

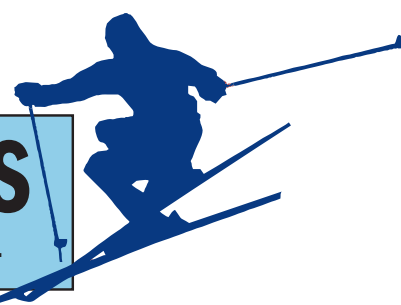
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Schoolcraft students and faculty pedal their way to Fall Frenzy victory in the Fitness Center in October.

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EXPRESSO TO GO

Schoolcraft rides to victory in Fall Frenzy

BY JOE ZYLKA AND REBECCA BREAZEAL
NEWS EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER



Student Employees and members celebrate winning the golden spokes trophy.

The roads may be digital, but the sweat is real. This October marked the start of the second annual Fall Frenzy tournament, a nationwide contest sponsored by the Espresso stationary bike company pitting 124 colleges and universities with Espresso bikes against each other. Espresso bikes are made by Interactive Fitness and incorporate the thrill of video games with the intense workout of biking. Schoolcraft College had the privilege of being one of the 124 teams competing this year for the chance to win the Golden Spokes trophy.

Each round of the tournament lasted 48 hours, and each time, bikers had to ride as many miles as they could to pedal their way onto the next round. The tournament lasted five weeks, and each week, the Schoolcraft fitness center gathered students, staff and community members to accumulate miles and progress through each stage of the tournament. Over the course of those five weeks, the School-

craft team had a total of 185 riders who collectively rode 11,522 miles, the distance of the east coast to the west of the United States and back twice.

"The college wants the students to have great experiences here on campus, and one of the ways you can do that is by participating in events like this," said Glenn Cerny, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Schoolcraft. "Having a facility like we do here is one of the amenities that we feel is very important. It's not just about academics; we want to let the students know that there are opportunities awaiting them outside the classroom as well, and one of those opportunities is the fitness center."

The Schoolcraft team had an easy time overcoming the first two rounds of the competition, winning by several hundred miles both weeks.

Unfortunately, Schoolcraft's fitness center closes at 9 p.m. and reopens at 5:30 a.m. With the limited hours of availabil-

ity, participants had a hard time keeping up with Houghton College during week three. Despite this obstacle, Schoolcraft managed to win, pulling ahead of Houghton by over 300 miles. The fitness center decided this limited time frame would prove to set them back in further rounds and opened the fitness center for the full 48 hours during the competition.

This was especially useful during the fourth round against Louisiana State University and the championship round against Gannon University, which had the same normal business hours as Schoolcraft, giving riders an edge. At the end of the first day of the championship round, Schoolcraft only had a 56-mile lead with 2,481 miles and Gannon 2,425. Over the last 24 hours, dozens of riders banded together and rode hard to the finish.

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Returning the favor

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA AND MAREN GIORDANO
INTERN AND STAFF WRITER

This year, the day devoted to honoring our veteran's marked a day of giving back as well. On Nov. 11 Schoolcraft celebrated the opening of the newly renovated and expanded Veteran's Resource Center (VRC) in the McDowell Center, Room 240. The center is devoted to helping individuals who have served the nation and attend Schoolcraft College after returning from duty and assimilating into civilian life once again.

The VRC is dedicated to offering

many services, such as assistance with paperwork, financial aid and a safe place to relieve the stress of the day.

"This is a place that veterans can call their own on campus. We offer computers, a TV, a fax machine, printer, copier and other services that veteran students have free access to at any time," said Pam Paxton-Keekner, Veteran's Service Coordinator.

She continued saying the center is a place where these students can

Newly renovated Veteran's Resource Center expands

connect with each other and truly be themselves. Paxton-Keekner has been actively involved with veteran services on campus since 2009.

On June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became known as the official day to honor all American veterans, not only dedicated to those who served in war for their patriotism, love of their country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the

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President Conway A. Jeffress and Veteran's Resource Center affiliates cut the ribbon at the official opening ceremony.

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In other news



BY ELAINE GEROU
MANAGING EDITOR

SPACE

On Nov. 12, a European spacecraft created history when successfully landing on an icy, dusty, two-and-a-half-mile wide comet after circling Earth three times and Mars once. The spacecraft is 220 pounds, the size of a washing machine, and has been on a decade-long mission, traveling four billion miles to complete its task requiring tremendous accuracy.

The spacecraft will take 3-D images, analyze the chemical composition and electrical properties of the comet and use low frequency radio signals to probe the internal structure. Data returned to Earth is hoped to solve the puzzle as to whether comets brought organic mater and water to the planet billions of years ago playing a key role in evolution.

DETROIT NOT BANKRUPT

On Nov. 7, Detroit's bankruptcy judge approved the city's plan for exit, but pensions threaten the city's financial situation, as there are 32,000 current and future retirees entitled to pensions that amount to over \$500 million a year after cutbacks. This is double the amount of Detroit's annual municipal income-tax recipients. The state of Michigan, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the city's water and sewer system have pledged hundreds of millions of dollars to support the municipal pension system and give the impressive art collection a new, bankruptcy-proof ownership meaning the city cannot tap into the museum's art collection if another fiscal crisis emerges in the near future. A new pension system is making controlled cuts to general city workers from 74 to 65 percent and the Detroit police and firefighters' fund will decrease from 87 to 78 percent.

FIXING POTHOLES

On Nov. 13, the Michigan Senate approved that over the next four years, gas taxes will double from the current 19 cent flat tax on regular gas and 15 cent tax on diesel to as high as 40 cents by 2018. This tax increase will generate about \$1 billion a year to repair damaged roads and bridges.

HIV ON THE RISE IN MICHIGAN

There are an estimated 21,300 in Michigan living with HIV with an average of 809 new cases every year from 2008 to 2012 according to Michigan's Department of Community Health. Health officials are urging those suspected of having HIV to get tested, especially in the metro Detroit area where two thirds of the people diagnosed with HIV in Michigan live.

Overstepping boundaries

President Obama seeks tighter Internet regulations

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
INTERN

Government involvement in matters of private companies is already a sensitive topic in America. Now, President Barack Obama is asking for the Internet to be regulated by government run companies instead of private owners. These private companies such as Verizon and AT&T create deals with YouTube and Netflix to run content sponsored by them faster. They also pay extra, so users of their services get faster Internet on these sites, and President Obama feels this is wrong.

On Nov. 10, Obama announced that companies like these are putting the American people at a disadvantage by forcing them to pay more for faster Internet when all citizens should have the same access to faster Internet. He is urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reclassify the Internet under Title II of the 1934 Communications Act as a public utility. This way the government has control over regulations regarding cost of Internet and prevents providers from creating "fast lanes" such as faster sites with certain services.

"I feel that government regulation of the Internet is not needed. If taxes are raised due to this, I would be very upset

and find nothing wrong with private companies creating fast lanes because that is how a competitive market in economics works, which helps the economy prosper," said Schoolcraft student Claire Whittcracht.

The FCC has not yet made a decision on how far the federal government should go to protect Internet users from deals between these broadband providers and private sites such as Netflix. The argument, if these regulations are put into place, is that Internet growth overall will be slowed, and it will set back the use of many sites for all Internet users.

The FCC is trying to come up with a plan that will regulate the Internet on a scale that both broadband providers and Obama can agree on. A solution like this does not seem to be possible due to both sides stuck in a power struggle for control of the Internet. The government control of the Internet is also feared to add more tax burdens on the American people.

"By classifying broadband access services as 'interstate telecommunications services,' those services would suddenly become required to pay FCC fees. At

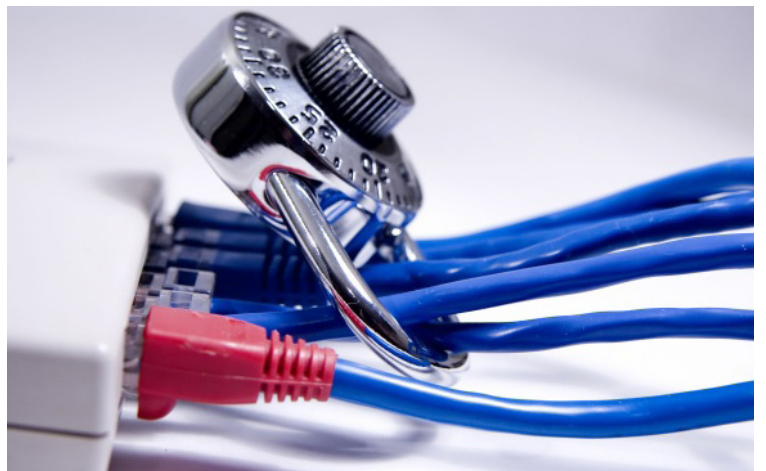


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the current 16.1 percent fee structure, it would be perhaps the largest, one-time tax increase on the Internet," said former FCC commissioner Harold Furchgott-Roth in an interview with CNS news.

A federal court must clear any decision the FCC decides to put in place before it would be enacted. Last January, a federal court overturned key portions of an open internet regulation plan put in place by the FCC in 2010 because they had failed to cite any statutory authority to keep broadband providers from blocking or discriminating against content, which these companies have the power to do.

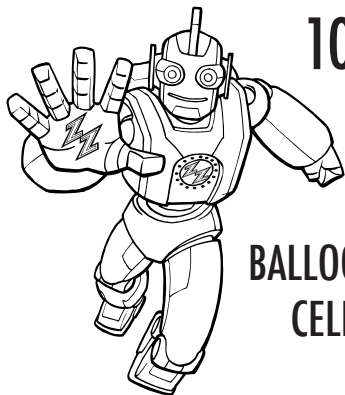
"The more deeply we examined the issues around the various legal options, the more it has become plain that there is more work to do," said FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler in an interview with The Guardian.

Many of those in Congress feel that Obama is overstepping boundaries when it comes to government regulation and will not support his decisions. Details regarding what the outcome will be for American citizens and the effect that broadband providers will experience are still hard to predict. It seems it will take some time before the FCC, Obama and federal court make any decisions.



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DAMAGED PROPERTY

On Oct. 22, a citizens' police academy officer responded to a call placed regarding graffiti in the women's bathroom at the Firearms Training Center. The building coordinator told officers that a female student aid found the writing in one of the stalls in the bathroom. The graffiti appeared to be written in dark nail polish. The graffiti stated profanity regarding an instructor. It is unknown who the perpetrator was at this time.

STOLEN HEADPHONES

On Oct. 26, a student was leaving the men's soccer locker room. He returned the next day to find that the headphones he had forgotten in his locker the day before were missing. The lockers in the locker room are left open and only the doors to the locker room are kept locked. Sometime between Oct. 26 and Oct. 27, an unknown person entered the locker room and stole the headphones. There are no suspects or leads to possible suspects due to a lack of footage showing any criminal acts, and no evidence of forced entry could be found.

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Air war continues

U.S. and allies continue to bomb ISIS

BY JOE ZYLKA
NEWS EDITOR

In August, the situation in Iraq looked grim. ISIS fighters were rolling across the Iraqi desert, looting towns, robbing banks and ransacking villages on their way to the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. That’s when the U.S. knew they had to act. On Aug. 7, a U.S.-led coalition targeted ISIS strongholds in northern Iraq, western Iraq and Syria, but only through airstrikes with no boots on the ground.

“Our objective is clear: We will degrade and ultimately destroy ISIS through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism strategy,” said President Obama in a September speech at the White House.

The results have been mixed so far.

Earlier this month, a joint mission by U.S. and Iraqi fighter jets killed 10 ISIS commanders and wounded over 40 more at a secret meeting in Syria. Among the wounded was ISIS leader Abu Bakr-Al Baghdadi and “Jihadi John,” the man accused of beheading two British and two American journalists. U.S. officials confirmed Al-Baghdadi survived the attack when a new audio-tape emerged of him vowing to “never leave fighting, even if

only one soldier remains.”

Since the airstrikes started, Al-Qaeda affiliates in the Sinai Peninsula (an area of land between Egypt and Israel) and elsewhere have settled their differences with ISIS and agreed to help them in their quest for global jihad. Al-Qaeda and ISIS were allies until earlier this year, when Al-Qaeda cut off all ties with ISIS.

ISIS started as an Al-Qaeda-backed group in Iraq called the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) during Operation Iraqi Freedom, a U.S.-led effort to rid Iraq of dictator Saddam Hussein and set up a democratic form of government there. ISI began to strengthen when U.S. troops withdrew from Iraq in 2011. When the Syrian civil war started later that year, ISI changed their name to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS. The terror group now controls a large part of the wheat production and oil fields in Syria and Western Iraq. ISIS is making lots of money—an estimated \$2 million U.S. dollars per day—mostly by smuggling and selling oil, but they have other strategies to raise capital.

“They’re taxing the people; that’s a huge revenue,” said Mouaz Moustafa, Executive Director of the Syrian Emergency Task Force in Washing-

ton in an interview with CNN Money. “But not only that; they also control sort of the breadbasket of Syria, in terms of Raqqa [their de-facto capital]. They’ve got the cotton and the wheat and all these other things. All of these serve as sort of economic and powerhouse or funding for ISIS.”

“In my opinion, all of these

airstrikes being ordered is ok for now, but not good for the long-term solution,” said Schoolcraft student Kyle Murray. “Sure, the strikes probably weaken them now, but who’s to say these strikes will just make the retaliation worse? I think we will eventually need to do something on the ground to stop ISIS on a long-term basis,

because there is no chance of a peace treaty with this group of people.”

Experts warn that as long as ISIS controls any amount of territory, they will remain self-financing and brutal toward any opposition, which will make the job of degrading and destroying ISIS a difficult and long-term task.



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U.S. and allied fighter jets have been bombing ISIS strongholds in Syria and Iraq since the beginning of August. Their mission is to degrade and ultimately destroy ISIS through airstrikes instead of putting troops on the ground.

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General Motors fallout continues

Company ordered 500,000 new ignition switches before recall



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BY JOE ZYLKA
NEWS EDITOR

General Motors (GM) has been embroiled in controversy this year, and things got a whole lot messier for Chief Executive Officer Mary Barra and her company.

Earlier this month, reports surfaced that e-mails from GM to Delphi Automotive, the automaker’s top supplier, said GM ordered 500,000 new ignition switches for “an urgent field action for our customers.” The e-mails were sent on Dec. 18, 2013, one day after a GM executive meeting and almost a full two months before GM officially recalled the ignition switches on Feb. 7. Delphi Automotive may become swept into the federal lawsuits surrounding GM if it cooperates with federal investigators and the families of victims who lost their lives due to the faulty ignition switches in GM vehicles, which have led some to believe there was a GM cover-up.

“Delphi is refusing to participate in the cover-up,” said Robert C. Hilliard, one of three lead plaintiff attorneys in federal multidistrict litigation against GM, in an interview with the New York Times. “They are fully and honestly disclosing what we have a right under the rules to know.”

The embattled automaker is facing a ferocious blitz of lawsuits, including a federal criminal investigation over its delay to fix the ignition switch problem that has now been linked to at least 32 deaths.

