

# Mastering charcuterie

## Executive Chef Polcyn to attend charcuterie master class in Italy

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Crotone is a gorgeous town along Italy's eastern Mediterranean coast. This March, Crotone will host a class for only the most dedicated, qualified charcuterie practitioners in all the world, a mere dozen experts to be exact. Schoolcraft's very own Certified Executive Chef Brian Polcyn is one of those experts.

Having practiced charcuterie for 35 years, proudly owning six different award-winning restaurants in Metro Detroit over 28 years and teaching full-time at Schoolcraft for two decades, Polcyn is perhaps as qualified as these talented chefs come, having also written two books on the subject of which his history goes back decades.

"I learned charcuterie under Master Chef Miles at the Golden Mushroom in 1980 and found it to be very interesting and continued to practice. If you want to learn a lot about a subject, you teach it, because you have to be able to articulate it. That's been my life-long journey, charcuterie," Chef Polcyn said.

Charcuterie is an ancient method of preserving meat through curing, smoking or salting. Millennia before the advent of refrigerators, such methods were vital to the survival

and progress of human settlements as hunting parties sought to preserve their bounty for much longer than just an initial feast.

Recently, Schoolcraft has become one of a very small handful of schools in the country to have a Stagionello® curing chamber, due in part to Polcyn's certified expertise.

"This particular cabinet is made by a master salumi maker in Italy, Stagionello. He was the one who developed the technology for authenticity," explained Polcyn.

"There's too many pieces of equipment out there that fake their way through, but most Europeans, like Italians, they know best. He developed the technology creating those environments all over the world, specifically in Europe, northern Italy, southern Italy, southern France, Portugal, those are the big dry meat areas," continued Polcyn.

"He made a program to make the condition of that box like the climate where the sausages are originally made. It's the reason why Portuguese chorizo tastes different from Spanish chorizo. They're still pork and seasoning, but they do taste different. The technical term is a drying room, but I call it a transformation room," Polcyn elaborated.

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Schoolcraft's Certified Executive Chef Brian Polcyn has practiced charcuterie for over three decades while also teaching the subject for nearly 20 years. His expertise and continued eagerness to learn more about the subject has earned him a coveted spot in attending Stagionello's master class on charcuterie in Italy. The image above captures some of Chef Polcyn's expert work thus far with the Stagionello curing chamber at the college, along with his two books on charcuterie.

# Winter School Daze is coming

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School Daze returns on Jan. 24 to 25 in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center. The event will feature over 30 clubs among them being Business Club, Math and Physics Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Project Playhem, Poke Pals and Table Top Club, as well as local businesses, campus student services and entertainment.

"Thirty-one clubs will have tables set up to promote their meetings and future events" said Todd Stowell, Director of Student Activities.

This event is particularly aimed at new students to get them more acquainted with the college and provide a friendly atmosphere to meet other students. Every attendee of the event should have something that strikes their fancy

and are encouraged to peruse the various booths to find what they like and have fun.

Attendees should come out and enjoy in the festivities of School Daze. Besides the student clubs and organizations, many businesses that are there will have special deals, games, prizes or samples to entice students, and many school departments will also make an appearance.

The Navy, Marines, National Guard, Air Force, and Army will be set up in Conference Room E for students to come and ask questions.

There will be many options for food like Jimmy Johns and Noodles and Co., but there are always hot dogs that are 50 cents each and free snow cones.

There are other features to the event as well.

Feeling a little tense? Get a free ten-minute chair massage



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School Daze is a fun-filled way to make connections with fellow students, student organizations, several Schoolcraft departments, and local businesses. Free activities, free samples, music, and more make School Daze a traditions that you don't want to miss!

from the Schoolcraft Massage Therapy students.

Don't forget to get a caricature likeness of yourself drawn by a professional caricature artist.

Along with all of that there will be a DJ that will provide nonstop beats from all your favorite artists.

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News briefs



## News now

Your global, national, state and local news briefs

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GLOBAL

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS, was thought to be a curse with no cure. However, Dr. Michael J. Strong of Western University, located in Ontario, Canada, recently released a groundbreaking study about ALS. According to CTV News, there is a link between Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) and ALS. CTE is a fatal degenerative disease caused by multiple head blows or concussions, mainly from sports. Dr. Strong commented that with CTE patients there’s a buildup of protein on neurons in the brain. The protein buildup kills neurons, which could be a cause of ALS in the same patients. With this research, more work can be done to find a cure.

NATIONAL

Ever since Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon in 1969, Americans have longed to explore Mars. Recently, scientists have found ice sheets below Mars’s surface. According to an article from U.S. News, scientists conclude that astronauts could have an endless water supply, which accelerates the process to Mars. Although only eight water deposits have been discovered, scientists have plenty of work to do before sending anyone to Mars.

STATE

Ford Motor Company is reintroducing the Ford Ranger pickup truck in 2019. Previews were shown through photos at the 2018 Auto Show in Detroit. The Ford Ranger was first manufactured in North America in 1983 with it discontinuing in 2011, and it was the best-selling truck between 1987 and 2004. According to James Hackett, the President of Ford Motor Company, production of the Ranger went underway at the Michigan Assembly Plant in 2017. Some specs on the comeback vehicle include a 2.3 liter EcoBoost engine, a 10-speed automatic transmission and a high-strength, steel based backbone. A meteor around two yards long shot across the sky the night of Jan. 16. It was traveling around 28,000 mph as it arrived, and the boom residents heard came from the meteor going faster than the speed of sound. The impact caused a 2.0 magnitude earthquake. The meteor broke up into many little pieces, which can be found and sold for a nice chunk of money. ■



Culinary fun fact:

Americans tend to misuse culinary terms. For example, the term “salami” is actually plural for many sausages while one is “salum.” The “salumeria” is where the salami are made.

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The chambers average in price at around \$20,000, as this technology has taken over two millennia to develop and is incredibly advanced. Getting it to Schoolcraft was no simple process either, as finally having the technology in Culinary Arts was a vision that took over a year to actualize. There’s a lot of ethnicity to the craft of charcuterie, from northern Germanic style charcuterie, and that of southern Italy, southern France and Portugal. “Europe is where the craft started as there would be more meat than they could eat and they would have to find a way to preserve it,” said Polcyn. “The cutier was the most revered job in these small villages because everybody would take their meat and they would preserve it for them.” With such advancements in culinary technology as that which the college now has, chefs and craftsmen are able to mimic traditional conditions through eight precise cycles into an exclusive micro-climate in Livonia. While Culinary Arts has had the cabinet since September, after a year of preparation to order and receive it, creating expert charcuterie still takes a labor of love and time. Polcyn’s first batch of salami became ready for consumption just before the college went on winter break back in December. “It depends on the diameter. I can make them probably in as short as 27 days, but I’ve got salamis that have been hanging since Sept. 6,” said Polcyn. With a prestigious Culinary Arts program, Schoolcraft having such technology is incredibly exclusive. “Thank god that Schoolcraft really, really

supports their departments. It’s such a privilege to work here because it’s a very important part of my curriculum,” Polcyn said proudly. “We are teaching a subject a lot of schools don’t teach anymore, charcuterie. Even at the big schools, like the Culinary Institute of America, they don’t spend as much time with charcuterie ... as we do here at Schoolcraft.” Polcyn’s colleagues also sincerely agree that the prevalence of charcuterie is a vital, ancient practice to Culinary Arts. “I believe that there will be many cooking techniques and different opportunities in culinary and the industry,” explained Certified Master Chef Shawn Loving. “When you get an opportunity for a master charcuterie chef like Chef Polcyn with new state-of-the-art technology from around the world, knowing that it can only enhance the knowledge for the student at Schoolcraft College, I consider this an opportunity for a guaranteed win on behalf of our department and the college,” Loving continued. Polcyn also predicts that this technology will profoundly, positively impact the department and entire college for years to come. “We will be doing a meat program up in the Main Street Cafe with salamis, hams ... Just like going to a deli, only it’s going to be made here at Schoolcraft College,” Polcyn said. Of all the charcuterie professionals in the world, Chef Polcyn will soon be one of a mere dozen to attend Stagionello’s master class in Crotone, after extensive examination from the craftsman himself. “Stagionello’s manufacturer put my name in. When they sold me the box, I knew probably as much or more than the salesman did. They researched me as I’ve written two books, ‘Charcuterie’ and ‘Salumi’ and they said they’d love to have me attend,” Polcyn explained. The master class is one focused on the art of salumi making, an all-encompassing Italian cooking term that refers to anything dry. As a professional chef, Polcyn is eager to learn more on the subject when he attends. “I know a lot already, but any good chef will tell you that you always have

