deck remains closed as WCC considers security measures.

LILLY KUJAWSKI  
*Deputy Editor*

WCC is requesting prices for a possible installation of fencing on the top deck of the parking structure. The move follows the recent suicide attempt that occurred on Oct. 22.

The 23-year-old woman who intentionally stepped off the parking structure was initially in critical condition. Her status was subsequently updated to stable.

The woman is not a current student and withdrew from her classes early into the fall semester, according to Brendan Prebo, associate vice president of marketing and communications at WCC.

The top deck of the parking structure is still closed, said Prebo.

The doors from both of the stairwells are sealed and a snow fence and traffic barrels have been placed in front of the car ramp leading up to the fourth floor.

“We’re aware of the incident that happened, obviously, so we’re paying particularly close attention in terms of patrols,” Prebo said.

“We’re looking at options in terms of how we can make that area more safe and secure, and that may involve some construction of some type of fencing up

there or some type of barrier structure up there,” Prebo said.

A request for proposals was issued on Nov. 13 from the WCC Purchasing Department. It asked for pricing for six feet high chain link fencing that could be mounted to the parking structure.

Responses were due Friday, Nov. 16. The request referred to fencing proposals as an “urgent need for the College.”

“Priority may be given to the firm with the capacity to complete the job in the soonest time-frame,” read the request.

The cameras within the parking structure are monitored by dispatch public safety officers, Prebo said.

Currently, there are two cameras located on the northeast and northwest sides of the top level of the structure, as well as one in the direction of the Morris Lawrence building.

The actual jump was not visible on camera footage because the woman walked out of view before stepping off, according to Scott Hilden, chief of public safety.

Hilden said he would like to install more cameras on the top floor of the structure and enhance the rest of the cameras on campus.

“We take the safety and security of our students and all of our visitors extremely seriously, and we work to maintain a very safe and secure environment,”

Prebo said. “We do have health services at the college, we have counselors that students can talk to if they feel like they need to talk to counselors.”

### WCC Counseling Office

Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm and  
Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Appointments can be made by calling 734-677-5102

### Campus Assistance Program

[www.caplife.hmsanet.com](http://www.caplife.hmsanet.com)

Login with the information below:  
**Username:** WCC  
**Password:** myresource

Or call 1-866-227-3834

### The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

800-273-TALK (8255)

### Washtenaw County

**Community Mental Health 24-hour hotline:**  
734-544-3050

**UM Health System Psychiatric Emergency Services hotline:**  
734-936-5900

**Texts can also be sent the Crisis text line:**  
741741



Traffic cones and caution tape deter people from elevator lobby on the parking structure top floor.



Barrier keeps the door to the fourth floor of the structure securely sealed.



# Advanced Transportation Center includes cybersecurity degree

BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM  
Staff Writer

What does computer hacking have to do with advanced transportation?

Likely at this instant, “black hat” hackers are searching for—and exploiting—software vulnerabilities in cars and trucks; maybe even aircraft and ships, too.

Worse yet, in an extreme scenario, someone could die as a result of a hacked or compromised system. Maybe the steering wheel or brakes suddenly stop working after a black hat intrusion.

Meanwhile, “white hat” hackers and their clientele, which include multinational firms, as well as medium and small businesses, are attempting to stay one step ahead, detecting and patching security holes in advance of the black hatters.

“You have to think like a hacker to stop a hacker,” said Mitchell Mikhail, a first semester student who studies cyber defense, both via college and personal experimentation (and only using his own equipment).

In recent years, the increasing presence of legitimate white hat hackers coincides with the emergence of a maturing, formalized disciplines with names such as “cybersecurity” and “information security analysis.”

These new disciplines occupy important roles at WCC’s Advanced Transportation Center, an initiative launched in 2015, which according the center’s website is “preparing the future and existing workforce for the emerging needs of the advanced transportation industry.”

Demand for these skills are growing fast, which is projected to continue. Estimates published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show openings for information security analysts will grow by more than 28 percent between 2016 and 2026, compared to an estimated 7.4 percent growth for all occupations.

Cybersecurity’s role in transport is imperative, according to Alan Lecz, director of the Advanced Transportation Center.

“It’s so big because the risks are so huge. In the financial area, it’s bad enough. . . but the risk in the automotive industry is that someone could get killed, because someone could hack the network systems that control vehicle. . . they could disrupt the steering,” Lecz said.

