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National champion

*Freshman Wilkewitz claims NJCAA Division III
National Cross Country Championship*

BY JAMES PAXSON
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It feels good to be number one, if you ask freshman Cross Country runner Eric Wilkewitz.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, in Canandaigua, New York, freshman Eric Wilkewitz won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Men's Cross Country National Championship by finishing the 8k course with a time of 29:11.40, beating the second place finisher, Noah Reilly from Ocean (NJ) County College by 15 seconds. As Wilkewitz approached the finish line he raised his arms in the air and smiled from ear to ear, making history the whole way. Schoolcraft College now can add to the list of athletic accomplishments that they have their first ever National Champion Cross Country runner.

"We were all ecstatic for Eric because he got stronger as the race went on and we didn't entertain any thought that he wouldn't become first," said Cross Country Coach Wright Wilson.

This race was 8,000-meter race (Just shy of five miles) and had qualifying runners from all over the country represented. The race started with Wilkewitz taking a huge lead on his competitors within the first two miles, building his confidence that he could win the race. As the meet continued he suffered

a what could have been a catastrophic setback by falling halfway into the race and having to play catch up if he was to have of chance at winning it all.

"Around 2.5 miles I let some runners get ahead of me so I could catch up and these runners could take me along, and then after a series of very fortunate events I was in third heading to the last leg of the race," said Wilkewitz.

"When I passed that finish line the moment was just so surreal and one of the best moments of my life. All I remember is hearing the announcer say my name and saying I was the National Champion."

— Eric Wilkewitz

Now situated in the middle of the group of collegiate runners there seemed to be little hope for Wilkewitz until he got a giant boost heading down a hill. The Ocelots lone representative got the boost he needed and found himself back into first place entering he last mile of the course. Never looking back, Wilkewitz ran the last length

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Wilkewitz is still enjoying the life of being a national champion winner.

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Food for fines *Annual canned food drive to benefit college*

BY QUINN STORM
NEWS EDITOR

With the holidays right around the corner, it's important for people everywhere to remember to be kind, generous and loving to their friends, family, neighbors and strangers that they encounter. There is almost no better way to do that than by donating time, money, food or presents to those in need. Here at Schoolcraft, the Bradner Library is making it easy for students to

provide necessary resources to those who could really use it by hosting a food drive from Nov. 7 to Jan. 31.

"I think it's the time of the year where I like to encourage people to help out any way they can to people who may need some additional help. We thought it would be a good time for the library to get involved in this because a lot of times during the holidays there are, across campus, different efforts of people having drives- toy drives, clothes

drives that type of thing. So it's a nice way to contribute to campus and to help people out," said Wayne Pricer, a Reference Librarian for the Bradner Library.

What would the holidays be without food, presents and love? Luckily, many people don't have to worry about a lack of those things. But there are people that one encounters every day who are struggling, without anyone around them knowing. This food drive is collecting any undamaged

and non-expired canned food items to donate to the Schoolcraft food pantry where students in need are able to go to twice a month to collect food items they may need.

While the library is doing this to help people out, they are also allowing a "forgiveness" of fines for those who donate. Each donation is worth a one-dollar credit. So for example, if one forgot to return a book for a few days and had a three-dollar fine, they would be able to donate three canned

goods to pay their fine off. This forgiveness is not applicable to lost or damaged items, only late fees.

"I think it's a great idea to be able to redirect the funds to the food pantry. I think it's a wonderful opportunity to give back to our students," said Dr. Deborah Daiek, Dean of Education and Learning Support Services.

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News briefs



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LOCAL

The boys are back in town

Detroit has been home to the major Detroit sport teams over the past three decades except for one team. The Detroit Pistons were the only team to not have their stadium located in downtown Detroit due to them hosting their home games at the Palace of Auburn Hills. However, on Tuesday, Nov. 22, the Pistons announced they would be relocating to the newly built Little Caesars Arena, where both the Red Wings and Pistons will play. This will be the first time in over 40 years that all four major sport teams will play in downtown. This also puts Detroit as the only city in the country with all four sports teams playing within four blocks of each other.

STATE

Under the deep blue sea

Although Michigan has been given many nicknames such as "The Mitten," "America's High Five" and "Winter Wonderland" no other nickname holds true to Michigan than "The Great Lake State." The lakes have been home for families on vacation, fisherman and ice skating, they also hold great wonders. Over in Lake Ontario two divers, Jim Kennard and Roger Pawlowski, discovered a 144-year old shipwreck. The ship is believed to be the Black Duck, a 51-foot shallow-draft scow-sloop that sank in August 1872. The two divers have set across some of the Great Lakes to discover other shipwrecks such as the sloop Washington and the schooner Royal Albert. Although no treasure was found on the ship, coal and general merchandise were discovered beneath the water.

NATIONAL

Guns, knives and cars! Oh my!

On Nov. 28 at approximately 10 a.m. the Ohio State University was put under lockdown due to students being targeted in an attack. According to CBSnews.com witnesses claimed that students in the Watts Science building were being stabbed after a car had crashed into the side of the structure. Another witness then stated that as the students were being escorted out of the building, a gray car was waiting to intentionally run down the students. Although the police were initially called to reports of gunshots, they believe that there was more to this attack than just a gunman firing off a weapon. As of Nov. 28 nine students have been transported to the hospital, and local authorities neutralized one of the victims.

The language of learning

ESL program enhances Schoolcraft

BY QUINN STORM
NEWS EDITOR

Schoolcraft always strives to create a positive atmosphere for students, staff, faculty and the community surrounding it. Being a community college, all their hard work and effort goes back to the community and affects everyone around them. Whether it's programs for senior citizens, banquets or specialized programs, Schoolcraft is always working to enhance lives. The English as a Second Language, or ESL, program is a very good example of this. This program offers both credit and noncredit courses, taught in sequence with one another, in an attempt to teach English language, writing and culture to those who struggle with it or come from different backgrounds.

"I think that its benefit to the community is that people who become more comfortable with English are more involved in the community and become more active community members. They're more likely to be involved in community organizations, their children's schools or activities in the community. So,

all of that is building community and building relationships," said Leslie Petty, the Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development.

The ESL program offers both credit and noncredit courses to accommodate the student. Before entering the program, each student takes a placement test in the McDowell Center and is then, based on their score, placed in a certain level of the ESL program. There are five levels and after the fifth level it is assumed that the student is well prepared to go off into the world or perhaps into other classes and be confident in their English abilities. These tests are scored numerically from 25 to 119. A score range from 25 to 50 puts students in level one, scoring between 51 to 70 puts students in level two, between 71 to 90 is level three, 91 to 114 is level four and 115 to 119 is level five. These levels include classes for reading, vocabulary, grammar, speaking, listening and conversation.

"To Schoolcraft, I think it gives wonderful exposure to the families. Not only to students, but by extension to families. They see

the school as an environment where they're welcome, where there's a community for them to improve themselves, it's very friendly and then they can see all the degrees and all the other things we have too. They know that this is an opportunity for them," said Ann Prenger of the noncredit English as second language program, Continuing Education and Professional Development Faculty member.

The credit aspect of the program is able to give students the opportunity to further their schooling and career, whether this schooling is going to go forth at Schoolcraft, another community college or a four-year institute. To help with the learning, there is an ESL lab in the McDowell Center, MC 011, which may be used for additional assistance or any reinforcements of skills. Also, there are student tutor stationed in the lab who work to help international and local students to go over lessons learned or to help coach them in their skills.

"The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Schoolcraft College is committed to providing high quality English language instruction and support to prepare non-native En-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANN PRENGER

Ann Prenger, of the non-credit ESL program courses, helps students grow through learning English and American culture.

glish speakers to successfully achieve their personal, academic, and professional goals in a global society. The ESL Bridge Program enables international students to attend Schoolcraft College and prepare for their academic studies," said Dr. Dennis K. Genig, the Associate Dean of Education Program and Instructional Administrator of the ESL program.

Any individuals interested in the ESL program or learning more about both credit and non-credit courses offered may contact the Continuing Education and Professional Development Center located inside the Jeffress Center, or call at (734) 462-4448.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILSON WRIGHT

Wilkewitz won the race by 15 seconds after being down for the majority of the race. He finished the 8 kilometer race in 29:11.40.

National champion

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of the race with a lead of over 10 seconds and continued to gain leverage on the second place finisher (Noah Reilly from Ocean (NJ) County College) until finally crossing the finish line.

In addition to capturing first place in Division III, Wilkewitz also received the prestigious First Team All-American honors for the 2016 NJCAA Division III Cross Country season on November 15. The moment of intense surrealism was the highlight of Wilkewitz Cross Country career.

"When I passed that finish line the moment was just so surreal and one of the best moments of my life. All I remember is hearing

the announcer say my name and saying I was the National Champion," said Wilkewitz.

Wilkewitz is a graduate of Woodhaven High School and started doing track and field back in eighth grade only because a buddy put him up to it. He then later in high school fell in love with cross country and like his other sports wanted to excel to his greatest ability as a runner and teammate.

During this season Wilkewitz led the Men's team by finishing at the top of all the races besides two he was scheduled to participate in. Earlier in the season he had a disqualification by getting injured during a meet.

Next season Wilkewitz plans to transfer to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He will be studying engineering and will attempt to join U of M Dearborn's cross country team and try to break records at the University level.

Food for fines

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This program, ongoing since 2007 has provided many students the opportunity to have their mind's put to ease on how they're going to receive food, and that's a wonderful thing. Especially during the busy holiday season, one shouldn't worry about when they're going to get food next.


"I think it shows that the library is being community minded about things. We want to help the community; we want to help the students out if we can. I think it's a wonderful idea because we can help the community and the student at the same time," said Kristin Keyes, a Bradner Library librarian.

Anyone interested in donating to the food drive or getting more information on the event is welcome to go to the Bradner Library to ask questions. The library can also be reached by calling (734) 462-4440.



PHOTO BY MIKEY CEBULSKI | PHOTO EDITOR

Jay Solanki, a Schoolcraft student, participates in the food drive and filling the food pantry on Schoolcraft's campus.



campus CRIME

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Filching food

On Nov. 7, a Campus Security Police officer was called to Henry's food court in a

case of a subject stealing food. The suspect was reported stealing hash browns with cheese, sausage and bacon. The suspect was reportedly a black male, 6', with hair that had been shaved on the sides and taller on the top.

The man was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with gray sweatpants. The total of his theft came out to \$5.08, and instead of paying at the cash register he exited the serving area. The witness also reported that previously the suspect had failed to pay his bill of \$5.40 for an order of French toast, muffin and bacon. The surveillance cameras located the suspect walking through the Lower Waterman and the Forum, all while carrying his

container of food. After that, though, campus security was not able to locate the suspect.

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Un-news-ual

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As the holiday season quickly approaches families across the world are getting ready to hear reindeer hooves walking above their heads as Santa Claus arrives to bring them Christmas presents. However, this year, it might not be Santa being lead by Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer to make deliveries. Across the world in

Japan, Michigan made company Domino's Pizza has started to train reindeer to make pizza deliveries to residents as the snow begins to fall.

While Domino's has been known to test out different forms of delivering pizzas such as drones and the new Domino's DXP transport car that has a built in oven, the new form of delivery seems to have it's drawbacks.

During the video that was released by the branch in Japan, employees are shown in an empty parking lot with


reindeer that have pizzas attached to their backs as well as sleighs strapped to them. The video also shows employees leading the reindeers around the lot with some difficult such as the boxes falling off the animal's back as well as the animal running a lot faster than the humans.

Domino's has taken measures to protect the animals in use by recording their progress via smartphone. The animals are monitored on a map as well as having their faces videotaped in order to

make sure that they are not being mistreated in any way. The team is also working with the Research of Hokkaido in order to assure the safety of the animals.

Although the delivery method seems conventional and unorthodox, it also provides an alternative to regular transportation that is more eco-friendly as well as safer without the risk of auto-collisions. Domino's is still working on the logistics of just exactly how successful

the reindeer will be, but with any luck, Rudolph will save the day again.