something to learn. Anybody that’s a real professional in their field will say the same thing,” Polcyn said humbly. “I say practice charcuterie because you’re ever evolving learning. The basic principles stay the same, but there’s so many nuances that you can change. Can you tell I love it?” Polcyn continued. Culinary Arts plans to spread the bounty of what the Stagionello cabinet has to offer to the rest of the college and community in due time. “It’s probably going to take me a couple of years to go through everything I want to make in there. I think that the educational tool it affords me to the students makes my job easier to explain to them how this magic, this transformation happens,” Polcyn said. “This technology is assisting me to be a better teacher because I can show them through a glass door how it changes over the weeks. As visual learners, they can see the salami change, so it’s an excellent aid in getting the educational process through the student,” concluded Polcyn. ■



IMAGE FROM OMCAN.COM

A Stagionello chamber like the one now owned by Schoolcraft since last September. Charcuterie is an ancient, vital skill.



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STOLEN CASH

Early on the morning of Friday, Dec. 15, a man entered the Men’s locker room in the PE building to change clothes to workout. At around 7 a.m., after placing his belongings in locker M194, he went to the bathroom for less than a minute. During this time, he left the locker door open with his wallet inside. The victim then locked his locker and proceeded to work out. When he arrived back in the locker room at around 8:20 a.m., he noticed a black male exit the sauna and walk throughout the locker room for about 10 minutes. At 9:09 a.m., the victim was preparing to leave when he discovered his cash was missing. He believed that the male walking around the

locker room was a person of interest. Video footage from the PE building shows that this suspect entered the locker room at 6:48 a.m. and left at 9:09 a.m. After he left the locker room, he grabbed into his pocket and then re-entered the locker room. As he left the locker room a second time, he was seen talking on his cellphone. Monday, Dec. 18, the victim was once again in the locker room and reported seeing the same male behaving the same way as before. Officers responded to the call. Officers contacted the suspect in the locker room as he was trying to exit. The officers asked him to provide them with identification and he complied. He also consented to a voluntary search of himself, his gym bag and his vehicle. No cash was found during this search. However, a criminal background

check shows that the person of interest was on probation for larceny in a building and was prohibited from entering Planet Fitness facilities. Despite contacting the subject’s probation agent, campus police have been unable to pursue a warrant for the man. MISSING BASEBALL GLOVE Saturday, Jan. 6, an assistant to the Schoolcraft baseball coach arrived at the Sports Dome to participate in the D’backs Elite Baseball clinic. Between 8 and 9 p.m., he placed his black and tan Wilson A2000 baseball glove next to the batting cages. Upon conclusion of the clinic, he noticed the glove was missing, and believed it was stolen. There was no witness to the incident and the Intelligence Operation Center (IOC) will review video of the area. ■

“School Daze”

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This year’s event will also host the radio stations 98.7 AMP on Jan. 24 of School Daze and the country station WYCD on Jan. 25.

School Daze is the perfect event for old and new students alike. It gives students a great chance to meet people with similar interests, take part in campus life, have fun and to see all the opportunities that Schoolcraft has to offer, which students shouldn’t hesitate to take advantage of. Every year breathes a new life, and what better way to kick off the new semester than trying something new or being a part of something?

Any questions about the event can be answered in the Student Activities Office in the Lower Waterman/ VisTaTech Center or call 734-462-4422. ■



IMAGES FROM THE CONNECTION ARCHIVES.

(Left) Students dance in one of the many contests offered at School Daze. (Top right) A student sits for a caricature, always a popular attraction at School Daze.

School Daze Participants

CLUBS

See what clubs are available, find out what activities they offer, and meet the members

- Asian Student Association
- Black Student Union
- Broadcast Club
- Business Club
- Cardfight Club
- Civil Rights Action Club
- Christian Challenge
- Combo Dojo Club
- Comic Con Club
- Environmentally Friendly Club
- International Student Organization
- Libertarian Club
- Math and Physics Club
- MDAEC
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- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
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- Pre-Professional Medical Society
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- Sustainability Club
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- Video Production Club

DEPARTMENT SUPPORT: Discover available resources and ask department representatives questions

- Athletics Department
- Fitness Center
- Student Relations
- SC Marketing
- Academic Advising
- Counseling
- Hinkle Center
- Bookstore
- Service Learning
- SCII
- Music Department
- Learning Assistance Center

LOCAL BUSINESSES: Many participating businesses bring activities or free samples. Stop and chat with the representatives of some local favorites.

- Noodles and Company
- Allied Advertising

- Zeal Credit Union
- Jimmy Johns
- Dave and Busters
- Wayne State University
- Davenport University
- Northwood University
- Walsh College
- Michigan Educational Credit Union
- League of Women Voters
- Metro PCS
- Grand Tavern Livonia
- MOD Pizza
- St. Joe’s
- Bank of America
- Biggby Coffee

ATTRACTIONS: Fun activities happening throughout School Daze. Feel free to stay all day and play between classes!

- Caricature Artist
- DJ - Music
- Games and Prizes
- 50 cent Hot Dogs
- FREE 10 minute Chair Massages
- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines
- Biggby Coffee — FREE coffee and hot chocolate while supplies last



Some of the local businesses bring games, free samples or other give-aways.



Find out what activities the different clubs on campus offer throughout the year and meet club members at School Daze. You may find something that interests you, and having an active college life is correlated with greater success in your education.

Un-news-ual News

Things that make you go, “Huh.”

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STAFF WRITER



GARBAGE RESURRECTION

Ever throw away something that you did not want anymore? Well imagine if the trash never went to the incinerator. Former garbage man, Nelson Molina, has collected more than 50,000 pieces of trash while employed under the New York Department of Sanitation.

In a video shown by NBC news, Molina cleaned and organized each piece in his garage, making the garage look like a museum of junk. Molina used a tool to detect what was inside the garbage bags and would grab various pieces for his

collection. This really seems to be a case of one man’s junk is another man’s treasure.

FAST AND FURIOUS AND UNDER THE INFLUENCE

In Santa Ana, California, two men went on a wild ride. The driver, whose judgment was impaired due to the use of narcotics, soared off a median divider and went airborne into a second-floor dental office.

The car was lodged in the building as the police and rescue workers responded to the scene of the accident. The accident

was attributed to a dirt mound in the median when the police investigated the accident. Luckily, both passengers only sustained minor injuries while the driver received a DUI.

OWLS GO CRAZY

In Atlanta, there have been recent owl attacks beginning in late December. According to an article from Fox News, there have been three instances of owl attacks on civilians and their beloved pets.

The first attack killed a Yorkie when the dog ended up with puncture wounds on the back and chest. The next owl attack knocked down a woman and scratched her leg after attacking her Dachshund. The third, and hopefully last, attack cut a man’s head as he was leaving his town house.

According to Atlanta Audubon Society representative, Adam Beteul, while owl attacks are rare, the recent

cold weather might have made the owls more aggressive.

THE RETURN OF THE MAD POOPER

After heavy media press on the “Mad Pooper” in Colorado Springs, another monster has surfaced in Orchard Park, New York. Numerous homeowners have reported finding human feces on their lawns, according to an article from Mashable.