The ignition switch problem has occurred when the switch is moved or bumped. When this happens, the moving car can stop running in traffic. The brakes stop working, the airbags do not deploy and the steering wheel locks, causing the vehicle to coast down the road and sometimes right into oncoming traffic.

“If there is really a cover-up over the ignition switches from

GM, then there could really be more issues out there,” said Schoolcraft student Anthony Sylvester. “It’s sketchy; it seems they’re trying to slip it under the rug and be a reputable company again.”

Over 2.6 million vehicles have been recalled this year due to the ignition switch problem. Mary Barra, who became CEO in early Jan. of this year, says she did not know about the problem until Jan. 31, when the decision to recall the cars was made. However, due to the size of the order in December of 2013 (roughly \$2.6 million), questions have been raised by lawyers and the federal government about who approved the order and why it took GM so long to respond to the problem.

Delphi has been a longtime partner with GM, and its engineers have been in contact with the company since 2001, when the original faulty switch occurred.

“They should’ve done a bet-

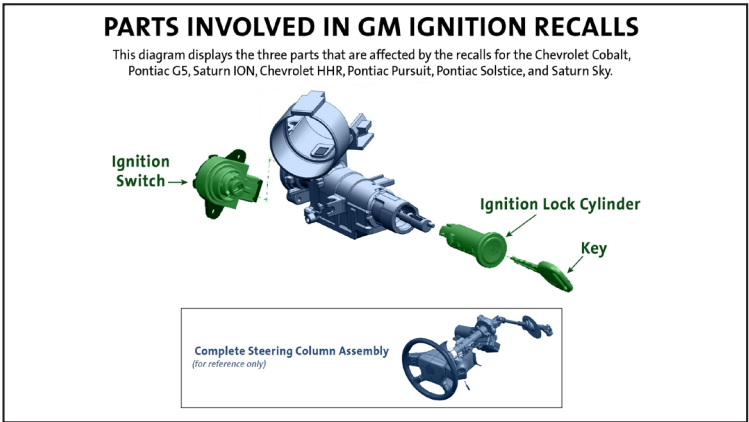
ter job communicating the problem before it got to this stage,” said Angie Tsallis, Plymouth resident and GM retiree. “When I worked there, each department only shared certain information with each other and the people on top. Now,

ABOVE: Cars bought at GM dealerships from 2001 to present have been recalled due to a faulty ignition switch.

BELOW: Diagram explaining the parts involved in the ignition switch problem.

with Barra in charge, everyone has to report to the top in full detail.”

A judge has set a January 2016 court date for the case brought on by victims and their families who claimed economic loss, injury or death due to



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Espresso

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Riders organized food and rest breaks and made sure that none of the Espresso bikes were riderless until the championship was over. Schoolcraft pedaled to a 119-mile victory over Gannon, giving Schoolcraft a total of 4,147.8 miles.

“Winning the Fall Frenzy Espresso Bike Challenge was truly a collaborative effort amongst fitness center staff, members of the center (students, faculty/staff and community members) and others in the college community that helped in big and small over the five weeks of the program,” said Patricia Donohue, Schoolcraft fitness center manager.

Between all of the colleges and universities participating in the contest, there were over 2,200 riders spanning the 124 teams. Collectively all of these teams rode 54,329 miles.

At the end of the contest, 10 riders were recognized with All Tournament Honors for riding more miles than the other participants across the country. Three of the riders from Schoolcraft’s team were



PHOTO BY NATHAN GARTNER

Student Jennifer Skindell and Vice President Glenn Cerny bike for Fall Frenzy.

recognized with All Tournament Honors: Joshua Costa in second place with 668 miles, Pat Mog in fourth place with 571 miles and Jose Ramirez in ninth place with 485 miles.

“I just wanted to help Schoolcraft win,” said Costa. “I didn’t really have any obstacles. I just had fun doing it, and I’m glad I was able to participate in the Fall Frenzy.”

During a presentation that took place on Nov. 20, Schoolcraft earned the title of Espresso Champion and was awarded the “Golden Spokes” trophy for winning the tournament. In addition, the championship banner for placing in the final four will hang proudly in the fitness center.

Students, staff and community members who participated in this year’s Fall Frenzy can catch their breath for now, but come fall 2015, Schoolcraft will be pedaling their way to defend the title.

Veteran’s center

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common good. The VRC was unveiled on this day to honor veterans at Schoolcraft and thank them for their service.

“I have thought about this project for years. It has been great to see a dream of mine accomplished today, with the opening of the VRC. This ceremony was to honor our veterans, plain and simple,” said Dr. Conway Jeffress, President of Schoolcraft College.

Plans have been in action for at least four years to reconstruct the center. The center is hoping to expand from the small space it currently occupies in the future, if there is a need for it, but 240 is the permanent location for years to come with room to expand.

“I served in the military, and after returning home, it was hard for me to adjust to college life to receive my degree in Metal Engineering,” said veteran Edward Papciak. “A program like this is great for fellow veterans, and I wish I have had the opportunity to have the assistance this program offers. It is nice to see such a significant program like this.”

The main purpose of the center is to offer assistance for veteran students through scholarship, counseling and job opportunities in the community. Paperwork for veterans may be confusing to fill out, but the office staff is willing to help students. The office also takes veterans through the process of integrating into the college environment step-by-step.

“This really helps the college focus on a unique group of students who are usually a little older and need help to integrate back into not only college life, but civilian life,” said Jim Fausone, member of the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees. “They have a unique source of support here from people who are dedicated to helping them with anything they need.”

There are 220 known veteran students on campus that this program appeals to and 680,000 veterans in Michigan. Significant numbers of veterans attend college once returning from duty. This center is one of the first in a college within the entire state and is a milestone for Michigan as well as Schoolcraft.

Benefits are available for

those who served in the military through state legislation. These benefits can be found through the Veteran’s Resource Center.

“I feel that it is awesome that the campus is supporting veterans in this way. Veterans deserved to be honored and it is great that the college wants to help them get back to civilian life as much as possible,” said student Jenny Sopko.

In addition to the opening of the VRC, a swing dance benefit is being hosted by Phi Theta Kappa on Dec. 19 to honor veterans and raise funds for the Disabled American Veterans in the DiPonio room in the VisTaTech Center at 7 p.m. For more information on the dance call the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

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E-Cig companies add marijuana to the mix

Electronic cigarette firms vaporize THC

BY ELAINE GEROU
MANAGING EDITOR

Medical marijuana is now legal in 23 states, but voters in Oregon, Alaska and Washington, D.C., recently approved ballot measures to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, joining Washington and Colorado. With the availability of legalized marijuana, it opens up doors of immense opportunity for profit through the air-thin form of vapor. Palm Beach Vapors, based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and many other e-cigarette companies want to market cannabis oil products, and the market for the product is predicted to grow tremendously as more states legalize marijuana.

"This is a wave that's kind of sweeping the nation," said Chip Paul, CEO and cofounder of Palm Beach Vapors, to Tim Talley from the Associated Press.

Cannabis oil also makes it easy to take advantage of a loophole in the law of how much can be bought at a time. Because the cannabis oils are concentrated, they produce more intense highs and last much longer than leafy marijuana, also making them economical.

Colorado visitors can buy up to a quarter ounce in a single purchase, as where marijuana

oil concentrates are sold in cartridges measured in hundreds of milligrams and are so strong they can possibly last for weeks. Theoretically, a customer could purchase dozens of cartridges at once, and be able to stay high for months.

Palm Beach Vapors has already signed deals for licensing in California and Colorado for "The M-System," and the company intends to set up franchise locations across the states where marijuana is legal.

"It's an easier way for people, especially our youth, to disguise their marijuana use," said Mark Woodward, spokesman of Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Bob Richmond, 39, said to New York Daily News, "I can walk around Walmart and pull it out for a few puffs and nobody notices."

Investigators have found people traveling across Oklahoma who have purchased the oils legally in one state and planned to sell it illegally in other states.

Palm Beach Vapors expects the M-System to generate 30 to 40 percent of its annual revenue by 2018 according Paul. Since sales started on Jan. 1 for legalized marijuana in Colorado, many sales for Evergreen

Apothecary in Denver, Colorado have been for O-pen Vape vaporizers and marijuana oil cartridges. A 150 milligram cartridge goes \$15 while a 500 milligrams costs \$45—about the price of an eighth of an ounce of marijuana.

"I hit it all day, every day and one cartridge lasts me for a couple of weeks," said employee of the Evergreen Apothecary who only gave his first name, Connor, to New York Daily News. "I tried going back to regular pot and it tasted terrible, like a cigarette."

According to Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, marijuana advocates plan for a strong push towards legalization in California, Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts and Nevada on the 2016 ballot.

Although many enjoy the idea of marijuana in a healthier, vaporized form and have benefitted from it, there are still those who oppose the idea.

"I really don't feel that they should put marijuana in it [e-cigarettes]," said Marlena Megerian, Schoolcraft sophomore.

Michiganders will have to wait to see if and when legalization for recreational use of marijuana will come to the mitten.



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ABOVE: THC oils are purchased at marijuana dispensaries for electronic cigarette use.



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Marijuana oils for e-cigarettes are creating a large market in states across the nation where marijuana is legal for medical and/or recreational use.



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Resolutions year-round

Do not wait until the new year to set goals

BY THE CONNECTION EDITORS

With the New Year comes the time for a fresh start —a fresh start with new opportunities and new goals. However, goals should not only be made around the beginning of the year, and most goals made during this time are usually not achieved after the initial motivation wears off.

A 2007 study, conducted by Richard Wiseman from the United Kingdom’s Bristol University, showed that 88 percent of people who set out each year fail their goals, regardless of their confidence level at the start of the year.

New Year’s Resolutions go back to ancient times in several early religions, such as Roman culture, Babylonian religion, medieval practices and Christian beliefs.

The Babylonians made promises to their gods at the beginning of each year to return borrowed objects and repay their debt. Medieval era knights reaffirmed their chivalry commitments. In almost every culture, people have always promoted self-improvement.

Creating a resolution

normally involves going to the gym or trying the latest health kick to better one’s health—things that could easily be done at any time during the year. While it can be understood the beginning of the year brings a time for change, a majority of the resolutions attempted by people normally only last a few weeks before they return to their original routine.

Attempting to change should be partaken when one is physically and mentally ready, not just because it is New Year’s and everyone else is trying to change as well.

For example, if one wants to lose weight, they should break down how much weight they want to lose per month or two weeks and slowly strive to achieve that goal.

Most New Year’s resolutions are too broad to actually achieve success, such as losing weight, saving money or managing stress. One can follow the S.M.A.R.T. acronym (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely) to accomplish their

goals. If one’s hope is to lose weight, their New Year’s resolution(s) should be directed towards more specific targets such as not drinking any soda or vowing to go to the gym a certain number of days a week.

To stick with the plan, one must be self-disciplined and accountable. Without an organized plan, New Year’s resolutions are destined to fail. One should not be discouraged if they are unsuccessful; just get back up and start again.

The best way to stick to a goal is to share it with friends and family to have a support system to help with achieving this goal. Smaller goals are proven, in many studies, to have the highest success rate as well.

No matter what one’s goals or resolutions are, it is important to stick with them until feeling accomplished with the results. Also, make sure goals are not reserved just for New Year’s Day. Resolutions and goals can be started at any time of the year to be successful.



Support in your own way



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There is no right or wrong to helping others

From Black Friday shopping to filling up on sweets, the holiday season can bring out the “gimme-gimme” attitude. While some, including myself, are fortunate to wake up to a variety of presents under a lit-up Christmas tree or partake in a different holiday tradition, others are grateful for a warm meal on the table.

When relaxing in a warm home with the company of family and friends, be consid-

ered lucky—some as close as metro Detroit will be hungry and alone. This year, set aside time to think of others who may be less fortunate with one of the following ideas, or come up with a service on your own:

- Because there is always a high demand of blood to suffice the lives of the sick and injured, giving blood is the perfect way to help others. If one has never given blood, it is recommended to make an appointment. Approximately two hours of one’s time could save a life.

- While the digital age makes it easy to send someone a quick text, email or Facebook post, taking the time to write old-fashioned notes on holiday cards is meaningful and can make peoples’ day. Add a recent photo to make it more personal. Also, while making them, create a few extra and drop them off to a nursing home, hospital or hospice center for those without families. One can also contact their local American Red Cross for information about making cards for military, veterans and families in their community.

- Make days by delivering warm meals for those who are unable to get food themselves. Meals on Wheels is a great way to give back to the com-

munity. According to mowaa.org, “The tireless work of these programs—supported by a dedicated army of 2 million volunteers—delivers a nutritious meal, a warm smile and a safety check that helps keep 2.5 million seniors healthy, safe and living independently in their own homes each year.”

- Those who naturally cook delicious food, are proficient at cleaning, like to decorate or just want to help the less fortunate, working at a soup kitchen is an easy, thoughtful way to give back. Many churches and schools organize regular trips to local soup kitchens, and all members of the community are welcome to join Schoolcraft’s Phi Theta Kappa at St. Leo’s Soup Kitchen in Detroit every month.

- If unable to give time or physical work for others due to a crammed schedule, donating canned food or money to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan will feed someone in need. Gleaners distributed 41 million pounds of emergency food to more than 550 partner soup kitchens, shelters and pantries in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Monroe counties last year, according to gcfb.org. One can also donate to Schoolcraft’s food pantry, located in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

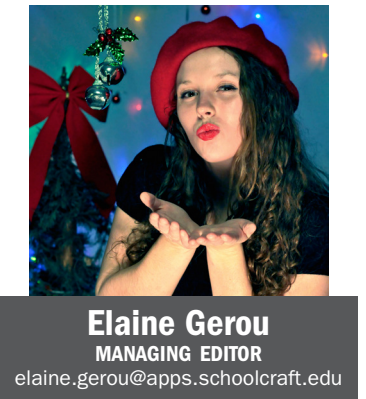
- Humans are not the only ones that are cold and starving during winter. The greatest gift one can give to animals is a warm place to sleep and be loved. Join the In-Home Heroes Animal Foster Program to potentially save a life while simultaneously making a furry friend. There are several animals on the streets that suffer harsh living conditions year-round. Animal lovers over 14-years-old can also volunteer at the Michigan Humane Society directly by applying online.

Whether one helps by giving time, money or a shelter, helping those in need is crucial, especially during the holiday season. If one is feeling like they are unable to get involved because they do not have money to spare, giving time is sometimes the most valuable and humble gift. Similarly, one without time that has excess cash can help by donating to a worthy, reliable cause.

When opening presents on Christmas morning surrounded by family or friends, one needs to remember to be thankful for that they have rather than what they do not have. There are always people alone, starving and cold in every community during the holiday season.



Give time



The gift of one’s time out-weighs a material present

Time may be the most appreciated aspect to a person because it never seems like

there is enough to go around. Time is precious; it is here and gone in an instant and is never able to be brought back. During the holiday season, the gift of time is the most valuable present one can give or receive and should be given rather than material presents wrapped in gorgeous papers and bows.

While it is thought to be nice to take the time at the store to pick out a present one thinks their friend or family member would like, it is usually a complete guessing game unless the person being shopped for told the gift-giver exactly what they want. It is also almost impossible for a shopper to

not buy something they like, rather than a gift the receiver would actually appreciate. So when giving the gift, it is often disappointing to both the buyer and receiver because the receiver did not like it as much as the buyer was hoping. Unfortunately, the receiver knows their present was a disappointment, but feels they need to keep it to collect dust in their house to avoid hurting feelings.