In considering the emerging dominance of computer-controlled vehicular systems, Lecz stressed the importance of practicing good ethics while developing safe, robust systems—part of the center’s approach.



Advanced Transportation Center incorporates hacking and cyber security measures.

According to Lecz, the center uses an “Automotive Hacking Workbench” to teach students “ethical hacking skills for the purpose of testing the robustness of software programming in vehicles... to find vulnerabilities and help companies close those entryways.”

Michael Galea, Professional Faculty of Computer Instruction, along with Cyndi Millns, Professional Faculty of CIS Cybersecurity, is helping to develop course curricula. On Thursday, they unveiled the automotive hacking workbench to the Computer Information Systems department.

He said that the developing curricula looks to address concerns that “a real problem is going to occur down the road when the cars are all connected on wireless networks; because now people are going to be able to hack in real-time into vehicles. Just think of the consequences. . . You could potentially take over a car’s navigation system.”

Milns added, “It’s not just happening in automotive, but in all of your connected devices. . . all embedded technology.”

However, the Center’s focus reaches far beyond computation-centered fields; spearheading a comprehensive

and multidisciplinary approach.

The overall philosophy stands on three core “pillars,” as Lecz terms it:

Intelligent Transportation Systems (which includes cybersecurity), Advanced Automotive Service and Repair and Lightweight Materials and Manufacturing.

Each pillar offers course curricula from a set of interrelated disciplines, and is intended to connect advanced concepts from both advanced manufacturing and information technology.

While enrolled, students can gain real-world work experience, including paid internships that

buoys resumes and attracts future employers.

The center is funded by grants from the State of Michigan, the U.S. Department of Transportation, with additional support from the University of Michigan and the Square One Education Network.

A new building is scheduled to be constructed on campus, immediately north of the Occupational Education building, which currently houses some of the equipment that’s slated to move to the new building.

WCC’s Board of Trustees has not yet awarded construction contracts.

## SECURITY & NOTES

### Larceny/Theft

A student’s coat was stolen from his seat during class in the Liberal Arts building on the third floor on Nov. 11. A police report was made but the coat has not been found and no suspects have been identified.

A “Make America Great Again” flag was stolen off a truck in Lot 3 on Nov. 6. A police report has been made but the flag has not been found.

A disk drive was stolen from the Bailey Library on Nov. 7. A police report was made but the drive has not been found or returned.

### Domestic Assault

Two students on the second floor of the student center building had an argument and the female student struck the male student on Nov. 5. The police were called and a report was made.

### Aggravated Assault

A female student was being followed by a male who was armed with a knife. The student found campus security and the police were able to calm the man into giving up the weapons, and he was arrested. The suspect was charged with aggravated stalking and the process is currently on-going in the criminal justice system.

### 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.

## BI-WEEKLY BRIEFING

### Second Annual Holiday Fundraiser

This holiday season “Melt Away the Hunger” by donating to the WCC Student Resource Center’s fresh produce stands and pantry replenishment. The first few donors will receive a blown glass snowman. If donating with cash or check, there is a \$30 minimum, made payable to WCC Foundation, and can be dropped off in BE 100. For more information, contact the Business and Computer Technologies Division.

### Humans of Washtenaw County

On Tuesday, Dec 4. Students from Aaron Smith’s English 111 classes will be in the Bailey library to work on a project called Humans of Washtenaw. This project is apart of the larger “Cultivating Conversations” program. Influenced by Humans of New York, students at WCC have conducted interviews with professionals in the field they wish to go into, and will display their work from early December until mid-January.

## Corrections

The Washtenaw Voice always seeks to publish corrections and clarifications promptly when they come to our attention. In Issue 6, a caption on the front page stated “Joy Hommel” in the photo, when it is not Joyce Hommel in the photo. In the headline, “Featured Teacher: Steve Sommers”, ‘Sommers’ should be corrected to ‘Somers’. The student in the story “Suicide attempt prompts safety concerns” is actually a former student of WCC.

Preetam Shokar | Editor

# Out-Space club

CHEYENNE MCGUIRE  
Contributor

A recent meeting of Out-Space, a club for LGBTQ+ students, had a relaxed atmosphere as members dropped in and chatted.

The club’s co-president, Jennifer Michalowski, said this is typical.