The community will not tolerate a reboot of this sick trend; one of the members has even put an ad in the Orchard Park PennySaver to find the person responsible. The ad also states the homeowner has installed trail cams around the neighborhood to catch the copycat once and for all!

With a citation already going down on the copycat’s record, the individual will also be caught on camera, making the situation even more embarrassing. ■

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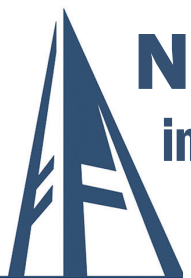
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# New Year's habits

Small ways to positively impact your daily life

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THE CONNECTION EDITOR STAFF

## HABITS FOR THE CREATIVE MID

For the artists out there, drawing everyday can drastically impact your skills. Keep a small sketchbook or journal that can be easily kept on your person or in a place that will allow you to keep up with your sketches. These drawings shouldn't be masterpieces, merely observations, quick drawings or doodles. This also leaves space for experimentation with style and practice.

To the many aspiring writers working their ways into the field, writing every day is a great start to create a writing style. Writers should spend at least 15 minutes writing something related to the day. This way writers will stay consistent. Whether it is for creative writing or journalism, writing every day is greatly beneficial.

## SMALL WAYS TO START A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE

Break down larger goals into smaller, more manageable habits that you can

work into your everyday routine. For example, if you want to improve your health, you might decide to drink more water. Create a plan to form your habit, such as keeping a reusable water bottle with you all day and refilling it at specific times, like before and after class.

"New year, new me" has never kept me in the gym or eating healthy past mid-January. This year I am taking a much simpler approach, with a focus on the small details that make for a productive day. Making your bed first thing in the morning allows you to start your day with a completed task. The little bit of extra effort in the a.m. will boil over through the day.

Diet changes can seem rather daunting to most people, especially one such as going vegan. Switching to a plant-based diet technically can be done overnight, however removing animal products from your diet in a way that is effective and will have you committed to it over long periods of time should be gradual to avoid crashes.

For any aspiring vegans, try eliminating certain meats from your diet each week, then moving on to other products like cheese or dairy altogether, while also replacing these items with whole, plant-based foods. Also try reminding yourself each morning and night of the reasons that prompted your lifestyle change. This slow approach will help to make your transition into veganism more seamless.

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## MANAGING GOALSETTING

Keeping your goals simple seems to be the way to go when it comes to the new year. If you go too big or broad you won't get anywhere, and in a couple of weeks you will feel like your goal is way too impossible to achieve. So instead of saying "My goal this year is to lose 50 pounds" you should probably go with something a little more reasonable, like "I will eat something healthy for me every day."

Being realistic in constructing your goals is crucial. People tend to give up on their goals midway through January because the bar has been set too high. For insistence, making the New Year's resolution to save money. Instead of saving drastic amounts of money taken from your check, try saving change and singles in a jar after every purchase. Another good way to save is to limit the number of times you eat out per week. It doesn't seem like much, but over time a little adds up! ♦

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# The new mainstream

The Overwatch League should be the standard in modern eSports

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Overwatch was first released for PlayStation 4, Xbox One and PC May 24, 2016, and is known for its colorful characters, well-balanced game play and its unique hero-shooter genre. These strong characteristics have created an engaged community in favor of Overwatch eSports. Developer and publisher Blizzard Entertainment and Major League Gaming (MLG), have taken their time to craft a well-structured league for Overwatch.

The first official season of the Overwatch League (OWL) officially kicked off in January and will run until June 2018 with a \$3.5 million prize pool. As of now, there are nine North American teams and three international teams competing in OWL.

Similar to traditional sports in North America, organizations are stationed in major cities, creating a sense of pride for many residents. Teams like the Houston Outlaws (based out of Houston, TX) and Seoul Dynasty, (based out of Seoul, South Korea) break the traditional habit seen in other eSports that simply have a name. Efforts like this by OWL will help make eSports seem more professional.

It definitely seems to be working since OWL recently hit 10 million viewers on Twitch and MLG in its first week as well as reaching advertisers that haven't been in eSports before, such as Toyota. However, as of writing, the official details between OWL and Toyota's partnership have yet



IMAGE FROM GEEKSCALVARY.COM

Blizzard's efforts in the Overwatch League is a great step in growing eSports by its more traditional league format and team oriented gameplay. As long as games stick to a well formatted league like this, growth in the eSports industry is imminent.

to be disclosed.

Organizations are sure to bring in more sponsors or sponsorships such as how the Houston Outlaws have brought Pepsi and Brisk into the eSport. Fans are able to purchase their favorite team's merchandise from the official OWL store on [gear.blizzard.com](http://gear.blizzard.com). Fans may also purchase skins in Overwatch to represent their favorite teams in-game.

There are still places to improve in OWL, however. According to Sports Business, Twitch is the only third-party site allowed to stream live OWL broadcasting thanks to a \$90 million partnership between Twitch and Blizzard.

This is a major setback since mainstream sports outlets such as ESPN have been broadcasting eSport events on cable television since early 2016. Thankfully, the deal only has exclusivity for live events, so ESPN may still produce recaps for OWL, but it won't reach larger mainstream audiences live.

The way Blizzard Entertainment and MLG have patiently crafted OWL really paid off in its success. Having mainstream brands sponsor city based teams will create engaging fan bases and highly produced tournaments. Hopefully, OWL is just the beginning for a more mature eSports industry. ♦

# Disastrous mystery toys drain pockets

*L.O.L Surprise dolls leave much to be desired*

BY ALEXIS TUCKER  
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Every year there is a new hit toy that sells out the moment they hit the shelves. This Christmas season’s toy was the L.O.L. Doll made by MGA Entertainment, and the craze continues into 2018. Over 2.5 million of these dolls were sold in about five months last year, according to Forbes. This little doll is packaged in seven wrappings in a hand-sized ball, and there are three kinds to choose from the pets, big sisters and little sisters. All of the wrapping is covered with pictures of the little dolls with things that say “Unbox me!,” “Bet ya can’t find me!” and “Take me home!”

But yes, there are seven plastic packages that contain various items including the doll, and the child has no idea what they contain until they open it. This can mean duplicates or an undesired doll.

L.O.L dolls aren’t the only “mystery box” type of toy out there, nor was it even the first of its kind. This kind of thing sounds familiar to gamers. You pay money out of

pocket for a chance to get the item you really want.

Gamers have pushed against this trend for a while as it is a shady business practice to get more money from the gamer, and it can hinder the actual game, especially the fun of the game.

Gamers find the practice particularly effective against children or gamblers since they don’t have an idea for the real value or get addicted to the chance of getting what they want. For more information about this issue in the video game industry, please read “Let’s end loot boxes” by Christian Hollis in The Schoolcraft Connection’s Issue 7 of Volume 31.

Children are susceptible to this sort of marketing as they collect and play with toys, and it seems children enjoy the opening of the surprise more than the toy itself. These sorts of toys are very enticing to children for those reasons, and it seems companies are taking a play out of game developers’ books to sell as many as possible.

The thing is, toys like this aren’t all that lasting. The craze will fizzle out at some point, but the way young children live now, it may not die out. YouTube appears to play an important role for these toys to continue as children watch people open the toys and discuss them.



IMAGE FROM MOMMYOUTSIDETHEBOX.CA  
The opened dolls with all their accessories. The smaller babies are the little sisters while the larger ones are the big sisters. Not knowing what you are buying makes this toy addictive, not unlike gambling.

Popular channels like “Princess Toy Reviews” get upward of a million to over 13 million views. Gamers watch YouTubers to get an idea if they want a game or not, but for children it’s just a free advertisement for the toy.

The quality of the toy isn’t important to children. They just see cute little toys and people gushing over how great the toys are.

These fads feed into themselves to get so big, just as loot boxes have seeped into so many games. Now, there are many copy-cats to the L.O.L doll, leaving almost an entire aisle aimed at young girls full of these mystery toys.

Loot boxes are a bad practice to gain money in almost all games. These mystery

toys are just as bad, especially considering they target children. With loot boxes in games, adults have more sense to say no or to choose a better game and such.