People who celebrate holidays, particularly Christmas, need to stop focusing on gift exchanges. Society today is full of unneeded material objects. Most people in the United States have so many inanimate

objects; they do not know what to do with them. Buying a person a present is really just adding to the cluttered pile of items that should be donated or recycled.

People also more often than not forget what gifts they receive during the holidays. Can you remember every single gift you got last year off the top of your head? Me neither.

What people do remember and cherish for years to come are the memories they make with friends and family. Nothing beats a good story that spreads smiles and laughter to others.

This holiday season, instead of buying friends, family and

others presents and possibly wasting money because they will not like or use the gift they receive, give them the gift of your time. This will show them you truly love and care about them because time is something one cannot get back.

Money can be earned back through working, but time is lost forever, and giving someone a small chunk of your life is truly the best and most meaningful gift of all. Going to dinner, ice-skating, a movie, a coffee date, a holiday get together or something more creative are perfect ways to implement giving the gift of time this season. Happy holidays!

Seeing is decieving



Misconceptions of people lead to increased tensions

When someone parks in a “blue parking spot,” it is normally expected to see an elderly person walk away with their cane or a wheelchair lift come out of the back of a van. In actuality, to receive disabil-

ity-parking rights in Michigan, people must have any condition that greatly reduces their ability to walk, including needing an assistive device to walk. The passes are permanent for four years before needing renewal; individuals who apply for these permits have medical conditions that are not going to improve, which are not necessarily visible. Other types are temporary, which last for one to six months.

However, judgment is a common behavior exhibited towards disabled people. It is an issue that prevents many people from applying for disability parking.

What is the general reaction to seeing a 20-year-old student park in a “blue parking spot,”

and walk on their own, at a normal pace, to class? Many people get disgusted that the person is taking the spot from someone who cannot walk; they assume that student has no respect for others or the elderly.

There have been numerous accounts detailed where people will actually yell at young people parking in disabled parking for their disgraceful attitude. These arrogant people do not think that arthritis, heart conditions, multiple sclerosis or cystic fibrosis are legitimate reasons for disabled parking rights.

The aforementioned are some common invisible illnesses or conditions, which are not outwardly apparent, but still significantly disrupt

normal life function. According to “Disabled World”, in the United States alone, 96 percent of people with chronic medical conditions show no outward signs and 10 percent experience symptoms that can be disabling.

Access aisles, additional spaces outside the regular barrier free parking spots, are normally wide enough for an additional car to fit inside the eight foot aisles. Many times, cars park in those areas even though they are designated with blue stripes and signs. In Michigan, the fine for parking in a barrier free area without a permit can be up to \$1,000.

As someone who has worn hearing aids since I was nine years old, I realize the significance and hurtfulness of being

judged for having a disability. Although I do not need help driving and parking, I do occasionally need notes given to me in class and quite often, words need to be repeated. It is very disheartening when people do not give me what I need to function daily. It is the same way for barrier-free parking.

Chronic pain is a major factor in most disabilities and if one has to walk from the end of parking lots to a building in the middle of campus, it may cause them serious harm.

Disability comes in all shapes and sizes. The important thing to remember is that it is not always visible, and judgmental attitudes, which also come in all shapes and sizes, can ruin someone’s day.

Detroit needs a plan



To ensure prosperity, here is what has to happen

It was a situation that looked grim at times, but on Nov. 7, federal judge Steven Rhodes approved Detroit’s exit plan for emerging from bankruptcy.

“What happened in Detroit must never happen again,” said Judge Steven Rhodes of United States Bankruptcy Court in Detroit. “This must never be repeated anywhere in this state.”

Detroit’s bankruptcy was the largest municipal bankruptcy in the history of the United States, but it lasted for only 16 months because of quick work by Judge Rhodes and all of the parties involved, including emergency manager Kevyn

Orr and Michigan Governor Rick Snyder.

The question now is how exactly will the former glory of Detroit be restored? There is no clear answer, but the city is now taking steps to try to make a comeback.

First and foremost, the city must make basic services like electricity, water, fire and police responses available to all of its citizens, so that they can live without fear of violence. The bankruptcy exit plan will do just that; \$1.7 billion will be invested into long-neglected city services.

With basic city services restored, the focus should then go to beautifying the city—and not just the downtown area. Razing unsightly buildings in neighborhoods and knocking down weeds and overgrowth in city parks will give the neighborhoods a friendlier and suburban look.

Although every public school system in Michigan is funded through the state, there are steps Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan can take to ensure a safe and productive school district. In a 2005 New York Times post, former San José mayor Ron Gonzales outlined his ten strategies that

helped make San José public schools safe and perform at a high level. These strategies included attracting teachers to the city by helping them buy a home there, establishing an initiative with the police and fire departments to keep schools and students safe, investing in early childhood development, offering after school programs and developing positive relationships with parents and school officials. Detroit should also look into expanding public boarding schools for homeless children.

Once the basic services have been restored, the neighborhoods and parks look great and the public school system is revived, people will begin to move into houses in Detroit’s neighborhoods because of the improved surroundings and schools.

Next, the city must clean up the downtown area, which they are currently working on. Projects like the M-1 rail, the building of the new entertainment district and Dan Gilbert’s acquisition of vacant buildings downtown will jump start Detroit’s economy. May-

or Duggan should also lower corporate taxes in order lure companies and jobs into the city. Detroit should seek to lure tech firms and medical workers into the city, since these jobs are among the fastest growing in America.

Rebuilding Detroit will not be easy, but with new jobs in downtown, thriving schools, healthy neighborhoods and top of the line services, Detroit will once again become an economic power and a great place to live.



The city of Detroit has officially exited bankruptcy, but many more challenges remain for the financially stressed city. These challenges include basic services, police and fire, government funding and poverty.

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Freaking holidays



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Proper planning can avoid unwanted holiday stress

The appearance of fresh snow on the ground and frigid temperatures means the holiday season is once again rapidly approaching. From searching for the perfect gifts to holiday travel plans, this can all add up to become a hectic and stressful season. The added stress of the holidays can overtake the joy and celebration of the season, but with planning and preparation, one can manage to make their normally chaotic holiday time enjoyable.

It all begins with planning—Talking to family members

and friends in the months prior to the holidays and making plans earlier rather than later can help to avoid scheduling conflicts. Deciding the location of the family party or the holiday dinner well in advance helps make the difficult task of getting the family together easier for all parties involved and allows for more flexibility for those who are traveling.

Getting money together and buying gifts for loved ones can be a difficult challenge. Again, communication is the key, and the earlier one can plan and save, the easier it will be, come

the season. The biggest challenge, especially for younger people, is finding the money needed to purchase gifts. Saving money throughout the year is one way to assure that one will have funds for the holidays, but if one is struggling financially, teaming up with a parent is a plausible option. No matter what, parents are there to support their children. Going to a parent and suggesting splitting the cost of a gift or asking for a small loan that will be paid back can be a way to get money for presents. Holiday deals are everywhere

starting on Black Friday. Searching online for the best prices can be of help too for those with a limited budget who are trying to get the most bang for their buck.

Planning early and being smart financially can make ones holiday season enjoyable and stress free. Communication with family members is essential, and saving up or asking for help with money can take unnecessary financial stress off of one's shoulders. With proper planning, one's holidays can be transformed from hectic to joyful.

Spreading holidays' spirit



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Say "Happy Holidays," not "Merry Christmas"

Many cultures and religions have holidays that are celebrated around the month of December. Although these holidays are different, they bring people together, which builds a sense of community.

It is important for all people to understand those who are different culturally and/or religiously during the holiday season. People who celebrate different holidays keep traditions and religions alive; as well as shape new traditions and religions, which can influence anyone.

Because of the diversity of religions and holidays around

the month of December, the best phrase to say is, "Happy Holidays," so every holiday is included.

Saying, "Merry Christmas," may offend those who do not celebrate Christmas, but smiling and saying, "Happy Holidays," covers all holidays, so no one will be offended. Sometimes, if one says, "Merry Christmas," people may respond, "Happy Hanukkah" or with some other holiday that they celebrate. This is okay and is an opportunity to learn about other holiday traditions, even if it just a short conversation with a stranger passing by. Learning about other holiday

customs will make everyone feel better and is a way of expanding one's knowledge of other holidays they may not be familiar with. People should also remember not everyone celebrates just one holiday, especially if they come from mixed religious families.

Every little bit of knowledge about other cultures, religions and traditions is educational, even if it is only a little because it helps people to understand others in a more well rounded way. Having knowledge of different holiday customs also can be an interesting icebreaker with a group of strangers. With friends especially, it is

beneficial to learn about each other's holiday rituals to get to know each other in a new way with deep meaning.

This holiday season, take the time to learn about another holiday and say "Season's Greetings" or other politically correct greetings for each holiday. By doing so, everyone will feel welcome and may even return the favor of sharing different holiday cultures. One cannot be narrow-minded during the holiday season; one must widen the span of their cultural horizon and share the holiday happiness with all.



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“A Lionel electric train set. Those trains were the object of most young boys’ fantasies while I grew up.”



Ashley George
Position: Math professor
“A Schwinn Sting-Ray bicycle. It was red, had 3 speeds and a leopard print banana seat.”



Michael Mccoy
Position: Math professor
“When I was fourteen, I got my first set of skis for Christmas. They were red and I still ski to this day.”



Josselyn Moore
Position: Anthropology/sociology professor
“A pet cat when I was 8-years-old. It was black and white and its name was Biggie.”



Barton Polot
Position: Department of music chair
“An Acrosonic piano my parents bought me when I was in the first grade.”



Sibghat Majid
Major: Biology
“When I was six, I got a Gameboy color and played Pokémon so much I leveled mine to 100.”



Leah Sumstad
Major: Biology
“When I was 15, I got a video camera. I used it every day.”



Lynda Shimbo
Major: Dietetics
“The stuffed animal my sister made for me when i was about 3. It was a white stuffed lamb.”



Daniel Cummings
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What is the most memorable gift you recieved as a child?



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Swinging for heroes

Phi Theta Kappa hosts swing dancing benefit for local veterans



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John Dalton learns to swing dance with Rachael Dabelstein at a pre-event hosted by Phi Theta Kappa in the Lower Waterman of the the VisTaTech Center.

BY ELAINE GEROU
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Jump, Jive an' Wail your way for a good cause. Flash back to the 40s at Phi Theta Kappa's Swing into Service dance event on Dec. 19 where as many as 600 dancers of all ages will swing. The Detroit's Rhythm Society Orchestra will provide live music, so everyone can swing and have a good time from 7 p.m. to midnight in the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center. Not only will the event be fun, but it will also raise money for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

"It's crunch time. The other officers and I have been putting all of our energy into making the swing dance benefit spectacular for our guests, and a lot of effort has been put into promoting around campus, in the community and at local swing dance events," said Sarah Bridges, PTK Vice President. "We're really pushing ourselves to reach our goal of raising over \$6,000 for the Disabled American Veterans organization. We've also had help thanks to a wonderful committee of student volunteers."

The event will consist of dancing with a short tutorial in the

beginning performed by four couples demonstrating and teaching different styles of swing, a brief speech from a disabled veteran and information on medical 3-D printing for prostheses for wounded soldiers—PTK's research project this school year.

"We thought it would be really cool, since swing dancing is making a huge comeback, to combine the taste of old with a taste of new: vintage and historical with 3-D printing," said McKenzie Hayes, PTK President. "We are really excited about it. It's going to be a good event."

Donations of all amounts are accepted at www.gofundme.com/swingintoservice, and 100 percent of donations made online through the link will go to the DAV. The money raised will be presented to them in a formal check presentation at the event. Seventy-five percent of the donated money will go towards purchasing transportation for the veterans to use to get to and from hospital appointments, and the remaining 25 percent will go towards the DAV administrative costs.

"I feel very good about dancing to help disabled veterans. It's a

simple, yet fun thing to do that we can so easily take for granted. It's nice knowing at the end of the day, the money is going to a great cause," said Chase Minshe, a Canton resident who plans to attend the event.

Donation packages for sponsors and businesses are also available.

"You don't need a partner to come to this event; you don't need a date. Everyone is welcome. It's [swing dancing] super easy; anyone can do it," said Hayes.

There is no mandatory dress code, but guests can feel free to wear service uniforms, semi-formal or 40s vintage attire.

Advance tickets will be available for purchase for \$15 in the Student Activities Office Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and credit card phone payments are accepted by calling (734) 462-4422. Checks can be mailed to Schoolcraft College c/o Student Activities 18600 Haggerty Rd. Livonia, MI 48152.

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event at the door for \$20. Additional donations will benefit Disabled American Veterans.

Thankfulness abounding

Students lend a helping hand to those in need

BY KATIE MILLER
STAFF WRITER

The struggles that thousands of Metro Detroiters are having each day include difficulties like finding food, shelter and clothing; which many college students take for granted. Once a month student volunteers from Schoolcraft and Oakland Community College join together to lend a hand at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

On Saturday Nov. 25, St. Leo's Soup Kitchen welcomed many people in need. The volunteering day started at 8 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m. with food served at 11 a.m. Volunteers came from Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College to put out clothing, prepare the food, make sandwiches, serve meals and clean trays. "There are volunteer doctors who operate in the soup kitchen, both dental and medical. Another group, the DAC [Developmental Assistance Committee] is responsible for housing those who don't have homes and for helping people get their license back," said Chris Williams, the soup kitchen manager of two years.

The soup kitchen has operated since 1937.

"What I enjoy is going and taking the time to help those who don't have normality in

life. It's really eye opening. I've never had that experience until I joined Phi Theta Kappa," said McKenzie Hayes, PTK president.

Volunteering is important because it helps others. Many people do not think about those who go hungry while dining at one of the many fast food restaurants available to them or sitting at the family dinner table.

"It's always a good feeling to see people volunteering. I got my niece and my nephew volunteering because it is important to be able to give back," said Karmen Thomas, a student at Oakland Community who has been volunteering at St. Leo's for about a year. "We need more volunteers, so people understand that there are those that are less fortunate than us and it is important to help whenever you can."

"Some of the stuff [at St. Leo's] you can't get for yourself, and other people can help you," said 52-year-old Kim Johnson who has been going to the soup kitchen for support ever since she was a kid. "It makes me feel good that the city of Detroit has volunteers to help people that are hungry. You all help anybody that you can in the city of Detroit."

St. Leo's home is in one of the many beautiful, historical churches in Detroit; however, it offers a unique opportunity to all attendees—volunteers and those in need. It is much more than just a soup kitchen for many. Volunteers and those fed are both eager to return to the building where friendships are built and often invite more to join. For those thinking about volunteering, St. Leo's is having its Christmas event on Dec. 13, and it is the busiest time of the year for the soup kitchen. Members of Phi Theta Kappa will earn a star for volunteering.

St. Leo's, which is located at 4860 15th St. in Detroit, invites volunteers everyday they are open, Tuesday through Saturday. Those interested may contact the organization at 313-894-0357.