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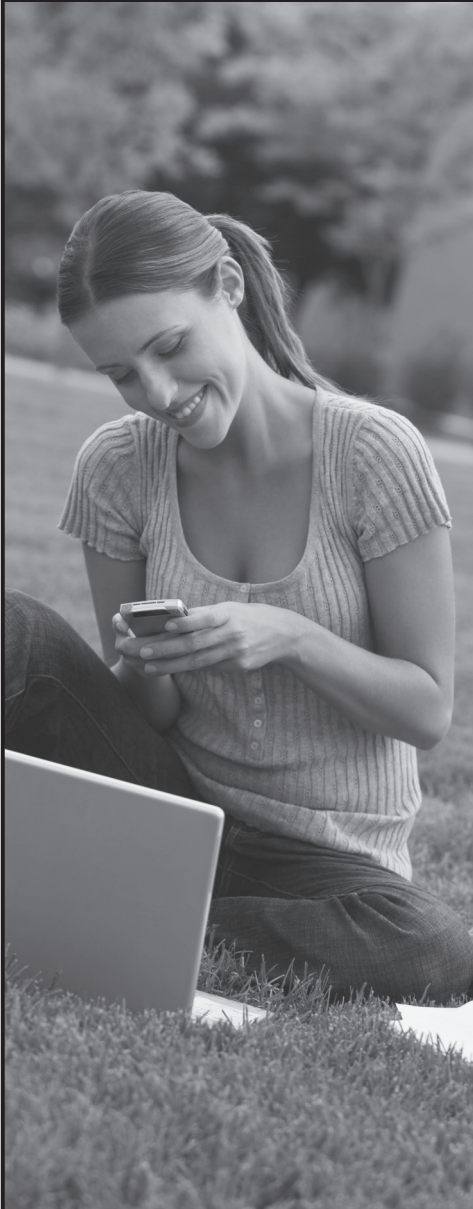
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-EDITORIAL-

Most wonderful time of the year

The best activities of the season

By The Schoolcraft
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The end of October through the beginning of January is some of the best and worst times of the year depending on whom one asks. It is cold and bleak some days, but yet a world of winter wonderland on other days. This is the time of year for holidays and celebrations as well as coming together for many. With the year coming to an end many opportunities are offered and enjoying the holidays and the winter season is just a few. Some of the best ways are through decorating, ice skating, spreading holiday cheer and enjoying the new winter sports.

Nothing sets more of a Christmas mood than lights on the trees around town. So naturally, lighting one's own house, decorating the tree and sprinkling fake snow around the Christmas decorations in one's own house is a love-

ly feeling. From putting tinsel on the tree to the train that runs around the perimeter, the twinkle lights reflect perfectly onto the small Christmas village that was so eloquently placed on the mantel in the living room. No matter whether one's house is all red and green or white and silver, the Christmas colors and decorations set a mood of love and peace for the holiday season.

While many see winter as a harsh, grueling season it is also a season full of unrecognized romance. Couples looking for fun things to do can go to downtown Detroit and ice skate at the famous Campus Martius ice rink and enjoy a relaxing cup of hot cocoa. If spending the day in Detroit isn't exactly appealing, couples can find their nearest neighborhood hill and engage in sledding, snowboarding, snowball fights or whatever other cute activities they can think of. However, baking

Christmas cookies, decorating the Christmas tree or even cuddling up next to a fire and watching Netflix are some perfect ways to waste the day away inside as well.

Most people get cooped up inside their homes or go shopping rather than be outside during the cold season. There are others who find that the best activities are done in the winter with the snow and ice on the ground. A fun sport people play outside on the ice is "pond hockey." Pond Hockey is where people who barely know how to skate and very good hockey players come together to play outside in the cold. It gives a competitive thrill to the season and can bring friends old and new together.

Being jolly and merry during the holiday season is best expressed in song. Christmas-time is notorious for its holiday-themed music, giving people purpose to serenade. Although it has declined in popularity, Christmas caroling is undoubtedly the best holiday activity to partake in. It gives

individuals the opportunity to spread joy and the Christmas spirit to those surrounding them. The most gratifying aspect of caroling is it promotes not only the spirit of song, but also the importance of friends and family. Although caroling has decreased in popularity, individuals should make more of an effort to revive this somewhat forgotten holiday tradition.

A classic and timeless way to spend a nice winter day is to go ice-skating. Plenty of outdoor rinks open up this time of year for the public to enjoy. Renting skates or pulling out one's own from the closet and coming together with all ages and all levels creates a sense of fun and adventure. One never knows what fun the day will hold.

The holiday season no matter what activities one decides to do is a magical time to be spent with friends and family. It offers endless possibilities to engage one's day either indoors or outdoors and get the most of the wintertime and holiday spirit while it is here. Meet new people, volunteer, spend time with family or get together with friends and spread the holiday cheer.

Prepare yourselves...winter is coming



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Winter is the best
season in Michigan

"The Mitten" is more than just a nickname for the state of Michigan; although it was based on the shape of the state, residents know just how eventful Michigan can be around winter. Whether it is dealing with the snow that is bound to fall every year to learning to drive on the roads, Michiganders often find themselves complaining about the harsh environment that surrounds them for months on end. However, people seem to forget just how magical Michigan winters can be.

Comparing summer to winter, winter wins hands down. While summer does bring fun activities like swimming and having barbeques, winter offers just as much, if not more activities to do. While going to the beach and swimming may be fun, many residents find themselves sunburnt and exhausted by the time they return home. During the winter, individuals can forget about the

risk of being burnt by the sun by engaging in other fun outdoor activities. Families across the state will venture out to the nearest hill they can find and go sledding, snowboarding, tubing or any other exhilarating way they can think of to get down the hill. Once families are done racing down the hill they can go and enjoy a nice warm cup of hot chocolate that is more comforting than a tall glass of lemonade.

Another aspect that people overlook in Michigan is the pure beauty of the blankets of snow that cover the trees and lakes of the state. There is nothing more beautiful than waking up the morning after a snowfall and opening the curtains to see diamond like shining coming from all around. The way the snow looks when

it's untouched is incomparable than any other sight in the state. Seeing the lakes across Michigan frozen over and the Christmas lights that shimmer on the reflection of the snow are awe inspiring to say the least.

Maybe one of the most important aspects of winter that is underappreciated is the quality family time that is involved during the season. Winter brings holidays like Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years for families to celebrate together. There is nothing better than family members coming together for the holidays catching up with each other, bonding and laughing all at the same time. Family is entirely underrated these days due to the fact that the modern generation is always looking

for the next step instead of living in the moment. But with the upcoming season, people are given the chance to sit down and appreciate the time they have with their family. Time is only borrowed, so the winter season gives families the option to truly spend time with each other and cherish the memories they make instead of the possessions they have.

Winter gives people the ability to do so much more than they realize whether it is spending time with family, engaging in fun outdoor activities or simply cuddling up around the fire and relaxing. If someone is to sit down and compare each season to winter, they could truly see just how special the season in Michigan can be.

World of uncertainty



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Where women will stand under President Trump

For the many issues that women face in modern day America the preferred candidate for most was certainly Hillary Clinton, unfortunately we are faced with Mr. Donald Trump as the official president elect instead. This means a world of uncertainty for many when it comes to knowing what lies in the future for the advancement of

women's issues. Many policies on the campaign either have changed multiple times, were never addressed or remain skeptical because there has not been any real plan reported. This leaves a looming cloud of darkness over many who fear the future will be sliding backward instead of moving forward.

One of the most argued debates on both sides of the aisle in Congress as well as for presidents and across America is abortion rights and women's health insurance regarding topics of prenatal care, birth control, maternity leave and child health care cost. These are immensely important, as they can be some of the most expensive and vital aspects of a women's health. Trump has agreed that these are extremely important and he plans to focus on these issues yet flip flops on de-

cisions without giving a real answer to keep the minds of females at ease. His position on abortions is clear. Unless they are for those involved in a rape, incest or when the mother's life is endangered, they will be completely banned. He also supports bans on abortions after 20 weeks no matter the case.

He wants to make it a main priority to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act ("Obama Care") as well. This act has made it possible for millions of uninsured women to receive health care coverage that includes birth control and prenatal care. In addition to this, Trump and many republicans who now hold control of the House and Senate have mentioned that the war on shutting down Planned Parenthood and all funding for it as well will finally come to an

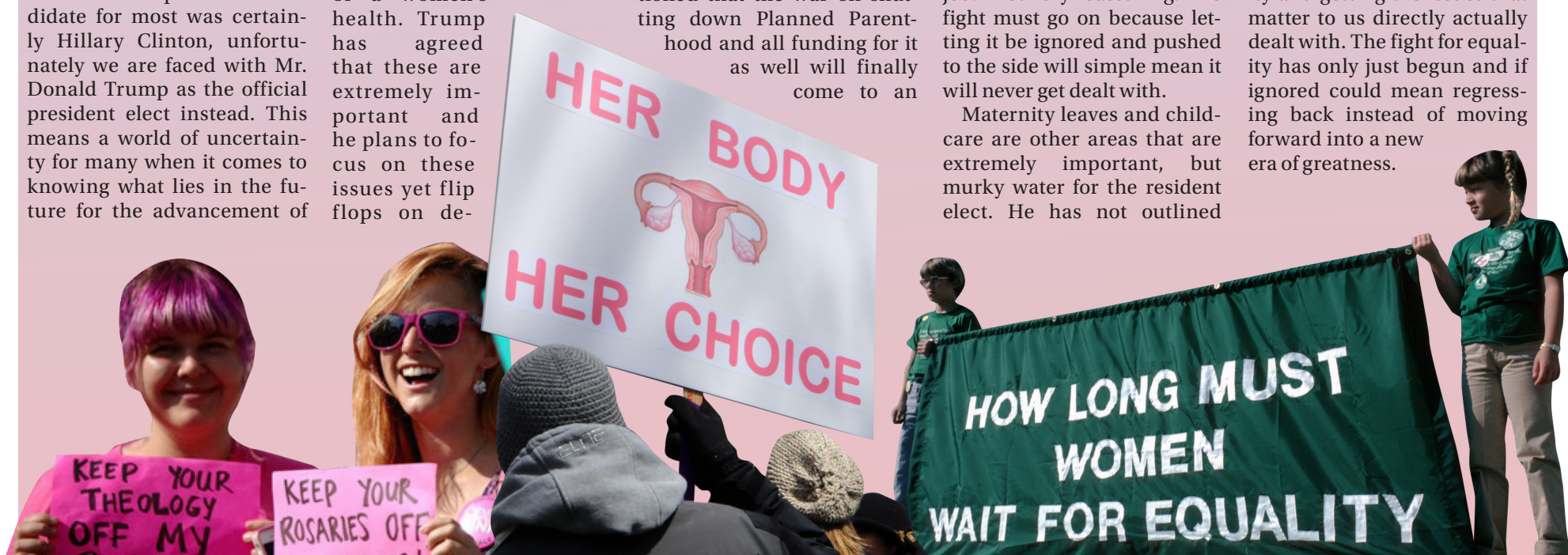
end. That is because they plan on doing exactly that, shutting it down and using those funds for who knows what else and no one has offered any sort of back up plan to replace the services of Obama Care or Planned Parenthood. This could leave many women not being able to afford any sort of prenatal care to care for their fetus or birth control to prevent pregnancy from occurring in situations when it is undesired or economically unsound.

Women are now being told that choices that involve their own body are being taken away, but also probably will not see equal pay anytime soon either. Yet again, there is no plan for actually enforcing women to receive equal pay as men besides comments from Trump of, "You're gonna make the same if you do as good a job." Not very reassuring. The fight must go on because letting it be ignored and pushed to the side will simple mean it will never get dealt with.

Maternity leaves and childcare are other areas that are extremely important, but murky water for the resident elect. He has not outlined

any policy proposal to ease the crushing burden of childcare cost for American families, which can at times be more expensive than rent and food. He has even hinted with statements that he thinks it is a good idea to create, but isn't the responsibility of the government, or saying he basically isn't going to deal with it. One guarantee we can look towards is that a woman will be proposed six weeks guaranteed maternity leave, but family leave will need to be discussed, when America is the only major country in the world without policies regarding this issue.

Trump will be President and that is a fact everyone has to deal with, but be wary of what policies he actually will try to ensue. Women now more than ever need to continue hard and strong the fight for equality and getting the issues that matter to us directly actually dealt with. The fight for equality has only just begun and if ignored could mean regressing back instead of moving forward into a new era of greatness.



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With the President Elect, Mr. Trump, what will happen to women's healthcare rights and other issues that women have fought so hard for are virtually unknown.