With mystery toys, children want them and parents will buy them. It teaches children that things like that are expected, when people should expect to get what they pay for, which is why there is a huge fight for gamers to root out loot boxes.

These mystery toys are not a huge problem, but parents should be wary. Our lives are filled with enough mystery as it is, so why pay for a chance at a super rare doll when you can buy a nice set of Legos? ♦



*The mystery L.O.L. Surprise!—in this ball is a small doll including a few accessories. They come with a price tag of \$9.99.*

IMAGE FROM SKINTDAD.CO.UK

# Why President Trump should reconsider Jerusalem

*The US shouldn’t side strongly with either Israel or Palestine*

IMAGE FROM CITYAM.COM



BY ADAM NOWAK  
NEWS EDITOR

United States President Donald Trump ordered the state department to begin the transition of moving the American embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Dec. 6, 2017.

Israel is a small country the size of New Jersey. It became a sovereign nation in 1948, after the United Nations Partition Plan. The plan divided the land known today as Israel into two states: Israel and Palestine, with the Israelis controlling the government.

Over the past several decades, the Israeli government has ruthlessly pushed Palestine into possessing less and less land. The Palestinian populations reside in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, both of which take up small portions of the state of Israel.

The sizes of both Palestinian-controlled regions have depleted due to the Israeli government’s push to take over more territory. The Israeli army has repeatedly terrorized Palestinian civilians by arresting large amounts of people at a time, as well as bomb raids that demoralize the Palestinian community.

According to an article by Human Rights Watch, “In the same period, Israeli forces killed 8 people in Gaza during demonstrations at the

border fence, and injured at least 188. The Israeli authorities have declared an area inside Gaza but near the border with Israel to be a ‘no-go’ zone, and Israeli soldiers fire at people who enter it.”

The government has built Israeli settlements right through Palestinian territories, causing the Palestinian people, along with many other Sunni-Muslim countries surrounding it, to despise Israel. The continued occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has caused terror groups such as Hamas to rise up.

The word “Hamas” is an acronym and translated to English means Islamic Resistance Movement. It is a terrorist organization that started due to the Israeli government’s state-sponsored terrorism against the Palestinians.

Hamas’ reign of terror includes killing Israeli troops, which causes government backlash to terrorize the entire Arab community. It’s a never-ending battle.

The U.N. has repeatedly urged the Israeli government to halt the building of settlements in the Gaza Strip and West Bank; however, Israel shows no indication of listening to the U.N.

Jerusalem is renowned for its holy roots in the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religions, and has been a

highly contested area for thousands of years. After the United Nations Partition Plan, which gave government control of Israel to the Jews, the Palestinian community has been left to weather the storm of the Jewish army.

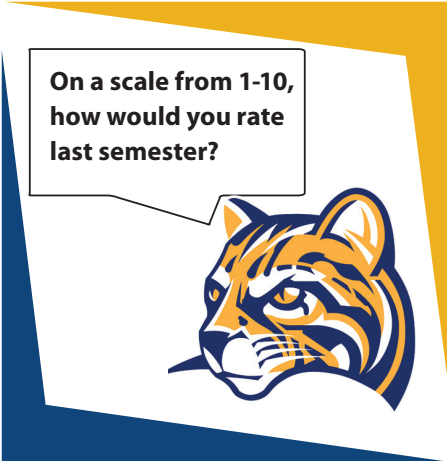
The Palestinians have holy roots in East Jerusalem and claims it as their capital, while the Jews have holy roots in the Western part of the city. Due to this conflict, countries across the globe have chosen to withhold putting their embassy in Jerusalem, instead placing them in Tel Aviv, a city located in Western Israel.

President Trump’s announcement about moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem is ignorant. Jews and Arabs both believe they have the right to Jerusalem, so why would it make sense to announce that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel?

That remark has sparked outrage across the entire Arab population. With the Israeli government’s ruthless tactics against the Palestinians the announcement by the president only fuels the Israeli government’s effort to take over more Palestinian neighborhoods, and it verifies the United States’ commitment to being on the side of Israel, when humanitarian crimes are being committed as we watch. ♦

Ocelot Opinions

Interviews by Anthony Plescia | Photos by David Vega and Christian Hollis,  
Staff Writer, Staff Photographer and Editor-in-Chief



**Jonathan Vu** *Sophomore*  
Major: Occupational Therapy Assistant  
"I'd give it 10 out of 10. The teacher was great and I had a really great experience with last semester".



**Mary Cobb** *Freshman*  
Major: Undecided  
"I would rate it a 10, because I had really good teachers and it was an easy semester".



**Moe Jaber** *Junior*  
Major: Marketing  
"10, because I made the Dean's List".



**Riley King** *Sophomore*  
Major: Computer Engineering  
"Last semester, I would give it 5 out of 10 stars because I had a couple of professors that weren't the greatest. On top of that, they offer the classes, but they don't have the best resources to help people strive for those classes."



**Derek Griffin** *Sophomore*  
Major: Nursing  
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**Alycea Wells** *Freshman*  
Major: Music  
"I guess I would give it a 7. It was hard to get comfortable at college, but it wasn't terrible because Schoolcraft is a community college. It's easy to get comfortable with it transferring from high school to here"



**Jacob Dolson** *Freshman*  
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BY JAY PAUL, STAFF CARTOONIST

The Quill

Dear Peer Consultant,

I can never remember how to use "or" or "nor" in a sentence when I use the word "either." Can you explain please?

Sincerely,  
Nora Ora



IMAGE FROM  
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Dear Nora Ora,

This is a good question! The basic rule you're looking for is referred to as "either ... or, neither ... nor." In most cases, the words "either" and "or" work together as a pair, whereas "neither" and "nor" work together. While "either" and "or" connect two ideas where only one piece will prevail, "neither" and "nor" connected two pieces of the same idea. For example:

"Matt could either have chips or pretzels."  
"Matt would have neither chips nor pretzels."

In the first example, Matt is facing a choice between two items: the chips and

the pretzels. While in the second example, Matt has already made his choice against both the chips and pretzels. While using "neither" and "nor," be careful not to use another negative, or you will be faced with a double negative sentence. For example, if one was to add the word "not" to the example above, you would get a new example which would be incorrect such as:

"Matt would not have neither chips nor pretzels."

Another helpful bit of information regarding the use of "nor" would be that

if you do not use the word "neither," you will not usually want to use the word "nor." Thank you so much for taking the time to write us. We hope this is a helpful response and wish you all the best for your upcoming writing. If you would like further assistance, you can come to the LAC, which is located in the Bradner Library.

Sincerely,  
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# Dreams do come true

*Career Services Coordinator receives opportunity of a lifetime to attend Super Bowl LII*

BY ADAM NOWAK  
NEWS EDITOR

Super Bowl LII is quickly approaching, and with that, comes giveaways for lucky fans to get the chance to go to the game. This year, the big game will be taking place at U.S Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Feb. 4, 2018.

At the last home game of the Detroit Lions regular season Dec. 31, 2017, Career Services Coordinator, JoAnne Stadnicar was presented with an opportunity of a lifetime given to her and her husband during the game.

Stadnicar has been a fan of the Detroit Lions practically her entire life. In 2011, Stadnicar became a season ticket holder for the Lions. She sits in the club seats at Ford Field, section 204 seats 11 and 12.

Not too long ago, the Lions went 0-16. It would be fairly easy to give up on the



IMAGE BY KEVIN T. FERGUSON, ASSISTANT LAYOUT EDITOR  
Joanne Stadnicar, Career Services Coordinator and Lions season ticket holder, sits among her Lions memorabilia in her office, Friday. Joanne recently won a complimentary trip to Minneapolis for Super Bowl LII because of her faithful support of the Lions.

Lions at that point.

However, Stadnicar is not a fair-weather fan; she roots for the Lions during times of hardship and triumph. On her social media accounts, she always finds ways to spread positivity toward the Lions. Even when they lose, she will still root them on as if they had won.