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ABOVE: Schoolcraft volunteer Nechole Drake-McClendon (second from right) and son, Knicolas McClendon (second from left), 13, serve meals to St. Leo's community members in Detroit.

BELOW: St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit provides a warm place for community members to eat a meal and engage in conversation.



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- WORK WITH EMPLOYERS WHO ARE MORE FLEXIBLE WITH YOUR HOURS
- GET TO KNOW OTHER STUDENTS
- EARN MONEY TO HELP PAY YOUR EXPENSES

BY SAVANNAH PLATUKAS
STAFF WRITER

With the cost of tuition rising, many students turn to employment while going to school to ease the burden. Going to college and working is a huge commitment, and for many students, finding the balance between the two can be daunting. One employment option for students who are looking to build their resume and receive some financial support is to work on campus. For students who work on campus, finding that equilibrium is often easier because the department they

work in makes an effort to be considerate of the student workload, which can at times be dense and stressful.

Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Engagement Stacey Stover, an employer of students in the Admissions and Welcome Center, encourages students to take advantage of the academic support system.

“Students can say that they have an exam and ask if they can leave work early, or they could indicate that they need help with a specific situation, and the office where they work will probably be able to con-

nect them to someone who could help them out,” said Stover. “We love working with our student employees and getting to know them during this exciting chapter in their lives.”

Students feel just as connected to faculty and staff. Student employee Sydney Bradley, who works in Registration, said she made a connection with a staff member who ended up assisting her with her transfer to another college.

On top of the opportunity to make lasting connections that can offer student academic sustenance, student employment also saves students money and time. Student employees Abigail McKenna and William Mole, who work in the library, love the convenience of working on-campus.

“I love working in the library. The flexibility to be able to work between classes is so helpful,” said McKenna.

“It’s perfect for students,” said Mole.

Working on campus is a rewarding experience, in more ways than one. It allows students to completely immerse themselves in the college experience while offering a much-needed support system. Student employees all across campus attest to the value of student employment. Students gain an impressive skill set

for the future while working on-campus. Kathleen Cox, Coordinator of Student Employment Services, lists the skills as: critical thinking, customer service, networking, time management, problem solving, teamwork and dependability.

Potential employers look for people with skill sets like these. According to examinations done by the Edwards Company, who was hired to do research about Schoolcraft and how the college is viewed among others, found that employers have Schoolcraft on their map.

The study found that 55 percent of employers in multiple fields have a positive impression of Schoolcraft and 38 percent of employers have hired Schoolcraft alumni. In addition, the study found that 26 percent of employers or more listed critical thinking, teamwork, professionalism and training as critically important characteristics they look for in employees.

“Without a shadow of doubt, I would recommend working on campus to other students,” said Bradley. “It is a fantastic opportunity. There is nothing like working where you go to school!”

On-campus student employment is a privilege, allowing students to schedule their work around their academics, inter-

act with faculty, staff and other students, save time and money on travel, develop a mature skill set and become united with the campus. Students with a GPA of 2.0 or better can visit the Career Services office in MC205 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays to enquire about student employment. Students can also call 734-462-4421 for more information.



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Writing Fellows tutor Emily Podwoiski (right) assists Uloohi Fatima with an essay for class.

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Breaking a sweat

BY KENNETH PORTER
STAFF WRITER

Imagine a sport with the speed of racquetball, the teamwork of volleyball and the footwork of basketball. That is the essence of wallyball, the latest hybrid sport growing in popularity and on the Schoolcraft campus.

Haven't heard of or seen wallyball before? Chances are good that will soon change. The sport, which originated in Illinois in 1971, now has a player base of 15 million people worldwide and is constantly growing, according to the American Wallyball Association.

Schoolcraft College has recently christened its very first sanctioned wallyball club, aimed at bringing students and community-members together around this new sport.

Wallyball is simple, taking cues from multiple other activities to make something totally unique. In short, it is a variation of volleyball. It is played on a regulation racquetball court that is divided in two by a volleyball net. Two teams of two, three, or four players tap the ball from one side of the net to other like traditional volleyball, attempting to slam the ball into the opposite team's floor before they can hit it back across the net.

The main difference is that the walls of the racquetball

court are in play, allowing for complex moves such as deflecting the ball off the walls and using the walls to score. There are no out-of-bounds in wallyball, just nearly nonstop action. The added dynamics of the smaller court, the walls and the more intimate setting makes wallyball an intense, high-stakes sport that is exciting to experience or watch.

"[Wallyball] is very fun and is a great cardio workout," said Joshua Costa, student-founder of Schoolcraft's wallyball club. "In a regular volleyball game, the ball can easily go out of bounds, but that can't happen in wallyball. It's fun using the walls to your advantage."

Costa's love for wallyball began during the fall 2013 semester when he was introduced to the sport in an on-campus physical education class. He quickly developed a passion for the speed and intensity of the game and was hooked from the start.

Wallyball hasn't just helped Costa stay in shape and exercise his body, the game has also made an impact on his life off the court, helping him grow socially and transform his personality into what he wanted it to be.

"I used to be that quiet kid who was afraid to talk to people and had trouble making friends," said Costa. "Wallyball has helped me come out of my shell and has made it

easier for me to talk to others. That's why I want people to play [the sport]. Maybe it can help someone else the way that it has helped me."

Since its inception earlier this year, Schoolcraft's wallyball club has seen consistent growth as athletes of all shapes, sizes, and skill levels take part in this exciting new game.

"It's a great co-ed sport that anyone can play," said Costa. "It's been a little slow recently because of the [Expresso Bike Fall Frenzy Challenge] that

Newly formed wallyball club blends fitness with fun

the Fitness Center has been doing, but we usually have a 'full court,' with five players on each team. It's fun to watch, but it's even more fun to play, and it's a great sport for anyone, no matter how athletic you are. Anyone that shows up is welcome."

Wallyball is a great activity for those looking to exercise their bodies and meet new friends, and it is easy for newcomers to pick up and play.

"I've played basic sports like basketball and softball, but I've never played wally-

ball," said Peaches Halimon, Schoolcraft student and athlete. "I'd never even heard of [the sport] before, but I like trying new things and would definitely give wallyball a shot."

Schoolcraft's wallyball club meets in the Livonia Campus' Fitness Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., where everyone will get a chance to play. For more information contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.



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Students Cornell Harkins (back left), Matthew Andrus (back left), Kayle Penn (center), Joshua Costa (front left) and Winston Johnson (front right) participate in a wallyball match in the racquetball courts in the Physical Education building.

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The following clubs take place in the Lower Waterman conference rooms. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

ARTISAN NOW ART CLUB

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY FROM 1 TO 3 P.M.
(NEXT MEETING DEC. 12)

Aspiring artists at Schoolcraft can display their art and share ideas with each other. This group helps students express themselves artistically and boost their confidence by receiving constructive criticism on their artwork from peers.

BUSINESS CLUB

TUESDAYS FROM 2 TO 3 P.M.

Come for guidance and to develop one’s knowledge of the business world. Discuss anything and everything business related, attend additional seminars and network possibilities related to future employment.

CHESS CLUB

FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 12:30 P.M.

This club aims to create a network of chess players and teach people how to strategically play the game. Learn what moves to make and when to make them. Whether one is a seasoned player or just a beginner, all are welcome.

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE

TUESDAYS AT NOON

This club challenges participants to explore the Lord’s Word and improve the overall college experience through God. Help others grow spiritually by promoting friendship and participating in Bible discussions.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT 3 P.M. (NEXT MEETING DEC. 8)

This club wishes to gain more members of the party at the collegiate level by developing a greater understanding of the U.S. Constitution through sponsoring speakers, hosting question and answer sessions with public officials and debating and discussing current events.

DOCTOR WHO

WEDNESDAYS FROM NOON TO 2 P.M.

This group brings students with an interest in science fiction together and introduces newcomers to the show “Doctor Who.” The club hosts social events like costume parties and game nights themed around the show.

LGBTQI ALLIANCE

WEDNESDAYS AT 2 P.M.

The alliance creates awareness of gender and sexual identities and creates a safe place for LGBTQI people worldwide. Come help inspire, change and educate others through events like sponsor symposiums and social gatherings.

PING PONG CLUB

THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 6 TO 7 P.M.

Ping Pong can be taken to several levels, including serious world competitions. Come to this club for practices and casual mini tournaments where contestants play up to 11 points and the winner continues on to the next round.

POKÉMON CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 4 TO 6 P.M.

This club is the place for those who are long-time Pokémon fans or people who are just starting out. Play Pokémon and discuss the various facets of Pokémon like the television show. Anyone interested in Pokémon is encouraged to come.

PROJECT PLAYHEM GAMING CLUB

MONDAYS AT 3 P.M.

This group unites members by creating a sense of community among student gamers academically, socially and competitively. Like-minded individuals can connect for tournaments and get-togethers.

THE SCHOOLCRAFT CONNECTION

MONDAYS FROM 4 TO 5 P.M.

Become part of the bi-monthly, award winning student newspaper and help express student opinion and report college and world news related to Schoolcraft. Photograph, write, design, edit or produce videos and multimedia to find a niche in the media.

STUDENTS OF ACTIVELY MOVING FORWARD (AMF)

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY AT 6 P.M.

This is a nonprofit organization run by students, dedicated to emotionally supporting college students grieving the illness or death of a loved one. The group connects students together for support and aims to raise awareness about the needs of various grieving college students.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

THURSDAYS AT 4 P.M.

Along with involving students in community, the SAB hosts service projects on campus and with local charities.

TABLE TOP GAMING CLUB

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 2 TO 10 P.M.

This club is responsible for facilitating a fun and comfortable environment in which students can enjoy various non-electronic games. Students who enjoy classic games can join for fun and to make friends.

VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB

THURSDAYS AT 1 P.M.

This club helps those interested in the multimedia field learn more about the dynamics of media through writing, producing and more. Anyone interested in acting, writing or editing is welcome to come to the club

These clubs are sponsored and held at Schoolcraft, but not in the Lower Waterman. Under the club meeting times, one can find the location of the following events.

BREAK DANCE CLUB

FRIDAYS FROM 2:45 TO 5:15 P.M.

PE140

This club provides students with a chance to express themselves through dance. Attendees have fun while learning about various dance styles, practicing them and meeting new people. Students can compete amongst themselves and showcase their skills.

CIVIL RIGHTS – CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION CLUB

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 3 P.M.

LA 130

This organization promotes, educates and works towards the expression of identity and rights of those on campus and beyond. Members strive to involve students, faculty, staff and the community to promote this purpose.

FIT CLUB

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 2:30 TO 3:30 P.M.

FITNESS CENTER, PE BUILDING

This group introduces various fitness principles and proper techniques through different exercises that will improve fitness levels and team building skills. Students who come to this club will improve their overall health and mindset.

MATH AND PHYSICS CLUB

WEDNESDAYS FROM 5 TO 6 P.M.

BTC 300

This group brings students currently seeking degrees in math or science related fields together. The club strives to foster higher levels of interest and understanding in math and physics related topics. Members receive the opportunity to participate in lectures and contests.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE CLUB (NACC)

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 12:50 P.M.

LA 140

This club fosters an understanding of Native American

culture, history and traditions through showing films, sponsoring guest speakers and hosting other cultural events. Learn and cultivate your knowledge of the Native American culture.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

WEDNESDAYS FROM 7 TO 8 P.M. AND SATURDAYS FROM 10 TO 11 A.M.

Those who have a 3.5 GPA or higher and have completed 12 credit hours above the 100 level are invited to join this prestigious society with access to apply for certain scholarships. At meetings, leaders welcome new members and direct existing members on upcoming events to attend.

ST. LEO’S SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join PTK on Saturday Dec. 13 at 8 a.m. in the Lower Waterman to volunteer at St. Leo’s Soup Kitchen to help those in need. The event lasts until about 1 p.m. Carpooling is the form of transportation.

RUGBY CLUB

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 5 TO 6:30 P.M.

FIELD BEHIND THE APPLIED SCIENCE BUILDING

This is the first rugby team at Schoolcraft College. Rugby combines speed, strength and strategy. The club is preparing to compete in the Michigan Rugby League against other rugby teams from the state in the spring.

WALLYBALL CLUB

MONDAY, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 1:30 TO 3 P.M.

WALLYBALL COURTS, PE BUILDING

Wallyball is played on a racquetball court and is similar to volleyball, but players utilize the walls. Many teams play on a competitive level, students can join regardless of their intents for a friendly, high-paced atmosphere.

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ASK AN ATTORNEY

Monday, Dec. 8 from 4 to 6 p.m.
McDowell Center, Room 105

Community members will be able to gain information from an attorney about divorce and family law. This service is offered on a first come, first serve basis. The attorney will be from the Creighton, McLean & Shea Law Firm.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.
McDowell Center, Room 105

The Divorce Support Group will be facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. Attorney Patricia A. Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting.

EMPTY BOWL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wilson Room, VisTaTech Center

Join Student Activities and help erase hunger at the Empty Bowl Luncheon. Hand crafted

bowls made by the Schoolcraft ceramic students will be available for purchase. Soup and bread will also be available. All proceeds go to the Schoolcraft Student Food Pantry.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING 101

Thursday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon

Jeffress Center, JC110

Learn what it takes to become a successful government contractor and what services and resources are available to a small business pursuing the government market. This seminar costs \$45.00 per person. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/1sNYBva>

MASSAGE THERAPY TOUR

Thursday, Dec. 11 from 5 to 6 p.m.
Radcliff Center, Room 135

Learn more about the healing art and science of massage therapy through this seminar and its scientifically based curriculum. For more infor-

mation or to sign up, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/tours and select department tours or call 734-462-4683.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL BACH FESTIVAL HONORS RECITAL

Friday, Dec. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.

VisTaTech Center

This event recognizes fine piano performance and encourages excellence in piano teaching. Students through the age of 18 have an opportunity to perform works of Bach's for an audience and receive comments from adjudicators.

SOUNDS OF WINTER

Saturday, Dec. 13 from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

VisTaTech Center

This concert will feature the Schoolcraft Music Ensembles including: the Wind Ensemble, Choral Union, and the Synthesizer Ensemble. Donations will be collected at the door to benefit student scholarships.

ASK AN ATTORNEY

Monday, Dec. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m.
McDowell Center, Room 105

Community members will be able to gain information from an attorney about divorce and family law. This service is offered on a first come, first serve basis. The attorney will be from the firm of Marie A. Pulte.

WINTER WONDERS JAZZ CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 15 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

VisTaTech Center, DiPonio Room

The Schoolcraft Jazz Studies Program presents a concert featuring musicians of the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo. Donations will be accepted at the door and will be used to fund student scholarships and the Jazz Program.

COLLEGE VISITS

FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISIT

Monday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Henry's, Waterman in VisTaTech Center

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISIT

Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Henry's, Waterman in VisTaTech Center

All events, unless otherwise noted, are free of charge. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.

Secrets of the Quill

Every time I write an essay, I am never able to figure out how to begin or end it. Is there anything I can do to help my introduction and conclusion?

Sincerely, Don't Know How to Begin.