Ho-Ho-Horrible



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Christmas music doesn't need to start so soon

Contrary to the popular opinion that goes along with the belief that Christmas music starts too early I am not a Grinch. However, Christmas music shouldn't be circulating the day after Halloween. Of course, "All I Want For Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey is a jam and a timeless classic, but that doesn't mean it should be played on Nov. 1.

Fact: there are 54 days between Nov. 1 and Dec. 25. This breaks down to 1,269 hours,

or 77,760 minutes. Assuming each song is four minutes long, that's time for 19,440 songs. Now, that seems like a lot of songs and a lot of possibilities. But, according to an investigation by Aaron Daubman, where this man looked into Spotify's music catalog for Christmas music, Bing Crosby alone has 22,382 Christmas songs (musicmachinery.com). How is this possible? This accounts for the millions of remixes, covers and replays of Bing Crosby's original Christmas music.

Basically, this means that there isn't as much differentiating between songs as one thinks. Christmas stations recirculate song after song throughout the season to the point where they are irritating. If one thinks about it, not playing Christmas music until Dec. 1 gives radio stations 43,200 minutes less to annoy listeners with the same music over and over again. This way, people will truly be in the Christmas spirit for the whole month of December. People may even miss the music by

the time it's gone on Dec. 26.

Getting into the Christmas spirit is the whole point of playing the music, of course everyone understands that. But how are people expected to get into the loving spirit of Christmas if hearing its music makes them annoyed? Perhaps the Christmas season would be more enjoyable and loving if people didn't dread listening to the music of the season the day after Halloween.

Christmas separately instead of overshadowing one in an attempt to rush to the other.

By Dec. 1, people everywhere are dreading turning on their radios and hearing more of the same old- same old. Realistically, if radio stations wanted to entrance their listeners they would play into what they want to hear. What they want to hear in November are the new hit songs coming out, not the same, boring music that they play every year.

All around, even though certain songs are fantastic (ie. any Mariah Carey or Michael Bublé Christmas album) there is a time and a place for them to be played. The time is Dec. 1, not Nov. 1.

Not to mention, playing the music too early completely skips over the Thanksgiving season. Extending the whole season of giving and love would be increased if everyone were able to celebrate Thanksgiving and

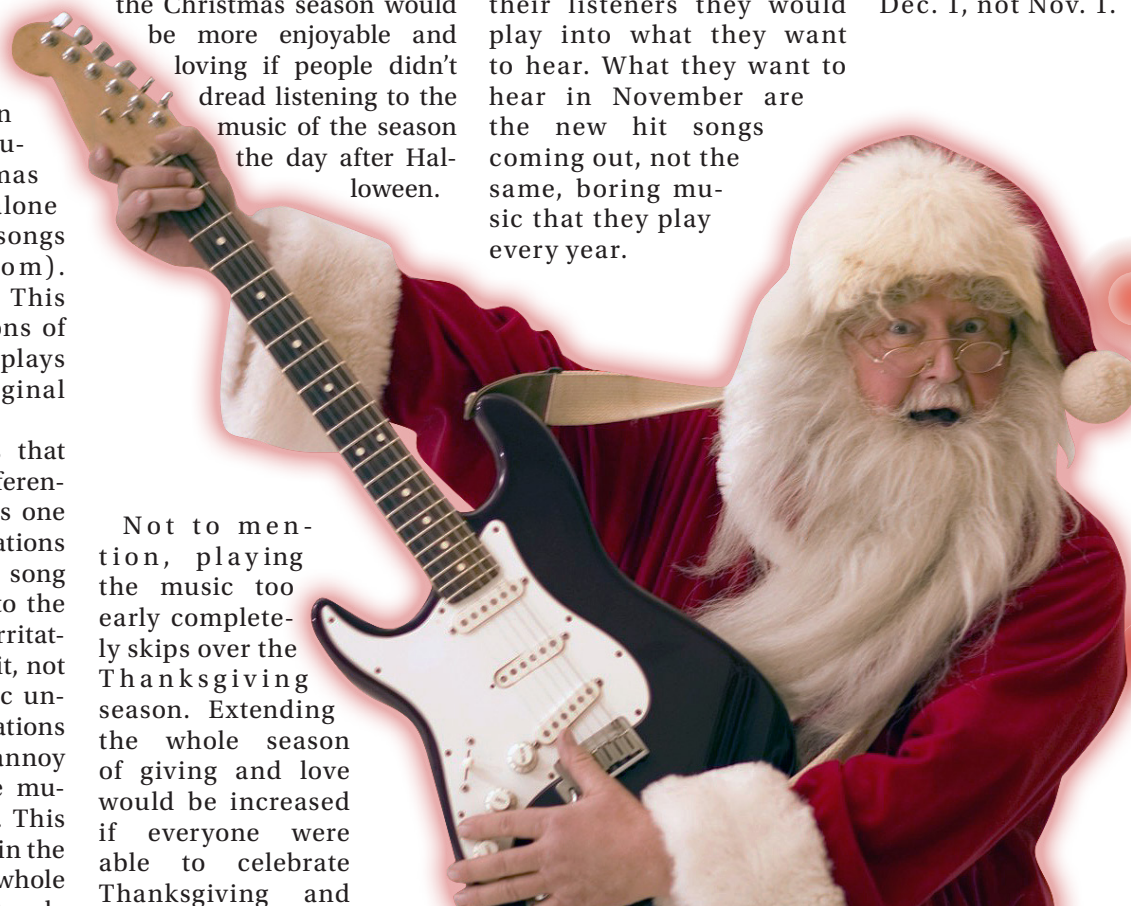


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With Christmas music coming too soon, the ho-ho-holidays are being ruined.

We need Reggie



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Big injury hurts Pistons offensively

The Detroit Pistons are currently in the second month of the National Basketball Association's (NBA) regular season. They have a record of 10-10 and are 7th in the Eastern Conference. They are playing very well for not having one of their top players on the court leading the offense. Twenty six year old point guard Reggie Jackson has been with the pistons for three years and has shown leader-

ship ability with the team. Unfortunately, Jackson has not played on the basketball court this season due to injury.

According to NBA.com, "Jackson will miss six to eight weeks to lingering tendinitis in his left knee."

It is also reported by NBA.com, that Piston's Head Coach Stan Van Gundy knew Jackson was having trouble in his knee. The point guard starting in Jackson's place is veteran player Ish Smith. Smith brings veteran presence to the team but has not landed a secure playing job until coming to Detroit. In the offseason Smith signed a three-year deal being the backup guard to Jackson and it is proving that is where he belongs.

Reggie Jackson started his career in Oklahoma City playing point guard for the Thunder for four seasons before coming to the Motor City in 2014. He improved immediately by starting for the Pistons averaging nine assists and 17.6 points per game. In 2015, Jackson improved his

scoring a full point to 18.8 points per game and led the Pistons along side starting All-Star Center Andre Drummond to their first playoff appearance in six years. Jackson proved in his first two years that he is going to benefit Pistons basketball for years to come.

Jackson's absence has been missed so far this season; the offense is lacking due to missing their offensive leader. According to ESPN.com statistic Ish Smith so far this season is averaging 6.7 assists per game and fewer than 10 points a game with 9.6 points per game.

A player like Reggie Jackson has many weapons that the average point guard does not have. Jackson can pass like a point guard, play defense on some of the best and fastest guards in the NBA, make key shots from inside and outside the three point line and lastly Jackson can lead a basketball team. Ish Smith can make constantly good passes and control the offense as a whole, but his shooting ability and leadership ability is nowhere near Jackson's.

According to ESPN.com Jackson's career shooting percentage is 0.43 and Smith's percent-

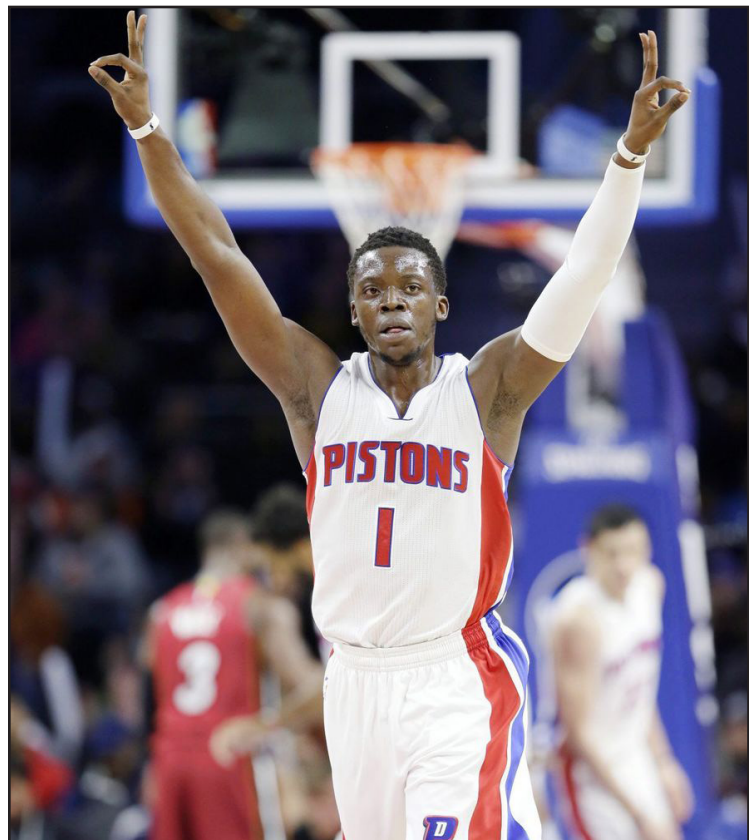


IMAGE FROM MLIVE.COM

Without starting guard Reggie Jackson the Pistons have lost a sense of leadership and the ability to score clutch points late in games.

age is 0.39. This proves again that Jackson's is statistically the better shooter and better clutch player. Jackson's return in December will be important due to the fact that Coach Stan

Van Gundy will trust him to lead the Pistons to a high ranking in the Eastern Conference by the end of the season. Ish Smith will be a good backup; and only a good backup.

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Integrating the green



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Recreational use of marijuana should be legalized across America

Since being enforced as federal law, the decriminalization of recreational use of marijuana has become one of the most important social issues of the 21-century. The idea of decriminalization has been tossed around for decades, but became further fueled by the discovery of marijuana's medicinal purposes. Studies have found that marijuana has a range of effects on the patient, having shown to treat a number of physical and mental afflictions. Attempts have been made to decriminalize this drug, but to no avail, un-

til recently. There is currently seven states and one district in America that have legalized marijuana on a federal level, yet the remainder of the country has yet to follow suit. Being that the pros outweigh the cons, recreational use of marijuana should be decriminalized on a national level.

Being that marijuana is a drug that guarantees no risk of overdose, use of marijuana for self-medication purposes has become the norm for many Americans. The most common belief is that ingesting marijuana in some form leads to a reduction in feelings of depression and anxiety. This idea is accurate to a degree, though it is not widely accepted. In most cases, it is.

A major supporting argument to this cause is the now more-informed medicinal aspects of marijuana. During the 1970s, marijuana was first proven to serve medical purposes. In the decades that followed, studies have found that marijuana helps combat a series of illnesses. Use of marijuana helps control seizures, stall the rapid spread of cancer cells, treat glaucoma and provide sleep relief.

An industry that consistently glamorizes the use of recreational herb is the entertainment/music industry, most notably during the 20 and 21

centuries. Major figures in the entertainment industry have made public their feelings on the topic, providing fuel for the fire. This idea was kick started by the "hippie era" that defined American culture in the late 1960s and 70s. During the "hippie era," the idea of free love and open drug use was prevalent; musicians such as Jimi Hendrix and Bob Marley were open about their use of weed. Because of Hollywood's image and reputation the general public became infatuated with marijuana, giving

individuals all the more reason to take up the activity themselves.

Essentially, the integration of musicians and marijuana go hand in hand. Musicians yearn to relax their body and mind when performing, and find marijuana an appropriate remedy. Marijuana opens channels in the brain that allow both musicians and fans to appreciate music on a deeper level. When listening to music when high, individuals show more appreciation for music in its true form. Individuals devote more time to analyzing aspects of music, such as melody, rhythm and other sensations presented in

the piece.

By not decriminalizing the recreational use of marijuana, the ultimate violation of human rights is put into practice. Known to have both positive and negative effects on smokers, the most intriguing aspect of marijuana use is its effect on people. Marijuana affects people differently, leading to mixed stances on the subject. Ultimately, smokers know their body better than anyone, making this an issue of free will. Decriminalizing recreational use of marijuana can do more good than harm, so why not make the transition now?