On the last game of the season, Stadnicar was relaxing in the club at Ford Field, when her husband got a phone call; it was the Lions sales office. They were asked to go

down on the field during the first break in the first quarter for a 30 second interview.

On the field, they were introduced to Anthony Bilino, the Cutaway Interview representative for the Lions. Stadnicar initially thought to herself that the Lions would give her something small, like autographed jerseys.

After a brief interview, the Stadnicars noticed two cheerleaders come from behind them, and then Bilino says, "The Lions would like to send you to the Super

Bowl." Stadnicar's emotion was nothing short of breathtaking. She was overcome with emotion.

One of her life goals is about to come true. Stadnicar and her husband get a complimentary trip to Minneapolis for the Super Bowl because of their continued support of the Lions, and she couldn't be happier. Going to the Super Bowl has always been high up on Stadnicar's bucket list, and because of her positive outlook on life, she gets to check that off. ●

# Ten minutes for four years

*Meet the Recruiters event to assist students with transfer questions*

BY CHRISTIAN HOLLIS  
AND ALEXIS TUCKER

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND MANAGING EDITOR

Phi Theta Kappa is hosting an event titled Meet the Recruiters for undecided students or those that do that are wishing to transfer to a four-year university after completing Schoolcraft. Students may begin to meet the recruiters on Jan. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. right before Phi Theta Kappa's orientation. Each student may spend ten minutes in a speed dating style format to see what universities may offer for their specific fields. This gives students many different options to find the right fit for their education and personal needs, which should be taken account before choosing a University.

Students will have the opportunity to get information directly from a recruiter from their prospective University,

and the quick-style format may give more questions to give a full view of what they need to know about their University and all that each one offers. Attendees can also figure out what classes they may need to take or not take at Schoolcraft before transferring. Undecided students may also benefit in asking questions about majors, so they can be introduced to all the majors that are offered to give a better picture on where they want to go.

Even students who have made a decision on their next step can get information on scholarships and any other opportunities that each University may offer to their students like partnership programs or student organizations.

Students are recommended to have a list of questions ready as students only have a certain amount of time to have their questions answered before being moved to another set of recruiters. Recruiters may have pamphlets and other handouts for students. Among those who are participating as recruiters are University of Michigan, Michigan State, Oakland University and more.

For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.



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**Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

*Sutherland Room, VisTaTech Center*



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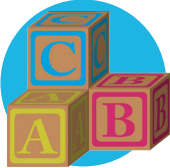
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\*All events, unless otherwise noted, are free of charge

**OFFICIAL MEETING/STUDY GROUP  
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Mon. Jan. 22 from 5 to 6 p.m.  
LA 240

This meeting will be the first of the semester. Come ask questions about Early Childhood or Special Education programs. Further meetings and events will be discussed at this meeting.



**MEET THE RECRUITERS**

Wed. Jan. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.  
Sutherland Room  
VisTaTech Center

Meet recruiters in one-on-one ten-minute sessions from Northwood, University of Michigan, Walsh College, University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University, University of Michigan Dearborn, Eastern Michigan University, and many more!

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**WINTER SCHOOL DAZE**

Wed. Jan. 24 and Thurs. Jan. 25  
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For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422.



# Club meeting times and locations



**SAGA**

Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room D of Lower Waterman

**CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE**

Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room D of Lower Waterman

**BUSINESS CLUB**

Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room C of Lower Waterman

**COMBO DOJO**

Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room E of Lower Waterman

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD**

Tuesdays from 2 to 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room C of Lower Waterman

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

Tuesdays 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 110 of Bradner Library

**PRE PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SOCIETY**

Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 105 of Bradner Library

**TABLE TOP GAMING CLUB**

Tuesdays from 3 to 10 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 to 10 p.m. in Conference Room D of Lower Waterman

**PROJECT PLAYHEM**

Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E of Lower Waterman

**VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB**

Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C of Lower Waterman

**POKE PALS**

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**BROADCAST CLUB**

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**LIBERTARIAN CLUB**

Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room E of Lower Waterman

**COMIC CON CLUB**

Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C of Lower Waterman

**CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION CLUB**

Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room C of Lower Waterman

**SUSTAINABILITY CLUB**

Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C of Lower Waterman

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Saturdays Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10 & 31, Apr. 14 & 28, May 12 & 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. in Lower Waterman

**POWER LIFTING CLUB**

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fitness Center, PE Building

# College visits

COMPILED BY ALEXANDRA LACHINE  
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Current Schoolcraft students interested in transferring can meet with representatives and advisers from the following universities to answer general questions regarding the transfer process or for individual advising appointments. Dates and times are subject to change.

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Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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**ADVISING WITH OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**

Jan. 24 from 12 to 3 p.m.  
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**WALSH COLLEGE VISIT**

Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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UNIVERSITY**

Jan. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
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Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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**ADVISING WITH WAYNE STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

Jan. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Rm. 175 of McDowell Center  
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**U OF M FLINT VISIT**

Jan. 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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# Riveting ride, confusing details

*"The Commuter" restores familiar Neeson action*

BY ALEXANDRA LACHINE  
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



"I'm 60 years old," Michael MacCauley (Liam Neeson) grows several times in *"The Commuter,"* proving the challenges this ex NYPD officer suffers, but cinematically beckoning the admiration of action lovers. MacCauley realistically makes fights with guys that could be his son, rolling out from beneath a moving commuter train and saving innocent lives look incredibly difficult. This often painful looking appeal serves to remind viewers of a sort of later rebirth of a (nicely) aging Neeson.

Who better than noted auteur of Neeson action, Jaume Collet-Serra, to direct *"The Commuter,"* which initially promises to be something more than the usual barrage of fistfights, chases and grimaces. The opening title sequence, a montage of nearly-identical mornings in the life of MacCauley, serves to show the ordinary life of the ex-cop. Insight to the value of MacCauley's family life quickly proves that they are the center of his happiness and suggests that this most precious thing to him will be threatened, paying homage to true Neeson tradition.

This ominous threat that first gathers to ruin an otherwise regular



IMAGE FROM COLLIDER.COM

Joanna (Vera Farmiga) and Michael MacCauley (Liam Neeson) discuss her tempting offer on the regular evening train commute to the suburbs of New York City. MacCauley does not know the disturbing details of what he gets himself involved in by accepting the offer to play this so called game, or what values hang in the balance if he backs out.

commute is rather interesting at first. A mysterious woman named Joanna (Vera Farmiga) hatches a scheme to prey upon his middle class family's financial struggle by offering MacCauley \$100,000 in cash to identify another passenger on the train only known as Prynne.

Until the particulars of Joanna's scheme start to reveal themselves as truly unethical, Collet-Serra crafts a chilling, hallucinatory modern-horror vibe as MacCauley unknowingly accepts the invitation to play this twisted game, his moral compass taking a backseat to

the possibility of saving his family from financial ruin. Behind a sort of Hitchcock veil, these opening scenes present Neeson as a man in an inescapable trap, tormented by paranoia of the passengers he's ridden the train with every day for 10 years and a ticking clock to find this stranger called Prynne.