Dear Don't Know How to Begin,

This is an issue that plagues many students. Once an idea is formulated, and pen is put to paper, the essay comes to life. Looking back at the paper, a writer sometimes realizes that they slowly moved off topic, or notices that the introduction no longer makes sense. Many also have issues ending the essay, giving the reader proper closure, and the writer a feeling of success. Here are some tips to avoid these frustrating pitfalls.

The introduction should introduce the topic of the essay

and preview the main points without any in-depth description. Think of the introduction like a movie preview, right before the same movie is shown. On that note, a paper should not resemble that of a horror or mystery movie. There should not be any plot twists and unexpected revelations. Instead, the writer should lay down everything out ahead of time, making it as easy as possible for the reader to follow the main points. The viewer will have a good idea about what will happen, but they don't know the entire story. Please leave out phrases like, "I am going to write about" and "In this essay." With all the phenomenal words at your disposal, why not rephrase those ideas? The thesis statement will be the last sentence of this paragraph, which is arguably one of the most important sentences in the essay. It lets the writer articulate the main points of the essay, or displays their side of an argument.

In the concluding para-

graph, the writer must re-evaluate the thesis - not restate it - using their imagination to expand upon it. The topics mentioned in the essay should be covered, again, without repeating the exact words. Leave out phrases such as "In conclusion" or "As shown in this essay" in the last paragraph. Let creativity shine through; do not just list off the information. This paragraph is the last chance a writer gets to inform or persuade the reader. If a writer is ever going to convince the reader that the thesis has merit, it will be done in these concluding thoughts. Just as lawyers make and win

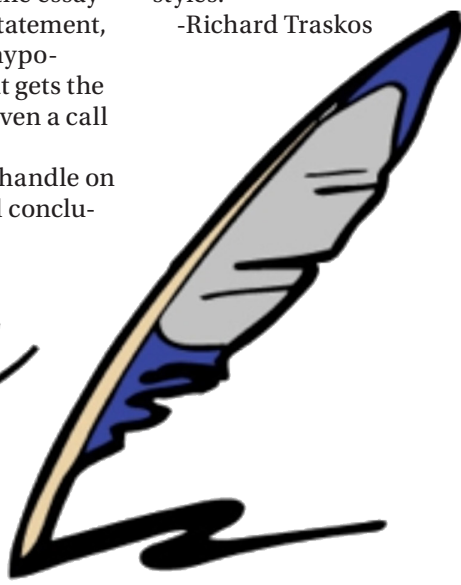
their cases in the closing arguments, this is the point where the writer will persuade their reader to adopt their thesis. The writer can add closing thoughts, but should refrain from bringing up new ideas. If there is too much new information in the concluding paragraph, it may confuse the reader and not have the impact the writer desired. Try to drive the point of the essay home with a clever statement, a powerful quote, a hypothetical question that gets the reader thinking, or even a call to action.

Once writers get a handle on the introduction and conclu-

sion, the essays will become easier to write and more desirable to read. If students need any help with essay formatting or any other English related issues, they should come to the Writing Fellows in the Bradner Library, at the LAC, or the Firearms Training Center. The Writing Fellows can identify which solutions would help specific essay and writing styles.

-Richard Traskos

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The right fit

Know what to wear to every holiday event

BY ELIZABETH CHAPA
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With the holidays fast approaching, there will be many events and gatherings that are inevitable and a must for everyone to attend. All these flashy events, allows one to dress and look their best. Here are some outfit ideas for every holiday affair.

WORK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ladies: An essential for this holiday season is a jewel tone blazer, preferably a burgundy or an emerald green. This blazer will look great over a pale dress or if one were to pair it up with a black skirt and a neutral shirt under the blazer.

Guys: Try going for a more polished look; sticking to the basics is essential. An ideal shirt for this event is a button up. Keep in mind that it does not have to be a plain color, but maybe a patterned like plaid. Instead of wearing a normal tie, attempt to pair it up with a bow tie.

FAMILY GATHERING

Ladies: For this classy outfit, start off with a loose, long-sleeved button up blouse that

has a self-tie bow. Most commonly, they are made out of a chiffon material. Pair it up with either a skirt or slacks. If the shirt is a white/cream color, it would pair up perfectly with a dark, red skirt instead of a plain, black bottom.

Guys: A simple outfit for the holidays would be a neutral crew neck knitted sweater with slacks or chino pants. Depending on the party planned on attending, one could shop around for sweaters that have accent colors or that have an interesting pattern.

WINTER DATE NIGHT

Ladies: A relaxed put together outfit to wear out on a date would be wearing a thin crew neck sweater with printed leggings. Along with a knitted beanie to add to the wintery date look. Finish off the outfit by wearing boots, preferably ones with a heel to look dressier.

Guys: The perfect combination for a date night would be wearing a flannel and layering a puffy vest or cardigan over it. If you do not choose to layer,

wearing a jacket that can be taken off works as well. With the shirt, wear a pair of dark straight jeans and a pair of leather boots.

FRIENDS GATHERING

Ladies: A great look would be wearing a slouchy knitted sweater with a skirt. Pair up the combination with some tights and a beanie. Another great touch to the outfit would be layering a tweed blazer over the sweater.

Guys: This look would be a lot more casual than the rest. With a knitted cardigan over a button up shirt and a pair of jeans, it will give you just the right amount of effort. However, if one does want to dress it up just a little bit more, add a tie.

NEW YEARS EVE

Ladies: A classic wear for New Years parties is a black cocktail dress. If this path is chosen, think “the more sparkle the better,” so accessorize with silver and gold. If one wants to step out of the box, wear a romper; one that has sequins is ideal. The romper does not need to be black; it



LEFT: Wearing a simple dress out for new years can be paired up with anything that shines and sparkles to make the create the perfect outfit.

BOTTOM: Take a risk by wearing a plaid button up shirt with a bow tie to your work christmas party.



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could be something along the lines of bright blue or maybe an off white.

Guys: If one wants to get really classy, wearing a dark suit is recommended. If that does not sound appealing, wear a long sleeve button up with a black vest. One could also alternate the vest and wear suspenders. For this outfit stick to dark colors and leather.



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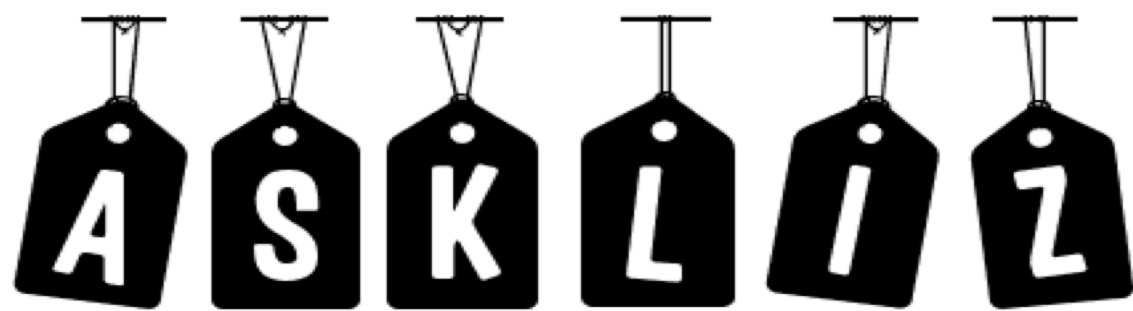
As the holiday season is approaching us, finding a gift for your significant other can be very troublesome at times.

Trying to come up with ideas should not be a problem, and the sooner you figure out what you will be gifting, the better.

Here are some ideas that will help spark up inspiration, whether it is just one item or a combination of things.

FOR GUYS

An easy and simple gift would be a *beanie* or *normal brimmed hat*. An idea would be to get his favorite team’s hat. Hockey team beanies also make great winter gifts! Or you could just choose one that is unique and fits his style. A good pair of *headphones* is another good gift. If he is into fitness, wireless head-



phones may be the right fit, but if he is a music junkie, look into some heavy and quality headphones—even a simple pair of earbuds always come in handy. Shop around to find the most suitable pair.

At some point, every guy will need a *duffel bag* or *backpack*, whether there is a weekend trip that he needs to pack for or he just needs a bag to throw a few things in before heading over to a friends house for the night. There are endless styles available.

If your guy already has a *watch*, take into consideration the type of watch he has. Is it dressy or sporty? If he has a sporty watch, you could get one that could be worn in a dressier fashion, like one with a leather strap or a metal one. If he doesn’t have a watch already, it is an essential for every guy to have.

A pair of *snow goggles* makes a great gift if he is into winter activities. Whether it is replacing old ones or it is starting him on the process of getting winter gear. If he is not sporty, you could get a nice pair of *sunglasses*. It might not be beneficial in the winter, but

as soon as spring break hits, he will already have a pair.

A *portable music speaker* suits any music lover. One can bring a music speaker pretty much anywhere, whether it is to a get together at a friends house or to the beach in the summer. Some of the best ones now are Bluetooth, so no wires are needed.

FOR LADIES

A *scarf* is one of those accessories that is never a bad idea and is a really simple and a cheap gift. Especially with how trendy scarves are right now, one is sure to find a whole wall of them at any clothing store in different materials and different patterns.

If she has a smartphone, there are hundreds of *phone cases* sold in various different styles for either an Android or an iPhone. This is also another money efficient gift. This will give her the option to switch out her phones cases as she pleases.

Now with *jewelry*, know that it does not need to be an outrageously expensive piece. The jewelry could be something as small as a pair of earring studs

or a couple bracelets. If you do want to spend the money though, think about getting a personalized necklace.

There is always a *purse* every girl has been dying to get. If at one point the two of you were at the mall, she more than likely pointed it out. It does not need to be handbag; it could be a neat patterned backpack. If she has not pointed one out, you could use your best judgment and surprise her with one that she will fall head over heels for.

Maybe some *beauty supplies* would best suit your girl. You could get a few shades of nail polish or a set of eye shadow with some mascara. If you do choose to go with make-up, it is recommended to splurge on it because that is something she can pick up at the drugstore herself.

One can never have enough *candles*. They are such a great gift during the holiday season. Maybe this is one of those items

you pair up with something else. No matter what age, candles are always a good idea for the ladies, whether it is one big candle or a set of various sizes.

Consider other gifts that could be for either guys or girls such as a throw blanket. If you choose to go with this one, you could make it really personal by adding your own sweet touch by making it. Making homemade baked goods to go with it would make for the perfect gift.

Other present ideas include a wallet, picture frame with a picture of the two of you, books from their favorite author, a portable phone charger or posters. Get creative with your gift idea, even if it is not the item itself that is creative. You could try to go out of the box with the way you are presenting the gift.



‘Tis the season

Celebrate with these holiday specials

BY ELIZABETH CHAPA AND COLIN HICKSON
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER



“CHRISTMAS STORY”

This comedy is among one of the classic holiday family movies. Nine-year-old Ralphie Parker attempts to convince his parents, Santa Claus and his teacher that he has been good, deserving the ultimate gift, a B.B. gun. However, everyone attempts to convince him that it is a bad idea, and he will be more than likely to “shoot his eye out.” His old man, Mr. Parker, plays a rigid father in the 1940s and just might be able to teach Ralphie a lesson or two with the present given to him on Christmas morning. “A Christmas Story” will air Christmas Eve starting at 8 p.m. on TBS and will continue to air every two hours through Christmas day.



“CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS”

This short, animated special, originally released in 1965, follows the story of lead character Charlie Brown, as he finds himself overwhelmed and feeling a down during the holiday season. When the position of Christmas play director is offered, he finds himself learning the true meaning of Christmas. This classic tale touches on the fundamentals of the holiday spirit and what Christmas is really all about. With classic characters such as Lucy, Snoopy and Sally, “Charlie Brown Christmas” will surely touch the hearts of viewers. This special will air on ABC Dec. 16 at 8 p.m.



“THE YEAR WITHOUT A SANTA CLAUS”

Even the big red guy can have off days. After getting a cold on Christmas Eve, Santa decides to go on vacation rather than deliver gifts this year and sends two elves, Jingle and Jangle, to prove that people still believe in him, but it goes downhill from there. After being caught in the crossfire of a fight, Santa’s sleigh is destroyed. Things get even worse as the existence of Santa is questioned, and the elves must prove the existence of Santa to the skeptical Mayor of Southtown by doing the impossible and bring snow to the town. “The Year Without a Santa Claus” will air on ABC Family Dec. 8 at 5 p.m., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m., Dec. 15 at 8 p.m., Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 20 at 11 a.m., Dec. 21 at 4 and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 25 at 3 p.m.



“MICHAEL BUBLÉ’S 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK”

This Christmas special features classic renditions of holiday songs with host Michael Bublé for the fourth year in a row at the Radio City Music Hall. Performances will include Barbra Streisand, Ariana Grande, Miss Piggy and The Rockettes, as they share their holiday traditions and some of their favorites songs in the heart of New York. Watch this holiday season to experience Christmas favorites sung by breathtaking artists including some acoustic set songs by Bublé on NBC Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

Good luck on your final exams!

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“DR. SEUSS’ HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!”

In this remake, Jim Carrey takes the role of the bitter and grouchy Grinch in this fictional comedy. As a little kid, he was bullied by classmates, which made him become cruel. So during the holidays, all residents of Whoville celebrate in

joy and prosperity, except for the Grinch. When six-year-old Cindy Lou, the daughter of Whoville’s master, hears about his story, she has a desire to visit him and attempt to have him join the Whos in their celebrations. Will the Grinch learn the meaning of what Christmas is about or continue to be an evil towards the holiday spirit? “Dr. Seuss’ How The Grinch Stole Christmas!” will air on ABC Family Dec. 14 at 6 and 9 p.m., Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. Along with airing on ABC Dec. 25 at 8:30 p.m.

Eggnog cookies

What goes better with eggnog than eggnog cookies?

BY JANIS TSAI
STAFF WRITER

The major baking technique essential to the cookie’s structure is called creaming, where sugar combines with softened butter to put air bubbles into the dough. Without creaming, the cookie will risk becoming tough and flat. Creaming can be done with an electronic mixer or by hand using a generous amount of elbow grease and the back of a wooden spoon. The key to successful creaming is butter softened to 65° Fahrenheit, where it is still cold to the touch, but warm enough to spread. It takes about 30 to 60 minutes for butter to soften. To quicken the process, dice it in small cubes, placing them between two pieces of baking paper and using a rolling pin to flatten it. It is important not to over-mix cookie dough because it will increase the amount of gluten, which makes bread delightfully chewy, but cookies dismally tough.

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YIELD: APPROX. 3 DOZEN COOKIES

PREP TIME: 30 MINUTES

BAKING TIME: 20-25 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ¼ cups white sugar
- ¾ cup, butter, softened
- ½ cup eggnog
- 1 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder ½ tsp. ground cinnamon

SUGAR SPICE MIX INGREDIENTS

(OPTIONAL):

- ½ cup white sugar
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- ¾ tsp cinnamon

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 300° Fahrenheit
2. Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, cream sugar and butter until light and fluffy.
4. Add eggnog, vanilla and egg yolks.
5. Beat at medium speed with mixer until smooth.
6. Add flour mixture and beat at low speed until just combined. Do not overmix.
7. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet 1 inch apart. Optional: drop teaspoonfuls in sugar spice mix before placing on cookie sheet.
8. Bake 20 to 23 minutes until bottoms turn light brown.
9. Let cookies cool for no less than 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

The face of the rebellion

A country of the verge of an uprising needs a Mockingjay

BY KELLY RESPONDEK
STAFF WRITER

Rating: 9 out of 10 stars
Duration: 123 minutes
Rating: PG-13



With the third and final book of the trilogy split into two part movies, the suspenseful and thrilling third installment in the “Hunger Games” film franchise “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1” was released in theaters on Nov. 21. The movie is based on the best-selling series by Suzanne Collins and stars Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen, Liam Hemsworth as Gale Hawthorne and Josh Hutcherson as Peeta Mellark. The film was directed by Francis Lawrence, who is famous for his work in the movies “I Am Legend” and “Water for Elephants.”