“Most of the time, we sit around and talk about our problems or hang out,” said Michalowski.

Through the club, she’s found value in meeting people who share the same experiences as her.

“It’s nice to know that someone else understands what you’re going through,” said Michalowski.

Timothy Pantiga, a member who recently moved here from San Francisco, appreciated the group’s dynamics, as well as its inclusive nature.

“Here, it’s a tight-knit, close community,” said Pantiga.

“I had this misconception that Michigan is a red state, so I toned down who I was. I noticed that was not good mentally—everything sucked. So, when I found this place, I was like ‘Huh, a place to be myself.’ From that, I’ve

gained the confidence to grow in the community,” said Pantiga.

In addition to providing a safe space, members have also participated in LGBTQ+ advocacy.

Faculty advisor Mary Mullalond said past members have campaigned for gender neutral restrooms on campus, as well as gender inclusive board policies.

Last semester, transgender students put on a panel to help faculty understand how to be more inclusive as well as mindful of what it’s like to be a transgender student on campus.

“Both the internal support they do for each other and the outward advocacy and education they do is invaluable,” said Mullalond.

Mullalond encourages any interested students to stop by and attend a meeting.

“The club tries to make this a safe place. No matter what your gender or sexual identity is, we try to respect that and make you feel like you’re part of a family,” Mullalond said.

**Out-Space Club Meetings**  
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Political Polarization



HALEY NAGEL  
Contributor

The U.S. is more politically polarized than we’ve ever been. Americans with ideologically consistent values have increased over time and these values have become strongly associated with partisanship, according to Pew Research Center.

Partisan division has torn families, friendships, and relationships apart because people tend to believe their side is right, and the other is immoral.

“30 percent of conservatives say they would be unhappy if an immediate family member married a Democrat and 23 percent of liberals say the same about the prospect of a Republican in-law,” said a 2017 poll conducted by Pew Research.

The political parties were created for Americans to identify with an ideology, and voice their opinion on government policies. Now, ideology is too frequently used to determine personal character.

It’s normal for folks to seek out those who agree with them politically, but if they reduce their circle to just those individuals,

how will they learn and grow? By denouncing one’s ideas and existence because they don’t identify with the same party, a productive conversation is denied. Taking all angles into consideration is crucial to forming a calculated opinion. Disagreements are beneficial; differing opinions are what shape us and pave the way to fruitful discussions.

Holding Republican or Democratic beliefs doesn’t inherently render an individual good or bad. There are so many other, better personality predictors, such as the way someone treats their server at a restaurant.

Agreeing to disagree with friends or family on political issues, while still considering them positive, pleasant people

is possible.

Recent hate crimes have shown Americans that hostility doesn’t solve problems, and violence is actually counterproductive.

Becoming wrapped up other’s biases and opinions is easy. Assuming all right-wingers are wealthy, heterosexual white people; and all left-wingers are low/middle class, lazy snowflakes is

also easy. Fortunately, it isn’t that simple. Putting initial judgement aside and looking further into someone’s background is what’s challenging.

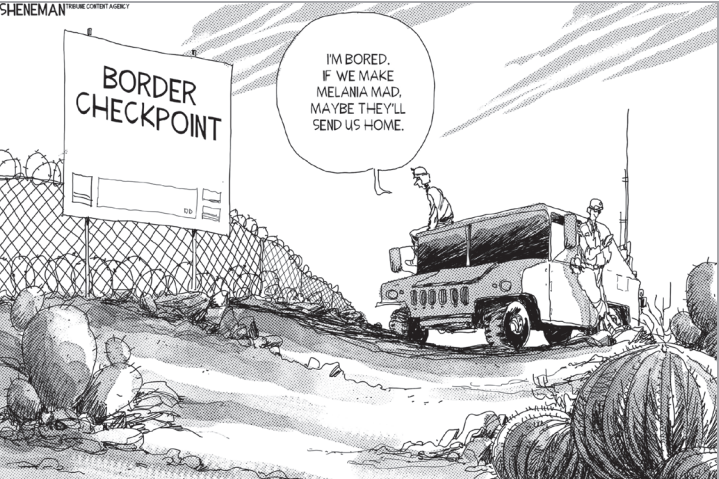
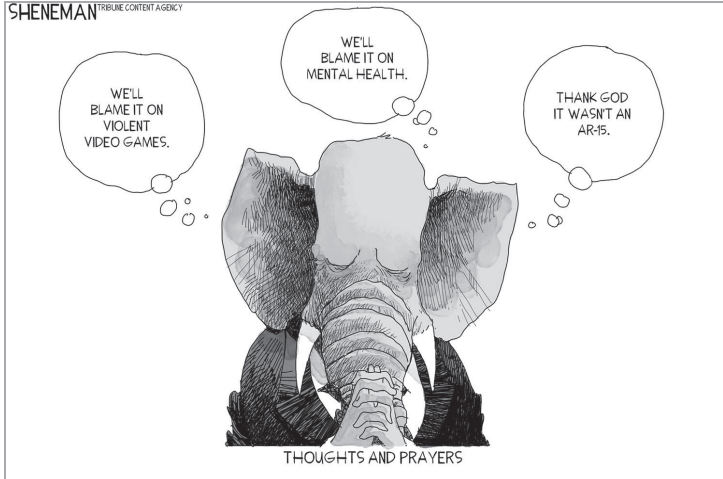
As social media, especially Twitter, becomes increasingly aggressive, take a step back and view it for its light-hearted nature. Anyone can create an account and people have the ability to communicate with, and speak differently to others they otherwise may not have had interaction with through that account.