IMAGE FROM FLOCKU.COM

Marijuana is shown to have positive effects on individuals, giving it more reason to be legalized recreationally.

Utilizing learning tools

Students should consider using RateMyProfessors.com before registering for classes



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Oh yes, it is that time of year again: time for delicious food, time for family and time for registering for classes. When registering for classes one must consider all of their options for various credit hours, professors, learning environments and much more. It is important to be aware of all one's options as to make for the most applicable education.

Registering for classes isn't anyone's favorite holiday season pass time, but it is an important part of one's college learning experience. Everyone knows one won't always

get their soul mate teacher, but when choosing classes for a major it is vital to note the likability of one's soon-to-be professor. While things like difficulty and use of the textbook in class are important components when it comes to choosing classes, there are also other factors to the perfect class that we may not always take into consideration. Such things may include grading intensity, instructor accessibility as well as how approachable or nice your professor in consideration is.

It is proven students learn better when they have an instructor they genuinely understand and get along well with. While in the past college students may have simply asked other students about leading professors in their field in an attempt at match making the perfect class, the twenty-first century has discovered a new and innovative way to directly view ratings on different professors before actually enrolling in their class. The online review-based site, RateMyProfessors.com has

gained a lot of attention in the past few years and it's not hard to imagine why.

With 7,000 participating schools, 17 million posted ratings and 1,600,000 rated professors RateMyProfessors.com is one of the most utilized rating websites amongst college students for numerous reasons. For one, it provides a clear layout of different instructors and ranks them by overall quality as well as level of difficulty and even "hotness." Each teacher's profile also includes important information about

the ways in which they conduct their class with available tags on their profiles such as "participation matters" and "get ready to read." Another reason might be due to the trustworthiness factor. Since all the reviews are written by (anonymous) students, it might be a bit easier for others to take faith in what student pioneers of the class might have to say about it with as little bias as possible.

Maybe its the people writing the reviews or the reviews themselves, either way RateMyProfessors.com has made the lives of hard working college students everywhere just a little bit easier, and gained the well earned respect for so. This super helpful resource has also gained its fair share of recognition, including winning two Peo-

ple's Choice Webby Awards in 2015. Ratemyprofessors.com also holds responsibility for twenty five percent of any given school's rating in Forbe's annual "America's Best Colleges" listing.

No matter how thankful one might be to live in such a technologically advanced age that is present, it is important to remember that at the end of the day these are still anonymous rankings given from college students so not exactly the most truthful statements may come out of every review; don't forget to take all opinions as a grain of salt. Although this is an extremely useful resource that should be fully utilized, don't take everything so directly because one never knows what they may like instead.



IMAGE FROM THEDAILYNEXUS.COM

Rate my professor is an easy way for students to get input on instructors and classes before signing up.

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY GIFT?






Dante Brown
Major: Undecided
"My favorite present was a dog because I really wanted a dog."




Will Piper
Major: Audio and Sound Recording
"My dad got me a giant, random assortment of old and new comic books."



Sydney Mitchell
Major: Nursing
"My parents got me a car because they knew I needed one."




Olivia Perri
Major: Nursing
"My cross necklace. I have not taken it off since I got it."



Nick Grenon
Major: Political Science
"My favorite was my second Xbox One because it came with the Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare skin."



Jeffrey Golonka
Major: Computer Science
"My favorite present was when I got my Nintendo DS. I played it nonstop."



Kristin Mason
Major: Biology
"I got this series of books called the Edge Chronicles...I still read them all the time."

Schoolcraft's hidden gem

Radcliff campus offers plenty of programs to give back

BY DYLAN RANDOLPH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While most students who attend Schoolcraft believe that there is only one campus for them to utilize and explore, the reality is there is more to Schoolcraft than meets the eye.

Located at 1751 Radcliff St. in Garden City lays the Radcliff Center where students can study certain economic and history courses as well as medical courses like EMT and

Massage Therapy. However, one of the most important aspects that Radcliff has to offer is the variety of programs that they create to give back to their faithful community.

Share Joy

As the holiday season quickly approaches there are thousands of families across the country that are in need of simply gifts such as blankets, pillowcases and so on. In order to fight against poverty, the

Radcliff Center has teamed up with the Wayne County Family Center to give back to the community. The Wayne County Family Center is home to several families including 74 children without families and is one of the only shelters in Michigan that keeps the families together instead of separating them. As the temperature drops throughout Michigan, the number is sure to grow, so Radcliff has implemented a program titled "Share Joy," to make sure families have things to sleep on. Students, faculty and regular members of the community are encouraged to bring by gift bags for the homeless centers this holiday. The "Share Joy" program has also had students volunteer in making pillowcases for families who need them.

"We have already had a lot of success with the pillowcases. The students work on cutting and sewing the fabric to form the pillowcases, all as volunteer work. So far this year we have given out 70 pillow cases," said Medical Assisting Program Director Mary Rader.

Giving Tree

Another program that Radcliff is offering this holiday season is something they like to call the "Giving Tree." This program is slightly different from the "Share Joy" programs due to the size of the operation. Each year Radcliff puts up a Christmas tree completely undecorated, besides lights, in the lobby of their campus and it is the community's job to decorate the tree. However, the decorations are not the typical snowflakes and ornaments that people are used to seeing. This year the Radcliff staff is encouraging people of



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY RADER

Students and faculty hard at work preparing pillowcases to donate.

the community to decorate the tree with unopened packages of socks and underwear in order to be donated to the homeless.

Head Start

While the Livonia campus may offer day care to its students as well as the community, the Radcliff Center offers a program just as special. Radcliff's "Head Start" is a program directed to underprivileged families who are having difficulty going to school and raising their young. Children five years and younger can attend a free, safe day care while their parents attends classes on campus so each individual is benefited. The "Head Start" program offers health and wellness support, medical screening, dental services and nutritious services for the families enrolled.

After School Help

Another service that is unique to the campus is the Math and ELA Theatre program that is offered to the middle school children next to the campus after K-12 school

hours. During this program the children are welcomed by parents, staff and tutors to attend an after school learning session in which the educators will help the children with subjects like Math, English Reading and Writing. The program offers snacks to the children as well as hands on activities for the children to learn in a non-traditional sort of way.

"It truly is a lot of fun working with the children, I haven't seen a week go by where the children don't leave without a smile on their face" said Rader.

Although individuals around the Livonia campus may not have heard about Radcliff and the programs it offers, the community sure has. Whether it is giving back to the needy with clothes and pillowcases through programs like "Share Joy" and the "Giving Tree" or donating food from their own food pantry, Radcliff is continually giving.

For anyone interested in volunteering for the events or donating to the cause, contact the Radcliff Center at 734-462-4770.



The annual "Giving Tree" decorated with donations to the homeless.

Getting the extra leg up

Additional services students should take advantage of

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR

Toward the end of the semester with finals, winter registration and the holiday season time can seem incredibly short. It can seem even shorter with the regular hours jammed packed with classes and everyone trying to get their schedules in order from appointments with counselors or financial advising and the offices can be pretty busy. Schoolcraft wants to set up all of its students to succeed and offers many resources for all to take advantage of.

Second Saturday at the McDowell Center

On the second Saturday of every month year-round all of the Student Services are open for extra hours from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. The December date will be Saturday Dec. 10. These services include Admissions, Registration, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Counseling and Advising and the Cashier's office. This allows students who cannot make time in their busy schedule during the week a few hours on the weekend to get all of the assistance they acquire and on a day that campus is not as busy.

The Answer Center will be open during the holiday break on Tuesday, Dec 27 through Thursday, Dec 29 from 12pm-7pm.

Academic Advising and Counseling Walk-in service

The Academic Advising and Counseling offices will have walk-in service beginning Dec. 12 to Dec. 22. This is especially helpful for students who need limited and restricted enroll-

ment applications approval signatures and review. They can get help with scheduling winter classes, or with transfer applications. No appointments are needed and students can meet with an academic advisor or counselor Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FAFSA Workshops

Financial Aid will be offering two FAFSA workshops in December to assist students who not only want to enroll the winter 2017 term, but they can also complete the 2017-18 FAFSA. The workshops are scheduled for Dec. 12 and 14, 2016 from 3 to 4 p.m. Also, emails are being sent to students who have been awarded Financial Aid funding for the winter semester reminding them to register for classes.



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The McDowell Center houses many student services, such as financial aid, academic advising and the cashier's office always willing to help students' needs.

Countdown to finals

Exam-A-Rama offers students opportunity to review for exams

**BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR**

Finals are one of the most, if not the most, stressful time of the year. Getting in last minute tutor sessions and help to get the extra boost to the grade and prepare are always a worry. Thankfully Schoolcraft offers great, free help for this exact problem on campus and they hold a special event every year called Exam- A-Rama to help with this stress in addition to their normal tutoring sessions.

The Learning Assistance Center (LAC) wants to help students excel and do their best in the last stretch of the semester. One great and creative way they do this is with the annual three-night Exam- A-Rama. This year Exam- A-Rama will take place from Dec. 8 through the 10 inside the Bradner Library.

Different course designs

This is a course, specific review for Schoolcraft student’s final exams. The sessions are run by LAC tutors and consist of either review of final exam review packets, or a question

and answer study session. There are sessions available for most math, biology, chemistry, physics and accounting classes. Two types of sessions are conducted. Structured final exam reviews are offered the most and are for each specific section of subjects at certain times, where the review packet will be gone over question by question in large groups. Then there are question and answer sessions for all of the courses as a whole and more one-on-one work can be done with tutors, but work is done individually and students get help as needed.

“In 1993 when I went a tutor in the LAC myself we used to close the week of finals. Students would freak out so I asked if I could hold reviews with students to help before finals on my own. It started very small and grew to almost an entire room full of people asking for review help and that is part of how I came up with the idea to start what is now known as Exam- A-Rama,” said Terri Lamb, Mathematics Learning Support Specialist.

For over 10 years this event has had a 100 percent success

rate and has helped over 3,000 students. The best way for one to get the best experience is to come in ready with questions about their topic and do as much of the review packet as they can before coming in.

“This is a great way for students to get help and have the subject explained in a different way than the professor because they may not always connect with every student. It can help make that connection that wasn’t clear in class and the tutors also teach great tricks and tips that professor do not always provide,” said Ryan O’Keefe, lead LAC tutor.

Hours of Event

On Dec. 8 the famous Midnight Madness event will take place. Sessions will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight. On Dec. 9 and 10 additional sessions will be held from 12 to 4 p.m.

“It is best if students go over their notes and review before, this way they are familiar with their strengths and weaknesses beforehand. They can then focus on what they need help with the most with the tutors,” said Noral Charara, Program Assistant.

New Methods

This year live webinars are also being offered for certain courses as well to give access to students who may not be able to make it to campus. One live webinar will be offered each day in different courses and at certain times.

Exam-A-Rama Fall 2016

Livonia Campus
Bradner Library - L119 - 734-462-4436
www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC

CLASS	DATE	TIME
Structured Final Exam Review Sessions		
Math 45	Friday, 12/9/2016	12 – 4pm
Math 47	Thursday, 12/8/2016	8pm – 12am
Math 53 A's	Thursday, 12/8/2016	8pm – 12am
Math 53 B's	Friday, 12/9/2016	12 – 4pm
Math 101	Saturday, 12/10/2016	12 – 4pm
Math 111	Saturday, 12/10/2016	12 – 4pm
Math 113 A's	Thursday, 12/8/2016	8pm – 12am
Math 113 B's with LIVE webinar session See below for log-in directions	Saturday, 12/10/2016 with LIVE webinar session See below for log-in directions	12 – 4pm with LIVE webinar session See below for log-in directions
Math 126 A's	Friday, 12/9/2016	12 – 4pm
Math 129 A's	Friday, 12/9/2016	12 – 4pm
Question and Answer Final Exam Review Sessions		
Accounting	Friday, 12/9/2016	8am – 12pm
Biology	Saturday, 12/10/2016	12 – 4pm
Chemistry	Saturday, 12/10/2016	12 – 4pm
Physics	Thursday, 12/8/2016	8pm – 12am
Math 119, 122, 126, 145, 150, 151, 230, 240, 252	Thursday, 12/8/2016	8pm – 12am

For LIVE webinar log-in directions, go to: www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC > Student Success Seminars > Live Webinars

Please check in at LAC for room assignment. Check-ins begin 45 minutes before exam review.