“The Hunger Games” books and movies have taken the world by storm. The intriguing and dark plot has caught the interest of millions and earned a spot among other iconic series.

The 2013 movie release in the series, “Catching Fire,” had Katniss and Peeta returning to the games for round two. The movie ended with the heroes being separated and with the knowledge of District 12 being destroyed. Katniss and Gale ended up safe in the protection of the secret underground compound of District 13, while Peeta’s fate was unknown, after he was left in the arena and was captured by the Capitol.

“Mockingjay - Part 1” picks up with the country of Panem on the tipping point of rebellion. When the entire nation watched as Katniss and several other victors were rescued from the arena by the rebels, a spark of rebellion was lit, causing unrest and dissent in the 12 districts. Now, everyone waited to see if Katniss would decide to sit by and watch or take action and

become the symbol of the rebellion, the “mockingjay,” the people needed.

Lawrence delivered a brilliant portrayal of Katniss again, with passion and spirit. She found a way to convey sincere emotion and capture her character, touching the hearts of viewers. Hemsworth gave an equally strong performance as Katniss’s oldest friend, Gale, and Hutcherson played a perfectly broken Peeta.

While the first two movies in the “Hunger Games” franchise have been more action based, the third film takes a step back from focusing on fighting to expose the more emotional side of the characters showing how far they can bend until they break. For some viewers, the movie may be slightly lacking because of the lessened violence, but the depth of the plot more than makes up for it.

Lovers of the book series holding high standards for the films will not be disappointed. “Mockingjay - Part 1” sticks to the storyline of the book and presents the main themes with power and passion. The latest release of the “Hunger Games” movies will leave viewers counting down the days until the release of the next and final film. The ending is definitely something that will get people talking and might even push a few to read the book before the fourth movie is released in 2015.

The beloved characters of this series still have the final leg of the journey to go. Questions of how the rebellion will end, who will be left and what is in store for the future of all of Panem will be answered in “Mockingjay - Part 2.” Another query answered in “Mockingjay - Part 2” is what happens to those closest to Katniss. She makes her choice between Gale, who has stood by her side for years, and Peeta, the boy gave everything to protect her. The conclusion to the series, “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2,” will be in theaters next year Nov. 20.



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Katniss Everdeen stands in front of the remains of District 8, where the Capitol has destroyed unarmed civilians, and calls for justice on a video that is broadcasted to all of the districts in Panam in effort to overcome the Capitol.

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The last brick in “The Wall”

Pink Floyd releases final album “The Endless River”

BY CAITLIN LEROUX
STAFF WRITER



Having gone 20 years without an album release, the psychedelic English rock band, Pink Floyd, issued their final album, “The Endless River,” on Nov. 10, which is a mostly instrumental collection of fluid guitar riffs compiled from outtakes from the band’s fourteenth studio album “The Division Bell.”

Since the death of keyboardist and founding band member, Rick Wright, in 2008, the remaining members of Pink Floyd are drummer Nick Mason and singer-guitarist David Gilmour. This album serves as a final send off to both the band and its fans, providing the last work of Wright.

Despite conflict in the band throughout the years, with Wright leaving and

then returning in the late 1980s, this compilation of leftover songs from their 1990s work serves to provide not only quality material, but also tracks that their fans will likely be pleased to hear after waiting the entirety of the 21 century for the band’s return.

The work is also a somewhat intentional farewell to Wright.

“As we went through this process, our minds focused on the fact that Rick isn’t coming back,” said David Gilmour to Rolling Stone on Oct. 29. “This is the last recorded moment with Pink Floyd.”

The psychedelic pioneers of early 1970s rock Pink Floyd have transcended generations with their experimentation with sounds and philosophical laden lyrics. This new album, albeit entirely instrumental, speaks to an audience through rhythmic guitar, creating an ambient flow of music from

track to track. The band’s riffs of communication are acknowledged through the song titles including “Things Left Unsaid,” “The Lost Art of Conversation” and “Louder than Words,” the latter being the only track with lyrics.

“Louder than Words” is the closest to the classic Floyd songs found on the album, although a little softer than the bands hard-edged previous work. The guitar riffs sound undeniably Floyd-like and are accompanied by a gospel choir behind Gilmour’s vocals. The lyrics are autobiographical detailing the internal strife of the band and the strength in their music together.

The album serves as a final statement to fans regarding the ending of the band. It’s a resonance from the past with a more soft rock leaning album that strays a little from the prowess of the band’s past robust rock albums such as “The Dark Side of the



IMAGE FROM NBCNEWS.COM

After the death of band member Rick Wright in 2008, Pink Floyd released a farewell album titled, “The Endless River” as a tribute.

Moon” and “The Wall,” two classic Floyd albums that represent the legacy and influence of the band today.

The album is an end of an era for the classic band, being a definitive goodbye, according to Gilmour and Mason. The album ranked high in the charts in its debut, shooting straight to No.1 in the U.K and peaking the No.3 on the Billboard 200 chart and No.2 on the Billboard Top Rock Albums. Bottom line, “The Endless River” was not a shabby send off for one of the greatest rock bands of all time.

Caroling into the Christmas spirit

A medley of songs to share during the holiday season

BY AMANDA KOCHANOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

“Last Christmas”

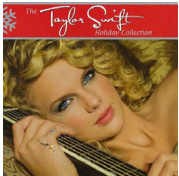
By Taylor Swift

Album: “The Taylor Swift Holiday Collection EP”

Big Machine Records, 2007

Duration: 3:28

Even though the popular singer has recently switched to pop, this holiday album from 2007 is nothing, but country. This cover of a Christmas classic, originally released by British duo Wham! in 1984, has been popular on radio stations for years. It’s safe to say, anything Swift does nowadays is a hit. Who knows if another holiday album will be in store in the future?



“Wish List”

By Neon Trees

Album: “Wish List- Single”

The Island Def Jam Music Group, 2010

Duration: 4:04

This is in no way a typical Christmas song. “Wish List” captures the upbeat, rock essence of the band, Neon Trees, while still having a holiday touch.

The song is incredibly unique, and even though it may not be among one of the most popular holiday singles, it is well worth a listen.



“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”

Kelly Clarkson

Album: “Wrapped In Red”

RCA Records, 2013

Duration: 3:39

The “American Idol” alumni has kept a solid career for more than 10 years, and her holiday album released in 2013 is just adding fuel to the fire. Clarkson covers the classic Christmas tune, which was made famous by Judy Garland, with outstanding vocals and puts her own twist into the song. “Wrapped In Red” also features favorites such as “White Christmas” and “Silent Night,” which features fellow singers Reba McEntire and Trisha Yearwood.



“Baby It’s Cold Outside (Duet With Michael Bublé)”

By Idina Menzel

Album: “Holiday Wishes”

Warner Bros. Records, Oct. 2014

Duration: 2:46

You may know her as the voice of Elsa from Disney’s “Frozen” and the singer of the song that took the world by storm, “Let it Go.” Now, Menzel is giving fans songs to sing along with for the holidays. The song features a great duet with Michael Bublé and showcases Menzel’s powerful range of vocals and Bublé’s deep, soulful sound.



“Carol of the Bells”

By Leann Rimes

Album: “One Christmas: Chapter One EP”

Iconic Entertainment Group, Oct. 2014

Duration: 2:08

After large success with her first holiday album “What a Wonderful World” in 2004, country singer Leann Rimes has released a new set of covered tunes. Rimes is one of the brave few to cover “Carol of the Bells,” and she does it beautifully. The classic instrumentals get an update when paired with Rimes’ vocals.



“’Twas The Night Before Christmas”

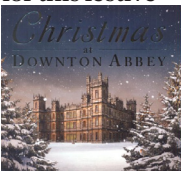
By Jim Carter, John Lunn and the Budapest City Orchestra

Album: “Christmas at Downton Abbey”

Warner Music TV, Nov. 2014

Duration: 3:32

The popular United Kingdom television show “Downton Abbey” has a Christmas special every year, but this year is exceptional with the additional release of a Christmas album. Jim Carter, who plays main character Mr. Carson, is joined by composer John Lunn and the Budapest City Orchestra for this festive track. This spoken word piece is beautifully unique and features smooth background instrumentals.



Travel through the highways

Foo Fighters write a love letter to American music

BY AUSTIN VICARS
STAFF WRITER



Foo Fighters have always been an ambitious band, from 2005’s double album “In Your Honor” to recording 2011’s “Wasting Light” in Dave Grohl’s garage. The band has never backed down from a challenge, and “Sonic Highways” proves to be their most ambitious project yet.

All eight songs on this record were recorded in different cities in famous studios across the United States. The idea was every city brings its own unique style and sound to the song, along with a featured artist from the city. The recording process of this album was documented in an HBO series. TV show, “Sonic Highways” shows the history of each city’s musical roots and history through a journey across the states.

“Something From Nothing” (recorded in Chicago, Illinois featuring Rick Nielsen of Cheap Trick) was the first single released off of “Sonic Highways” and is possibly the best song to be found on the album. The song builds nicely throughout, slowly picking up steam up to its epic conclusion. Cheap Trick’s Rick Nielsen lends his guitar work towards the end of the song and is a nice addition to the already guitar heavy track.

“The Feast And The Famine” (recorded in Arlington, Virginia featuring Pete Stahl and Skeeter Thompson of Scream) picks up the tempo and serves as one of the record’s more aggressive songs. The song is not the greatest, but comes to a nice end and will leave listeners satisfied.

“Congregation” (recorded in Nashville, Tennessee featuring Zac Brown) is a song with sounds influenced by the location it was recorded. While it is not a full-blown country song, it definitely features a stronger country influence than any other Foo Fighters song before it. The song showcases one of the catchiest choruses found on the album, with a great vocal melody and enjoyable backing guitar.

“What Did I Do? / God As My Witness” (recorded in Austin, Texas featuring Gary Clark Jr.) is a solid tune and

includes one of the albums strongest features. Emerging blues/rock guitarist, Gary Clark Jr., lays down a great guitar solo in the song.

The song appears to come to an end several times, but then picks right back up, keeping listeners on their toes throughout the song, wondering, “What’s next?”

“Outside” (recorded in Los Angeles, California featuring Joe Walsh of the Eagles) is very atypical Foo Fighters. The song features a soft-spoken verse with an underlying guitar melody that carries through the song. The verse then builds into a catchy chorus that fans have learned to expect from the band.

“In The Clear” (recorded in New Orleans, Louisiana featuring Preservation Hall Jazz Band) features possibly one of the most interesting features on the entire album. Preservation Hall Jazz Band lends their talents to the Foo Fighters and spices up the song with their ensemble of brass that plays a strong backing roll in the song.

“Subterranean” (recorded in Seattle, Washington featuring Ben Gibbard of Death Cab For Cutie) takes Dave back to his previous band, Nirvana’s stomping grounds, Seattle. The song shares a mellow mood that is a change of pace in the album.

“I Am A River” (recorded in New York, New York featuring Tony Visconti and Kristeen Young) serves as the epic conclusion to “Sonic Highways.” The song is over seven minutes long and is one of the best songs on the album. Rather than relying on raw intensity, the song conveys a sense of beauty.

Despite a strong showing, Foo Fighters do not quiet capture the same magic they have in the past. “Sonic Highways” is a record of eight good songs, but none of the songs here are great.

Even though the songs sometimes leave something to desired, the guess features and overall experimentation of this album make it a very enjoyable listen none of the less. The album is not just a record for fans of the Foo Fighters, but a record for all music lovers. “Sonic Highways” showcases American culture in just over 40 minutes of music.

Causing anarchy in high-definition

Worldwide hit Grand Theft Auto V makes the jump to Xbox One and PS4

BY KENNETH PORTER
STAFF WRITER

November is shaping up to be a great month for video games. Gamers worldwide have been exploring the future of battle in “Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare” or sneaking past the guillotines of 18th century France in Ubisoft’s “Assassin’s Creed: Unity.”

Next in the pipeline for a heavily packed holiday gaming season is the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One release of Rockstar North’s “Grand Theft Auto: V” (GTA V), a high-definition refresh of the revolutionary “sandbox” game called “entertainment at its finest” in its review in September 2013.

The new and improved game offers several features and enhancements that are not available in last year’s PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 version, thanks in part to the greatly increased power of the new consoles.

“Grand Theft Auto V for PlayStation 4, Xbox One and PC will feature a range of major visual and technical upgrades,” reads Rockstar North’s GTA V fact page. “...Players can expect a range of additions and improvements including new weapons, vehicles and activities, additional wildlife, denser traffic, a new foliage system, enhanced damage and weather effects and much more.”

The game will also include a brand-new first person mode, allowing players to view the world of Los Santos through the crazed eyes of protagonists Trevor, Michael and Franklin, along with revamping multiplayer mode boasting.

The re-launch of “GTA V” marks the latest in a series of previous generation games that have been enhanced and re-released on the new consoles. Some of the 2014’s best-reviewed games, such as Naughty Dog’s “The Last of Us: Remastered” for PS4 and “Halo: The Master Chief Collection” for Xbox One, are



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high-definition remakes of games that were released years ago.

Not all gamers were interested in purchasing what is essentially the same game twice, and GTA’s new features have not changed their minds.

“There are a bunch of other games that I’d rather buy on PS4 this year,” said Ari Joiner, Schoolcraft College graphic design major. “The game looks great compared to the [Playstation] 3 version, but I’m more interested in [Tango Gameworks]’ ‘The Evil Within’ and [Ubisoft’s] ‘Assassin’s Creed: Unity.’”

Others are more hesitant to purchase the game in light of disappointing releases that have hit the market in recent months.

“I’m waiting to see what people say about [the GTA V re-release] before I decide to buy it,” said Mark Radlift, Schoolcraft student and GTA fan. “I never bought it on PS3, but I may buy the new version after it has been released, and I can hear people’s opinions.”

However, putting copies of “GTA V” back on store shelves is certain to be a huge boon for Rockstar.

According to Forbes, the original version of the game sold 33 million units, was the top selling video game of 2013 and generated just south of \$2 billion in revenue for Rockstar and parent company 2K Games. \$815.7 million of that total was made during the first 24 hours that the game was on sale.

The newest GTA is certain to sell in astronomical numbers once again as gamers reintroduce themselves to the anarchy and chaos that made the original game so great.

“GTA V” was re-launched on Nov. 18. It is rated M for Mature for blood and gore, intense violence, mature humor, nudity, strong language, strong sexual content and use of drugs and alcohol.