Although there are radicals in both parties’ out in the world, they’re amplified on social media because they get the most attention for being, well, radical. There’s a common narrative that radicals on both sides are more plentiful than they actually are.

Regardless of popular opinion, being friends with someone for years and coming to a disagreement on government policies is not a valid reason to terminate the friendship; and whatever goes on in politics, the media, or the government, remember that you have ultimate control over your life.



A Democrat and Republican clash over political beliefs at an anti-Trump protest.



VOICE BOX

Q: Did the midterm election results turn out the way you wanted it?

Danny Villalobos  
Staff Writer

Country-wise, I was slightly disappointed. It didn’t go in the direction that I wanted it to go, but for the state, it ended in my favor. I think that a lot of the proposals that went through will make Michigan grow both economically and in general.

Joshua Joseph, 18  
Computer science



There was no specific direction I wanted the election to go, I do lean Democrat so I would have liked to see them control the U.S. Senate, but I’m content with their control of the House. Now, there’s a better check on the president, which is needed. I’m very happy with the state election results, because we have our second female governor, Gretchen Whitmer, and first ever African-American lieutenant government, (Garlin Gilchrist II).

Olivia Habart, 18  
Liberal arts transfer



Honestly, I’m not a big fan of politics it wasn’t a big deal for me. It really didn’t change my opinion. I don’t affiliate with either side, but it turned out well (enough).

Jacob Ford, 20  
Undecided



Yeah, it turned in my favor. I’m more of a Democratic-leaning person and all the proposals that passed was something I looked out for more than the candidates.

Miles Butler, 19  
Computer Science



Most of it has, I really don’t keep up with too much politics, but all the candidates and proposals that I voted for got (in).

Manuel Rodriguez, 23,  
Computer engineering



With all the results that came out, yeah. I want to see stuff on water quality and accountability, that’s what I’m looking for and that’s the candidate I’m supporting, a candidate that [goes after] the real issues.

John ‘Red’ Fitzgerald II, 24  
Business



In some ways, I wanted to see more women and Democrats win just to even out, because we have a lot of Republicans in right now.

Caleigh Barnaby, 19  
Nursing



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# Charge up for finals

How you can make the most of your electronic devices on campus

BY: ZARA ZANGANA  
Contributor

With finals on the horizon, many students are getting ready with caffeine-powered study sessions. Your coffee may have you charged, but what about your laptop, iPad or other electronic devices necessary for schoolwork? Here are some campus resources available to students to help best utilize your electronics.

The Bailey Library is the perfect place to go with your laptop and charger. Within the library, there are many places to choose from to get your work done.

“In the library, most of the tables in the Active Learning Zone have four chargers on them, and we have USB-C and lightning chargers for iPhones,” said Bethany Kennedy, director of Access Services in the Bailey Library.

A mobile charging station can be found in the Bailey Library.

Students can charge their mobile phones with chargers that are plugged into a power source and provided to them at the station, which can be found right across



Bria Williams, WCC student, searches for WiFi on campus.

from the resource desk, according to Kennedy.