From here on out, this fresh mood is ruined as the film quickly reverts to action movie form with the anticipated first fight sequence. As further details of Joanna's scheme begin to sinisterly reveal themselves, the plot becomes incredibly cloudy and hard

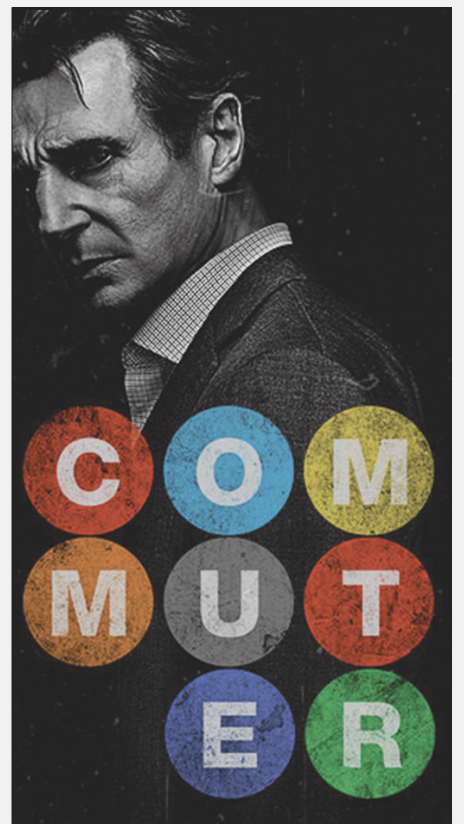


IMAGE FROM THECOMMUTER.MOVIE

to follow as MacCauley faces each new trial before the train reaches the end of the tracks (and even more after that). The conspiracy becomes so vast and preposterous that it truly serves only as a conundrum of plot twists. This also weakens the film as a genre, as too many different elements are trying to be implemented and essential questions are left unanswered. As MacCauley pivots from moral ambivalence to virtuous heroism, Neeson looks increasingly tired in this runaway train thriller which can still be considered new to the action scene. 🧐

## Setting alternative stage for new year

*Neighbourhood's "To Imagine" proves evolving sound*

BY ALEXANDRA LACHINE  
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



With the release of haunting, yet different singles "Stuck With Me" and "Scary Love" at the end of last year, California alternative group The Neighbourhood (NBHD) teased their fifth EP *"To Imagine."* If you crave the longing, passionate rock vibes of the band's earlier work—the kind of jams you can rock out to on the beach—this EP is likely not for you. Nonetheless, NBHD is having a go at

setting the alternative stage for 2018.

The five-track feature follows suit with a now evolving chill, moody vibe of both its full-length and EP predecessors, including 2013's *"I Love You"* and 2015's *"Wiped Out!"* Just last fall, NBHD dropped their fourth EP entitled *"Hard"* as another precursor to *"To Imagine"* in the new year.

The EP is far less blissful in the familiar NBHD themes it conveys over the 20 minutes it spans, yet retains the yearning lead vocals of the crooning Jesse Rutherford. Zachary Abels (lead guitar, rhythm guitar, backing vocals) seems to have less of a strong role on most of the album, along

with bandmates Jeremy Freedman (rhythm guitar, lead guitar, backing vocals), Michael Margott (bass guitar, backing vocals) and Brandon Fried (drums, percussion, backing vocals). This is due to the quintet's newfound experimentation with an R&B, hip-hop and electro-pop sound, blatantly evident from the opening track *"Dust"* to the closing *"Stuck With Me."*

But this new sound doesn't compliment Rutherford's vocals nearly as well as the rock talents of his bandmates, suggesting that the band is shying away from their old classification for this more electronic rhythm. With award-winning earlier tracks, like 2013's *"Sweater Weather,"* NBHD made a name for themselves in the last five years. These young men of SoCal quickly attracted an essential cult following with their moody alternative rock that richly presented meaning in each song that is relatable to most people at varying degrees. Their formerly unique sound was founded on truly pensive lyrics, strategically complimented by deep guitar riffs and brash drums.

*"To Imagine"* does retain some substance in the band's familiar lyrical work. Keeping with their commonly used theme of love or lust, Rutherford sings *"Your love is therapy/ no drug can give me clarity/ as much as you do"* on second track *"Scary Love."* The EP's fourth song, *"Compass"* is perhaps the most comparable to NBHD's earlier, more rhythmically raw work. Each band member has more of a role for



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*"Compass,"* bringing back more of their beloved alternative rock sound. As Rutherford and Abels thoughtfully sing in an upbeat tone, "If I don't have you with me I'm alone/ You know I never know which way to go/ I think I need you with me for all time/ When I need new direction for my mind," the guitar, bass and percussion work in unison to compliment each word over each minute of the track. When listening to the EP, *"Compass"* can certainly be a refreshingly familiar song that longtime fans are able to vibe to as with those of earlier albums.

The Neighbourhood spent the end of 2017 playing a quick run of sold out shows in Los Angeles, Mexico and Texas in anticipation of *"To Imagine,"* and will continue with a run of shows in California this April and a performance at Coachella in the spring. *"To Imagine"* is now available on iTunes, Amazon Music, Spotify and YouTube. 🎵



IMAGE FROM MXDWN.COM

Members of The Neighborhood (NBHD) sit together. NBHD's latest EP *"To Imagine"* moves away from the sounds of previous works and looks to set the tone for alternative music in 2018.

# WHAT'S THE SUZZ?

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BY ALEXANDRA LACHINE  
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



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# The Post highlights historical moment for journalists

Hanks, Streep film gives brilliant commentary on the importance of press in democracy

BY ALEXIS TUCKER  
MANAGING EDITOR




Steven Spielberg's, "The Post" is set in 1971 during President Richard Nixon's first term on the eve of a huge government scandal and presents the beginning of the civil unrest during the 1970s. The problems Americans faced is as relevant then as it is now with attacks being made toward the media from left and right.  
The message that "The Post" delivers is that Americans must stay united and fight against unjust systems to protect democracy, or they risk losing their freedom. In this case, by publishing illegal documents, known as the Pentagon Papers that showed evidence of government officials believing that the Vietnam War was a lost cause.  
There are many underlying themes that make this movie so moving and important. The press, for one, plays an integral part of the American democracy and serves the people to inform them while keeping the government in check. There are times in "The Post" when members of highly recognized publications discuss their relationships with government officials, but the press and the government will always be at odds.  
The role of the press is more important



Tom Hanks plays as Ben Bradley, the Executive Editor, while Meryl Streep plays Katherine Graham, the publisher of The Washington Post during the Pentagon Papers' scandal. Their relationship is important as they represent the dynamic between the role of the publisher versus the integrity of the paper.

than the relationship between government officials and publishers.  
The other smaller theme is about women finding their voices in business and the difference those voices can make, especially since this movie is set during a time where women still had to break the mold to make a point. These themes are still relevant today and give some new perspective on the American way of life.  
At least then, characters like Katharine Graham were willing to go to prison to keep the government in check. In today's society, even during such political stress, not many people would be willing to shake the system in such a way.  
"The Post" does an amazing job at making the audience feel anxious and hurried as it should. The story is centered around a newspaper, and deadlines must be met, leading to interesting scenes where a lot is going on all at once. The editing is very jumpy, cutting from one scene to another, but it is done purposefully to give that chaotic feeling.  
People are all over the place trying to finish everything on time, which can mean long hours and mental exhaustion. This plays a role in the film as the paper is down to the wire to meet deadlines and

stand against the Nixon administration.  
The acting in "The Post" is incredible, with names that everyone knows. Tom Hanks stars as Ben Bradlee, a man who is stubborn, passionate and full of personal conviction. Bradlee is an executive editor of The Washington Post, and he pushes to get The Post recognition across the U.S. rather than it being just being a local paper.  
Bradlee's hard-headedness is what gets the paper in such trouble, but they stand on the right side of history.  
Meryl Streep plays Katharine Graham, a woman used to a life of luxury, being talked over and down to until she finds her strength. Kay, as many of her friends call her, surprises everyone with her inner strength, and her hand in the paper leads The Washington Post to glory.  
Both Hanks and Streep do a wonderful job portraying a push and pull relationship. Almost every scene between them are powerful in their own right. For one, Bradlee comes to discuss with Graham about the hypothetical scenario of having illegal papers, but of course they do have them. Their acting really sells the audience on the importance of printing the illegal papers and the implications if they do not.  
All around, "The Post" is a great film to see with thoughtful writing, relevant themes and great acting. However, this may not be a movie for everyone. It is very heavy with political themes, some historical moments and a bit self-serving for people in the industries mentioned in the movie, but for those interested in politics and journalism, this is a must see. 🇺🇸




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- Avengers vs. Avengers: Age of Ultron
- Dr. Strange vs. Ant-Man
- Captain America: Civil War vs. Guardians of the Galaxy
- Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol 2 vs. Thor: Ragnarock
- Spider-Man: Homecoming vs. Black Panther




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IMAGE FROM MARVEL



# May the *PORGS* be with you...

BY KEVIN T. FERGUSON  
ASSISTANT LAYOUT AND DESIGN EDITOR

Whether fans and critics loved or hated *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, everyone can at least agree on one thing: Porgs are amazing!