From the page to the screen

The evolution of superhero movies

BY COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Multi-talented and former president of Marvel Comics, Stan Lee, once said, “I think people are fascinated by superheroes because when we were young, we all liked fairy tales, and fairy tales are stories about people with superpowers.” It is not hard to see why superhero movies and TV shows are dominating the big and small screens these days. Big name heroes like the Flash and lesser-known ones like the Guardians of the Galaxy are successes, both coming quite a long way.

Back in the 1940s, superheroes were the subject of serials, a movie split into multipart chapters with each one being showcased every week. The first superhero to be shown this way was Captain Marvel, beating out Superman and Batman by several years. Following the World’s Mightiest Mortal, subtitle for Captain Marvel, was Spy Smasher, an in-name only version of Captain America and the Vigilante.

The 1950s brought the popularity of TV, and soon Superman would dominate the airwaves in the syndicated “Adventures of Superman” TV series, as it was a rating success, but ended tragically after the mysterious death of series star George Reeves.

The 1960s rolled out, and Adam West donned the familiar garb of Batman in the classic and campy TV series, which unfortunately set a standard for all superhero shows at the time, sans “The Green Hornet” and “Tarzan,” that all superhero shows need to feature over the top villains, questionable science and simplistic plots.

And then, the 1970s happened. Since superhero comics were becoming darker with stories like the reveal of Green Arrow’s sidekick Speedy being a heroin addict and the death of Spider-Man’s girlfriend Gwen Stacy, it would make sense that superhero movies and TV shows do the same. Gone were the hammy bad guys, and in came more realistic villains like Nazis and dirty cops. But while the Hulk and Wonder Woman dominated TV, it was Superman who won the box office. Superman showed that not all superheroes had to be dark, along with showing how to stay faithful to a comic.

In the late eighties, Tim Burton’s “Batman” won over audiences. But again, the “Caped Crusaders” set a standard for superhero movies and shows, saying they needed to be dark and edgy; not even the 1990 “Captain America” movie was immune to that, and that movie went so far as to take several liberties with the character’s mythology, most notably making the Red Skull Italian instead of German.

Luckily, the 1990 “Ninja Turtles” film, while staying closer to the original “grim n’ gritty” comics, still had a sense of fun. This era also saw either recent or original superheroes hit the screens, though some had varying degrees of success like “M.A.N.T.I.S.,” which had the honor of featuring the first black superhero on TV, only be canceled due to meddling on FOX’s part.

Today, superhero films and TV shows seem to have found individual identities for themselves, reflecting the hero they feature. For instance, while “Batman Begins” retains the “Dark Knight’s” gritty feel, “Fantastic Four” knows how to blend superhero action with comedy. While some movies have not had much success in the box office, others dominated it, showing how far they have come.



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Michael Keaton as Batman and Michelle Pfeiffer as Catwoman in Tim Burton’s “Batman Returns” released in 1992.

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Un-caged

Ocelots ride four game winning streak; now 6-1

BY NICK MISIAK
SPORTS EDITOR

With only seven games into the season, the Mens Basketball team continues to exhibit its untamed, talented roster. This time it came against Glen Oaks Community College on Nov. 22 in a blowout turned, nail-biter performance. Freshman guard Ronald Booth made 15 of 16 free throws and freshman forward Marcus Williams came one rebound shy of a double-double when Schoolcraft defeated Glen Oaks Community College 95-85.

Following a trend that is too familiar early this season, Schoolcraft again took a large lead in the first half and backed off of their aggressive style in the second, allowing Glen Oaks to rally from a 25 point deficit to within six points of the Ocelots in just over ten minutes.

The first half was largely dominated by the Ocelots, who committed only five turnovers in the first 20 minutes of play. Freshman forward Marcus Williams had 14 points, and freshman guard DeShawndre Black, who made his season debut, put up 10 points in the first half. Freshman forward Anthony Wartley-Fritz added eight points off the bench in 12 minutes as well, which helped the Ocelots take a 50-36 lead into the half.

The Ocelots seemed to have the game under control with 11:54 to play in the second half after Ja’Christian Biles bedazzled the crowd with a spectacular dunk on a fast break

to widen the Schoolcraft lead to 74-49, but Glen Oaks had some fire left in their game. The Vikings erupted offensively, taking advantage of sloppy Ocelot turnovers and lackadaisical defense to mount a 19-3 run, closing the gap to 81-71. Schoolcraft’s lead was cut to six points (88-82) with just under a minute remaining, but Booth made four consecutive free throws to seal the victory for the Ocelots, who improved to 8-1.

“I thought we were terrific for 32 minutes, we played very well, and we played hard,” said Schoolcraft Head Coach Abe Mashhour. “They need to understand that at this level, guys can make plays. Every guy on the other team’s a good basketball player. That’s why they’re playing at this level.”

Booth had 23 points to lead the Ocelots, and Williams scored 19 points and added nine boards. Biles had 15 points and six rebounds in 22 minutes off the bench to lead the non-starters.

“We could have played better, and we should have won by more,” said Booth. “I was feeling it at the line, and luckily, they kept fouling me, and I kept making my shots.”

Booth scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half bogged down by late fouls. Glen Oaks had 17 personal fouls in the second half, sending the Ocelots to the free throw line 26 times. Schoolcraft converted on 20 of those attempts.

So far this season, the second half of games have been an achilles heel for an otherwise impressive Schoolcraft team. In their earlier wins against Jackson Community College and Lake Michigan, the Ocelots opened the games with sizeable leads and proceeded to slowly let the opponent back into the game, much like the events against Glen Oaks.

“It’s what having freshmen’s all about,” said Mashhour. “Obviously, we’re a very young team, so it takes some learning for them to understand they have to close out games a lot better.”

Freshman guard Christopher Harris led Glen Oaks with 23 points. Sophomore guard Aundreyan Roberts also scored 20 for the Vikings, who fell to 4-1 after the loss.

Ocelots survive scare
Clutch free throw shooting late in the second half by freshman guard Ronald Booth clinched an 85-81 Schoolcraft victory over Lake Michigan in Benton Harbor on Nov. 19.

After shooting 64 percent and taking a 55-34 lead in the first half, the Ocelots struggled to find their rhythm in the second, shooting only 36 percent and almost giving up their 21 point advantage. Lake Michigan pulled to within two points with only 1:44 remaining in the game, but was unable to make shots that would have tied the game or given them the lead.

The Red Hawks began fouling Schoolcraft in the final minute, but Booth made all four of his free throw attempts to ice the game for the Ocelots.

Booth went 6-6 from the stripe in his 23-point performance and shot 7-12 from the floor, including going 3-4 from three-point range. Freshman forward Marcus Williams went 5-8 from behind the arc and

made nine of his 12 field goal attempts to lead the Ocelots with 24 points. Williams also led Schoolcraft in rebounding, recording seven boards.

Sophomore forward Labradford Sebree led Lake Michigan with 24 points and sophomore

guard Alec Brown added 23 points for the Red Hawks, who dropped to 3-2 after the loss.

The Ocelots are on the road on Dec. 10 at Jackson College and return home to face Edison Community College on Sat. Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.



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ABOVE: Freshman forward Ja’Christian Biles goes up for a dunkover Glen Oaks center Jason Starks in the Ocelots 95-85 win on Nov. 22.

LEFT: Schoolcraft defeated Glen Oaks after surviving a close call due to a late 19-3 run by the Vikings.

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SOPHOMORE • WOMENS BASKETBALL AND SOCCER

BY NICK MISIAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Being a multi-sport athlete is a difficult measure. Excelling at two sports at a collegiate level is an even more daunting challenge. A dual-sport athlete must be able to transition quickly between different skill sets and perform at a high level in both sports mentally and physically. Schoolcraft sophomore Jessica Parry is one of the few multi-sport collegiate athletes.

Parry began playing soccer when she was five years old and instantly fell in love with the sport. She excelled at soccer and played on several different elite teams before playing for her high school, Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford.

“When I was younger, all I did was play soccer. I loved it, and I practiced every day. I had no life when I was nine, ten; all I did was play soccer,” said Parry

In sixth grade, Parry began playing basketball for her school as a sort of distraction to playing soccer all of the time. She began to excel in basketball, and she joined Our Lady of the Lakes’s basketball team.

“I discovered basketball when I got into sixth grade, and I liked it,” said Parry. “It gave me something else to do besides play soccer all of the time.”

For the past two seasons, Parry has played soccer and basketball

for Schoolcraft and has had success with both programs.

This past fall, Parry served as a co-captain on the women’s soccer team and was tied for third on the team with three goals. She played a vital role in the Ocelots’ run to the District XII Regional Final, tallying a goal in the season finale against Lake Michigan to secure the Ocelots their third straight MCCAAC Conference championship. Parry was First Team All NJCAA Region 12 this past season as well.

As a captain on the soccer team, she wanted to lead on and off the field, so she led in the classroom and on the field at practice. She was our center mid, which means that she controlled our offense and how it ran,” said freshman teammate and former Player of the Edition Erin McDonald. “She loved soccer so much and she wanted to spread that passion with all of her teammates.”

Parry also assisted on one of freshman Shae van Gassen’s three goals in Schoolcraft’s 4-1 rout of Jackson Community College in the Regional Semifinal game. In her Schoolcraft career (28 games), Parry has logged 7 goals, 10 assists and had a shot to goal percentage of 14.9 percent.

As a member of the women’s basketball team during the 2013-14 season, Parry started in 17 of

24 games, averaging 26 minutes a game on the court. Parry shot 35.9 percent from the floor and averaged 6.4 points per game. This season, she has only appeared in three games due to limitations caused by lower back injuries, but is still averaging 2.3 points per game and is shooting 33.3 percent on the year.

“Jessica is definitely one of our leaders this year, and she is one of our hardest workers,” said Schoolcraft’s womens basketball head coach Kara Kizner. “I have fun coaching her along with all of the girls, but she always stands out with her work ethic.”

Being a dual sport athlete has academic requirements as well, as students must take 12 credit hours a semester and carry a 2.0 GPA or above to be deemed eligible for competition. Parry not only has met these standards in her tenure at Schoolcraft, but has excelled in the classroom; a qualified honor student maintaining a 3.7 GPA. Currently, Parry is studying to become a veterinarian or marine biologist and wants to transfer to the University of Tampa or Eckers University in Florida to continue her studies and hopefully her soccer career.

Parry endures a non-stop lifestyle between school and sports, and she excels in the classroom, on the field and on the court.



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ABOVE: Parry flies across the field as she begins to set up the Ocelots offensive attack on Sept. 13 in a game against Cincinnati State.

BELOW: Parry goes up for a layup against a Lake Land (IL) defender at home on Nov. 8.



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As a fierce competitor on both the field and the court, Parry has earned the respect of many opposing coaches and players due to her passionate play.

Q&A WITH JESSICA PARRY

Q: Briefly describe the life of a dual sport college athlete.

A: You’re on a schedule all of the time, which I love, so I stay disciplined. I go to school, and I go to practice, so it’s not really a new thing when you go from one sport to the next. That’s what I really like about it. It always gives you something to do; you’re always busy, and there’s no down time, which sometimes is a bummer, but you get to do what you love.

Q: What was it like being on the women’s soccer team this past season?

A: It was a lot of fun. We had a great squad this year. Everyone was focused; everyone was 100 percent in. I love the team. The girls were great. Everyone worked hard and was all in, but unfortunately, we didn’t win. We were like sisters though; we were always there for each other.

Q: What is the transition from soccer to basketball like?

A: The first two weeks are always the toughest. In high school, I used to do the same thing, so I’m a little used to it. Obviously you’re going from feet to hands, so that’s a little hard. In soccer, you’re allowed to hit people down, and in basketball, you have to watch it and be less physical, so I have to be aggressive in a different way.

Q: How is it playing on the women’s basketball team this season?

A: This year compared to last year, we are scrappers. We go for everything, we work hard and we have fun at practice. We goof around, but we still get the job done. The starting five have great chemistry.



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ABOVE: Parry secures a rebound in Schoolcraft’s 75-64 win against Mid Michigan on Dec. 3.

BELOW: Parry had 7 goals and 10 assists in her two seasons on the women’s soccer team.



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“T” Party

Nesbitt’s third straight double-double helps Ocelots sink Lakers

BY NICK MISIAK
SPORTS EDITOR

T’era Nesbitt’s 25 points and 11 rebounds led an Ocelot offensive attack that featured three scorers in double digits as the Schoolcraft women’s basketball team overcame a slow start and foul trouble early to win its fourth home game this season, downing Mid Michigan Community College 75-64 on Wed. Dec. 3.

Mid Michigan came into the game with only one blemish on their record, losing the only game of their season against Delta College 87-77.

Good defense and an accurate offense that shot well early contributed to an early 17-9 lead for the Lakers, who had several scoring opportunities close to the basket.

“I was literally waiting for the team to wake up,” said Schoolcraft head coach Kara Kinzer. “I was waiting for them to wake up on defense because it’s kind of what gets us up and going in games so I was just waiting for them to kick it in gear a little bit.”

Despite the shaky start, Nesbitt and freshman guard Ashley Bland continued to grind, making a series of plays to shift the momentum back into the Ocelots favor. Nesbitt drove the lane between two Mid Michigan defenders for a lay up, and Bland drained a three pointer on the next Ocelot possession to bring Schoolcraft to within one at 20-19.

Nesbitt scored 13 in the half and had another impressive layup with six seconds remaining to strengthen the Ocelot lead to 38-30 at half-time.

Early foul trouble gave Mid Michigan the bonus with 8:43 remaining in the half, but Schoolcraft tightened down defensively and only fouled the Lakers twice the rest of the half.

Schoolcraft came out to begin the second half looking much more energized, and began to look much more comfortable with their offensive schemes. The Ocelots began to find holes in Mid Michigan’s defense, and began to run away with the game.

A 9-2 run to begin the half put the Ocelots up 15, and their lead never fell below ten until late in the game when the outcome was already decided.

“The team helped me out a lot. They encouraged me to do better” said Nesbitt. “Every body encourages every one to do better. You’ve got your team, and if you put them up they’ll help you out.”

Nesbitt was the offensive backbone for the Ocelots, shooting 8-16 from the floor for 25 points and added 11 rebounds to lead the Ocelots offensively. Bland fell one rebound shy of a double-double herself with 22 points and nine boards.

The win improves the Ocelots to 6-3 on the season, while Mid Michigan drops only their second game, falling to 6-2.

OCELOTS 1-1 IN TURKEY TROT

On Nov. 29, the Schoolcraft Womens Basketball team snapped their three game losing streak with a 66-45 victory over Edison Community College (OH) in the consolation game of the Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Tournament held in Kalamazoo.

Only five Schoolcraft players scored in the game, but four of them put up more than 15 points in the winning effort. Freshman guard Elise Tolbert had 16 points and 13 rebounds, freshman guard Ashley Bland had 17 points, freshman guard T’era Nesbitt had 15 points and sophomore forward Sara Gammons had 16 points and seven assists. Sophomore guard Jessica Parry scored the other two points for the Ocelots.

Sophomore Center Aaliyah Wise led Edison with 16 points, and freshman guard Brooke Dunlevy committed 14 turnovers to contribute to the Chargers second half demise.