As for where to find the best, most efficient wifi connection on campus, it turns out that it doesn’t depend as much on the location of where you’re trying to connect, but more so on the time you are trying to connect.

“It’s not so much where on campus, but when on campus to

have the best wifi,” according to Derek Anders from the IT Help Desk in the Computer Commons.

When there are too many people connected to the wifi on campus at one time, it becomes very slow, Anders said.

According to Anders, students can get the best wifi connection early in the morning or late in the evening

# Nursing 108 tackles health topics

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Nursing 108, a first semester nursing class, is promoting health topics in the community. Students were divided into groups and each had a health topic to focus on. This particular group of students was one of the first to present. Their focus was on sleep, and how it affects overall health.

40 million people, or about 30 percent of the population in the United States struggle with sleeping disorders.

“Not getting enough sleep can result in weight gain, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and other health conditions,” said Cheri Wollack, a nursing 108 student.

“Lots of people are walking around with sleep disorders that they are not aware of, such as sleep apnea and narcolepsy,” said Wollack.

Those who struggle with sleep or some type of sleeping disorder should seek out a health professional since there are many risk factors that are involved.

“Sleep is essential for health and cognitive function, and [people] should try alternatives for getting sleep,” said Wollack, when asked about the pathophysiology



From left to right: Sue Wilton, Joe Scott, Taylor Withrow, Liz Ritchie and Tara Reid.

of sleep.

Leah Nitchie, another student in nursing 108, advised on enhancing sleep.

“Foods that can enhance sleep are complex carbs, whole grains such as whole-wheat bread, oatmeal and popcorn. Healthy heart fats like avocados, a variety of nuts like walnuts and almonds, fresh berries, bananas, non-caffeinated beverages, and warm milk before bed.”

The nursing 108 class is focused on promoting health

and wellness throughout all of Washtenaw Community College.

“The gist of this project in our nursing 108 class is that we were divided into groups, and each group must come up with a topic to present to WCC students. Other groups decided to tackle diabetes, or controlling blood pressure,” said Hope Copley, a nursing student in the group.

“[The] project was designed to get students focused on promoting health, having healthy habits like eating well, and taking care of your body to help others at Washtenaw. We used this project in conjunction with things we are learning in the classroom and in clinical to bring health promotion to students here at WCC,” Copley said.

The nursing program at WCC is offered as a 3+1 program designed to give students flexibility to transfer to Eastern Michigan University, Davenport University or the University of Michigan-Flint to pursue a bachelor’s degree after receiving an associate’s degree from WCC. For more information about the program, contact the director of nursing, Joanne Yastik, at [jyastik@wccnet.edu](mailto:jyastik@wccnet.edu).



Cheri Wollack, Leah Nitchie and Hope Copley discuss wellness and sleep.



Nursing students promoting health and wellness on the first floor of the student center.



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# Best gifts for the holiday season

Catherine Engstrom-Hadley | Staff Writer

The holiday season is upon us and for those on a budget, Black Friday provides a great way to save big on gifts for whole the family. We rounded up the best of Black Friday for everyone on your list this holiday season.

## FOR THE COOK:

Instant Pot 8-qt 6-in-1 pressure cooker \$60 (normally \$99) Walmart.

The instant pot is a slow cooker, pressure cooker, rice cooker, steamer, yogurt maker and more. Perfect for a cook low on space or looking to consolidate gadgets. The instant pot can cook for a crowd or help with meal prep.

## FOR THE FITNESS FANATIC:

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## FOR THE TECH FRIENDLY:

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## FOR THE STUDENT:

Samsung 11.6” Chromebook, Intel Celeron 2GB memory 16GB eMMC flash memory \$100 (normally \$229) Bestbuy.

Perfect for a student on a budget. The Chromebook comes with Chrome OS to make easy use of a range of google applications.