Plan Ahead!

- ◀▶ Limited tutoring during finals week ▶▶
- ▶▶ Reviews begin promptly at start time ▶▶
- ▶▶ Please bring your own review packet, we do not have extra copies ▶▶

COURTESY OF THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER

For directions and more specific information on these webinars go to www.schoolcraft.edu/LAC > Student success seminars > Live webinars.


To attend Exam- A-Rama please check-in at the LAC for room assignment (L-119). Check-in begins 45 minutes before exam review. Plan

ahead because limited tutoring is available during finals week. Reviews begin promptly at start time. Please bring your own review packet; they do not have extra copies.

For more information, contact the LAC at 734-462-443 or go to schoolcraft.edu/LAC.

Please Donate


Deadline is December 14th by 5:00 p.m.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Please place new, unwrapped toys in the boxes around campus or bring to Student Activities.

For more information, contact 734-462-4422.



ZAP ZONE

FUN CENTER

The **Business Club** and **SAGA** are teaming up to bring you a great opportunity.

3 Hours of Unlimited Laser Tag and other attractions for \$20

Sign-up and attend this event for a chance to win a Bowling Party for you and 8 friends at Lucky Strike Lanes!

January 26, 2017
3–6 p.m.
ZapZone in Canton

For more information, please contact the Student Activities Office at 734.462.4422.



CLASS REMINDERS

Last Day for Testing/
Homework Due for OE/OE
Classes
Friday, Dec. 9.

15-week, 14-week, 2nd 12-
week, 2nd 7-week, & 3rd
5-week Last Day of Class
Sunday, Dec. 18.

Winter 2017 OE/OE
Orientation
Saturday, Jan. 7.

Winter 2017 17-week,
15-week, 1st 12-week, 1st
7-week, 1st 5-week, & 1st
4-week Classes Begin
Monday, Jan. 9.

Winter 2017 1st 5-week
& 1st 4-week Last Day for
Schedule Adjustment/
Refund
Thursday, Jan. 12.

Winter 2017 1st 7-week
Last Day for Schedule
Adjustment/Refund
Monday, Jan. 16.

Winter 2017 1st 12-week
Last Day for Schedule
Adjustment/Refund
Tuesday, Jan. 17

Winter 2017 17-week & 15
week Last Day for Schedule
Adjustment/Refund
Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Winter 2017 1st 4-week
Last Day for “W”
Wednesday, Jan. 18.

DIVORCE
SUPPORT

ASK AN ATTORNEY

Monday, Dec. 19, from 4 p.m. to
6 p.m.

Hinkle Center inside the
McDowell Center, Room 119

Clients will be seen on a first-
come, first-served basis. Anyone
interested may sign in beginning at
3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
This service is open to the public.
Please note: If no one has signed in
or called (734-462-4443) to be added
to the list for these services by 4:30
p.m. on the day of the meeting, the
listed professional may leave. For
more information, please contact
the Hinkle Center at 734-462-4443
or hinklecenter@schoolcraft.edu.

RESUME
BOOSTERS

RESUME ESSENTIALS
WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 1 p.m.
to 2:30 p.m.

McDowell Center, Room 100

Resume Essentials features
a certified professional resume
writer who will show job seek-
ers learn how to build a targeted
resume that strategically “sells”
skills and experience to employ-
ers and highlight what employers
are looking for in a resume and
cover letter. For more informa-
tion, please contact the Career
Services Office at 734-462-4421 or
careerservices@schoolcraft.edu.

LINKEDIN 101 WORKSHOP

Thursday, Dec. 15, from 1 p.m. to
2:30 p.m.

McDowell Center, Upper Level,
Room 210

LinkedIn 101 will explain to
both students and job seekers how
to use this professional network-
ing website. Learn how to create
an engaging profile, connect with
others, and use the site to advance
your job search or career.

BUSINESS
PLANNING

FORMING YOUR LLC/DBA
DO IT NOW

Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 4 p.m. to
7 p.m.

Jeffress Center, JCI12, Southeast
entrance

Ready to launch your business
as a sole proprietor or LLC? Been
putting off the paperwork? Then
you need this hands-on walk
through. Attorney Adil Daudi will
be present to assist with the nec-
essary documents needed to form
and register a business including;
Articles of Incorporation, and
Employer Identification Number
(EIN). Free and open to the public.

SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY
TO MAXIMIZE GROWTH

Thursday, Dec. 8, from 4 p.m. to
7 p.m.

Jeffress Center, JCI13, Southeast
entrance

Connect with prospective cus-
tomers, raise awareness of your
brand, increase traffic to your
website, and grow your business
in this advanced, hands-on class.

Discover how to select and man-
age the right social media plat-
form (s) for your product or ser-
vice. Requirement: Student must
have a valid email address. Pre-
requisite: Basic knowledge of so-
cial media platforms. The course
fee is \$45.00 to attend.

ENTREPRENEUR SERIES

Thursday, Jan. 12, from 4 p.m. to
7 p.m.

Jeffress Center, Room 122,
Southeast entrance

Our Entrepreneur Series is de-
signed to provide entrepreneurs
the education and tools to launch
a successful small business. To
qualify for a Small Business Entre-
preneur Certificate, participants
must successfully complete all five
courses in the Entrepreneur Se-
ries: Starting a Business, Writing
a Business Plan, Marketing Your
Business, Business Legal Issues
and Financial Management. Fee:
\$200.00. Registration Opens Nov.
17, 2016. Registration is a two-step
process: STEP 1 Register and pay
for seminar via Schoolcraft Col-
lege’s WebAdvisor. STEP 2 Register
with the MI-SBDC is also required.

ON CAMPUS
RECRUITING

VECTOR MARKETING ON
CAMPUS RECRUITING

Monday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to
1 p.m.

Henry’s, Waterman in VisTaTech
Center

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ON CAMPUS RECRUITING

Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to
1 p.m.

Henry’s, Waterman in VisTaTech
Center

FUN ON
CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY NOON
CLASSICAL CONCERT,
MOTOR CITY BRASS
QUINTET

Wednesday, Dec. 7, from noon to
1 p.m.

VisTaTech Center, Kehrl
Auditorium

The Motor City Brass Quintet
features some of Detroit’s most
creative and versatile brass mu-
sicians, including members of
the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

and the Michigan Opera Theatre
Orchestra, making the MCBQ an
exciting addition to the diverse
musical culture of Metropoli-
tan Detroit. This is the quintet’s
fourth performance at School-
craft. The Noon Concert events
are free, open to the public and
last approximately one hour. Your
donation at the door will help
fund student scholarships.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON-
WINTER CONCERT

Saturday, Dec. 10, from 7:30 p.m.
to 10 p.m.

VisTaTech Center, DiPonio Room

Schoolcraft College Music
Ensembles present the annual
‘Sounds of the Season’ Concert.
Featuring: Collegiate Chorale,
Synthesizer Ensemble and the
Wind Ensemble. Admission is
free. Donations at the door help to
fund student scholarships.

WINTER WONDERS JAZZ
CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 19, from 7:30 p.m.
to 9:30 p.m.

VisTaTech Center, DiPonio Room

The Schoolcraft Jazz Studies
Program under the direction of Dr.
Riccardo Selva presents a concert
of Jazz featuring the talented mu-
sicians of the Jazz Ensemble, Vocal
Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisa-
tion Combo. Admission is free. Do-
nations will be gratefully accept-
ed at the door and will be used to
fund student scholarships and the
Jazz Program. For more informa-
tion contact Dr. Riccardo Selva by
phone at 847-721-7299 or via email
at rselva@schoolcraft.edu. Ques-
tions can also be answered by call-
ing the Schoolcraft College Music
Department at 734-462-4403.

SCHOOL HELP

EXAM-A-RAMA MIDNIGHT
MADNESS

Thursday, Dec. 8 from 8 p.m. to
11:59 p.m.

Bradner Library, Room 119

Exam-A-Rama is a, course spe-
cific, review for your final exam!
The sessions are run by LAC tu-
tors and consist of either a re-
view of your final exam review
packet, or a question and answer
study session. We have sessions
available for most math, biology,
chemistry, physics and account-
ing classes.

Winter 2016 Exam-A-Rama

dates:

- Thursday, December 8,
2016 8pm-midnight
- Friday, December 9, 2016
Noon-4pm
- Saturday, December 10,
2016 Noon-4pm

Check-in begins 30 minutes
prior to start time in the LAC with
first-come-first-seated. For more
information, call the the LAC
at 734-462-4436 or email LAC@
schoolcraft.edu.

SECOND SATURDAY
STUDENT SERVICES
HOURS

Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m.
to 2 p.m.

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The Quill

My creative writing professor continues to comment on my writing being too dry. She suggested that in order to spice things up, I try writing in the present tense. She insisted this transition would significantly aid my writing. Sadly, I don't know how to! Can anybody out there save me?

-#AllTensedUp

Stellar question #AllTensedUp,

Imagine you're telling a joke. Either you can copy and paste the information like in some pharmaceu-

tical transcript, or instead you can hurl your audience into the story. People will laugh more at the latter. Raving reporters and noteworthy novelists command their language in the present tense. How do they wield words so well? The answer is by looking through as many eyes and outside the confines of the past.

Empathy is a critical tool for writing in the present tense. If you want to imagine the action from the view of a bedazzled observer, then choose the closest seat possible. Whether we're talking about Indiana Jones plunging his hand through a twitching throng of insects, or simply seeing Spot run, how we say things is often more important than what we say.

Narrating from varied points of view serves three functions in writing. First, it allows us to deposit the audience where the excitement is. Second, it adds perspectives so we can perceive the entire situation. Third, it combats redundancy which comes with labeling characters. To illustrate these points, compare the

following narratives:

"I turned my head in time to see the old man yell, 'Go back to picking the daisies, you abominable hipsters!'" Next, I could see the vexation brew in his venerable face. Versus: "Go back to picking the daisies, you abominable hipsters!" The old man yelled, letting the vexation brew in his venerable face."

If your opinion parallels the public, then the second choice will be your varsity pick. In addition to making writing more dynamic, writing from alternate points of view allows easier pathways for writing in the present tense.

Still, one issue that many students grapple with is how to write past events in the present tense. To resolve this issue, initially clarify to readers when the setting takes place. Then ignore the prison of the past tense. The history channel is exemplary at this.

Imagine you're reading this passage in a textbook:

"The French revolution of 1789 was a significant event in world affairs. Nobody in Europe

could have guessed that the working class was capable of usurping the most powerful throne in the world. The effects this event had on world politics, history, philosophy, and art were unprecedented."

Did you skim past, or did you actually read the passage? Compare that monotony with the following:

"For example, picture the French revolution of 1789. Storming through the streets are legions of peasant militia, startling Europe with an impossible claim: That the mightiest monarch in the world lies dethroned. Serving as a catalyst for a new age, unprecedented changes emerged in the theaters of politics, history, philosophy, and art."

After the audience is told when things are taking place, there is no need to settle for a sub-par past

tense description (narrating which follows events after they happen.) After establishing the setting, even ancient events may be told in animated tones. To summarize the answer to your question, #AllTensedUp, your progress in present tense writing will be comparable to the ground you gain in any skill. Practice will be the biggest factor of your progress. Although nothing pays dividends like devoted time, strategies exist for making this task easier. Writing from varied perspectives allows us to craft the story from whoever is closest to the action, when the action is happening. Also, establishing the setting firsthand allows us to scribe anything into a present piece of art.





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Beauty in of itself

The Weeknd's "Starboy" is an invigorating musical masterpiece

BY CHRIS SKARNULIS
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



One of the most popular figures currently in the music industry is Alternative R&B artist The Weeknd. A relatively new artist to the music scene has been the fuel of a whole new wave of popularity in the R&B music genre. Being a sensation in all forms of digital media, fans anticipation for the artist's next musical release was set at high standards. The wait is finally over; The Weeknd's third studio album, "Starboy," was released Nov. 25 under XO and Republic records.