These little puffin/gerbil hybrids have found a place in Chewie's heart (and stomach – see the recipe below), *Star Wars* hall of fame, and likely, a nice cozy spot under most Christmas trees of the world this past holiday season.

Easily the cutest addition to the *Star Wars* universe ever, Porgs are here to stay. The success of Porgs is a stroke of luck for director Rian Johnson, seeing as they were created to avoid an annoyance during filming.

Skellig Michael, the Irish Island used as the hideout home of Luke Skywalker in TLJ, is indigenous to puffins. When Johnson realized he couldn't shoot around them, and it was against the law to remove or disrupt them, he decided to create a CGI version of the unique little birds to live within the film.

What was created out of necessity has become, by far, the highlight of the latest addition to the *Star Wars* film saga. Porgs have spawned fan art, plush toys, T-shirts, bobble heads and an endless amount of fandom from *Star Wars* faithful, and retailers alike, since they first appeared in a trailer.

There may be a few haters out there calling out Disney for creating a "cash grab" with the obvious mega-marketing tool that is this furry little creature. As far as most everyone else is concerned, bring it on!

With all the forced humor, shirtless Kylo, and plot holes in TLJ, the last thing we can be mad at is cute little critter that just wants to be Chewie's new sidekick ... even if they pull out a few wires or rip up a few Millennium Falcon seats. 🐦





IMAGE FROM STAR WARS BLIPS, YOUTUBE.COM

## COOKING WITH CHEWIE

Chewie's new favorite meal has inspired The Connection staff to share his Campfire Porg recipe for our readers to enjoy.



### CAMPFIRE PORC:

- Prepare a campfire and let it burn down to coals. Set up a camping rotisserie about 15 to 18 inches over the coals. (Alternatively, preheat a grill fitted with a rotisserie to medium heat.)
- In a small bowl, combine the cumin, paprika, turmeric, cardamom, salt and pepper. Mix to blend. Rub the Porg on all sides with the spice mixture. Truss the Porg with butcher's twine.
- Mount the Porg on the rotisserie and cook, turning slowly and constantly, for about 1 ½ hours, or until the internal temperature registers 170°F. Add small logs to the fire, one at a time, to maintain heat during cooking; keep the new logs around the margins of the fire so the Porg doesn't come into direct contact with the flames. Periodically rake the coals to evenly distribute the heat under the Porg. Once the Porg is done, remove it from the rotisserie and let it rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

\*Recipe is for a campfire rotisserie chicken, from [www.cookingchanneltv.com](http://www.cookingchanneltv.com)





IMAGE FROM YOUTUBE.COM



## In the Spotlight

### Your Arts and Entertainment Tidbits

BY ALEXANDRA LACHINE  
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

#### BLACK CARPET FOR GOLDEN GLOBES

In wake of the "Me Too" movement, all but four attendees of the 75th Annual Golden Globes on Jan. 7 donned black apparel to stand in solidarity with the movement against sexual harassment in Tinseltown.

It wasn't just elaborate black gowns that graced the red carpet, as even male attendees incorporated the shade into their wardrobe. Some stars took it a step further, including "Time's Up" pins with their solemn attire.

#### DEADPOOL SEQUEL SOONER THAN LATER

Fox's upcoming X-Men films have been no stranger to shifting release dates. Fans of the witty anti-hero Deadpool will be happy to note that the film's sequel is now part of such shifting dates.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, "Deadpool 2" will hit theaters May 18 rather than June 1. The reported reasoning behind this is that the film will serve better in mid-May as opposed to a crowded summer film season.

Given the recent Disney-Fox merger, it remains unclear what will happen to "Gambit" given its release following the partnership and third director Gore Verbinski leaving the film due to a conflicting schedule.

#### STAR WARS FANS ANTICIPATE "SOLO"

Fans of entertainment giant Star Wars will be happy to note that spin-off film "Solo: A Star Wars Story" will be released May 25. Directed by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Ron Howard, the film will showcase the adventures of beloved anti-hero Han Solo in his younger years before joining the Rebellion, alongside faithful companion Chewbacca.

According to Lucasfilm, "Solo" reportedly highlights the pair's early encounters with Lando Calrissian. The young Han Solo will be portrayed by American actor Alden Ehrenreich.

#### CALLING ALL ASSASSIN'S CREED LOYALISTS

On Jan. 15, Ubisoft announced that "Assassin's Creed Rogue Remastered" will be available for PlayStation 4 and Xbox One March 4. The remaster will feature two additional bonus missions, The Armor of Sir Gunn Quest and the Siege of Fort de Sable, complimented by the game's original add-on content.

"Rogue Remastered" will also reportedly feature Master Templar and Explorer packs which will contain customizable weapons, outfits and other gameplay items. ☆

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# Plymouth Ice Festival

The town of Plymouth erected more than 30 ice statues sponsored by a number of businesses in-and-around the community. For 35 years, the Plymouth Ice Festival has been putting on a show that entrances crowds of people for this one short weekend of Jan. 12 through 14.



## Upper Left

A horse head sculpture dazzled many with its pristine crystalline sheen. Many of these icy creations look more like glass than they do ice, showing the level of pride crafters take in this festival.

## Left

Many talented ice carvers from around Wayne County come and show off their skills in ice sculpting. On display is anything from dazzling horse heads to fantastic mermaids, amazing the crowd that gathered to watch them take form.



## Right

This year, the festival included many interactive ice sculptures. Activities for patrons to enjoy ranged from a bear that kids could climb, to a miniature shuffle board complete with hockey pucks.



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IMAGE FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES ARCHIVES

The Schoolcraft Women's Basketball team improved their winning streak to three games with a win over Mott Community College, Jan. 10.

## Make it three

BY CASEY SPENCER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Schoolcraft Women's Basketball team pushed their winning streak to three games with a 61-47 victory over the Bears of Mott Community College, Jan. 10.

The team had won their last two contests on the road (Dec. 16 at Lansing 70-56, Jan. 4 at Oakland 79-44) before returning home to face the Bears.

Schoolcraft came into the Mott game posting a winning 7-6 record searching for a win at home where they haven't fared too well. It seemed like a tough task was ahead of them and it didn't help that the Ocelots had to play with only a six-player roster due to injuries.

When asked about only having 6 players Schoolcraft head coach Kara Kinzer stated she doesn't mind running a six-player roster "with players like these." Still a short bench and a sub-par home record didn't stop these women from getting a 61-49 win, pushing their streak to three games.

The story of this game was the play of C'Erra Maholmes along with teammate Megan Sandiha. They combined for all twenty-first quarter points, and came out flying seeming to drive to the basket with ease, but turnovers allowed Mott to stick around for the first quarter.

If not for great three-point shooting from guard Paige Nemeth who sunk two from deep, and a hard charging foul taken by guard Megan Swirczek that seemed to spark the team, the second quarter

lead could have slipped away.

After halftime, it looked like fatigue might have set in for the Ocelots. Mott was pushing, and poor defense with lack of ball security plagued the Ocelots as they had no answer scoring only eight total points in the third quarter.

With only a few seconds left in the third, a Mott player threw the ball up from the three-point line and drew a foul sending her to the free throw line, to which the fans voiced their displeasure. At this point, the game was all tied up (40-40) heading into a dramatic fourth quarter.

The Ocelots responded by slowing the game down, drawing fouls and making the Bears pay for them, putting in 7 of 10 from the stripe.

Schoolcraft played conservatively, barely turning the ball over, along with strong defense play holding Mott to just nine points in the fourth. This, combined with the fourth quarter play of Maholms and Sandiha putting in 17 of the teams 21 fourth quarter points, helped put Mott away.