## FOR THE BABY:

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## FOR THE BUILDER:

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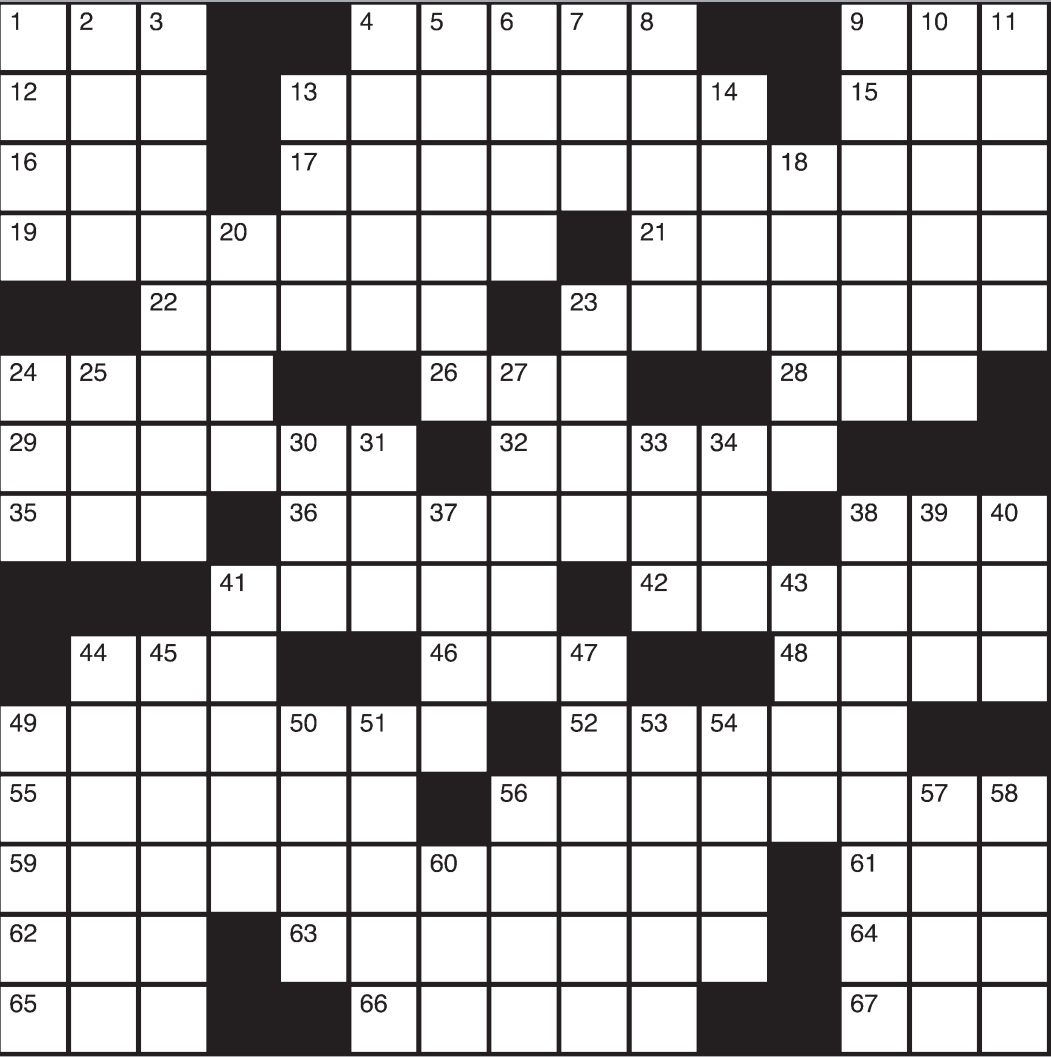
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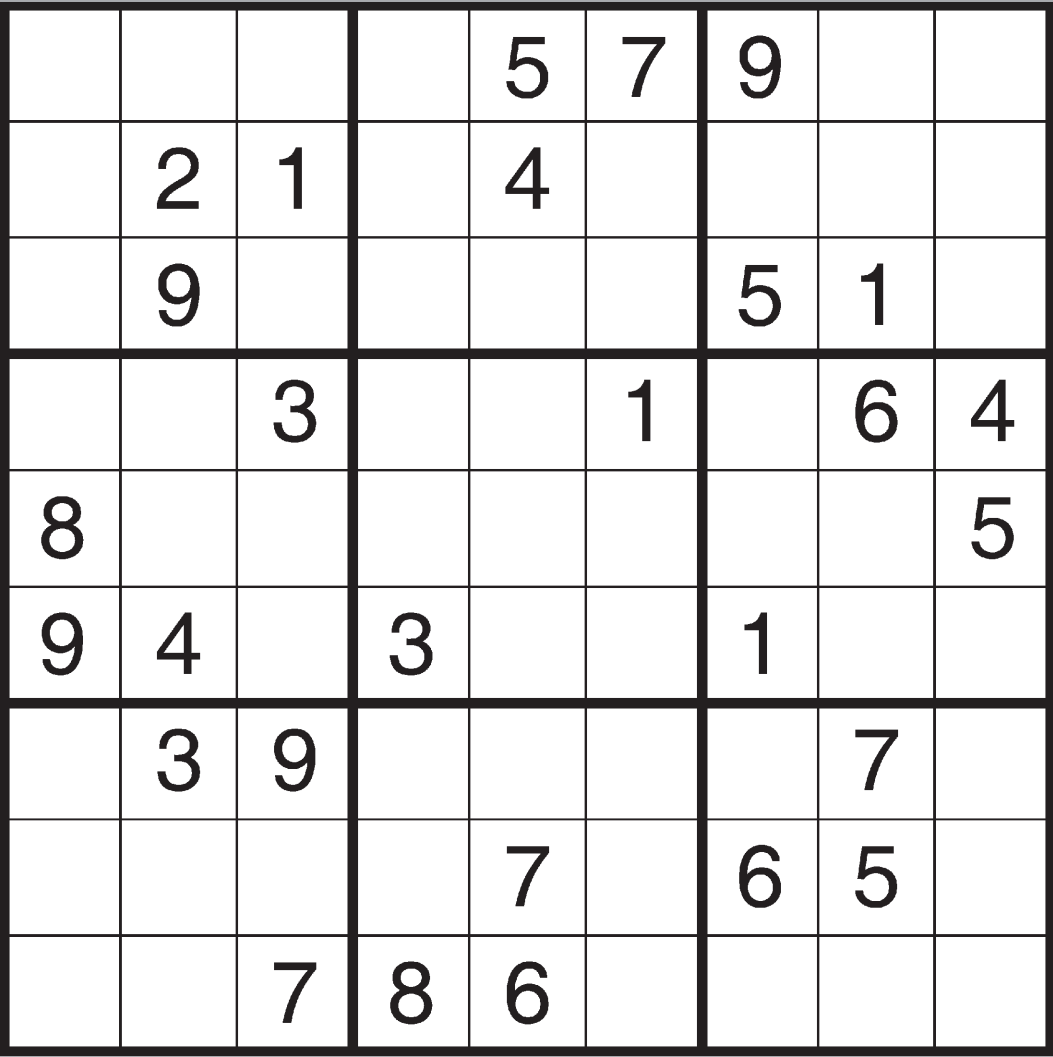