The previous day, Owens Community College (16) dominated on Nov. 28 against Schoolcraft, riding sophomore forward LaKayra Carlisle’s 17 point, 14 rebound performance in a 75-55 victory over the Ocelots in the first round of the Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Tournament.



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ABOVE: Freshman forward T’era Nesbitt drives towards the basket for two of her 25 points against Mid Michigan on Dec. 3.

BELOW: Freshman guard Elise Tolbert goes up for a shot over a Glen Oaks player on Nov. 22.



T’era Nesbitt scored 18 in the losing effort, and Ashley Bland had 14 points. The two were the only Ocelots to score in double figures. Both were only one rebound away from recording a double-double.

Freshman guard Sierra Harley put up 16 points and six rebounds for Owens, and sophomore guard Ashley Tunstall added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Express.

OCELOTS NIPPED BY ONE POINT

In a tight and highly competitive game, Schoolcraft was unable to rally from an early deficit and lost to Glen Oaks Community College 51-50 at home on Sat. Nov. 22.

The Ocelots are on the road on Wed. Dec. 10 against Jackson College before returning home on Sat. Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. to face Edison for the second time this season.

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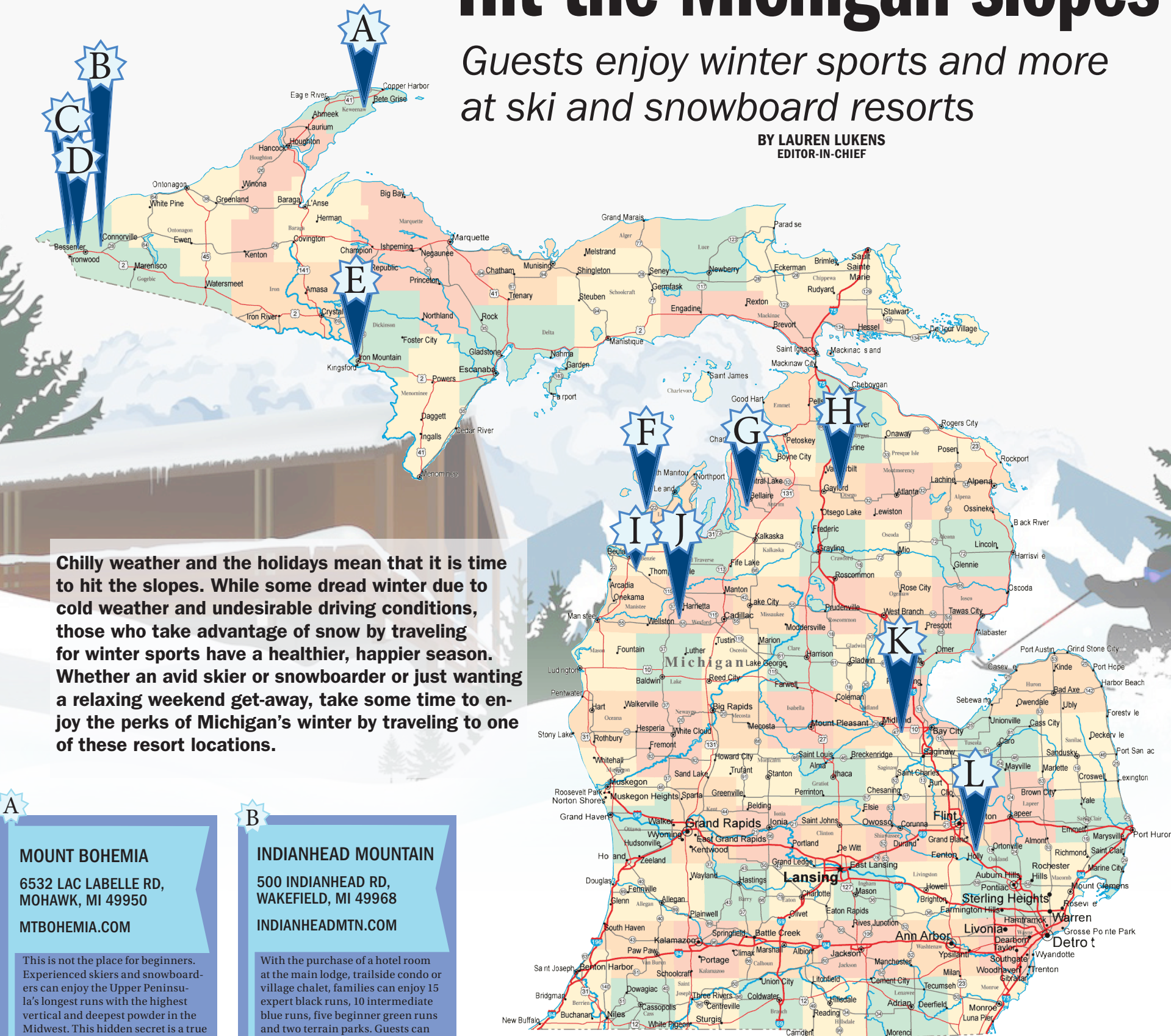
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BY LAUREN LUKENS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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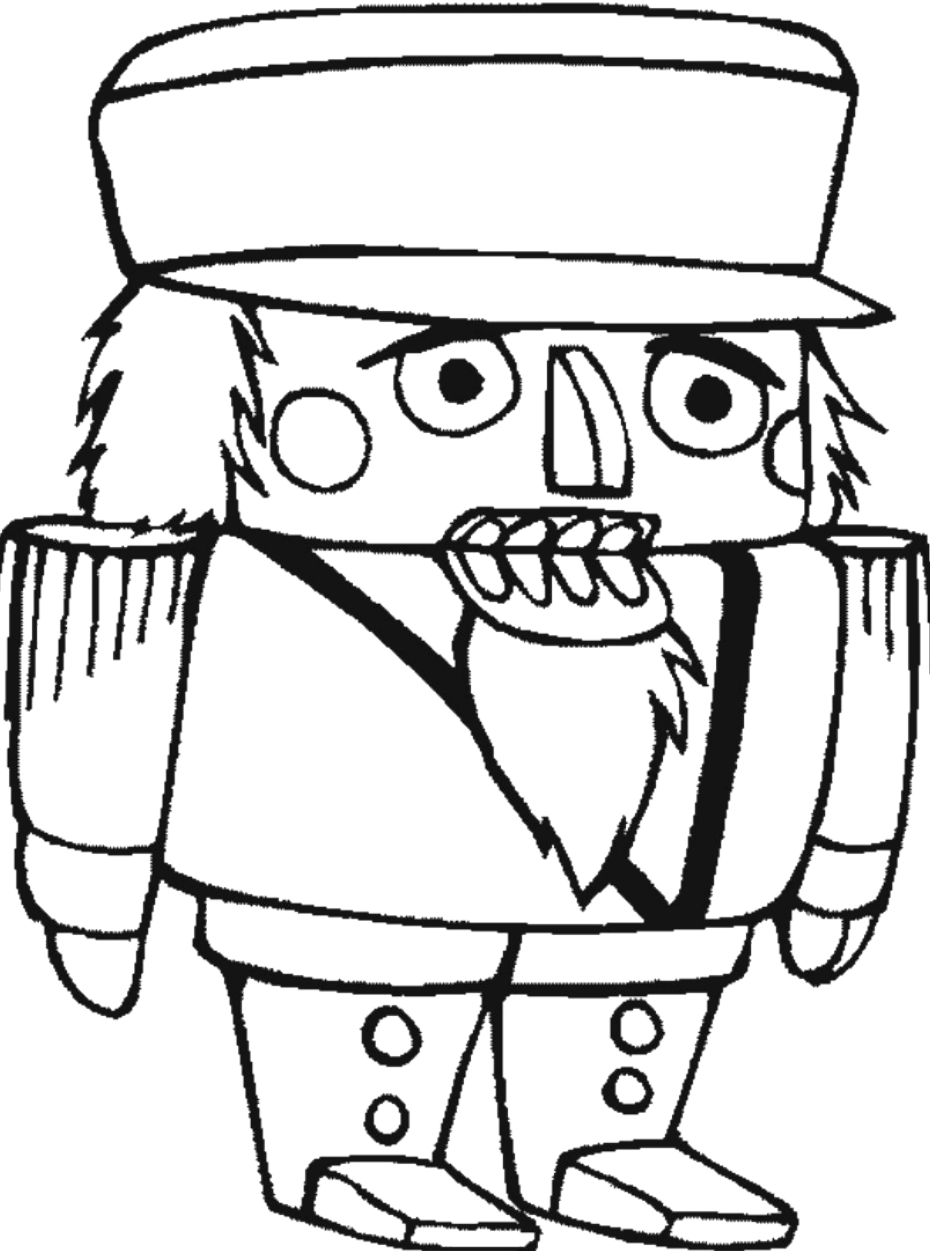


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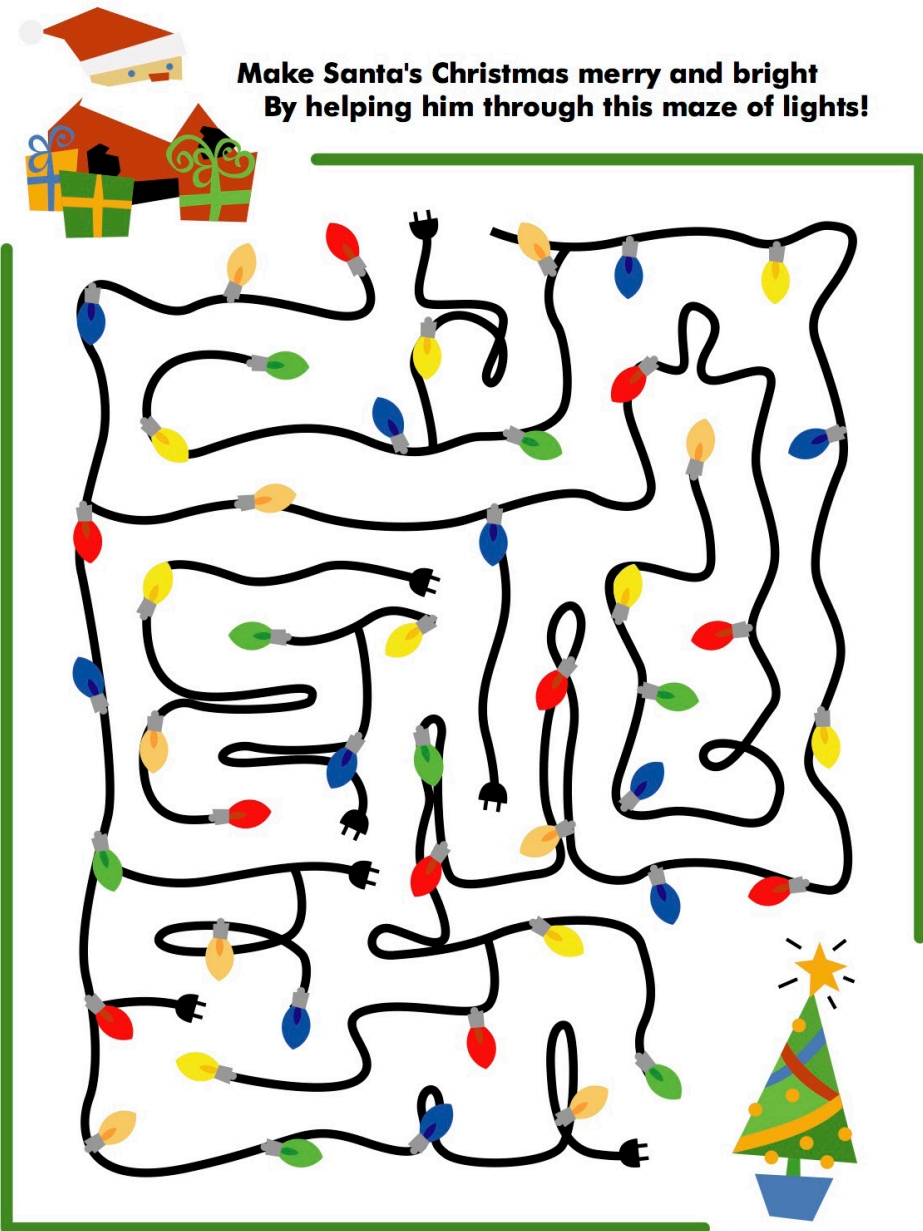


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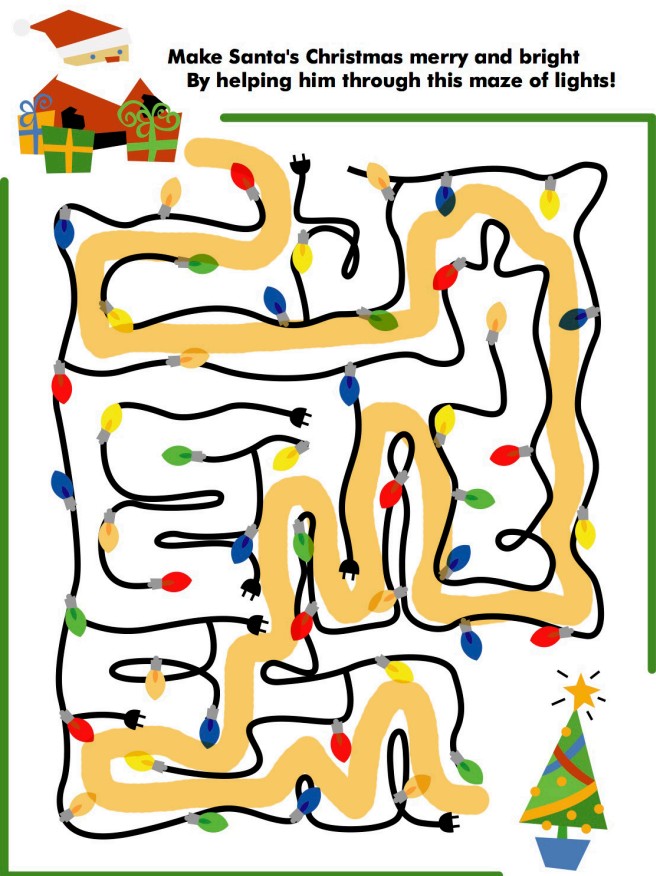


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Diversions answer key



HAPPY HOLIDAYS WORD SEARCH



- See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.
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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Happy | 5. Family | 9. Shopping | 13. Santa |
| 2. Holidays | 6. Friends | 10. Candy canes | 14. Songs |
| 3. Christmas | 7. Presents | 11. Cookies | 15. Movies |
| 4. Vacation | 8. Decorations | 12. Milk | 16. Fun |

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Career Actions

Specific

Research and find a
specific field that you would
like to pursue a career in.

What career field are you interested in?

Measurable

Track your progress toward
achieving this goal and
evaluate your performance.

How would you measure your progress?

Attainable

Define your resources and
be conscious of your
capabilities.
CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

What skills do you have/need?

How will you attain these skills?

Realistic

Can you imagine yourself
pursuing this career?
Is it reachable?

What activities are you engaged in that
will help you grow?

Time bound

Pace yourself in achieving
this goal. Work towards
accomplishing the goal by a
set time.

What is your expected time frame?

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