Abel Tesfaye, better known by his stage name The Weeknd, has completely reinvented the R&B genre since rising to stardom. Tesfaye first gained attention in 2011 for the de-

but release of three consecutive mix tapes: "House of Balloons," "Thursday" and "Echo of Silence." The mix tapes garnered critical and commercial acclaim that in turn created mainstream success for the artist himself. The following year, the Toronto native released a compilation album titled "Trilogy," whose track listing was divided into three separate CD's. Each CD is composed of re-mixed and re-mastered versions of his previously released mix tapes, as well as three previously unreleased songs.

Tesfaye released his debut album, "Kiss Land" in 2013. Two years later, he released his sophomore album, "Beauty Behind the Madness." The projects were incredible; both explored the thoughts and emotions that plague Tesfaye's inner conscience, most notably anxiety and struggles with companionship.

Four singles supported "Starboy". "Starboy," released Sept. 22, "False Alarm," released Sept. 29 and "Party Monster" and "I Feel it Coming," both released Nov. 17. Tesfaye revealed details behind the future project on Sept. 22. In addition, the album's cover art was released, revealing The Weeknd sporting a much shorter haircut, having ditched his signature "beaver-log" hairstyle.

Much like previous projects, "Starboy" includes a variety of artist appearances that range in genre. Included on this project are pop artist Lana Del Rey, rappers Kendrick Lamar and Future and electronic music duo Daft Punk.

The best tracks on the album are the Daft Punk featured singles "Starboy" and "I Feel It Coming." This is Daft Punk's first musical collaboration since the release of the duo's fourth studio album, "Random Access Memories" in 2013. The elements of Tesfaye's soulful R&B complement Daft Punk's "funky, disco-house" elements of electronic music in a fitting manner. The artist's separate genres of music,

though distinctly different, blend well thanks to outstanding production.

On "I Feel It Coming," Tesfaye sings "I'm just tryna get you high, and get you faded off this touch, you don't need a lonely night, so baby I can make it right." Tesfaye believes that no woman deserves to be alone. He instead wants to be the one to fill the void. The track sounds very much like Daft Punk, which enhances the experience to a whole new level.

The tracks that deserve honorable mentions include "Sidewalks" featuring American rapper Kendrick Lamar as well as "Die For You." "Sidewalks" best aspect

is the track's slick, techno-guitar beat that is haunting yet satisfying. Tesfaye's vibrant R&B esque lyrics progressively transition to one of rap, highlighted by Lamar's ability as a skilled lyricist. "Die For You" overcomes the listener with peace of mind, with lyrics such as "I'm findin' ways to articulate the feeling I'm goin' through/ I just can't say I don't love you/ 'Cause I love you, yeah/ It's hard for me to communicate the thoughts that I hold/ But tonight I'm gon' let you know/ Let me tell the Truth." The lyrics and beats are enchanting and are sure to have the listener hooked from the get-go.

"Starboy" is easily The Weeknd's best work yet. A variety of unique production elements and stellar enlisted musical talent from a made the project ever so enhanced. The Weeknd, an incredibly talented artist, holds a promising future as he continues to influence people with his style of music.

STARBOY

IMAGE FROM ETONLINE.COM

Honoring a monarch

Netflix show "The Crown" is a must see

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR



Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning monarch in history. On Sept. 9, 2015, she surpassed the reign of her great-great-grandmother Victoria for this title. Most people do not know of the events that led up to her gaining her crown and the story of the early years of her reign. She worked alongside Sir Winston Churchill as the long serving prime minister and first of her reign.

The new Netflix series, "The Crown" was released Nov. 4. This series is based on the award winning play, "The Audience" by show runner Peter Morgan. This show may not be a first choice first most, but should not be underrated and is better than expected. Not only does it portray accurate historical events, but also it does in a dramatic and intriguing way to keep the viewers entertained.

The lavish drama chronicles the life of Queen Elizabeth II played by Claire Foy from the 1940s to modern times. The series begins with an inside

look at her early reign, who ascended the throne at age 25 after her father, King George VI's death. As the decades pass, personal intrigues, romances and political rivalries are revealed that played critical roles in events that shaped the later years of the 20-century.

The first season of the series is only 10 episodes, with a run time of 60 minutes. The show is full of lavish sets and beautiful sceneries that depict as close to the royal palace and the surrounding areas in London and Scotland (when scenes occurred there) as possible. Scenes also took place in parts of Africa as well.

Foy plays the Queen in a way that connects with audiences and makes one sympathize with her in her weakest moments, where she is the most alone. It brings insight to being a monarch that many would not think about.

Within the series the queen in faced with daunting tasks of leading the world's most famous monarchy while forging a relationship with Churchill, who is portrayed as an incredibly angry old man and is not willing to adjust to the new queen as much as she wishes. The British Empire is thrown

into decline, the political world is in disarray and a new era is dawning.

Peter Morgan's script excels at revealing the Queen's private journey behind the public facade with daring frankness. He does not sugar coat any aspects and gives a very realistic view. A woman who is lost between being the monarch, standing for the crown and a loving daughter and sister who wants to stand by her words is revealed.

In the end many are hurt including her because the crown must always come first and nothing else. That means even Elizabeth's husband, Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, played by Matt Smith gets pushed to the side in a world where the man is used to being the head of the family.

Smith portrays a character that loves his wife, but has an extremely hard time accepting his wife as the Queen and bowing down to her rule in times when men still held most of the control. He finds refuge in learning to fly and spend time at a men's club. It brings forward marital issues as well as parental issues for both him and the Queen. At times he is even the character that you hate because of his cruelty and selfishness to the Queen who grows dear to viewers hearts.

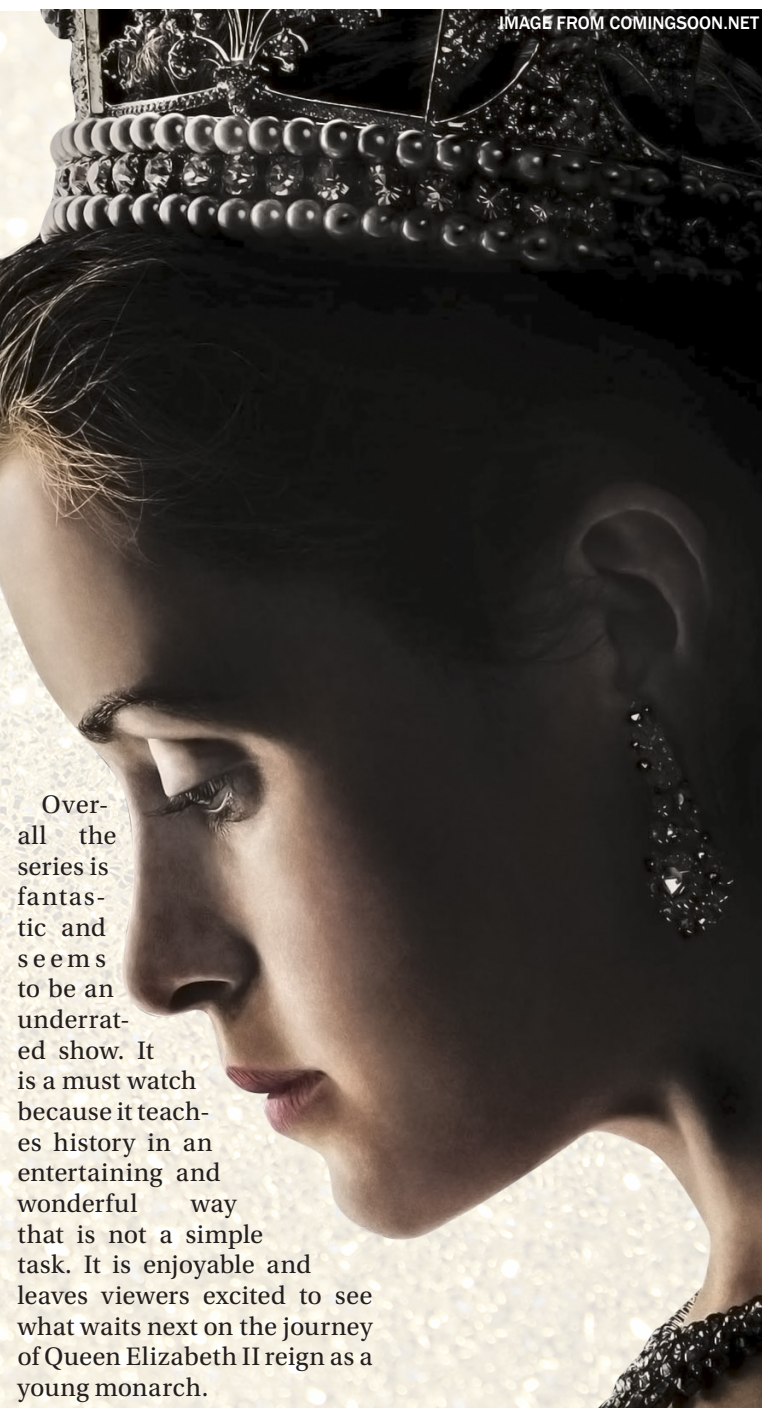


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Overall the series is fantastic and seems to be an underrated show. It is a must watch because it teaches history in an entertaining and wonderful way that is not a simple task. It is enjoyable and leaves viewers excited to see what waits next on the journey of Queen Elizabeth II reign as a young monarch.

Falling back in love

Netflix Presents “Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life”

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR

★★★★★

On the stroke of midnight of Nov. 26 when many where out black Friday shopping, on the hunt for the best deals, a small group of true fans of the 2000 hit series “Gilmore Girls” were patiently waiting by their computers for the new Netflix revival, “Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life.”

Since the announcement that the show would be brought back for a four part mini series exclusively aired on Netflix, fans have been jumping from jitters and anticipation for the release. The wait, though torturous and agonizingly long, was well worth it because the series was all fans wanted and more with only a few disappointments.

The series is set almost a decade after the finale of the original series that ended in 2007. It was not an easy goodbye for fans after seven years of watch-

ing Lorelei, Lauren Graham and Rory, Alexis Bledel, explore life together as Rory grows up and Lorelei is her faithful guardian, mother, best friend and parent. With all of their ups and downs, heartbreak and fights, fans felt like they were in the moment every second of the series and never wanted to leave their lives or the town of Stars Hollow. This year in the life of returns to Stars Hollow to follow Lorelei, Rory and Emily Gilmore, played by Kelly Bishop, through the change of four seasons, and sucks fans right back down the rabbit hole. It is an emotional roller-coaster ride and revisits all of the main beloved characters and where they are at now as they somehow fall back into Rory or Lorelei’s life.

Some disappointments are the way the show kind of lolls over how the rest of the characters besides Rory, Lorelei and Emily got to where they are now. Viewers are just thrown into the middle of their lives and then are left with many

questions, some which are answered in passing and others that are left hanging in the air to haunt viewers.

The creators should have taken the extra time to explain these storylines as well because they are just as beloved as the main three. It made some feel extremely emotional and even angry they neglected to do so. No matter how many more hours it would of taken to explore these other stories the fans would have had no problem enjoying the ride and staying up for endless hours to do so.

Another disappointment is a lack of Sookie St. James, played by Melissa McCarthy. She was only in one episode and the rest of the series simply alluded to what she had been doing, but did not show her and only showed her husband Jackson, played by Jackson Douglas, once.

On the other hand some very delightful events also occurred that gave the fans exactly what they have always wanted such as Luke Danes, Scott Patterson and Lorelei’s wedding. Kirk, Sean Gunn, remained the funny and entertaining weirdo that now has a pig and gave fans another short film.

Another highlight is also the horrible “Stars Hollow Musi-



After nine long years since the finale of “Gilmore Girls,” Netflix revived the show for fans that takes place nearly a decade in the future.

cal” that is put on by Taylor, Michael Winters, and is so ridiculous funny viewers can’t help but laugh.

Sadly, Edward Hermann who played, Richard Gilmore died shortly after the original series aired and was not able to be in the revival. So as most shows do, they had to put Richard Gilmore to rest as well and Emily’s side of the story is what her life is now like without her husband of 50 years and her other half. She is rediscovering what makes her happy in life and where she wants to go from there, even if it involved a few crazy events to get there. It

would not be the Gilmore family without those though.

The last four words of the series were the biggest twist that ripped at the hearts of fans and now leave more questions of, will there be another revival? What is next and how long will fans have to wait before answers are given? It was an emotional and long awaited roller-coaster ride that lasted 360 minutes, but could have been even longer without any complaints. It was just what fans wanted and needed to keep the love of the Gilmore girls going across generations.