Solutions to puzzles on washtenawvoice.com

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1 Fast plane

4 Sultan's group

9 Prickly seedcase

12 Organ with a hammer and anvil

13 Puts money away, as for retirement

15 Opposite of WNW

16 Actress Longoria

17 \*Kids' recreational garb

19 Revolutionary British soldiers

21 John of "Fawlty Towers"

22 \_\_\_ lot: stuffs oneself

23 \*Two-person log cutter

24 Little chess piece

26 Genetic initials

28 UFO passengers, presumably

29 On the house

32 Elicit

35 Put on TV

36 \*Soar
- Down**

1 Boo

2 Roof overhang

3 \*Economic conflict often involving tariffs

4 "Papa Bear" of football

5 Gamer's game face

6 "Curious George" creators Hans and Margaret

7 Corner PC key

8 Chips in a garden

9 Order

10 Repurposes to replace, as a tool

11 Stitch again

13 Pick out in a crowd

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20 Ray Charles' "I \_\_\_ Stop Loving You"

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24 Links gp.

25 Radio host Shapiro

27 India's first prime minister
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33 "Yuck!"

34 Former Energy secretary Steven

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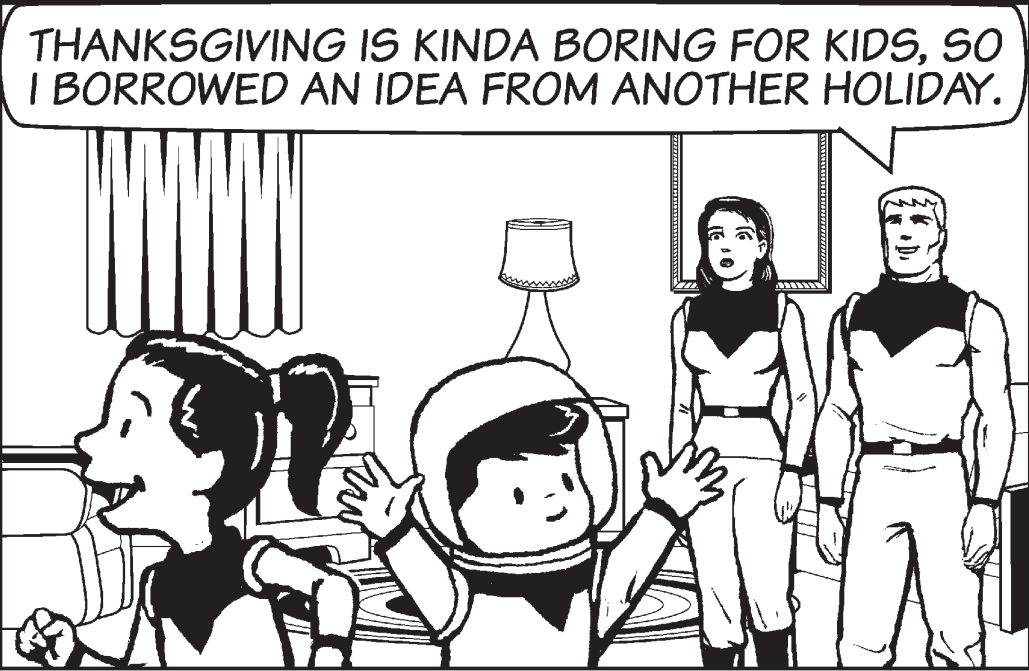
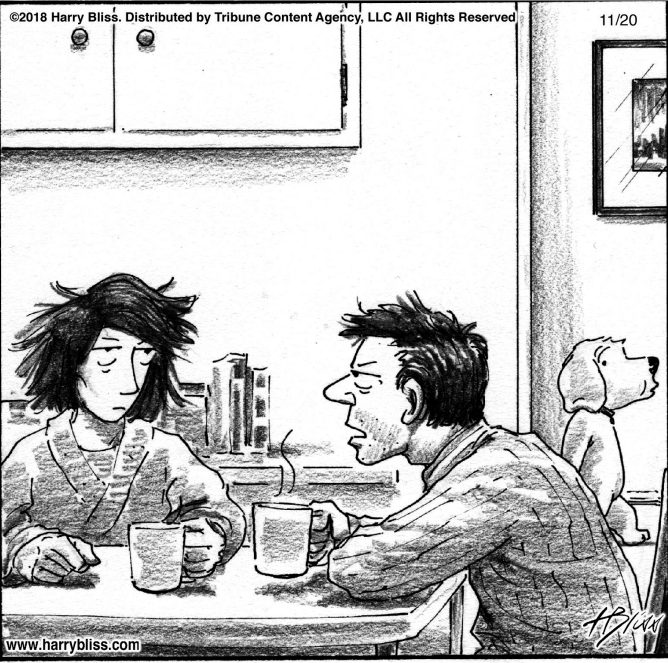
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Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

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Glacier Hills- Cook.

Responsible for the preparation of food to be served complying with all applicable sanitation,

health, and personal hygiene standards and following established food production programs. Maintains a working knowledge of applicable Federal, State and local laws/regulations; the Trinity Health Integrity and Compliance Program and Code of Conduct; as well as other policies and procedures in order to ensure adherence in a manner that reflects honest, ethical and professional behavior.

Deep Fry Cook.

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Student Account Assistant.

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assisting residents to attend. Follows resident service plan for level of assistance and support needed.

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events

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HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Local writers Lauren Ranalli and Natalie Thompson will share winter-themed children's stories. Enjoy coffee and hot cocoa and get into the holiday season with your little one.  
*Cultivate Coffee & TapHouse | 307 N. River St., Ypsilanti*  
**Nov. 27, 10-10:30 a.m.**

TINY EXPO

The Tiny Expo Indie Art & Craft Fair is back and featuring 46 artists and crafters. The festival is the perfect place to support local artists and find one-of-a-kind holiday gifts.  
*Ann Arbor District Library | 343 S. 5th Ave., Ann Arbor*  
**Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

WINTER ARTIST MARKET

Another opportunity to find beautiful, unique holiday gifts! The event will feature paintings, photography, textiles, jewelry and more. No cost for entry.  
*Matthaei Botanical Gardens | 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor*  
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