Maholmes scoring 24 and Sandiha scoring 23 of their teams 61 showed leadership as they pulled their team to victory.

"I keep talking about playing solid and being aggressive and kind of sticking together, and I think if we continue to do that, we'll continue the way we've been playing" said Head Coach Kara Kinzer.

The Ocelots will be playing their next home game Jan. 24 against Macomb. 🏀

# Scoring and more scoring

## Men's hockey team dominates, outscores WCC 33-1 in two game series

BY CASEY SPENCER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Ocelots didn't waste any time starting the new year with a bang. In their first two games, the Schoolcraft Men's Hockey team dominated Washtenaw Community College (WCC) outscoring them 33-1, in back-to-back wins (16-1 and 17-0), Jan. 12 and 13.

Before the holiday break, the Ocelots were trying to find their stride, posting a 9-11 record. A couple bright spots going into the games against WCC were the Ocelots having four players above a point-per-game, and they defeated Western Michigan in their last game, 11-5.

Schoolcraft found their stride just minutes into game on Jan. 12 and never looked back.

When asked how his team was able to dominate, Schoolcraft's head coach Rob Lindsay said, "We practice hard and are running a new system."

Going into the second game, Lindsay said the keys to playing just as strong as the first game are "being physical, knock(ing) the opponents off the puck, shooting on goal and crashing the net."

Schoolcraft wasted no time getting on the board scoring at the three-minute mark into the first period of game one. Both these games got out of hand early on as Schoolcraft was taking control from the very beginning. A case can be made that

WCC isn't the strongest hockey club, not being able to win a game yet this season, but no team should be taken lightly.

Throughout the weekend, Schoolcraft was up and down the ice pinning WCC deep in their zone for minutes on end. It was apparent that Ocelots were well rested and focused.

Right wing Vince Glenn had a productive weekend, scoring seven goals and six assists. Right wing Owen Hund also is a notable men-

tion contributing three goals and seven assists. These two players put up points effortlessly in both games.

It seemed as if everything was going Schoolcraft's way by out-working WCC in every facet of the game, whether it be special teams, or five-on-five. Their work showed with the scoring of 26 even strength goals, 6 powerplay goals and 1 shorthanded goal in two games. WCC couldn't mount any sort of off-

sive pressure and were on their heels most of the weekend.

Frustration began to set in for WCC during the third period of the second game as they racked up six total penalties. One penalty was especially blatant when WCC forward Colton Doherty laid a late hip check on unsuspecting Schoolcraft defenseman Kyle Lynch. Doherty received a game misconduct and was sent to the locker room.

With the two-game sweep, the Ocelots are now even (11-11). 🏒

*"being physical, knock(ing) the opponents off the puck, shooting on goal and crashing the net."*

– Rob Lindsay  
Head Coach



IMAGE FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES ARCHIVES

The Men's Hockey team dominated Washtenaw Community College (WCC) in back-to-back wins, Jan. 12 and 13. The Ocelots outscored WCC 33-1, besting them 16-1 in the first game and 17-0 the second.

COMPILED BY CHRISSY BEGLE, LAYOUT AND DESIGN EDITOR

# Meals in a mug

Ingredients, a mug and a microwave are all you need for these recipes



## 5-minute mug pizza

(from SpoonUniversity.com)

### Ingredients:

4 tbsp. flour  
 1/8 tsp. baking powder  
 1/16 tsp. baking soda  
 1/8 tsp. salt  
 3 tbsp. milk  
 1 tbsp. olive oil  
 Marinara Sauce  
 Mozzarella  
 Pepperoni  
 Dried Italian herbs



### Directions:

1. Mix the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt into a large, microwaveable mug.
2. Add milk and oil and stir.
3. Spread marinara on top of batter.
4. Sprinkle on cheese, pepperoni and Italian herbs.
5. Microwave for 1.5 minutes or until the cheese is bubbling.

## Burrito in a mug

(from Blog.UrbanOutfitters.com)

### Ingredients:

Cooked brown rice  
 Canned black beans  
 Your favorite pico de gallo (or salsa)  
 A few pinches of salt  
 Your favorite corn chips  
 Diced avocado

### Directions:

1. Place a few scoops each of the brown rice, black beans and pico de gallo (or salsa) in a mug.
2. Stir, and microwave on high for 1 minute to heat. Season with salt, to taste.
3. Finish off your mug dinner with more pico/salsa, a few corn chips broken into pieces, and diced avocado. A spoonful of sour cream, a sprinkle of cheese, and a squeeze of lime is also a good option.



## 1-minute chocolate chip cookie in a mug

(from TheComfortOfCooking.com)

### Ingredients:

1 tbsp. unsalted butter  
 1 tbsp. granulated sugar  
 1 tbsp. brown sugar, firmly packed (light or dark)  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
 1/8 tsp. (pinch) salt  
 1 egg yolk  
 3 tbsp. all-purpose flour  
 1-2 tbsp. chocolate chips

### Directions:

1. Microwave butter in a mug until melted, 30 seconds to 1 minute. With a spoon, mix in sugars, vanilla extract and salt until well-combined.
2. Mix in egg yolk until no traces of the yolk are seen. Mix in flour. Fold in chocolate chips.
3. Microwave on high for 40 seconds, or a maximum of 50 seconds. Serve warm (maybe even with a dollop of ice cream).

### Note:

The cookie may not look completely cooked on top, but it is fully cooked below.



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**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Lower Waterman, VisTaTech Center

January 31, Noon – 6 p.m.  
February 1, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



## What to expect in start of 2018

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 19):**

With Sol, Luna and Venus coexisting in your sector at the start of the new year, expect peace and harmony in your life’s affairs.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20):**

2018 is the year to buckle down and begin thinking about your goals in life. It’s time for disciplined action with regards to pursuing security for yourself and the life you wish to lead.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22):**

This is the perfect time to meet new people and build new networks in the process. This will help strengthen your professional profile for months to come.

**PISCES (FEB. 20-MARCH 20):**

As the ruler of your sign, alignment with Neptune is sure to help you act upon inspiration, following your dreams and your psychic receptivity to others.

**CANCER (JUNE 21- JULY 22):**

It’s a new year which means it’s time for subtle changes. Consider a new wardrobe or fresh new hairstyle.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 22):**

Jupiter and Mars joined in your sector will bring you great confidence and strength in the start of 2018. Use this to actualize the goals you have set for yourself in the coming year.

**ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 20):**

Uranus in the new year will bring yourself forward in ways to create revolution with new, innovative ways and means.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22):**

You are wise as ever, dear Leo, and someone very close to you requires sound advice. Help them find the correct path to follow.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21):**

There is a whole year of possibilities ahead for you, so capitalize on each opportunity you have to make things work in your favor.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21-MAY 20):**

There is no better time than now to pursue new employment in an area that interests you. Keep a strong salary in mind when deciding.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22):**

Do not allow the disruption of the now passed holiday season throw you off course. Time to get back to the grind and work for the vision.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19):**

The union of Pluto, Mercury and Saturn in your sector is not a very happy one. This is the likely cause of your unusual feelings of stress and fatigue during what should be an energized start to the new year.

# ColoringPage

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# WINTER WONDERLAND

Find the 20 differences between the two images below. See the answer key online at [Schoolcraftconnection.com](http://Schoolcraftconnection.com)



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## SUDOKU

### Medium Hardness

- Fill in the grid using the clues provided.
- Numbers cannot repeat in any column, row, or block.
- There is only one possible solution.

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- Start in the column, row or block that has the most numbers filled in, in this case use the first vertical column.
- Determine which numbers are missing (1, 2, 4, 5 & 6).
- For each empty space, look in the column, row and block in which it resides, and rule out which numbers cannot fill that space.
- For example, in the first column, 4 is one of the missing numbers. We can see that there is already a 4 in the middle block, so the 4 must not be in the middle block.

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