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Bring on the noise

American noise pop duo Sleigh Bells debut new album: “Jessica Rabbit”

BY ALEX WOODLIFF
STAFF WRITER



Hi-fi, indie, garbage pop, and noise-pop, are just a few of the names that have been used to describe Sleigh Bells since their 2010 debut “Treats.” Mix-

ing band creator and guitarist Derek E. Miller’s blown out distorted heavy metal enthused guitar riffs and compositions with lead singer Alexis Krauss’ saccharin coated vocals and melodies gave birth to an interesting sound. One that should not have worked but despite all odds found an interesting harmony on “Treats.”



IMAGE FROM FLOODMAGAZINE.COM

“Jessica Rabbit” impresses fans on a musical level.

The Brooklyn based duo has kept silent since their third album, “Bitter Rivals” released in 2013. Both have admitted in interviews that this album was done in a series of short recording sessions. Miller, who was known for his trademark dark sunglasses and affinity for heavy metal guitar riffs comes from a metal-core background while Krauss has formal vocal training as well as being a part of small indie pop groups.

It is a sound clash that for all intents and purposes should not have worked. Combing Krauss vocals and Miller’s guitars gave way to a surprising sound and formula. “Treats” had a give-and-take nature that meshed. Their two-follow ups though found a battle of wills between their respective sounds. While they were serviceable, they lacked the symbiosis of their debut.

Sometimes Millers guitars and production would drown out Krauss vocals. Other times it seemed Krauss vocals were overpowering. This was mostly due to a mixture of personal issues and high expectations to recapture the mix that made “Treats” so surprising. That however has been fixed on “Jessica Rabbit.” Both have talked about in interviews how doing this album bit by bit after taking time off helped in the long run. That playful dueling clash of their respective



IMAGE FROM FLOODMAGAZINE.COM

“Sleigh Bells” is a worthy addition to the noise pop genre.

sounds has finally returned.

On “Jessica Rabbit” Miller gives Krauss more control. Keeping to the standard punk and pop formula of short infectious songs, “Jessica Rabbit” is both in your face yet playful. Opening with “It’s Just Us Now” opens with Miller’s trademark distortion before Krauss sings “And when you die/I wanna die, I wanna die with you/And lay us down for good.” The track works to establish that this is a band that would rather burn out brightly than go out flickering.

I’ll show you how to shake the pain like it’s cinnamon.”

On “I Can’t Stand You Any-more” Miller lays a restrained melody while Krauss bluntly lays out her grievances with someone “God only knows the h#ll that I chose.” The Smiths inspired “I Can Only Stare” finds Krauss battling her emotions dealing with unrequited infatuation “Do you know how I feel/Knocking on your door till my knuckles bleed?”

While not completely on par with “Treats,” “Jessica Rabbit” is a step in the right direction. It is currently available for digital download on iTunes and their website.



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what's the BUZZ



BY EMILY SPITZA
STAFF WRITER



IMAGE FROM HOURDETROIT.COM

attraction **5th Annual Cheers for Children**
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
The Garden Theater (3929 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI)

Help support the Leaders for Kids Children’s Hospital of Michigan foundation at the fifth annual Cheers for Children event from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, held at the Garden Theater. All proceeds go toward the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Specialty Center’s Child and Adolescent Integrated Mental Health Care Program. Tickets are \$125 if purchased in advanced and \$150 at the time of the event. This cost includes snacks, and live entertainment. For more information visit Facebook.com/LeadersForKids. For ticket information, contact 313-745-8814 or Kate.Kesner@chmfoundation.org. For sponsorship information, contact Lynn Kaiafas at 313-745-5291 or Lynn.Kaiafas@chmfoundation.org.



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music **Holiday Pops with the Phil**
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attraction **“A Christmas Story, The Musical”**
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Fox Theater (2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201)

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music **Plymouth Ice Festival**
Jan. 6 through Jan. 8
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Holiday Dessert Recipes

BY QUINN STORM
NEWS EDITOR



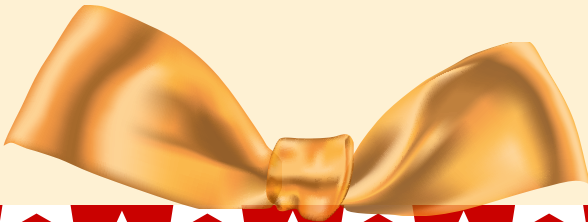
Overnight Eggnog Streusel Coffee Cake



(bettycrocker.com)
Prep time: 20 min.
Cook time: 40 min.
Servings: 15

- Ingredients**
- Streusel Topping:**
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 Tbs. flour
 - 1 Tbs. softened butter
 - 1/2 tsp. ground netmeg
- Eggnog Glaze:**
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 - 2 Tbs. eggnog
- Coffe Cake:**
- 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup softened butter
 - 1 cup eggnog
 - 8 oz. sour cream
 - 1 tsp. rum extract
 - 2 eggs
 - 2 1/2 cups flour
 - 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 - 1/2 tsp. baking soda
 - 1/2 tsp. salt

Directions:
Grease a 13x9 pan. Mix all streusel toppings together in bowl until crumbly; set aside. Beat sugar and butter together in large bowl. Beat in eggnog, sour cream, rum extract, and egg to sugar and butter mixture. Stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Spread in pan; spread topping over batter and refrigerate for 8 hours. Heat oven to 350 degrees and cook for 30-40 minutes. Cool for 20 min. Beat eggnog glaze in small bowl and drizzle it over cake.



Candy Cane Fudge



(allrecipes.com)
Prep time: 20 min.
Chill time: 2 hours
Servings: 64

- Ingredients:**
- 1 1/2 cups crushed candy canes
 - 20 oz. vanilla baking chips
 - 14 oz. sweetened condensed milk
 - 1/2 tsp. peppermint extract
 - 1 dash of red or green food coloring

Directions:
Line 8 inch baking square with tin foil and grease the tin foil. Combine the vanilla chips and condensed milk in a saucepan over medium heat; stir until melted completely and remove from heat. Stir in the peppermint extract, food coloring, and candy canes. Spread evenly in pan; chill for 2 hours and then serve.

Gingerbread Men Cookies

- Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup softened butter
 - 3/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1/3 cup molasses
 - 1 large egg
 - 2 Tbs. water
 - 2 2/3 cups flour
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 2 tsp. ground ginger
 - 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
 - 1/2 tsp. ground allspice



(tasteofhome.com)
Prep time: 40 min.
Cook time: 10 min.
Servings: 26

Directions:
Cream butter and brown sugar. Beat in molasses, egg, and water. In another bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients and beat into the creamed mixture. Divide dough in half and wrap each in plastic. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll dough into 1/8 thickness on a floured surface. Cut with a floured 4-in. gingerbread man cookie cutter. Place 2 inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Cool before frosting.

Blue Ribbon Sugar Cookies



(allrecipes.com)
Prep time: 35 min.
Cook time: 25 min.
Servings: 48

- Ingredients:**
- 3/4 cup softened butter
 - 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 1 cup confectioners sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup of confectioners sugar
 - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 - 1 1/2 tsp. lemon extract
 - 4 cups flour
 - 1 tsp. cream of tartar
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 cup white sugar

Directions:
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt. Cream butter, vegetable oil, confectioners sugar and white sugar until blended. Mix in eggs, vanilla and lemon extract. Mix in dry ingredients until well blended. Roll the dough into balls and place 2 inches apart on cookie sheet. Dip the bottom of a glass and press the cookies to 1/8 thickness. Bake 9-12 minutes. Cool cookies for 5 minutes before frosting.

BUNDLED UP

Winter fashion that will keep you safe from the cold

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR



In the midst of winter with everyone bundled up from the blistering cold and rushing to get indoors, it may be hard to feel fashionable. A coat of a certain style or color can make more of a statement than one thinks and make heads turn from every direction. Functional fashion is the best kind and winter is the perfect season to experiment with this concept.

women's

Puffer jackets have finally made their way into the sun of fashion and it is their time to shine proudly. This coat is more than incredibly warm feathers and insulation essentially; in a bold color or ornate feather pattern it can be thrown over any fancy outfit for a comfortable, yet chic night on the town. Metallic and bright colors are the most interesting and popular way to go for this coat.

Last winter the camel overcoat was all the rage, but this year the view has shifted to the classic Navy overcoat. This coat is just as versatile as the nude tone of the camel jacket, but a bit more dramatic of a look. It gives an accent of gold or silver tones depending on the buttons and goes with pretty much anything causal, evening or just running errands. Adorning the jacket with buttons or patches can give it an extra flavor of personality as well. It really is an easy versatile piece for any occasion.

For those unreasonably cold days that are too cold for a jacket, but too warm for the wool-- try a patent trench. This will offer more warmth than its lightweight counterpart, but offers ventilation at the same time to keep from overheating. It is good for rain resistance as well. It can be made more attractive with a bright pop of color on the coat; color blocked for a fun twist or remain in neutral tones for the more reserved characters.





men's

The military jacket can be worn in classic green or add a little class with red and brown tones, the color is really one's own choice. This jacket is extremely flattering to the figure with the belt across the middle and the vertical button leading the eye on the front. The straps on the shoulders add extra design features that please the eye as well and this simple design offers many other branch off design changes to choose from. This makes the coat match anyone's style.

The duffle coat sometimes looks larger than life, but can be warm and comfy all in one. This fashion piece can offer large pockets and hood for extra space in the jacket as well as movement. The knobby looking buttons offers a more earth design than the chic button look. Earth tones are the most common look for this jacket and offer the most fashionable look, but the more eccentric may choose to venture the color spectrum, more which is a way to stand out from the crowd.

The classic pea coat will always be a stand out piece. This slimming jacket offers a well-fitted look with vertical buttons that lead the eye to the matching collar. This look goes nicely with dressier outfits or can dress up the causal outfit. It truly is the coat of all coats, being fashion forward yet timeless. This look can be finished off with a scarf or hat and still look amazing on most figures. The classy man will always have at least one of these in his closet and the best advice is to stay to the black or grey tones with this coat for the best look.



Slow start

Women's basketball loses six games, continues to search for first victory

BY JAMES PAXSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2016-17 Women's Basketball season is off to a rocky start. Within the first six games of the season the Ocelots are still in search of their first win.

Most recently the lady Ocelots have fallen to Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) and Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) at the KVCC tournament on the weekend of Nov. 18 and 19. Schoolcraft is currently in last place of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) East Conference (0-0, 0-6 overall) and five of the last six losses have been by double digits. Despite the slow and dismal start for her team, fourth year Head Coach Kara Kinzer has no cause for concern.

"I have learned that we are a young team and have things to learn still. I see some real good things from us at times, others there is little things we have to work on and improve on throughout the season," said by Kinzer.

Kalamazoo Valley 61 - Schoolcraft 43

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Schoolcraft faced off against host Kalamazoo Valley Cougars on day two of the two day KVCC tournament. The game started with a pretty even back and forth offensive stride from both teams. The Ocelots starters passed the ball around to find the open shooter rather than trying to score on the fast break. Sophomore guard Rainy McCune ran the offense well; she had four assists in the game and helped Schoolcraft score points in clutch situations. The Ocelots stayed in striking distance at halftime with a score of 18-25.

"I always try to read the game as it comes to me, my team and I do not try to run the game without having the control," said McCune.

The second half started with missed shots and Schoolcraft keeping it close. Every time Kalamazoo scored Schoolcraft came back with points and continued to push the Cougars. At the 10:00 mark of the second half the

Ocelots were down by nine, 27-36.

At around the 6:15 mark the Ocelots defense started to lose its edge to Kalamazoo falling behind 35-45. Missed scoring opportunities haunted the Ocelots late in the game as Kalamazoo continued to rack up points. The Cougars scored 25 points in the fourth quarter. Schoolcraft fell after a defensive collapse and lost, 61-43.

A positive from this game is the impressive play by freshman guard Taia Parker who led the team in this game scored 15 points. This was Parkers fourth time this season scoring more than ten points in a game.

Despite the 0-6 start, the Ocelots are not at all focused on the recent losses; they have their minds set on the future heading into the halfway point of the season. Coach Kinzer sees the rest of the season as growing opportunities for this youthful team.

"It will be great to see players who have been working hard throughout the preseason on different skills improve. Our whole team will contribute to the success of our program this season. We only have 4 sophomores, so I am looking for them to lead the freshmen. We have 6 freshmen so they will all have a big role on this team this season. Everyone will have



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Taia Parker has done a fantastic job at leading the offense as a freshman by averaging 12 points per game.

to contribute to see improvement," said Coach Kinzer.

Looking ahead

Schoolcraft will head to Jackson, Michigan to face Jackson Community College Wednesday, Dec. 7. The team seeks redemption from their Nov. 9 loss to the Jets, 75-64.

The Ocelots will return home for a set of two home games before the holiday break Dec. 14 versus Mid Michigan and Dec. 17 versus Muskegon. Tip off for both games are 5:30 p.m.

For a team schedule, rosters and recent game results go to www.MCCAA.org.



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Keeping the winning alive

Men's Basketball wins five of six

BY JAMES PAXSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Men's basketball team has started the 2016-17 season by pulling away from most of their competition. Through the first six games, the offensive powerhouse Ocelots are 5-1 and are undefeated at home with a record of 2-0. Schoolcraft has high energy and has the momentum to keep winning games according to Sophomore Forward Tariq Jones.

"We have played great games so far. We came out with energy with our starters and our bench players help keep the energy in the second half," said Jones.

Jones has shinned coming off the bench by averaging 8.4 points and 5 assists per game in the addition to what Schoolcraft has been able to do in the first six games of the season. The team recently played Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) and Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) on Nov. 18 and 19 at the KVCC Tournament.

On Nov. 19 Schoolcraft played host Kalamazoo Valley

Cougars in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This game was coming off their first loss of the season to Grand Rapids the night prior in a close game where Schoolcraft missed key opportunities to win and ended up losing a 72-70.

The game started with the Ocelots utilizing their fast pace offense and scoring points without wasting a lot of time. They have scored a lot on fast break opportunities with dunks, lay ups and quick offensive plays. The first half

was full of the Ocelots showing they could pass the ball around rather than one person taking control of the game. Schoolcraft ended the first half with a 29-point lead with the score of 50-21.



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Esa Abduljami, and the rest of Schoolcraft's offense, had brilliant success at the Kalamazoo Valley Tournament by scoring a combined 153 points in two games.

Schoolcraft entered the second half utilizing primarily their bench players looking to close out a win with a 30-point lead. Kalamazoo tried to comeback and keep up with the fast Ocelots, but their attempt fell short. A big help for them was J.D Richard who came off the bench in the game and scored a team high 19 points. In addition to Richards's, a big asset in this win was freshman guard Delo Hansbro who ended the game with 20 points and seven assists. The game ended with a comeback attempt but it wasn't enough to beat the Ocelots.

Schoolcraft went home with an 81-62 win over the Cougars.

"We have to take care of the ball better and work on our help side defense we got sloppy in the second half, the more we work on that we will be very successful later in the year," said Head Coach Abe Mashhour.

Schoolcraft is looking forward to the games coming up in middle December when the Ocelots travel to Jackson Community College Dec. 7 and play Lansing Community College at home Dec. 14. Lansing is currently 6-1 and much like the Ocelots they have had no issues with most of their opponents. Last season Lansing was the Western Conference champion and had an impressive record of 31-5. These next few games before holiday break will help determine how well the team will do in the second half of the season and if they can win the conference.

"The closer we are as a team and the better team bonding we have the better we will do as a team and on the basketball court. I think with our team chemistry we can go very far and we can be a great team," said freshman guard Walt Kesler.

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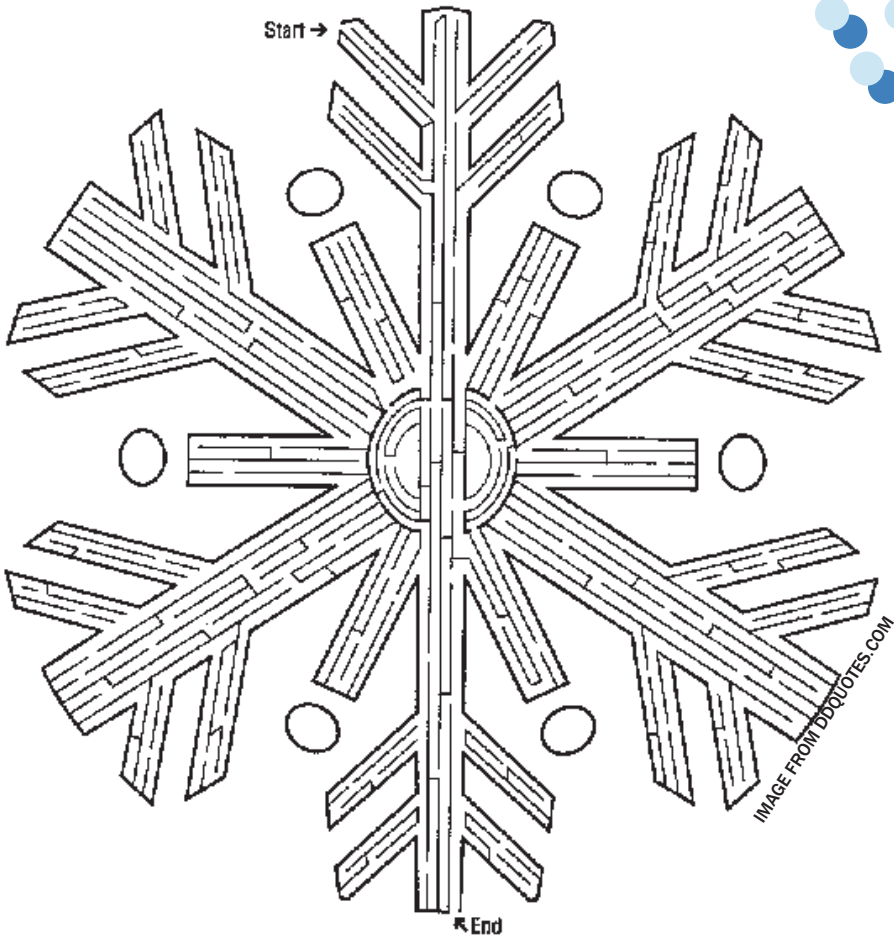




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HOROSCOPES

BY QUINN STORM
NEWS EDITOR

♍ VIRGO (8/23 - 9/22)

Although the week may seem jam packed, sticking to the schedule you've created for yourself will help you to feel less cluttered. As the holidays round the corner, you'll tend to drift toward staying in more than going out, which is a good thing for you right now. All this staying in time will let you have more family time, and bonding with distant family members will help you to heal and grow this week.

♎ LIBRA (9/23 - 10/22)

As your life is super slammed and fast-paced, don't say no to new friendships this week. It may seem like more on your to-do list, but it'll be worth it in the end. As for old friendships, don't ditch them! Make an effort to reconnect and catch up, but don't stress too hard to fit it into your already hectic schedule. More responsibility this week may equal more things to do, but don't say no to a challenge.

♏ SCORPIO (10/23 - 11/21)

Slow down, breath and relax this week. You definitely need a break from all the hustling you've been doing lately. Sorting out money issues should be your top priority this week. After all, you can't live without having a bit of money. Don't worry and stress yourself out, though, you'll figure out your money issues by the end of the week. Sorting it out before the weekend is preferable, so you can let loose and have some fun.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (11/22 - 12/21)

Energy and emotion are ripe for you this week. Wake up with a smile and tackle each day with a great attitude. Attention turning toward you may feel odd at first, but take the opportunity to show what you've got. Reconnecting with old friends is an excellent time to brag about your recent accomplishments, but don't overdo it. A little bit of modesty goes a long way. Disagreements are prone to happen when you brag too much, so watch out for that this weekend.

♑ CAPRICORN (12/22 - 1/19)

Expect a lot of intensity this week. Think over everything that has happened to you recently. Is it all worth it still? Think of all your great accomplishments this year and how much you did and take a moment to be proud. Mid week expect a big surprise coming your way. Don't be overwhelmed; just be grateful and go after it with good intentions. This surprise could even entail a big milestone for you, so keep your head up.

♒ AQUARIUS (1/20 - 2/18)

Trust yourself and listen to what your heart is telling you this week. Lately you've been confused about what you want, but recent activities have made it pretty clear to you what direction you need to be going in. Pieces of the puzzle are finally coming together. Don't be scared to make change to get what you want. Sometimes change doesn't sound all that great, but it pays off in the end.

♓ PISCES (2/19 - 3/20)

This week expect to be super busy. Chores, family, friends, work and more have got you on a short leash. Instead of stressing, monitor your time carefully to adequately prepare for all the things you have to do. Failing to do so could create chaos in your oh-so delicate time frame. Don't let the weight of all you have to do sink you down and create tension between you and loved ones. Remember, everyone around you has your best interest in mind.

♈ ARIES (3/21 - 4/19)

Embrace everything life has to throw at you this week head on. Accept difficult tasks without complaint and follow through on everything you commit to. Unexpected curve balls could throw you off your track, but keep going at them with everything you've got. At work, your dedication could lead you to finally getting noticed by someone you've been trying to impress for a while. Don't take criticism personally, work to better yourself and what you're doing.

♉ TAURUS (4/20 - 5/20)

Going slow and taking things steady is exactly what you need to be doing this week. You may think you're overworked and underpaid, and this is an excellent time to treat yourself and wind down. You're so close to finally realizing what you actually want, especially in the relationship and financial field. When new information comes to light, you'll find it's easier to make decisions that you once thought were too confusing to decide on.

♊ GEMINI (5/21 - 6/21)

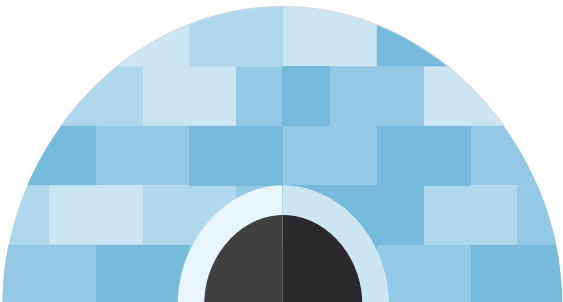
Although this week is super busy for you, remember to make commitments. The best rule of thumb is if you think you're too busy or you think you may lose interest and not want to follow through, don't plan on doing something. Other people will get upset at you and that can only lead to emotional downfall. Underneath the surface you may feel some tension, so work to get that resolved as quickly and efficiently as possible without hurting others.

♋ CANCER (6/22 - 7/22)

Work has been crazy busy lately and you've been frightened to take the initiative to do more than usual out of fear of being scrutinized. This week is one to realize that everyone would appreciate your help; there are no stupid ideas. Stop talking yourself out of things for fear of rejection. That goes for social aspects as well. Work through doubts and insecurities and it'll pay off for you much better in the end.

♌ LEO (7/23 - 8/22)

Happy and playful is your motto, but this week it may be time to get a bit more serious. With the holidays around the corner it's time to buckle down on your spending habits and commit yourself to a plan of action. Possible love interests may also be coming your way, and they may appreciate a bit of seriousness when the time comes for a first date. Overall, though, remember to keep your mood cheery and playful.



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LIGHTING UP THE HOLIDAY SEASON

BY MIKEY CEBULSKI
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For the 13th consecutive year, on Nov. 18, 2016, thousands of Metro Detroiters gathered in downtown Detroit's Campus Martius Park to welcome in the holiday season and celebrate the city's 60-foot tall tree lighting ceremony presented by the DTE Energy Foundation. This year temperatures were above average making for an even more spectacular evening. With over 19,000 LED lights the tree stands tall over the ice skating rink in the heart of the city. The tree lighting ceremony is an iconic sight for visitors and natives of the city alike. The evening kicked off at 5 p.m. and ran through midnight featuring live performances and Olympic gold medal figure skaters Meryl Davis & Charlie White. The Salvation Army Family Fun Tent, photos with Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, free cinnamon rolls from IKEA in the Warming (Warming) Tent, free hot chocolate from DTE Energy Foundation, McDonald's giveaways and the official opening of the ice rink were available for visitors to partake in.



The ice skating rink was open to the public and free hot chocolate was available to visitors.



A young child sits on his dad's shoulders to get a glimpse of the festivities.



Detroit's famous Christmas Tree Lighting in Campus Martius has been a city tradition for 13 years. The tree, a 60-foot tall Norway Spruce, has 19,000 LED lights strung throughout.



Vistors and natives of the city alike can gather in Campus Martius for the annual tree lighting.

